

## Romsey Golf Club

### Men's results

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March Stableford CCR 36 J. Laing (22) 37pts  
 Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March Monthly Medal CCR 70 D. Vandeneuval 86-22-64  
 Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> April Stableford CCR 70 J. White (18) 41 pts  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> April Stableford J. White (18) 37 pts  
 Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April Stroke CCR 70 J. White 85-17-68  
 Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April Par CCR 70 A. Laing (20) +5  
 The 27<sup>th</sup> March Matthew Thornton had a 69 off the stick and created a new course record for the par 71 layout.  
 The 17<sup>th</sup> April Tyson Ellis had an eagle on the par 5, 7<sup>th</sup> hole.

Congratulations to both these players.

### Men's Pennant

#### Division 1 Section 2

28<sup>th</sup> March Romsey def. Mt Macedon 6/1 at Alexander  
 11<sup>th</sup> April Romsey lost to Alexander 1/6 at Yea  
 18<sup>th</sup> April Romsey def. Woodend 5/2 at Mt Macedon

#### Handicap Division Section 3

28<sup>th</sup> March Romsey lost to Kilmore 1/6 at Hidden Valley  
 11<sup>th</sup> April Romsey Lost to Mt Macedon 2/5 at Trentham  
 18<sup>th</sup> April Romsey def Hidden Valley 5/2 at Romsey

#### Handicap Division Section 4

28<sup>th</sup> March Romsey lost to Lancefield 2/5 at Woodend  
 11<sup>th</sup> April Romsey lost to Hidden Valley 3/4 at Broadford  
 18<sup>th</sup> April Romsey def. Broadford 4/3 at Lancefield.

### Ladies Results

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Monthly Medal B. Cole (20) net 70  
 Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jekabsons (26) & J. Harver (45) 42 pts  
 Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Stableford B. Cole (20) 30pts  
 Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Ambrose Lorraine, Jan & Linda  
 Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Doris Chambers Foursomes B. Cole (21) & L. Robb (38) 39pts.  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March had Lorraine & Kath and Leila and I travelling to Euroa for the Dalhousie Player of the Year presentations. Prior to the presentations we played 4BBB, the winners with 50pts being Lorraine and Kath. Well done to both and Lorraine broke her handicap and is now playing off 34. The Euroa course was the best anyone had seen it. Lorraine in her speech remarked it was like playing on carpet. Fairways, greens and tees respond well to recycled water. They were clear winners with 3 pairs on 46 points as runners up. The winner of the player of the year Mor Gale from Alexandra made a wonderful speech reminding us to get in our cars and go support the tournaments and bowls in the district, meet new people and just have a good time as we are playing golf for fun and enjoyment. She had also donated several petrol vouchers for the raffle as an encouragement for us to travel.  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Lorraine, Kath and I travelled to Kilmore for their bowl. This tested some fitness as it was our 3<sup>rd</sup> day of golf for the week. A charged battery may have helped one lady. Scores from the field were average as a lot of players had trouble on the greens once they got on.  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April Jan, Kath & I played in the Mt William Cup at Lancefield. The day was enjoyable and I won a NTP.  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April Lorraine, Kath and I travelled to Alexandra for their bowl. Another great day for golf (weather has been unbelievable and we are making the most of it). Again the scores were mainly in the high 20's the greens beating most of the field.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April the WGDD 27+handicap tournament was hosted by Lancefield and we were represented by Lorraine, Jan, and Kath & Leila. Lorraine won the 9 in competition.

On a social note the Romsey Birdies had a "reunion" and went out for breakfast with our helpers. It was a noisy morning and some people drank a lot of coffee. Thanks to Soltan Pepper for putting us out in the back room where we could laugh and enjoy without disturbing too many others.



Lorraine Robb & Kath Jekabsons at Euroa after their win

### Recipe for this Month

#### Date Slice

125 gm butter  
 125 gm sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 cup SR flour  
 1 (well heaped) cup chopped dates  
 1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
 ½ cup milk  
 Cream butter & sugar  
 Add egg then flour, dates vanilla & milk.  
 Press into slice tray (28x 18)  
 Bake in mod oven 12-15 mins.  
 Don't overcook as slice can become dry.  
 Ice with lemon icing if desired.

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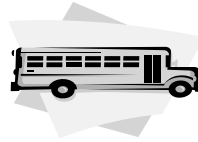
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Everyone is welcome to come along to the last Friday night of every month at the club rooms; we will have either a pie, hot dog or pizza night for the kids and parents after training, it's a great way to meet other parents and friends and catch up after a hard week and unwind. During the season we will also be having some fun nights as well like our dinner at Soltan Pepper on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June. Tickets will be on sale very soon and will sell out fast, we will have items for auction and raffle along with local band "Growing Up Is Optional" playing live music for all to enjoy.

On Sundays on home game day we have the "The Presidents Breakfast" bacon and egg rolls on the bbq till 11.00 am. So come along and enjoy some brekkie and support the young talent of Romsey having fun and playing footy. Our web page is up and running you can check out what's happening on that, [www.romseyredbacks.com.au](http://www.romseyredbacks.com.au). Keep kicking goals.

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**Past, Present & Future ... Lancefield's 150 year Celebration**

Come to the celebration on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, free brunch and activities 11.00am – 3.00pm in the plantation [or in the Mechanics Institute Hall if the weather is "from the south"].

The Historical Society is mounting a fantastic photographic display in the Mechanics Supper Room to mark this milestone.

**Anglican Church ... celebration service**

The Lancefield Anglican Church will be celebrating 150 years of Lancefield as a township, on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, join the short service and sausage sizzle from 5:30pm.

In the same vein it is worth keeping in mind that Romsey will be celebrating 150 years next February 2011. Watch this space!

