

# A Free, Monthly, Community Publication

## The Romsey Rag.

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Caring, Country Community, in the Heart of Victoria.

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## Romsey Recreation Centre

### GYM NEWS

Hours : 9.30am-12noon - Monday to Saturday

5.30pm-9.30pm - Monday to Thursday

Circuit Classes : 9.30am each morning

7pm Mondays & Wednesdays

8pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

Creche Available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

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Mobile: 018 356 400

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This Month's Special

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Circuit Classes \$5.00 per person

or

Bring a friend - \$4.50 each

Students - \$4.00

Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Unemployed?  
Over 40?  
Interested in employment in the local  
hospitality/wine industry?

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is looking for unemployed people over 40 who are interested in working in the local wine/hospitality industry to attend a 7 week **Regional Wine Familiarisation Course**. The State Government through the Target Innovation Program has made funding available for this program.

The course will provide participants with comprehensive and practical knowledge of locally produced wines which will prepare them as specialist wine waiters or for sales, promotional and consultancy work.

Interested persons who meet the above criteria should register their interest by telephoning Kyneton and Woodend District SkillShare on (054) 22 2833. Intending participants will be required to submit an application to attend the course and also undergo a selection interview.

There is no cost to attend this program.

Support will be provided on completion of the course to assist participants to gain employment.

The course is scheduled for mid August and will be conducted in Kyneton. Participants will be required to complete assignments during the course and learned skills and knowledge will be assessed.

For more information telephone SkillShare on (054) 22 2833.

The Target Innovation Program is an initiative of the Victorian State Government funded by the Department of Business and Employment

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

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291359; Sr. Frances Guinane (Convent): 291582.
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**Mass times:** Sat. 7.30pm Lancefield

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

How long is it you asked yourself these questions? *Am I happy with the way my life is going? Do I find God in it?* A retreat provides a chance for raising such questions and, in many cases, for finding answers... or at least beginning to. It is designed to refresh your spirits in an atmosphere of supportive prayer and shared faith experience.

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 by ringing Sr. Frances 291 582 or Presbytery 292 130. There is a notice on the church noticeboard with further information.

**Centenary Celebrations - Parish of Kyneton**

A warm welcome is extended to all to join in celebrating the centenary of the death of the first Dean of Kyneton, Horatio Geoghegan on Saturday 29th. July & Sunday 30th. July. Saturday 11.00 am. Opening Reception Degraeves Mill, 3.00pm. Opening of Historical Display - The Presbytery. 7.00 pm. Centenary Dinner - Kyneton Town Hall. Sunday 30th. July 2.00pm. Solemn Centenary Mass - Our Lady of The Rosary Church.

**Invitation To Young Single Adults**

Come to a "TRIPLE R" weekend July 28 - 29 at Mount Eliza. Take "time out" to REST, RELAX and REFLECT ON LIFE (take yourself seriously!), in beautiful, peaceful surroundings. Help available with transport, and concessions given for students/unwaged. Further enquiries: Aileen Shanahan RSJ 03 9870 3122 (w) 03 9879 5083(h)

**Catholic Pastoral Formation Centre**

Courses for term 3

Restoring Health in Mind and Body \$55. 6 Tuesdays commencing July 25 at 5.30pm.

Practical Pastoral Psychology II \$55. 6 Tuesdays commencing July 25 at 8.00pm.

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The Catholic Church welcomes those who are searching.....see Fr. George for our special enquiry program.

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## AEROBICS

Low Impact Classes. Fully Qualified Instructors.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7pm.

Cost: \$5.00 (Students \$3.50)

## DAYTIME LADIES NETBALL

Monday mornings. Creche Available.

Any ladies interested in playing please contact the Centre.

## SENIOR MIXED NETBALL

Currently in the Final Series for the Summer Competition.

\* Preliminary Final - Wed. 2/8/95 at 7.30pm *Mavericks Vs Contax*

\* Grand Final - Wed. 9/8/95 at 7.30pm *Bonecrushers Vs ?*

New season starts 23/8/95 on Wednesday nights. Register now !

New players and teams are welcome. So hurry - don't miss out !!

Delegates Meeting 7/8/95 at 8pm at the Rec. Centre.

(N.B. All teams must send 2 delegates to this meeting.)

## DAYTIME LADIES BASKETBALL

Results from Summer Competition : Premiers - Green ; Runners-up - Yellow.

New season starts Thursday 3/8/95. New players are welcome. Creche available.

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL TRAINING

From Saturday 12th August, Basketball Training will be held on Saturday mornings at 10.30am until 11.30am. Cost: \$1.00 each.

