

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC.

Golf/Bowls Clubhouse  
(Competition Times only) Ph: 54295385  
Secretary, Kevin Dunn Ph. 54296761  
President, Robert Preece Ph. 97444585  
Membership Fees: Adults \$230  
Juniors \$ 35

Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.00pm.

### \*\*NEW TUESDAY COMPETITION\*\*

**ALL WELCOME. 9.30 TEE OFF - \$5.00 ALL INCL.  
(Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided)**

The course is available for social groups with clubhouse facilities and bar by bookings only.

### Results

19 May **Stableford**  
A Clement (9) 39pts

26 May **Monthly Medal**  
A Laing (16) net 63  
(Still no medal for D Jones)

9 June **4BBB Stableford**  
M Thornton / A Laing 47pts

16 June **Stableford**  
M Mottram (16) 41  
**Singles Knockout**  
G Clement def Joel Molloy 5/4

Approximately 120 players enjoyed the Tournament weekend. The weather was good to us. Thanks to all who helped out on the day as all the visitors enjoyed it immensely. For those who were not so successful in their golf, they at least were able to enjoy a great feed and a great social day. A big thank you to all the sponsors who donated prizes for each of the events. The results were as follows:

### Tournament Results

2 June **Relative Pairs**  
A & M Clement 41 pts  
**Mixed 4BBB Stableford**  
B & M Warrenner 44 pts  
**Mens 4BBB Stableford**  
M Hoyt & M Nichols 48pts

3 June **Scratch Results 24 holes**  
A Grade N Hodge (Gisborne) 89  
B Grade S Wright (Romsey) 105  
C Grade R Maccanti (Melb Air) 111

**Net Results**  
A Grade L Gaunt (7) (Gisb) 87 2/3  
B Grade S Wilkins (13) (Rom) 89 2/3  
C Grade S Drummond (Nthn) 91 1/3

### Senseless Vandalism

On a less positive note, some members will have noticed the damage to the greens caused by hoons in a car. The matter has been reported to the police. It would be greatly appreciated if the local community could keep a watchful eye out and report any suspicious behaviour immediately to the police. It is very disappointing that the many voluntary hours given to the course can be destroyed by one senseless act. This course is not just used by Romsey Golf Club members, it is also used by the wider community and many visitors to the area, and it is something that we should all be proud of and take responsibility for.

## Romsey Golf Club - Ladies Report

### Results for this month

23 May **Stroke Monthly Medal**  
H. Cally 70 net

30 May **Doris Chambers S/F Foursomes**  
L. Robb & B. Cole

6 June **Stroke**  
B. Cole 75 net

13 June **Stroke**  
B. Cole

20 June **Stroke**  
B. Cole 71 net

The ladies have continued to travel with Lorraine and myself playing in the Broadford tournament.

Hilda & Lorraine played in the Trentham Silver Salver in strong winds and rain which really tested the field and quite a few players didn't finish, so well done to the Romsey girls who battled on and Lorraine also won Dalhousie points on the day.

Hilda and Margaret went to Bacchus Marsh West for their Captain Presidents Day and played Canadian and enjoyed the course and company.

Our Bowl is coming up in July and we are hoping to have a full field and would like the weather god to be kind to us as well. Congratulations to the men who ran a successful tournament the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June. They had full fields and better weather than was forecasted, as it was fine both days.

The clinics the ladies have been running have finished till the weather warms up again if there is enough interest to continue. We thank Beau for all his time and valuable coaching.

Welcome home to Jenny. Who said the secretary could go away for 4 weeks? Jenny you have been missed while holidaying in the UK and flitting off to Italy for your birthday. As you can all notice we are envious. No doubt Jenny has missed her new and first granddaughter while she was away.

### Recipe for this month.

#### Eureka Chops

6 lamb chops  
2 tablespoons oil  
Small can crushed pineapple  
¾ cup raisins  
½ cup honey  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon mixed spice  
2 oranges peeled and sliced

#### Method

Trim all fat off chops  
Brown chops in oil.  
Place all ingredients on top of chops in a casserole and bake in a moderate oven until tender.  
Approx ¾ to 1 hour.  
Serve with mashed potatoes and vegetables.

Beryl Cole  
54295411

# THE ROMSEY RAG

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July 2007

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December 2007	Friday November 23rd	Thursday November 29th

## ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

The Romsey-Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary invites new members to its

**Annual General Meeting on Tuesday July 17th at 7.30 pm.**

**This meeting will be held at the Ambulance Station in Romsey.  
ENTRY IS AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING.**

**Enquiries—phone Don on 5429 3532.**

**Come along and support this important community service.**

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: MACEDON RANGES NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from persons wishing to serve on its **Natural Environment Advisory Committee (NEAC)**.

The purpose and role of the committee is to provide high level strategic advice to the Council on the implementation of the **Natural Environment Strategy** and the **development of a sustainable natural environment for Macedon Ranges Shire**. The committee will provide a conduit between Council and its community on a range of environmental issues.

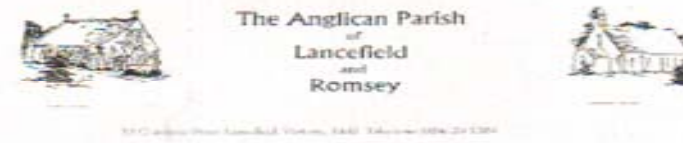
The current committee was established in July 2006. The committee charter provides for up to eight community members and three vacancies exist.

Applications are encouraged from members of the Macedon Ranges community who have strong skills and experience or interest in environmental management issues. In addition to eight community members the NEAC includes two Councillors and two Council Officers.

For further information and a nomination form please telephone **Barry Whelan, Manager Environmental Services on (03) 54299657 or email to**

**barryw@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au.**

**Nominations should be sent to:** Barry Whelan, Manager Environmental Services, PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444 or hand delivered to 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton 3444 **by the close of business Friday 29th June 2007.**



### VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

*"A young man walked into a church for the first time.  
He was greeted at the door by friendly faces.  
He went to sit down and was greeted by the people sitting next to him.  
During the greeting of the peace, many got up from their chairs to welcome this newcomer.  
The church was full.  
He could follow the service from the screen.  
His kids were taken care of at Sunday School.  
After the service, he was encouraged by the regular parishioners to come across to morning tea.  
He only met the vicar briefly.  
At morning tea, many people came and introduced themselves to him and made sure he had a cuppa in his hand.  
They tried to get to know him.  
They talked about their walk with God and showed their love of the Lord Jesus in the way they conversed with the man.  
The man left feeling loved and cared for and wanting to go back with his family."*

That's my hope for our church at Lancefield and Romsey. Why not come and find out how we are doing or better still, why not come and help us to achieve this and do it better. That's this month's view from the vicarage.  
Rev. Leroy Coote  
Vicar  
Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

### Coming Events

You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey and 10:30am (with Sunday School) at Lancefield. "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007, we are having A Confirmation Service. Preparation will start at the beginning of term 3 (15<sup>th</sup> July 2007) on Sunday afternoons for those in year 7 up. Adults will meet at a mutually convenient time with the minister. If interested, please contact the Rev. Leroy Coote on 5429-1680.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July in the warm Lancefield Church Hall at 8:00pm, we will hear the real story of what did happen at the bushfires in the North East of the state. Noel Smithwyck was one of the many brave fire fighters who took part. Come and hear about the triumphs and tragedies of this situation.  
**Donation of \$5.00 going to the CFA and the Bill Brady Welfare Fund.**

## Macedon Ranges Greens

invites you to enter:

### Photos of the Macedon Ranges - A photography Competition

We seek entries from the community in the following categories:

- Environment - built and natural
- Community
- Emotions

There is open section and a junior section (Under 14) in each category.

