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The Committee wishes to urgently remind all those who wish to contribute to our next publication, "Lancefield History", that our deadline - at the end of May - is fast approaching. If you have information, articles, photos of families or other relevant material, please contact Dorothy Viney on 5429 5584 or Peter Mitchell on 5429 5447 or send to P.O. Box 201, Romsey. Material sent will be photocopied and returned. Do not miss out - as we do not wish to disappoint anyone by omitting or overlooking details of their particular area or family.

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield and St Paul's Romsey

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Services

9am Family Communion :St Paul's, Romsey.
10:30am Family Communion: Christ church, Lancefield.
(both services have Sunday School)

Wednesday 10am Communion Christ Church, Lancefield.

Wednesday 6pm - 7pm CEBS/GFS kids club in Romsey church hall during term time only.

Friday 7pm Holy Communion at st Paul's Romsey

Baptisms

Regan Francis Lynch of 6 Wimera Crt Romsey baptised 16th March at St Paul's
Jasmine Alice Cartwright of 3 Ewing Drv Romsey , baptised 13th April at St Paul's

Funerals Suzanne Grant 164 Main Road Romsey funeral 17th March at St Paul's

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always made welcome at any of our services. You may just turn up or phone and let us know before hand.

Please feel free to ring anytime for any pastoral or religious concerns.

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- PREVENT THE INJURY OR ILLNESS FROM BECOMING WORSE
- HELP PROMOTE RECOVERY
- PROTECT THE UNCONSCIOUS
- REASSURE THE ILL OR INJURED

THE PRIORITIES OF FIRST AID

TAKE CONTROL.

Assess the situation from observations and statements from bystanders.

- (1) Protect from danger yourself, bystanders and the casualties.
 - Remove danger from the casualty if possible.
 - Remove the casualty from danger if possible.
 - Keep clear of the danger in cases of fire, gas and electricity.
- (2) Send for appropriate professional help if required by telephoning the Emergency Telephone Number — '000'.
 - State the urgency and type of situation.
 - State the location.
 - State the number of casualties and types of injuries.

KEEP THE CASUALTY ALIVE.

Immediate action for all casualties.

THE DRABC ACTION PLAN

- D** Danger Check for danger to:
- yourself
 - others
 - the casualty
- Act only if safe to do so:
- do not become the next casualty
 - warn any bystanders of any danger and ask them to keep a safe distance
 - remove danger from the casualty, or if necessary the casualty from danger
- R** Response If unsafe, wait for expert assistance to arrive. If safe, check for response:
- gently shake and loudly shout
 - if the casualty responds, check and control serious external bleeding
 - if no response, proceed with ABC
- A** Airway Firstly:
- roll on side
 - open the mouth
 - clear if needed
 - clear and open the airway (head tilt and jaw support)
- B** Breathing Look, listen and feel:
- is the lower chest or abdomen rising and falling?
 - can you hear breathing sounds?
 - can you feel breathing?
- Then:
- if the casualty is breathing but not responding place on the side ensuring the stability of the patient
 - if the casualty is not breathing, place on back and start expired air resuscitation (EAR): Do five full breaths quickly within 10 seconds
- C** Circulation Check the carotid (neck) pulse:
- if present continue EAR at one breath every 4 seconds (15/minute)
 - if absent, start CPR

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship.

We live in an age which is characterized by the availability and rapid exchange of information and ideas. A superhighway of thoughts and opinions. A mass consciousness which shapes and influences the beliefs and attitudes of the individual according to popular opinion, rather than the solid foundation of truth which is the knowledge of God. Should we not ask;

- What is the Truth?
- Why believe in God?
- Is the bible relevant?
- Does the church have a place in society?

Rene Conner is well known in the Christian church and will speak at a ladies morning tea held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Friday 30th May at 10:00am. If you have ever considered these questions and desire to know more, or just want a mornings fellowship, please feel free to come along. These functions are open to everyone and all are welcome. Come as you are. The cost is \$4.00 and baby sitting is available at the venue.

Enquiries to Lorraine Holland on 0354295673 or Shirley Farmer on 039740 6696.

