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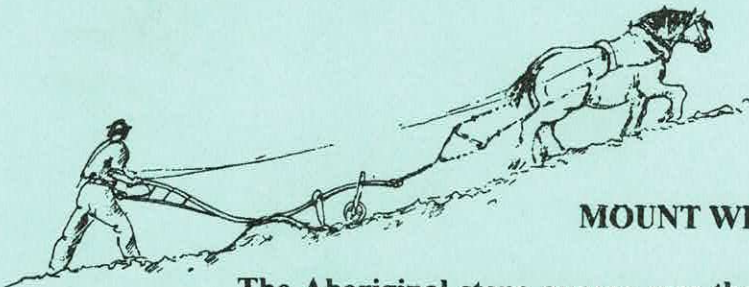
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
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MOUNT WILLIAM ABORIGINAL STONE QUARRY

The Aboriginal stone quarry was the subject of an interesting address given to the historical society by Robyn Poletti at the July meeting, held at "Woodlands", the home of Elaine and George Lobb. This informative evening was enjoyed by all present.

Stone from Mount William quarries was traded throughout south eastern Australia for many centuries by the Aborigines for making implements, in particular stone tomahawks. The greenstone from this area has special qualities that allow a sharp edge to be ground on it. The stone was very well sought after. It was traded at tribal gatherings held at traditional meeting places at a time when there was an abundance of food, and drinking water was plentiful. The days were spent in hunting, trading, and performing sacred ceremonies, and in the evening all joined in corroborees. Of the examples found, 29% have been recovered more than 300 kilometres from Mount William, and only 27% within 100 kilometres of the quarry. Strict rituals were observed when Aborigines from other areas came to trade with goods such as rugs, weapons, ornaments, necklaces or belts. A possum rug was worth about three pieces of stone. Isabel McBryde, who retired last year as head of the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology at the National University in Canberra, has studied the quarry for over twenty years. She considers it to be one of the most notable archaeological rock quarries in the world, as well as one of the largest and most sophisticated in its operation.

The Historical Society is most grateful for the donation received from the organisers of the B. & S Ball held at Lancefield this year. The money will be used to help finance the brochures being prepared to publicise the historic places in Lancefield and Romsey.

The next meeting of the historical society will be held at Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, on Tuesday, August 27 at 8 p.m..

COPS CROPPED FOR 'CHALLENGE'

Lancefield/Romsey Lions and Lioness Clubs are supporting "Crop a Cop" in aid of the Challenge Cancer Support Network for kids. John Rogers, Andrew Marciniak and Rob Harper of Romsey and Roger Barr of Lancefield Police have agreed to the challenge to lose their hair for **\$1,000 a HEAD**. The Clubs ask that you support their fundraising and donate to the cause at the many donation points around Romsey and Lancefield. Just think, if you've recently been booked for speeding, now's your chance to get them back! John Rogers has agreed to one Cop being cropped for each \$1,000 raised, but he's slightly unsure as to how the ranking order will proceed. Will he lead by example? or will he declare that rank has the advantage that he can pass the buck on to the younger guys? We hear there are bets on to see how much money it will take to get his moustache off. Don't hold your breath readers, I don't think he'll go that far!!

Challenge works for children aged 18 years and under and is currently aiming to assist adults as well. Challenge is a voluntary community organisation set-up to provide

on-going support for children and their families receiving treatment for cancer and other life threatening haematological disorders. The aims of the Challenge project are to Challenge the children to participate, Challenge the parents to let their children become involved and to Challenge the community to get behind the program and give it the necessary support. Donations to Challenge are tax deductible. If you are unable to support this fundraiser, you can always send a cheque payable to Challenge Cancer Support Network at 529-535 King Street, West Melbourne. We do hope, however, that you will dig deep for this big fundraiser. The more money we raise, the more Cops we crop!!

The Challenge group involves the whole family, in particular other children in the family who are so often forgotten when a child unfortunately becomes ill, needing all the parents' support and attention. They bring the family back together involving them as one and encouraging them to support each other as well. The original "Crop a Cop" challenge began in Victoria with a small group of Police taking up the

challenge. They in turn challenged other Police around Victoria and it has now become Australia wide. Approximately 1800 Police are expected to turn up in Sydney to be cropped on Saturday 17 August 1996. The Lancefield/Romsey "Crop a Cop" will be held on the same day to coincide with the Sydney event.

For more details on cheering on the shaving, see the flyers around town.

