



## School News

As we begin the second semester for 2018, we look forward to a busy term three with many engaging activities to look forward to. These include celebrating our foundations students 100 days of school, fun literacy activities and a pirate dress up day for book week, a trip to the Werribee Zoo, an adventure camp @ Campaspe Downs and a 'footy' day where our students will come dressed in their footy colours and enjoy a pie and sauce for lunch.

Our playground is getting a facelift. We are in the process of getting some new, modern play equipment but, sadly, we have to say goodbye to our iconic fort, rocket and monkey bars. I hope that by the start of term 4 we will have our playground ready to go.

**PRE-PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM** for children starting foundation year in 2019. Our pre-prep program begins on September 4<sup>th</sup> and consists of 6 sessions. The aim of the program is to ensure our future students have the best start and transition to formal schooling. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to become familiar with our school setting and staff, join in classroom and play activities and make new friends prior to starting school in 2019.

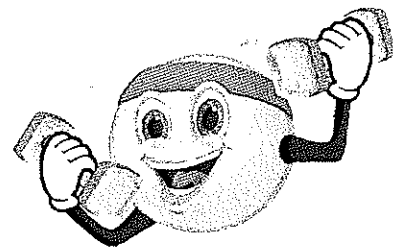
If you would like further details or to register your child please contact the school on **5789 1234** and speak to any member of staff.

## Group Personal Training

Group personal training available at the Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall on Tuesday nights 7 -8pm.

Numbers are limited so bookings are essential.

For more details contact Danielle 57891321.



## Dawn School of Dance



We are now taking new enrolments

Come and join us at Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall  
Wednesdays 4-5pm.

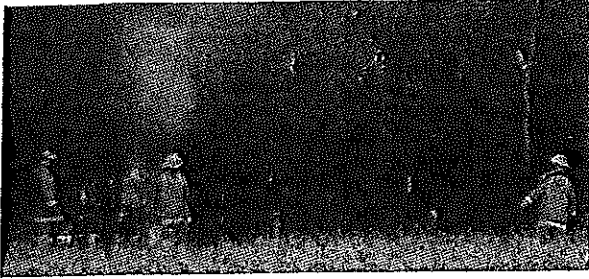
Call Heather 0407 520 850

## Craft Group

Meets at the Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall on  
Saturday 25th August at 12:30pm

Everyone welcome



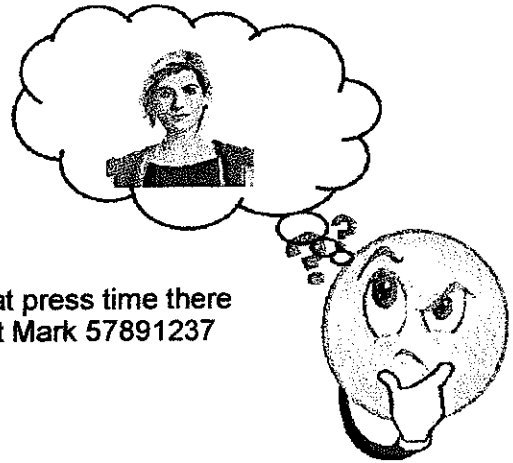


## Annual CFA Trivia Quiz Night Saturday August 18th

Come along and enjoy the fun of being perplexed by Mark's trivial questions. It has been long enough, there may be a question about Star Trek, there may be one about Holden Grey motors, there may even be one about Usain Bolt. Maybe.

At Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall, 7:30pm seating for an 8pm start. \$15 per head with 8 heads per table. BYO food and drinks

You should have received a flyer, but you know the drill, and at press time there are still 3 tables available. If you want one then please contact Mark 57891237 [spodman59@gmail.com](mailto:spodman59@gmail.com), or Heather 57891338 [heatherandrodney8@bigpond.com](mailto:heatherandrodney8@bigpond.com)



## Meeting in August. We need your HELP!

The CFA has thrown us a curve ball. Traditionally the regular monthly meetings were a matter for officers and office holders within the brigade, with any other members being welcomed, and we have been pleased with the attendance and input we receive from the membership at large. Unfortunately we have had a reality check about our requirements for a quorum, which for a brigade with our membership currently stands at 15! We wanted to make a decision about the purchase of small equipment at the July meeting, and were unable!

We don't normally have a meeting in August, but we of the Brigade Management Team crave your indulgence to come to one, and help us deal with this new paradigm. If you are keen on the continued function of your brigade, but have been content to leave the running to those that like meetings we humbly ask you that you consider stepping up to help us from now on. We don't particularly like meetings either, but we participate because of how we perceive the value of the brigade to the community, and to our safety! A minimum of 15 bottoms on seats will crowd out our current meeting space, so we will trial a meeting at the War Memorial Hall to see if that helps people feel less squeezey.

Monthly Brigade Meeting  
War Memorial Hall  
Monday 27th August  
19:30hrs

Creating Safer Communities  
100% VOLUNTEER



## Darraweit Diary

**CFA Quiz Night**  
Saturday 18th August  
At the War Memorial hall

### REGULARS

**Bookclub**  
4th Sunday  
7:30pm at the Tennis Club

#### CFA

**Brigade Training**  
4th Sunday—08:45am  
at the Station  
**Brigade Meeting**  
4th Monday 7:30pm. Next one at  
the hall

#### Craft Group

4th Saturday  
12:30pm —3pm at the hall

#### Hall Committee

3rd Monday 8pm in Jan, Mar,  
May, July, September, November

#### Landcare Group Committee Meeting

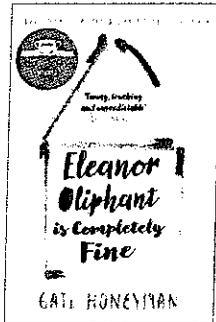
3rd Monday  
8:00pm at the school

#### Playgroup

Currently on hold due to  
renovations.

