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Celebrate A Christmas Family Service with us

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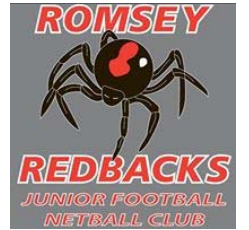
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REGISTRATION DAY



SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 10AM - 1PM
Romsey Recreation Reserve Club Rooms

In October the new committee for the Romsey Junior Football Netball Club was formed. The executive consists of Adam Rademaker, President, Richard Stewart, Vice President, Natasha Bush as secretary and Shane Marr as Treasurer. With a mix of new and old committee members the club is looking forward to another year of development providing a fun, learning and supportive environment for every child, in either football or netball, wanting to represent the community of Romsey.

With a growing population the club expects to field 2 teams in most of the younger age groups. Usually this means a team in each of the Divisions of the Riddell and District Junior Football Netball League. This is both a challenge and an opportunity for the club. Competing with large clubs from Sunbury, Melton, Gisborne and the like can be challenging. It also is an opportunity to grow our club, coaches and players that enables them a pathway, if they choose, to bigger and better things.

In a real boost for the local community the RDJFNL held the 2016 grand finals at Romsey Park incorporating both ovals and the netball court. Record crowds attended, and the organisation was outstanding.

The club and facilities are being viewed as a real sporting hub. It is one of the few sporting venues that could pull off

such an undertaking with so many games at the same venue on the same day. Continued development of the precinct and facilities can only benefit anyone wanting to be part of our club. It's an attractive environment to come, play and learn.

To start working out our junior teams for next season it is important we get as many registrations as possible on this day. This will help the club, coaches and players to be organised and prepared for the coming season. Fees have set as follows:

\$270.00 Football
\$220.00 Netball.

For families with two or more children, there is a discount on fees.
(2nd child 10% discount / 3rd & 4th child free)

EFTPOS will be available. \$50.00 deposit required or full payment.

Merchandise will be available for sale on that day.

Free BBQ

Any queries please contact

Netball – Hayley Binney 0407 137 801.

Football – John Carter 0436 362 210.

General / President – Adam Rademaker 0417 340 487.

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT
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Sport Golf continued

Saturday October 21st – John Laing Shield Qualifying Round – Strok

Players headed to the tee under clear skies and a steady wind blowing from the south-west. The John Laing Shield, now in its 22nd year is always a closely fought event and this round was no exception. The incredible spring growth saw well-trimmed but very thick rough and dense fairways; mowing twice a week will be "de rigueur" for the next few weeks at least. As the round progressed the wind strengthened and moved to the west resulting in some approach shots blowing up and ending well short or flying well over the green; club section proved to be very tricky. A number of golfers returned good scores and at one stage there was a three-way count back, until the final group made their way back to the rooms. On a cool, windy day the results were;

Winner; Bob McLennan – 84/13/71 from Mick Nicholls Snr – 98/25/73, John Laing – 107/33/74, Rob Rea – 92/18/74 & Les Gaunt – 79/5/74

NTPs; 1st – Mick Nicholls Jnr & 15th – Bob McLennan

The Quarter Finals of the John Laing Shield (Handicap Match-play) will be;

1. Bob McLennan Vs 8. Ron Walker

3. John Laing Vs 6. Mal Mottram

2. Mick Nicholls Snr Vs 7. Kev Dunn

4. Les Gaunt Vs 5. Mick Nicholls Jnr

Wednesday October 19th – 2nd Rd Singles K/O – Stroke & Putt

It was a clear, warm and slightly breezy day for the second round of the 2017 Singles Knockout qualifying. The course was in stunning condition, but it was disappointing to find many unfilled divot marks especially ~80m out from the green on a number of holes. The greens were the best they have been for over 12 months, thanks to the efforts at our recent working bee. Again many members were out on the course repairing irrigation, cutting the fairways and rough and fine tuning the fresh water tank on the work shed. On a great day to be out in the fresh air the results were;

Winner; Jenny Hartley – 111-30-81

Least Putts; Pam Drummond & Jan Harver 24 putts

Qualifying for Singles Knockout Match Play

1 v 4 – Jenny Hartley Vs Jan Harver

2 v 3 – Elaine Scanlon Vs Wendy Gosden

Tuesday 18th October – Trentham Plate Tournamen

Jenny Hartley, Wendy Gosden and Elaine Scanlon represented RGC at the 2017 Trentham Plate. Due to poor weather forcing

a reschedule the Plate was run as part of the Trentham Tournament this year. The day was perfect; warm, still and sunny. Trentham's course looked beautiful with all the flowering shrubs and trees including the spectacular rhododendron on the 18th tee. 86 players participated in the event. The RGC team found putting on the greens a bit of a challenge and one team member added the additional problem element, bunkers. Our team nett score of 243 was mid field however Jenny brought home the raffle.

Helen Dennett, Kilmore G. C., returned an 86 scratch to take out Open Champion and Veronica O'Sullivan Woodend a 66 nett to win the silver tray for best nett score of the day. Lancefield G. C. won the Trentham plate with a 218 nett team score.

Our program of moving the Little Corellas on seems to be working. The "Outriders" arrived in the 2nd week of November however we have made it difficult for them to settle in and await the 1,000 plus flock that usually sets un camp in Romsey Park between December and mid-March. If we can keep the Little Corellas out of the park the locals, IE; New Holland Honey Eaters, Wrens, Bronze Wing Pidgeon, Eastern Spine Bills, Crested Doves, Rosellas and Grass Parrots will be able to stay in residence.

The recent rains have meant that the club has been able to "bank" some of the November water to be used in the hotter, dryer months of Jan/Feb. We know that we will not be able to keep the whole course green for the full 12 months. As the hot, dry weather arrives we will be turning off banks of sprinklers at the top of fairways so that we can concentrate water closer to and on the greens.

Our efforts to get our own clubrooms seems just a little bit closer. The Golf and Bowls clubs have shared the current rooms since the early 1980's however with both clubs growing and the current developments attracting more people to the town it is time for both clubs to have rooms of their own.

A big THANK-You to members Bruce Robb, John Freestone, Bob McLennan, Mick Nicholls Snr, John Laing, Ron Walker & Wendy Gosden who have all spent many hours keeping the spring growth under control and keeping the Parl looking great.

Regular users of the park will have seen our newest green. This was built to give us a practice green for the new driving range and also as a practice for us in building greens. We know that we will have to begin replacing our existing greens and if this new green goes well then we will know that we are on the right

Community News

Romsey Rag Update .

Well what a year its been for the rag ,meeting's, surveys, new learning's, a new committee of management and new plans for the New Year. How exciting is that!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in saving the Romsey Rag , those of you who have been patient with the change over, as it has had its little challenges.

A big thankyou to **Robyn Moore** who has been the backbone of the Romsey rag for a long time, the Romsey Primary School for their support as a community service and Sarah for her support with the printing of the rag and showing us how it works.

Also not forgotten are the Romsey walking group and others who tirelessly have been giving up there time to collate the rag and send it on its way around the community, particularly Joan Sparkes who has kept the group together and made sure there was enough people to help on the day.

Please note as from the 15th of January the Romsey Rag will NOT be associated with the Romsey Primary school. All articles must be emailed to editoromseyrag17@gmail.com

or left at the Romsey Post office or Romsey Library on or before the 15 of the month prior .

Enquiries to Gillian Gorrie 0409801082

On behalf of the new committee I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Safe Festive season .