**Please come and join us at our next General Meeting to be held at historic Sydney Seymour Cottage Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May 7:00pm**

**"VINTAGE REMEDIES"**

**Relief for Headaches** — Cup of hot strong black coffee with 1/2 lemon squeezed in gives great relief to headaches.

**Stop Nose Bleeding** — Open and shut the jaws widely as if biting on a large apple. Keep up for some minutes and bleeding will soon cease.

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**Sidney Seymour cookbook 1985**

**Lancefield/Romsey Historical Society**

"Back To Romsey" – Special supplement of The Romsey Examiner – Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1928

Back to Romsey – March 10-25, 1928.

... "The celebrations commenced on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., then a special train from Melbourne and scores of motor cars made the largest temporary addition to the population of our town that it has ever received in its history as a civilized community.

... A civic reception at the railway station was attended by fully 1,000 persons, whose enthusiasm was not damped by the unpleasant weather, which was cold and showery, nor by the late arrival of the train.

As the passengers alighted, the State Public Service Military Band played "Home Sweet Home", and there ensued a few tense moments, when furtive tears were wiped from aged cheeks.

... It was there, that friendly eye for them all, and the welcome that went out to them brought joy to their faces and will always be remembered with gladness by everyone who took part in it, or witnessed it.

(After official speeches)... There was then a general dispersal, friends going with friends to their homes, and all finding comfortable accommodation in the happiest possible surroundings.

It is appropriate that we should say a word here about the decoration of the station and its approaches, which Mr. C. Smith, the station master, had undertaken and carried out with characteristic thoroughness. Innumerable flags, tastefully arranged, were spread against the breeze, and the words "Welcome Home" were conspicuous on a banner facing the platform. (It was a pleasing coincidence, happily commented on by Cr. Crow, that the day was Mr. Smith's birthday.)

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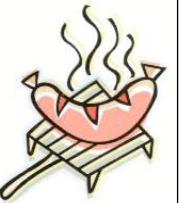
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I'm sure there are lots of parents reflecting on how quickly their teenage kids grow up; as the year takes shape it's a good time to remind them that life's precious and every life lost on our roads is one too many. Young people continue to be over represented in accidents on our roads. Each year, 18 to 25 year old drivers are involved in crashes in which approximately 120 people are killed and 2300 seriously injured. This is about one third of the Victorian road toll.

A lack of driving experience is a major road safety problem for young drivers. Research has shown that in the first two years of licensed driving, learners who have had 120 hours of driving experience have a 30 per cent lower risk of crashing.

I understand young drivers are very keen to get their licence as soon as they can, but the L plate period is a great opportunity to practice driving in all types of road conditions and to ensure they get 120 hours practice before they are out on the road on their own.

In addition to recording the hours spent driving, it is also important for supervising drivers to record information about the types of weather and road conditions experienced to encourage learners to get experience in all types of driving conditions, including night driving.

Each day dozens of people are admitted to hospital because of serious injuries received in road accidents in Victoria's hidden road toll. These numbers do not take into account the impact of these crashes on families and friends of those killed or seriously injured.

I urge everyone to heed the road safety message and to take responsibility for safety on the roads.

Joanne Duncan  
Member of Parliament

Romsey Primary School News



**ANZAC Day Service**  
On ANZAC Day many students, families and parents gathered at the cenotaph at Lancefield early in the morning. The sun glistened in our eyes as we looked on at the RSL ceremony lead by John Lynch. I was proud to stand with Romsey Primary School students and also to see a spattering of red uniforms throughout the crowd where other children stood with their families. Our School Captains, Hugh Webb Ware and Annabel Feehan laid the wreath

made by student councillors, on behalf of our school community.

**Discussion about a Secondary School at Romsey**

In 2007/2008 a review of secondary school needs in Romsey was undertaken. The working party meet several times and held a community consultation seeking input from representatives from Lancefield, Romsey, Bolinda, Heskett, Clarkefield and Riddells Creek. A senior representative from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development was part of this process. At the time the community discussed what they would like for Romsey. It was decided that they preferred a Prep to Year 12 education facility on this site.

The conclusion to the review found there were insufficient student numbers to justify the building of a secondary school in Romsey. The Department continually monitors population data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. If a school was to be built now it would simply undermine enrolments at Kyneton, and Gisborne. The "trigger point" for the building of a new years 7-12 school is

**School Cross Country**

Well done to everyone who participated in the Cross Country House Sport Competition last term. Students from all year levels competed and did an amazing job! Congratulations to Clarke House for winning the overall competition. A large group of parents who came along to help enjoyed the sunny weather and assisted with jobs or supported their children. Congratulations also to our wonderful Year 6 students who helped out with marshalling and encouraging the Preps to Year 2's. Their support for the younger children was a true example of the wonderful sportsmanship and comradeship we have here at Romsey Primary School.

The first ten placegetters from Years 3-6 now go on to compete at the Interschool Cross Country Competition on 4<sup>th</sup> May at Hanging Rock and are continuing to train to improve their ability with regular training

**The first 3 placegetters from each event were as follows:**

Prep Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Campbell Gibson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harrison Rodgers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Jedwab
Prep Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Libby Quigley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nakita Craig	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jessica Dertell
Year 1 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Liam Muir	2 <sup>nd</sup> Matthew Richardson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamie Hoctor-Turner
Year 1 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Emma Cogger	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annalyce Alexander	3 <sup>rd</sup> Claire Smales
Year 2 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Chase Hammond	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Henson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nathan Abdel-Sayed
Year 2 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Georgie Prespakis	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alice Quigley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mikeely Lever
8/9 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Zach Squire	2 <sup>nd</sup> Blake Partridge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob Martin
8/9 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Keeley Rankin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chloe Pyne	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nhikita Le Guier
10 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Lachlan Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jack Feehan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Joel Townsing
10 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Kirrily Mitchell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Maddy Prespakis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annalea Prespakis
11 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Josh Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chris John	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matthew Doherty
11 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Janelle Spinks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Peru Lancaster	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lauren Clemas
12/13 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Jake Patton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Daniel Reid	3 <sup>rd</sup> Daniel Jordan
12/13 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Ellie Scott	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stacey Smith Jordan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Chloe Newell



**New Building Update**

We are looking forward with great excitement to the opening of our new 6 classroom building, which commenced in July last year. The final touches are currently being made, and new furniture is being purchased. With large classrooms and flexible learning spaces this will provide great opportunities for creative and innovative educational programs.