Please note that 100% of all money raised goes directly to the kids. There are two wage earners working for Challenge, the rest are volunteers. All wages and administrative charges are supported by Nufarm Limited, so every cent you donate will go to the kids to enable them to enjoy life to the fullest whilst undergoing treatment for their illnesses. Help make their days happier. Just so you know what they look like before, below are some "mug shots" of our local Cops **before** the event. We will bring you further photos of the event and the "after" looks in the next edition.



Sgt John Rogers



Sen. Const. Roger Barr



Const. Andrew Marciniak



Const. Rob Harper

Robyn Trainor, Benloch (for the Lions/Lioness Clubs and Victoria Police).

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on 295 637.

SENIOR MIXED NETBALL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Winter season has commenced with 9 teams. Single players interested in playing should contact Tom on 295 637.

SENIOR MIXED VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED FRIDAY NIGHTS

Winter competition has commenced with 8 teams entered this season.
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PLAYED SATURDAY MORNINGS

Season starts Saturday 10th Aug.
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DAYTIME LADIES VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY MORNINGS.

Winter season has started with 6 teams competing.

Any ladies interested in playing - contact Tom at the Centre for information.

LADIES NIGHT NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY NIGHTS.

Any ladies interested in playing
- contact Tom for details.

DAYTIME LADIES NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY MORNINGS

Any ladies interested in playing please contact the centre.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

PLAYED TUESDAY NIGHTS

Winter season has commenced with 8 teams competing. Any players interested in playing contact the Centre.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Prayerful support is extended to our Minister, Rev. Elaine Fragar who is currently on sick leave and we remember too Ray and their family. Elaine's mother who is an invalid at Cowra N.S.W. is very ill also, so we extend our prayers to Elaine's parents and their family too.

Regular worship services continue each Sunday at 9am. Romsey and 10.30am. Lancefield, with Sunday School and Youth Group activities also.

During our Minister's absence from the parish, concerns or information can be obtained from Noel Shaw, 295 509 or Robert Clement, 295 225.

Congratulations and best wishes with our prayers for Nola and David Clement who surprised themselves and family and friends also with the early arrival on 30th July of their 4lb.10oz son, Ben McKenzie at Mercy Hospital, East Melbourne. Nola and David were married at Romsey Uniting Church on 17th November, 1990 and Ben is their first baby.

Congratulations also to Rachael Daniel who celebrated her 21st Birthday recently, and her Dad, Colin celebrated a "Special" birthday also. Graham Strack will be 21 in August and we wish him well too.

Best wishes to Noel Shaw who recently retired from the Education Department and was honoured at a special dinner at Sunbury Bowling Club by the Staff and Parents, also many former parents, of Sunbury Secondary College for his valuable contribution as a teacher and deputy principal for 23 years. We wish Noel and Val good health and all of Gods blessings to them and their family in the years ahead.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 9th August at 1.30pm at the home of Leeanne Eames, 7 Collier Close, with Doone Robertson our Regional Co-ordinator from Bendigo as our special guest. New members will be very welcome to join us. Helen Clement 295 317

ROMSEY TOWNSHIP SPLIT INTO 2 WARDS!! DO YOU WANT THIS??

The Macedon Ranges Shire has decided to divide Romsey township into two wards - Mt. William to the North and Monegeetta to the south. The dividing line is to be the Woodend Romsey Road.

The impact upon Romsey is two fold.

-Firstly with reduced numbers it will be impossible to guarantee a councillor can be voted into council from Romsey (we only have to observe the dramatic neglect of the township to understand the effect of no councillors).

-Secondly the unity and cohesion of a township determines how well it will prosper and develop its own identity. Rural people have a common understanding of what they expect from their township and are usually actively involved in maintaining their own town personality. The Council has taken upon itself, without communicating with the people, or seeking feedback, to divide the township of Romsey into two. Any division is negative when it is imposed and not sought after.

The Ministry of Local Government has indicated that with sufficient community outcry the Macedon Ranges Shire boundary proposal can be overturned.

If you want Romsey to remain in **One Ward (Riding)** please sign the petition placed in the shops in Romsey township. Also please try to attend the Public Meeting to be held in the Mechanics Hall Romsey on Thursday, 8th August at 8pm. Any enquiries - Daryl & Louise Tranter, 286 120.

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, 8th August, 1996 : 8pm. : Mechanics Hall, Romsey

To discuss Macedon Ranges Shire's decision to split Romsey Township into 2 Wards.

See Map and Petition in Post Office and shops in Romsey.

ROMSEY 'LIVING WORD' A.O.G. CHURCH.

Earlier this month we celebrated our 5th birthday.