**The competition closes at 5pm on 20th July 2007.**

An entry fee of \$10 or \$5 concession per photo applies.

View and buy entries at an

### Exhibition and Auction

Saturday 28 July 2007  
7.30 pm  
Jubilee Hall  
Smith Street, Macedon.  
\$5 entry, BYO drinks,  
Finger food provided.

Entry forms and information sheets can be obtained from Barbara Crljen Phone: 5427 1756 or Email: bcrljen@bigpond.net.au

## Annual Newham Primary School Market and Fair Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007

We invite you to hold a stall at our Annual Market and Fair.

Our school is set in breathtakingly scenic surrounds next to Hanging Rock and is a favourite area for tourists and wine lovers to visit.

Based on our successful market day last year, we envisage a range of stall holders offering gourmet food, local produce, art and craft, plants and books, as well as entertainment for children and adults.

Stall holders will need to be self-powered and provide their own sun-shade, table and chairs.

The cost of holding the stall is from \$15.  
The market will be open to the public from 9.30 am to 3.00pm, with access to the school grounds for set-up from 8.00am.

We would love to hear back from you by 1 June 2007.

Please contact Mary Grimes ph. 5427 1499  
or Diana Attard ph. 5427 0739



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### Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc

#### Attention !!!! All Businesses In Romsey

The Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association is here for you. For an association to work effectively we need your support so we can support you. From time to time there are issues you may have that need to be addressed to support your business. As a group we can support each other and network effectively.

At the moment there is a great need for better communication between us. So on behalf of the Association I would like to get the ball rolling. We need your contact details so that we can let you know what's happening, when our meetings are held and what speakers we have to address certain issues etc. No matter how big or small your business is, you are a valuable asset to the Romsey community.

Please send your email address and other contact details to either [smallheath@bigpond.com](mailto:smallheath@bigpond.com) or post to P.O. Box 50, Romsey, or just phone me on 5429 5448 to go on our mailing list.

Thank you!  
Gillian Gorrie

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## Romsey Primary School News

### Retirement of Mrs Sue Little

The end of term will mark the retirement of Mrs Sue Little from Romsey Primary School. Mrs Little has given outstanding service to the children of a number of schools in her career, but particularly the students of our school since she commenced here in 1986. Mrs Little has taught most year levels over her time at Romsey Primary School as well as being our LOTE (Indonesian) specialist in recent years. A strong characteristic of her time in education has been her passion for the wellbeing and learning of the students in her care. She has been a great advocate for our school and its programs. Her contribution to not only the learning and teaching programs but also her leadership within our staff is much appreciated and has been highly valued. We wish her a long and fulfilling retirement. Students and parents took the opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Little at our assembly on the last Friday of term.



### Playground Development

The new playground development made possible through the state Government's Playground Blitz Grant, and supplemented through Parent Club fundraising has now been completed. Over a number of working bees and special weekend efforts the first section of wooden playground was removed and the site made ready. Following construction and installation of new edging, new soft fall mulch put in place and spread. Students have now had an opportunity to explore the challenges of this new piece of equipment with their classes in the last week of term.

### Sports Success

#### Cross Country

Recently two of our students, Lucy Fowler and Lauren Connell competed in the State Cross Country championship in Bundoora. These students had progressed to this elite level through our own school cross country events, the District Cross Country at Hanging Rock, Zone in Bendigo before reaching the State event. To compete at this level is a great achievement. Lauren and Lucy are to be congratulated on their dedication and persistence to train and continuously improve over this period. They both put in outstanding performances in very large fields of competitors. Lauren's additional achievement of coming third has enabled her to progress on to the National titles in Perth. This is a great credit to her and her supporters and trainers, especially Mr Brian Tannenberg who has been training our cross country students over this period.

#### Aerobics

Early in June Romsey Primary School Aerobics teams went to Melbourne to compete in the Aerochallenge Competitions. The school entered two teams; "Sassy Six" (Madeleine Vale, Leanne Traill, Rebecca Smith, Libby Cannon, Adele McLennan-Cohen and Ashleigh Hynson) and "Razzle Dazzle" (Lauren Connell, Katie Quinn and Elke Smith). "Sassy Six" competed very strongly and came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. "Razzle Dazzle" put in an outstanding effort and came first in their section. The team received a trophy and medals for their effort. This was a very good experience for the girls who will compete in the State Aerobics Championships in August. These students continue to be coached by staff members Mrs Leanne Stewart and Mrs Karren Baker. The ongoing achievement of these students is a credit to these teachers who continually come up against very well funded larger metropolitan schools in these competitions with professional coaches.

#### Prep Concerts

In the second last week of term parents and visiting kindergarten students were entertained by our Prep and Prep/1 students. The first half of the show saw the students present a number of songs learnt as part of the recent theme studied of Australian Animals. Old favourites such as "Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree," "Give Me a Home Among the Gum Trees" and "Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport" were part of this section of the program. After a short interval the students came out in their favourite footy colours and sang three well known club songs. This was followed by "Up There Cazaly" and "I Am Australian." Again this was a memorable effort from these young students who with the help of their dedicated teachers, Mrs Jo Emond, Mrs Karren Baker and Mr Doug Scale again put on a great show.



#### Enrolment 2008

Romsey Primary School Information packages with enrolment forms have been distributed to local kindergartens in the past few weeks. If you would like to receive one of these but have missed out please contact the school. We are always happy to talk to parents about our great programs, wonderful learning environment and facilities- call in and make an appointment. Enrolments for next year are being accepted now. If you are intending to send your child to Romsey Primary School in 2008, we would appreciate having the enrolment form to school by the end of August.

