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Proudly sponsored this month by "Bungawitta" : Romsey Playgroup : Phone 295 448

"Bungawitta" News

A few people around town are asking "What is Bungawitta?"
Well, it's the name that Romsey Playgroup has given to their new Home,
The Old Romsey Primary School.
The name comes from an aboriginal word meaning "Place of Little Possums"

Our latest news is that we have funding for the LEAP project. LEAP is a DEET funded labour market program, providing formal training for unemployed 15 to 20 year olds. The Romsey Bungawitta Restoration Project, funded by LEAP, sponsored by the Romsey Playgroup and the Lancefield / Romsey Lions Club, with the Department of Business and Employment acting as broker, will run for 26 weeks commencing the 13th June 1995. The Project

includes the restoration of all the exterior woodwork of the School building, and the establishment of an environmental playground and parkland at the site.

The Playgroup will be moving in at the beginning of the third term (mid July). This also means that the rooms will be available for community use (meetings classes etc).

Phone Gillian for rental details 295448.

To start the project off, we are having an official house warming.

We would like you to come



To the Romsey Community

*The Romsey Playgroup would like to extend
An Invitation
to our House Warming
at*

"Bungawitta"

(The Old Romsey Primary School)

98 Main St

On

Saturday the 15th of July 1995

11 am Welcome and introduction of site.

Luncheon Available

Close 2 PM

Gillian

ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

The Romsey Medical Centre is in the final stages of a substantial extension and refurbishment programme due to completion in July. In addition to the existing five doctor general practice, the new medical centre will also house a suite of rooms for emergency and surgical procedures, a full time dentist, a physiotherapist, pathology, specialist X-Ray and ultrasound services and a wide range of visiting medical and paramedical specialists.

It is not much more than five years since the Romsey Medical Centre was built on its present site at the corner of Main Street and Stawell Street. These purpose built premises replaced the much smaller rooms that the practice had occupied for over forty years next to the house of Dr. Lindsay Francis, who retires in June. At the time of the move it was felt that the new premises would serve the practice for a long time but the business grew so rapidly that the first expansion took place after only two years. The current redevelopment will double the size of the original medical centre.

NEW SKILLS

The visiting consultants will include specialists in cardiology, orthopaedics, paediatrics, surgery, ophthalmology, plastic surgery, gynaecology, rheumatology and oncology (cancer treatment). Audiology, counselling, podiatry and orthotics (surgical footwear) will also be available on-site. The specialists will bring with them many new skills to the area, such as colposcopy (the examination for diagnosis of suspected cancer of the cervix). In the emergency suite, the practice will be able to treat a wide variety of problems including cardiac arrest and the stabilisation of trauma patients prior to their being airlifted to Melbourne.

FUTURE VISION

The Romsey Medical Centre already offers a seven day a week service with doctors on call 24 hours a day. The aim of Drs. Paul and Sally Carter, Dr. Noel Cunningham, Dr. Petrina Barson and Dr. Paul Muirden is to build upon this excellent base and provide a first-class, comprehensive, "one-stop" medical service for the residents of the Shire of Macedon Ranges. The new Medical Centre should certainly start to fulfill that dream.

OPEN DAY

To celebrate the opening of the new facility there will be an open day on Sunday, 16th July from 11.00a.m. onwards. On this day the Medical Centre will be open for public inspection and there will be demonstrations of resuscitation and First Aid procedures. It is also planned that Ambulance Services Victoria will hold an Ambulance Day at the Medical Centre. So, everyone is invited to go along to what should prove to be a most interesting visit.

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A couple of weeks ago, the members of our Uniting Church congregations were invited to write down their perception of God's vision for our church. There was a remarkable number of responses which included "unity" and "love". It struck me as I read them through that this vision is, for most of us, our vision for the community at large. We begin to work towards that vision as we work together - not only as Christian churches in this community, but in the schools, sporting clubs, community service clubs etc.

Ray and I went on retreat recently to Flinders Island. I offer to you a poem I wrote there. I wrote it as I sat on a rocky outcrop, and noticed two small trees growing together in the rock. They were very different - the one a broad-leafed, vibrant green - the other a tree with thin, needle-like leaves. I thought about relationships as I looked at the trees. The thoughts apply to any close relationship - and especially the relationship of the people of God as we grow together.

Two trees,
unlikely partners,
bonsaied together
in rock crevice.

