

Romsey Golf Club Women's Report

The weather was supposed to be improving as we neared spring so the syllabus had us busy travelling again. On Thurs. 16th Aug Denise and Lorraine played in the Avenel tournament. The weather gods were very kind because the players got through the day without getting wet. Although neither player won, they were reasonably happy with the way they played, especially with a putt from off the scrape that dropped into the hole
Wednesday 22 August: On a very wet slow course at home we struggled around contesting the monthly medal which Kath won, 110-28-82.

Wednesday 29 August: Wwith the course remaining wet we played 9 holes Stableford and Beryl won (25) 17pts.
Thursday 30th August : Kath and Beryl went to Strathbogie to play in their tournament. The weather forecast was for snow on the ranges so we were well dressed, but lucky to only have one shower of hail, sleet and some saw snow. We both won balls (which we both put into the water at Heathcote)
Spring arrived and on a very windy September 5 was the medal of medallists. With us struggling to stay upright and a lot of debris on the course Kath won 105-29-76.

Denise played in the Kilmore tournament on Thursday 6 August. They were a little disappointed with the small field. 35 player's. However, the course was in very good condition with plenty of roll (something we haven't had in Romsey for several months). There had been a bad storm overnight, and all credit goes to the groundsmen. They got there very early and cleared the fairways. There was a terrible lot of twigs and small branches in the rough. The greens were very fast, but, good to play on once used to them.

Denise did well to have a gobbler and win a raffle prize.
Lorraine, Kath and Beryl played in the Heathcote Bowl Friday August 7. The course was in great condition with run on the fairways and very fast greens. We did well individually on the day with Kath winning C Grade with 36 pts. Lorraine won a ball in the ball comp and Beryl won a NTP on the 18th. Needless to say we didn't bring the bowl home; it was won by Heathcote.
Kath, continuing her good play, won the singles knockout in a contest against Beryl which started out seesawing for the first nine and later Kath being 3 holes down with three to play. Kath stayed calm and eventually won on the 19th hole.
Kath again won the stroke event on Wednesday 12 September which was also the Silver Spoon play off. Kath will go on to Box Hill to play in the state final late October. We hope her good form continues.

September 13: A highlight for Kath and Beryl as we played at Kingston Heath. We had qualified to play in the RWH 4BBB. The weather was fine when we arrived but the forecast was for thunder and storms. After registering and checking out the pro shop it was off to lunch. The waiter was causing much whispering as he was an actor from Winners and Losers. Following the guest speaker it was off to play. The course was in top condition with plenty of bunkers for us to try out. We combined reasonably well to come in with 38pts as did two other pairs. The winners from Croydon had 39 pts. Kath and I unfortunately lost the count back. Thank you to Elaine who came and caddied for us. Luckily we only had one short sharp shower for the day but it was certainly cold by the time we finished the round.

Once the weather improves we would like to welcome new players or beginners. Just come along to the clubrooms 9am on a Wednesday morning. You can join in and play 9 or 18 holes whatever you have time or fitness for.

Recipe for this month Indian Vegetable Curry

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil (I use water)
- 1 medium leek
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 2 teaspoons each of black mustard seeds, ground cumin, garam masala (heaped)
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 ½ cups vegetable stock

- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1 large sweet potato and 1 large carrot, coarsely chopped
- 1 can coconut milk (I use lite)
- 375g Brussels sprouts
- 400g canned chickpeas (rinsed)
- 155g baby spinach leaves (I sometimes rip up silver beet)
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh coriander when available.

1. Cook leek and garlic in large frying pan until leek softens. Add spices, cook, stirring, until fragrant. Add stock and bring to the boil.
2. Put in slow cooker or large pot and stir in undrained tomatoes, sweet potato, carrot, coconut milk. If using slow cooker cook, covered, on low for 4 hours.
3. Add sprouts, chickpeas and cook on high for about 40 mins.
4. Stir in the spinach leaves and coriander.

I don't have a slow cooker so I combine steps 3 and 4, after cooking the carrot and sweet potato in the microwave on high for 6 mins, then, all up, I cook the lot for approximately 40 mins.

PS The "I" in this recipe is not me as I got this from a friend. It is very tasty

Beryl Cole
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Punch and Judy are coming to Creswick!

With all the scary bits!

This classic English puppet show is coming to Creswick for one performance only during the approaching school holidays as a part of a wider Springtime Tour of the Macedon Ranges area.

Punch and Judy is live puppet comedy for kids of all ages as performed on English beaches and the streets of old London. The character of Punch has a very long history beginning with Pulcinello a rebellious servant in Italian comedy of the 17th Century. These shows were toured all over Europe and Pulcinello became a puppet character in many countries, Petrushka in Russia, and Punch in England

The modern version of the tale has evolved into something more akin to a primitive version of The Simpsons. Mr Punch is the bad boy of puppet comedy and kids love having the chance to tell him how to behave. Unlike regular theatre, kids are encouraged to have their say and engage with all the puppet characters. In an era when so many kids are glued to screens, live puppet theatre is an experience that inspires their imaginations. This is the traditional, live action show with sausage-stealing crocodiles and good old-fashioned puppet slapstick.

Punch and Judy will perform at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Friday October 5 at 11.00am.

Full details of the Springtime tour of the Macedon Ranges area may be found at www.punchandjudy.com.au Bookings can be made on 0431 064676



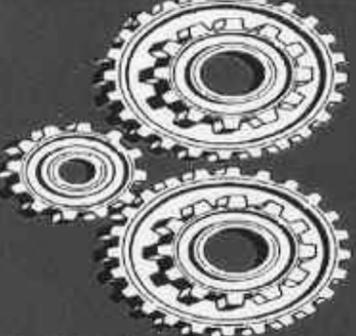
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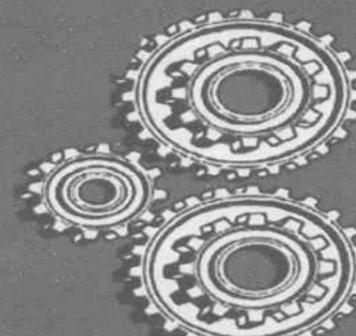
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SPRING, TIME TO PREPARE

We are all energized and excited by the imminent return of longer days and BBQ's in the sunshine.

It has now been over three years since the horrific fires of February 7th 2009, yet this tragic day has reshaped the way we deal with bushfires and think about fire risk.

The recent years of good rain have continued to provide widespread vegetation growth and excellent fuel for fires. We have already had grass fires around the state so we can't underestimate the risk of an early fire season or put off the preparation of our properties until summer hits.

Whether your plan is to leave early or stay, remember there is no substitute for preparation. Now is the time to look clean up around the house and garden.

- Prepare a bushfire plan that everyone in the family understands
- Keep up the gardening. Cut long grass and dense scrub and regularly rake up leaf litter under trees.
- Prune lower tree branches. .
- Clean out gutters and downpipes regularly.
- Do not pile wood against or near the house.
- Remove any timber, rubbish and old junk lying around.
- Store flammable liquids, LPG cylinders and paint away from the house.

Our fantastic CFA fire fighters do all they can, but the safety of you and your family can depend on your bushfire preparations.

Warm regards
Joanne Duncan

Please note: Due to the unavailability of volunteers during the first week of the school holidays the Romsey Rag has been printed and distributed one week earlier than would normally occur. We apologise to anyone who may have submitted copy after the cut off date of September 15th and not had it included in this edition. We always try to accommodate late copy to the best of our ability but could not do so in this instance.

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Romsey Golf Club – Men's Report <http://romseygolfclub.net>

Due to ongoing rain the final three weeks of August were washed out. The August Monthly Medal was rescheduled for 1st of September, the 1st round of the 2012 Club Championships. The 2011/12 Medal of Medalists was rescheduled for September 22nd, the date of the September Monthly Medal.

Saturday September 1st – Round 1 Club Championships and August Monthly Medal

After three weeks of rain induced relaxation the Romsey golfers were rearing to go; a few wet days during the week were definitely not enough to stop them getting the clubs out of the garage and oiling the wheels of the buggy. The course was damp (relief, to a handspan, through the green) and there was some casual water on a few holes but nothing was going to interrupt the start of the 2012 Club Championships. A strong field hit off in the 1st round of the Club Championships, and because of recent wash-outs, the August Monthly Medal.

The day's winner and August Monthly Medalist was Andrew Clement with a fine round of 81/10/71. Other good rounds came from Rob Rea - 91/19/72 and Daniel Wright - 74/1/73.

