



Romsey Junior Football Club Inc.

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Romsey Junior Football Club. The AGM was held in October last year and a new committee of management was formed. We are very proud to announce the new committee for 2010:

President: Bill Badger
Vice President: Chris Rodwell
Secretary: Andrea Alford
Treasurer: Linda Wilkinson
General Committee: Peter Newell, Melinda Skinner, Louise Noel, Heather Livermore, Tracey Newnham, Justin Patterson, & Helen Barrow.

The new COM would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the past committee of management for all their hard work and commitment over the last 12 months. Last year was a year of change, whereby the Romsey Junior Football Club was founded. We are very proud of this hard earned accomplishment and thank all those involved in the process.

Which leads me to our fantastic 2009 season, whereby the Under 10's, 12's and 14's became the first Romsey Junior Redback Premiers! Well done to all those players, coaching staff and parents involved. On behalf of all of our players, we would like to thank all the coaches, team managers, and parents on such a fantastic year. Many hands make light work and their support is much appreciated.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank all the Romsey local businesses for all their ongoing financial contributions, sponsorship and assistance over the past season. We are most grateful for their continued support and our success over the past 12 months would not have been possible without them. Sponsorship plays a vital role in the survival of our club and we welcome any new prospective local businesses who are interested in providing financial assistance in the 2010 season. If you are interested please contact Peter Newell (sponsorship coordinator) on 0408 295 976.

The club in December received and interviewed prospective coaches for this year's season. The coaches will be introduced personally on the Registration Day.

On **Sunday the 14th February 2010, commencing at 11.00am**, at the Romsey Football Clubrooms, we will be holding a **Registration Day** for all new and past players wishing to play football this season. All families new and old are very welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and enjoy the free sausage sizzle, activities and meet the coaches, committee and support staff for 2010. We are a family orientated club and are looking forward to meeting you and your children on the day. Registration forms and further information can be found on our very own website www.romseyredbacks.org.au
If you have any queries please contact Andrea Alford on 0448 767 257.

See you on Sunday the 14th February, 2010 at 11.00am.

The COM hopes you all had a lovely Christmas and safe and happy holidays.

GO REDBACKS!!!
Bill Badger
President RJFC
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www.romseyredbacks.org.au



Barefoot Bowls:

Following the success of the past two seasons Barefoot Bowls competition, Romsey Bowling Club has decided to extend the season to encompass the full daylight saving period.
Barefoot Bowls each Friday through until Friday 2nd April 2010. Start time is 6.00 p.m. 'til finish. Entry Fee is \$5.00. All welcome.

Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

After all our Christmas breakups and a little break over the Christmas /New Year period we are back playing golf again. In December we had a couple of fun days and played Burke & Wills and North Pole Rules. Both were thinking and laughter days. In January we have played Ambrose, 3 clubs and Par. Jan won both the 3 clubs and the Par (-1) rounds.

February 10th we have scheduled a Bring a Friend Day. This day is open to anyone wanting to try out golf. No experience needed just the ability to laugh. We will share clubs and give a couple of hints. Just come along 9am for a 9.30 hit off. Depending on the

weather we will only be playing 9 or 12 holes so this is an excellent chance to try golf with other first timers. Late December the club was saddened to hear Joan Tom had passed away. Joan played golf at Romsey starting back in 1969 till she left the district. The Romsey Ladies are again entering a team in the Relay for Life. To help raise funds we are holding a Charity Golf Day February 21st. Your support would be most welcome. We will be playing 4 ball Ambrose entries to me 54295411 or bring your team along on the day. If you can't make a team let me know and I'll help you. The golf will be followed by a BBQ lunch and Nearest the Pin competition.