Last Sunday, 28th July we had a memorial service for Ps Margaret Stuart. This was held at Seymour and was attended by family, friends and by the many Churches that Ps Margaret founded, through Highway Fellowships Inc.

IT was a day to reflect on the person and her accomplishments, particularly the past five years. God has given us great leaders, the proof of which is seen in the strong churches which have been founded during the past five years.

Romsey Church service begins at 10:00 A.M. upstairs, 109 Main Rd Romsey. We welcome all new comers and not -so new comers. Our next monthly evening services will be held at *Gisborne* 11 August, *Romsey* 18 August, *Woodend* 8 September, 6:30 P.M. *Did you know that, way back in the Old Testament, in Ezekiel 36:26, God performed the first heart transplant? We invite you to experience that same life changing experience today.*

Woodend A.O.G. have their service at the Neighbourhood Centre, Tylden Rd. Woodend, beginning at 10:00 A.M. A Bible Study on Wednesday evenings is also held. Ps. Sean & Rachel Greenwood can be contacted for further details on (054) 296 264. Ps Glen John may be contacted on (054) 296 237 for any enquires regarding the *Gisborne A.O.G. Church*.

Young Adventurers went ten pin bowling on Saturday and had a ball. The next adventure will be in two weeks and for details Belinda Hunter can be contacted on (054) 295 381. Young Adventurers is for primary school children grade 3 to 6.

Youth group is for high school students and they get together on Friday evening or Saturdays.

We have established a new group, for those aged between 18-30. They get together for a monthly outing, the first was a night of graceful ice skating and fine dining at McDonalds. Planned for the future is a formal night to the theatre, a snow trip, river cruise along the Yarra and much much more. For more information phone the number below..

Home Fellowship is held Thursday evenings, 7.30 P.M. at various homes. The idea is to come along and ask questions in a friendly environment and to learn how the Bible is relevant to us today.

Ladies meet on Friday at 1:30. We provide transport and child minding for those who have need.

The Bookshop is the only Christian bookshop between Melbourne and Bendigo. We have an excellent range of books, gifts and cards to choose from. Shop hours are Mon. To Fri. 1- 5:30 P.M.

For any information on the above or Pastoral needs phone (054)296 327 or (054) 295 381.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 23rd August : 7.30pm sharp.

Venue: School Gym. \$10.00 per head

Lots of fun and prizes. Cash prize for winning table. Light supper provided.
BYO drinks, nibbles and glasses. Book a table or come on your own.

All welcome.

For tickets contact: Pauline Stokes 295 559. Karen Hermann 296 658.
Carol Bradley 295 958.

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Term 3 has started and already our classes are filling fast. Our Winter Day of Taste was very successful with over 50 people enjoying a healthy lunch. Many thanks to Mary Anne Brooker from Cobaw CHS, Lancefield Fruit Shop and Lancefield Goodfellows Supermarket for their generous support. Also a big thank you to our Committee of Management for their hard work on the day. We met many new members of the community and I hope to see them again soon.

Classes for this term that have a few spots left are:-

- Tai Chi - Monday nights at 7.00p.m. Cost \$7.50 all new people welcomed anytime.
- Cake Decorating - Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m. Cost \$4.00 per class. Come along and let Kaye show how to turn a simple cake into a mouthwatering masterpiece. There are different themes each week and you get to sample with a cuppa.
- Adult Literacy is a small group, working in a friendly environment. Come along and brush up on your reading, writing and oral communication skills. There are opportunities to play on the computer or get involved with a lively discussion. Other activities and excursions are also part of this class, and the Certificate of General Education is available to students. Cost is \$1.50 per class with classes being held Monday mornings 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon and also Wednesdays 12.30 to 3.30 p.m.
- Knitting and Craft Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1.00 p.m. Come along with your craft and share it with others. Cost is \$1.00 and a cuppa is available.
- Calligraphy is back this term for beginners and advanced students.
- Adult VCE is English this year, but now is the time to organise the subject for next year. If you have a subject that interests you, let us know. Some of our students that have completed their VCE through classes at the House have gone onto tertiary studies and professional careers.
- Basic Patchwork is on Tuesday afternoons starting at 1.00 p.m. and cost is \$8.00.
- Folk Art is on Thursdays at 12.30 and cost is \$10.00.
- Bus Trips to Big Shopping areas are on the third Friday of the month and the August trip will be to Vic Market. Cost is \$7.00 and you do need to book. Please use this service as we are finding that the numbers are not covering the cost of the bus and we may have to stop the bus trips.
- Op Shop is open Thursdays 10 to 2pm, there is a winter sale on at the moment and most things are 20 cents. Call in and have a cuppa
- Occasional Child Care is starting this Term with cost being \$4.00 a session. Give us a call if you are interested in using this service. At the moment, Tuesday and Friday mornings will be commencing for care and bookings are needed.
- **Special Events coming up - "Looking After Ourselves Using Complimentary Therapies"** is the theme for Tuesday 13th August. This day will offer participants the chance to experience alternative therapies such as Massage, Aromatherapy, Meditation, TaiChi and more through Workshops, Displays and Demonstrations. Organised by Lancefield, Woodend Neighbourhood Houses and Kyneton Community House and starts at 9.15am to 2.30pm. Cost is \$5.00 to cover lunch and childcare will be available. Bookings are essential and can be done by calling the Lancefield House. If you would like to go but do not have transport, please let us know and we may be able to organise a lift.
- **ASTHMA AWARENESS WEEK - 14TH OCTOBER TO 20TH OCTOBER, 1996.**
- The House plans to have an information/education session during this week with the help of Mary Ann Brooker from Cobaw Community Health Service. Stay tuned for further details. Our Aromatherapy class starts 9th August but the class is full with a waiting list. If you are interested, Woodend House will be running another course, so give Andrea a call and let her know.
- Another new class is Creative Literary Studies starting Tuesday mornings at 10.00 a.m. There will be a different activity each week that will enable the student to express themselves, i.e. painting, writing, sculpture, music and more. Cost is \$2.00 per class and we hope to run this course again next term. For more information or to book a class or activity, ring Nola Raeburn, Co-Ordinator, on 291 214 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 to 3.00 p.m.