Barney Healy  
Principal

## 8 TIMES WORLD CHAMPION comes to Romsey

Business Breakfast with Stan "The Man" Longinidis

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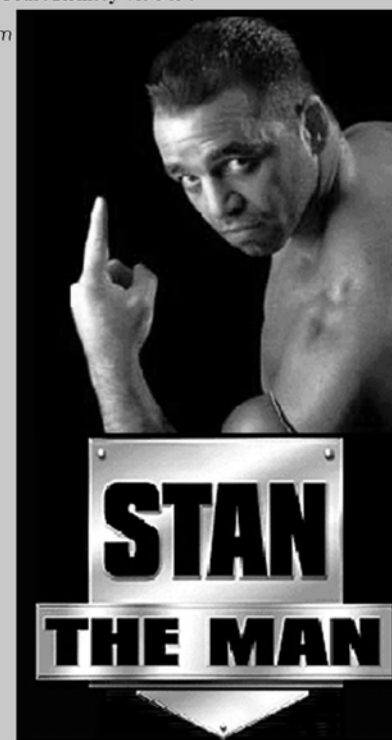
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Champion 1992  
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ISKA World Heavyweight  
Champion (Freestyle Rules) 1993  
WAKO World Super Heavyweight  
Champion 1994  
WMTC World Heavyweight  
Champion 1996



#### From The Living Word Christian Church

I would like to personally invite you to some exciting events we have happening in August and September 2007.

**Our first event** is our Inspire Women's Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10am. Our Guest Speaker is **Jan Stringer** who is an internationally acclaimed speaker who shares her many experiences of life mixed with humour. She is also a gifted editor as well as a mother of four children and grandmother of seven. We encourage women from our community to come and hear Jan as she is a speaker not to be missed. Morning tea and child minding will be provided but bookings are essential. RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Our second event** is our Evening with **Col Stringer** also on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm. Col's unique background of wildlife and humour have won for him the title of "Pastor Crocodile Dundee". He is a born communicator and is in great demand to speak all over the world and is also a very successful author of 20 Christian books, with total sales of 300,000. Col has spoken at The Great Hall in Federal Parliament as well as Parliament House Brisbane and Sydney and in 2003 he was nominated for Australian of the Year. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear such a unique and down to earth speaker. Supper will also be provided.

**Our third event** is our annual Business Breakfast on Saturday morning 15<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7am. Guest Speaker is 8 Times World Heavyweight Kickboxing Cham-

## A day with the Stringers



Col and Jan are being used powerfully to touch their homeland of Australia. Col has spoken at The Great Hall in Federal Parliament as well as Parliament House Brisbane and Sydney. In 2003 Col was Nominated for Australian of the Year.

His daily radio segments 'True Blue Faith' are heard around the nation. In 2004 Col had an earned doctorate conferred upon him by a University in Florida USA in recognition of his research and writings on Australia's Christian Heritage.

Col and Jan Stringer are in high demand to speak at meetings and conventions all over the world.

Wednesday 15th August 2007

10am ~ 'Inspire' Women's Meeting  
with **Jan Stringer**

7:30pm ~ Evening meeting with **Col Stringer**

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pion **'Stan "The Man" Longinidis'**. Stan will motivate you to dream big and inspire you with his personal insights and keys to success in life and as a World champion in his chosen field. The cost is \$30 per person and this includes a sumptuous cooked breakfast and bookings are essential. Please RSVP no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to secure your seat as limited seating is available. Consider booking now to avoid disappointment.

All our events will be held at the Living Word Christian Church 7 Mitchell Court Romsey and informational flyers have been attached for your convenience to print and distribute at your organisation. Also should you require accommodation and tourism information please refer to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Website for details:  
[www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)

For bookings to any of our events: Ph. (03) 5429 6327 or email: [livingword@iprimus.com.au](mailto:livingword@iprimus.com.au)

We are excited to bring you such highly acclaimed speakers to the community of Romsey and we look forward to having you join us at one or all of our upcoming events.

Regards,

Marilyn K. Hunter  
Senior Pastor  
Living Word Christian Church - Romsey & Woodend  
Office: 7 Mitchell Court Romsey  
Postal: P.O. Box 164 Romsey Victoria 3434

## RIPPER READS

Greetings all,  
As winter gets darker and colder snuggle down with a good book, a glass of red and a warm fire and RELAX!

### At Risk – Stella Rimington

As the front cover declares “a stunning debut novel from the former head of MI5” and despite the hype it really is. With all the good attributes of a Le Carre or Forsyth novel it races along at breakneck speed as Liz Carlyle frantically works to discover who the ??? is and which target they are intending to take out in the cause of jihad. A tightly written, suspense-filled novel that no doubt owes a lot of its plot to the author’s previous employment. If this read appeals there is a sequel already out Secret Asset and if you are intrigued by the real life adventures of Stella, rather than her alter ego, then her autobiography Open Secret is a must read.

### Absolutely Faking It – Tiana Templeton

Imagine being a backpacker with no money! Imagine winning the ‘Trip of a Lifetime’ staying for 3 nights in suite accommodation at 10 of the most luxurious hotels around the world and this is the situation that Tiana Templeton and her husband found themselves in for 5 months. An interesting read from two perspectives

1. the incredible opulence of these hotels, it really is another world...and
2. the stresses and strains of staying in such hotels if you are a backpacker.

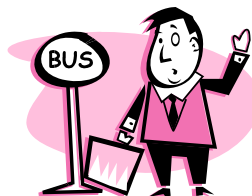
As someone who has recently stayed a night at The Windsor, one of the 10 hotels in the book, I can relate to this. A fun read.

### The Artemis Fowl Files – Eoin Colfer

Eoin Colfer is the author of the highly popular anti-hero Artemis Fowl. So far there have been three books about his villainous exploits – *Artemis Fowl*, *Artemis Fowl – the Arctic Incident*, and *Artemis Fowl – the Eternity Code* – and all have been great, fast-paced reads. This latest title is an interesting amalgam of puzzles, games and a couple of short stories that fill in a few gaps about the main characters, such as how Capt. Holly Short was accepted as the first female elf into Recon. If you have enjoyed reading the series so far then this book will add to your reading pleasure.