NTPs went to 15 - Andrew Clement (\$140.00 jackpot) and 16 - Kev Milner. Least Putts; 26 - Daniel Wright (c/b from Andrew Clement)

Round 1 Club Championship results were;

A Grade - Stroke - Daniel Wright - 74 Handicap - Andrew Clement - 81/10/71

B Grade - Stroke - Rob Rea - 91 Handicap - Rob Rea - 91/19/72

C Grade - Stroke - Dave Richardson - 101 Handicap - Dave Richardson - 101/27/74

Saturday September 8th - Round 2 2012 Club Championships

There was a little sun and plenty of drying winds during the early part of the week so everything was looking good until over 14 mm of rain fell late on Thursday night. The course got a little sun and wind on Friday so play was able to proceed.

Unfortunately the clubrooms were broken into on Thursday night and again on Friday night. A great deal of damage was done, some money and other items stolen. On a slightly better note many fingerprints were collected by the crime squad when they visited the rooms on Saturday morning. The Bowls Club was also affected by these break-ins.

Groups of three hit off under slightly overcast skies, strong north-westerly winds also added to the challenge of the day. Players again had to contend with casual water on a number of holes, overflowing dams and very soft fairways, relief through the green was given.

However, on a trying afternoon, a number of players were still able to put in commendable rounds, the results were: Winner - Dave Richardson 101/27/74 c/b from - Rob Rea 93/19/74 & Dean vanDenHeuval - 91/16/75.

NTPs went to 15 - Dean vanDenHeuval and 16 - Andrew Clement.

At the end of Round 2 the Club Championships standings are;

A Grade Scratch - Andrew Clement - 176. Handicap - Dean vanDenHeuval - 183/151.

B Grade Scratch - Rob Rea - 184. Handicap - Rob Rea - 184/146.

C Grade Scratch - Dave Richardson - 204. Handicap - Dave Richardson - 204/150.

Saturday September 15th - Round 3 Club Championships

The finer weather of earlier in the week continued and players hit off under clear skies with almost no wind. The casual water was

limited to only a few holes and the greens were receptive to attacking golf. After a few holes the jumpers came off as spring, in all its splendour, pitched into Romsey Park. As a result of the heavy weather of last week each of A, B and C grade had a number of contenders so the final round was all important. The warmer air saw many longer drives but the still soft fairways made sure players did not get real value for their shots. The day's winner was Dave Richardson - 99/27/72 (when will this excellent run of form finish??) from Dean vanDenHeuval - 90/16/74, Andrew Clement - 85/10/75 and Heath Rea - 90/15/75.

NTPs went to 15 - Dave Richardson and 16 - Andrew Laing. Of all grades A Grade was the closest however Andrew Clement played a fine round and was able to keep contenders Dean vanDenHeuval and Heath Rea at bay and win his second Club Championship.

The Results of the 2012 Club Championships were;

A Grade; Stroke - Andrew Clement - 261, Handicap - Dean vanDenHeuval - 271/223

B Grade; Stroke - Rob Rea - 280, Handicap - Rob Rea - 280/223

C Grade; Stroke - Dave Richardson - 301, Handicap - Dave Richardson - 301/220

John Jeffrey Shield (Best overall handicap) - Dave Richardson - 301/220

Peter Scanlon Shield (Best handicap by a player 55 Yrs & over) - Rob Rea - 280/223



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88mL (352 pts) of rain last month (August) and how wet it was. Back to those old-fashioned gumboots winters... Sheets of water lying around and mud everywhere – inside and out. And so cold... Still, Spring is well and truly here with all the blossoms and daffodils and birds – and as always it is very welcome!

SPRING FAIR AND DAFFODIL SHOW:

Our Spring Fair was a great day. The Hall Committee and so many volunteers worked hard to have a range of good things to see and enjoy and it all paid off. The flowers and displays in the Hall were lovely; morning/afternoon tea cheerfully served, plants, produce, books, bric-a-brac all well stocked, delicious hamburgers and lamb sausages all disappeared. Thank you so much, all you willing and hard-working volunteers. It couldn't happen without you. We had a great range of stalls and car-boots. The Bolinda School ran a very successful cake stall. Weather was beautiful so the kids had a great time with lambs, trains, hay-ride, archaeology digging, jumping castle, picnic races and their showbags and lucky dips. We made a nice little profit and the 5 raffle winners will be enjoying a tasty meal of local lamb. We must especially thank the Macedon Ranges Shire for their continuing support, Western Water for generous water-related gifts and the Lions Club of Kyneton for the so-popular train. Romsey-Lancefield Lions always supply our BarBQ, trestles and car-park equipment. And we couldn't forget those wonderful wood turners, who display their skill and have such a range of wonderful woods on display. If you missed the Fair this year, we are very sorry for you – remember the 2nd Sunday in September next year when we celebrate our Centenary and the Fair will be the best yet!

COMMUNITY DINNER: We've had a combined Spring Fair/ Garden Club celebration dinner the last couple of years (on the Friday following the Spring Fair). September 14th saw us enjoy a delicious meal at 'Seasons' in Riddell and much friendly chit-chat about all things local.

HISTORY: The Bolinda History book is available again at Monegeetta Store. We are also starting to prepare a great program for the Bolinda Hall Centenary and would love to hear from you if you have any stories, anecdotes or photos from the Bolinda and Monegeetta communities. FROM THE MINUTE BOOK: "Minutes of the 18th Annual Meeting, 23rd of June, 1930... Moved that a Ball in aid of the Kyneton Hospital be held at the full moon in August. The Gisborne Orchestra to be engaged and one ad. To be inserted in the Romsey Examiner. Tariff to be Gents 3/6, Ladies 2/- Carried" If anyone attended such a Ball, or has photos of such events, we would love to hear from you.

BOLINDA HALL(Melways 610 J9; cnr Mullaly's and Melb-Lancefield Road): Don't forget our community hall is available for hire at very cheap rates. We want to see it used by the community. Not available for 18ths or 21sts however, because of Council regulations.

BOL-DARRA (Bolinda-Darraweit) GARDEN CLUB: The Daffodil Show at the Spring Fair and the Community Dinner are our Garden Club activities for September. There was a lovely range of daffodils on display at the Spring Fair. We are so grateful to Julia and Rodney McConnell, who travel from Kolora in the Western District, to show their excellent blooms at the Fair. And they always win! It is a delight to see these top quality blooms. We are grateful to all those who exhibit in all the classes. Grand Champion Bloom was 'Cameo Joy'. We added a section this year to try and showcase some of the different blooms, including the delightful miniatures, and this proved popular. Good to see the Novice and Junior Novice Sections getting some more entries.

Some of our gardeners were fiercely competitive in some sections, but there is only one winner! It's hard to get those blooms opening at just the right time. Next year we are going to introduce a 'People's Choice' where you can nominate your favourite bloom. Thanks to Doug Bryce for a lovely display of his daffodils. Other Floral Art entries and Cut Flower Sections were also well represented. That stunning Helleborus display by John Dettmann was a real eye-opener for some people. Our next get-together is on October 26th with a visit to Denise and Bert's lovely garden in Darraweit. I always enjoy seeing the lovely White Garden that Denise planted in memory of her sister Sandra. And Bert always has some wonderful new additions and innovations to show us...not to be missed! We meet at Bolinda Hall (Melways 609 J10) at 1:30 to have a cuppa and talk over any problems and then move on to our garden visit about 2:00. See you there!

PEOPLE OF THE MONTH: BEEREEGA CLYDESDALE STUD.

You might have seen that lovely 'Jeannie' at the Spring Fair. She is one of the 7 horses (5 mares and 2 colts) that Louise Beer and her nieces Claire and Caitlyn have in Bolinda (cnr of Melb-Lancefield Road and Heath's Lane). Louise moved here in February 2009 from Sunbury. Her love of Clydesdales is inherited from her parents, who set up a stud in the mid 1940's. (Her great community spirit is also a legacy from her parents.) Claire, now 20, used to show her horses, but most of the showing is now done by Louise and Caitlyn, 15. Caitlyn will again be showing at the Royal Melbourne Show, as a Junior Exhibitor. Last year she won the Junior Presentation. Louise also breeds some Cross-breeds for diversity –riding, eventing, etc. Clydesdales are hugely popular as the quintessential horse for historic displays – a wonderful symbol of early Australia. Louise has been the only female federal president of the Clydesdale Association. She is stepping down from State Branch to allow newcomers to take an executive position. Louise also works as a community health nurse with Macedon Ranges Health at Gisborne and casually with Macedon Ranges Shire. She gives talks and advice on a range of health related issues including cardiac health, youth issues and powers-of-attorney. If you get the opportunity, don't miss hearing her.