## TAEKWONDO

Mondays 6.30pm-8pm. Fun & Fitness for all ages.

Enquiries phone Dave on 291 791.

## SQUASH

Results from last season: Premiers - Heskett

Runners-up - Springfield

Congratulations to both teams.

We have had a great response to the new season which starts 8/8/95.

## DAYTIME LADIES VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday mornings. Creche Available. New players required.

## SENIOR MIXED VOLLEYBALL

New season starts on Friday 4/8/95.

Enquiries - phone the Centre.

## POSITION VACANT

**\*\*WANTED\*\***

**QUALIFIED AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR  
FOR LOW-IMPACT CLASSES  
ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7PM**

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For Sale: Wide range of secondhand furniture - Couches, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, Lounge Room Chairs, Freezers, Washing Machine/Dryer, Wall Unit, Prices Negotiable. Everything must sell. Please phone : 296 366.

**FOR  
SALE.**

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For Sale: IBM 386DX Computer - 80meg HD 2 Floppy Disk Drives DOS 5.0 Windows 3.1 SVGA Monitor Mouse Keyboard Star Color Printer Plus more...\$650 (Neg) Please ring 295 970.

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For Sale: One Fish Tank which is 61cm long x 30cm wide and stand, both in V.G.C. - The lot \$60 ONO Please ring 295 849 After 5p.m.

## ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

*Do you enjoy playing Tennis? Would you like to play competition?*

**Well, Romsey Tennis Club would love to hear from you!!**

**We cater for all tennis needs.**

We have **Social Tennis**, Friday mornings; **Mid Week Ladies Tennis Competitions**, Tuesdays.

**Juniors Competition** - Saturday morning. **Seniors Competition** - Saturday Afternoons.

Coaching available at the club also.

We are nearing the end of our Winter Season, so if you would like to have a go contact either Norm McAdam 295 308 or Carol Bradley 295 958 or come along to our AGM on Monday, 14th August at the Clubrooms at 7.30pm. All current club members are asked to attend the AGM. Hope to see you there!!

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**FOR SALE:** Laminex Table & 4 Vinyl Chairs - good condition \$60.00 ono  
Upright Chef Electric Stove - in working order \$60.00 ono Ph. 295 480 after 5pm.

**FOR SALE:** Wooden Cot Painted White with Brass Knobs on Corners - with mattress - Very good Condition. \$120 - Ph. 295 743.

**FOR SALE:** One Gents Bike 28" Malvern Star, Burgundy, As New - \$85....One Lady Bike 26" Malvern Star, Red, as New - \$85...Phone 295 554 after 5.00p.m.

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO PEOPLE TO SEE "THE MIKADO"....**

1 Adult \$52.00 and 1 Concession \$37.00. This includes a bus to and from Romsey Old Post Office. This a really good Price for Saturday September 30th....6.30p.m. Departure.

Please ring Helen on 295 250.

**WANTED:** Full Board or Share a House....46 Y.O. Male working in Lancefield....Non Smoker....References Available....  
Please ring 018 136 743 After 7.00p.m.

### *The Strawberry Patch*

#### August / September Workshops

Paper Tole	Sunday	20th August
Glass Painting	Sunday	20th August
Decoupage	Sunday	20th August
Tassel Making	Wednesday	30th August
Introduction to Decorative Painting Techniques		
Calligraphy	Saturday	2nd September
American Stencilled Folk Art Box		
	Saturday	2nd September

#### Term 3 Classes

Fabric Painting	Folk Art
Calligraphy	Quilting

Phone Sandra on 29 6080 for further details

We are on the move again, a long time ago it was the original Romsey Hotel, more recently it was the Romsey Antique Centre and as of the 28th August it's the new location of The Strawberry Patch (opposite Miss Millies Mercantile).

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### ROMSEY CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE

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Chiropractor

82 Main Street  
Romsey

Ph: 29 66 22

# WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

Results For July 1995.

July 5th Stroke/Putting.

1st Hazel Stammers nett 76  
2nd Darlene Baker nett 77  
3rd Shirley Shelton nett 80  
N.T.P. Mary Campbell.

July 12th Stableford.

1st Leila Beasley 35 pts  
2nd Darlene Baker 28 pts  
3rd Cheryle Crozier 27 pts

July 19th Monthly Medal 3rd Round Silver Spoon  
July 26th Doris Chambers Foursomes

1st Margaret Crump 26 pts CB  
2nd Leila Beasley 26 pts  
3rd Shirley Shelton 25 pts  
N.T.P. Hazel Stammers  
1st Leila Beasley and Hazel Stammers  
2nd Beryl Cole and Elaine Scanlon.