## “ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS”

The Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus offers a Mon-Fri return service direct to the CBD at the cheapest rate available in the shire. Currently **\$40.00 per week** for permanent travelers. Departs Lancefield General Store 6.35am, 3 pick up points in Romsey, arrives CBD 7.40am. Departs Cnr William & Latrobe Sts 5.20pm, arrives back in Romsey & Lancefield 6.30pm. Seats currently available. For more details ring Muir on 0354 255505



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**Art Classes**

Children's art Classes (School Holidays)  
Time: Morning 10-12am Afternoon 2-4pm  
Dates: Monday and Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> July Activities will include Drawing (making marks on paper) and Printmaking.  
Venue: Romsey Primary School Art Room  
Costs: \$20 per session. All materials Supplied plus light refreshment

Term 3 Tuesday Night Art Classes  
Date: Classes commence on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> July and will run for 8 weeks  
Time: 7pm to 9.30 pm  
Venue: Romsey Primary school Art room  
Costs: 8 sessions for \$160  
Sign up for some fun and expand your skills.  
Learn to create strong and dynamic drawings with rich and expressive marks. Gain confidence and expand the way you see.  
Please Contact Gillian for bookings and more information on 54295448

**Attention!!! Local Artists and Craft people.**  
**Romsey Art and Craft Market is going ahead!!!!**

*My name is Gillian and I, with the help of a steering committee, have established that our first Art and Craft Market will be held in November this year in Romsey with the support of the Neighbourhood house and you. We need stallholders.*  
*I am looking for expressions of interest from those who wish to exhibit or have a stall at the market even if you know some one else who might be interested. Please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas, philosophies and energy to get this project off the ground.*  
*All enquiries will be greatly appreciated.*  
*You can contact me on 54295448 or drop in to Gillmay Arts Gallery and we can have a chat*  
*Thankyou!*  
**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UP DATES**

## From Cr Henry Bleeck

The rains across the end of autumn have signalled a likely end to our extended drought – but have also signalled a looming problem for Romsey town residents and rural landholders. The unseasonably warm May coupled with the rains has encouraged the germination of a range of weeds – particularly Capeweed and Paterson’s curse. The easiest time to recognise you have a weed problem is when they begin to flower in spring – but that’s often the most difficult time to control them.

Now’s a good time to consider preventative maintenance to root out your weed problem before it really takes hold in spring. It’s a potential problem both for town gardens and lawns as well as rural paddocks. Paterson’s curse and other broadleaf weeds are in the rosette stage at the moment, so people should identify them and get onto eradication promptly.

The drought has potentially contributed to the weed problem. These weeds can be introduced to your garden in mulch such as pea straw. The use of mulch has increased during the drought, as people try to save their gardens. You should be asking questions such as where the mulch is from, and about its quality. The transport of mulch and fodder over the drought also poses a problem for our roadsides and rural properties. Vehicle hygiene is critical to avoid weeds spreading on our road network.

Capeweed and Paterson’s curse can ruin gardens and lawns by growing vigorously in spring, and then dying off – leaving large bare patches which can then be colonised by other weeds. The vigorous growth can also be spread by your lawnmower. Capeweed is very noticeable in late spring and early summer with its increase in size and profusion of large yellow daisies with black centres. Paterson’s curse is an erect biennial with purple flowers. Although stock will eat Capeweed, it’s of lower nutritional value than good pasture. Stock can also die if they over-graze on it, as they may accumulate toxic levels of nitrate in their bodies.

Grubbing is an effective control in autumn through to spring. You can loosen the surrounding soil with a fork then lift out the weed, taking care the entire root is intact. Herbicides are also effective. Council’s weeds project officer, Andrew Scanlon can provide advice and information on weeds and their control, and can be phoned on 5429 9606.

### Fire safety – get in early

Rural landholders and those living on small acreages or bushland properties should be thinking now about getting ready for next fire season. Now’s a good time for cleaning up around the home and property after summer, and reviewing your fire plan. We should all be thinking about speaking to our local CFA for information and advice. Now’s the time.



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## Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides.

Wow isn't it cold! But it's not cold at Guide meetings as we have some heating and we always start with a game of some sort, to warm up for the evening.



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The Guides recently had a Mexican Night where they imagined they were visiting one of the Guide World Centres, which is in Mexico. We began the evening by doing the Mexican Hat Dance which was great fun as well as a warm activity. Many of the girls were wearing a Mexican hat too. We then learned a bit about Our Cabana, the name of the centre where Guides from anywhere around the world can visit. You can stay over night, or for several nights, learn some traditional Mexican customs, eat their yummy food, and make some of their colourful crafts.

The girls had made some traditional godseys the week before and hung them around the meeting room as decoration. Then they cooked tacos and had great fun eating them, yum!

The girls have been working on a couple of badges over a period of time. They have continued to complete more challenges for their Year of the Outdoors Badge, especially looking at problems of rubbish and pollution in the ocean that affects the life of penguins. They have also been working on an Explore our World badge, including looking at conservation issues in our immediate community.

During term 2 we have enrolled three new girls into our unit. The new members have settled in quickly and are having lots of fun learning Guiding traditions and taking part in activities that are fun, stimulating and informative. Would you like to join us? We meet at Lancefield Park on Monday evenings from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. For further information ring Rita Vandervalk on 5429 1996

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Now is the time to register a team and to start your fundraising. If you would like to register a team please contact the Relay For Life people on:  
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or  
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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...*

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we joined with Riddells Creek Uniting Church in a celebration of their 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Everyone attending had a very enjoyable day. We especially enjoyed the guest preacher, Rev. Jason Koia, Moderator of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania. We all had a lovely meal at the Senior Citizens Centre.

The first Riddells Creek Presbyterian Church was built in 1867 on the land given by John Carre Riddell after whom the township had been named. This building eventually deteriorated to such an extent that a new church had to be built. This church still stands today and was opened in January 1875. Many renovations have been carried out over the years and furniture donated.

*"Love is a Wild Bird". (Thoughts for the day!)*  
‘Luke 3:5-6.

**Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.**

**The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.**

**And all mankind will see God's salvation.'**

When Barbara and I are on a long car journey and the traffic is slow, we sometimes remember journeys we made when the children were small. They'd read for a bit, then if we were lucky they'd nod off to sleep. But when they woke there'd be the dreaded questions. "Mum, are we nearly there yet?" "How long will it be, Dad?" Time matters and, as life gets busier and faster, it seems to get ever more important.

When we start a journey we usually ask, "When do we arrive?" And if we're on the train these days the answer may well be, "Who knows!!" Life might be a bit richer and more interesting if, instead of asking how long the journey takes, we ask what we can see on the way. Real travellers, explorers, often say that the thrill and satisfaction lies in the journey itself. Not in the arrival. The experience

gained as we travel is the most valuable thing. If we concentrate too hard on the end result, we may lose the joy of the journey.

Time is for people, not the other way round, and the real joy of the journey we make through life is the people we travel with and the shared experience.

Travel well today.

***Lord of the journey,; give me the joy of knowing you are with me every step I take.***

(Written by Eddie Askew.

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### **Church Services Being Conducted During July**

*Sunday School will not be conducted during the school holidays.*

- 1st: 9.00am** Worship service  
Conducted by visiting minister
- 8th: 9.00am** Communion service  
Conducted by Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
- 15th: 9.00am** Worship service  
Conducted by Worship team
- 22nd: 9.00am** Worship service and Sunday School  
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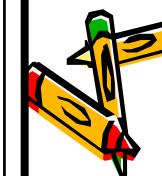
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Claire 0439 565 477

## An invitation to the Romsey Kindergarten Goods & Services Auction.

To be held at the  
**Romsey Golf Club.**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**  
Free entry, supper provided  
& drinks at bar prices.

