

Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

The Relay for Life was an enjoyable successful event. The Romsey Birdies raised over, \$4,500.00 our highest total yet, and have plans for next year. We were joined late in the lead up to the day by some ladies—a couple of the good fairies most of us didn't get to meet as they wanted to "do" a couple of hours in the night. We were shocked when we saw our roster and had very little space for us regulars in the night, but soon worked out we could go home to sleep while our baton was still going around the park. Thanks to the visitors we had at tea time we came second in the trivia competition. Thanks also to Laurie and Ron who came to the park early Saturday morning and helped erect the day tent. Ron remarked it looked sad next to the other shelters but it was ideal for us and we are happy to shelter in our tent.

Results

February 16th Stroke Lorraine 108-40-68 won on a count back.

Feb. 23rd Lorraine 34 Stableford points had another win again on a count back.

Mach 2nd we played stroke and Monthly Medal with Leila 110-37-73 winning. The weather was fine and sunny a great day for golf. On this day we welcomed Denise who is joining our club as an affiliate member (her home club is Bacchus Marsh West). She enjoyed her first round with us but commented the course is not easy. (Which course is easy?)

9th March with Jan and Lorraine away at Trentham playing in their Captain & President Day, 6 ladies at home played Stableford. The weather was warm and humid with drizzle and one heavier shower. Kath (34) won the day with the great score of 40pts. Just shows how good the condition of the course is if we can score that well in the wet. Thanks to the men who are continually mowing and trying to keep up with the grass growth. Jan & Lorraine combined well playing Canadian and weren't far off being winners.

Thursday 10th March Lorraine and I travelled to Woodend to play in the Ruby McKenzie Salver. Thankfully we were playing Stableford as the course was wet and pushing the buggies hard work through the loose grass on the fairways, and their pulley wasn't working. The hills are definitely getting steeper. Needless to say we weren't winners. Monday 14th March the third day of the Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament was played at Romsey. Leila wasn't able to volunteer at the Australian Open but was available to help out on this day and marshalled for the 4 girls playing. She enjoyed watching their natural ability and how they approached the game. Their golf swings were awesome. They thanked Leila for her help as finding their way around would have been a challenge.

Anyone interested in joining us on a Wednesday is most welcome. We hit off at 9.30 so come to the clubrooms and meet us about 9am.

NIGHT GOLF see flier in the Rag - APRIL 8th

Recipe for this month

Bavarian Mint Pie

Crust

1 cup choc chips

1 tablespoon copha

1½ cups walnuts chopped

Line a 9 inch pie pan. Melt choc chips with copha, add nuts and spread on bottom and sides of pie pan. Chill until firm

Filling

8ozs marshmallows

¾ cup milk

¼ teaspoon peppermint essence

Few drops green colouring

1 cup cream

Melt marshmallows and milk over hot water and then cool completely

Add peppermint essence and green colouring.

Whip cream until stiff and fold into marshmallow mixture

Spoon into pie shell and chill until firm.

Beryl Cole

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ANZAC DAY

In almost every town throughout Australia, communities will again come together on April 25th, Anzac Day, to reflect on the human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice.

ANZAC Day was established on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was the start of a campaign that lasted eight months, resulting in the death of 8,700 soldiers and 25,000 Australian casualties.

The men who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend. The ideals of courage, endurance and mateship are still relevant today and the spirit of ANZAC is integral to our identity as a nation.

The ANZAC dawn service was originally very simple and mostly restricted to veterans only. Now more and more people are attending the dawn services around the country, including families and more young people who are encouraged to take part, and each year the crowds grow larger.

If you haven't been to the dawn service at Mt Macedon I would urge you to make the effort. It is a moving service that you will never forget.

We must not forget the enormous contribution that war veterans have made to our way of life. Let's take the time this Anzac Day to honour those fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters who served, and continue to serve our great country.

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ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB NEWS

As the 2010/11 cricket season draws to a close, the Romsey Cricket Club would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the season. In particular thank you to everyone who came along and supported PINK STUMPS DAY on February 19th. A huge crowd of cricketers, families, supporters and friends had a fantastic day and night raising money for the Jane McGrath Foundation. In keeping with the Romsey Cricket Club's on-going commitment to raise awareness for community health issues, the club is thrilled to announce that a total of \$1,450.78 was raised for this worthy cause. In conjunction with our annual Ladies Day, cricketers wore pink gear, a 10 ball over Father/Son Big Bash was contested (with over 60 players participating), Milo cricket rapid fire, a jumping castle, face painting and a BBQ were enjoyed by everybody.

President Michael Richardson would like to thank his hard working committee for all their organising efforts. The committee includes Mick Burkett, Len Devlin, Tim McCarthy, Al Lever, Nigel Frost, Justin Paterson and Aaron Ryan. A huge thank you is extended to Kim Burkett, Linda Green, Ash Davies, Damian Devlin, Helen Barrow, Lever family, Frost family, Richardson family, Heather Ingleton, Tahlia Rosta, Julia Reid, Jo Carroll and Paul Pinder for all their help. Thank you to Roma Clement for making the beautiful flower arrangements. Special thanks must go to Justin Paterson and Erin, Bree and Shaannie at Sapphire Hair Design in Romsey for their wonderful commitment and support of PINK STUMPS DAY.

On the field, Romsey Cricket Club has a number of teams contesting finals matches and we wish them success. On Saturday Feb 26th our one day team, led by captain Matt Sharp won the premiership in a rain affected final at Romsey. The team consisting of: Nigel Frost, John Toleman, Steve Smales, Tony O'Dwyer, Heath Boswell, Jason Reid, Gary Goodhall, Scott Millard, Lachie Skinner, Hayden McLean and Mick Squire had a fantastic season and thoroughly deserved their win.

After a season undefeated, one of the Under 12 sides has won the premiership. Coached by Nigel Frost, the players: David Smales, Matthew Milne, Michael Carroll, Adam Frost, Keith Traill, Tyson Lever, Connor Lever, Thomas Johnston, Matthew Doherty, Caitlin Paterson, Daniel Paterson, Matthew Hoy, Mitchell Adamson and Phillip Durston are to be congratulated on this achievement.