August 2nd 1st Round Singles Knockout.

1st Leila Beasley nett 74  
2nd Margaret Crump nett 77  
3rd Beryl Cole nett 82

The beautiful winter weather that allows the snow to form on the mountains, the fruit trees to ready themselves for spring, the dams to fill for summer and the log fires to blare in the living room has unfortunately caused the mud to flow on our golf course, the golf ball to stick in its pug mark and our fingers to be frozen solid, consequently the scores this month are the result of winter conditions not a let down after our pennant win !!!!!

On the social side of things, our President Shirley Shelton recently organised a very community minded outing with a number of lady members visiting the Blood Blank in the city. A wonderful day was had by all the ladies as they made a day of it, having lunch in the city, window shopping at George's and experiencing the view from the observation deck at the Rialto. Three months from now will see a tradition begin.

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC. - RESULTS

27/7/95: Monthly Medal - Winner Luke Palmer Nett 58  
Field of 37 players.  
22/7/95: Stableford - Winner John Moody 39 Points  
Field of 18 players.  
15/7/95: 1st Round Singles K.O. Par - Winner Andrew Newell +3  
Field of 34 Players.  
8 Finalists Singles K.O. - M. Mottram, A. Newell, R. Cole,  
A. McLennan, S. Toy, T. Griffen, D. Palmer, L. Palmer.  
Pennant: Scratch Team need a 5-2 win at home to make the finals  
after two narrow losses.  
Division 2 Handicap Team need a bit win this week to make the  
finals.

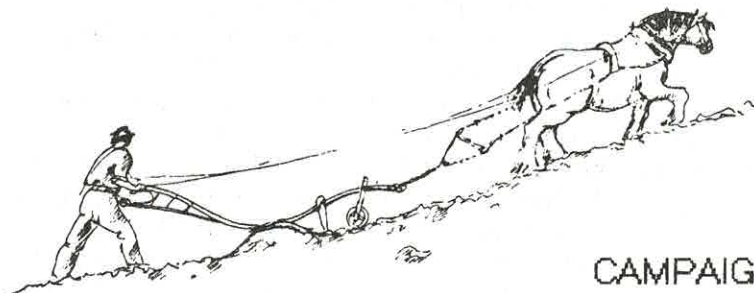
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*"Just when you think you see the whole picture of life clearly,  
the channel changes".*

Anon.

# Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, 3434.



## CAMPAIGN TO SAVE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE

The Historical Society has been requested by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to assist in compiling a record of the culturally significant outdoor sculpture and monuments in the former Shire of Romsey. This is part of an Australia wide project, being undertaken in Victoria by The Victorian Centre for the Conservation of Cultural Material (VCCCM), which will create an inventory of outdoor sculptures and monuments as a basis for establishing a maintenance program for these works and for developing public awareness of them.

As well as the more obvious monuments, such as the memorials to those who enlisted in the armed services and historical markers, details are sought about any fountains, horse troughs, murals, mosaics, pavement inlays, or stained glass throughout the district. These objects which are to be found in public spaces provide ways to unlock and experience the past. The project "Save Outdoor Sculpture (Victoria)" aims to document, promote and preserve these important cultural markers to ensure their survival for future generations. The VCCCM is creating an inventory containing such information as location, the artist, date of construction, condition, history and significance to the area.

Historical Society members are collecting information on these local monuments and would greatly appreciate any suggestions or information for inclusion on the list. This material will be discussed at the meeting on 22 August at Seymour Cottage, Romsey, at 8 p.m. and anyone who can help is most welcome to attend.

## Macedon Ranges Computer Club

### WINDOWS 95

A sneak preview of Windows 95 attracted a lot of interest at our last meeting. The BETA version we previewed was the last prior to the expected release of the full blown program in August.

One aspect which I found full of potential was that individual users, within the family, can each have their own Windows setup and easy access to the programs they use. But best of all you can limit childrens access to important program files and thus prevent accidental deletions that do occur from time to time.

Password access can be setup along with your very own choice of screen view and as we saw this can be a family portrait or anything you desire.

An official price is as yet unknown. Upgrades will be available for users of the latest versions of Windows.

### Come and *surf the net* with us!

The August meeting promises to be our best yet, with guest speaker Alison Armstrong from the Hoppers Crossing Secondary College, to tell us about the INTERNET. Find out what it means to you, your children and your phone bill.

We will tell you who your nearest server is and how that keeps costs down, also who to contact for a membership application to the INTERNET, and much more. Depending on a number of factors, we hope to be connecting to a server and getting a guided tour, without having to take a single step out of the room.