#### Red Cross Unit

4th Monday at 9:30am  
at the hall



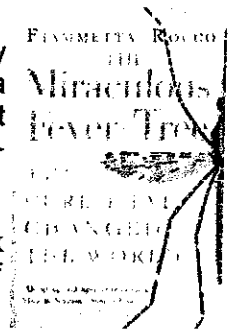
## Bookclub

**Sunday 26th August — 07:30 pm  
at the tennis club**

**This month:** Mmmm. I've read better books than last months... Big hopes for this one though. Eleanor Oliphant is happy. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. But surely any change is better than... fine? **Eleanor Oliphant is Fine**, by **Gail Honeyman**

**Next month: the Cure That Changed the World** by **Fiammetta Roccio**. The world's most deadly dangerous animal? The mosquito! It, or its malaria parasite still kill over 725,000 a year, Read here about the natural cure from South America used since pre-history in medicine, and still in use today.

Come along, it will be brilliant! Maybe suggest the book we try next time? Come along to the tennis club and, if nothing else, have a cup of tea and a chat.



## BEWARE

### Wildlife on the move



As feed becomes more scarce wildlife are crossing roads and seeking out feed on the edges of roads, so it would be sensible to drive a little slower in the treed areas as they are not as easy to see as out in the open.

This may also save the inconvenience of being without your car while it is in being repaired and will also be a bit kinder to your wallet by the way of insurance premiums.



**Need any mechanical  
work done?**

**Prefer to stay local?**

Cars, 4WD's, horse floats,  
lawn mowers farm equipment  
etc.

Call Wayne Scott  
438095449 Or 57891373



**Happy Birthday  
In August to**

**Kimberley Bird 1st  
Jack North 16th  
Charlie Petersen  
25th**



**Old blankets, towels  
and old pillow cases  
wanted**

If you have any old blankets,  
towels (even with holes) that you  
are not using or throwing in the  
bin or taking to the op shop Helen  
Callahan is collecting them for a  
shelter.

Please, no pillows or cushions  
because they cannot be used.

If you have any please ring Helen  
5789 1305  
and she will  
pick them up  
from you.



## Want to win an Apple Watch?

How would you like to hear from Council and what would you like to know?

The community can help improve Council's communication and engagement activities by participating in an online communications survey. Complete the survey and go into the draw to win an Apple Watch. The survey will provide feedback on residents preferred methods of communication for Council events, activities and initiatives, and also consultation methods, which can be used to inform the upcoming review of Council's Community Consultation Framework.

The survey is available online at [mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/yoursay) and will take about 10 minutes to complete.

### Relocations during upgrades to early years facilities

Kindergarten programs and Maternal and Child Health services in Romsey will be relocated during Term 3 while building upgrade works take place.

Kindergarten programs will relocate to Romsey Primary School from 16 July for the duration of the works. The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) service relocated to the Romsey Community Hub in Main Street on 2 July.

The Victorian Government has provided \$330,000 to refurbish the kindergarten, while Council has allocated an additional \$110,000 for renovations to the Maternal and Child Health rooms within the building. The works will result in a contemporary and inclusive early education centre, including a new building entrance in a location designed to foster connection and partnership with the nearby Romsey Primary School.

For more information about the project, call (03) 5422 0333 or email [mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au)

### Stage one complete at former Romsey primary school site

Stage one of the transformation of the former Romsey Primary School site in Main Street is now complete, with a community health centre open for business and the surrounding nature-based park available for everyone to enjoy.

Council worked with Cobaw Community Health and the Greater Romsey All-Abilities Park committee (GRAAP Inc.) on the project to transform the 150-year-old school building and create a park on the surrounding land.

The historic building has been revamped and extended for use by Cobaw as a community health centre and is surrounded by the first stage of the nature-based health and wellbeing park.

The new community health centre provides the full suite of Cobaw's health and wellbeing services in early childhood, youth, families, adults, aged and disability. The opening of the centre will benefit local residents who will no longer have to travel to Woodend and Kyneton for services such as child and adolescent support, counselling and allied health. Cobaw is also a registered NDIS provider for a range of services for children and adults.

The Romsey Ecotherapy Park is the result of a community-led initiative to build an inviting and accessible passive recreation open space for local people and visitors. The design has an emphasis on providing people of all ages and abilities a unique sensory and therapeutic experience through engagement with nature.

The active nature play space along the Main Street frontage of the site forms the first stage of the park and includes landscaped areas, seating, paths and nature-based play elements. The various spaces within the park will be completed as funding is secured. See [mrsc.vic.gov.au/old-Romsey-school](http://mrsc.vic.gov.au/old-Romsey-school) to view the concept plans for the park.

The new community health centre will provide the full suite of Cobaw's health and wellbeing services in early childhood, youth, families, adults, and aged and disability areas.

The former Romsey School site works were funded by:

- The Australian Government, \$997,478
- The Victorian Government, Department of Health and Human Services, \$733,000
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council, \$215,000
- Cobaw Community Health Services Ltd, \$50,000