NEED TO TAKE THE KIDS OUT FOR THE DAY.....

Why not take a short drive over to Beveridge Birdworld - Hampton Court Maze and Animal Nursery. Open 8am to 5pm EVERY DAY - BBQ AND Picnic facilities available (not far from Wallan)

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Drop into Romsey Tourist Information Centre (Book Exchange) for more information.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD LIONS & LIONESS CLUBS

PRESENT

” HIGH NOON ”

” ” ” CROP A COP ” ” ”



IN AID OF THE
CHALLENGE CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK
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John Rogers, Andrew Marciniak & Rob Harper of Romsey Police
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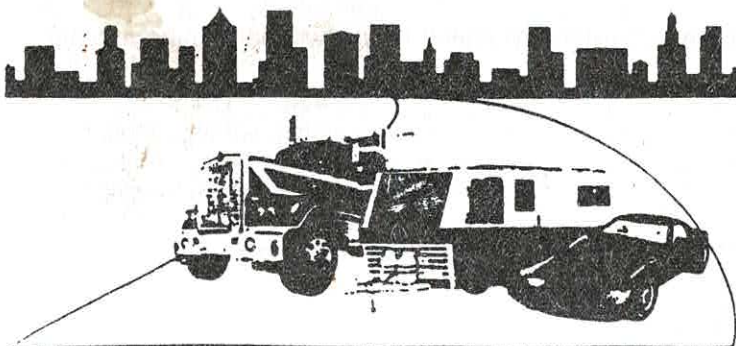
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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players, coaches, committee and parents for their time and effort during the season.

Unfortunately, the season has finished for the Under 12 and Under 16 sides, all the boys have shown great skills and commitment and I feel sure they will improve even more next season....So well done boys!

Congratulations must be extended to the Under 10 and Under 14 sides for making the finals, both finishing the season second on the ladder. Both these sides will certainly make their presence felt in the coming games, and will only need an ounce of luck to go all the way!!

Once again thank you to the coaches - Russell Carroll Under 10; Ken Day Under 12; Barry Godbolt Under 14 and David Little Under 16. Secretary Joan Rowley; Treasurer Rod Conway; Registrar Neil Rowley and all the committee members. Please come along and support our Under 10 and Under 14 sides in their finals campaign:-

2nd Semi Final 11th August at Darley "Darley Park" Melways Map 217, J9

Preliminary Final 18th August at Jacana "Johnston Street, Broadmeadows" Map 6E8

Grand Final 25th August at Diggers Rest "Plumpton Road" Map 351 E10.

Presentation Night will be held on the 31st August at the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 4.30 p.m. So come along and enjoy a good time with all the players and committee.

Peter Billan, President.

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

SAFE EXERCISE FOR OLDER ADULTS

No excuses! There is no time like the present to take stock of your physical fitness and health. Many older adults believe that at their time of life, they now have the chance to take it easy. However, the need for exercise does not decrease as one gets older. It is still important to stay in shape. Much of the physical decline associated with aging is, in fact, due to inactivity rather than to disease or an 'ageing' process.