We have shareware games and programs for you to copy, from the best personal manager I have ever used, to paint programs and more. We have shareware that turns your 486 PC into a

Pentium capable machine, bring some blank diskettes if you would like to sample these products. Boxes of pre formatted 1.44 mb disks will be available for purchase.

Our next club meeting will be at Bungawitta (the old Romsey Primary School) on the corner of Palmer Street and Main Road, Romsey. A small fee of approx \$1.00 per adult will be charged to cover hall hire & Internet costs. Bring along a plate of food for afternoon tea.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Sunday August 20**  
**at 2.00 pm.**

**Call Deb Burge on**  
**286 977**  
**for details**

**FOR SALE:** Queen Size Brass Bed, black wth twisted brass and floral inserts. \$300, phone (054) 296 453.

## ROMSEY "LIVING WORD" ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH

Romsey "Living Word" is a daughter church of Seymour Highway Fellowships. On 29 July, our Apostle, Pastor and Principal of Goulburn Valley School of Ministries, Reverend Margaret Stuart, went home to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ. Pastor Margaret's life was an inspiration and an example to all who had contact or were privileged to know her.

Pastor Margaret showed by example to be a true unselfish, dedicated, servant of God. The love and zeal she had for people, was the expression of the love she had for God. Her input into our lives personally and into the life of the many Churches she planted, will be greatly missed. We say good-bye to her, with a joy, knowing that she has at last entered into her eternal life, with her Jesus.

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Youth Group has now commenced for the fourteen to eighteen year old age group. Activities are varied, as those who went ten-pin bowling on Saturday will tell you. They meet Friday evenings, 7:30pm but please phone the numbers below for more information, as the venue is sometimes changed.

The "Seekers" meetings are arranged for those people who have questions relating to issues of today and wanting answers. These meetings are informal, non-religious and informative. Giving answers from the Bible, from God's perspective. Nothing is new to Him, He is the creator of Heaven and Earth.

Church services for Romsey, are held upstairs, above the 'Living Word' Book Shop, 109 Main Street, Romsey. Sunday morning service begins at 10:00am, Evening service 6:00 pm monthly and Home Fellowship at 7:30pm Thursdays also upstairs.

Woodend A.O.G. Sunday service begins at 10:00am and is held at the Neighbourhood Centre, Tylden Road, Woodend. Pastors Sean and Rachel Greenwood, can be contacted on (054) 296 264.

For all inquiries, you can call into the "Living Word" Book Shop, have a browse while you are there, we would be very pleased to see you. You may also phone Pastor Marilyn Hunter or Pastors Greenwood on (054) 296 327 or (054) 296 264.

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## LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The kids are back at school for term 3 and the House is offering some really treat activities and courses, both old and new.

**Tai Chi** is doing really well Monday evenings at 7.00 p.m. If you are interested in attending a day class ring Nola and let her know, child care can be offered if there is enough interest.

**Yoga** has started again on Monday's both afternoons and evenings, ring the house to book your spot.

**Leadlighting** class begins 10<sup>th</sup> August, cost is \$90.00 but a concession is available for Health Care Card Holders.

**Basic Sewing Classes** are on offer for anyone who would like to learn to sew or improve their sewing skills. Bus trips to material outlets will also be organised.

**Folk Art** is a new course for this term. If you are interested please let Nola know.

**Calligraphy** is on this term for beginners, adults and juniors. Call the House to book your place.

A **Quilting Workshop** is to run on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1995. Don't know what it is? Call Nola at the House and she can help you as well as book you in.

A **Cake Decorating Course** is to be run this term with a theme for Children's Parties. Come along and learn how to make that next party the best.

**Bus trips** are back, the one for August still being planned. If you would like to go, ring Nola to find out more information and book a seat. Cost is \$6.00 and a booking fee is needed.

The **Op Shop** is open Thursdays 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Come and have a chat, a cuppa and find out more of the House's activities. If you are lucky there may be a scone!

Following the success of the last **Women's Health Day**, the feedback from those that attended has shown

that there is a real need to follow through with further workshops relating to Women's Health. Issues relating to step families and assertiveness will be addressed. If you would like to attend them, please ring Nola to let her know.

The Neighbourhood House is for everyone within the Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding areas. If you haven't dropped into the house, please feel free to call in any Tuesday and Thursdays 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. If you have just moved into the area the house is a great resource centre and we welcome all new faces. Best time to drop in are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3pm. Nola is the coordinator and is a wealth of information. The House can be found at 78 High Street, Lancefield (next to the Primary School) or phone 29.1214.

Thank you for your support.