**Yes, It's Christmas!
Shirley's Home Made Irish Cream
Home Made Irish Cream recipe**

2 eggs

1 can condensed milk

600ml bottle of cream

200ml whisky

3 tsp vanilla essence

3 tsp coconut essence

3-4 dessertspoons chocolate essence.

Combine all ingredients. Will make approx. 700ml plus a small bottle. If using an empty whiskey bottle do not wash it before putting Irish Cream in. Keep refrigerated.

Cheers!

Please note your may not be able to get the chocolate essence an alternative would be brown food colouring.

Gillian's Jelly Cubes

4 sachets of gelatine -stir in

1 cup of cold water - stir in

3 pkt of jelly crystals—stir in

1/2 cup of sugar - stir in

4 cups of boiling water


stir until dissolved and put in a ten by ten cake tin Ingredients must be placed in a bowl in the above order and instructions followed to a tee.

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President: Gerard Hanrahan 5429 5630

Secretary: Jenifer Clampit 54295480

The Main Street will look fantastic.

On Wednesday 20th December we will be having a Christmas Lunch at the Australiana Restaurant in Wandong.

We do not have a meeting in January but will get together at Chaplin's in Trentham on 24th January.

**Our next meeting is
10am Thursday 22nd February, 2018**

Check out our website for information about the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club rprob.org.au

Now you are retired or close to retiring from work come and join the friendly folk in the Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club and learn more about what Probus can offer to assist you in staying active. Or phone the numbers above.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Probus is an Association for active members of the community and for those no longer working full time to join together in clubs for a new lease of life.

Its basic purpose is to advance intellectual and cultural interests amongst adult persons; to provide regular opportunities to progress healthy minds and active bodies, through social interaction and activities, expand interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

All our members are active and aged between 58-90+ years.

We enjoy each others company and have made good friendships along the way.

Always plenty of chat and laughter whenever we are together.

Monthly meetings are at 10am, on the 4th Thursday of the month in St. Mary's Church Hall Main Street, Romsey.

The Probus Club has decorated a Steel Christmas Tree for placement in the Main Street of Romsey. There are a lot more trees this year.



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Wednesday November 8th – Par & 2017 Singles Knock-out Fina

The course was in great condition, the weather was perfect and the golf was very enjoyable. It was a day of mixed competition; the final of the singles knockout was being played, one group played Par over 9 holes and yet a third group played an 18 hole Par Comp. The fairways are beautiful and green with lovely cushioned lies, the greens are looking very good too and were consistent throughout. There was quite a tussle in the singles knockout Final (Jenny Hartley Vs Elaine Scanlon) with Jenny starting very well on the first with lovely birdie to win that hole. Some ups and downs on the next few holes had the pair all square after 7 holes. With some very good golf played by both women Elaine managed to hold steady and eventually win the match. At last, on one of those beautiful spring day that we have been waiting for, the results were;

Winner 18 Hole Par; Darlene Baker -2 from Wendy Gosden -4

Winner 9 Hole Par; Leila Beasley -1

2017 Singles Knockout Final

Elaine Scanlon D Jenny Hartley – 3/2

Saturday November 4th – John Laing Shield Quarter Finals & Stablefor

Play began with clear skies and a bitterly cold, gusting southerly to south-easterly wind; keeping warm and posting a good score was going to be a challenge. Despite the fairways and greens being in top nick all players found the wind a real problem and it difficult to string more than a few good holes together. The Stableford competition saw two players fighting out over the final few holes and it was really only many years of experience at Romsey that saw one player creep ahead. The quarter finals of the John Laing Shield were affected by injury with two of the matches being walk-overs. The other matches saw a couple of low markers giving away plenty of shots; sensible, steady match-play saw both high markers through to the semis next weekend. On a cold, windy afternoon the results were;

Winner; Bon McLennan (13) – 38 pts from Hugh Drummond (22) – 35 pts

Women's Winner; Darlene Baker (21) – 33 pts

NTPs; 15th Mal Mottram & 16th – Bob McLennan

John Laing While Quarter Finals

Mick Nicholls Jnr (15) D Les Gaunt (0) – 5/3

Bob McLennan (0) D Ron Walker (10) – Walk Over

John Laing (20) D Mal Mottram (0) – 4/3

Kevin Dunn (0) D Mick Nichols Snr (0) – Walk Over

The semi-finals of the John Laing Shield will be;

Bob McLennan (0) Vs John Laing (20)

Mick Nicholls Jnr (0) Vs Kev Dunn (4)

Thursday November 2nd – Kyneton Bow

Romsey GC was unable to field a full team for the event but Wendy Gosden and Darlene Baker were individual entrants in C Grade and A Grade respectively. The early morning was wet and miserable but fortunately the heavy clouds lifted and rather pleasant golf weather prevailed. Both Wendy and Darlene enjoyed the day. Wendy was a member of the winning Tee Team with her playing group having a total of 101 Stableford points, Wendy's contribution being a fine 38 points.

The winners of the 2017 Kyneton Bow; Kilmore.

Wednesday November 1st – Mulligans & Stablefor

Two comps were ran simultaneously with a group of men playing Stableford and a group of women playing Mulligans. A fun day was had by all with echoes of laughter to be heard across the course.

Winner for the Mulligans round; Jenny Hartley 89/30/59

Men's winner; Hugh Williams 37 points (27)

Saturday October 28th – October Medal & 2016/17 Medal of Medallist

A strong field took to the course for the October Medal and the 2016/17 Medal of Medallists. The conditions were almost perfect for golf, virtually no wind, clear skies and well cut fairways and greens however, if you did stray off the fairway

and into the trimmed but thick rough it was quite a challenge to get the any distance on the ball and have it back into play. Accuracy was key to success on the day and once on the green there were no excuses for three putts.



The Medal of- field included numerous previous club champions so the competition there was going to be fierce. Despite the beautiful spring day and the top condition of the course only two players were able to break their handicaps with one, the October Medallist, really showing the "youngsters" just how it was done. On a beautiful mid spring day the results were;

Winner & October Medallist; John Laing – 104/33/71 from Les

Gaunt – 80/5/75, Tony Freeman – 96/20/76, Mick Nicholls Jnr –

96/20/76, Rob Rea – 94/18/76 & Mal Mottram – 87/11/76

Women's Winner; Darlene Baker – 93/21/72

2016/17 Medal of Medallists; Les Gaunt – 80/5/75

Least Putts – Dean Jones – 25

NTPs; 1st – Hugh Drummond, 15th – John Moody & 16th – Mick

Nicholls Jnr

Women's Singles Knockout Semi-final; Elaine Scanlon (33) D

Wendy Gosden (36) – 2 up.

Thursday October 26th – Marysville Tournamen

The RGC team of Darlene Baker, Lorraine Robb, Beryl Cole and Wendy Gosden made the marathon trip to Marysville for their tournament. The course was in great condition and the rhododendrons were flowering beautifully. The team had a good day with Lorraine being runner up in C grade (37) – 33 pts and Beryl and Wendy equal 3rd with 31 pts. Darlene played very well except for one horror hole and unfortunately she was playing stroke as she was in B grade. Everyone agreed the journey was well worth it as Lorraine came home with a raffle prize as well.