Romsey Cricket Club is proud of the way all of our junior and senior teams conduct themselves on the field in always striving to play hard and fair. As the home and away games have finished and finals being contested, the club would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends who have helped umpire, score and assist the teams this season.

Coming up are Junior and Senior presentation nights on Friday night March 25th and April 1st respectively, stay tuned for more details. We look forward to seeing everybody there to celebrate team and player achievements and to reflect on another great cricket season.

For any information please contact President Michael Richardson ph 0437240655



Join Squash Now

Why not have a go at Squash? It's a great way to meet people and to get fit.

There are new competitions starting after the April School Holidays in Romsey so why not contact Bill Hutcheson on 5348 7972 to arrange a free hit.

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Newham Harvest Festival Saturday April 9

From time to time, many of us become occupied with thoughts of trading our busy lifestyles for something more simple and sustainable. But where to start?

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And next month they will showcase a range of skills which are not only good for one's lifestyle, they are also good for the environment.

The one day event "Harvest Festival", to be held on Saturday April 9, 9.00am – 4pm, is a follow up to the highly successful sustainability conference and workshop, held in the community last year and which won the Community Event of the year at the MRSC Australia Day Awards.

This year's event will have an emphasis on food production and harvesting, and will be a broad range of practical demonstrations including beekeeping and honey production; wine & beer production, bread making; cheese making; fermented food for health, preserving and storing food and pasta making for kids.

TV presenter and local garden guru, Stephen Ryan will be on hand to open the festival & the community orchard (& mosaics) at the rear of the Mechanics Hall. Then he will host a Q & A session on gardening issues in the Hall proper.

The workshops will be held at the Newham Mechanics Institute Hall & the Newham Primary School, Rochford Road, Newham on Saturday April 9th from 9.00am – 4pm.

A BBQ lunch will be provided for a small price or you can buy food at the primary school café or at the Newham general store.

Even though the event is free you need to book so we know numbers for workshops/activities.

The first 100 families who book get a special Festival Bag including seed box.

For further information about the event and to book a workshop, contact Fran on 54270661, Sue on 54270065, Marty 54270900 or rsvp@newham.vic.au

This event is supported by the Newham Community Planning Group, the Newham Landcare Group & Newham Primary School, Newham Mechanics Institute and our MRSC three ward councillors Joan Donovan, Henry McLaughlin, Joe Morabito.



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"Live Free" Op Shop Opens In Romsey

Jan and Rob Lane, long time local residents of Lancefield have had a calling upon their lives to open a live in healing centre outside Lancefield to females who have long term emotional problems or life controlling issues due to past traumas in their lives. The program called, "Live Free," part of Teen Challenge International has qualified counsellors working from a Christian basis. The residents live in a house environment for up to 12 to 18 months while they are in the program. This program has a very high success rate of mending broken lives and placing the residents back into independent living and working environments in our society, and being fully functioning and positive people. There is a parallel program for men in Kyabram and we are looking forward to having a Women's Program in Victoria also.

Jan is a well experienced and qualified counsellor who has been working in this field for over a decade, both locally and in Melbourne. Rob is one of Romsey's local paramedics and has been in the district for the last 6 years. With their three girls now left home, it's time for their next phase of life to begin.

They would like to invite you along to see their "One Stop Op Shop" right in the middle of the Romsey town, next to the Romsey Hotel. This old garage has been turned into an Op Shop full of modern clothes, jewellery, toys, books, CD's, bric a brac, and more is being added weekly. This shop will help fund the residential accommodation for the women. This is a non profit organisation. All donations of clothes etc are welcome during opening hours Monday to Saturday 10 – 4pm.

We wish them all the success in their endeavours to help mend shattered lives. So do come along to the shop, you'll see one or both of them there helping the volunteers in the shop.

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Kyneton District Health Service Review

We would like to invite you to participate in a working party to develop the 2010/2011 Quality of Care Report for Kyneton District Health Service. This report is based on Department of Health guidelines, and describes the safety and quality of our programs and services. Having the assistance of members of the community when writing the report will help us to ensure that the content is understandable and interesting.

Meetings of the working party will be held during business hours. We will have 2 or 3 familiarisation meetings between now and the end of June 2011, then between July and October 2011, the frequency of meetings will be increased to at least fortnightly, and possibly weekly for a short while, in order to decide what to include, collect the information, design the report, and put it all together.

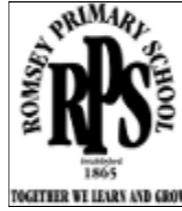
Please contact Isabelle Hatcher on 5422 9937, or email ihatcher@kynetonhealth.org.au if you are interested in participating in this working party."

Romsey Primary School News



World's Greatest Shave

We are very proud of brothers Matthew and Cooper Doherty who supported a fellow student Matthew who is battling leukaemia. The two Matthews are buddies and from this relationship the year 6 Matthew decided to shave his hair to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Soon his brother joined him and the Student Council decided to make it their first fund raiser event for the year, by holding a Crazy Hair Day. We had a lot of creative hair styles, everyone had fun and we raised a lot of money. Overall Shave Day was a huge success with Matthew, Cooper and the school raising over \$1100 for leukaemia research.



School Captains for 2011

We are happy to announce our School Captains for 2011. They are Tilyana Bryant and Ashe Smith, They attended the Young Leaders Conference and were inspired by the speakers they heard. Tilyana said she was "looking forward to the challenges that being a school captain will bring, and will endeavour to be a good role model at Romsey Primary School". In addressing the school assembly Ashe said, "One of my main goals this year is to practise the school value of inclusiveness by looking for opportunities where everyone can have a go, feel included and enjoy themselves. I am aiming to be a school captain that is approachable, trustworthy and respectful." We wish them all the best in this responsibility.



Focusing on Improving Reading



Implementing a consistent approach to teaching reading is a priority for Romsey Primary School this year. Teachers will undertake targeted professional learning during staff and weekly team meetings. All students have been taught to select 'Just Right' books for their independent reading. This means the book interests them, they can read most of the words, can understand what they are reading and there are some challenging words which they can usually figure out. Each classroom has set up a class library so a range of texts are readily available. During independent reading students have a individual conference with their teacher and agree on a reading goals. These goals are recorded and revised at each conference, individualising their reading program.