Joan Gibbs  
Principal

1100 students. A further review will take place in 2013. Secondary school students in Romsey and the surrounding district can attend schools in Gisborne or Kyneton and Sunbury,

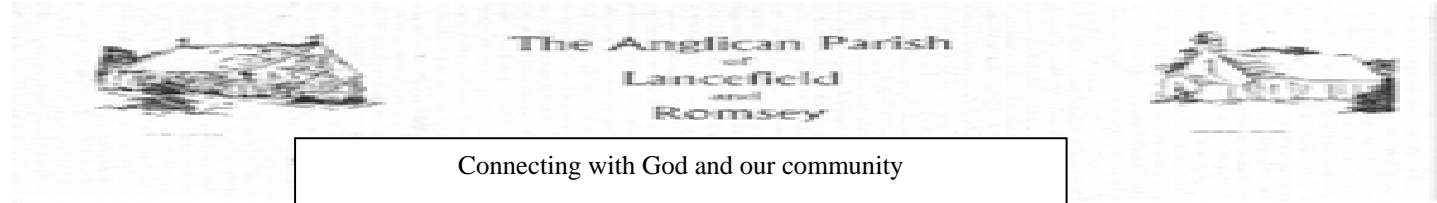
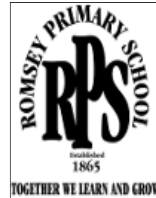
**Buddy Classes, Year 5JE and Prep KE**

Recently I was privileged to be invited to a Book Launch by Year 5JE. Each student had written, illustrated and published a book on social stories for their Prep buddy and they were all of high quality. Stories were about school problems that students may have during school and how to resolve them. The classes launched their books by holding an afternoon tea and had prepared their classroom beautifully with the tables laid out with table clothes, folded serviettes, flowers and food. The prep students all loved listening to the stories and have taken the books back to their classroom as a resource for reading. Congratulations to Mrs Emond and Miss Elliot for this excellent buddy program and all the students in 5JE who published these outstanding books.



**Education Week**

This is being held during the week starting the 17<sup>th</sup> May and parents are welcome to visit classrooms. The school's newsletter will publish the timetable of special events. A highlight will be the Paper Aeroplane Challenge which will combine Science and Mathematics activities and all classes will be involved. New parents who are interested in finding out more about our school are welcome to phone the school and organise a tour during this week. Appointment can be made with the Principal also on 5429 5099.



**VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.**

Dear Friends

As we approach the cooler months of the year after 123 days of 20+ degree days, what continues to amaze me is the very diverse climatic conditions that our God provides. Psalm 24 tells us that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

One of the most perplexing things is the contrasting weather conditions on the day of Black Saturday and one year later. On Black Saturday, the weather was very hot and 46 degrees Celsius and one year later it was overcast and at least half the temperature. This is an amazing occurrence and shows how much God has cared for us after the events of Black Saturday.

He has also protected our Emergency Service personnel during that time.

In response to God's providence, we are having an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for all Emergency Services groups. Details are as follows:

Date: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.

Where: Lancefield Anglican Church.

Time: 5:30pm for a sausage sizzle and 6pm for a short ser-

vice of Thanksgiving.

We look forward to seeing you there.

That's this month's view from the Vicarage and I look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey.

**General Advertisements:**

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 4pm – 6pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Anglican Church Hall.

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**BIGGEST MORNING TEA SUCCESS**  
 Thank you to all, who attended the Biggest Morning Tea event at the Skate Park on Thursday 22 April 2010. Your generosity has been overwhelming and all donations have been forwarded to the Cancer Council. The weather was kind and I hope all had a good time sharing our spread and catching up with friends.

A heart felt thank you to the wonderful ladies who gave of their time in baking cakes for the day and IGA with their kind donation.

It is disappointing that a local women's group did decline their assistance, sighting that the monies would go to a charity outside of the town. Unfortunately, cancer is non discriminative and respects no borders. Together we can make cancer a disease of the past.

**New Service From The Romsey Rag**  
 The Romsey Rag is considering a pamphlet insert service for local organisations. This would mean you would be able to pay to have an A4 (or smaller) size advertising pamphlet inserted into the Rag at the time of collating.

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**Romsey Rag News**  
**An Important Notice to Advertisers:**  
 Due to increased costs associated with the printing of the Romsey Rag and an imminent increase in circulation, it has been necessary to review and adjust advertising rates. The new schedule of advertising charges is set out below:

Front page per edition	\$150
Full page ad	\$200
1/2 Page ad	\$110
1/4 page ad	\$60
Business card ad	\$30
Line ad	\$15

**These new charges will come into effect at the start of the new financial year on July 1st 2010. These rates are still lower than other local community newspapers in the Macedon Ranges area.**

The cost for placing a business card ad in the **Trade Directory** will increase to \$240 per year (for 11 editions). This increase will come into effect from the end of this year for advertising in 2011.