Wednesday October 25th – Monthly Medal & Medal of Medallist

Under very heavy skies the field took to the course to play the October Medal and the 2016/17 Medal of Medallist. With rain threatening for most of the round it was pleasant to get through without getting wet. When out of the slight wind it was at times quite humid but at other times a bit chilly. The recent rains resulted in some areas of casual water and a number of areas that resulted in very little run. The fairways remain in wonderful condition with a great covering of grass. The greens have come up a treat after the recent work on them and were a pleasure to putt on. Lorraine can vouch for that, recording eight one putts for the round and winning the putting. Another highlight of the day was an eagle on the 260m, par 4, 9th by Darlene who holed her second shot from ~110 metres out. Results on the day –

Medal of Medallist; Darlene Baker 98/21/77

October Medal; Darlene Baker 98/21/77 from Elaine Scanlon

116/32/84 & Beryl Cole 112/27/85

Least Putts; Lorraine Robb – 29

Monday October 23rd – RWH 4BBB – Kew G. C

An early start, 5.30 am saw Wendy Gosden and Lorraine Robb off to Kew Golf Club to represent Dalhousie District in the GolfVic RWH 4BBB state final. Lorraine started well playing very consistently then Wendy stepped up and played some great golf to pick up points. The course proved very challenging especially a couple of holes where deep bunkers swallowed the numerous golf balls. The Dalhousie team combined well to score 40 pts, equal 11th place out of 36 teams. A big thank you to Bruce Robb for his efforts as both chauffeur and caddy.

Romsey Golf Club – Men's & Women's Reports

<http://romseygolfclub.net> Pres; 0417 088 891 Sec; 0400 768 040

Saturday November 18th – John Laing Shield Final & Pa

Heavy rain over the during the week saw excellent fairways and greens however, the course had softened appreciably and it looked as if the longer hitters were going to gain the advantage. The round began under clear skies with virtually no wind but the humidity was quite high so the air was a bit thicker than expected. The Par field made light work of these obstacles with a number of players carding excellent scores. There were a number of birdies on the Par 5s and a very near miss for an eagle on the Par 4, 3rd. Conditions for the John Laing Shield Final looked to favour Mick Nicholls Jnr, a consistent, long hitter but the pressure of a match-play final can change the whole game. Mick drove well but John's ability to find the middle of the fairway, his excellent approach shots and a top short game around the greens made up for any lack of distance off the tee. In the end, it the final a bit of a fairy tale ending with 83 year old John Laing taking out the shield named in his honour. On a steamy, sticky day the results were;



Par Competition; Jim Patton (21) +5 from Hugh Drummond (22) +4, Mick Nicholls Snr (22) +4, Scott Williams (19) +2, Bruce Robb (34) +1, Rob Rea (18), Bob McLennan (13) & Chris vanDerVliet (25) all Square.

NTPs; 15th – Les Gaunt

John Laing Shield Final

John Laing (13) D Mick Nicholls Jnr (0) – 5/4



Wednesday November 15th – Mixed Foursome

The Mixed Foursomes round began on the first really warm morning since last summer. The heat and complete lack of a

breeze tested players. The drying out of the fairways saw all players achieve extra distance off the tee but the short game had to be accurate or all gained advantage was lost. Mixed foursomes made an interesting day for teams with players sharing alternating shots.

Winners; John Freestone (22)/Jan Harver (43) – 39 points from Hugh Williams (25)/Wendy Gosden (33) – 34 points on count back from Bruce Robb (34) Jenny Hartley (30)

Monday November 13th – Silver Spoon State Final – Eastern Golf Club

The Eastern Golf Club hosted the State Final of the 2017 Silver Spoon. This event was first played in 1921, until 1925 silver medals were given to each player and a gold medal given to the play-off winner. Today each player receives a silver spoon. Each club plays qualifying rounds with winners proceeding to the State Final. This year over 170 Victorian affiliated clubs participated with 109 of them being represented the final. Play began under warm conditions in Melbourne's outer North-East however the mercury reaching 31C early in the afternoon. There was little wind this became a factor for the players. In the afternoon session Darlene Baker was Romsey's representative with Lorraine Robb as her trusted caddy. Because of the rising humidity and high temperatures Golf Victoria allowed all players to use motorised carts on a course that had very long distances between greens and the next tee. Green side bunkers abounded but Darlene managed to avoid most of them. There was very dense rough just off the cut surface and players soon learnt to stay on the fairway or resign themselves to the fact that their ball would be lost in the unforgiving rough. In an afternoon field of 38 players Darlene scores 28 pts and was ranked a respectable, equal tenth.

Saturday November 11th – Stroke & John Laing Shield Semi-final

The first really warm day of spring saw a strong field take to the course, there was a steady southerly breeze but it did not effect the players. Again the fairway were in top nick and the 1st cut of rough was perfect, once golfers strayed a bit further off the fairway finding a ball was a little more challenging. The two semi finals of the John Laing Shield proved to be hard fought and very close affairs. The stroke event was equally tight, three players were neck and neck down the final few holes and one loose shot here and a chip-in there made all the difference. On a beautiful late spring day the results were;

Winner; Anthony Freeman – 93/21/72 from Jim Patton – 95/22/72 & Scott Williams – 91/18/73

NTPs; 1st Kevin Dunn & 15th Jim Patton

John Laing Shield Semi-final results;

John Laing (20) D Bob McLenna (0) – 19th
Mick Nicholls Jnr (0) D Kevin Dunn (5) – 1up

John Laing Shield Final will be;

Mick Nicholls Jnr (0) Vs John Laing (13)

Friday November 10th – Gisborne Ope

Wendy Gosden and Darlene Baker represented Romsey Golf Club at the 2017 Gisborne Tournament. While the course was in good condition the greens were still recovering from recent coring and provided more than a few putting challenges. For the first time this season the weather was quite warm and humid but undoubtable not the last as summer conditions intensify. The many bunkers across the course trapped a few unwary players whilst others managed to avoid every one. Both Wendy and Darlene enjoyed the round and the company of their playing partners. Wendy earned a ball for her score of 33 Stableford points. Darlene played a stroke round with an equivalent score of 32 Stableford points.



Macedon Ranges: Hope Lives in Relay For Life and you!



Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of March 2018

Macedon Ranges residents are encouraged to stand together and help hope live by participating in the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life event. A fun and moving overnight experience, the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life supports the Cancer Council to fund research, deliver prevention campaigns and provide services to cancer patients and carers. The annual, and popular event, provides community members with the opportunity to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and careers. While the moving candle ceremony and balloon release also offers participants the chance to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer.

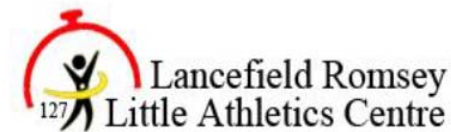
Now is the time to register for the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life with early bird registrations costing only \$20.

The Cancer Council has reviewed its pricing for the Relay and as of January 15, 2018 there will be a price increase with registrations costing \$35 for adults and \$25 for youth participants. Making it more affordable for residents to participate, the Cancer Council has also introduced family registrations (\$80 for two adults and two children, and

\$10 for each extra child). Further information regarding the new pricing structure can be found on the Lancefield (Macedon Ranges) Relay For Life Facebook page, or by contacting lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au. Sponsored by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Branches of Bendigo Bank and Romsey SUPA IGA, the 2018 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be held from Saturday, March 3 to Sunday, March 4 at Lancefield Park.

If you're interested in registering a team, joining a team or volunteering please email lancefieldrfl@cancervic.org.au, call 1300 656 585 or visit the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Facebook page or fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=5120

By getting involved with *Relay For Life*, you can create a community experience to support locals touched by cancer – and help Hope Live in the Macedon Ranges. The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Committee wish all a lovely festive season and look forward to seeing you at the Relay.



2017 - 2018 Season



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Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian activity for children from 5 to 15 years. The emphasis is on fun, participation, personal performance, technique and getting involved with your family in physical and healthy activity. The motto of Little Athletics is "Family, Fun and Fitness".