Ambulance Victoria

As part of their studies on safety, Ambulance Victoria recently provided our year 6 students with some valuable life lessons. In this comprehensive session students learned about the services provided by Ambulance Victoria, how to do CPR, some basic emergency first aid and how to ring 000 in an emergency. They were also given the opportunity to practise the skills they were taught.



Improving Communication between Parents and the School

This year we are trying to keep families better informed about the classroom programs and have held information evenings for each year level. These have been well attended and have given teachers a chance to give detailed information about the curriculum, expectations and special programs. Additionally families have a better opportunity to know their child's teacher and to be better informed about the school's program. We are also establishing Class Parent Representatives. We see this as an initiative to help with the smooth running of the school. The parent representatives' role includes acting as a contact person for the class

teacher, encouraging social links between parents, exploring ways of enriching school life by volunteering to help with school initiatives and school events, acting as an ambassador and supporting the classroom teacher with special days and events.

School Uniform

Our new uniform policy has been a huge success. Wherever you are in the school everyone looks fantastic. This policy engenders a sense of pride and belonging amongst Romsey Primary School students and maintains and enhances the positive image of the school in the community. As the cooler weather approaches students will have the opportunity to wear the new black polar fleece vests and the girls will be able to wear the check pinafore.

The Daily Timetable

This year we have moved lunch time to a later part of the day starting it at 1:30pm. This gives the teachers two "two hour" blocks increasing their flexibility and allowing a greater emphasis on literacy and numeracy. The literacy block has always been 2 hours and numeracy traditionally one hour. Research indicates when students have more time on task their learning outcomes improve. With the additional two hour block teacher can have much longer teaching session for numeracy. Student and teachers have reported they are enjoying the change to the lunch break and students are more focused.

Romsey Uniting Church

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Special Sci-Fi Service at 4pm on April 10th

Worshipping God in the company of the Doctor, Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Harry Potter!

Impressed with the way the Doctor, Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Harry Potter live out Jesus' teaching, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"?

Intrigued by the themes of mercy, forgiveness and redemption in *Lord of the Rings*, *Star Wars* and the television series *Angel*?

Inspired to do good and resist evil by the example of Peter Parker, the crew of *Serenity* and the Winchester brothers?

Then come to a sci-fi and fantasy-friendly church service to be held at **Romsey Uniting Church on the 10th of April at 4 pm.**

When J. R. R. Tolkien, committed Catholic author of *The Lord of the Rings*, was asked why he wasted his time writing 'myths', he answered that he was a 'sub-creator' because he had been made in the image of God the Creator: "We make still by the law in which we're made". So let's enjoy all these 'sub-creations' and celebrate the themes of love, forgiveness, sacrifice and the defeat of evil by good that they demonstrate.

(You're welcome to come in a costume of your choice, but blasters, stakes and other weapons will have to be left at the church door. If you don't feel like dressing up too much, a suitably geeky t-shirt will do.)

Ten Dollars (Please note this was written in 1968)

This ten-dollar note has a history, and here it is in the collection-plate, Lord, offered at the altar.

Like all money, it is crystallised energy, the result of the giver's toil, it represents a part of their life, an hour, a morning, a day, according to his abilities.

And now it is offered to you, Lord, to be used to feed the starving, to buy the life-giving drug in the mission hospital, to teach the illiterate to read, to lead a soul on its way to heaven, crystallised energy directed by you for the salvation of men's bodies, minds and souls.

This ten-dollar bill has a very human history, Lord; it is a symbol of joy and sorrow.

It has filled the Christmas stocking of the infants squealing and squeaking with mirth... alleluia.

It has provided a new outfit for the teenager, making them feel way out, with it, and in... alleluia.

It has helped to buy the engagement ring ... alleluia.

It has put a deposit on the family furniture... alleluia.

It has paid the dentist and stopped the agony of the ab-scess... alleluia.

It has journeyed on from hand to hand, pocket to wallet, purse to till, bringing joy and gladness, laughter and fun.

Then, too, it has sidled down the streets of shame.

It has been part of the shady deal, the tip-off and the bribes, Lord forgive.

It has bought for an hour the body of another, Lord forgive.

It has helped to pay for the illegal operation, Lord forgive.

It has bought those last bottles which made the alcoholic, Lord forgive.

It has given the youth his book or record or prints on sleazy sex, Lord forgive.

Thank you, Lord, for the joy it has given; forgive, we pray, the harm it has done, and now we offer it to you to be transfigured.

As you will transfigure the bread and wine on your altar, so, Lord, transfigure this ten-dollar bill for the release of Divine energy for the salvation of all. Amen.

Going it with God by Ian Shevill. 1968.

Church Services during April 2011

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| 3 rd | 9am. | Worship Service conducted by Adele Mapperson. |
| 10 th | 9am. | Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones |
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| Good Friday April 22nd Liturgy | 9.00am | Romsey |
| | 10.30am | Christ Church Lancefield |
| Easter Saturday 23 rd April Newfire Service | 7.00pm | Christ Church Lancefield |
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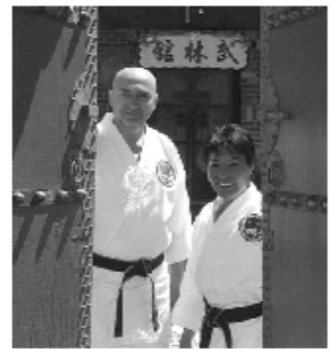
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Icecap Adventures

Polar adventurer, Linda Beilharz inspired and challenged the 220 women who shared an extraordinary evening at the International Women's Day dinner hosted by the Zonta Club of Kyneton on International Women's Day, 8 March.

Linda used the experiences of her two month trek to the North Pole to encourage her audience to take on new challenges, focus on the positive and trust in their own strengths. She acknowledged that not many will take on walking to the North Pole but pointed out that there are many ways to find fulfilment. Linda's parting message was "Not all who wander are lost". Olivia Jones, the recipient of the Zonta Club of Kyneton's Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2010, also spoke of her future plans and encouraged other young women to take on a role in the community.