Often older adults overrate the benefits of the light and infrequent exercise they do get and also underrate their real ability to exercise.

It is never too late to take up an exercise program - age is no barrier to fitness, although you may need to consult your doctor if you intend to significantly change your exercise regime. Regular and enjoyable physical activity is not a cure for all ailments, but it is an effective and low cost form of preventative health care. It also provides the opportunity for new social contacts and friendships.

Just twenty minutes of the right kind of exercise three times per week can bring about measurable improvements.

With regular, enjoyable exercise, you will experience many benefits. Physical fitness allows older adults to be more self-reliant and improves their quality of life. Studies have shown that a one-fifth gain in heart-lung fitness can extend the period of independence of older adults by as much as six to eight years.

Surveys by the National Heart Foundation have found that about half of all people aged between 50 and 64 were overweight or had high cholesterol levels, and about one third smoked or had high blood pressure. All of these factors are associated with heart disease - the leading cause of death in Australia. Exercise greatly reduces the effects of all these factors but only about 10% of people in this age group did enough exercise to obtain health benefits.

The key points to remember about physical activity are - frequency, intensity, time and type of activity.

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We are delighted to welcome a new doctor for Romsey. Dr. Naveen (Sunny) Singh will commence practice on the 5th of August as a full-time practitioner. Dr. Singh is at the final stages of completion of his General Practice training and is a keen sportsman - especially in golf and skiing. Please contact the surgery for consultation times and appointments.

1st ROMSEY SCOUT NEWS: Sitting here as the wind howls around me I recall my visit to the Scout Camp at Noonameena (Kyneton) last week. Wet as it was, all scouts had a ball of a time! I arrived in time for breakfast - bacon and eggs - and to invest a new Scout to our movement; then they were off on a hike to the Lauriston Reservoir. What a way to spend a weekend!

If you would like to experience this type of adventure, and you are between the age of 6 and 15 give us a call. (Numbers listed below)

You don't have to be a child to experience this sort of adventure either: we have room for adults as leaders, supervisors and assistants as well!

Thankyou to all those who supported our **Sausage Sizzle** (and associated activities) outside RITEWAY SUPERMARKET last month. There will be another one on the 10th AUGUST in the same spot. So if you're feeling peckish, seedy or you were late rising drop down to the Riteway Supermarket and "Grab a Snag". They're only \$1 so you won't go broke feeding the kids at lunchtime either!

Also coming up on the 31st August is a **CAKE STALL!** All goods are HOME BAKED by either the parents or the kids.

So come and support the FUTURE OF ROMSEY!

Hall Hire available for most occasions. Fees are reasonable and the hall is heated and has a kitchen for catering if required. Contact Heather 295 938.

Group Contacts:

PAM/STUART HORYNA 295 986: HELDI CARROLL 295813: PETER GAY 295 749

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



We at Bolinda have all quickly settled back to school after the holidays, and we welcome two new families to the Bolinda School community.

As part of our Olympic theme, we were very pleased to welcome a special guest in Martin Ralph to speak with us. Martin was a canoeist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, took part in World Championships, and is presently a coach at the Victorian Institute of Sport.

Martin brought along his official team tracksuit and participation medal to show the children. He spoke about his sporting experiences, his Olympic events, his coaching and he even gave a terrific juggling display !!

Martin also gave the children a great insight into how goals have to be set, aimed for, worked at, and then hopefully achieved. You may not become THE best in the world, but you have succeeded if you achieve YOUR very best.

This applies in sport, in school, in life, no matter what your age !!

We thank Romsey Primary School for inviting us to attend a wonderful performance of Fungo Chutney at their school. Fungo Chutney was a terrific mime artist who greatly impressed the children with his ability to act out a situation without the use of words.

We have now added 4 hens to our Environmental Studies program. The children are enthusiastically awaiting the first eggs from Henny, Penny, Grace and Sparkles.

Just prior to the holidays, the children entered posters in the regional 'Be Wise With Medicine' competition. Consequently, last week we enjoyed a visit from President Mrs. Corner and Secretary Mrs. Herbert from the Cobaw Disability Group who presented participation certificates to all children and winning prizes to Bolinda children in the Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5 sections.

An important reminder about our annual Spring Flower Show that will be held on SUNDAY 15 th SEPTEMBER. Stall positions for Car Boot Sale and Craft Stalls can be booked for \$10. Other community groups are welcome to set up . Please ring the school on 285317. Mark this day in your diaries.

KEITH JENKINS - PRINCIPAL.