They face the same
storm
heat,
wind-driven sand.
They overlook
the same view.
They feed
on the same
riverlets of water
trickling down
the same rock-face.

Yet their response differs -
the one,
in spindly, thin needle-like leaf,
the other
in full, open green foliage.
The one
extravagant in beauty,
the other
careful in preservation.

Lord,
we grow together,
an unlikely lot,
facing the same traumas,
joys, and pain;
feeding on the same
water of life,
growing in the same
solid rock.
We live together,
but react differently.

Give us the grace
to recognise
the validity of the other's life,
impressions,
reactions,
and grow together
in harmony
and love.

Elaine Callister, 1995

With my prayers for love and unity among us all,

Shalom, Elaine.



ROMSEY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - are sending out a reminder that the Romsey Out of School Hours Care is expanding in the variety of activities that are provided for the students, especially Art & Crafts in the winter months.

For those cold winter nights an urn has been provided for warm milo and soup to go along with sandwiches, fruit and other varieties.

The Romsey Out of School Hours Care would very much appreciate any donations of unwanted games, lego, barbie dolls, old socks, wool, fabric or pieces of lace. Please check your cupboard!

The staff look forward to seeing new and old faces at the Out of Schools Hours Care between the hours of: 7.00 a.m. - 8.30 a.m.
3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to call in and see Kim at the School or ring on 295 099 or 296 490 or Jill Barham at the Romsey Office, Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 295 201.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

During our **Education Week Open Day** last week, we were very pleased to see so many people avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the school in action and to tour through the complex. It was a memorable week for a range of reasons.

At our full school assembly we initiated a **recognition program** for staff, both past and present, who had served the school for extensive periods of time. 15+ year awards were presented to our librarian Mrs Kath Jakabsons and although he was still in Tasmania, "Sir" Ken Burns was also recognised with a similar award. 10+ year awards were presented to the Principal - Trevor Turnham, V.P Bob Sherren, SSO - Jeni Clampit, Music teacher Mrs Christine Rowlands. Although unable to attend due to golfing commitments past staff member Mrs Leila Beasley was remembered and will be presented with her certificate at a later date. Each person received a framed certificate acknowledging their contribution to the school and a plaque which will be hung in the administration block as a permanent reminder of their extended service.

* **Transition:** Although only a handful of parents attended the special evening conducted by Kyneton S.C staff at our school recently, all the local Secondary Colleges have provided updated information for parents. These brochures are available from the newly constructed information rack in the office foyer. (our thanks to Mr Rick Lloyd for this donation to the school.)

Prep year staff have also been in close contact with the **Kindergarten** and have provided first hand information to parents, inviting them to Open Day or at any other time that they have queries about the Prep year.

Additional teaching assistance is available for our Year 1/2 pupils. Mrs Robb is employed in the afternoons to free classroom staff to work closely with

individual children or small groups in their classes. Mr Hickey is continuing the special daily mathematics program that involves children from all classes thus reducing the numbers with which the class teacher is working.

As a result of School Council action, Mr Stevan Janusko (Steve) is undertaking maintenance tasks around the school. The paving he has already set in place outside the main Junior school entrance has already proven to be very successful.

Vic Kick is well under way for our aspiring young footballers every Friday night, thanks to the efforts of parents and the initiatives of Mr Sherren & Mr Rowley. **Vic. Swim** information has been recently distributed in each school.

Parents are asked to complete the forms & return them to allow time to plan venues & organise staff. With all of the publicity regarding the **Learning Assessment Program**, a Forum was conducted to openly discuss the program. The assessment program publicity certainly confused a lot of people. The assessment was directly related to the new Curriculum & Standards Framework documentation with which all staff throughout the state are becoming familiar. The results of the testing, available early next term, will not reflect a pass or fail situation but will indicate the range in which the child's performance was recorded at that time and this will be explained to parents by staff who know the children. It is quiet apparent however that we all need to become far more aware that the CSF is set in ability stages which do not link numerically with the old grade structure. For example a year 6 student who was deemed as well at the stage 4 level should be very happy. Stage 4 = the expected developmental skills of grade 6

Stage 3 = Year 4 level

Stage 2 = Year 2 level

Stage 1 = Prep Year level

As you can see an adjustment of thinking is required and any staff

member would be more than happy to explain these changes to you. The 8 KLA'S (Key Learning Areas reflected by the Prep Year curriculum are clearly set out in the displays in those classrooms at the moment.