The organisers were delighted to have so many local and district women come together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this important, internationally recognised day. Support by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council helped make the event accessible to a wide cross section of the community. A spokesperson said that the caterers, Monsieur Pierre, provided a delicious meal and this certainly contributed to the success of the evening. Hospitality students from local colleges once again ably assisted the caterers with table service.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton was pleased to announce that the proceeds of the raffle would be used to support Women's Health Loddon Mallee and Zonta International Service projects.

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By Marilyn Hunter – Senior Pastor Living Word Christian Church

You Are of Value

A mother gathered everyone around her and held up a \$20 bill. She asked, "How many of you would like this?" And of course, everyone raised their hand. She then asked, "Why would you want it?" And everyone responded saying, because it's money!

The mother then asked, "What if I step on it, would you still want it?" Everyone answered in unison, "Yes!"

She then said, "What if I crumple it up? Would you still want it?" Again everyone said "Yes!"

The mother asked, "What if it is all dirty? Would you still want it then?" And again everyone chorused, "Yes!"

She then went on to explain that our Heavenly Father feels the same about us as we do about that money. It doesn't matter if we are stepped on . . . dirty . . . or what happens to each of us . . . we are His children . . . and He knows each of us personally . . . and we have great worth to Him.

God's heart breaks for those that feel they have no worth or value and turn to drugs, addictions and other destructive measures . . . and in the end . . . they take their own life. If only people had constant reminders of their worth and value daily . . . then maybe such things would not be so abundant in the world we live in.

We all have trials. We all struggle from time to time. We all feel pressure. But during these times . . . it is nice to know that we are important . . . and needed.

Jesus died for YOU. Amazing love! Amazing grace!

Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to suffer an excruciating death in order to make a way to have relationship with Him. The Bible says *Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you* (John 15:13-14). This ultimate act of self sacrifice opens the way for us to find peace and love with our Heavenly Father through relationship with Jesus Christ.

This Easter spend some time contemplating the fact that **your worth** is great in the sight of God.

If you would like to learn more about God and His unconditional love for us feel free to join us at either of our Sunday Services, Midweek Life Groups, or contact us at our Church Office on 5429 6327 - we would be happy to be of assistance to you.

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A study reported by Global Business Camps shows that **88% of business failure was due to reasons within the control of the owners or directors.** Most worrying, is that the number one reason reported is a lack of regular reporting and financial management. Have you ever wondered why larger businesses post “half yearly results”, “quarterly results” and “monthly results”? Does it really matter to anyone? Who uses these “results”? Many small business owners only get their results to keep the tax man happy – sometimes up to nine months after the end of the financial year. Effectively, the information being reviewed can be up to twenty one months old. So what does all this mean and how does this impact on small business?

The underlying reason why successful businesses have regular reporting systems is to assist managers to operate a more efficient business and leaders to make more effective decisions. Posting regular results allows business owners and managers to review the performance of their business more often and make any necessary adjustments in a timely fashion. A 2% reduction in the Gross Profit Margin of a retail business can lead to a huge reduction in the cash position and net profit of the business over twelve months. However if this is detected in a more timely manner (whether it be monthly or quarterly) the business owners and managers can take immediate action to remedy this issue.

The review of businesses over many years shows that each and every business has both good and poor periods. The better businesses merely detect the poor periods

sooner and take quick decisive action. This means that their poor periods are shorter and their good periods are extended. There’s no genius in this – there’s just consistency and discipline from the business owners who commit to reviewing business performance regularly.

Many successful business owners only take a cursory view of the financial accounts prepared on a regular basis. Rather they look at the underlying Critical Drivers that impact business results. To reach this point the business owners must create and develop a rigorous and trustworthy financial reporting system – allowing them to view summary reports with confidence in the supporting information.

Creating these systems is not difficult and most accounting packages, when used correctly, can provide much of the information business owner’s desire. The key is to work out what information will assist the owners and managers in operating a successful business. It is generally worthwhile to contact your accountant or advisor to ensure that the information being provided by your accounting software is reliable and assists you in achieving your business objectives.

If you would like to further discuss your business performance and the reporting procedures currently used to make your business decisions you can contact Tim McCarthy at McMahon Osborne Group via email tim@mcmahonosborne.com.au or phone 03 9744 7144. Tim currently works with a range of small to medium businesses and their owners and can provide a one hour free needs assessment to identify how you can get more from your business.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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Pastoral Worker: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
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St. Mary's Primary: 5429 1359

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 Tuesday/Wednesday of each month

at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

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| Reconciliation | Tue 5 th April | 7.30pm Lancefield |
| **Stations of the Cross ** | Sun 10 th April | 3.00pm Lancefield |
| <i>Reflection and prayer afternoon</i> | | |
| Anointing Mass at Karinya | Wed 13 th April | 11.00am Karinya |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i> | 17 th April | 8.00am Lancefield 10.00am Romsey |
| Holy Thursday | 21 st April | 7.30pm Romsey |
| <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> | | |
| <i>Good Friday-</i> | | |
| <i>Ecumenical Way of the Cross</i> | 22 nd April | 10.30am St. Mary's Romsey |
| <i>Good Friday-Of the Lord's Passion</i> | | 3.00pm Romsey |
| Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday | 23 rd April | 7.00pm Lancefield |
| <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 24 th April | 8.00am Romsey |
| <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i> | | 10.00am Lancefield |

**Stations of the Cross: Our prayer and reflection will be based on the Stations of the Cross that were prayed during World Youth Day in Sydney 2009.

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Student Representative Council:

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as S.R.C members for 2011.

They are from the back row:

Alex Badger, Zoe Babicka, Hannah Brown, Luke Newnham, Giovanni Doria, Jessica Stirling, Jack Woodburn, Jessica Parker, William Phillips, Mia Ryan, Darcy Lockens, Emma Sheil, Oliver Plunkett and Jackson Holland-Cornish.



Parents and Friends Committee:

I'd like to welcome the following parents onto the P & F committee for 2011;

President: Kylie Sankey.

Secretary: Nicole Ryan.

Treasurer: Fiona Dowling and Martina Choate.