Payment may be made on the night of auction by cash or cheque.

For further information or enquiries please contact  
Raelene 54296272, Helen 54295562 or Kath 54298137



## PEST ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATE

Friday 20 July 2007 at 7.30 pm

Newham Hall

The Pest Animal Project is a Newham & District Landcare Group initiative.

Results of the Pest Animal survey that was undertaken recently across the Newham District will be presented and discussed, along with the next steps to be taken.

and

**Tim Bloomfield will speak on "best practice" in pest animal eradication.**

Tim is an entertaining speaker [ask someone who attended his session in Autumn Property Planning Series last year!] He has 30 years experience working in pest animal management with a special interest in foxes and rabbits and is currently the Fox Program Officer with the Phillip Island Nature Park.

*Everyone interested in pest animal control is welcome at this event.*

Prompt start at 7.30 pm

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## KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

After an incredibly mild autumn, winter has hit Romsey with a vengeance. It certainly has not slowed activity at the Kindergarten, as you will read here.

Recently, as I was involved in completing a grant application, the question was posed "How does your group strengthen the community?" This question was being directed to a vast range of community groups, not just those related to kindergartens. However, it forced me to ponder the question.

There is, of course, the obvious provision of pre-school education and all of the exciting awakenings that go with it. There is also the opportunity for social interaction between the parents of these children in a day-to-day context, involvement in Committee of Management and through kindergarten-organised social events. There are also the important roles our teaching staff play as role models and community members. The other function Kindergarten seeks to build upon this year is that of its extension work in the form of a series of guest speakers being invited to Romsey for presentations. These will not necessarily be only targeted toward the Kindergarten community - we feel a social responsibility to the community as a whole to inform, educate and entertain.

Kindergarten looks forward to its ongoing contribution to strengthening the Romsey community.

### A Big Morning Out

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the 4-year-old classes visited the Romsey Primary School to attend the Annual Prep Concert. Many of this year's preps were, of course, at the Kindergarten last year. The concert culminated with a footy theme (singing of footy theme songs, waving of scarves and "Up There Cazaly"), which seemed to impress the kinder children. The whole aspect of the "excursion" (albeit only over the road) was a cause for excitement at kinder.



### CPR Course

Recently (30<sup>th</sup> May), the Kindergarten hosted a CPR Course, which was very well attended. The provision of baby-sitting enabled parents of small children, as well as the Kindergarten's teaching staff and other community members, to partake of this valuable training. Many thanks to Anne Cappler for organising this event.

### Goods and Services Auction

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, the Kindergarten will conduct its inaugural Goods and Services Auction to be held at the Romsey Bowls and Golf Club at 7.30pm. This promises to be a very entertaining evening with a myriad of "goods and services" to bid upon. In addition to asking everyone to pencil it in to their diaries, we are also grateful of any offers of "goods and services" to the auction. You can be creative (offers to mow the lawn, baby-sit pets, cleaning, baked goods etc) as well as provide more tangible items. Everything will be gratefully accepted. We hope to make this a big night, both for the Kindergarten and for Romsey in general. Please contact **Kath Brunnell (54 293137)** if you have any queries.

### Universal Children's Week

As part of our "extension" agenda, Romsey Kindergarten will be hosting a Dietician as guest speaker to celebrate Universal Children's Week. This presentation will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> October. More information will be available in next month's Rag.

### Open Day

Romsey Kindergarten will fling open its doors on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 11am and 4pm to showcase its impressive facility. A jumping castle, sausage sizzle, face painting, balloons, a cake stall and show bags will be on offer. There will be a program of guest speakers with babysitting provided for their presentations. More news of this will be in the next Rag.

### Enrolments


**PLEASE NOTE:** Enrolments for all 2008 Kindergarten classes close on 31<sup>st</sup> July, which is very soon. Classes are filling fast, so do not leave it too late! Please contact the Enrolment Officer, **Tracey Newnham (54 296269, 0409 511439)** if you have any queries.

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### LANCEFIELD CEMETERY DEVELOPMENTS

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We will shortly be establishing a visitor gazebo to provide visitors with a sheltered enclosure where they can sit whilst paying their respects to loved ones. This will further be enhanced by incorporating a garden around the gazebo for the interment of ashes together with provision for the placement of a brass plaque.

We also advise that due to persons unknown driving cars into the cemetery doing "wheelies" it has unfortunately required us to lock the double gates restricting visitor access through the single pedestrian gate which remains unlocked. Enquiries for pre-purchase of lawn sites can be made on 54 292 085 or met.mwp@hotmail.net.au

M. Taylor.  
Secretary.

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### A plea from a local motorist:

If you are a pedestrian in Romsey on these dark winter nights please wear light coloured clothing—it is very difficult to see you on the road.

### Romsey Recreation Centre

Contact us to enrol in any of the activities listed below. New programs starting soon so get your registrations in now!

Romsey Recreation Centre: 5429 5637

#### Junior Activities starting in term 3, 2007

- Aussie Hoops
- Junior Basketball Competition
- Junior Soccer Development Program
- Junior Soccer Competitions
- Junior Netball (run by Netball Association)

#### Senior Programs starting in term 3, 2007

- Senior Mixed Netball
- Senior Men's Soccer
- Senior Badminton

The Romsey Recreation Centre & Youth Services is running a holiday program for participants aged 12 – 25. We would like to run a program for younger children in the spring school holidays, if there was enough interest. Please contact us if this would appeal to you & your children.

#### Exercise Classes

There is new timetable of exercise classes now available at the Romsey Recreation Centre  
Free child Minding is available for some morning classes.

Contact Greg Hicks for more information about prices and class times on 0403 165 353

## Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

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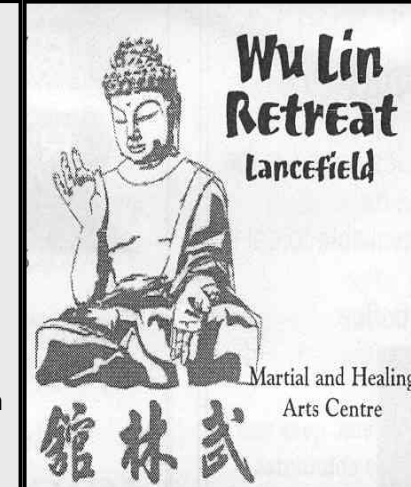
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## Lancefield Romsey Lions Club

### Lions Meetings:

Lancefield Romsey Lions Club meets every 2nd Monday (Business) at the Mechanics Hall, Romsey and every 4th Monday (Dinner Meeting). Anyone recently moved into the area and interested in finding out more about Lions and our Lions projects can ring me and come along to one of our dinner meetings (please let me know beforehand that you are attending). You will be most welcome. Phone 0411 643 407 or 5429 1990.