# ROMSEY MEDICAL CLINIC

## HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

There is currently a minor epidemic of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in this area. No, this is not some exotic cattle disease, but a mild viral illness which occurs mostly in small children.

The symptoms to look out for are small blisters on the hands and feet (especially the palms and soles) and mouth ulcers.

Whilst the ulcers may cause some soreness and the blisters may be sore and itchy, the illness is not serious and usually resolves within a few days. Some children may be more severely affected than others.

Paracetamol, calomine lotion and an analgesic mouth gel are all that is usually required. If you are concerned about your child we will be happy to see you.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

Immunisation of babies and children is an effective way of protecting them from a number of serious illnesses. Many diseases that were once major causes of serious illness, lasting disability and even death are now easily preventable.

At our centres we recommend that all babies and small children are immunised according to the following timetable.

	2 months	4 months	6 months	1 year	18 months	5 years
Triple Antigen	+	+	+		+	
Polio	+	+	+			+
Hib (Meningitis)	+	+	+		+	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella				+		
Diphtheria and Tetanus						+

Please do not put off immunisation just because your baby has a cold. Immunisation only needs to be delayed if your child has a high temperature, is on antibiotics or is otherwise very unwell. If you are in doubt about the advisability of immunisation please discuss the matter with your doctor.

## DR PATRICIA FOX

We are delighted that Dr Patricia Fox, a senior Cardiologist (heart specialist) from St. Vincent's Hospital, is now consulting fortnightly in Romsey.

Dr Fox trained at Melbourne University and has spent her post-graduate career at St. Vincent's Hospital apart from one year spent in Oxford (England) as a National Heart Foundation Overseas Clinical Fellow.

Her particular interests are coronary angiography (X-rays of the blood vessels of the heart), angioplasty (balloon stretching of narrowed arteries in the heart) and 24 hour monitoring of blood pressure.

She is also very involved in post-graduate and under-graduate teaching and may in the future bring medical students with her from St. Vincent's Hospital.

Amongst her non-clinical interests she includes speaking Italian.

We look forward to a long and happy association with Dr Fox and feel privileged to have a specialist of such calibre visiting our practice.

## HOUSE CALLS

You may have heard a silly rumour that we have stopped doing house-calls. This is not true.

As we have always done, we offer, and frequently perform, house-calls to those who are too disabled or too ill to come to our medical centres. We also routinely offer regular house-calls to the elderly and infirm.

Nevertheless, we prefer patients to attend the medical centres, if at all possible, where we have a full range of equipment and facilities for dealing with even very serious illnesses.



## ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

The 130th Anniversary of our Church and its Congregation was celebrated on the weekend of 29th & 30th July with a Progressive Dinner on Saturday evening. Our thanks are extended to the Callister family and the Quinn family for their hospitality. Despite the freezing wintry weather a good congregation attended our Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon on Sunday and several people who had come "Back to Romsey" for the celebrations were reminded by the **cool breeze** why they had moved to somewhere warmer!

Some people were missing from the celebrations because of illness - including Dorothy Viney recovering from surgery and Dorothy Thompson who is looking after her mother. Sadly Alan Aldridge was too ill to travel from Wodonga.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Weir who won our 'Guess the Name of the Teddy Bear Competition' correctly - guessing the name "Scotty Ted".

Our August U.C.F. meeting has been deferred to September. The meeting will be at 1.30pm at the home of Leeanne Eames, 7 Collier Close, Romsey, when Lorraine Holland will share her experiences of her travels in India recently.

Morning Family Worship services will be held each Sunday at 9am in Romsey, combined with Sunday School and at 10.30am in Lancefield. New residents are extended a warm welcome to come and join our Fellowship.

Rev. Elaine Frager can be contacted at 25 William Street, or 295 351 anytime (except Mondays).

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### Reclaiming identity

A recent publication I receive quotes Peter Senge in his book *The Fifth Disciple - Fieldbook* with the following story:

"Among the tribes of northern Natal in South Africa, the most common greeting, equivalent to 'hello' in English, is the expression: *Sawu bona*. It literally means, 'I see you'. If you are a member of the tribe, you might reply by saying *Sikhona*, 'I am here'. The order of the exchange is important; until you see me, I do not exist. It's as if, when you see me, you bring me into existence.

This meaning, implicit in the language, is part of the spirit of *ubuntu*, a frame of mind prevalent among native people in Africa below the Sahara. The word *ubuntu*, stems from the folk saying *Umuntu ngumuntu nagabantu*, which, from Zulu, literally translates as; 'A person is a person because of other people'. If you grow up with this perspective, your identity is based upon the fact that you are seen -- that the people around you respect and acknowledge you as a person."