General Committee: Joanne Castles, Kylie Newnham, Melinda Giles, Shelley Knott, Hayley Binney, Jenny Smith Turner and Sophie Bannon. Our next meeting is on the 29th of March and is open to everyone to attend.

School Board:

The school Board had a meeting on Wednesday night and I'd like to thank the parents for their enthusiasm and commitment to the School. Our regional Principal consultant, Ms Jan Keogh took the Board through the process of recognising the many roles of the board as an advisory body. This is based on the constitution and the school vision which is available on the school website. The role therefore is to:

- Act as a forum for discussion
- Support the provision of catholic Education in our Parish.
- Promote the school within the community.

The Chairperson is Chris White.

The members are Trinton Smith, Rosalie Baldwin, Matthew Brundell, Shane Marr, Chris White, Tony Falls and Frank Doria, Fr George and Paul Rix.

"Toddler Workshop"

Behind Every Mighty Toddler is a Mighty Parent

Presented by CentaCare Family Education Services in partnership with Macedon Ranges Shire Council

WHEN: Monday 4th April, 2011

TIME: 9.15am—11.30am

WHERE: Woodend Neighbourhood House

FACILITATORS: Maree Jaekel & Narelle Williams

COST: No Cost

This workshop will give parents of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others.

We will discuss the developmental stage of toddlerhood and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family.

Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To register your attendance or for further information please contact Robyn Tickner (Maternal & Child Health) on 5422 0225.

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Haydn at Kyneton

We are delighted to announce the performance of Haydn's Creation at St Pauls Anglican Church, KYNETON on Sunday 10th April and at St Ambrose Church Hall, WOODEND on Sunday 17th April.

This is a first for the Gisborne Singers and we are very proud to be performing this famous work. Considered by Joseph Haydn himself as his most cherished work, it took over one and half years to complete.

As Haydn said, "I was never so devout as when I was at work on Creation. I fell on my knees each day and begged God to give me the strength to finish the work."

"The Creation" was first performed in Vienna in 1798 and this master-work was performed nearly 40 times in Vienna in Haydn's lifetime and has remained popular ever since. Haydn had intended that it be sung in English as well as German.

Musical Director—Stephen Brockman has assembled a professional orchestra and professional soloists for both performances. Soprano Catherine Pendelich, tenor Peter Mander and bass-baritone Manfred Pohlenz have sung with the Gisborne Singers in Handel's Messiah and other works and their return is eagerly awaited.

Tickets can be ordered from Liz on 5426 2467. Full price \$35 or concession \$30. Some seats may be available on the day at St Paul's Anglican Church, Yaldwyn St, Kyneton (10th April) and at St Ambrose Church Hall, Templeton St, Woodend (17th April)

Both performances commence at 3 pm.

The Mount Players

The Woman in Black must close 2 April. Don't miss what is regarded as one of the scariest ghost stories ever performed on stage.

Next month we are proud to present the timeless, multi award winning musical, *Hello Dolly*. Marg Cameron and Ray Kenny who directed the very popular and well received production of *Funny Girl*, team up again to delight audiences with this all time favourite musical. Enjoy the classic songs and dance as Dolly Levi plays matchmaker and ends up with a catch of her own. So put on your Sunday clothes and book your tickets before this show passes you by. Season Friday 13 May – Sat 4 June.

Tickets on line www.themountplayers.com or phone bookings 1300 463 224 Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm.

Like to get involved but not sure how? The Mount Players are always looking for actors, lighting and audio technicians, crew, handymen, seamstresses and front of house staff.

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Come and join the fun with our family friendly local community theatre company. For all enquiries, please contact our secretary : secmountplayers@hotmail.com

Ventou Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge and Fun Run

Bicycle riding and running are the fastest growing and most popular recreational sports in Australia today. On the 1st of May in the Macedon Ranges region, hundreds of bike riders and runners will be drawn to the Ventou Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge and Fun Run to have a great day and raise funds for charity.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a debilitating disease of the nervous system affecting an estimated 18,000 Australians. Four years ago the Rotary Club of Gisborne held the first Macedon Ranges MS Cycle Challenge to raise funds for the Club's MS Awareness project and for other community and charitable work conducted by club members. Since then, the event has become well known on the cycling calendar and has raised thousands of dollars, all of which has been poured back into worthwhile projects to benefit various communities.

This year, Rotary has teamed up with the Gisborne Running Club to include a 7 km fun run starting and finishing at New Gisborne. Cyclists will have three route options: 40km, 75 km and 130 km, with the ride taking in the iconic scenery of the Macedon Ranges from Gisborne to Daylesford and Kyneton, past Hanging Rock and over Mount Macedon, enabling participants to appreciate the splendour of the region.

Philip Kudnig, President of Gisborne Rotary Club, says the day is an ideal opportunity for locals and visitors alike to get fit and have fun while raising money for very worthy causes. "All administration costs are covered by sponsors or volunteers. Everything the club makes from riders and runners will find its way into local and international projects the club supports, such as the SES and CFA; the Bushfire, Drought and Flood Appeals; combating Malaria in PNG/Solomons/East Timor; and funding research to help find a cure for MS. These are just some of the valuable things we are doing to help people in need", he said.

The event's principal sponsor, Ventou Garment Technology, will have specially-made rider jerseys and running singlets made from high-tech material available for participants to purchase on the day as a memento of the event. Riders and runners can get more information and enter on-line at www.gisbornerotary.org.au. Entries are \$75 for riders and \$35 for runners, with early-bird rates of \$65 and \$30 up until 22 March. Early entries get a personalised professionally manufactured identification bib to wear on the day and take home as a keepsake.

For further information, please contact:

Barry Wills, event promotions officer - Rotary Club of Gisborne, Tel 0408 284 510.

Photo Opportunity:

Photos of last year's event are available from our photo library. Call the number above.

Photos of the organisers and riders can be arranged on part of the course.



ROMSEY KINDER NEWS

Term one - 2011

We have strong enrolments this year with high class numbers across the two units - 23 in 4yo Wattle, 22 in Blue, 16 in Red, 19 in 3yo Banksia and 19 in Jacaranda. The children have settled in well and are learning to co-operate with various dynamics and personalities in their rooms. It should be a fun year ahead! Parental involvement through kinder duty, smock washing has been greatly appreciated by staff in each unit.