Romsey Gardenworld

The Plant Professionals : 51 Main Street, ROMSEY.

August is a busy month in the garden preparing for spring!!
It is the month for Pruning your roses and fruit trees (except Apricots).

BEAT THE PROBLEM NOW!!

Fruit trees should be sprayed to prevent diseases such as Leaf Curl in stone fruits. Leaf Curl is a fungal disease that affects both ornamental and fruiting varieties of peaches and other stone fruit trees. This disease causes leaves to thicken, distort and take on a pink appearance. Eventually the leaves fall and the tree can become weakened and much less productive as well as unsightly. Complete control is easy and takes just one spraying but timing is all important using the fungicide "Cupric Hydroxide" which is sold under the name **Kocide**.

Spray trees all over when leaf buds begin to swell but before any leaves have appeared. Bud swell usually occurs in late August/September. Examine your own trees now to determine their readiness.

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This motion was moved, seconded and carried with an overwhelming majority in favour of the motion. It was noted that one Proxy vote was opposed to the motion.

The Board will now appoint an agent to guide them through the sale of the building and land and this will be done as soon as is practical.

The Board called for public assistance for suggestions as to how to utilise the monies raised from the sale of the assets in December, 1995. We are now in receipt of these suggestions and when the assets are realised we will then be able to assess them in accordance with the Rules of the Hospital, which dictates that the monies be spent in the local community on a health care project. The suggestion to hand are as follows:-

1. Supply of Emergency Equipment
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3. Establishment of an Ambulance Service
4. Emergency Services Relocation in the Romsey area - CFA
5. Solar Heating and roof over Lancefield Swimming Pool
6. Scholarships to assist Medical Students
7. Relocation of Lancefield Kindergarten
8. Donation towards the cost of "Caladenia" - Kilmore Hostel
9. Proposed Recreation/Sports Centre in Lancefield
10. Lancefield Fire Brigade consideration for funding

We would point out that these are all the suggestions submitted and some may not come under the criteria mentioned above. They will all, however, be investigated.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at this time.

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Romsey Primary School News: August 1996

This month again promises to be a very busy month at school, despite the wet and cold weather that has kept the children indoors on many occasions in the last few weeks.

We have been indebted to Sr Lesley Phillips from the **School Medical Service** who has just completed a series of interviews with parents and health checks on all our prep children. Her visit was to be immediately followed by the **Dental Van** but due to a commitment at Mt Macedon Primary those therapists will be with us next month. While the van is at Romsey Primary School the therapists will also be examining children at Clarkefield and Bolinda.

While still talking about health issues Prep and Yr 6 children are reminded to have their **immunisation** cards completed and handed in before the 15th. Immunisation is organised for later this month. Special appreciation is given to all those parents and friends who have already purchased the enamelled butterfly badges from our Jn. School Councillors. The badges are in aid of **Deafness Awareness Week** 19-24th August and remind us that, although butterflies are deaf too, they use their other senses to perform essential functions in nature.

The week leading up to the 24th August is a particularly busy time. It is also **Children's Book Week** and **National Science Week**. At Romsey, author/illustrator Linda Newton will be visiting our school and carrying out Literature appreciation sessions and workshops for all children. Our Librarian Mrs Jakobsons has not only organised the experience but has also introduced the children to Linda's book, "Floss the Wandering Albatross." Philatelists will also be well aware that four 45c stamps promoting the popular Australian stories, Animalia, John Brown Rose and the Midnight Cat, Who Sank the Boat and Greetings from Sandy Beach, are currently on sale to Promote Children's Book Week.

"I'm Responsible for My Actions." is another workshop program for parents and will be dealing with the importance of understanding the consequences of behaviour and just how important it is for school and home to work together in a consistent approach. Central to the evening will be the screening of the excellent video, "Sticks and Stones." Your attendance at this meeting on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm is warmly encouraged.

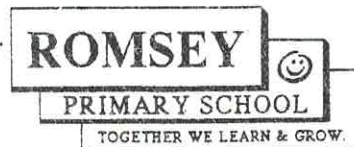
Our student **Peer Support** program is now underway with the completion of the training of our year five students and their graduation on Tuesday. Our thanks to Mrs Little and Ms. Marg McLennan who have solicited the support of some parents and will be trialling the program with the year 5 & yr2 students. The program is conducted over a series of weeks, during which the older students conduct short activity sessions aimed at building confidence, self esteem and co-operation between children. These everyday life skills are important and if used by a large number of children have a very positive effect on morale, mutual respect and co-operation.