Competition Days

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Register at: <http://lavic.com.au/Participate/How-to-Register>

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all the other monies they put back into the community each year.

The RMI will again be taking part in the decorated Christmas tree program. Please keep an eye out for the RMI tree on one of the nature strips along Main Street

We would like to take this chance to wish all our user groups and the whole of the community a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

If you are planning something, a birthday, an anniversary, an engagement or any other function please consider the RMI our web site gives a good idea as to what we have to offer. Bookings and all inquiries can be made at;

rmibookings@gmail.com.

We are very happy to discuss your function, show you through the hall or supper room and explain the hire process.

Anthony Lakey - Chair - RMI - CoM



The 2017 Art Show and Antiques Appraisals Day was held on Sat Nov 18th. Many local art groups exhibited their works and a number were sold. Visitors were also able to observe and take part in Needle Felted Animals, Chinese Style Painting and Oil Painting in the style of the Impressionists.

The day went well with many visitors and the Devonshire teas and the Appraisals being reasonably kept busy. This was the first real chance to use our Display Boards (bought with the Neighbourhood House), a big Thank-You to Noel Strawbridge who was invaluable in setting up and taking down and packing the display boards away.

The Federal Government has announced a new grant, the Armistice Centenary Grant. We will be applying for funds for the WW1 Honour Rolls; to assist us to rehang, illuminate and secure them from damaging direct sunlight.

This year the RMI was successful with one of our application to the 2017 Bendigo Bank Community Investment Program. We were awarded \$4,000.00 for Stage 2 of our Chimneys, Flues and Heaters Project. This money will be used to install a reverse cycle heater/cooler into one of the upstairs rooms and to block vents and install low energy lighting and fans in the Supper Room. **Thank-You** to the **Bendigo Bank** for this grant and for



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Coffee Shop Conversations

WOW! Where has 2017 gone and what does 2018 hold in store for you?

I know I have had my ups and downs this year, I feel in some areas of my life I have not achieved enough this year. So I am certainly looking forward to 2018.

As you know I am an advocate for positive thinking, change your thoughts, change your life. I get very excited about what's possible when you take responsibility your thoughts, Where are you now? Where do you want to be? All sorts of things come to mind, What you focus on is what you get. Are you living at Cause or Effect? Do you know what you want? Do you really want to be where you are at right now, next Year?

So do you have a big enough Why to make 2018 your best year yet.

The New year is a fantastic time to take stock and consider what we want to change and grow in our lives. I will be running a

Vision Board Workshop

On Saturday the 20th of January 2018, 10 am to 3 pm and Tuesday February 6th 9.30-3.15

Which is a good **Uplifting** and **Fun** way to bring energy and hope into your New Year

Join us for a fun, creative inspiring workshop where you will be guided to:

Reflect on 2017 and release what you no longer serves you,

Clarify what you really want to manifest in 2018,

Create an inspiring Vision Board to take home and use,

And Learn easy ways to stay on track.

Come along and enjoy a session of self discovery.

For more Information Contact Gillian 0409801082 or find me on Face book.

AND I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Safe and Peaceful Festive Season.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

Outside School Hours Care Program

IS COMING TO... Bolinda Primary School

Catering for children aged 5-12yrs, our flexible program has been designed by passionate, qualified staff with the main focus of having **FUN**, learning new skills and simply 'hanging out' with friends. Our Program will operate out of Bolinda Primary School, a small country school set on 1.4 hectares with walking track, rebound wall, art studio, playground, chicken coop, vegetable gardens, basketball court and football oval!

We will operate from 6.30am-9am and 3.30-6.30pm 5 days a week! With sessions costing between \$5 and \$13 after your Government Rebates are applied.

Due to popular demand this will also be home to our second site for our School Holiday Program!

www.facebook.com/macedonrangesschoolholidayprogram

So... if we are closer to home, closer to your train station, open earlier or you just like what our program has to offer...register your interest with us **TODAY!**

Contact Katie schoolsout@mrshp.net 0448 667 747



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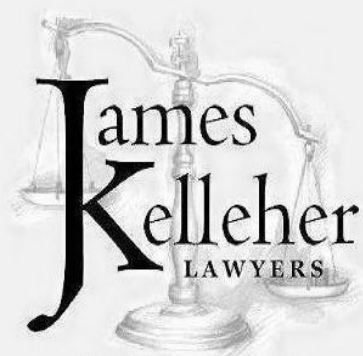
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How to beat the heat

With summer here it's important to know and understand the effects of extreme heat—who is at risk and how you can reduce the effect on yourself and others.

Heat can cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion which in many cases can be fatal. So when the heat hits, here are some useful tips to ensure you remain as comfortable, healthy and cool as possible.

- **Drink water:** Even if you don't feel thirsty, drink water. Always take a bottle of water with you.
- **Keep cool:** Seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.
- **Plan ahead:** Schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.
- **Help others:** Look after those most at risk in the heat – your neighbour living alone, the elderly, the very young, people with a medical condition and don't forget your pets.
- **Hot cars kill:** Never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.

On locally declared Heat Health Alert days, our libraries in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend will be running our *Beat the Heat* program.

Head there for a comfortable air-conditioned space that offers free water, toys for the kids and of course, books, magazines and newspapers to read, as well as free WiFi and internet access.

Hesket Primary School

Great things happen in small places...

We are a small and friendly, rural school community. All of our programs cater for individual differences, and strive to bring out the best in every student.



Hesket Primary School is situated between Romsey and Woodend, approximately 11 Km from both towns. A school bus service is available to families traveling from Romsey and Kerrie.

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Please contact the school office to arrange a tour: 03 5427 0330

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OUR 2017 STATE THEMES WERE:

Theme: Share the Friendship

Product/Resource: Dairy

Country of Study: Denmark

Social Issues Focus: Homelessness and affordable housing

Thanksgiving Fund: Crohn's and Colitis Australia

CWA is *not just for older women*; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects.

Our friendly monthly meeting occurs on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 12.00 noon. Our fun craft days occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10.00 am to approx. 2.00 pm; both meetings are held in the supper room (side entrance) of the Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Rd, Romsey.

Creative Arts encompasses handcrafts, sewing, cooking and baking, preserving, photography. There is also opportunity to be involved in performing arts in some branches. Creativity is as diverse as the individual members. There are also regional exhibitions throughout Victoria periodically.

In March 2018 there is the Creative Arts Exhibition of the Central Highlands Group. It will be held in Kyneton, at the Masonic Lodge, on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th March 2018. In August each year there is the Victorian State Creative Arts Exhibition. In 2018 it will be held on Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th August.

Each year around May/June, our Members attend and enjoy the annual CWA State Conference for 3 days, each year in a different location around the State. Information from the many speakers & presentations is in turn shared within our Branch. There are many initiatives that the CWA are involved in, from State to International level. Our Romsey Branch participates in various community activities, and we welcome new members. Come and join us; please call:

Secretary :	Belinda Smeal	0429 429 036	Craft Leader:	Shirley Jones	5428 6280
Treasurer:	Susy Jarman	0409 860 631	President :	Anne Barry	5429 6179

Membership is very affordable:

From 1st July to 30th September = \$19 [\$15.25 plus \$3.75 for CWA magazine postage]
From 1st April to 30th September = \$38 [\$30 plus \$7.50 for CWA magazine postage]



1st Romsey Scout Group

The scouting movement is present in 161 countries across the world and has been in Australia since 1908. It is one of the largest youth organisations in Australia with over 20,000 participants who enjoy a variety of activities in the bush, the sea, the rivers, the mountains, the towns and cities. The 1st Romsey Scout group began in 1957 and services the areas of Romsey, Lancefield, Benloch, Springfield and surrounding areas.