Working bee - a buzzing success

Well done and thank-you to those Committee members and parents who generously gave up a Saturday morning in February to blitz the kinder yards. The season has been very kind to the garden- all needing a good cut-back and weeding having had so much rain! The families which helped commented that it was nice to 'do their bit for kinder' and get to know other families in the kinder circle. Fun was had by all on the day, especially the children!

Romsey 150 years celebrations - leave your mark

We are joining in Romsey's 150 year celebrations and paving the front yard with our own special pavers to help commemorate the occasion! Pavers are individually drawn on with names and pictures. We welcome participation from all kinder related families and local community businesses and families. Leave your mark in Romsey- if you would like an order form or more information please contact Michelle Leila 0448522863 or 54295144

CWA sew up smocks

Romsey CWA kindly offered to assist the Kindergarten with any sewing jobs, for example mending smocks & aprons, and also the children's fancy-dress clothing. Thank you Romsey CWA for your generous offer- we are very grateful.

Hotcross buns

It is nearly Easter. If you love your Hot Cross Buns we are running a Hot Cross Buns drive in conjunction with the Riddells Creek Bakery. If you know anyone at kinder- ask them to order some for you. They're delicious and only \$6 half dozen! Orders need to be in by Friday 25th March for pick up at kinder in the last week of Term 1.

Enrolments for 2012 now open

If you wish to enroll or know anyone who needs to enroll a child for kinder/pre-kinder in 2012, ensure you send a pre-enrolment form to TRY services. Enrolments have now opened. Please call in to kinder and pick-up an enrolment form.

New Seasonal Sensations

Step inside CUTTINGS this Autumn and be thrilled with the exciting new section of handbags, wallets, and accessories that are arriving daily! The new fashion accessories section of the shop is up and running, and is receiving an "incredible response from customers" says Jacquie Wilson, dedicated employee at CUTTINGS.

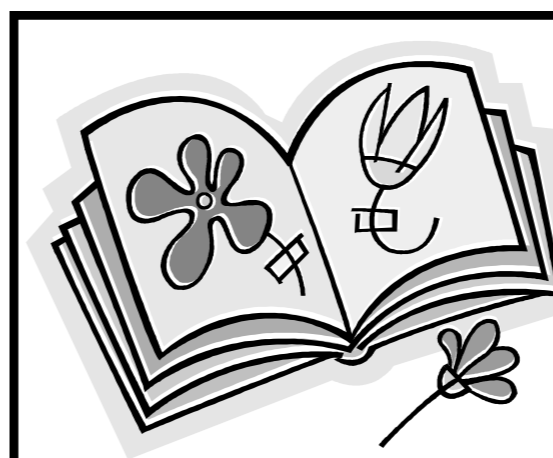
"The selection of handbags is just stunning and the variety of wallets is so unique and stylish. The quality and value is superb, and all complement a bigger than ever scarf selection. They all feature beautiful shades of russet, camel, sage, ochre and, of course black. We especially love these colours for winter," says Jacquie. "In addition, the jewellery range has also been expanded and complements all the other accessories beautifully."

Owner of the shop, Mollie Gedy, has an extensive background in the fashion industry, as well as home interiors, so it seems a natural extension to expand the business into fashion accessories. Mollie's interior design and merchandising background is certainly reflected in the new and improved layout of the store, with both classic comfort and contemporary chic reflected in the beautiful new seasonal selections. It is all merchandised weekly, with an incredibly creative attention to detail. The overall effect is welcoming, stunning and relaxing; the perfect environment in which to browse and indulge your senses to a real treat! In fact, customers make the trip to the shop regularly from the city, Bendigo, Daylesford, and as far as the Mornington Peninsula; all in order to enjoy "their favourite shop." The gentle ambience and ever changing visual delight experienced here is something on-line shopping will never be able to provide.

The new homewares ranges are exciting, stylish and durable, and supply all the cosiness and warmth we crave in our homes during the cooler months. As the weather grows cooler and the days shorter, we all spend more time indoors. Soft, plush throws and textured cushions can soften and fill any décor with the joy and warmth of true comfort. The new queen size bed quilt range is also now in stock, with several new designs this season. Changing the bed furnishings with a new quilt and cushions is a lovely way to add visual warmth to the bedroom. As always, these homeware and kitchen ranges provide a terrific selection of gifts for any occasion; wedding, anniversary or birthday. With Mother's Day arriving next month, now is the perfect time to select that special gift for Mum! Gift wrapping is, of course, complimentary.

The garden section of the shop moves indoors for winter and features several new doormat designs, alongside some very stylish gumboots. Gumboots on the front porch and scarves draped over hallway hooks are a very "Macedon Ranges" way to herald the changing season, indeed.

CUTTINGS is located at 120 Main St. Romsey and is open 7 days a week. Lay by is welcome. Ph 03 5429 3636. Enjoy!



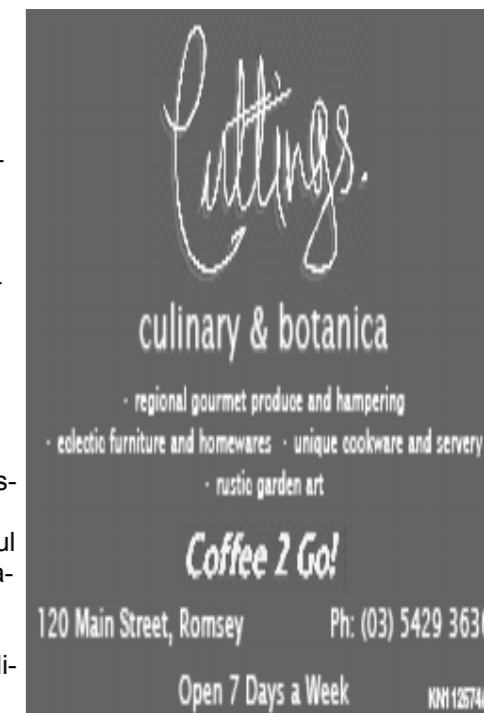
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\$1 million target for cancer event

Organisers of the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life say the event is on track to achieve \$1 million for the Cancer Council next year.