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 - Student Council 5 Cent Frenzy –over \$650 raised
 - New chairs for Rooms 5,6, 7 and 8
 - Our aerobics champions continuing to shine
 - Year 3 Sleepover and Incursion
- Regular visits by Kinder students as part of our transition program
 - Year 1-2 Where Does the Water Go Incursion
- Year 5 Kinder Leadership Program students working with pre-schoolers at Romsey Kinder
- Michael Ymer (Mathematics Consultant) working in classrooms with students and staff
 - The introduction of student writers notebooks
 - Prep Father's Day Breakfast
 - Year 3-4 Iconic Buildings Exhibition
 - Year 3 lunchtime Calisthenics Program
 - Whole school literacy and numeracy week celebrations
 - Regular buddy sessions
 - Ten students qualifying for Zone Athletics
- Our Year 5-6 sports teams competing against other schools
 - Year 4 Gardening Program
 - Prep Teddy Bear Mathematics project
 - Year 5/6 Olympics Trip Mathematics investigation



Year 2s acting out the water cycle



Year 3 lunchtime Calisthenics students



Year 4s working in the vegetable garden

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GRAAP News

URGENT - A Master Plan for the Old Primary School Site

Since the last Romsey Rag edition, GRAAP members have met with all East Ward councillors, Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) CEO Peter Johnston, Council Officer Karen Stevens and Donna Petrovich (State MLC Northern Region). The meeting resulted in Donna agreeing to further enquire with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) as to the possibility of MRSC's preferred option of a lease of the

land. MRSC has indicated it will undertake, collaboratively with GRAAP, a feasibility study including other acquisition options for the site.

Meanwhile, the need to urgently fundraise for a Master Plan has become blatantly apparent. The formulation of a Master Plan for the site, a costly initiative, is undertaken by specialist architects and usually includes a survey analysis of the site. A detailed Master Plan is subsequently presented to the community.

GRAAP's application to MRSC for Master Plan funding to the budget being released was unsuccessful. The need to specifically formulate a visual presentation of the vision for this significant site is now critical.

GRAAP is currently formulating a list of community ambassadors for the project in addition to considering a major fundraising event.

Any community members wishing to assist GRAAP or who would like further information should contact –

Raelene Mottram (President) Phone: 0428 928908, Email graapinc@gmail.com



Book Review

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, Allen and Unwin 2009

This book is so charming and pleasing that it can entice even the most cynical reader into a sheepish grin.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society is essentially a book club set up during the war by a group of people on the island of Guernsey and the story follows the lives of the people of this book club through a series of letters.

Often books where the story is told only through letters can be boring, impersonal and miss all of the feelings of the characters, fortunately, this book is NOT like that. The letters are so charming, lovely and full of personality that you very quickly fall in love with every-one, except for Adelaide Addison who Juliet (The main narrator) explains why she is so unpleasant "I suspect a malignant fairy at her christening."

Well written, a light and very engaging book for ALL readers, even the cynical ones! 4 stars.

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So let me ask you as a Community member. Who or What defines "who" you are?

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you.

Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." – Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please join us at one of our Sunday Services; one of our fortnightly Life

Groups; or simply contact us at our Church office on **5429 6327**.

We also offer Before & After School care; Fortnightly Youth events and weekly Children's programs.

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**Lancefield &
Macedon Ranges**

Relay For Life 2013

Saturday 2nd March –

Sunday 3rd March

4:00 pm – 10:00 am

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Jesus Christ Superstar

This well-known Lloyd-Webber hit brings together the talents of the Mount Players and Boilerhouse Theatre Company of Sunbury as well as members of Encourage Church of Romsey and the Gisborne Singers. Additionally, Casey Withers, a recent contestant on The Voice, will play the important role of Mary Magdalene.

Encourage Church, formerly the Living Word Christian Church, has been operating for 21 years and is heavily involved in the local community, running Kidzone, a before and after-school care program and many other activities. It is a major Christian centre for the Macedon Ranges, holding services regularly in Romsey, Woodend and Riddell's Creek.

Chillax, our youth outreach program, meets fortnightly, and the Church is raising funds for the construction of a multi-purpose room which will also accommodate the program. This production will help finance this very worthy community activity.

With the very capable musical leadership of Pete Walsh, well-known local musician and musical director of several productions with the Mount Players and Boilerhouse Theatre Co., this show promises to be great entertainment for young and old alike. Its principle focus is the music, which is exciting and primarily rock-based as well as containing some lovely melodic tunes, all of which will have the audience truly absorbed in the story of Christ's last seven days.

For any further enquiries, please call Michael on 0418 547699.

Responsible Pet Ownership at Heskett

The students at Heskett Primary School were treated to a visit by the staff from the Responsible Pet Ownership program. Topics about how to tend and look after your own pet, how to approach a strange dog and Doris the Beagle visited the school as a added bonus for the children.



Heskett Primary School invites various groups to visit the school as a part of the incursions program. This program ensures that the already rich program is made even better by allowing the children to learn hands on practical knowledge. It also means these programs cost less as there are no bus costs. Included in this program in 2012 have been an anti bullying program, talks by the Platypus Conservatory, the Koala Foundation, a Japanese intern teaching Japanese culture and cooking and a Western Water presentation



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

E-mail: lancefieldcourthouse@gmail.com
Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

P.O. Box 101
LANCEFIELD 3435

Our Society will be conducting a stall at the Lancefield Show on 21 October. The main theme for our display will be the Obituaries Book published by the Society. The Lancefield Cemetery and some family histories of those buried in the Cemetery will be included at our stall. As History Week runs from 21 October to 28 October this will be our way of celebrating this event.

Among our many visitors at our Family History Day on 5 August was a lady who was a newcomer to the town of Lancefield. We were remiss in not obtaining a point of contact and would appreciate if she could call in to see us. We believe her name was Sheila.

We have recently obtained a digitized version of some of the Rate Books for the Romsey Shire, Lancefield Shire and Springfield Shire. These records are for varying dates but may help people in their research. Our digitized newspaper collection is of great assistance to researchers whose families lived and/or conducted business in our areas.

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Those interested in family research (genealogy) are most welcome to visit us. We hold records for Victoria and our professional genealogist can search her extensive personal collection of records or guide your research in other states and overseas. Our Archives at the Lancefield Courthouse are available for perusal Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-2. Contact Archivist Robyn Miller tel. 0418 172 659 for appointment at other times.

Don't forget that the Romsey Festival will be held on 24 November, we will be conducting a stall.

It would seem from the replies to our survey that members would prefer a daytime meeting. A brief meeting followed by an afternoon tea will be conducted on Sunday 28 October at the Lancefield Courthouse at 2.00pm. Members and visitors most welcome.

Seymour Cottage will be open on Saturday **27 October 2012**

Romsey Red Cross Unit RediSupport Team

The Romsey/Lancefield RediSupport Team continue training in readiness for the coming fire/flood season. Anyone interested in joining we meet at the Uniting Church, Pohlman Street Romsey at 7pm on the first Tuesday on the month. Uniforms are supplied and expenses reimbursed. Membership is open to anyone 18 years and over.
Team Convener: Trish Dunn 54296761.

Fundraising Team

Upcoming Events:

We will be having a stall/raffle at the Romsey Festival and the Uniting Church Car Boot Sale. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to join us (membership is open to all), or just come along for a chat and cuppa, we met on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm at the Uniting Church, Romsey.

President: Karen Hermann 5429 6658
Secretary: Robyn Stephens 5789 1457

“A ROMSEY POOL”

My response to article in Romsey Rag and Lancefield Mercury titled “A Romsey Pool” dated September 2012 Edition. This article demands a response.

Firstly, I have always been in favour of a Romsey Aquatic Centre (RAC). That's why I requested a Feasibility Study at the last budget 2012/13, which by the way is current. Ultimately the fate of the RAC will be determined by the report returned by the RAC Feasibility Study and NOT by pre-emptive speculative reckless commentary.

My support for Gisborne applying for \$3m funding for a \$7.85m expansion has absolutely NO bearing on whether Romsey gets a POOL. It was the right thing to do. The City Of Bendigo our competitor in the funding race, as I understand (we were advised), had pulled out and our chances of success were enhanced. The Gisborne Aquatic Centre desperately needs attention. The longer it's left, the more it's going to cost the ratepayers of MRS.

It's disappointing that 8 weeks out of a council election, some would seize on the opportunity to point score with misleading and contradictory propaganda.

I'd like to draw attention to the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 27/07/2011, Item CW2, titled AQUATIC STRATEGY set out below. It's self explanatory as to how Councillors voted regarding the RAC.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council:

- Note the substantial achievement in implementing the vision outlined in the Macedon Ranges Shire-Ward Aquatic Facility Strategy since its adoption in the year 2000.
- Adopt the 'Aquatic Strategy 2011' and proceed to pursue the key implementation actions including:

2.1 That Council refer a proposal to undertake a high level feasibility study for an aquatic facility in Romsey to the 2012/13 budget process. The high level feasibility study will provide council with further information, analysis and guidance including the broader organisational financial parameters that determine 'when it is economical to do so'.

2.2 That Council refer to the 2012/13 budget funding process for master plan development for its two outdoor pools in Woodend and Lancefield.