Our scout troop meet on a Monday night from 6-8pm and caters for 11 to 14 year olds. In the last few weeks our scouts were responsible for planning an overnight hike in the Cobaw state forest where the scouts mapped out their itinerary, planned what provisions they would require and equipment they needed to take. A very successful week-end was had by all involved.

Our cub pack meets on a Tuesday night from 5.30 to 7pm and caters for 7 to 10 year olds. The last few weeks have seen our cubs participating in a history tour of Romsey to earn their history badges. They have also been learning about how to maintain their bikes and cycling safely including a 2km bike ride in simulated road conditions where a great time was had by all. Watch out for the Scouts handmade rope christmas tree decorated by the cubs as part of the Romsey community Christmas tree installation .

For further inquiries 1stromsey@gmail.com. Check out our fb page 1st Romsey/Lancefield scout group



DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP 3434

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The Deep Creek Landcare Group would like to take the opportunity to wish our community a very happy Christmas and a safe new year.

I would firstly like to formally thank our committee for all their hard work and attendance at the meetings throughout the year. Your volunteer contribution is vital to the success of our group and is valued greatly. Sharing time and talent is a wonderful thing as we all know volunteers make the world go round.

We would also like to thank those in the community who have attended our working bees and planting days. Your participation makes all the difference!

This year has been a busy one for our little committee with a lot of community engagement. Some of these activities include:

- Two planting sessions with the Lancefield Girl Guides at the Lancefield Park for their Enviroguide badge and supply of materials for the girls to create insect hotels.
- We participated in National Tree Day at the Lancefield skate park with both members and general public planting out 300 tree's and grasses.
- We have conducted two bush food presentations at St Mary's primary school.
- We have conducted working bees in existing project areas installing trial roo proof fence squares to protect new planting.
- We have conducted roadside clean ups on Lancefield/Kilmore Rd
- Robin Ford volunteered his time and knowledge to put together the Bush Tucker exhibit at the Lancefield Show and the Megafauna festival. We are very grateful to you Robin for doing such a wonderful job. This exhibit gives us the materials to share this knowledge with different community groups.
- Junior Landcare showbags were collated and given to the successful children who participated in

the 1000 books before school program at Romsey Hub.

- We have undertaken two Wildflower walks in the Cobaws in November.
- We have assisted DELWP and MRSC with wildlife trapping and monitoring in the Cobaw ranges and held community spotlight tours.
- We have this year planted collectively over 2000 Tree project trees for projects and members.
- Two of our devoted committee members have undertaken training with Melbourne Water to learn drought and Water monitoring of the Deep Creek.
- ...and much much more...

If any of these activities peak your interest and you would like to get involved we would warmly welcome new members. We find that many committee's including our own rely greatly on just a few volunteers to do much of the work and we are seeking volunteers that may be interested in becoming active volunteer's or committee members.

With that said, we look forward to the coming year and all the Landcare activities, community engagement and fun to be had.

Deep Creek Landcare Group meets on the second Monday of month at the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall @ 8pm, with the exception of public holidays.

All are welcome.

If you have any questions, ideas or would like to attend a meeting to see what goes on please feel free to contact President Hayley Goodman at deepcreeklandcare@gmail.com
 Merry Christmas



A Big Thankyou

We would like to thank the Romsey Community for all their concern and support to us during our emotional time when our daughter Carolyn suffered a massive heart attack and was on life support for nearly 2 1/2 weeks.

The concern and support from this community has been amazing ,it has helped us to get through this very difficult time and shown us that we were not alone .

Carolyn is now back home with her husband and children after nearly 7 weeks of hospital care and rehab at Royal Talbot. she is progressing well but still has a way to go before she is hopefully able to return to work

Thank you all once again for all your care ,love , and support to us



CC Line Dancing

Beginners class Monday mornings 9.00 till 9.40pm
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Planning an event in 2018?

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We are offering this funding in addition to our annual Community Investment Program. This is a coordinated way for us to help support events that will run pre-November 2018.

The Program will open on Monday 19 February and applications will be due in by Friday 30 March 2018.

Contact Sally Peeler at marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au to be included in our community database.

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Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**® branches



Blue towels for breast cancer



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Bendigo Bank branches throughout Regional Victoria are supporting fundraising efforts by selling "Little Blue Towels".

The Little Blue Towels are recycled from hospitals where they have been used to dry sterilised hands, and are normally discarded after a single use. Instead of being discarded, they are laundered and packaged by supported employment enterprises for people with disability.

Each packet sold will help those diagnosed with breast cancer spend time at an Otis retreat with their families at no cost, courtesy of the OTIS Foundation. The recycled towels – lint free, super absorbent and perfect for cleaning, camping or fishing – can be purchased from Bendigo Bank branches in Regional Victoria, with proceeds going to the OTIS Foundation.

Breast cancer is the most common new cancer for Victorian women, with almost 4,300 new diagnoses each year – accounting for almost a third of all cancers in women.

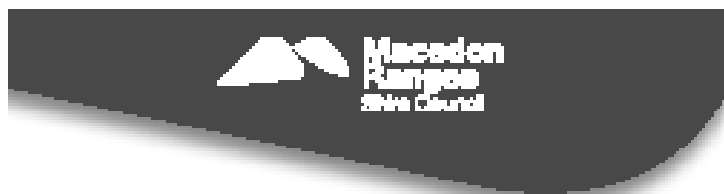
Michael O'Gorman, Senior Manager of the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank® branches, is proud that Bendigo Bank has been the principal partner of the OTIS foundation for almost ten years.

"Since 2008, we have gifted \$1.2 million in recurrent funds to OTIS, helping cover administrative and operational costs. This ensures the highest percentage possible of all donations goes directly towards providing women diagnosed with breast cancer the opportunity to stay at an OTIS Retreat," Michael

said. **'During Breast Cancer Awareness month, we are proud to help OTIS even further with the Little Blue Towels fundraising campaign.'**

"We all know someone who has battled breast cancer, so we encourage everyone in Regional Victoria to call into their local Bendigo Bank branch and buy a packet of Little Blue Towels."

Every Bendigo Bank branch in Regional Victoria will be participating in the fundraiser – 128 in all. Packs of five towels are \$7, with 100 percent of proceeds from the sale of these recycled towels go to the OTIS Foundation.



Need to talk to us face-to-face?

Visit one of our friendly staff at the Romsey Community Hub during the following opening hours:

Romsey

- Monday, 12.30pm–5pm*
- Tuesday, 9.30am–5pm
- Wednesday, 12.30pm–5pm*
- Thursday, 12.30pm–6pm*
- Friday, 9.30am–5pm

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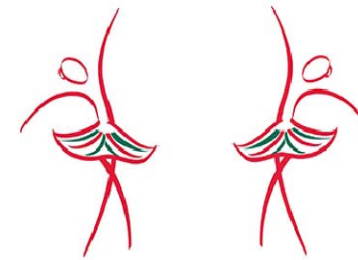


December Happenings at the Library

Christmas Ballerina

Dance your way to the library to meet the Ballerina who will help all the boys and girls celebrate Christmas with stories, songs and dance. You can also help decorate the Christmas Ballerina. Come along in your most festive gear! Free entry No bookings required.