Education Forums are conducted on the second Wed. of the month at 7.30pm. Topics are advertised in the school newsletter & are open to all interested people.

Next month the topic will be **Religious Instruction** in Schools. I was recently surprised by the statement of a school councillor who said that more than 30 parents had approached him regarding their opposition to the half hour per week spent in Religious Education studies. I would like to clarify that parents have the option to withdraw their child from this program at time, provided a written statement, cancelling the permission already provided, is given to the principal. A full set of material used by the trained instructors is always available to be scrutinised by parents. Please contact the Principal if you have any queries regarding this or any other program.

With the on set of Wintry conditions it is wise to stop & think about **Safety**. Very young children should not be riding bicycles (refer to the poster & material available at school). Parents need to encourage children to do the right thing as far as road safety is concerned. Use the school crossing & cross over to correctly parked cars. Thanks to local Police speed limits & good habits have been reinforced again recently. Special thanks to our Crossing lady Mrs Pitts who is so reliable & courteous to everyone.

Thanks are also expressed to Mrs Sarah Nancarrow our Life Ed Van instructor for her assistance & leadership with the programs this week. Parents had a special explanatory program dedicated to them on Open Day. Thanks to our School Council who have subsidised the program by \$2 for every child.

~ Trevor Turnham - Principal.

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Senior Citizens meet Monday and Wednesday, 10.30am to 3.00pm. for carpet bowls, cards and companionship. Last month's bus trip was to Castlemaine where everyone enjoyed a tour of the old jail. Next month's bus trip is to Melton to the cinema. New members are very welcome. Come and join us and have fun.... Contact numbers - Gwen 295 242 or Marg on 296 377.

The Annual General Meeting on Monday, 3rd July at 1pm.

To Mark the occasion of Bob Shaw's 90th Birthday.....
 Bob will be at the Romsey Bowling Club, with his family, on Sunday, July 2nd between the hours of 2 and 4p.m.
 They would be pleased to see any of his friends who may be able to come in during that time.
 No gifts, just a friendly greeting to Bob and share a cup of tea with the family. They look forward to seeing you on that day.
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 opportunity of thanking
 all those who sent cards,
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 calls to me on my recent
 stay in hospital....*

Jessie Weire.

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- AN APPRECIATED DONATION-

Due to the success of fundraising efforts and the generosity of the Woodend Ambulance Auxiliary, first aid kits are being presented to all kindergartens and schools in the district covered by the Woodend Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Officer Jim Daniels presented kits to Romsey Primary School and Romsey Kindergarten on Friday, 26th May. Romsey Primary School will position their kit in their Gym block, which is regularly used by one of the Shires Before & After School care centres, Art/Craft sessions and after hours Gymnastics and Callisthenics groups.

Thankyou to the Woodend Ambulance Auxiliary and all those who support it at the Woodend Community Market.

**Harvest Basket and
Tray Workshop**

Made from local natural resources. Classes are usually \$40 each but are being specially offered at \$15 each with all money going to the purchase of art books. All materials supplied and afternoon tea also provided.

Time : 1pm
Date : 18th (Sunday) June
**Place : Gisborne Secondary
College E2 (Art Room)**

Feel free to book for the workshop but hurry as places are limited. Enquiries to Lesley Loveday at school (283691) or Christine Marsh (284489).

St Mary's Primary School - Lancefield



The blistering heat of Summer has given way to Autumn coolness during the four months since Sister Patricia Stone arrived at St Mary's to take up the position as Principal in January.

The school year opened with enthusiastic students who have, during these months, been involved in a wide range of curriculum activities.

Specialist areas this year have seen weekly periods of Visual Arts, Music, Library Skills, Physical Education and Japanese.

Miss Hiromi Hagihara visits us each Tuesday and all students - Prep - Gr. 6 - enjoy their experience of Japanese language and culture. Parents were treated to an evening with Hiromi recently and they were delighted to meet with her and chat about a Japan that is so different from the one we imagine.

The Senior Grades have had

the opportunity to take part in Inter-school Sport/Athletics through the Cobaw District Sports Association in Swimming, Tennis, Cross Country etc.

English has had a particular emphasis with the introduction of the "Bookshelf" Whole Language Programme from Prep - Gr. 6. "Read It" take home books have also been purchased for all grades. A donation of \$4,000 from St. Mary's Parents and Friends laid the basis for these programmes and parents have helped in covering about 1,200 books.