2.3 That Council prepare and submit an application to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Better Pools program for

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2012/13 for an expansion of the Gisborne Aquatic Centre and, if successful, allocate Council's share of the funding at \$3.68M over the next two financial years.

It was moved by Cr Guthrie, seconded by Cr Letchford that the officer Recommendation be adopted. The motion was put and lost.

Cr Guthrie requested a division. For - Cr's Letchford, Guthrie, Morabito and Ralph (4) Against - Cr's McLaughlin, Donovan, Manning, Jukes and Benson (5)

In response to your comments (a) MAJOR DECISIONS - That \$7.85m GAC expansion should be left to the incoming council - carried by the casting vote of the mayor. Yet the CEO contract was dealt with by this council, again on the casting vote of the mayor. The 5yr contract (2013-2018) spans over the next 2 councils.

(b) AFFORDABILITY - If we cannot afford \$4.8m for GAC over 2 budgets, how can we afford \$12-\$15m for RAC? How can those who voted against Gisborne justify or gain support for RAC?

In conclusion I'd like to leave you with a saying by US President ABRAHAM LINCOLN: "You can fool some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time".

Hope you choose the right candidate to represent you at the coming Council election.

Regards,

Cr Joe Morabito,

East Ward Representative Forever

Authorised by Joe Morabito, Shop 5 Main St., ROMSEY Vic.3434.

Mob.0400 025 455.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Romsey Community House Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday October 9th 2012** at 7.00pm at the Romsey Community House, (Romsey Hub), 96 Main Street, Romsey.

All committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee of management will be elected.

A light supper will be served. All welcome. Nominations will be close at 4.00pm on Monday October 8th and nomination forms can be obtained from the Community House. For further information please call in at the House or ring 54296724.





Term 4 Programs

Junior Basketball

Our Junior Basketball programs are all starting again, with all competitions scheduled to start back the first week of term 4. Registrations are due immediately.

Aussie Hoops:	5 – 10 years	Tuesday
Under 10's Comp:	2004/2005	Wednesday
Under 12's Comp:	2002/2003	Monday
Under 14's Comp:	2000/2001	Tuesday
Under 16's Comp:	1998/1999	Tuesday
Under 20's Comp:	1994-1997	Tuesday

Junior Indoor Soccer

Our junior soccer competitions are starting again during the first week of term 4. We hope to commence a new competition for under 14's. Registrations are now due.

Goal Kick:	5 – 10 years	Friday
Under 12's Comp:	8 – 12 years	Friday
Under 14's Comp:	12 – 14 years	Friday

Junior Indoor Cricket

A new program for 2012. Indoor cricket coaching program for children aged 5 – 10 years. Perfect for kids hoping to master the basics of cricket. Starting 1st week of term 4. Places are limited. Register now.
Under 10's program: 5 – 10 years Thursday

Senior Mixed Basketball

We are now accepting team an individual registrations for the summer season of senior mixed basketball. Registration night on Wednesday 10th October at 7.30pm.

Senior Mixed Soccer

We are now accepting team an individual registrations for the summer season of senior mixed soccer. Registration night on Friday 12th October at 7.30pm.

Senior Mixed Netball

We are now accepting team an individual registrations for the summer season of senior mixed netball. Registration night on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm.

Ladies Daytime Netball

We are now accepting team an individual registrations for the summer season of ladies daytime netball. Child minding may be available. Thursday morning competition, starting term 4.

Senior Squash

The Romsey Squash Competition runs on Tuesday nights from 7.30pm. A fun social comp for people of all abilities. Contact Bruce on 0402595368 for info.

Pre-School Programs

Mini Maestros is starting in term 4 at the Romsey Recreation Centre Classes will commence on Thursday 11th October. Call Jo on 5426 4719 or 0417703690 for bookings and information.

6 – 15 months	12.00pm – 12.30pm
2 – 3 years	12.40pm – 1.20pm
3 – 5 years	1.30pm – 2.15pm

THE YOGO'S present Flexercise, starting in term 4. A yoga program for 3-5 year olds. Each class is based on the characteristics of different animals and encourages learning about animals and the world they live in. Thursday morning classes.

Romsey Occasional Care provides quality affordable care for your children in a safe, fun and relaxed environment. Now taking bookings for term 4.

Tuesday	9.00am – 1.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am – 1.00pm
Friday	9.00am – 2.00pm

Term 4 Update

The Romsey Recreation Centre has seen some fantastic changes over the past 12 months, and the face lift is set to continue over the next year. The 2011/2012 financial year brought a new stadium floor, new basketball backboards and the renovations to the upstairs area, which is now home to the You Can Fitness Studio. There have also been upgrades to lighting, safety padding and external landscaping.

We are currently in the middle of planning for the Romsey Recreation Centre toilet refurbishment, which should get started during the summer Christmas break. This project will see the amenities completely transformed, including showers, toilets and baby change facilities.

The Romsey Recreation Centre has received an automated external defibrillator (AED). This will be located in an alarmed cabinet the entrance area of the facility. A great asset to the local community.

We would like to welcome two new staff members to the team Megan Lorkin and William Calvert have started working at the Romsey Recreation Centre They are running the Friday night soccer competitions. William is our junior coach, and brings with him lots of experience coaching from his coaching at the Gisborne outdoor club.

We have lots of exciting new programs starting up for the summer months. For the preschoolers we have Mini Maestros starting in Romsey. Mini Maestros is a fantastic program, and the staff are amazing. Your little one is guaranteed to love this program. The Yogos is also launching its pilot program here in Romsey. This exciting new yoga inspired program for 3-5 year olds is fantastic, and we are so excited to be able to offer it to our Romsey community. There is lots more happening, so come and check it all out.

For all activities on offer in term 4 download our summer programs brochure from the website at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au and follow the link to the Romsey Recreation Centre. Alternatively, email us at rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au for an electronic copy. We thank all of our users for their continued support. If you haven't been in for a visit lately, please drop in. There is something on offer for everyone.

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please contact Christina Kennedy on (03) 5429 5637 or email ckennedy@mrsc.vic.gov.au.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. Arnold Heredia (from 24/9/12)	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Associate:	Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	St. Mary's Primary:	5429 1359

MASS TIMES

Saturday:
6.00 p.m. Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
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8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

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BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.
For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

St Mary's School

Prep goes to Red Door Books.
On Wednesday, August 22nd, Prep walked to Red Door Bookshop to celebrate Book Week 2012. When we arrived Emma read us the books called The Runaway Hug, The Terrible Plop, The Last Viking and Good Night Mice.



We really enjoyed listening. Thank you Red Door Books for giving us a \$5.00 book voucher to spend at your bookshop. By Prep 2012



School wide positive behaviour focus:
"Playing in a friendly and safe manner".
Sometimes the hardest part of playing games is knowing how to take defeat graciously, while being genuinely happy for the winner.



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.

Welcome to Fr. Arnold Heredia, the new Parish Priest of St. Mary's, who commenced late September. Thank you and farewell to Fr. Sebastian who was with us in the interim.

Year 12 2012 Get together-reunion

Come for pizza and catch up with old friends.
There will be a get together of Year 12 students who attended St. Mary's Primary School and also for those who have left school who would otherwise be in year 12. It will be held at St. Mary's presbytery on **October 12th at 6.30pm.**

Father's Day Breakfast

Last Friday saw a terrific turnout for our annual Father's Day Breakfast. Those in attendance were treated to a smorgasbord of food including hot pancakes, egg and bacon wraps, fresh fruit and cereal. This was topped off with tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Special thanks go to Romsey Fresh Wholesalers for their generous donation of all the fresh fruit for the breakfast and Trinton Smith who sponsored the morning.



Prep/1/2 Olympic Afternoon

On Monday and Tuesday the Prep/1/2 students took part in an Olympic afternoon as part of their Inquiry Unit. The students were placed in three groups for scone cooking to discover English cuisine, art, based on the olympic countries and stadiums and athletics as part of the olympic sporting traditions. All children received a medal to celebrate their great achievements. A big thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time to help the activity run smoothly.



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SEY NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT
THANK YOU to
who donated, helped organise and attended our Trivia Night on Friday 7th September. It was a great night full of fun and laughter.

Committee would especially like to note the generosity of all who attended. Through their attendance, and participation in raffles, silent auctions and games held throughout the night we raised an amazing \$850. The teachers will certainly enjoy deciding on resources to purchase to further enhance their curriculum.

2011 KINDER PAVERS

If you ordered a paver last year through the Romsey Kindergarten fundraising activity, could you please contact Kellie on 0425 755 456 or Louise on 0402 299 533.

ENROLMENT FOR 2013

Enrolments are now open for 3yr old and 4yr old classes next year. The forms are on the left hand side of the kinder committee notice-board in a TRY Youth plastic folder. Alternatively, contact TRY on 9347-2655.