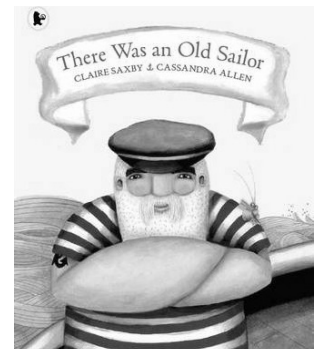
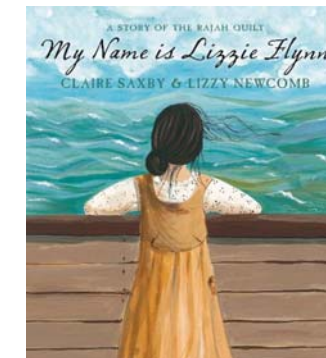
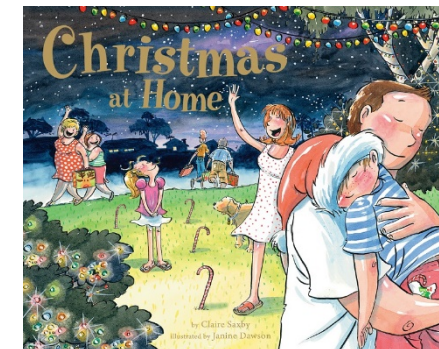
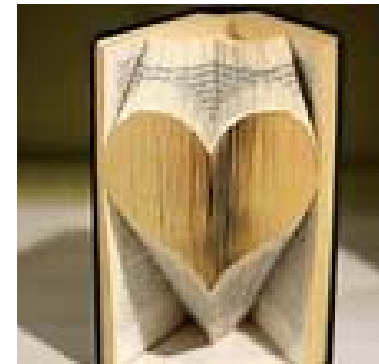
Mon 11 Dec, 10.30-11.15am Romsey Library



Book-Folding Drop-In Activity

Turn a book into a work of art! Drop into Romsey Library to learn how to fold the pages of a book into a fun décor piece. Perfect for gift-giving!

Tues 5th December and Wed 6th December from 2:30pm – 4:30pm both days.



Special Story-Time

Special Story-Time with children's author, Claire Saxby
Join us to hear Claire read some of her lovely stories

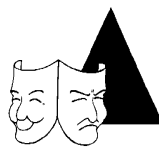
Monday 4th December at 10:30am

ROMSEY LIBRARY TEEN BOOK CLUB

Romsey Library is excited to announce a teen book club to be held every Saturday from 10-11am. A morning tea will be provided along with the opportunity to make new friends, discover new

authors, and discuss shared texts.

Please register your interest by calling the library on 54293 086 or emailing us at: romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au



The Mount Players

The Mount Players Happenings

2018 Production Season is Launched

On Friday 3rd November The Mount Players hosted a wonderful evening to launch their 2018 Production Season. Members and sponsors gathered at the Mountview Theatre to hear each Director's presentation on their production for next year. The evening was also an opportunity to show off the new floor covering, the re-upholstered auditorium seats and a fantastic pergola at the rear of the theatre (to which the Bendigo Bank, Gisborne granted significant funding). Most importantly it was a way of saying thank you to the sponsors and members by simply enjoying the unique facility that is The Mount View Theatre. 2017 has been a fantastic year for the company with four very successful productions boasting great diversity and variety for our patrons. Next year brings a line-up that will be sure to please. This includes a drama, "Offshore Island", a deeply personal encounter, "Love Letters", the hit musical "Les Miserables",

and William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". Check our website for full details and audition dates. We would like to thank our sponsors throughout the year, The Bendigo Bank in Gisborne, David & Leanne Cashmore at Office Choice in Gisborne and newcomer Sunbury Eye Surgeons. Also thank you to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their grant for our floor covering. Thanks to our members and patrons who make up our theatrical family, without you we would not have a company. If you would like to become a member and be part of something special we invite you to go to our website and follow the prompts.....we would love to have you!



Check out our website www.themountplayers.com and for bookings www.trybooking.com



From everyone at The Mount Players – 'Break A Leg' & 'Chookas' for the Christmas Season. See you at the theatre!

Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party

Treat Tussock Before Seeding

Now is the right time to check your property for the noxious weed serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*). The recent rains and warm winter in some parts of Victoria has been good for crops, but unfortunately, also good for the growth of serrated tussock. Controlling serrated tussock before the plant goes to seed is critical to prevent further spread, lost productivity and increased control requirements.

"Before flowering serrated tussock has a lime green appearance. When flowering the flowerheads have a distinctive purple colour developing as the seeds ripen in late spring and early summer. These features help serrated tussock stand out from the native tussock grasses," Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party Community Engagement Officer Ivan Carter said.

The VSTWP has developed an online video and information sheet to help landowners identify the unwanted grass, at <http://www.serratedtussock.com/how-identify-serrated-tussock>

"Serrated tussock has a fine leaf and will roll smoothly between the index finger and thumb, while native tussocks feel as though they have flat edges," Mr Carter said. "The leaves also feel rough when you run your fingers downwards due to fine serrations," he said. "A mature serrated tussock plant can produce thousands of seeds in a season, blowing up to 20 kilometres from the parent plant."

Controlling mature serrated tussock plants before they flower and seed can be done with registered herbicide, manual removal or cultivation. "Having a healthy pasture and competitive ground cover is one of the most important aspects to weed management, serrated tussock is a prime example of a weed that does not like competition and well established pastures," Mr Carter said.

It's believed serrated tussock now covers more than 140,000 hectares of land in Victoria. Large infestations require ongoing management and the integration of a number of control techniques. For further information, please visit www.serratedtussock.com, or contact the VSTWP on info@serratedtussock.com

Media Contact: Ivan Carter, VSTWP Communication Officer, 0422 605 953



Poetry Corner

MY MOWER

Col Wilson ('Blue the Shearer')

I have a motor lawn-mower,
An abortion of a thing,
And my hate for it increases,
With the coming of each Spring.
When first I bought my mower,
The written guarantee,
Said that it would start first time,
With just one pull from me.
I fill it up with petrol,
Make sure I've turned the switch,
Move the throttle, check the choke,
And try to start the bitch.

I pull it once, I pull it twice,
I almost pull my guts out:
Success at last, it gives one cough,
A wheeze, then it cuts out.
You wonder that I don't complain.
What would be the use?
They'd send an expert to the house.
He'd pick me for a goose.
He'd give one pull, and start it.
I'd lose again, you'd see,
In the never-ending battle,
Between machines and me.

My wife can start it – kids can, too.
The old girl down the street.
Everyone can start it,
But the bugger's got me beat.
I'm sure it sees me coming,
And decides to have some fun,
And though I pull, and pull, and pull,
I can't get it to run.
My family quite enjoys the show.
I know the neighbours do.
They like to see my face turn red,
And watch the air turn blue.

I can't reveal the brand name,
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“DRAW “

'DRAW' - is one of those little English words that has so many different meanings - to sketch an outline; to draw the blinds and blot out the hot sun; to draw out information; These are just a few. Another meaning, is to draw someone else to us - and they to us, hopefully. Jesus spoke these solemn words, in John 6:44: "No-one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me DRAWS him." We do not come to Christ strictly on our own initiative; it is the Father Who draws us. Theologically, this is called prevenient grace, God's grace at work in us to draw us to Himself. It takes two to tango so we must be sensitive to His overtures and let ourselves to be DRAWN to Him.

Jesus also said in John 12:32, "But I, when I be lifted from the earth, will DRAW all men to myself." This was in reference to the Cross and the sacrifice of Himself for Us in order that our fallen, sinful selves might be made clean, forgiven, and restored to fellowship with the Father when we draw DRAW near to Jesus and receive Him as our Saviour and Lord.

Christmas is a good time to think about drawing near to God the Father, as He drew near to us as the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem, then, becoming the Lord of all and the King of Glory.