Recipe for the Month

Date & Nut Loaf.
2 cups All Bran
2 cups milk
1 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon Golden Syrup
Soak above ingredients overnight
Add 2 cups plain flour
2 tablespoons bi-carb soda 1 cup dates
½ cup walnuts
Mix well and pour into 5 greased soup cans.
Cover with foil and boil for 1½ hours with water half way up the cans and the lid on the boiler.
(Freezes well)
Beryl Cole
54295411

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December	Friday November 19 th	Thursday November 26 th

Romsey Mechanics Institute

Notice is given of a
PUBLIC MEETING
To be held at the
ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE
122 Main Street Romsey
At 7pm on 16 February 2010

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE for a term of three (3) years.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women and young people are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Sustainability and Environment Office or at the meeting.

For enquiries please contact the Secretary Julie Smith on 9744 2828 or the President Simon Pinnock on 5429 5059.

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Macedon Ranges Shire Youth Space Holiday Program

As part of the Macedon Ranges Shire Youth Space Holiday Program, a group of Romsey teenage thrill seekers hit the slopes at Funfields Adventure Park in Whittlesea. Many took the opportunity to cool down on the water slide while others spent the day screaming their lungs out on the Pirate Ship. The Go Karts brought out people's competitive natures and the toboggan ride down the hill was very thrilling.

Glamour Girls was held next on 13th January at Malmsbury Youth Space. The girls had fun sitting around painting their nails and eating healthy food while getting their hair and make up done. With the new look complete, a portrait photo was taken of each of the girls.

A barbeque was also held in Tylden where young people learnt hip hop dancing and circus skills. This was a great afternoon with lots of laughs and some great dancing!



Holly does her nails



Madeline and Elkie race the go karts



Chloe and Holly do Hip Hop!



Romsey's Glamour girls!

For more information on up coming youth events in Romsey contact Amanda Summers Youth Space Program Worker for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 0457 795 891.

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Relay For Life motivates weary feet

As teams gear up for the 2010 Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life over the weekend of February 27-28, it is worthwhile contemplating what motivates participants.



"The relay is so special because our original families still come to support our team even though their children have long since left primary school. It is the perfect opportunity for us to catch up while doing something worthwhile for the community. Many of the children have family or know of someone who has cancer and this is a wonderful way for them to do something to help."

"The Relay does not just help us remember those who have died from cancer. It allows us to **celebrate** those who have fought and survived cancer. It allows us to **think** about those who are currently fighting cancer and gives us many reasons to raise money to find a cure. It also gives the Macedon Ranges Community a chance to gather together and rally against Cancer."

"We started in the Relay because, like many teams, we had been touched by cancer and wanted to make a difference. It also provided a great excuse to get together at fundraisers, planning meetings and, of course, at the event and celebrate our friendships and fight back against cancer while supporting those who are still fighting and loved ones lost."

"I see entering the event as a way of remembering family, friends, acquaintances and patients who have died from cancer, as well as supporting those who are experiencing the journey as well as their families. We all do this in our daily life but the relay gives us the opportunity to come together, to remember together. It will be a team effort from a great team."

"The motto of the Relay is what inspires us to participate each year, 'Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!'"

"It's a small world, made smaller by problems from natural disasters to unwarranted and unsolicited illnesses, changing the course of family, groups and communities. Living, is sharing community involvement. Living, is making a difference. Living, is being there, or seeing in the mind's eye aid in its small parts extending to become big parts. My involvement is a small part, to connect with others to hopefully, become a big part. Team spirit. Community involvement. Amen."

"The fundraising associated with the Relay provides much needed funds for research and other programs, but it is the Relay itself that is the important focus. Sometimes, I think, this focus is lost whilst working on the fundraising, but when you arrive at the Lancefield Park on the Saturday to set up the team tent the enormity of the event comes flooding back to you. A won-

derful celebration of life and remembrance of those who are no longer with us."

"Relay For Life is special because there are not many other occasions where such a vast range of community groups and ages come together for one common cause. There's such a great encouraging atmosphere which brings out the best in everyone, even despite sleep deprivation!"

"The relay is special because it is a chance to step out of our busy lives and be part of something that is bigger than our own team's efforts. It is a chance to catch up with team members where everything else that is going on in your life takes second place. It is an opportunity to be reflective and take stock and place things in perspective 3am in the morning as one walks around the track is often a good reflective time!"