**Collating:**  
 We are always looking for additional people to help with the collating of the Romsey Rag each month. Collating takes place at the Romsey Primary School on Thursday morning once per month, and generally takes about 2 to 3 hours. The Rag supports many local clubs and organizations by providing free advertising and publicity for their activities, and it would be great to see these groups reciprocating that support to the Rag by encouraging their members to assist with collating. Some of our regular contributor organisations are already well represented on the collating team, but it would be great to see the job shared between more groups.

If you would like further information call Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848 or simply turn up on collating day (the dates are advertised on page 2 of the Rag each month. You would be most welcome!

**Assistance with Advertising / Invoicing:**  
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**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 wishing to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 10am when we will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary

The Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club formation meeting was held at 10am on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 in the Uniting Church Meeting Room.

# **END of SORROWS**

## **3 Presentations**

**WHEN:** *May 21 & 22 – 2010*

**TIME:** *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm*  
*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-6pm and 7-8pm*  
*(Refreshments in between)*

**WHERE:** *Romsey Community Hub*  
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## **Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks**

### **BRINGING BANKING FACE TO FACE**

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As the Lancefield branch approaches its ninth anniversary of opening this month (May), Mr Browning said people appreciated being able to talk to staff and managers who knew the community and could make grass-roots banking decisions on the spot.

“While our ATMs in both Romsey and Lancefield are of great convenience to our customers and to other members of the community, nothing can take away the benefit of being able to talk to a knowledgeable member of staff,” he said.

“The staff and the Board of Directors are all proud of what we have achieved since our doors first opened in Lancefield in 2001.

“We then followed up by opening the Romsey branch in 2005.

“The Lancefield branch returned banking services to the town after there was nothing for more than seven years, while we opened our

door at Romsey at a time when other banks were either leaving or downgrading services to the community.

“Our customers have shown they want the benefit of real service – not just a machine to dispense money.”

Our two local branches are owned by Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, a company with more than 500 local residents and businesses as shareholders, and operated by a Board of Directors comprising 11 local residents.

“Because the banks are owned by local residents – they’re our shareholders – the branches are here to stay,” Mr Browning said.

“Our managers are locally-based and know our region and the needs of local residents and businesses, and our staff know all about friendly, face-to-face old-fashioned service.

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### Kay's Classic Fashion

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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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

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

### RECONCILIATION

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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. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

### ENQUIRY NIGHT

Are you searching for a way to meet your spiritual needs?

Have you ever thought:

- \* What am I searching for in life?
- \* Am I satisfied with my life?
- \* Where am I going in my life?
- \* What is the purpose of my life?

If you've asked any of these questions, then this is the invitation for you.

Perhaps you are married to a Catholic or have children attending a Catholic school and you want to know more about the Catholic faith.

Then the information evening is an opportunity for you to, "Come and see, seek and find, ask and receive".

#### Some answers to your questions.

You are invited to attend our RCIA Information Evening to be held at St. Mary's Parish on

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street Lancefield.

### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are so excited at St. Mary's. Our new building looks fantastic and everyone is buzzing with anticipation. The hall is being painted, we have ordered all the new furniture and we are counting the days until the opening of our new school. This term most of our students will be learning about environmental systems. The grade 1 and 2 students are looking forward to their excursion to the Melbourne Zoo where they will explore life cycles. The grade 5 and 6 students are also learning about the history of Lancefield and have paid a visit to the historical society and local cemetery. This term the grade 3 and 4 students will be going off to camp in Queenscliff. Their inquiry unit centres around the ocean environment and they will have lots of fun exploring sea creatures.

The Grade Prep inquiry unit is 'Farmer Brown. He had a Farm'. The students will develop knowledge about the workings of a farm and classify external features of animals and research the needs of animals and plants on the farm. They will construct a model of a farm animal's enclosure using recyclable materials and will visit a working farm.

A huge thank you to Bendigo Bank who have donated \$1000 dollars to St Mary's as a Community Grant. This money has been targeted to buy Phys Ed resources. The Bendigo Bank continues to be a wonderful support to our school. Thank you also to the Lancefield Op Shop for their very generous donation towards our school swimming program.

Michelle Kilpatrick has left us for a while as she is due to give birth soon. Michelle is to be commended for the enthusiasm and teamwork she has displayed while working at St Mary's. We wish her the best of luck and ask God to bless her family.

We welcome several new families to our community. It is wonderful to have new faces amongst us and we look forward to working in partnership with all our families.

Congratulations to those in our community who were baptised at Easter. How wonderful to have new members of our church. We wish them all of God's blessings.

Stay tuned for more information about prep enrolments and

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## Bolinda Primary School Open Days

Bolinda Primary School has a friendly, welcoming environment. We like to see happy, interested learners who enjoy coming to school and who want to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available to them. Parents are welcomed, and are welcoming, at our school. In partnership with the staff, they make an enormous, appreciated contribution to the learning journey.

We aim to include our students in the learning process by making sure the purpose of learning is clear, giving them opportunities for input, encouraging their opinions, fostering the notion of responsibility for the choices they make and encouraging them to keep improving what they do. We have a strong emphasis on student welfare including school values and encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour.

For a small school we are extremely well resourced with six

computers in each classroom, all year 4 – 6 students have their own netbooks, physical education storage shed, rebound wall, two sports courts, electronic whiteboards in each classroom, new playground, vegie garden, chicken coop and walking track.

Our classes are under 15 students which allow for individual instruction addressing student needs and explicit teaching. We will also receive this year a new two room portable classroom which will allow us to expand our arts program and library.