In some ways I believe we also live like this. In a small rural community we have a feeling of belonging, and to be unnoticed gives a very lonely feeling. The restructuring of the Shire has caused some of us to feel that we are unnoticed. The identity that we had because the shire held our name has been lost.

But as we continue to acknowledge each other, to greet each other warmly in the street, this 'lost' identity can be reclaimed, and become even stronger than before. We have our identity because we are Romsey, and that's enough.

Christians believe that 'our identity is based on the fact that we are seen' - that we are seen, respected, acknowledged, loved, forgiven by God. Romsey, too, as a community, is seen by God. That's sufficient for me!

Elaine Fragar

## **ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR '96:**

Parents who are planning to send their children to Romsey Primary School in 1996, are informed that enrolment packages are currently available at the school office.

It should be noted that although immunisation certificates must be produced before the children attend school for the first time, there is no need to wait for this certificate to be issued before completing the enrolment card. Actual pupil enrolment numbers determine the number of staff, classrooms and the amount of money received in direct grants for the provision of programs. It is very important therefore that we complete enrolment in September. If you are aware of any children that may wish to attend Romsey Primary School in 1996 please have their parents contact the school in the near future.

Special information days are planned. The Prep grade teachers will be meeting with parents on Tuesday Sept 5th for an informal discussion, tour of the school and will be able to answer questions over morning coffee.

On Tuesday December 5th there will be a formal meeting with all new parents at 2.30pm. More details and reminders will appear in the Romsey Rag later this year.

**FAMPA:** The open invitation to Family Maths activities was accepted by a good number of families last Wednesday and the staff look forward to presenting more challenging tasks on Wednesday 9th August. If you are interested please come along and join us between 7.30pm and 8.50pm

**BEAT '95:** The district Music Concert, which was held last Wednesday night at Kyneton was another great success with Romsey Primary School contributing items of Dance, Ensemble and Choir. My special thanks to the parents who transported the children and to Mrs Rowlands for her training and organisation.

**CAMP CORRIEMUNGLE:** 99 pupils from the year 3/4 unit, their teachers and a number of parents, thoroughly enjoyed their 4 days at Camp Corriemungle recently. The opportunity to experience canoeing, archery, orienteering, rope courses etc etc generated much excitement and some very weary scholars by the time the buses finally pulled up at school on Friday.

**KOALA DAY - THANKYOU:** Mitre 10 Romsey displayed some of the children's work from the Koala theme conducted in some of our classrooms recently. We thank Mitre 10 and all those who purchased Koala badges. Those year 3/4 pupils who were not able to attend camp, paid a visit to Macedon Primary, heard one of the Rangers speak about the Koalas and how we should protect them, toured the Macedon forests and were fortunate in gaining a very close association with a large echidna. This excursion was a highlight of their week's work on the Koala theme.

**A BUTTERFLY FOR YOU:** Deafness Awareness Week occurs in August and the Junior School Councillors have undertaken to sell butterfly badges, the proceeds from which will go to the Deafness Foundation.

**LAPS RESULTS:** The very well publicised Learning Assessment Program has recently produced results for parents and schools. I would refer parents to the

## **NEWS - AUGUST:**

clear articles in the Herald Sun of Tuesday 1st August. The results are described in terms of the CSF (Curriculum & Standards Frameworks) and an understanding of these levels is essential in order to interpret the results. Although an explanation is printed in the back of the individual result sheets, parents are encouraged to contact the school and attend any information session that may be held. All results provided are strictly confidential and will not be used as comparisons between schools. Parents will receive two result sheets for each child in years 3 and 5 - one for English and one for Mathematics. Shaded bands on a graph will indicate the performance of the child in relation to the CSF levels. The results will also include a comment on the student's perceived ability in these areas. Next year the results will be returned to the schools in time to be included with the mid year reporting/ interviews.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** Friday evening August 25th in the (heated) School Gym a special night of Trivial Challenge! Starting at 7.30pm the cost for the night will be \$10 per head with prizes and supper provided. Get together with a small group of friends and make up a table. We are sure that you will have a great time.

### **REV & HERALD SUN TOKENS:**

Thankyou to those who are collecting the tokens for the School. Tally sheets are available from the school office and tokens can be sent in at any time

**PRESENTATION:** A gift of appreciation was presented at school assembly last week by Dr & Mrs Jose Francis. The framed satellite photograph of Australia will continue to be greatly admired by the pupils attending Romsey Primary for many years to come and provide yet another reason why we as a community, should be indebted to Dr & Mrs Francis.

**SEATING EXTENSION:** As a result of recent working Bees, additional seating has been installed outside the Grade 3/4 classrooms and outside the Grade 1/2 classrooms.