### LANCEFIELD CFA

As most of you know, the Lancefield CFA is sending its juniors to Sweden to compete in the Fire Games. They have been busy fundraising and getting local support and sponsors in the last few years. On Sunday June 10th the Lions went along to meet these young members, and see their new apparel—and they really do look the part. This will be a great adventure and one they will never forget. We know they will be great ambassadors for our local CFA, and their country. They will gain confidence and make new friendships that they will keep throughout their lives. We wish the lots of luck and a safe journey.

Lion Julie Starec



### St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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

Presbytery: 5429 2130  
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Parish Website: [www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield](http://www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield)

#### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 7.00 p.m. 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:**  
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#### RECONCILIATION

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#### BAPTISMS

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#### REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### TUPPERWARE PARTY

**Date:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July  
**Time:** 7.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey  
**Cost:** \$2.00  
Door prize, raffle, light supper.

##### ADULT FAITH

Following 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 a.m., John Stuart will give a talk on "What Is New Age Spirituality". All Welcome.

#### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Students and teachers have been very busy this term. A Family Maths night was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Teachers presented various activities and strategies that they use in teaching Maths. Students and parents were encouraged to participate and there was a very good turn out on a cold and wet night.

We celebrated Crazy Hair Day on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The children came with many colours and styles and raised \$174 for the local St Vincent de Paul Society.

The Grade 5 and 6 students have been busy training for the COBAW Sports Day. They will participate in football and netball on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Unfortunately the soccer tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Grade 6 netballers were challenged to a match by the staff. This was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May and great fun was had by all involved. The whole school showed their support and the teachers had a narrow victory. The children were paid a visit by Australian author Christopher Milne. He shared with them many of his Naughty Stories for Good Girls and Boys.

The Scholastic Book Fair was held from 19-22 June. The theme for this year's fair was Reading Rainforest and students were able to purchase from a wide collection of books.

Teachers have been busy writing mid year reports and getting ready for parent teacher interviews. The term is drawing to a close and we are looking forward to restful holidays before another busy term beginning on 16<sup>th</sup> July. **Enrolments are now being taken for 2008. If you have any queries please contact the school. Forms are available at the school office.**



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## HOUSE NEWS

### Programs for Term 3:

#### Art Classes:

##### Children's Art Classes (School Holidays)

Monday July 2nd and Tuesday July 3rd, and Monday July 9th  
Sessions: Morning 10am-12noon, and 2-4pm.  
Activities will include drawing and printmaking. All materials and light refreshments supplied.  
Cost: \$20 per session.  
Venue: Romsey Primary School  
Call Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411 579 906 for further details.

Adult art classes will be run in Term 3 every Tuesday night 7—9.30 pm at Romsey Primary School. Commences July 24th. Phone Gillian for details.

#### Art & Craft Market for Romsey

Expressions of interest are sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey. It is anticipated that the first market will be held in November.

For information phone Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411579906

#### Some of our old favourites include:

**Yoga With Kym Oliver** Wednesdays 7.00 pm at Romsey Primary School.  
Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.  
For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

**Learn To Knit with Heather—weekly** All levels of knitters meet on Monday nights Mondays 7—8 pm at Romsey Primary School. \$10 for 5 lessons. Contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

**Writer's Group with Dee White**—new members welcome. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on the first Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School. NEXT MEETING MONDAY JULY 2ND AT 7.00PM.

**Crop till you drop:** Each third Saturday of the month beginning April 15th. for all you Memory Makers and Scrapbookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session

and includes pizza or fish'n'chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826

#### Coming Up:

**Certificate Course: Responsible Serving of Alcohol**  
Saturday July 7th, 9.00am—1.00pm.  
Venue: IGA Supermarket, Romsey  
Cost: \$55  
If you are interested please register with Robyn Moore on 0412 275 152.

Payments for classes booked through the Community House need to be made at Romsey Primary School or mailed to Romsey Community House, P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

For information, to express interest or suggest new activities please contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

### Community Forum

The committee of the Romsey Community House is conducting a Community Forum to which representatives of all clubs, groups and organisations in Romsey are invited. The aim of this forum is to exchange ideas and information about how we can all work together and support each other, and how the Community House and its facilities at the new Community Hub can best be accessed and utilised.

**The planned date for this forum is Tuesday August 28th at Romsey Primary School, commencing at 7.00pm.** We are very excited about the development of the Community Hub and hope that other groups in our area will make full use of the facilities and programs that will be on offer once the building is up and running. Letters will shortly be sent to all the organisations we can think of, inviting their participation in this forum. If we miss you out, please accept that an invitation is extended to you as well, and that any omission is unintentional. **Watch the August Rag for further details.**

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**7.00 p.m.**  
Kerrie Hall,  
Kerrie Valley Road (off Romsey-Woodend Road)

*Lucky Door Prize      Dancing 50/50*  
*Kris Kringle with Santa      More Dancing*  
*Hearty Country Supper*  
*Lucky Spots      More Dancing till Midnight*  
BYO Drinks and a gift to the value of \$10  
*(gifts suitable for male or female)*

Tickets only \$20 each  
Free bus from Lancefield to Kerrie via Romsey is available  
*To book or for more information please phone*  
*Maureen 54270286, Betty 54296470 or Lorna 54291745*

## BINGO!!

**Every Thursday evening**  
**St Mary's Church Hall at Romsey**  
DOORS OPEN      EYES DOWN  
7.00 pm      7.30 pm

30 games (2 sessions of 15 games)  
Finishing around 9.45 pm

\$3 per 15 game book    Canteen Facilities  
No entry fee    Free tea and coffee

### Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield

Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am. Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

#### Contact

Mrs Pat Shannon (President) on 5429 6194 or  
Mrs Jeni Clampit (Secretary) on 5429 5480



## Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

Recently I received a phone call asking if 'nannas' can join our toy library. And the answer is ... absolutely! Grandparents are most welcome to join the toy library and borrow toys to help entertain visiting grandchildren. And, with so many grandparents now providing day care on a casual or permanent basis for their grandchildren, they are sure to find our service very handy! We already have a number of members who provide a Family Day Care service and like to ensure they have a many and varied range of toys on offer in their homes.

All toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and this is a great way for grandparents to have a constant new source of amusement for the little ones. It also means grandparents don't have to go to the expense of buying new toys and the often difficult task of finding somewhere to store them!

With membership of the library just \$15 for six months and \$25 for a whole year, our fees are very affordable for everyone.