We invite you to our Sunday morning service, held at 10,00 am in the Romsey Mechanics hall. We welcome your enquiries to Geoff Holland (Minister) on 03 54295673 or Graham Mau on 03 54291488. or write to, Romsey Lancefield Christian Fellowship. P.O. Box 92 Romsey, 3434.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP NEWS

MAY has already seen the Family Fun Day to celebrate 40 years of Scouting in Romsey. We trust that everyone who attended had an enjoyable time catching up on past friendships and escapades. There is no doubt that a few memories were revived on Saturday. The day involved present and past cubs, scouts and leaders in displays of memorabilia, photos and scouting activities, such as a campfire to finish the day. We trust that scouting will survive to celebrate another 40 years in Romsey.

Cubs and Scouts participate in many activities. May is a busy month that involves a camp and a community activity - collecting for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Please give generously when a cub or scout comes calling.

Do your children want to join in the fun and adventure of scouting? Cubs are open to boys and girls aged 8-11. Scouts are boys and girls aged 11-15. Scouting is fun and it provides a great foundation for our children's future. Scouting is not just for children. Adult leaders and helpers are also welcome. Accredited leader training is provided and skills learned can be used in all aspects of life. Group contacts are GROUP LEADER: Stuart Horyna-5429 5986, CUBS: Heldi Carroll-5429 5813, SCOUTS: PJ, Peter Gay-5429 5749.

JAMBOREE: 5 Scouts and leaders from Romsey plan to participate in the Jamboree in Queensland in January 1998. There are money jars around town to help with fundraising. Please help support this once in a lifetime experience by giving whenever you see these jars.

HALL FOR HIRE: The Scout Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates. There are also trestle tables available for hire. The hall has recently been repainted and looks great. For information and bookings please contact Sue on 5429 5100.

FOR SALE: Hanging Rock winery have Shiraz and Chardonnay wine, with the 1st Romsey Scout Group label for sale. Wine is only available in dozen lots for the fantastic price of \$120 per dozen. For orders or information please contact Errel - 5429 5076.

THANK-YOU: The committee of the 1st Romsey Scout Group would like to sincerely thank the many business in the local area who so generously supported our recent Supper Dance. Darryl Cotton and the Rockafellaz played to a large audience of local people, who dance the night away. It was a fantastic night of entertainment and it was gratifying to see so many local people support it. All agreed it was a great night and are looking forward to it being an annual event.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The end of the season has come round once again - it was a long season - highlighted by many events including the very popular Friday Night Bowls and BBQ. Our Presentation Night Dance was held in April - a great time was had by all who did attend and the following members gladly picked up their trophies -

Ladies:	Champion	Helene Newnham	Runner Up	Jean Cropley
	21 Up Winner	Rena Moore	Runner Up	Jean Cropley
	100 Up Winner	Jean Cropley	Runner Up	Rena Moore
	Pairs Winners	Helene Newnham & Jean Cropley		
	Runners Up	Jean Johnston & Margaret Boldiston		
Mixed Pairs	Winners	Helene and Ken Newnham	Runners Up	Doss and Geoff Keating
Mens:	Champion	Bruce Robb	Runner Up	Alan Morrison
	21 Up Winner	Geoff Keating	100 Up Winner	Ken Newnham
	Pairs	Sam Howatson & Dave Cropley		

Congratulations to all who won and to all who participated in the different events - there's always next season!!!!

The Ladies are hosting a 'Chirago' Clothing Display on Tuesday, May 6th at 10.30a.m. in the Clubrooms in Romsey Park - all welcome! Chirago not only has ladies bowling wear but a great range of budget priced ladies fashion articles as well - well worth coming along - and you get a cuppa as well!

Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer.

Mother's Day Luncheon

Sunday, 11th May - from 12 noon

Three Course Lunch - \$30 per head
(kids under 12 - \$15 per head)
includes tea & coffee

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in the
Afternoon

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ENTREE

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MAIN

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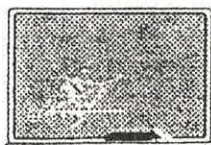
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THANKYOU TO ALL OF THESE BUSINESS WHO SUPPORT 1ST ROMSEY SCOUTS

MONTHLY REPORT FROM YOUR MAYOR - CR. ROD HARDY

I have recently had a telephone/facsimile machine installed at home. The number is 54 270 723.
I am still available on mobile 0416017197 if not at home.

The Telstra mobile tower meeting held in Romsey was well attended and I was surprised by the professionalism displayed by the objectors in presenting their case. There is another meeting to be held soon to discuss alternative sites.

I have recently met with Mr. Tom Reynolds M.L.A. and Mr. Neil O'Keefe M.H.R. and I am sure both are supportive and aware of the problems facing Romsey and Lancefield. I discussed, amongst other things, having the Melbourne Road declared a highway. Mr. Reynolds explained the difficulties - but you have to start somewhere!