Although the final fundraising tally for the 2011 Relay will not be known until next month, it is expected to be around \$70,000. This would bring the overall amount raised since the Lancefield event started in 2003 to almost \$870,000.

And while the highest amount raised in one year was \$119,046, it is hoped the 10th anniversary milestone will help drive efforts beyond the 2009 fundraising record. All proceeds are spent by the Cancer Council on research, education, and advocacy and support services.

A highlight of this year's relay was the presentation of the Spirit of the Relay award to Romsey resident and event volunteer, Don Gray. Highest fundraisers were Team Cutajar, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Milky Bar Kids. The committee is inspired by the success of this year's event, which was held amid glorious autumn conditions and attracted 29 teams. The most recent event results are particularly significant given the widespread fundraising appeals for other causes such as natural disaster survivors.

A newcomer to the event was Cobaw Community Health, which entered a team and hosted a health information tent. Other features were the Candlelight Ceremony with event patron Annie Phelan and the Women of Note choir, the release of white tribute balloons on Sunday morning, and a symbolic display of purple flags recognising the 196 cancer cases diagnosed in the Macedon Ranges Shire over the past 12 months.

Committee Chairmanager Ken Wiltshire encouraged local residents, particularly youths, to become involved in the organisation of the 2012 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life. He said extra help would enable the health education component of the weekend to grow as well as step up efforts to obtain additional sponsorship and team registrations.

Next year's event is on March 3 & 4. For details about entering a team, joining the committee or volunteering before or during the Relay contact Melissa on 0438 831 427 or Nadine 0439 399 838.

Donations can still be made online towards this year's Lancefield tally at www.relayforlife.org.au until April 11.



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+ **Romsey Branch** **Australian Red Cross**

Romsey Red Cross meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street) at 1.30pm.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Victorian Flood Appeal, and also to Red Cross calling all donations are greatly appreciated.

Once again if you would like to join Red Cross, please consider doing so.

Any queries please contact:
Julie Reynolds PH: 54293161 MOB: 0417521761.



Romsey150th Birthday Tree Illumination Family Night



Kind weather was conducive to a very large crowd of all ages being at the Lions Reserve (skate park) on Friday 25th February to await the "turning on of the big tree lights". Children were entertained with face painting, games, bubble blowing and balloon art from Fusion Youth Services. The Romsey Community Bank board and staff members served up a free sausage sizzle, whilst the bank piggy handed out balloons to the crowd.

The skateboard competition drew plenty of onlookers with plenty of skilful action on display. Greater Romsey All Abilities Park (GRAAP) Inc sold glow lights and fairy floss, whilst the Netball Club sold refreshments. The Romsey Scouts were also in attendance to answer enquiries about the wonderful world of scouting.

The Romsey Idol Talent Quest demonstrated some keen young talent on the big stage, with Rachel from GRAAP and James from the Community Bank as judges. The crowd sang Happy Birthday to Romsey as the cake was cut by Abbie Quigley, the winner of the free raffle to cut the cake prepared by Romsey Bakery. At around 8.45pm, the lights were turned on by Benny Dyer (RRBATA) and Milos Staric (electrician). The crowd waited patiently as the lights warmed up to beautifully illuminate the magnificent eucalypt. This was a great night in town, with the permanent tree illumination being a gift from RRBATA to Romsey on the occasion of the 150th birthday.



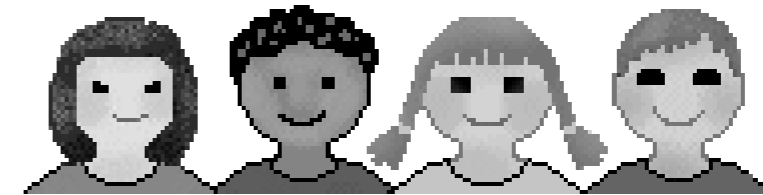
Romsey 150th Birthday Weekend Acknowledgements

RRBATA wishes to thank the following valuable supporters of the Romsey 150th Birthday celebrations:

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Hollywell Cottages
Nick Walsh
Tom Reynolds
Cope Williams Winery
Romsey Cricket Club
Pie'ce De R'esistance Quality Cakes
Romsey Scouts
GRAAP Inc.
The Romsey Mechanics Institute
Black Range Business Group
Louise Noel
Anthony Quigley

Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Romsey Community Bank
Sicilian Vespers
Anne Phelan
Doug Newnham
FM Rural Consulting
McLaughlin Consulting
Milos Staric
Peter Mitchell
Midhill Winery
Romsey Fruit Shed
Greg Wilson
Fusion Youth Services
Lindy Skinner
Romsey Netball Club
Anna Quigley
Greg Powell

AND ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!!!



Romsey Playgroup Inc.

Romsey Community Hub,
Main Street, Romsey

Romsey Playgroup Seeks Community Support

In order to continue to fund activities and toys for local children up to the age of 4, Romsey Playgroup is holding the following fundraisers in the month of April:

BBQ outside Romsey IGA

Saturday 30th April 2011 from 9am

2011 Playgroup Major Raffle

1st Prize - Myer Shopping Spree Valued at \$10,000

2nd Prize - Myer Shopping Spree valued at \$2,000

3rd Prize - Take a Break Holiday valued at \$1,000

4th Prize - 2 nights at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island valued at \$700

5th Prize - Melbourne Aquarium Family Pass, valued at \$100

Tickets are only \$2 and will be available at the BBQ, at Romsey
And at Playgroup during sessions and from all 2011 Romsey Playgroup Members

Please come down to IGA on 30th April and support your local playgroup

For further information about these events or to find out more about playgroup,
please contact Melissa on 0438 831 427 or Emily on 0405 125 156

Email romseyplaygroup@gmail.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The Lord is risen - Happy Easter. The resurrection of Christ is the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Him. It is a wonderful time of the year when the Christian world celebrates the Risen Saviour.

Have you even been fascinated with the Bible account of the Flood and Noah's Ark? Come and see an amazing model of Noah's Ark and hear Mr. Rod Walsh from Creation Ministry International talk about this topic on 7 May at 11.00am at our church.