Programmes across the Curriculum will be enhanced through the use of Mac Computers and software to which all students, Prep - Gr. 6, have ready access in the classroom.

Staff have also been kept busy with the distribution of Curriculum Standards

Frameworks which are common to all schools and also the Religious Education Guidelines Prep - Gr. 6 which have been rewritten in a new format.

Grades 3 and 5 have taken part in the L.A.P. assessments as have hundreds of students across the State.

Term 1's visiting programme to the school involved all children in safety activities, and we appreciated the musical entertainment by Kyneton Secondary College. For some Gr. 5/6 children, the Music Camp will be an exciting time.

Parents have joined us at St Mary's for several special days to celebrate Religious Festivities. Family Week culminated with a Family Mass, B.B.Q. and Balloon Launch.

Rivalries of 1885 (do not confuse with 1995)

The following article appeared in the Romsey Examiner of Thursday, 28th August, 1884.

MURDER

Under the above heading the following paragraph appeared in last week's "PUNCH". The writer has evidently discovered something which the Romsey and Lancefield people have permitted to escape their notice.....

I quote " The rivalry of neighbouring up-country towns is proverbial. Once upon a time there were two such townships, whose jealousy of one another was proverbial. They were five miles apart (8km). The name of one was Spearfield and the other was Rumsee. The one boasted that it was the centre of Agriculture Interests, the other that it was the seat of the Shire; the one was puffed up because it was the elder and better able to make conditions; the other vaunted its advancement through commercial enterprise; the one had a brass band, the other was forthwith about to procure one, thus they lived and prospered but neither ever said 'Give me thy hand'.

Well there was a murder committed, almost equal distant between the two townships. Greatly to the offence of Spearfield the trial was held at Rumsee. (Rumsee scored one). At this point the populace of the elder was highly indignant, and consulted together how they might avenge their wrong. Then up rose an aged SIRE in the forum (read bar parlor), a champion of many conflicts, whose grey hairs and vaunted experience had gained for him a respect equal to that of Nestor among the Greeks, and thus he spake - ' My fellow townsmen, dry your eyes! Let us not be wrath with the rapacity of these vultures; Let Rumsee have the trial; but let us take pride in claiming for ourselves the credit of the murder itself, which is by far the more glorious and honourable of distinction, that the generations unborn may hereafter know how great were the achievements of their forefathers.' Thus he spake (and Spear-acre scored). The faded laurels of Cicero were placed upon his brow as he was hailed the father of his country."

We do not know the identity of 'the father of his country', but we do know the story of the murder (not quite in accord with some of the stories extant) and 'the generations now born' will hear this in a later edition.

Ron Viney - Courthouse Museum

~ St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield / Romsey ~

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291359; Sr. Frances Guinane (Convent): 291582.

Mass times:

Sat.	7.30pm Lancefield	
Sun.	1st & 3rd Sundays	2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays
	8.00am	Romsey
	10.00am	Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 am. Saturday or by arrangement.

Prayer life:

* Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.

* Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295672.

Special events / programs:

Scripture Journey: A gentle look at the Holy Scriptures. Come and join us for coffee, and an informal chat. Feel free to ask questions or just listen. Play area available for toddlers. Everyone welcome. Tuesdays 1.30-2.30 Romsey Church Hall. Enquiries: Margaret Holgate: 295907.

Parish Retreat - Stella Maris Geelong Aug. 11 - 13

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This retreat has been arranged by the adult ed. group in response to requests from parishioners. To enable the group to finalise arrangements if you would like to attend, could you please advise by May 21st. by ringing Sr. Frances 291 582 or Presbytery 292 130. There is a notice on the church noticeboard with further information.

Men's Breakfast

will be held on Saturday 27th. May at Lancefield commencing with Mass at 8.00am.

Adult Education In Faith.

This program commences at 10.30am. each Wednesday and concludes at 12.30pm. and is held in the Presbytery.

May 31st. The Church grows in Responsibility.

June 7th. The Church and the Individual Conscience.

June 14th. The Christian Disciple's identification with the poor.

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St. Mary's Primary School (Lancefield) - 291359

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Saturday 3rd. June leaving Lancefield 7.15am. sharp, returning approximately 7.00pm. Pick up at Romsey, Sunbury and Keilor Park. Cost of tour \$26 includes morning and afternoon tea plus gourmet lunch box. This is a great opportunity to shop for some bargains. For information on outlets, booking and payment contact Sally Farrelly 295 807 by 19th. May.