It is not too late to register for the regional Relay, which will again be held at Lancefield Park.

Around 40 teams are expected to add to the regional fundraising effort of more than \$700,000 since the Relay started at Lancefield in 2003.

It costs \$15 per person to register (including 2010 official Relay shirt) and people of all ages and abilities are welcome. The Relay is not a race but teams are challenged to keep their relay batons moving around the oval from Saturday afternoon until Sunday morning.

Many participants camp overnight and live entertainment and catering are provided.

Teams and individuals can register for the Relay and find out more details online at www.relayforlife.org.au by following the prompts to Lancefield. Alternatively, contact Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or tmac31@bigpond.net.au. Registrations are preferable as soon as possible but will be accepted at Lancefield Park prior to the event's start.

If you would like to support Relay For Life but are unable to participate at Lancefield Park look out for fundraisers being held by local teams.



Romsey Uniting Church

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Minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351

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Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480

You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship...



The Romsey Uniting Church members wish everyone a very successful and peaceful 2010. January has been a quiet month but as February begins there follows the usual church meetings and preparation for the Lenten Season and Easter.

Lent – A season of preparation and discipline that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday (April 3rd). During the forty weekdays and six Sundays in Lent, the church remembers the life and ministry of Jesus and renews its commitment to him in Christian discipleship.

Psalm 116: 1-7

Sometime ago, my mother died. She was eighty six years old, but it was sudden and a shock. We all felt the sadness.

A couple of days after her death, I went for a walk in the local nature reserve and down to the river. The peace and quiet were good, the light on the water beautiful. Then I passed a favourite group of alder trees I'd often sketched. There'd been some heavy windstorms, and rain. One of the trees had come down. The trunk lay in the dry winter grasses, the shattered stump showing raw, ragged edges. I was sorry. I'd loved those trees. They'd never be the same again. Yet, walking on, I found some comfort in it. Not in its death, but in what it said to me. That death is part of the process of life. I don't want to argue with the theologians about our fallen world and how death came to be, but simply to say that we need to accept it as part of how things are. And whether it comes tragically and out of time, or quietly and in the fullness of years, we share the same vulnerability.


The vulnerability that Jesus took on himself as a human being, that saddened his family and friends, a vulnerability that reminds and reassures me that he knows what it's all about, and knows how I feel. The other trees will heal. Already the grass is beginning to grow. The wound will

soften; still show, but mend.

Reflection:

*I walked by the river, Lord, after the storm.
Tall reeds, brown tips bent trailed fingers in the cold water.
I watched debris floating downstream.
Broken branches, planks, and plastic bottles surfacing like ducks.
I skirted new falls of river bank, raw fleshed, ragged, red like wounds.
But life was picking up its pieces.
The grasses shrugging off the wind, stirring, straightening.
A kingfisher flashed neon-blue across the water, sewing up the windtorn edges of the air.
But then I saw the stranded houseboat, its stern well down below the water line, broken bow high, mouth open for breath.
It was the human connection that hit me, Lord.
Reminded me of other storms that gust hard in people's lives.
Winds that blow little good, that warp, not reeds, but personality.
Life's river, its surface broken by exhausted people drifting helpless on the current.
Barely floating on the stream.
Hopes waterlogged.
Lord, the reeds, the river bank, I leave to nature to repair.
The broken tree will heal, send out new shoots.
Fresh-knitted grass soon covers the earth's raw edges, purl and plain.
But the people, Lord?
In the noise of wind and stream I hear you call.
Sometimes, your voice comes, not from the safety of the river bank, but from the middle of the stream.
Drawing me into its deepest part.*

Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)
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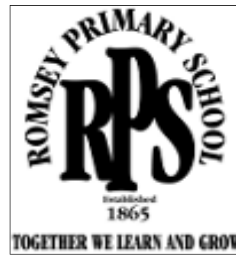
Church Services during February 2010		
7th	9am.	Worship Service led by Barry Tarrant.
14 th	9am.	Worship Service and Communion led by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
21st	9am	Worship Service led by The Worship Team
28 th	9am	Worship Service

An Apology:

We apologise to contributors who have experienced difficulty submitting copy and advertisements via email over the Christmas ? New Year break. There were some technical issues with the server preventing emails from getting through. Hopefully these will be resolved in time for the March issue of the Rag. If your copy or ad has not been included this will be the reason.