THANK YOU TO OUR TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

Romsey Kindergarten would like to acknowledge the support of our local business. The night would not have been such a success without their wonderful donations. Our major sponsors were North Western Real Estate, Romsey Fresh Wholesales, Alford Racing Stables, Romsey Hotel and Chess Real Estate. Thank you also to The Bay Tree, Integra Pizza, Romsey IGA, Body Tunes Remedial Massage, Sports Power Gisborne, Main St Fish and Chips, Reading Cinemas Sunbury, Myths and Legends Gisborne, Lancefield Thrifty Link Hardware, Romsey Pharmacy, Retravision Sunbury, Red Door Books Lancefield, Cuttings, Romsey Post Office, Sunbury Woolworths, Romsey Beauty Spot, McDonalds, Gisborne, Black Range Romsey, Lyn (kinder grandparent), Mitre 10 Romsey, Butchers @ Romsey, On Eagles Wings, Ruth Seltoe (kinder parent), Scilian Vespers, The Victorian Tavern Gisborne.



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Dear Editor,

In approximately six weeks the outcome of the 2012 Macedon Ranges Council elections will be known with nine Councillors elected for a four year term. My congratulations to all candidates for putting themselves forward for their community.

It is a testament to the calibre of the candidates that these elections have not been reduced to a level of personal attacks and cheap sniping that will plague elections elsewhere. I thank all candidates for their professionalism and integrity. The community needs, expects and deserves positive representation and I trust this high standard will continue to be upheld.

Elected Councillors need to work together as a team to deliver results for the community as every outcome is a team outcome. No Councillor can achieve anything individually.

As a team great outcomes are achieved.

Mayor Henry McLaughlin
(East Ward Councillor)

Authorised by: Henry McLaughlin – 80 Turners Tk, Kerrie 3434.



Macedon Ranges Cycling Club Ready to Ride

Cyclists, gear up for the Macedon Ranges Cycling Club spring social ride. The Club is inviting local cyclists to join them for a beautiful 45 km ride through The Ranges on Sunday 14 October 2012.

The Ride departs Club Headquarters from the Kyneton Velodrome, Hurry Reserve in Mollison Street at 9.30am. It winds its way along quiet roads through Carlsruhe and Newham to Paramoor Winery for a rest stop where cyclists will be able to chat with Club members over the winery's famous wood fired pizzas. Cyclists can also have their non-riding partners join them at the winery if they wish.

Greg Bland, the secretary of the Club says "We are a small friendly club. If you ride a bike you are welcome whatever your age or ability and it doesn't matter what sort of bike you ride. We want to encourage people to get out and enjoy their bikes with other riders and this Ride is a perfect opportunity for them to do that and also find out about our Club." Greg, who is a local Romsey resident and keen cyclist, hopes to see a big turnout of Romsey cyclists at the Ride.

The Ride is relatively flat with a few hills to climb and will suit most cyclists who have some fitness. It is free and riders just have to cover the cost of their refreshments at Paramoor Winery.

Cyclists interested in joining the Ride can obtain detailed information via email at macedonrangescyclingclub@gmail.com. Greg expects that this Ride will be very popular and places are strictly limited. Participants are required to pre-register by email. He suggests that riders wishing to participate should register immediately or they may miss out!

Check out the Club's website at www.macedonrangescycling.org.au for their racing and recreational rides calendar plus information about membership cost and entitlements.

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

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

Mobile: 0408 380 962

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

Advance Notice:

On Saturday, December 1st, 2012, the Romsey Uniting Church is holding a Market/Car Boot Sale in the church grounds at 25 Pohlman Street. For further information and contact address and phone number, please see Advertisement in this issue of the Romsey Rag.

Blessing of the Animals.

On Sunday 28th October, there will be a 'Blessing of the Animals' Service. For further information about this service, time etc., please contact Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones at the above phone number.

Samaritan's Purse.

During the year members of the Romsey Uniting Church and the Romsey Walking Group have been putting together items to be put in special Shoe Boxes for 'Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child'.

We have now filled over 60 boxes with items such as something - to wear, for school, to love, special, to play with, for personal hygiene.

These boxes are delivered to a warehouse in Mitcham during October and then sent overseas.

Samaritan's Purse operates in over 100 countries.

Open up a whole new life – through the power of a simple gift

At a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box distribution in Papua New Guinea, the children were asked if they had ever received a new gift and, if not, what they would hope for. *Tawhiri, a 9 year old boy who lives near the Kokoda Trail, waved his hands and shouted that he would love something to cover his head when it rained. So imagine his excitement when Tawhiri opened his box and pulled out a perfect beanie! His joy was infectious as all the children saw that his wish had come true. They all opened their boxes to discover they were full of gifts – just for them.*

Darkness to Light

How the power of a simple gift opened up a whole new community

The street in the Seven Mile Settlement outside Port Moresby, PNG, was nicknamed 'Dark Street'. Clans fought against clans, passing on their hate for the individuals and families of the rival clans. Hate so deep that children believed that by talking to their enemy, they themselves would be killed.

Pastor Magi shared, "But... when we got the boxes, we brought all the kids together, put them into age groups, gave them boxes and made them swap the gifts around because we wanted them to know that they are friends. Then we let them open the boxes. We taught them that now they have shared a box, it means that you can share everything.

Since the first distribution of boxes, there has been a growing community of believers. We don't call it 'Dark Street' anymore, but 'Light Street'."

The shoe boxes built relationships and opened opportunities for our church partner to also help this changed community with a well, a simple school and a church building. Pastor Magi also successfully petitioned the government for electricity and street lights, which reduced crime rates once installed.

We praise God that we are able to partner with faithful believers like Pastor Magi and replace crime and neglect with joy and reconciliation. In every sense of the word, it truly has become 'Light Street'

Samaritan's Purse has changed the lives of children and communities through Operation Christmas Child since 1993. Every year, generous people across the world lovingly pack shoe boxes with gifts – simple, yet powerful messages of God's unconditional love.

And when a child opens a shoe box, they are opening more than a present lovingly prepared just for them. They are opening up their community to a world of life-changing opportunities.

Samaritan's Purse is a non profit, Christian Organisation providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samaritan's Purse is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster and disease with the aim of demonstrating God's love and sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ. The aid and assistance are given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion or ethnicity of the beneficiaries.

If there is any group or individual in the community who would like further information about this organisation they can contact the Victorian Warehouse at Mitcham – on 9874 0933, or Jay Brooks – 5429 6163.

Church Services in October

7th.	9am.	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team
14th	9am.	Worship and Holy Communion conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
21st.	9am.	Worship Service – Visiting Preacher
28th.	9am.	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

Blessing of the Animals Service

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The Toy Library has recently undergone a major facelift and re-design of its layout. Thanks to funding from the Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank© we have had new shelving installed allowing us to better showcase our toys and improve access for all visitors. Also a big thank you goes to Denis Sutton and TGC Building for the custom made shelving they designed and installed for us.

Volunteers

We would like to put a call out to our members and anyone in our local community who would like to volunteer some time to help run the Toy Library. At present we are a two-person committee and though our passion for this service is strong we really need some assistance to help run it. We are all busy parent's/ grandparent's juggling work, family and other commitments but as they say *many hands make light work*. Even if you are able to volunteer as little as one hour a month it would help us tremendously to help ease the work load and keep the Toy Library open.

Why is the Toy Library important to our community?

Toy Library is an essential service in our community and a worthy organisation to support: -

- Promotes the educational value of play through the provision of quality toys, games and equipment from birth to the first years of primary school.
- Ignites children's interest in learning and encourages parents to have an active role in their child's education.
- Meets the ever changing and growing needs of a child at each stage of development.

LIBRARY ON FIRE

October is CFA in the library month. Following last year's success at the Gisborne library it was decided that this year each library in the Macedon Ranges would host a similar program.

Each library in turn will have CFA displays, children's story telling time with activities, and lots of information for adults. On each Saturday the local brigade will bring a fire truck which people will be able to look over. The Loddon Mallee Region Community Education Group will bring a display trailer and there will be quizzes, badge making and other activities for both adults and children. The library will have books to borrow and CFA will have lots of informative information for people to pick up and read at their own leisure.

Dates during October for the Romsey library are as follows:

Tuesday 23rd October - The CFA will provide a person to read a story plus a fire truck demonstration during our normal storytime session at 10.30.

Saturday 27th October - Fire truck display and related activities.

It will be a great time to call in and ask questions, or find out how to book a free home bushfire advice service.

CFA's **Home Bushfire Advice Service** offers personalised tailored advice delivered at your property by trained Fire Safety Officers. This service is free and offered year round. Appointments take approximately one hour, dependant on the size and layout of your property.

- Introduces children into the community that they live in.
- Provides a great place for parents/grandparents/carers to meet and share ideas.
- Assists in saving families money, storage space and reduce their carbon footprint.
- Helps build self-confidence in children to choose a toy to borrow and teaches responsibility when it comes to gathering up and cleaning toys before returning them.

AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Saturday 10th November at 10am. Any members who are able to attend and anything that you wish to be included in the agenda please let us know via the email below.

Men's Shed / Sustainable Toys Project

We are excited to be working with Max and the men from the Lancefield Men's Shed to have some wonderful wooden toys built. A grant from MRSC has made this project possible and the children will be excited to have new role-play toys. We hope to have some photos to show you in our next article.

Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. Membership fees are \$25 for a whole year or if you are a Grandparent or member of Playgroup we are offering a discounted price of just \$15. Please drop in during our open times and view our range of toys or contact us to arrange an appointment if you would like a tour of our facilities.

Opening Hours: - Monday 9.30am to 10.30am / Friday 10.00am to 11.00am (alternate weeks)

Email - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com **Fiona Quigley** – 0408 110 054

Hannah Sutton - 0401 085 125

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Yours Sincerely

Fiona Quigley & Hannah Sutton

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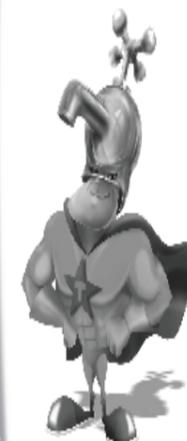
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Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the **fourth Thursday** in each month.

Probus is a mixed club for men and women.

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.
We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month.
(Either a trip or luncheon)



Friday Morning Coffee



Musical Afternoons each month.



Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

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

On Wednesday October 18th we are planning a visit to Nagambie for lunch and catch up with friends Alice & Geoff Long.

Our October meeting will be on Thursday 25th October.

The guest speaker will be talking about 'Myki'

Whole Town Garage Sale—The Final Verdict

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our Whole Town Garage Sale. There were 40 households participating and the number of out-of-towners as well as locals who came along to browse and buy was amazing. We have had very positive feedback from buyers and sellers, so book September 2013 for our next Whole Town Garage Sale and let's make it even bigger and better than this year!

Thanks also to our wonderful volunteers at the Romsey Community House who looked after the bookings and enquiries for this event.

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Half a million reasons to be part of our Bank

On Wednesday 10 October, the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank Branches of Bendigo Bank will be announcing the recipients of over \$75,000 worth of community grants and sponsorship for 2012/13. This will take the combined investment back to the community since our Bank first started to over half a million dollars.

With such a milestone it is worth reflecting on what Community Banking is all about and how it came to be what it is today.

It all started locally in 1998 when a group of community-minded members came together and committed to creating a positive future for Lancefield and Romsey's current and future generations. These committed locals invested their own time and money to help build a locally owned company to create complete banking services for both Lancefield and Romsey.

That dream became a reality, and continues today with the Bendigo Community Banks providing full banking services in Romsey and Lancefield – open from 9am to 5pm weekdays, open during lunch hour and open on Saturday mornings. This is the service our community expects and deserves.

But it doesn't stop there – the banking service alone is a landmark contribution to the prosperity of our district yet it is the extra step we take that sets this model apart. Unlike any other business, our Bank dispersed its profits in a truly remarkable way to enhance our lives here in Lancefield and Romsey.

The company is lead by a hard working and dedicated group of volunteer directors who contribute time, talent and passion with the single-minded aim of creating a better Romsey and Lancefield for all, both today and for future generations.

The revenue generated by the community banking model is reinvested into the social and economic capital and well being of the local community. This objective is achieved under four primary pillars:

1. A full banking service which provides opportunities for families to create homes, for businesses to invest locally and for a friendly face to greet customers 6 days a week within the branch
2. A financial return on investment to those who invested their own capital to establish the local banking business. The return is commensurate with many blue chip listed companies and reflects the gratitude the community has for those who invested financially in our community
3. With an employee payroll in excess of \$500,000 and a commitment to utilise the skills of numerous local contractors for services as required, the community bank supports local jobs
4. The commitment to providing cash funds to community groups is unique within the social landscape of Lancefield and Romsey. There are so many brilliant locals who commit their time and talent to many worthy causes and groups within our communities – sometimes all they need is that financial injection to bring a project to fruition.

Recent examples of this community contribution can be cited in last year's contribution to public toilets at the local cemetery and funds provided to our local emergency services to purchase much-needed equipment – and on October 10 we will get to see another group of projects and organisations supported.



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ROMSEY BRANCH OF THE COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Our ladies have been enjoying, once again, a busy month. We were invited by a Branch outside our Group, namely Keilor Downs, to attend their 15th Birthday party. What a lovely day this proved to be. Two ladies enjoyed fine hospitality, beautiful lunch, and participated in some great party games. The birthday cake was to die for – white chocolate mud cake, covered with dark chocolate, white chocolate and finally decorated beautifully with the CWA emblem. Both Elaine and I called into

Weight Watchers on the way home and joined up for the next six months!!!

Two other ladies travelled to Trentham for their Association Day, spent their pocket money on clothing displayed by Blumes Fashions and again enjoyed a fun day out.

Kyneton Branch conducted their annual Daffodil Festival function during the month where Romsey CWA manned the "Pre-loved" stall. Only four of our ladies were available to assist over the two days, however they came home tired but pleased with their efforts to raise money for our Branch.

We were delighted to have two of our past members attend our September meeting. These two ladies, Elaine and Alice, have moved from the area and to say farewell, ladies enjoyed lunch at the Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Flowers, cards and gifts were presented to them during our meeting.

Plans are under way for our Christmas break-up. It seems only a month or so back we were celebrating Christmas 2011, but when you are busy, time just flies by which is better than having time on your hands and feeling all your aches and pains.

If you would like to join our busy little Branch of CWA, please contact:

Secretary, Val Jordan on 5429 2311

We meet at the Romsey Mechanics Hall on the 1st Thursday of the month for our meetings, or the 3rd Thursday of the month, for Craft. We start around 10 am and would love to see you.

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MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS EAST WARD OCTOBER 29/ 2012.

Open Letter to Ratepayers East Ward Macedon Ranges Shire.

Dear Friend,

On October 29th 2012 Constituents throughout Victoria will go to the polls to elect a new Council. Voting will be by Postal Ballot. I've had the honour and pleasure of representing you for the last four years.

During that time, I've advocated strongly on your behalf for an Equitable Distribution of the Rate Dollar to our Ward with great success, thus honouring one of my election promises to you in 2008.

This is unambiguously evidenced by the millions of dollars put into the East Ward by way of new infrastructure funding, road upgrades and capital works, which I might say are without precedent, whilst still maintaining a modest rate rise of 4.9%, which I believe is below the state average.

Unlike some, I'm not a developer or endorsed by developers, with no self interest or axe to grind, I'm not beholden to anyone.

Over the past four years, I believe that I've been transparent, accountable and most accessible, putting the interests of my constituents first. Essentially I'm the people's man who gets things done.

One project that is close to my heart has been the safety improvements to Melbourne-Lancefield Road. After years of persistent lobbying (since 2003) the Victorian Government I'm pleased to see that the contract has been awarded for 1.1km (stage 1) of new overtaking lanes between Station Street and Bolinda Creek Bridge, Clarkefield.

The freshly resealed Bolinda -Darraweit Road is now completely dual lane and the McCabe's Bridge is now open to residents of Darraweit Guim, allowing all traffic including emergency vehicles and farm machinery to move between the Macedon Ranges and Mitchell shires.

In Newham, I am looking forward to see the new multi-purpose court constructed with Council and Victorian Government funding once we have finalised negotiations with the Department of Education to allow community usage on the primary school site.

Riddells Creek will also be getting three multipurpose courts, complimented by a new shelter and toilets, as well as a primary school oval at the Recreation Reserve including recycled water, thanks to Council and Victorian Government funding. Also Council has allocated \$75k (2012/2013 budget) for the recommissioning of toilet block at Reserve.

The Romsey sports precinct (lobbying since 2003) is also making great progress, with brand new primary school Oval and pavilions (underway) just completed and new Lights for the Romsey Park Oval. A feasibility study for swimming pool is also underway. I was also pleased to see that the Victorian Government Budget has included a feasibility study for a high school in the town, after much lobbying.

Community events and recreation facilities in Lancefield have received a boost thanks to council and Victorian Government funding. This will go towards constructing a performance space in the common, improving the Mechanics Hall, a walking/cycling path network and a feasibility study for hosting events at Laurie Green Pavilion at Lancefield Park. We have also seen the construction of new tennis courts and cricket nets.

Finally, after a long period of intense lobbying, Council was successful in its bid to install a Macedon Ranges tourism destination sign in the East Ward. Council officers are currently identifying the most appropriate location for this sign which will be installed in the coming months.

The above are only some of the many initiatives that the East Ward has benefited from over the last four years.

If re-elected, I look forward to continuing to advocate passionately in the same vein, for more improvements like these, to enhance and protect the liveability of our East Ward.