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Our Sunday morning services are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 10:00am and include ministry for children. Our meetings emphasize the teaching of God's word and are a place where warm and friendly folk gather to worship.

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At Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship people are important. We offer hope and assistance to all those in need. That is of course firstly in our local district, but also beyond, and even to many third world countries. Geoff Holland will spend part of this month preaching in Indonesia and South Korea.

If you would like to know more about any of our activities, enquiries can be made to Geoff Holland (minister) on 295673, or Graham Mau on 291488.

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

REGISTER OF THE ARTS

A Visual and Performing Arts Steering Committee, comprising of community representatives, has recently been formed to prepare a statement of purpose and goals for a permanent Arts Committee for the Shire of Macedon Ranges. The role of the new Committee will be to encourage, foster and promote art and cultural tourism in the Shire. As a first step the Steering Committee decided to set up an Arts Register for the Macedon Ranges. Therefore interested persons and organizations are invited to submit details of their name, address, telephone number(s), activities and location for inclusion in the Register. Details should be forwarded to:-

Visual and Performing Arts Steering Committee,
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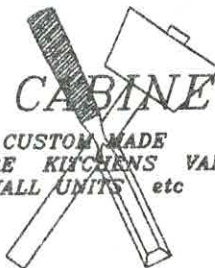
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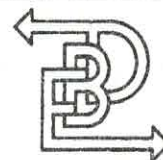
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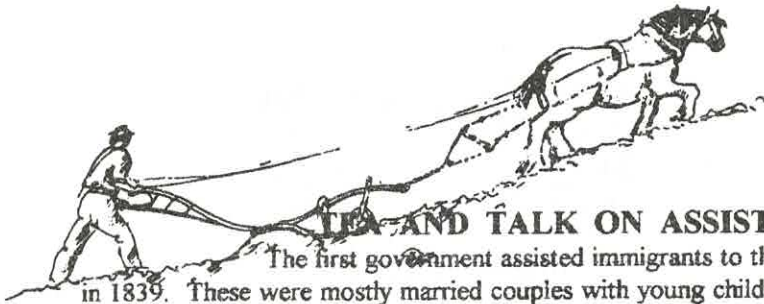
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TEA AND TALK ON ASSISTED IMMIGRATION

The first government assisted immigrants to the Port Phillip District arrived on the barque *Hope* in 1839. These were mostly married couples with young children who had emigrated from the United Kingdom to Sydney, but could not find work there. Governor Gipps sent them to Melbourne, where they quickly found employment. Later that year the *David Clarke* arrived direct from Scotland with labourers and shepherds, who obtained work at very good wages within a few days. From this small beginning - 900 assisted immigrants arrived in 1839 -- the influx reached its peak during the gold rushes with 16,318 arriving in 1854. The same year 31,895 others paid their own passage from the United Kingdom. The sale of land in Victoria funded these immigrants from the United Kingdom. Many different schemes were tried, bounties were offered, and later employers were able to pay for the passages of future employees. Private assistance was given by such organisations as Caroline Chisholm's 'Family Colonisation Loan Society', the Scottish 'Highland and Island Emigration Society', the Committee responsible for Irish orphan girls, and the 'Australian Emigration Association', which resulted in the Bacchus Marsh area being settled. After forty years of assisted passages to Victoria the system gradually faded out in the 1870's. Some assistance was given to migrants in the 1920's and a major revival took place after the last World War with hundreds of thousands of people being assisted to migrate from Europe. The topic of assisted immigration to the Port Phillip District and the colony of Victoria will be featured at an Historical Society "Tea and Talk Evening" at the home of George and Elaine Lobb, "Woodlands", Romsey, on Friday June 30 at 7 p.m.. To assist with catering for the meal those wanting to attend this interesting evening should let the society know by June 23.. The cost of the evening is \$10 per person. Bookings can be made with Elaine Lobb (Phone 295 321) or Tom Newton (Phone 291 833), or by mail to P.O. Box 11, Romsey 3434.

In future Seymour Cottage in Romsey will be the main venue for Historical Society meetings. The open fires in winter and the homely surroundings will replace the need to rearrange the museum displays each time a meeting is held at the Lancefield court house. The next meeting will be at Seymour Cottage on June 27 at 8 p.m..