Romsey Primary School News

I am excited for students to be returning to school on Monday 1st February and welcome back all students, parents and members of the community. We are all looking forward to continuing to provide excellent educational programs for all students. With the diversity of programs we offer there is a wide range of opportunities for students to excel. All teachers and educational support staff returned on Wednesday and have spent three very profitable days involved in a range of professional learning. A number of integration staff spent two days in Bendigo completing a speech program. This year we welcome four new teachers: Kirsten Cook - Year 5, Erin Moore – Year 2, Casey Nancarrow – Year Prep/1 and Samantha Zan – Physical Education (0.6). We also welcome 2 new integration aides, Debbie Sinclair (0.3) and Lyn Briggs.



Solar Energy for Romsey PS

Under the National School Pride government stimulus package funding was allocated to installing solar power. The system includes 32 panels each of 180 watts on the gym roof, which will generate electricity for the school or to be put into the grid. This is an important energy saving, greenhouse gas reduction program.

Upgrade to Courtyard Playground

The rubberised surface under part of the courtyard playground has been replaced. The new surface is multicoloured with games integrated into the surface and is of a higher quality. Repairs have been made to the north side. Again this is an environmental friendly product which is manufactured from old car and truck tyres.



Prep Quiet Space

The paved area outside room 1 is completed with the installation of seating over the holidays. Special thanks to Craig Jones and Steve Westbury for putting the seats in during the holidays. Also thanks to Craig for rejuvenating the mulch under the adventure playgrounds.



New Building Progress

During January a large team of workers have been on site and significant progress has been made on the new 6 classroom block.

I have been informed that they hope to be completed by the end of term 1. This will be exciting for all year 5/6 classes who will be located in this space.



Romsey Chicken Shop—Buy a Chicken get a free Medium Chips—Heather, D. McClurg, Lee, B.Rogers
Gilmay \$50 gift voucher - Judy and Angie
Bendigo Bank Children's \$50 Bank acct—J Spinks

Prizes kindly donated by the following Sponsors:
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Kidzone Train Building Winners

Awarded on the day
 First Prize—Angus Webb-Ware & Phoebe Mottram
 2nd prize— name not provided
 3rd Prize— Felix Durston
 Special Award—Ben Roda for his fantastic train now on display in the garden at The Bay Tree, Main St Romsey
Prizes generously donated by

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Other prizes and winners presented on day

Cuttings \$70 Hamper—J. Nikceovich
 Bay Tree Teddy Bear Hamper
 Maureen Wiltshire/ James Kellaher
 Double Will Value \$350—Anne, Wrixon St

Keep an eye out for our festival feedback survey coming out soon. If you are interested in getting involved in 2010, please contact Vanessa Meredith, 0429 313 977.

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Romsey Street Festival 2009

Romsey Street Festival Organisers would like to thank the following Sponsors for their generous support of the 2009 Festival

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Special thanks to performers for their fantastic efforts and contributing their valuable time:
Sarah Wilkinson
Cowboys and Angels
Traynor Fitness
Romsey Junior Football Club
Romsey Primary Aerobics Team
Best of Odol performers
Bands—Iotah
Spazzys
and the new local band, Lady Grey

Thank you to the following individuals for their contribution, ensuring the festival happened and ran smoothly :
Vanessa Meredith
Terry Moore

Merinda Richards
Helen Burrows
Peter O'Rourke
Ken Colsen
Gillian Gorey
Lindy
Jo Cooper
Raelene Mottram
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On the day very special thanks to:
Romsey Lancefield Lions Club for assisting with set up and pack up
Noel Shaw for assisting with Art & craft hall set up
MRSC stage support team
Romsey Police
Romsey CFA