Congratulations to all Olympians: There can be no doubt that there has been keen interest in the Olympics and it has been a topic that has been thoroughly integrated into the curriculum of every class throughout the school. Some of our yr 5/6 children experienced competition on their own set of Decathlon events, calculating and ranking performances, writing Hero-grams and person comments about the events they had read about. Last Wednesday the whole school was involved in a series of maths activities specially designed to develop understanding and integrate Olympics into the program. Children from Yrs 3-6 combined in the morning and in the afternoon P-2 pupils enjoyed their activities. Sport seems to be the flavour of this new month. A team of our girls are to compete next week in the netball competitions at Royal Park and on the 9th the boys will get their turn to compete at a Regional level in the football competitions in Bendigo. **AusKick** members would like to express their sincere thanks to the Romsey Jn. Football Club for the pie night they enjoyed last Friday week. Auskick is conducted most Fridays after school for our youngest pupils who have aspirations for playing in teams one day. **Jump Rope for Heart** is yet another physical activity which will motivate children individually and in teams to develop a healthy skill. Our school will participate in this well known program later this term in order to raise money for the Heart Foundation through children finding sponsorship throughout the community. More information will be included in next month's Romsey Rag. The Parents' Club would like to thank all those who have participated in our **Chocolate Drive**. We realise that this may have been difficult with other groups holding chocolate drives recently but as a major fundraiser it is important and we thank you. Our now annual **Trivia Night** with all its prizes given away throughout the night, is only possible through the hard work of volunteers and the generous donations of local businesses. Please come along and share in a great fun night on August 23rd. For those who enjoy activity, please keep our Boot Scooting evening on Nov 16th in your diaries. Maybe you are already thinking about Christmas or birthday presents. **Formal Family portraits** are being taken on 26th Oct at our school. This is a great time to have a photograph taken of the whole family. Please keep this date in mind and if you have any queries regarding any of the events listed about, don't hesitate to ring the school office on 295 099.

Just three weeks ago we were pleased to welcome a new assistant teacher to our school. Mrs Little, co-ordinator of our **LOTE Indonesian** program introduced Asep, a newly arrived native Indonesian teacher who will be assisting our current program in years 3-6. Asep is naturally noticing the cold of Romsey's winter but we feel sure that when he is with us each Monday, there will be a warm Romsey welcome for him.

Thankyou all for your continuing support and interest in our school and its programs.

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THE GOLFING GAUNTS

The last several months have seen some quite remarkable achievements by this golfing family.

17 Year old "baby" of the family, Danny, has come up through the ranks and is now regarded as one of Australia's most talented juniors.

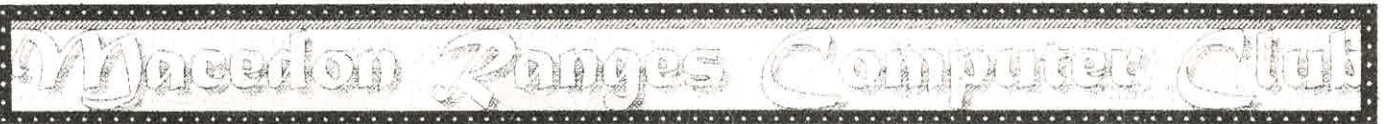
A few of his most notable achievements have been:-

- Winning the Boys Championship of Victoria
- Winning Australia Junior Masters Title
- Selected for the second time in the Victorian team which won Australian Championships and in which he played a leading role.
- From here was selected to represent Australia in Asian-Pacific Championships in Hong Kong (21 countries competing), great effort to be Runner Up.
- Selected to train with the Victorian State Senior Squad!

21 Year old brother, Chris, has been making his presence felt also. Playing in Number One spot for Spring Valley in Division 1 Pennant, he took the prize scalps of several of Australia's leading players. Returning to Romsey he recently set a course record 60 - 6 under par! The following day he spread-eagled the field to win the Kilmore Open by 11 shots, finishing 6 under par for the 27 hole event. What a weekend!!

Not to be outdone, father of the two boys, Les, took out the Romsey Championship for the second time this year.

Truly a time to remember..... **Congratulations to all!**



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Our guest speaker is Stuart McMinn from S.C.M. Computer Solutions & Fred Tresise who will be giving some detail of his own experiences with viruses in the school system.

Extensive notes will be available along with notes on previous sessions.

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In the last month both the club contacts, listed below, have received a number of calls from the community who were having PC troubles.

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RAFFLE RESULTS

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Local Internet Access

Plenty of members and new comers attended the Internet session at our last meeting. Andrew Hutchison of Inter-Met. in Kyneton, enlightened us on the background story of the Internet and WWW then he took us to destinations around the world.