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We recommend our meetings to anyone considering the purchase of a PC or to those just hungry for more information. There will always be someone, more than willing to talk to you on your level, about your concerns.

Meetings are held in a cosy and warm atmosphere. Coffee and tea is an integral part of our gatherings and bring along a plate if you want to have a nibble while your there.

NEXT MEETING
Sunday JUNE 18th
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Call Deb Burge on
286 977
for details

ROMSEY LADIES' GOLF.

Results for May.

Wed. 3rd May. 3 Clubs.
1st; Beryl Cole 70
2nd; Darlene Baker 74
3rd; Mary Campbell 76

Wed. 10th May. Stableford.
1st; Leila Beasley 37 pts.
2nd; Beryl Cole 32 pts.
3rd; Cheryle Crozier 30 pts.

Wed. 17th May. Par/ Monthly Medal
1st; Margaret Crump. Square C.B.
2nd; Hazel Stammers. square.
3rd; Cheryle Crozier. square.

Wed. 24th May. Stroke.
1st; Darlene Baker 67
2nd; Leila Beasley 71
3rd; Mary Campbell 73

Wed. 31st May. Stableford.

1st; Leila Beasley 35
2nd; Mary Campbell 33
3rd; Pam Bray 21

Congratulations to Darlene who reduced her handicap during the month and is now on 23.
Helene Newnham has joined us again after her successful summer on the bowling green, welcome back Helene.

PENNANT NEWS.

On Monday 22nd May we hosted the 4th round of the Pennant and had a wonderful day, taking advantage of our home course knowledge. Six teams of five players competed in our division and most enjoyed the great condition of the course and the wonderful meal afterward. Thank you to John Laing and the other helpers who work on the course. A big thank you also to the ladies who helped in the kitchen, their efforts are greatly appreciated.

All preliminary rounds of the pennant have been completed and we are pleased to announce that our team of Shirley, Mary, Leila, Hazel and Darlene have combined to remain undefeated in our section, coming out on top after wins against Nagambie, Seymour, Broadford, Gisborne and Kilmore. All that remains now is a final against Alexander at Seymour. Best of Golfing Luck to the ladies involved.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT.

Our sponsors for the tournament were;

The Romsey Medical Centre,
John Stafford - Finance Consultant and
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and we thank them for their great support.

Winner On The Day.

Open Champion - Kerri Petersen	Avenel.
A Grade Handicap - Dawn Hinnenberg	Trentham.
B Grade Scratch - Marie Duggan	Gisborne.
B Grade Handicap - Judy Miller	Mt Macedon.

Fashion Parade

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The Ladies of the Romsey Golf Club are planning to hold a Fashion Parade on FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER. Children's clothes will be supplied by Little Poppetts and Ladies fashions from Sirenè Fashions Ballarat.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House, 78 High Street, Lancefield. 3435.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House

Term 2 is up and running, plans are underway for term 3. If you have any new ideas that you would like to do at the house, please feel free to contact Nola for a chat.

A Woman's Health Day was held on 5th May and it was enjoyed by all that attended. Thankyou for your support on the day, it made a good day even better.

Courses and activities up and running at the moment are:

Tia Chi - now held in 5/6 class room at Lancefield Primary School due to the growing numbers. There is still plenty of room for more. We meet at 7pm and the cost is \$7.00. If you would like to attend a class during the day, please call the house and let us know. Child care can be arranged if there is enough interest.

Rural Woman's Group meets once a month for a cuppa and a chat.

Weigh In group meets Thursdays at 9.15am at the house.

Walking Group heads off on Thursday at 9.15am from the house for approximately 1.5 hours.

Knitting and Craft group meets Tuesdays at 1.00pm. Come start those warm woollies.

Bus Trips are held every month. The next is on June 9th going to Victoria Market. Cost is \$6.00 and bookings are essential. The next one will be 21st July to Highpoint.

Toy Library is being used a bit more. This is great and I am sure many more will be calling in on Tuesdays 2.00 - 3.00pm to see the range available. If you belong to a group that may be interested in looking at the toys, call Nola.

Literacy and Numeracy Class is on Wednesdays 9.30am to 3.00pm. This class is free.

Calligraphy is very popular with both adults and kids over the age of 10. This course will continue in Term 3

Book Discussion group meets monthly on Wednesday morning. If you are interested in attending an evening group please ring Nola.