After coming back from a mission trip to the Philippines, one of our members shared with the congregation the highs and lows of her trip. A touching moment was to see a congregation worshipping in a building without doors and windows due to a lack of funds. Our generous congregation was able to raise \$3000 to finish the project. Praise the Lord!

Autumn is here - the best season to many folks! We take advantage of the beauty in this region, by having "Church in the bush" twice a year on Mt Macedon. It is a great time to enjoy the beauty of nature while worshipping God.

At this time, our prayers go out to the dear people of NZ and Japan following the devastation in these regions.

Welcome to our church every Saturday at 9.30 or 11.00 am. Prayer meeting Tue.7.00pm.

Radio Gisb. 88.0FM 24/7

18 Barringo Rd. New Gisborne , ph. 5428 3575



Program Term 1 2011

Romsey Community House Inc.

A Learning and Activity Centre
PO Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434
Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com
Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

Public Internet Access Available Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm

Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

**RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol
Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures
Food Supervisors Course
Level 2 First Aid and CPR Refresher**

The above courses will run in term 3, 2011. Register now to avoid disappointment. Ph: 5429 6724.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

8 week course on the basics in Microsoft Office Word 2007. Commences 10th May, 2011. **12.30 - 3pm.** Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word. This 8 week course will be held on Tuesdays in Term 3. **12.30 - 3.00pm** Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00. Call 5429 6724 to register.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

This 5 week course will be held on Tuesday evenings **6.00 - 8.30pm** commencing on 17th May 2011. Cost \$150.00. Call 5429 6724 to enrol.

Quickbooks Advanced

Expressions of interest are now being taken for this 8 week course When: May 2011. Time: 6.30 - 9pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Non-Accredited Training Courses

Computer Maintenance

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics in file and hard drive clean-up. **Wednesday 13th April, 2011.** Time: 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20.00

Learn to Use the Internet

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics of internet safety and usage. **Wednesday 6th April, 2011.** Time: 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20.00

Register now for these Term 3 Courses

**Introduction to Quickbooks
Internet Safety for Kids
Volunteer Induction Courses
Customer Service & Telephone Skills Workshops**

**For All Bookings & Enquiries
Phone: 5429 6724
Office Hours: 10am - 1pm
Monday - Friday**

Chess Club

We are looking to start up an all ages chess club. If you are interested in either joining or running this group. Contact Helen at the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Pilates

Wednesday's 12.00 - 1.00pm. For bookings/enquiries phone April on 0427 150 976. \$12 per class, term enrolment at end of 1st class. Term 2 commences 27/04/11. Casuals welcome once minimum class numbers are met \$14 per class.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets every **Tuesday** at Romsey Community House **1.30 - 2.30pm.** All enquiries please contact Debbie on 0403807739.

Walk Together Program

Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek. **Tuesday's 9.30am.**

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Monday's 10am-11am. Commencing 2nd May 2011. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Includes Balance, Mobility, Bladder Control and Joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Minimum numbers apply.

Social & Creative Activities

Craft Group

Every Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes - Working With Watercolours

Through the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, The Romsey Community House is running a series of **subsidised** age specific art classes. In Term 2, 2011 we will run a 10 week Working with Watercolours course commencing on Thursday 28th April.

Adult (Daytime): Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

6 - 8yrs: Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60

9 - 15yrs: Time: 5.00 - 6.30pm. Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening): Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

For all bookings/enquiries call the Romsey Community House. Class sizes are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Art Class Exhibition Starts 28/03/11
Watch our windows**

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month **9.45 - 11.45am.** We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732.

Writing Workshops with Dee White

Includes How to create great characters, Where do I start & Finish, Story Ideas Plus other necessary attributes for authors of all ages.

Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

Come and join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs. Term 2 classes commence Friday 6th May 2011. For bookings ph: Erin 0417 137 003 or email: erin.kalinski@heydeeho.com

Drop in for a Cuppa

Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

Romsey 150th Birthday Gala Community Dinner

Light drizzle failed to curb the excitement of guests arriving (some by vintage car) at the giant silk-lined marquee outside Romsey House on Saturday 26th February 2011. Period attire was worn by many of the 180 guests indulging in canapés and pre dinner drinks on arrival. Hosted by long-time Romsey resident and thespian

Annie Phelan, this event was a wonderful demonstration of community collaboration. Tickets, menus and the Romsey Passport were designed by Cedric Richardson. Chefs from The Bay Tree, Sicilian Vespers and Soltan Pepper worked together from the catering marquee to plate up a spectacular 3 course meal. This was served to the tables by nearly 30 volunteer staff, mostly young school students. Many more were also involved in the set up earlier in the day. Most of these students were untrained and, after only one rehearsal, did an amazing job. They even sang Advance Australia Fair to the appreciative guests!

Wines were provided by Midhill and Cope Williams Wineries, with the Romsey Cricket Club serving beer and soft drinks. The Romsey Passport, a RRBATA initiative to promote a "shop local" campaign, was launched exclusively to the dinner guests. Tom Reynolds was the after dinner speaker and spoke eloquently and

fondly of Romsey's history and great attributes. Peter Mitchell, author of the historical account "Romsey - A Veritable Garden of Eden" cut the spectacular birthday cake as the guests sang Happy Birthday to Romsey. Auctioneer Nick Walsh conducted the auction of a number of items including mounted photos, a replica birthday cake and a "mystery box". The Ugly Uncles entertained from a stage decorated with spectacular floral urn arrangements from Kitty Schembri (Romsey Fruit Shed) whilst guests danced and chatted. A dedicated team of helpers stayed behind to pack up and returned the next day for the big "dish wash" over at the Mechanics Institute. All-in-all, it was a wonderfully memorable event!



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)

Friday Morning Coffee

Musical Afternoons  each month. 

Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight. 

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

On Wednesday 20th April, 2011 we are having lunch at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend

Our April meeting will be held on Thursday 28th April, 2011.

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet each Monday.

Come and enjoy lunch, a game of cards, indoor bowls or just a chat with a very friendly group of people. Bus trips arranged each month.

For details, please ring Rae Hooke on 54291602.