For our MC's thank you for your fantastic assistance in such trying weather conditions.
Annie Phelan, Don Gray and Bill Badger and the supporting Councillors Joan Donovan, Henry McLaughlin and Jo Morobito.
Thank you to our special guest panel member and chief prize drawer, Joanne Duncan MP. Gifts provided with complements of Glen Erin Winery & conference Group, Soltan Pepper and IGA Supermarket Romsey.
Also, to Kyle Cappler and Philip Durston many thanks for making yourself available for the MCing of the Demonstration stage, gifts sponsored by IGA supermarket and Soltan Pepper

Many Thanks also to the supporting organizations and participants for the Romsey Street Festival including the following community organisations:

Romsey Community House
Romsey Primary Parent Club
Romsey CFA
Lancefield Scouts
Romsey CWA
Romsey Red Cross Unit
Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge RRBATA
Romsey Junior Football Club
Romsey Senior Football Club
Newspaper House
Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society
Relay for Life
Romsey Indoor Art & Craft Market
Romsey Kindergarten
Romsey Uniting Church
Romsey Anglican Church
Romsey Lancefield RSL

Apologies for any individuals or organizations missed
Thank you all for helping to make this a fantastic event !

Romsey Festival 2009 Winners

Our generous sponsors donated goods and services for prizes and gifts for the Romsey Festival.
Thank you

Raffle Prizes:
Mitre 10 Toolbox—Mad Dog
Romsey Newsagency Beanie Kid Pack—Kate
Macedon Ranges Meat Specialists—Meat Pack - Eileen
Soltan Pepper— Buy one get 1 free for a month Lunch - J. Brown, Tracey Kay
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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB CHARITY DAY

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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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Happy New Year to all! If you are looking for a new interest this year, come and join us- there is something for everyone!

Coming events:

The February meeting of the Society will be held at the Lancefield Courthouse at 7.30pm on February 23rd.

The guest speaker will be Graeme Wanden – Pharmacist.

His topic will be “35 years as a drug Pusher”.

Graeme was the pharmacist in Romsey for 35 years, and has many interesting and amusing stories to tell.

Graeme's chemist shop is now the Laundromat in Romsey, next to Habib's supermarket, (formerly McAliecs's) which was the only grocery store in town. In those days the Post Office (now the Romsey Community House and part of the Hub) was on the opposite side of the main road, so an important part of the Romsey shopping precinct was located in that end of town. The doctor's rooms were located further south along the main street, at a private residence (before the medical centre was opened).

The Executive for 2010 is:

Wendy McDonald – President
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Jim Hall – Treasurer
Maurenn Meyer – Research Officer
John Clement – Cottage Coordinator

Deva Weitman – Vice President
Shirley Kishere – Secretary
Robyn Miller – Archivist
Jim Hall – Courthouse Coordinator

In 2010 our community will be recognising a few milestones:

In April we will be supporting the RSL's celebrations of the 95th anniversary of Gallipoli, and also the new RSL room at the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

May 1st is the 150th birthday of the gazetting of Lancefield as a town.

August 23rd is the 150th anniversary of Burke & Wills passing through the old shire.

October 30th is the 140th anniversary of the opening of Christ Church in Lancefield.

Our LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION is stored at Lancefield Courthouse. Contact Archivist Robyn Miller on 0418 172 659 if you need assistance or would like to get involved.

HISTORIC SEYMOUR COTTAGE is located in Palmer Street, Romsey, and has regular working bees and open days. If you would like to help out at Seymour Cottage contact Jean Clement on 5429 6522.