Opportunity Shop has lots of articles for sale. Come, browse and enjoy a cuppa on Thursdays 10am to 2pm. Money raised through the shop is used for special community projects, so please support it.

Computer Course went well with another being planned for next term. If interested call Nola to hold a place. Also, the **Senior First Aid** course has nearly finished but another one will be organised if there are enough interested people.

A General Sewing Class is planned for term 3, if interested call Nola.

Term 3 courses are still being finalised, with most of the usual activities continuing. A **Cooking Class** with a kids party theme is to be run along with other new activities.

If anyone has a special skill that they would like to share, we are always looking for new and different interests, give Nola a call.

Tutors are needed for the following: *Leadlighting, Book keeping; Landscaping and Paving, Yoga.* If you can help, call Nola on 291 214.

An **Enlightenment Seminar** is to be held on Sunday, 4th June at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House, call Judith 03 9744 5854 for more information. Also Judith is holding a **Healing Course** on Wednesday nights starting 7th June. This course will be held over 5 weeks.

For any information or ideas you wish to share, give Nola, Co-ordinator a call on 291 214 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 2pm or call in to the House at 78 High Street, Lancefield.

ROMSEY LIONESSE CLUB wish to thank everyone who supported our Mothers Day Raffle.

Our prize winners were: 1st Prize: Mrs. Diane Cruise, Romsey;

2nd Prize: Mrs. Millburn, Romsey; 3rd Prize: Mrs. Barbara Dobson.

You may have noticed the sleeper seats and bins that have been placed along the service road near the kindergarten. These have been donated by Romsey Lioness Club for community use.

QUIET ACRES BIG WINTER TREE SALE!!!

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is to be held at the Clubrooms on Wednesday, 7th June, at 8.00p.m. - All Welcome.....

SPECIAL NOTICE....

Members are invited by the family of Bob Shaw to attend the Clubhouse on Sunday, 2nd July, between 2 and 4 p.m. to have a cuppa with Bob who will be celebrate his 90th Birthday.

WINTER BOWLS are proving to be very successful on our synthetic green. Anyone who would like to try the game - this is the perfect opportunity to have a casual, friendly game. The ladies play on Tuesdays and the men on Thursdays - for more information please ring Dorothy or Norm Thompson on 295 421....All welcome!

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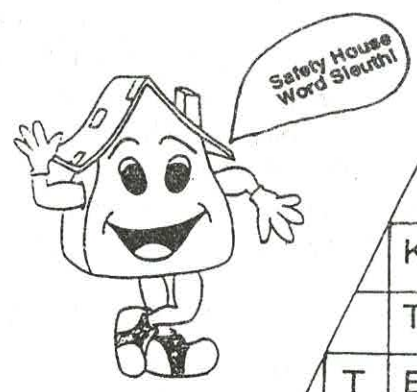
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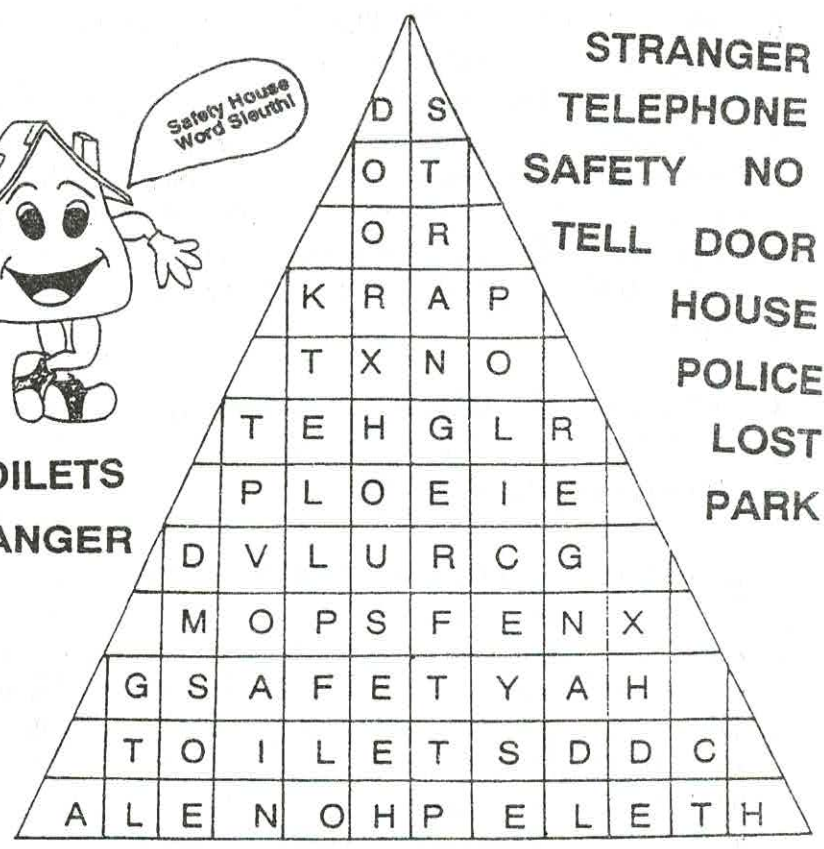
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Congratulations Noel! Long time local resident Noel Shaw is well known in Romsey. Noel is one of the towns quiet achievers. Noel is currently assistant Principal at Sunbury Secondary College a position he has held for the past thirteen years. During education week last week, Noel was honored by the Directorate of Education for his 35 years service to education. Noel and his family also have long time association with the Romsey Uniting Church which has provided another focus for Noel's service to the community. Noel also actively supports the operations of the Romsey Mechanics Institute. I have never heard Noel complain about opening or closing the hall, setting up seating or restacking tables after a function. Thankyou Noel for being one of those who really care for our country community. Congratulations on your long service award from the DSE and a sincere thankyou from those you have taught and cared for over the years.

Residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council can easily assist in sustaining our environment by making use of their kerbside recycling service. By placing recyclable items out for collection every week, valuable resources are conserved and the amount of waste going to landfill is reduced. Recyclable items that can be put out for collection includes paper, glass bottles and jars, aluminium cans and plastic such as "PET Rocket Bottom" soft drink bottles, clear bottles with R logo, plastic milk bottles and plastic cordial bottles.

A large proportion of the domestic waste stream comprises garden and food waste. This waste can easily be composted in the backyard. Good quality compost can be produced and thus organic matter which would otherwise be wasted or discarded can be recycled to produce a combined fertiliser, mulch material, soil improver and growth stimulator. Compost has matured and is ready to use when it has a crumbly appearance and a slightly earthy smell. The compost can then be dug into the top soil of garden beds, spread under trees and bushes as a mulch or used to make up a potting mix for house plants for seeding trays. The key to successful composting is to maintain control of temperature, moisture and odor. An alternative method to composting your food waste is to utilise earthworms. Worm farms are becoming more popular. The end product is a liquid fertiliser, high in valuable nutrients, that can be used for house plants and the garden. Compost Bins and Earthworm Farms are available at the various Offices of the Council at reasonable prices.

If you are concerned about the environment, then the best approach is to adopt the "Waste Management Hierarchy" which emphasises "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE".

REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

Romsey A Tidy Town ?? When did you have a close look ? It certainly could not have been very recently. The litter build up around the shopping centre car parks, football oval hedges and road sides clearly indicates that the standard or the amount of community pride has slipped. A community does not revolve around just one or two people who are prepared to give up their time and effort for the sake of others, it revolves around the real community concern we have for one another and our willingness to share and care. Instead of walking around that litter you will see in Romsey, embarrass someone by bending down and depositing that litter in a bin. Your example may well just be the spark of community pride that we need to rekindle pride in our potentially beautiful town. You wont be alone. There are still some of us who care !

1st Romsey Scout Group: We are in urgent need of willing volunteers to fill the currently vacant roles of Group Leader, Group President and Joey Scout Leader. Please ring Romsey Primary School if you can assist. Phone: 295099

ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK COMMITTEE REPORT:

We are absolutely disgusted to have to report that the new electric BBQ which was only installed for public use early this year was vandalised yet again recently! This time they actually destroyed the brickwork around the BBQ and bent the metal works inside presumably trying to get to the money! There was no money in it at all as it is checked regularly but the damage has been done! The electricity was disconnected to the BBQ altogether and the Committee will make a decision as to whether it is worth the trouble to have it in working order again! It is just so hard to believe in a lovely township like Romsey that we have so much vandalism and the park is always a prime target. It is so disheartening for the locals who put their voluntary time into trying to improve the facilities for the general public.

Sam Howatson. Secretary.

LODGINGS REQUIRED by 46 year old male (non-smoker and single) who has contract of work at Lancefield for 2 years. References supplies. Please Ring 296 090 for contact number.

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