On OCTOBER 29/2012 make your VOTE count and **VOTE 1 JOE MORABITO**, the people's man who gets things done.

Regards,

Joe Morabito.

Authorised by Joe Morabito, Shop 5 Main St., ROMSEY Vic.3434. Mob.0400 025 455



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Saturday 8th December, 2012
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at the

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MRSC Council Elections

I am a resident of Romsey being involved in, raising a family, and working in the area since 1978. Experience does count. My affiliation with Local Government began in 1986 with an unwavering vision for improvement in services to the community, support of the numerous community organisations with which you are involved and creating a financially responsible and sustainable Shire. Speaking with residents about our future the issues frequently mentioned include the Romsey and Riddells Creek open drains, road maintenance, P10 school, employment opportunities, footpaths, public transport (particularly on weekends), environmental issues, park and playground equipment upgrade, rural and town planning, youth facilities, streetscape works and advocacy to other Government Departments who provide services to us. Where is the heated indoor pool for the east side? Don't let the East Ward be unrepresented for the next 4 years. Vote for a person whose passion is for their community. www.geoffneil.com.au 0407506369

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VOTE 1 Joan Donovan East Ward

It has been an honour and privilege to have been a councillor for East Ward in the Macedon-Ranges Shire for the past four years. I am seeking re-election to be your representative for another term so that we can continue to build on the achievements and successes we have so far implemented.

It is truly gratifying to see the Junior Oval completed at last, funding for the Romsey Recreation Reserve secured and the tender signed, recycled water being made available to all but one oval in the Shire, and the Outline Development Plan (ODP) for Romsey is with the Minister of Planning awaiting sign-off. Improvements to the Lancefield-Melbourne Road are the result of all councillors strongly advocating for improved safety levels and maintenance, and I offer continued support for this particular project.

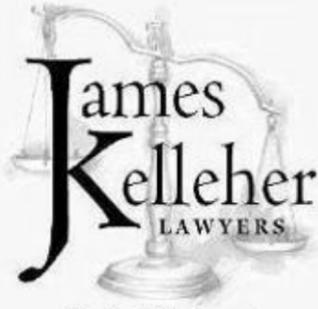
Feasibility studies for both a secondary college and an aquatic facility have already been approved for East Ward and funded by State Government and Macedon Ranges council respectively. These are major research projects which will guide the position that you, the community, wishes your councillors to adopt following the outcomes of these pieces of research, and I will continue to support clearly identified needs. My support for the GRAAP project remains steadfast.

I remain strongly supportive of comparative low rates, low loans and being forever mindful of the volatile economic climate in which we live. Our small communities are diverse and unique, with many experiencing financial hardship, therefore it is imperative that we maintain a careful balance between services that are of paramount importance, and fiscal responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity and responsibility vested in me over this tenure of council and I respectfully seek your vote for re-election via postal voting in October 2012.

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Celebrating Thanksgiving!

This month we are celebrating Thanksgiving as a bit of nostalgia for our members with Canadian/American roots and to enjoy a night of being thankful for our many blessings. The gathering will be on **Thursday 18th October at Sicilian Vespers @ 7pm**. So take some time out for yourself and please come join us for a glass of wine and a chat. Last month we celebrated our 1st Birthday at the Bentinck of Woodend. It was a fabulous night out enjoyed by all and an absolutely stunning venue. A big thank you to John McCarthy for providing the bus transportation and getting us all home safely.

We have recently set up a Facebook page under the name 'Romsey Region Women's Network Inc. (RRWN)'. We will be using this to post information about our upcoming events and any other useful local information that we hear on the grapevine. So please 'Like' us to help keep you updated. If you are wondering what the RRWN is about, we are a group that aspires to connect local women in our rural communities in a warm and welcoming environment. It's a great way to meet new people in the local area, tap into the wealth of knowledge local women have to offer, gain inspiration and have some laughs. It is not only a great way to network in a business/professional sense but also meet like-minded women and form new friendships.

We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at varying venues in the area. Our current members represent a number of towns/areas throughout the district (Romsey, Lancefield, Rochford, Woodend, Riddells Creek & Gisborne), spanning different backgrounds and age groups. You are under no obligation to pay the membership fee the first night unless you decide there is something you will benefit from joining our gatherings. Our intent is to provide a safe environment for women to gather together, exchange ideas, share about their lives and have some laughs.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Yoga

Mondays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
 \$14 per class when term is paid before end of Week 1
 \$18 Casual Participation: Enquiries to **Leisa Kirk on 0408 934 656**

Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm @ Romsey Community House
 \$15 per class when term is paid before end of Week 1
 \$18 Casual Participation: Enquiries to **Lisa Moore on 0448 345 338**

Sun Style Tai Chi

Tuesdays 1pm—2pm

\$8 per class (Minimum Numbers Apply)

To join—Contact **Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900**

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's

Mondays 10am - 11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. This class may assist with balance, mobility, bladder control and joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Cost \$5 per class

Enquiries to **Jan on 5428 1223 or 0412 219 900**

**Join us after class for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2/ Gold Coin Donation)*

Heart Foundation 'Walk Together' Program

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.30am. Meet with group leader Eileen at the Lions Park on Main Road (near Five Mile Creek).

Social & Creative Activities

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Art Classes

Adult's Classes with Tanya Salter : Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm (weekly) \$150 for a ten week term.
 \$15 for new students (newcomers trial class) and \$135 for remaining 9 weeks.

Learn to draw and paint in watercolour, oils and acrylics. Bring all your own materials.

Children's Classes with Tanya Salter: Thursdays

3.45pm - 4.45pm (weekly)

\$80 for a ten week term.

\$8 for new students and then pay \$72

Bring your own materials.

Advice available on improving your career in the design and art sector.

For all bookings call **Tanya 0400 053 829**

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.00am - 10.30am at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Cost: \$6 per class. Open Age. All enquiries to **Anne on 5429 1650**

Craft Group

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting,

smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day. Contact **Leanne on 0407 053 806.**

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd **Tuesday** of each month. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution.

For further information call **Sue 5428 6951 or Lila 5429 3732**

Workshops for Children and Adults

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Sessions will incorporate use of music, meditation and movement.

Classes will include:

Relaxation: Meditation for beginners and advanced.

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Children: Every 1st Wednesday of the month. 4.30pm-5.30pm.

Adults: Every 1st Monday of the month 10.30am-12.30pm (additional sessions by arrangement).

For more information or to book – Contact Stavroula: 0400 032 518

It's All About You 4 Women.

Let's get together and chat in a relaxed, safe, fun and supportive environment. If you have something you want to share, learn or understand please come along to the Romsey Community Hub. Sessions include meditation, a free cuppa and a different topic each week (if needed). Sessions will be led by Gillian Gorrie, Life Circle Solutions, Tutor, Teacher, NLP Practitioner. For more information contact **Gillian on M:0409 801 082 or H:54295448**

Open House — We'd love to see you!

Our 'Drop in Room' is open to the public weekdays 9.30am - 5.00pm. Enjoy a quiet cuppa; peruse our community brochures or spend some time socialising with friends. You never know you might even make some new ones! Gold coin donation applies.

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council Elections 2012

Henry Bleeck

your local candidate

Macedon Ranges is a special place for my family. I grew up in the Macedon Ranges and have lived and worked locally for most of my adult life. Wendy and I raised three children here and I continue to work locally at Monegeetta Proving Ground. I am aware of the values we hold and the issues that effect us in the shire.

Having previously been a Shire councillor I have a proven record on community development with the establishment of the Library/Community Hub and the new Junior Oval/Athletics Track.

With population increasing we need to continue to ensure a balance between orderly progress and the preservation of the best of country living. While our area is wonderful, there are aspects that can be better. A few that spring to mind are maintenance of roads and footpaths, better use of our rates, rationalising council assets to fund community and recreational projects, without increasing rates, and clear planning processes.