Call into St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church) in Main Street, Romsey, on Saturday mornings from 10am-11.30am and you can view our range of toys and sign up!

Another question I am often asked is whether Lancefield residents can join the library. And the answer is, once again, absolutely! Anyone who lives in the area is most welcome to join, as long as they are able to visit the library in Romsey on Saturday mornings as, at present, that is the only time we are open.

Once again, drop in and see us and we'll sign you up!

Toy Library Secretary Anna Quigley and I have attended several meetings regarding the planning of the new Romsey Community Hub, of which the toy library will be a part when the hub opens next year. The meetings are held every month to ensure the planning for the hub and the transition into it go smoothly. More on that next month.

The cheque for the toy library's fantastic \$2717 Federal Government has arrived and is being spent as I write on a new laptop, software, portable first aid kit, digital camera and storage containers for the library. For those who missed out on the news, the toy library has benefited from the Federal Government's Volunteer Small Equipment Grants (FACSIA) program, which helps the work of volunteers within community organisations.

We have gained more new members in the past month, so a big welcome to them! We very much appreciate your interest and support, and hope you are enjoying borrowing from our range.

The toy library's application for a Shire of Macedon Ranges grant to help improve and extend our range of toys has been lodged, and we are anxiously awaiting the outcome. If successful, the toy library is likely to begin a 'party pack' which will be able to be hired by members and people in the wider community. Details are still to be finalised, but it's likely the party pack will comprise lightweight, child-sized tables and chairs and a range of toys people will be able to use when hosting a party at home. Items such as our nylon collapsible tunnel and games which children can play i.e. sacks for a sack race, will take the burden off parents having a party at home. The party pack hire fee will

enable the toy library to gain some much-needed income and reduce our reliance on grant money to improve and expand our service.

Special advance notice to members and the community alike of the toy library's one and only fundraiser for the year – a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Sunbury. The date is Saturday, September 2 – the day before Father's Day, so we expect the store will be extremely busy!

More on that event in next month's column.

A special thank you to the St Mary's Parish for allowing us to operate from the St Mary's Hall, as we have for many years at a nominal rent. While the toy library committee is extremely excited about moving to the new Romsey Community Hub next year, we are at the same time very grateful to the Parish for allowing us to use their hall on Saturday mornings to run the toy library and for giving us storage space. The parish community has been a supporter of the toy library from the beginning and we could not run without them, so thanks for their ongoing support of the local toy library.

As always, we need new members! Memberships are still \$15 for 6 months or \$25 for one year, regardless of the number of children in your family. We have lots of 'big toys' – scooters, Cozy Coupe cars for toddlers, jeep ride-ons, trikes, see-saws and the like – which are great to borrow as they are expensive to buy.

Come along one Saturday morning and check out our range! We have hundreds of puzzles, games, large and small toys, ride-ons, LeapPads, Leapsters and educational CD-ROMs for you to borrow for children aged from birth to 12 years.

Or just give Leanne Manton a call on 5429 6583 and we'll sign you up.

The library opens in St Mary's Hall (behind the Catholic Church) on Saturday mornings from 10am until 11.30am. Thanks for your time and look forward to seeing you at the library!

Yours sincerely  
LEANNE MANTON,  
President,  
Romsey Toy Library Inc. 2007

## HOW YOU CAN HELP THE ROMSEY RAG

The Romsey Rag is always looking out for more articles and more volunteers.

If you have an group, organisation, event or just an interesting story that you want published please use the Rag as vehicle for getting your message across. Publicising the activities and events of clubs and not-for-profit groups within our community is free in the Rag!

We also need volunteers to help with the task of collating the Rag each month. We now have a circulation of 2000 copies, and the more people we have putting the Rag together the easier the task. It only requires a couple of hours once a month on a Thursday morning and you are guaranteed of a friendly reception. If you can help please contact Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848.

## Coming To Kyneton Town Hall:

### My Grandma lived in Gooligulch

Friday July 13 @ 6.30 pm

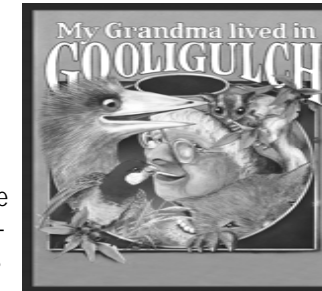
Saturday July 14 @ 2.00 pm

Tickets \$15 / Children U15 \$10 / family (2A 2C) \$40

Internationally acclaimed children's writer Graeme Base and multi award-winning writer/director Garry Ginivan have combined to adapt one of Base's best-loved stories to the stage.

Full of imagination and humour, *My Grandma lived in Gooligulch* tells the story of a surprising Grandma in a tiny country town. She lives a magical life full of adventure. Her friends are Australian animals and they can talk! Kate, her 9 year old granddaughter, has never met Grandma and the last thing she wants to do is spend the summer in Gooligulch! And that's when the fun begins.

*My Grandma lived in Gooligulch* has everything - a Grandma, a birthday, a crash, live music, puppets, a wonderful set and a talented cast. It's superb family entertainment.



### A Taste of Tamworth

Saturday 21st of July 2007 8.00pm

Round table seating.

Tickets: Full \$33.00 Concession \$27.50

Tables of 10+ \$27.50 each

Put three Golden Guitar Winners together in one big concert, and you've got a Taste of Tamworth at its best. Carter & Carter, Brendon Walmsley and Dianna Corcoran come together to give you 'A Taste of Tamworth', the most uplifting, energetic and refreshingly honest show you will see this year. 3 Golden Guitar Winners in 1 Big Concert.

### Debra Byrne

Friday 20th July 2007 11:30am

Tickets: \$15.00 Groups 10+ \$13.50

Morning Music Package of 4 shows \$13.00

Anyone who has ever heard *Debra Byrne* sing knows just how special this Australian performer is. With more than thirty years in the spotlight, Debra has amassed credentials in music, television, film and on stage that few can match. Whether it is as the 16 year old Queen of Pop, belting out *He's a Rebel*, to the heart-breaking thrill of Grizabella's *Memory* in *Cats*, her career has been full of memorable highlights.



David Williamson's

*The Club*,

Starring John Wood

Friday 24th August 2007 8.00 pm

Tickets: \$35.00 / \$28.00

*The Club* is a story about egotism, commitment, power, jealousy, and greed. David Williamson's acclaimed classic covers the transition of Australian sport into becoming Australian business. The culture and rituals of an old club are torn to shreds as the mighty dollar takes over. Starring much loved actor John Wood

## THE LUX RADIO THEATRE

presents

### PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2007 11.30am

Tickets: \$15.00 Groups 10+ \$13.50

Morning Music Package of 4 shows \$13.00

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1900, a party of school girls picnicked at Hanging Rock. During the afternoon several members of the party disappeared without a trace ...