How will you spend Christmas? As the pagans did, "wassailing" a time of fun and feasting?

Or enjoying simple fun and feasting and worshipping with fellow believers before the Throne of the One Who came and died to save us all!

From St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, the Church begins her New Year and the Season Of Advent, meaning 'to come' starts. We begin to prepare for Christmas, remembering Christ's FIRST COMING, but more importantly, we need to be remembering and preparing for His SECOND COMING, "when He returns in the clouds of heaven and Great Glory", - then comes THE JUDGMENT.

Please Use The Romsey Rag!

We encourage all community groups and organisations to make use of the Romsey Rag to

publicise any events and services in our community.

Someone in the

community who deserves some recognition.

Whatever the case, please let us know.

Please remember the new address for Romsey rag articles is

editoromseyrag17@gmail.com

"O may we keep and ponder in our mind, God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;

Trace we the Babe, Who has retrieved our loss, From His poor cradle to the bitter Cross;

Tread in His steps, Assisted by His grace, Till man's first heavenly state again takes place." J. Byrom

DECEMBER 2017

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CHRISTMAS DAY - 9am. ST.PAUL'S .. ROMSEY

JANUARY 2018

Rev. Jeannie Woollard will be continuing her ministry with us well into the New Year but will be on holidays during January. We will be welcoming back our former interim vicar, Rev. Bill Carroll to be with us again to take the January services in Rev. Jeannie's absence.

DOREEN MORGANCorrespondent.

Rev.Jeannie and the Members of the Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey pray that all in our Community will enjoy a very blest Christmas and New Year.

Sunday Worship Times

HOLY COMMUNION - 9am St.Paul's ROMSEY ...

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE



Bendigo Bank Christmas in Romsey2017 – Update

It's all happening! As the calendar rolls on towards December, RRBATA's Arts Culture and Events (ACE) working group is absolutely delighted with the sponsorship support from Romsey businesses. In addition to Bendigo Bank's massive \$5000 sponsorship (thereby conferring naming rights – **Bendigo Bank Christmas In Romsey 2017**), Gold Sponsorships have support-

ed the following elements:

- **Just In Time Transport Lights and Decorations Competition**
- **Romsey Hardware Main Street Trees**
- **Ray White Community Carols**

Silver Sponsor **Romsey IGA** and Bronze Sponsor **Verdure Bistro** are also much valued supporters of the Christmas capital of the Macedon Ranges!

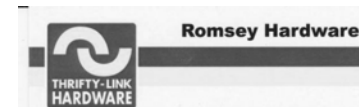
RRBATA also acknowledges the Romsey Lancefield Lions Club for supporting the provision of the audio and lighting system at the **Ray White Community Carols** event (Saturday 16th December).

The **Romsey Hardware Main Street Trees** numbers have swelled to 54 (18 clusters) including some hired by businesses. The big community tree will be even bigger! Installation of trees will be on Thursday 30th November.

The **Just In Time Transport Lights and Decorations Competition** will see entries submitted by 5pm on Thursday November 30th at Romsey Hub, Bendigo Bank, Romsey Hardware and Romsey IGA. Decorations must be installed for judging by 5.00pm on Sunday December 3rd. In addition to the official judges awards, a People Choice Award for Best Decorated Business will also be made. Voting slips are available from the venues listed above.

For more information, go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey WILL BE the Christmas Capital of the Macedon Ranges!



RRBATA AGM

RRBATA's AGM was held on 1st November 2017 at the Romsey Community Hub. The election of office bearers was run by Ms. Raelene Mottram (GRAAP). In the absence of other nominations and for the sake of continuity, the 2017 Committee members agreed to accept nomination to the 2018 Committee only so as to oversee the Romsey Streetscape implementation and acquittal of grant funds (including the Plaques Project). It is hoped to transition to a new committee in approximately 6 months. The 2018 Committee is as follows:

- Jenny Stillman (President)
- Ged McLaughlin (Vice President)
- Wendie McLaughlin (Treasurer)
- Greg Powell (General Committee)
- Benny Dyer (General Committee)
- *No nominations received for Secretary*

New RRBATA Membership Package

RRBATA Membership does NOT necessitate committee involvement. Rather, in order for RRBATA to effectively represent and advocate for Romsey region business and tourism, it needs a strong membership base. It also needs renewal of personnel at the management level. Otherwise, there is the real risk of it being unable to effectively continue its contribution to the region's business and local community.

Membership is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who support Romsey business and tourism. Website listing, discounts to RRBATA events, reciprocal membership rights with Business Kyneton (formerly Kyneton BATA) and Macedon Ranges Business Connect discounts will all feature in this package. RRBATA aims to provide networking opportunities as well as facilitating communication with key stakeholders for all RRBATA members.

For further details, contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849, Email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au or go to Romsey Online and RRBATA Facebook.

Romsey Online

Romsey Online is currently receiving a minor to facilitate its linkage to the Romsey historic Plaques Digital Interface Project. Remember - The website must be fed!! Don't forget, **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Membership Enquiries:

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Church news



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Parish Priest: Fr. Vinoth Santiago
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Parish Secretary Mrs. Tammie Dalglish

School Principal: Ms. Julie McDougall
School Website: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

C/- Woodend Presbytery 5427 2690
Presbytery 5429 2130
St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

MASS TIMES

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8:00am Lancefield and 10:00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

8:00 am Romsey and 10:00am Lancefield

COMMUNION SERVICES

Tuesday

9:00am Romsey Church

Saturday

10:00am Romsey Church

ROSARY

Saturdays 9:45am Romsey

RECONCILIATION

By arrangement.

BAPTISMS

2018 – Romsey Church – January 7th, March 4th, May 6th,
July 1st, September 2nd & November 4th.

2018 – Lancefield Church – February 11th, April 8th, June
10th, August 12th, October 14th & December 9th.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

SACRAMENTS

Parents with children not attending St. Mary's School who are scheduled to receive Sacraments in 2018 are invited to email their details to the secretary at

lancefield@cam.org.a to register your child.

Information will be sent out early in 2018 with the Sacramental schedule for the year.

Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparishlancefieldromsey> to keep up with parish activities and news.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2017

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 13th December - 7.00pm - Lancefield Church
(Confession)

*Parish Mass of Anointing Friday 15th December -
2.00pm - Romsey Church

*Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - 6.00 pm -

Family Mass - Romsey Church - 11:30 pm -

Carols - Lancefield Church

- 12:00 am - Midnight Mass - Lancefield Church

Follow the Star Thursday 21st December 2017

You are invited to meet outside St Paul's Anglican Church in Main Road, Romsey, to walk with Mary, Joseph and their donkey as they search for a place to stop for the night.

Where will they go? Who will they meet on the way?

What will we discover at the end of the road?

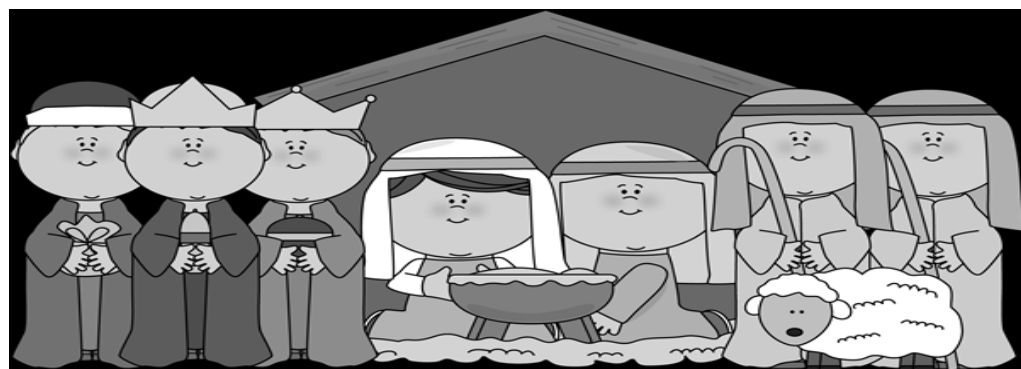
We will be looking for a stable with live animals where we can sing Christmas Carols, see a real baby, and share some refreshments together.