**ROMSEY REMEMBERS - VP DAY Aug 15th.** The 2 minutes silence that will be conducted at noon on the 15th of August, to mark VP day will also be a time when pupils at this school pause and Remember. A wreath will be laid beside the newly installed "Australia Remembers" plaque and at 2.30pm upper school children will have the opportunity of viewing a nationally televised program featuring how the Youth of Australia celebrated the Victory in the Pacific during this 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

**LOSS OF SCHOOL BUS:** After many years the bus service that has been serving our children so well will cease operation at the end of this term. Further information is available from the school principal. This action follows an audit of the route. The eligible number of pupils using the service is less than the required seven pupils and so there was no choice after examining all possibilities but to cancel the run. It is believed that Kyneton bus lines will continue to provide a private fee paying service for the children, especially those attending St Mary's Primary. No information is yet available as to this aspect of the arrangements.

- Trevor Turnham - Principal (295 099)



## ST MARY'S SCHOOL LANCEFIELD

We were honoured to have **Archbishop Little** visit us on Sunday, 23rd July when 28 young people were confirmed during Mass. The children were accompanied by their Parents and many relatives and friends. Students from St. Mary's School provided the singing during the celebration. The Archbishop was pleased to meet the children and their families on this rare visit to Lancefield.

**HERALD SUN** and **REV TOKENS** are being collected by the children. We would appreciate donations of these and/or token sheets. The more we have, the more chance we have of claiming a variety of balls for our school and maybe win a mini-bus.

The **WINTER SPORTS DAY** at Sunbury caused great excitement among Gr. 4/5/6 students who travelled down by bus to participate. Congratulations to Mr. Kerrins who co-ordinated the whole day this year on behalf of all schools in the Cobaw District Sports Association.

Thanks to all who helped on the day.

"Beat '95" at Kyneton will be another highlight in August when a group will join other schools for this year's concert.

On **18th August**, the whole school community will "**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION**" with a family entertainment night beginning at 7.30 p.m. in the Romsey Hall. St. Mary's will be open on Sunday, 20th August for a cuppa after 10 a.m. Mass. All interested in enrolling children at St. Mary's in future years are very welcome to "come and see".

The Electives Program will be conducted this term on Friday afternoons with all children joining groups of their choice in a wide variety of activities.

Final preparations are in hand for **Gr. 5 and 6 CAMP AT BEECHWORTH** from 29th August to 1st September.

The **SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE** will visit St. Mary's this month. All children will have the opportunity to use this service. **Immunizations** for children in Prep and Grade 6 were given as requested by parents. On 3rd August, Gr. 5 and 6 students and parents will have the opportunity to attend a **FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM** at St. Mary's. This evening highlights the importance of caring for ourselves, understanding the changes that occur as we grow and the respect which is each person's due. August 8th is the first official **FEAST DAY OF BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP** - a remarkable Melbourne Woman who founded the Sisters of St. Joseph. **Blessed Mary MacKillop** made a tremendous contribution to Education for all children regardless of class or locality and established institutions and support for destitute children and families.

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Until next time,  
Regards,  
Anne Hendricksen.

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**IAN, wishing you a happy 40th Birthday on the 5th August,  
All my love.....Anne x o x o!!  
Hi Dad, Happy 40th - Also love from Craig, Amanda & Cyndie oxox....**

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**UNITING CHURCH NAME THE TEDDY COMPETITION....** Congratulations to Jacqueline Weir of Ewing Drive who guessed the correct name of Teddy - "Scotty Ted"! Thank you to all who participated and we are pleased to announce that we raised \$142.50.  
Helen Clement.

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**SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED FOR AGED PERSONS HOSTEL!!**

The huge success of the Caladenia Nursing Home (which is part of the Kilmore Hospital) and its use by such a wide range of district residents, has identified the need for an Aged Persons Hostel to provide independence with medical care for those who are no longer fit to remain in their own homes.

A Federal Government Grant of \$900,000 has been made available to the project, but a sum of at least \$500,000 must be raised by the local community.

The land is already available on the site of the Kilmore Hospital on which to build this much needed facility.

Despite the fact that some 12 Romsey/Lancefield residents have been accommodated in Caladenia in the last 12 months, the Commissioners of the new Shire of Macedon Ranges have declined to provide assistance - claiming that they have the necessary beds existing in the Shire.

The Fund Raising Committee is now asking residents of the old Romsey Shire to assist in raising the necessary local contribution.

The Committee meets on Wednesday nights at the Old Section of the Kilmore Hospital and anyone wishing to attend in order to find out more about this project would be made very welcome.