Notes for the session are available along with a special offer for club members wanting to join Inter-Met. The first 4 hours on line are free for official Macedon Ranges Computer Club members. It pays to belong.

Thanks to the generosity of Inter-Met the club will be getting it's own Web page and in the foreseeable future, will have Internet access at meetings.

Look for further information, in the Romsey Rag, detailing benefits to the community from the club. Thanks to the Romsey Rag, its staff for their continued support and Inter-Met of Kyneton for their expertise and time!



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ENROLMENTS Families are most welcome to come to St. Mary's for a cuppa and look over the school on **Sunday 11th August** after 10am Mass. (11am - 12 noon and to an Evening on **22nd August** when the School Staff and Parent Bodies will share information about our school. **Enrolment Interviews** will be conducted after that date. **Expression of interest forms** can be collected from the Office or posted. (Ph. 291359)

The wintry month of June saw the realisation of a dream at St. Mary's. A **Covered Walkway** was erected - linking the portables to the main brick buildings. We were pleased to welcome Sr. Agnes and Parishioners to a "Cuppa under Cover" to celebrate the completion. The Walkway will provide shelter from the extremes of Lancefield's Summers and Winters. We are now able to hold an Assembly each week - regardless of the weather.

We are fortunate to have been chosen to pilot the **1st Steps** (West Aust.) Program which will provide a framework for linking assessment with teaching and learning. Over the next few months teachers will be learning and introducing these strategies to further improve our Literacy program.

Grade 6 Peer Support Leaders have begun their program with Grade 3 after taking part in training and an application process. We are very proud of the way they have accepted their role as leaders in the school.

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We were very appreciative of the donation from the **B & S Ball Committee**. The children are preparing submissions on which this can be spent.

Over recent months the **School Board** have had input to develop a better understanding of our role - especially in the area of policy. We have prepared a school information package and are now preparing a plan for developing school facilities and equipment.

St. Mary's P & F have had a busy time. At present we are holding a **Silver Circle Competition** and a **Toothbrush Drive**. On **28th August** there will be a **Jigsaw Toys** and cuppa afternoon from 2.00 - 3.30pm. All welcome. (no charge). Our **Shopping Tour** this year is on **19th October** - followed soon after by the **Oak's Day Lunch**.

Photographs: Thanks to those who have loaned their Treasures. Sr. Patricia would be pleased to hear from anyone who has school or parish groups from St. Mary's **Romsey or Lancefield** to make a more complete history collection. (Copied and returned.)



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THANKYOU:

A great big thank you to all those who came along and collated the July Rag. As the normal volunteers were away climbing Ayers Rock and other such things - and the school was on holiday - we were in a bit of a pickle.....but we all chipped in and managed to get the rag out on time! Thanks again volunteers - you are just great - Margaret...

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ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1996

The AGM will be held at Lancefield Reserve Social
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become an active member and have a say as to how
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	8.00am	Lancefield	Romsey
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Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 A.M. 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 295 672.
- * Christian Meditation (Silent Prayer) Meetings...Tuesdays 8 - 9pm, Romsey. Phone Stephen 295 907

Special events / programs:

*DROP - IN

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* MASS OF ANOINTING

A Mass Of Anointing will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Lancefield on Friday 9th August, followed by a cup of tea / coffee in the presbytery. Please contact Sr. Francis on 291 582 if transport is a problem.

*MARRIAGE GROWTH WEEKEND

This weekend will be held at Pallotti College, located on McNamara's Road, Millgrove on the weekend of August 16 - 18. The cost is \$130 per couple. Please ring 03 9722 1199 for more information.

*Mass of Reception for ARCHBISHOP GEORGE PELL

All parishioners are invited to this Mass which will be held on Friday 16th August at 8.00pm in the Royal Exhibition building.

* CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children who are in Grade 4 and below, Children's Liturgy will take place at each 10 o'clock Mass.

*OLD PAPERS

St. Mary's School is still collecting papers. Please leave papers at the school anytime under the verandah.

*The Holy Name Of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group of Lancefield and Romsey offers intercessory prayers for individual or family needs. We intercede for these needs during our evening meetings at the St. Mary's school hall, Romsey. The words of Our Lord Jesus Christ give us the confidence that our prayers are always heard, "For wherever two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them." If you would like to request prayers, please write clearly, no names necessary, and address it to:

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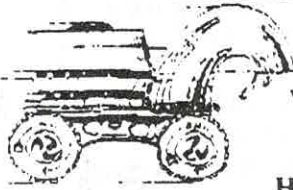
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