We hope we might see some new faces this year at some of our events. For further information contact secretary Shirley Kishere on 0402 248 540.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield

6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

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

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2010

Parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (Grade 3) or Confirmation (Grade 6) in 2010 are asked to contact the Parish Secretary on 54292130. As the program is commencing very early in Term 1 2010, you are asked to indicate your intentions as soon as possible. There is a Sacramental meeting on **Thursday 18th February at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church at Lancefield. All children are required to attend this meeting with their parents. This will be the final date to enrol in St. Mary's Sacramental program.**

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening

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\$3.00 per 15 game book No entry fee

Canteen facilities Free tea and coffee

OUTER METRO NORWEST AREA

(Reprinted in part from the December issue of the Rag).

Fire restrictions are now in place.

If residents need information on how to prepare and what to do in the event of a fire, the CFA website, www.cfa.vic.gov.au is a great resource. It includes the *FireReady Kit*, a new resource to help residents prepare their bushfire survival plan and the *Household Bushfire Self assessment tool*, a new tool that takes residents through a number of steps to assess the defendability of their home.

Residents can also call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667** for bushfire planning advice or attend one of many CFA bushfire meetings scheduled in their local area.

Fire Restrictions: the details

- Under a fire restrictions regime, a permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth or weeds. This permit is issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.
- Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth, however, do

not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces, within limits of wind speed and clearance perimeter, and are to be supervised all times.

All burn-offs should be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line on **1800 668 511**.

Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of up to \$5,500 or 12 months imprisonment.

The *Can I or Can't I?* brochure, also available from the CFA website, details the fire restrictions regime, including the differences between fire restrictions and Total Fire Ban days.

CFA's *On the Land: Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines* provides practical fire management advice for people living and working on rural properties and is particularly useful to those new to farming. To view and/or download the guidelines, go to **www.cfa.vic.gov.au**.



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Noel Shaw Honoured On Australia Day

Well-known Romsey resident Noel Shaw was named Macedon Ranges Council's Citizen of the Year in a recent ceremony at Kyneton Town Hall. Noel has made an outstanding contribution to the local community as a volunteer with many organisations, including the Romsey Uniting Church, Meals-on-Wheels, and for more than 30 years with the Committee of Management of the Romsey Mechanics Hall as secretary. While Noel recognises that volunteering is not for everyone, he would recommend it for anyone who has some spare time and a willingness to give it a go. Noel is justifiably proud of the contribution he has made in helping to maintain and upgrade the Mechanics Hall, and despite his recent decision to step down from the Committee of Management, he plans to remain involved in community activities. Noel's father was awarded the same recognition 22 years ago, so this award carries an extra special meaning for Noel.

The editorial team at the Rag would like to congratulate Noel Shaw on this outstanding accolade.

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Christmas in Romsey 2009

As you are aware, RRBATA re-initiated some Christmas cheer in Romsey in 2009 after a "Christmas void" the previous year. The **Christmas flags** were enthusiastically displayed by our local businesses and looked great around town. The **RRBATA Christmas tree** displayed at the Community Hub was a lovely sight to behold, especially when lit-up at night for passers-by.



The **Christmas Light competition** was judged by Crs. Joan Donovan and Henry McLaughlin with certificates delivered to the winners by RRBATA on Christmas Eve. Many thanks to IGA and Cuttings Culinary and Botanica for their support with donated prizes. The winners- as announced on Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au) - were as follows:

Best Decorated House

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|-----------------|---|--|
| 1 st | - | 27 Coleraine Drive |
| 2 nd | - | North Corner of main Road and Robb Drive |
| 3 rd | - | (Equal) 7 Acacia Court and 8 Dray Close |

Best Theme - Barry Street (opposite Couzens Lane)

Best Illuminated Window

Romsey Wallan Road (opposite Station Street)



Photographs – kindly provided by Cr. Henry McLaughlin - of some of Romsey's Christmas lights can be seen by logging on to Romsey Online. RRBATA anticipates the Christmas Light Competition to be even bigger and better in 2010 – perhaps we could have a "battle of the streets" category?

Website Traffic Report

As previously reported, RRBATA receives weekly traffic reports regarding the community website, Romsey Online (www.romsey.org.au). The latest report – for the week ending 17/01/10 registered 4500 hits which continues to be very pleasing.