Further information may be obtained from Mr. Sil Geroni on (057) 82 1311 or Mr. Tom Hoban on (057) 891 215 (Darraweit), Mr. Jim Robson or you may pick up more information from Margaret Howatson at the Romsey Book Exchange (054) 296 090.

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#### **"Bungawitta" Community Classes**

##### **"Movement to music"**

**Where:** "Bungawitta" (the old Romsey Primary School)

**When:** Every Friday afternoon with the exception of School Holidays

**Times:** Class 1. 3.30 to 4.15pm. Movement to Music  
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**Teacher:** Josie Burn

**Contact:** Gillian Gorrie for further enquiries 295 448 AH.

**Cost:** \$3.00 per session payable on the day.

Otherwise come along on Friday afternoon and have a chat with Josie and she will place your child in the appropriate class.

##### **"Yoga and Relaxation"**

**Where:** "Bungawitta" (the old Primary School)

**When:** Classes commencing August 14th every Monday afternoon 1 - 3pm and every Tuesday evening 7-8pm with the exception of school holidays.

**Teacher:** Carol Clough

**Cost:** \$5.00 per session.

**Contact:** Gillian Gorrie 295 448 for further information.

Clothing must be loose, comfortable, and warm. Bring along a rug or sleeping bag and a towel. Make sure that if you have eaten it was at least 1 hour before coming to class.



**EDITORIAL:** The Romsey Rag is edited on the first Friday of each month and published and distributed on the following Monday. All items of news etc should be given to Margaret Howatson at the Book Exchange or handed to the office at the Romsey Primary School before the first Friday in the month. Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the helpers who are always there when needed to collate and distribute the 'Rag'. Any one who wishes to help please contact Margaret Howatson or Helen Watts 295 250.

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The homeward journey was commenced from Mornington at about six o'clock, and Port Melbourne pier was reached at 8. Thence to Lancefield Junction, Bolinda, Monegeetta, North Monegeetta, Romsey and Lancefield was accomplished in the slowest time on record, the train not reaching Romsey until a quarter past eleven. The tediousness of this part of the journey was seriously felt, especially by the children, but the pleasure of the day more than compensated for concomitant inconveniences, amongst which must also be mentioned an over-crowding of the carriages going down. This might easily have been avoided, either by putting on extra carriages or running two trains instead of one.

Mr. F.W. Dawborn, of Rochford, was again the "Thomas Cook and Sons" of the excursion - arranging everything, forgetting nothing. His cheerfulness, too, was perhaps no less instrumental in making the outing a success than his indefatigability, for he had a smile and an encouraging word for everyone, and moved about so quickly as to appear omnipresent."

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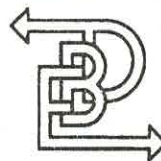
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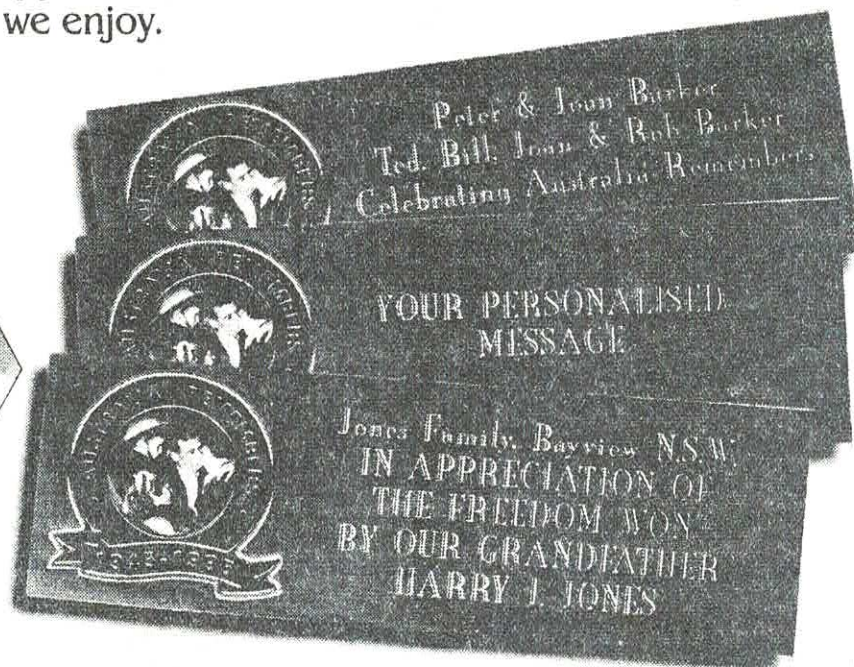


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