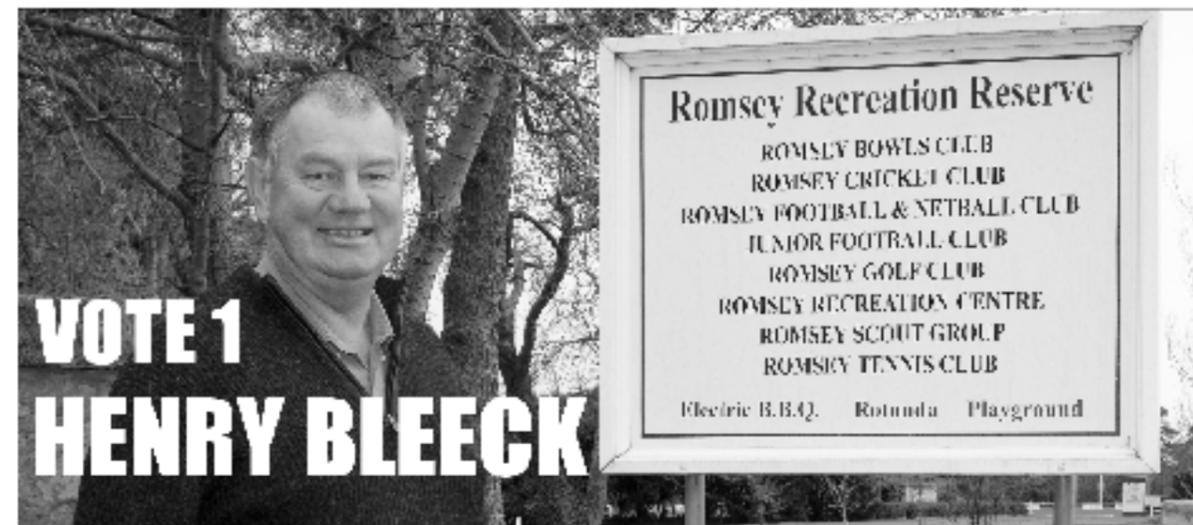
The towns in the east of the Shire need a fairer share of funds and works to maintain our streets and roads, to provide services for our youth and the elderly and to support our children's services. The Council must assist our businesses to prosper and provide local employment opportunities.

In Romsey we need upgrades of our residential streets, with a schedule to repair the roads, maintain the drains and construct new footpaths. Many of our rural roads need sealing and improved maintenance of the drains and verges.

I will seek the provision of a walking/cycling track between Romsey and Riddells Creek to link the three major towns and plan towards an indoor pool in the east. Our local community groups also deserve the support of council to further develop their recreational, environmental and community goals.

We need an active council that will focus on the issues that effect you. One that will seek and commit funds to ensure the quality of our country life. As your shire councillor I will actively represent you and ensure that the residents in the east of the shire receive a fair share of funds and works.

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VOTE 1 Henry McLaughlin



“As a father of four young children I am committed to ensuring our shire is the best it can be.”

2009 – First time elected to council

- 10 years of planned footpaths delivered in 1 year
- 4 years of rates growth at record lows (ongoing)

2010 – Elected as Deputy Mayor

- 100% increase in local bus services
- Bus stops and shelters installed
- Local businesses supported via car parking policy reform
- Safety upgrades to the Lancefield Rd (ongoing)

2011 – Elected as Mayor

- Garbage & recycling reform (equal access to services for all residents)
- Smoke free playground policy
- Free green waste disposal at transfer stations

2012 – Re-elected as Mayor

- \$5m upgrade to the Romsey Sports Precinct
- Romsey Aquatic Centre feasibility study
- Romsey Outline Development Plan adopted
- Local Secondary College feasibility study
- Record low debt levels

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

RRBATA Business Breakfast Report

A wide spectrum of business and community representatives attended the 3rd Annual RRBATA Business Breakfast held at Soltan Pepper on Friday 7th September 2012. A superb buffet breakfast was followed by speakers Peter Johnston and Patrick Quigley, each of whom presented interesting “snapshots”. Peter, in addition to reflecting on life growing up in Romsey, spoke of the Shire with particular reference to the Romsey region. Patrick presented a snapshot on the state of play in the finance world as an update to last year’s report card. RRBATA is grateful to these speakers who generously donated their time. The lucky door prize (a \$100 Soltan Pepper voucher) was won by Rev. Bill Carroll.



Patrick Quigley

In order to “hit the target” with events such as these, RRBATA committee needs feedback both from those who attended (who have all received a brief questionnaire) and those who did not attend as to why it did not peak their interest. If you have any comments, please feel free to contact Jenny Stillman (ph. 0412 349849 or email jennystillman@optusnet.com.au).



Ged McLaughlin and John Lynch



Peter Johnston and Henry McLaughlin

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Way Forward for RRBATA

As we head toward the end of another year, another Annual General Meeting approaches for Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association. As is the case at all AGMs for incorporated associations, all committee positions are declared vacant. RRBATA has functioned with a small and tight committee

for some years. None of the current committee members are shop front business owners. For RRBATA to continue to make a contribution to local business and tourism interests and to the community in general, it needs support and diversification at committee level. We are already fortunate to have the unwavering support of Greg Powell who attends all RRBATA events and updates Romsey Online accordingly (Business Breakfast photos were posted by Greg within 3 hours of the event’s completion!). Someone interested in assisting with funding applications would also take pressure off the very small committee. The other issue relates to membership recruitment. Signing up to be a RRBATA member confers all the benefits of membership for \$50 per year but with absolutely no obligation to be on committee. Without financial members, RRBATA cannot host and subsidise its activities and the events it wants to run. It is imperative that local businesses and organizations seriously consider getting on board with membership if RRBATA is to continue to survive and thrive.

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Romsey Online Update

And don’t forget, *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.

Next RRBATA Functions RRBATA Annual General Meeting

Monday 29th October 2012 at 7.30p
At Romsey Community Hub

Local Group Wins Award

At the Port Phillip & Westport CMA awards held at Melbourne Zoo on 8 September, the Deep Creek Landcare Group won the prestigious ‘Group Working On Public Land’ Award. The Group won the award for its project to revegetate and restore the Sheehans Reserve site on Deep Creek. The site has a detailed restoration plan which the Group is using to guide their ongoing onground works.

The project was years in its development and culminated in a successful partnership between the Group, Melbourne Water, Parks Vic, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, DSE and the Romsey-Lancefield Lions Club.

Rotary Raffle Winners

The following are winners of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Trailer and Line Trimmer:

1st prize Ticket Number 1024 Carolyn Green (Trailer and Red Gum wood)

2nd prize Ticket Number 1273 A Watts (Ryobi Line Trimmer)

The Raffle was drawn on **Father’s Day** 2012.

The Trailer was purchased from Sunshine Trailers by the Rotary Club and the Red Gum wood was donated by Romsey StockFeeds (Mark Shepherdley) and The Wood Guy. The Ryobi Line Trimmer was donated by Bunnings Sunbury.

Thanks to these industries for their support. Special thanks also to the community for supporting this raffle. All proceeds go towards Rotary’s local community projects.

Check out the (RRBATA) Romsey Online website for photos and details of the Raffle: <http://www.romsey.org.au/news.php?id=130>

News & Updates

Romsey Early Education Centre



BUTTERFLY ROOM (Above 3 yrs & Kinder Room)

We take pride in implementing a program which meets the needs of each child, as well as the group as a whole.

Recently we organised an 'incursion' by Western Water who talked to the children about recycling water, with many water wise tips that we are able to incorporate into our daily plan. These include, tipping left over water from our drinking cups into a watering can that can then be placed on our vegetable garden.

The children have shown a great interest in and excitement for this and have come up with plans to use water saving techniques in their own homes.

The Butterfly Room has a

wonderful range of experienced staff (including a Kindergarten teacher) who support and enhance marvellous learning with the aid of resources such as computers & an iPad.

We will introduce Mini Maestros in Fourth Term

In fourth term we are looking forward to further fun with our vegetable garden and incorporating Mini Maestros into our program with lots of singing, dancing games and instrumental experiences.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The children of Romsey Early Education Centre are excited to be participating in this year's Lancefield Show, through entries in the Junior Art categories.

Already some of the children have created fantastic pieces of work.

Make sure you go along and take a look at their efforts on show day.



CATERPILLAR ROOM (0 - 3 yrs Room)

We value the benefits of offering an indoor/outdoor program in our room and as play is a fundamental part of the child's day, both elements are designed to complement each other and thread through the whole program.

Each child is catered for both individually and as a group, to stimulate and challenge their learning. Experiences offered are both fun and educational.

The children have recently enjoyed preparing a gift for Father's Day, working with shapes and colors and, joining in 'group time'.

Coming up in the Caterpillar Room the children will have the opportunity to enjoy developing their vocabulary, gross motor skills and concentration through dancing, playing instruments and puppetry with the support of Mini Maestros.

Our Parents' Feedback

"As a busy working mum, being able to access kindergarten and day care in the same centre has been marvellous."

- Cathy, son 5yrs

"The centre provides EVERYTHING from nappies to wonderful home cooked hot meals. It certainly makes my life easier."

- Michelle, daughter 2yrs

"My son has gained so much confidence by playing with other children. I am so proud of him, and myself for choosing long day care."

- Donna, son 3yrs

"The educators are so friendly to me and caring of my children. It makes going to work almost a pleasure."

- Maryanne, daughter 1yr and daughter 4yrs

"I was finding studying with two young children almost impossible. Then I found out I was entitled to fee assistance for child care."

I am now almost finished my course, months ahead of time."

- Jessica, son 18 months, and daughter 3 yrs

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For more information about our centre and our educational programs, please contact us at 5429 6442 or email: romsey@earlyedu.com.au

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