Don't Forget - Keep Feeding The Website!

As reported above, Romsey Online (the Romsey website, www.romsey.org.au), keeps ticking along. New listings are being received and the community is gradually being conditioned to feeding information about Events and News. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au. Don't forget that you can register your business or community group on-line!

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries: Jenny Stillman (President) Phone: 0412 349849
Email: jstillman@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Meeting:

Monday 15th March 2009 at 7.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
All Welcome

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month. Probus is a mixed club for men and women. There is a guest speaker at each meeting. We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon). Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our first meeting in 2010 will be on Thursday, February 25th at 10am

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE



Here Comes 2010 – Happy New Year from RRBATA

Another year has begun – February is already upon us. Romsey comes alive again as people return to work - either locally or as commuters –with schools and our kindergarten also resuming operation.

As indicated in the December Romsey Rag, RRBATA has an exciting year lined up with consolidation of last year's activities including

- Romsey Online
- Development of partnerships with other local organisations
- Ongoing dialogue with MRSC including development of a strategic plan for RRBATA
- Information dissemination to our members
- Promotion of Romsey especially its place within the Macedon Ranges).

In addition, some new initiatives – promotion of the Shop Local campaign, RRBATA member newsletter, feature events for members, local business awards etc – will ensure a rewarding although busy year!

Romsey Festival Roundup

RRBATA was represented at the inaugural Romsey Street Festival with a presence in the community march and a stall next to the main stage. Despite the sometimes inclement weather, our covered display featured a rolling slide show of Romsey businesses and events as well as the sale of Romsey calendars (presented beautifully by Natasha Dzuinka – Once Upon A Memory) and our fabulous Romsey bags. Many thanks to Ged McLaughlin, Wendie McLaughlin, Carl Dzuinka, Natasha Dzuinka, Jenny Stillman, Hugh Webb Ware and Angus Webb Ware for assisting at the RRBATA stall.

The CFA Torchlight Parade in the evening was a fitting end to a big day in Romsey.

Events such as this type of community festival are great for our town. The local people seemed to appreciate having something to come out for as was evidenced by the strong attendance despite the poor weather. Whether it is a community street festival, mud racing, rodeo or something themed to the arts, Romsey needs to continue to be brave and host such events for the benefit of both its local citizens and visitors to our area.



Australian Red Cross

On behalf of the Romsey Red Cross Unit I wish to thank the community for their contribution to and support for the Samoa Tsunami Appeal. It was a great success and all money raised went to Samoa. There were two prizes in the raffle – the quilt was won by Mrs French and the doll was won by Mrs Muddyman.

Our first meeting for the year will be at the Romsey Hub on Tuesday February 9th at 1.30pm. New members will be most welcome.
Best wishes for a healthy, happy new year.

Isobel Hood

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Pilates - Intermediate

Mondays 2.00 - 3.00pm. Commencing February 1st.
7 week Term \$84.00 For all bookings & enquiries phone April on 0427 150 976. Beginners classes also available.

Yoga

Yoga with Kym Oliver. Wednesdays 7.00 – 8.30pm. Cost \$140 (Per 10 week Term). Casual rate \$18/ session. Bookings and enquiries phone Kym Oliver ph: 5429 2134

Meditation

A weekly 1 hour session at \$10 per week. Commencing Term 1 2010. Bookings essential as minimum number's apply. Ph: 5429 6724.

Walk Together Program:

Tuesdays 9.30am. Meet at the Lions park, near the creek.