The iconic story takes on new magic in this live radio recreation performed by a distinguished cast previously seen in the Agatha Christie Radio Mysteries adapted from the novel by Joan Lindsay and directed by Don Mackay starring Beverley Dunn as Mrs Appleyard with James Wright, Simon Mallory, Sharni Page, Simon Russell and Rosalind Mackay.

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# Two Free Concerts!



## Orchestra Victoria

Conducted by Maestro Marko Letonja  
With Piano Soloists Caroline Almonte & Stephen McIntyre

11am & 7.30pm Wednesday 11 July 2007  
The Capital - Bendigo's Performing Arts Centre

Everyone is welcome!

Free tickets available from The Capital Box Office, phone 5434 6100

Experience the sounds of a live orchestra and outstanding soloists led by an internationally acclaimed conductor. **Maestro Marko Letonja** will conduct **Orchestra Victoria** in a magical program that will captivate both music lovers and those experiencing live orchestral music for the first time. **Expect the unexpected** - have you ever seen four hands play one piano? A maestro who steps off his podium to play with the orchestra? Anything could happen during this program that will include the fantastic Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*, Strauss' *Emperor Waltzes*, Ibert's *Divertissement* and more!

Complimentary refreshments will be served after the evening concert; a great opportunity to meet some of the musicians while catching up with friends and neighbours!



## In The Community Forum— Woodend, March 2007.

### Summary of day

More than 40 people came together from across the Macedon Ranges Shire to have their say on local issues at the first In the Community event for 2007. Hosted by the Department for Victorian Communities at the Woodend Community Centre, the forum provided the opportunity for local community members and business leaders to share ideas and debate issues affecting their communities. One recognised feature of the Shire is the lack of an obvious centre or hub. Each township has a unique identity and passionate communities – but collaboration between townships is limited. Community members who attended the event were keen to encourage more information sharing and exchange across the Shire, to bring people together to generate ideas and learn from one another.

### Welcome and overview

MC Lynne Haultain opened the evening. Macedon Ranges Shire Mayor, Councillor Helen Relph, asked people to channel their passion for their townships and consider the possibility of getting a community project started. The Minister for Skills, Education Services, Employment and Women's Affairs, Jacinta Allan, highlighted the opportunity to listen and learn from one another. She said a priority for the Government was to provide services in growing areas that meet community needs. She said government representatives at the forum could help provide advice on Government grants to help finance great ideas, or help link-up with other government departments or similar projects.

### Case study presentation – Adventure Playground

#### Presenters

Anne-Louise Lindner, Macedon Ranges Shire and Helen Gray, Adventure Playground Incorporated

This case study detailed the process undertaken by a parent volunteer group to develop an adventure playground in Gisborne, which is now fully operational.

#### PLENARY

Summary of observations:

Immense value of collaborations;  
Local government is the anchor for community projects;  
Important to celebrate and share success;  
A lot of common ground was found amongst participants. Other suggestions that arose during the plenary were:

Surveying people in each township to find out what people want and need;  
Common website for community organisations in the region;  
Establishing a common website for sharing information about community organisations in the region;  
Developing a local 'how to' guide for starting a community project and applying for funding.

#### Feedback from participants:

92% said they would recommend that a colleague or contact attend an *In the Community* forum.

76% found the roundtable discussions useful to them or to their organisation/group.

84% said the information presented in the case studies was of interest to them or their group.

88% said as a result of attending the event they had a better understanding of the Department for Victorian Communities. Some of the feedback included:

#### What worked well:

It was a useful meeting and talking with DVC representatives and learning their roles.

#### What could be improved:

Send the information/invite to small local groups so that they feel it is ok to attend these forums.

Would be more relevant to hold an event of this nature in each town in the Shire as the needs and interests of each group/locality vary considerably.

#### NEXT STEPS

*In the Community* has provided a means for members of the community to listen and share issues, information and ideas, as well as to make new connections.

You may want to visit

[www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au](http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au) for details on DVC's funding opportunities for community organisations. For information on guidelines and the grant application process email to [information@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:information@dvc.vic.gov.au) or call **1300 366 356** (local call cost). To contact the local team for the Macedon Ranges area call 5410 5200.

DVC will progress the ideas from *In the Community* with Macedon Ranges Shire Council, relevant agencies, community organisations, businesses and individuals. We will update you on further progress in the region within the next 6 months.

#### KEY THEMES AND ACTIONS

A major theme was the need to increase the level and diversity of people participating in community organisations, groups and activities. This includes volunteering.

#### Community Information

Concern was expressed that people were not aware of the opportunities to participate in the community. A number of strategies were put forward to increase people's awareness of what exists in their community and these included: community expos, community directories and community website.

#### Action:

Council to outline what is already available in terms of; website, a directory of community groups, list of halls etc. along with how community groups can contribute to these information sources to ensure information is kept up to date and relevant to community needs.

key council contacts and the support they can provide community groups eg. Landcare Coordinators, Arts Officer, Recreation etc.

community newsletters  
list of methods the council uses to communicate with the community and how community groups and members can communicate with council.

DVC and Council to discuss the potential for other initiatives

#### 2. Identifying Local Solutions to Encouraging Community Participation

It was noted that towns have varying issues related to changing demographics, for example a large number of new residents and people commuting to Melbourne for work. Interest was expressed in further exploring and piloting innovative ways to engage these groups in the community. Emphasis was placed on ensuring a wide range of people are given the opportunity to participate in the community and ensuring certain groups within the community were not marginalised. This requires a range of programs and activities to meet the diverse needs and interests of people within a community.

There was interest in having opportunities for groups and agencies to network, to share skills knowledge and resources and to work together on shared issues or concerns.

Another common theme was supporting community groups to identify and prioritise community issues, and address key issues through the development of projects, partnerships and project funding. One table suggested a "How to Guide" that outlined steps and provided examples whilst another table recommended supporting an action research model as a means to achieve this.

#### Action:

To explore ways of supporting local townships to undertake planning and implementing of community projects that address community participation.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council have recently committed to working with two towns, Malmesbury and Newham, in community development/strengthening projects.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council and DVC to explore the potential to support a shire wide community planning project.

DVC to work with other state and commonwealth funders and council to provide forums on the resources available to support community projects.

#### 3. Community Playgrounds

There was specific interest expressed in relation to children's playgrounds, particularly in Woodend but Lancefield was also mentioned.

#### Action:

A Macedon Ranges Playground Strategy has been funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Minor Facilities Program 2006-2007. This project will undertake a playground strategy plan in order to identify strategic direction for the planning and development of playgrounds within the Macedon Ranges Shire over the next five years.

The full text of this report is on file with Romsey Community House Inc. for anyone interested.