Parents and children please join us.

Time: Romsey 7:15pm Gather in service road outside Anglican Church

Dress Up: Dress up as wise men, or angels, or shepherds or a person from Bethlehem if you wish. There will be some costumes available to borrow (adult as well as child sizes).

A free event in association with the churches of Romsey and Lancefield
Music by the Kyneton Municipal Band



All Welcome
Questions?
Contact: Jay
Brooks 5429 6163

Colour Me Pic For December A Message from Santa. Can you colour me in and drop me in at the Romsey Library in the Santa Letter box with your name age and address and a letter to Santa as it would be a great help for Mrs Claus and I and the Christmas Elves on Christmas Eve.





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those living with dementia, but also those walking beside them.

This new coffee club hosted by Woodend Lifestyle Carers Group, will be from 10.00 am – 11.30 am each Wednesday. Come along to relax and enjoy a coffee for an hour or so and find out how much you have in common with others in our community.

Secretary: Cherry Servis



Macedon Ranges Physiotherapy


Ben will now be at Romsey full time & Lauren will be at Lancefield Wednesday's & Fridays.

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Unveiling of plaques

Have you ever wandered down the path to Lancefield and discovered the Memorial plaques along the way, if you are interested in a little bit of history its worth a wander.

The Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club's Avenue of Honour had an additional five plaques dedicated at an impressive ceremony earlier this month.

State RSL president Dr Robert Webster OAM commended the Rotary club on its ongoing avenue project initiative, and the Romsey-Lancefield RSL sub-branch for its partnership involvement. "These sort of things keep communities together," Dr Webster said, referring to similar examples in other parts of the state.

The five new plaques donated by local sponsors are located over a distance of approximately 800 metres of the avenue (and walking track) to the north of Hutchisons Lane, Romsey.

There are now 18 plaques containing brief summaries of battles -- some not so well known - where Australian defence personnel served, dating back to 1885.

Eventually Rotary hopes the time will come when plaques are placed right along the avenue linking Romsey and Lancefield.

In addition to Dr Webster, special guests at the ceremony included Federal Member for McEwen Rob Mitchell, Rotary District Governor Bernie Bott and assistant district governor Kaye Gauci .

"As a club, we are proud of what we have achieved so far ... we want to make it an Avenue of Honour both towns are proud of," stated Rotary club president Anne Collins in opening formalities at the plaque commemorating those who lost their lives when the HMAS Canberra was attacked and sunk during World War 2.

Ms Collins praised Rotary secretary Shane Pettingill for his "labor of love" in getting the latest stage of the avenue up and running.

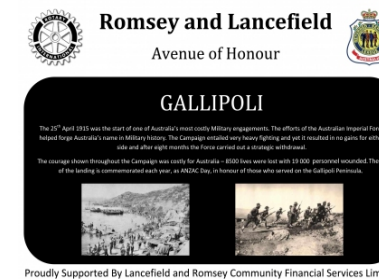
Romsey resident and plaque sponsor Marjorie Davis has a family connection with the Canberra, with her late husband Jim Webster surviving the sinking.

RSL sub-branch vice-president John Horan researched the history for the inscriptions on the plaques, and sponsored the one for The Sudan campaign in 1885.

Other new plaques marked the Villers Britonneux battle (sponsor Joan Donovan), Papua New Guinea final campaign (Christine Whitney), and Bullecourt (Eileen, Bruce and John Laing).

The Rotary club and RSL sub-branch is pleased that schools in Romsey and Lancefield have previously sponsored plaques, with the Avenue of Honour playing an educational role as well as honouring the fallen.

The Rotary club will be pleased to hear from any potential plaque sponsors.



From All of us on the New Romsey Rag Committee,

We wish you a Happy and Safe Festive Season



Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Romsey Uniting Church



25 Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434 (P.O Box 264)
Chairperson: Mr. Noel Shaw 5429 5509

Secretary: Mrs. Jenifer Clampit 5429 5480

Follow the Star - Thursday 21st December at Romsey Uniting Church.

The Kyneton Brass Band will again be providing the music for this event. See Advertisement in this edition of the Romsey Rag

Reflection

No doubt all of us are getting ready for Christmas celebrations with family and friends and it can be a stressful time. If you have a large gathering at your home there is the food to organise, gifts to purchase and Christmas cards to send to those you don't see very often.

When I was going through last years Christmas cards and many of them were very similar, one of them stood out. It had a painting of a small stable building in which were assembled Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, the usual array of shepherds and sundry animals.

The wise men, dressed in rich robes like kings, were approaching.

On surveying the scene, one turned to the others and said, "I think we are a trifle overdressed."

For centuries we have overdressed the wise men. There is nothing in Scripture to indicate that they were kings but we seem to prefer them that way.

In the hope of making things splendid for the celebration of Jesus' birth, many of us overdress all of Christmas.

Nobody knows the true story of Jesus' birth, it doesn't seem to have been important to the earliest Christians.

The gospels of Mark and John, don't speak of it.

The stories in Matthew and Luke have almost nothing in common, except that he was born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph.

Luke's story of the stable and the shepherds indicates a humble birth in keeping with the rest of Jesus' life.

We are inclined to get so caught up in the commercial hype that we overlook its actual significance. We may not be conscious that we are making it more and more elaborate.

Perhaps we can make a noticeable difference in how we celebrate this Christmas by keeping it from becoming overdressed and ourselves becoming overstressed.

After all, the whole point of the incarnation was to make a difference.

Prayer: God in Jesus Christ, we are amazed and humbled by your lowly birth. We are more surprised when we realise that it was consistent with your life. Help us to know when we are overdressing situations and ourselves.

Help us to be symbols of difference in our communities. Bless our humble Christmas celebrations and all whom we feed and clothe. Amen.

Paraphrased from UCAF Network December 2010.
Romsey Church Services & Activities during December 2017 - January 2018

- 3rd. 9am Worship Service.
- 4th. 2pm. 'Cuppa at Cookies' all welcome.
- 6th. 6pm. Church Council at Stracks.
- 10th. 9am. Worship Service & Holy Communion 17th. 9am Congregational Service
- 24th. 9am. Christmas Eve
- 25th. 9am. Christmas Day Service at Lancefield Uniting Church
- 30th 10.30am Whole Partnership Worship at Woodend Park..Followed by BBQ

January 2018 services will be held across the Partnership each week. Please use the Partnership Website to see where the church services will be happening.

www.macedonrangesunitingchurch.org.au

The Macedon Ranges Uniting Church Partnership

Office is at the Riddells Creek Uniting Church, 3 Sutherland Road, Riddells Creek. Phone: 5428 6920.

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- Rev. Deacon Wendy Elson 5427 2761
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CHRISTMAS IN ROMSEY

DECEMBER 2017

1ST

December
Romsey Lights Up
Romsey Hardware
Main Street Christmas Trees

4TH

December
Homes and Businesses Light Up
Just In Time Transport
Decoration & Lights Competition

16TH

December
Ray White Romsey Christmas Carols
Lions Reserve – Skate Park
7.00pm Start



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