*We welcome visitors to our school and invite you to a tour on our open days on Wednesday 5th or 19th May 8.30 am—12.00 or by appointment at a mutually convenient time.*

John Mackintosh

Principal

## Lancefield - Romsey Vignerons' Vintage Showcase

### Midhill cellar door open

22 - 23 May 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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**WINEMAKERS' DINNER**  
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Bookings on 5429 9000

## Lancefield Romsey Wine Producers Present

### VINTAGE SHOWCASE

MAY 22 and 23, 2010

All within 10k of Lancefield the Lancefield/ Romsey Vignerons love to party and we're bits of "show-offs". Mind you, there is plenty to show-off about with the usual harvest of Trophies and Gold medals.

We open our cellar doors and welcoming arms to show you the very best of Australia's cool climate wines.

A Showcase Dinner at Cleveland on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30p.m. Wines will be matched with the best of local produce. \$90 per person all inclusive.

Dinner Bookings: Cleveland Ph: 5429 9000

Come to the Party – we'll supply the goodies!

Cellar Doors Open Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

11.00am – 5.00pm

Braewattie	Cope Williams	Curly Flat
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## Pastor's Parables

### THE WRONG STUFF!

It was a simple task, but I was in over my head. One of the items on the grocery list was "SOY"! Problem was I didn't know *what kind* of Soy my Mother wanted! After searching the aisles and asking the advice of the worker, I grabbed a bottle of "Soy Sauce", placed it in the shopping basket and went on my way! Only after I arrived home and unloaded the bags did I discover that **Mum wanted "Soy Milk"!** I was sincere in my search. I even asked for help! But it didn't do either Mum or me any good! **I had the wrong stuff!**

Sadly some people are walking through the grocery store of life with "Heaven" on their list. But despite their sincerity and the intended "help" of others they grab something that won't get them to Heaven even though it may 'seem' at the time to be the right thing. God's Standard for Heaven requires a totally sinless life. We cannot achieve this standard by "**our**" Good works. **So . . . God has given us a GIFT – it is called His amazing grace! It is called "HIS WORK"** which He did on the cross when He allowed Jesus to be judged and punished for OUR sins. This then makes all those who "trust in **"HIS work"** SINLESS!

And thus ABLE TO ENTER HEAVEN

Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except THROUGH ME! (John 14:6)

Many people today believe a 'false hope' that they can "earn" a place in heaven by '**WORKING**' at BEING GOOD' or by doing 'good things' – but that's the "**wrong stuff**" to get to Heaven. Don't be misled! Don't choose the wrong "**kind of work**" to get you to Heaven. Don't be thinking that it is '**YOUR**' Good Works that will get you to Heaven. The truth is we don't get to Heaven by '**OUR**' good works – but **ONLY** by **God's Work!**

If you would like to learn more about the Christian Faith you are invited to join us at one of our Sunday Services; one of our fortnightly Life Groups; or simply contact us at

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## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

### **The Parking Issue Keeps Simmering.....**

The issue of parking costs for new businesses has received a significant amount of local media coverage since last month's Romsey Rag.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, the granting of a car parking waiver to a prospective Romsey cafe/providore business was welcomed by the RRBATA Committee of Management as an indication of some discretionary consideration applied by Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

RRBATA COM has decided to continue working towards resolution of the "car parking costs for new Romsey businesses" issue. RRBATA is committed to ongoing dialogue with MRSC and wishes to be an active participant in the review process. Other BATAs will also be engaged by the Romsey Region BATA with a collective approach being taken if appropriate.

### **Should Romsey Be a Plastic Bag Free Town?**

Recently, the RRBATA was contacted by the Lancefield Neighbourhood House with an invitation to consider the notion of, as Lancefield did last year, working toward "plastic bag free status". Most people would be in agreement that plastic bags have a negative environmental impact as rubbish. The main aim of such a campaign would be to reduce the "singlet" style plastic bags (such as those used in supermarkets). The RRBATA COM recently decided to consult with local business on this matter, with the view to tying any initiative with a Shop Local incentive program.

### **RRBATA Business Breakfast- Coming Soon!**

Planning is underway for a RRBATA Business Breakfast to be held a little later this year. This will be a "limited numbers" event with guest speakers not to be missed. RRBATA members will have priority at this event, so if you are a business in Romsey which is not a member, JOIN NOW!

### **RRBATA Newsletter**

RRBATA has recently sent the first edition of its newsletter, "The Romsey Business Connection" to members. This is a new initiative which we hope will keep members engaged with what the activities of their Association. Anyone in the community who would like a sample copy of this edition should contact Jenny Stillman (Email: [jennystillman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennystillman@optusnet.com.au))

### **Romsey Rodeo**

The Rodeo subcommittee recently met to commence preliminary discussions about a possible 2011 Rodeo. The location for the event is under discussion given the uncertainty, at this stage, of the timing for the proposed second oval development at the Romsey Primary School. Any comments regarding this prospective 2011 Romsey event should be directed to Peter Newell ([romseyautocare@motor.net.au](mailto:romseyautocare@motor.net.au), ph. 0408 295976)

### **Tourism Macedon Ranges – RRBATA Buys into Marketing Opportunity**

Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc recently issued a prospectus offering marketing opportunities for the "villages" of the Macedon Ranges. The package for business and tourism associations (BATAs) included features in the MX Newspaper (available to public transport users), a partnership with V-Line, journalist familiarizations, involvement in an online competition on the Visit Victoria website and participation in a public relations campaign later in the year. RRBATA has decided to take advantage of this opportunity and has already submitted a Romsey feature advertisement for use.

### **Macedon Ranges Shire Business Networking Night**

This was convened by the MRSC's Economic Development Unit and held at Glenfern Retreat in Romsey on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This will be reported on in the next edition of the Romsey Rag.