Person Centred Counselling Course

Are you thinking of a counselling career or perhaps you are a volunteer who works in a community group, then this 6 week course is designed for you. Sam Luxemburg a qualified psychologist, has worked as a counsellor for 25 years and is passionate about training for counselling. Sam believes "everyone can be a better communicator". Course commences Feb 2010. Bookings essential as minimum numbers apply. Contact Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Social & Creative Activities

Over 50's Information and Activity Group

Held on the last Friday of each month, this group is designed to bring people together in an informal and fun environment. Bookings required by 24/2/2010 for catering purposes. Phone Romsey Community House: 5429 6724 26th Feb - Light lunch & general get together to discuss ideas for this years guest speakers. 12noon - 2pm. Cost \$5.00 per person

Art Classes

Bookings are now being taken for the following art classes to be held on Thursdays.
4pm - 5pm Children 6-12yo Cost \$15. 5pm - 6.30pm Teenagers 13-18yo Cost \$20.
All material supplied. Expressions of Interest are also being taken for adult evening classes. Ph: Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Experienced VCE teacher and State exam assessor in both Art & Studio Arts, available for Exam tutoring and Folio preparation.

Parent Buddies Program

Participants and volunteers needed to support this fantastic program providing parental support for families with children 0-6years. Managed by Cobaw Community Health Services coordinator, volunteers are match with families wanting some extra personal support and to help them learn what is available within their community. All volunteers require a Working with Children Check. Training for volunteers is provided and confidentiality agreements are essential. Anyone interested in the program as a participant or volunteer, please contact Sue Wilson on ph: 5421 1666 or mobile: 0448 545 974 email susan.wilson@cobaw.vic.gov.au

Craft Group:

Meets every Thursday 10.30am. Gold coin donation.
The craft group will be starting up again on Thursday February 4th. We are an enthusiastic group of women who meet each week, who practise a variety of different crafts (quilting, card making, knitting, smocking and embroidery - the list goes on). If you have something that is half done, or something that you have always wanted to learn, bring it along, sit, have a cuppa and a chat. We run on Thursdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm, but are willing to take expressions of interest for other days. A gold coin donation is all it costs.

Drop in for a Cuppa: Any week day 9.30am—5.00pm. Gold coin donation. All welcome

Cooking Classes

Healthy Meals on A Budget

A 3 hour course, 10am—1pm, Thursday 18th March 2010 Cost \$20. Bookings essential as minimum numbers apply. Phone: 5429 6724 for further information. Alternate date: Thursday 25th March, 2010.

Cooking Desserts

Learn to cook simple family desserts, made easy with Judy. 10am—1pm. Thursday 11 March 2010. Cost \$10 Bookings essential. Maximum 6. Phone: 5429 6724

Learn to Cook

The cooking class with a difference - Whether it be a healthy meal, a quick 'n' easy meal or something else. You let us know what you would like to learn and then we'll set up a program to suit! All enquiries to Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Education & Technology

Certificate Courses

Construction Induction—formerly Red Card

Mandatory for anyone working on a building or construction site. Week-day session in February 2010. Bookings Essential. Minimum numbers apply. Cost \$150 Phone: Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Various courses running throughout the year.

Food Hygiene Supervisor's course - March 2010

Level 2 First Aid—April 2010

Barista Course—Expressions of Interest being taken.

Certificate Courses (Non-accredited training):

Quickbooks Basics

Need business book keeping skills in Quickbooks. Basic course 12hours, 6 Weeks, Wednesdays 17th February— 24th March 2010 6.30pm—8.30pm. Bookings Essential, Minimum Numbers apply. Cost \$160 no concession. N.B. Payroll covered in Quickbooks advanced, Term 2.

Learn to Use the Internet

2hr session \$20. Daytime and Night time sessions available. Feb and March 2010. Bookings essential. Phone: Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

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Seniors Computer Classes

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics. Computer terminology, file management, word processing in Microsoft Office Word 2007, internet, email basics and more. This is a 7 week course costing \$120. Tuesdays 9/3/2010 - 23/4/2010. 1 - 3pm. Bookings essential. (No concessions). Minimum numbers required. Phone Romsey Community House on 5429 6724

Computer Basics 2

Pre-requisite Computer Basics 1 or some experience

Thank you

The Romsey Community House would like to thank the following local businesses for their support and donations towards our seniors Xmas party.

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ROMSEY PRODUCE MARKET

Saturday March 13

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