### **Website – Listing Renewal Due Soon!**

Romsey Online (the Romsey website, [www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)), keeps ticking along. A second wave of marketing for the website will soon commence to coincide with renewal of advertising being due. RRBATA aims to keep it fresh, with a new round of Elise Gow photos featuring "Romsey in Summer" being incorporated very soon. It is a great resource for local businesses and community groups to list their details. It is also a wonderful forum to post news items and publicise upcoming events. Anything submitted to the Romsey Rag can also be emailed to Romsey Online. *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!*

Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at [info@romsey.org.au](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

### **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: [jennystillman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennystillman@optusnet.com.au)

### **Next RRBATA Meeting:**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm**

**Romsey Community Hub**

*Supper Provided.*

*Feature Presenter:* Dr. Lorraine Beyer, Social Planner MRSC to discuss the formulation of a Crime and Safety Plan for Romsey.

**ALL WELCOME**

Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

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**KINDER CORNER -  
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The children have settled in well for Term 2. There is sometimes the need to re-establish and remind children of 'the rules' of kinder and sometimes the children go through separation issues again, after being home for the school holidays, but for this term, all is well and they are back into the routine very smoothly.

### **Sustainable Living Program**

As mentioned in the April Romsey Rag, the Kindergarten was awaiting the outcome of a grant from SP Ausnet. Our new Grants Officer, Sarah, was extremely excited to hear that we have been successful. The Kindergarten was one of seven successful recipients out of a field of 30 applications. The grant will be put towards flow regulators for our taps and toilets, to reduce water usage, as part of our sustainable living program. We appreciate the support of SP Ausnet.

The recent working bee saw the installation of a rose arbour in Unit 1, which was purchased from a supplier at the Gisborne Market. Keep on eye on the rose arbour over the coming months as the plants develop and add colour to our great play environment.

### **Mother's Day**

Staff and committee wish all the mums out there a happy Mothers' Day. The children have been preparing some colourful and creative invitations and gifts and have been preparing for the Mother's Day morning tea and concert. Stay tuned for the next edition to hear all about it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Sue Hayes, President, 0416 06 347.

### **Romsey Kindergarten**

#### **2011 Enrolments are Now Open**

Pre-enrolment forms are available in the foyer of the kindergarten and from the kindergarten website: [www.romseykindergarten.com.au](http://www.romseykindergarten.com.au)

Completed forms along with a \$10 fee must be forwarded to Try Youth & Community Services (our cluster manager) as per the information on the form.

**Enrolments close 31 July 2010.**

### **Romsey Kindergarten Open Day**

**12 May 2010, 1.30pm—3.30pm**

Come along to see what the Romsey Kindergarten has to offer you and your child. Staff will be available to provide information on:

- Kinder readiness
- Programming
- Session times
- Enrolment process

For more information contact the staff on 5429 5294.

## **Mother's Day at CUTTINGS**

Mothers are extra special and deserve our very best in celebration of Mother's Day. CUTTINGS in Romsey is simply bursting at the seams with wonderful, beautiful, indulgent and practical gift ideas for every ones' special Mum.

New season's stunning scarves, jewellery and gorgeous woollen hats have just arrived, with Mums in mind. The colours and fabrics are rich and warm, with seasonal trims, appliques and fringe a feature. Gorgeous, quirky shower caps, bath essences, room fragrances, candles, and handmade soaps all make lovely gifts.

For Mums who love to cook, CUTTINGS has a real variety of interesting cookbooks and recipe journals now in stock. Several types of cookware, utensils, mixing bowls, tea towels, storage tins and cookie cutters will also complement any kitchen decor. The pantry food items in both sweet and savoury are also a real treat for Mum.

Gift vouchers are also a good option for those Mums who are tricky to shop for. With lay-by and complimentary gift wrap, there is really no need to travel far to find that thoughtful, perfect gift.

CUTTINGS is now open early 7 days a week, and offers Coffee 2 Go as well.

CUTTINGS Culinary and Botanica - 120 Main St. Romsey. Ph 5429 3636.

## Macedon Ranges community groups to go green following funding announcement

Children of the Macedon Ranges are set to go green with four early education centres being announced among the recipients of gas distributor SP AusNet's Macedon Ranges Shire Community Development Fund.

SP AusNet Gas Operations Support Manager Rob McDougall said the seven successful community groups represented the Macedon Ranges Shire's strong passion for sustainability as well as community involvement.

"It was exciting to see so many passionate community groups wanting to make a difference to the Macedon Ranges region," Mr McDougall said.

"SP AusNet received some really interesting applications for its first ever Community Development Fund offered in our gas distribution area," Mr McDougall said. With a total pool of \$15,000 available solely for the Macedon Ranges Shire, SP AusNet received more than thirty applications, with twelve of these progressing through for assessment by the SP AusNet Community Development Fund Committee, made up of members from SP AusNet and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor Cr Rob Guthrie said the Council was very happy to partner with SP AusNet for the Community Development Fund.

"This initiative from SP AusNet has provided a great opportunity for seven of our local groups to obtain funding for key projects, which they may not have otherwise received," Cr Guthrie said.



Cr Guthrie, Sarah Giri from Romsey Kindergarten with her daughter Tahlia, receiving a certificate to acknowledge the grant, and an SP Ausnet representative.

With cheques to be sent in the coming weeks, Mr McDougall said SP AusNet also hoped to build stronger relationships with the successful fund recipients.

"We look forward to working with each of the SP AusNet Community Development Fund recipients and promoting their successes as their ideas come to fruition," Mr McDou-

gall said.

The SP AusNet Community Development Fund recipients:

Recipient	Submission	Allocated
Lancefield CFA	Funding towards the purchase of personal lighting equipment	\$1,500
Macedon Kindergarten	Funding towards their H2O to Grow project, a self-sufficient Eco-garden	\$3,000
Romsey Kindergarten	Purchasing water regulators for taps to reduce water consumption.	\$1,000
Riddells Creek Lions Club	Purchasing a water tank and other equipment for the Riddell's Creek Primary School's sustainable garden.	\$3,000
Woodend District Netball Club	Purchasing portable gazebo and safety equipment for travel to competitions	\$1,685
New Gisborne Playgroup	Plants and equipment for the centre's sustainable garden	\$3,000
Macedon Cats Netball Club	Funding towards the club's Open Day, aimed at promoting social interaction within the community.	\$1,500

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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...*

There always seems to be a disaster happening somewhere in the world, especially over the last few months. Australians are always generous in offering help – either donations of money, physical labour, medical assistance etc. Below is an update of the Haiti Disaster earlier this year from the Victorian Council of Churches Act for Peace. (Newsletter April 2010.)

“Act for Peace Partners assist 150,000 people in Haiti. Act for Peace would like to thank all the generous supporters who gave to the Emergency Appeal for Haiti. To date \$515,000 has been received. Here is an account of the benefit of that support and of the ongoing situation in Haiti.

Since the earthquake hit Haiti on January 12, Act for Peace’s partners have assisted more than 150,000 people. The majority are assisted with ongoing support such as water, sanitation, shelter or regular food supplies and hot meals.

Other people have received relief items such as cash, family kits or hygiene sets or have benefited from medical assistance and supplies to health clinics. Our partners, working closely with numerous local church organisations, are assisting some of the most vulnerable among the victims of the earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

Churches and other civil society networks in Haiti and in the Dominican Republic are working with our partners on both sides of the border.

While difficult to quantify at this time, their efforts, particularly in places not reached by international humanitarians, are crucial for the survival and well-being for tens of thousands of earthquake survivors in the cities, and rural parts of Haiti, where more than 450,000 people have sought refuge.

In these areas local community networks and self help groups are often the sole providers of assistance.

Despite weeks of efforts by local and international humanitarians, the needs in the earthquake affected parts of Haiti continue to be enormous. Conditions for most of the estimated 1.2 million people living in improvised camps and shelters remain unbearably poor.

Help organisations have identified large gaps in provision of shelter and sanitation. Only 280,000 people have received some shelter material, less than 25% of the target.

Only 120,000 have received transitory shelter, of the 620,000 people who need it.

Equally, only 3,000 latrines have been provided of the 18,000 toilets needed. Often 200 people have to share one toilet.

Little is known about the conditions of the large group of people who have fled to the rural areas – only a general sense that food prices are increasing and hosting communities have great difficulties assisting the newcomers out of their own meagre resources.

To make matters worse, nobody knows how long they have to live like this.

Within the next month, our partners will continue to increase the number of people benefiting with a continued focus on shelter, water, sanitation, psycho-social activities as well as food and non-food distributions.

### Church Services during April 2010

- 2nd 9am Worship Service led by Rev. Dr Darcy Wood
- 9th 9am Worship Service & Eucharist led by Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
- 16th 9am Worship Service led by Janet Wood
- 23rd 9am Worship Service led by The Worship Team
- 30th 9am 5th Sunday combined Worship Service at Riddells Creek Uniting Church.

### 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.

## “Toddler Workshop”

*Behind Every Mighty Toddler is a Mighty Parent*

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

**WHEN: Tuesday 1st June**

**TIME: 9.30am—11.30am**

**WHERE: Woodend Neighbourhood Centre**

**FACILITATOR: Prue Robertson**

**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.

For information on Occasional Care please call Family and Children’s Services on 5422 0231 or visit Council’s website at [www.mrsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au).



## Program for Term 2, 2010

Phone 5429 6724 for bookings

**Romsey Community House Inc.**  
*A Learning and Activity Centre*  
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 Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com  
 www.romseyhouse.org

Romsey Community House is a not-for-profit incorporated association working with and for the community.  
 All courses and programs are subject to minimum numbers and bookings are essential.

### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

#### Pilates Intermediate

Monday's 1.00 - 2.00pm at the Romsey Community House. Bookings and enquiries to April on mobile 0427 150 976. Beginner's classes also available

#### Yoga

Yoga with Yute Kylstra. Wednesday's 7.00 – 8.30pm. Cost \$140 (Per 10 week Term). Casual rate \$18/ session. Bookings and enquiries phone Yute Kylstra ph: 5429 2026

**Meditation at Romsey Community House**  
**Daytime class** with Lindy - Tuesdays 10-11am \$10/session.

**Evening Class** with Vicki Chandler - Wednesdays 7-8pm at \$10 /session.

All bookings and enquiries can be directed to the Romsey Community House on ph: 5429 6724.

**Remedial Massage** now available at Romsey Community House by Stephanie Wooster of Body Tunes. For all enquiries and bookings call Stephanie on ph: 5429 1988 or mobile: 0407 367 840

#### Intuitive Healing and Reiki:

One on one sessions. For more information & bookings contact Lindy on 0410 692 700

#### Energy Healing; Relaxation and Stress Management

One on One Sessions. For more information and bookings contact Vicky on ph: 0402 334 282

**Walk Together Program:** Tuesday's 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". Limited places available so enrol now for Term 3, 2010. 6 Week Course Cost: \$120. All enquires and book-

ings, contact Romsey Community House on ph: 5429 6724.

Current Term 2 course dates - Thursdays 22/4/2010— 27/5/2010 Time: 12.30—3pm,

### Public Internet Access Including Microsoft Office 2007 Now Available Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

#### Social & Creative Activities

##### Over 50's Information and Activity Group

Held on the last Friday of each month, this dynamic group is designed to bring people together in an informal and fun environment. Includes an information session with guest speaker, tea/coffee and light lunch. Cost generally \$5 per session.

**Next Meet – Friday 28th May and 25th June.** Bookings required for catering purposes, please contact Romsey Community House Ph: 5429 6724 for details.

#### Art Classes - On Now!

Art Classes for all age groups and standards, on now at the Romsey Community House. Tutor, Kathryn Bowden is an experienced VCE teacher and state exam assessor in Art and Studio arts. Bookings essential for all courses through the Romsey Community House ph: 5429 6724. Tutoring also available.

#### Children's Art Class

6-12yo Thursdays 4-5pm during school term. Cost \$150 per 10 week term (\$15/session). All materials supplied.

#### Teen Art Classes

13—18 years Thursdays 5—6.30pm during school term. Cost \$220 per 10 week term (\$22/session). All Materials supplied.

#### Adult Art Classes – Drawing Classes

Thursdays 7-8.30pm during school term. Cost \$220 per 10 week term (\$22/session)

**Writers Group is back!** Meets the second Friday of the month, 9.30 – 11.30am at Romsey Community House. Cost – gold coin donation. The group welcomes anyone interested in writing. All enquiries can be directed to the Romsey Community House.

#### Craft Group

Meets every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm. We are an enthusiastic group of women who meet each week to 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 you have always wanted to learn, join us for a cuppa and a chat whilst we craft. A Gold coin donation is all it costs.

### Drop in for a Cuppa any week day 9.30am—5.00pm. Gold coin.

#### 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 matched 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

### Cooking Classes

#### Healthy Meals on a Budget

Cooking on a budget. Practical 3 hour class ideal for small households or family meal preparation, 10am-1pm. Cost \$20. Bookings essential as minimum and maximum numbers apply.

#### Cooking Desserts

Learn to cook great tasting simple family desserts made easy with Judy. Thursday 10am—1pm. \$10/person. Bookings are essential. Maximum 6 per session.

#### Learn to Cook

The cooking class with a difference - You let us know what you would like to learn and then we'll set up a program for you! Do you have a cooking skill you would like to share and a Food Hygiene Certificate? We'd love to hear from you. All enquiries to Romsey Community House.

### Education & Technology

#### Certificate Courses

**CPR Update** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010, 9.30am - 1.30pm Romsey Community House Cost \$70

**Level 2 First Aid**— Expressions of interest now being taken at Romsey Community House.

#### Construction Induction—formerly Red Card

Mandatory for anyone working on a building or construction site. Course available in June, 9.30am — 4pm. Cost \$150 Bookings Essential. Minimum numbers apply.

#### Food Hygiene Course

- Sat 1 May 2010 9.30am -4pm Cost \$110 Romsey Community House. Bookings essential minimum numbers apply.

#### Food Hygiene Supervisor's Course

- Sat 8 May 2010 9.30 – 4pm \$120 Romsey Community House. Bookings essential minimum numbers apply.

#### Barista Course

— Practical coffee making course designed for those wishing to work as a barista. Sat 19 June 2010 9.30am -1.30pm Cost \$95. Bookings essential minimum numbers apply.

#### Certificate Courses (Non-accredited training):

#### Quickbooks Basics

Need business book keeping skills in Quickbooks. 2 hrs/week for 6 Weeks, Wednesdays 6.30pm—8.30pm. Bookings essential, minimum numbers apply. Cost \$160 no concession. N.B. Payroll covered in Quickbooks advanced.

#### Computer Basics 1

Bookings for Term 3 now being taken. Learn the basics in a friendly environment; Computer terminology, file management, word processing in Microsoft Office Word 2007, internet, email basics and more. Tuesdays 1-3pm during school term.

2 hrs/week for 10 weeks, Cost \$185 Concessions available. Bookings are essential as minimum and maximum numbers apply. Phone Romsey Community House on 5429 6724

#### Computer Basics 2

Bookings for Term 3 now being taken. Build your computer knowledge and presentation

skills using Microsoft Office suite. Includes introduction to tools in Powerpoint and Publisher to improve presentations, as well as advancing your skills in internet and emailing with attachments. Pre-requisite - Computer Basics 1 or some experience using Microsoft Office Word. A 10 week course, 2hrs/week commencing Term 3. Cost \$185. Concessions available. Bookings essential Ph: 5429 6724

#### Introduction to Microsoft Excel:

Work with Excel, numbers or spreadsheets and not quite sure how to make it work for you? Day or Night Class, 2hrs/week for 6 weeks covering Microsoft Excel basics. Course includes working with cells, worksheets and formulas, making tables, improving their presentation and more. Commences Term 3, Cost \$120 no concessions. Bookings essential as minimum and maximum numbers apply. Romsey Community House ph: 5429 6724.

#### Computer Maintenance

Ideal for home computer. Covering topics such as general housekeeping, backups, disk maintenance, improving computer efficiency, updates, antivirus software and free tools. One 2hr session, Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20. Next Course Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7-9pm Romsey Community House. Additional sessions available June & July. Bookings essential as minimum and maximum numbers apply.

#### Learn to Use the Internet

- 2hr session \$20. Day & night classes available. Bookings at the Romsey Community House ph: 5429 6724

#### Understanding the Internet - Children's Class

– 2 hr session covering the how to's and pitfalls of using the internet, including internet, downloads and identity security. Parents welcome! Cost \$20. Bookings essential.

### Enquiries

**For information or bookings please contact the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**Do you want to work in the community but only have a few hours to spare?**  
**Romsey Community House needs volunteers to work in the office assisting with tasks such as answering phones, taking course bookings, enquiries, showing visitors and participants the facilities, or assisting with the organisation, set up or clean up of activities. If you think you can help, we would love to see you. No special skills required, training provided. Pop into the office, Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm**  
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