I visited the C.F.A. and was most impressed with the road rescue equipment they have. Some members are qualified to use it but they are not accredited by the Government. It is a long way from Sunbury, Woodend and Kilmore, if you are trapped in a car and I would hate to wait for the S.E.S. - especially if there is \$8,000 worth of equipment in Romsey laying idle due to Government red tape.

Cr. Neil and myself visited Seymour Cottage at the invitation of the Historical Society. Seymour Cottage is part of our heritage that should be retained as it is one of the oldest houses in Romsey. I will endeavour to obtain some funding for major works to be carried out as it is desperately needed.

Council is still meeting twice a week with some briefing sessions being closed and some open to the public.

The first public policy development meeting is at Kyneton on the 14th May. We will be discussing the future direction of the shire. The next council meeting is on the 28th May at Kyneton. I have been invited to meet with the Mayor of the Shire of Mitchell, Cr. Sam De Gabrielle on the 13th May, hopefully we can get some co-operation going there to assist both of our areas.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our loving sympathy and prayerful support has been extended to Rev. Bert Dellosa and his family in the sad loss of Bert's Father in Manila in The Philippines and we look forward to Bert's safe return next weekend. We are grateful to Rev. Ray Outhred from Broadford for his relief ministry in Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches.

Our Consultation Review continues through April and so look forward to receiving the active participation of all our congregation members, to help us achieve positive results giving us continued growth and development as a Parish.

Our loving support and prayerful concern continues to Chris Johnston, who is very ill in the Royal Melbourne Private Hospital and we extend our love and prayers to his wife Jean.

A fundraising Street Stall will be held outside the Newsagents in Romsey on Saturday, 31st May, from 9.00am. until 1.00p.m. when all donations of any produce, cakes or goods will be gratefully received.

Pastoral concerns or enquiries can be directed to Rev. Bert Dellosa on 54295 351 or to Noel Shaw on 54295 509.

Weekly worship services continue at 9.00a.m. in Romsey and 10.30a.m. in Lancefield. Sunday School classes at 9.00a.m. in Romsey in conjunction with family worship.
Helen W. Clement.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

A cordial invitation is extended to all who would like to join us for Morning Coffee and a display and sale of "Danny Blume" Winter Fashions to be held on Friday, 23rd May at 10.30a.m. in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, with a donation of \$5 to aid Red Cross Funds.

To celebrate World Red Cross Day on Thursday, 8th May, we will join with other local units at Woodend Community Centre at 12 noon with an international theme for our menu and table settings. Friends are welcome to join us for this celebration and transport can be arranged. Cost is \$5 to book or enquiries to Gwenda Allen on 54285 117 or Helen Clement on 54295 317.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28th May, at Leeanne Eames' home - 7 Collier Close, Romsey at 1.30p.m. - new members welcome!
Helen W. Clement.

FOR SALE....Baby Cot & Mattress - \$40; Steelcraft Pram - \$30 - Phone 5429 6110.

ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB....Unfortunately an error was made on the 1997 Calendar published by the Romsey Cricket Club. The correct telephone number for Rod Dyer, Plumber, is (03) 5429 6601. The Club apologises also to Mr. Les Collins for any inconvenience caused.

The Ladies Guild From The Anglican Churches Of Romsey And Lancefield Had a most successful luncheon At Howard's Restaurant, Riddells Creek, and we thank all the community for their co-operation.

Flo Carter, President, Romsey Ladies Guild.

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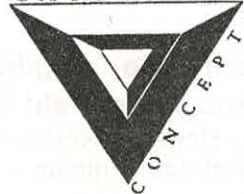
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COUNCIL NEWS - MONEGETTA WARD

Tenders for resurfacing of the Riddells Creek tennis courts, provision of a timber floor at the Romsey Recreation Stadium and construction of the Clarkefield Hall extension have been advertised and close at 2pm, 29th April. Will update you as these projects progress. Initial inquiries have been made regarding 'debt forgiveness' of Kerrie School loan. Awaiting finance details. Pressure is being put on Bencon regarding their non-performance on road maintenance. I believe an ultimatum has been given - put up or buzz off!! During my election campaign, I noted many items from concerned residents throughout the Ward. These concerns/minor works have now been passed on to our Shire Administration. It is hoped most will be completed within the next two months (I agree it seems a long time but nine councillors and hundreds of requests to attend to).

Talks with reps. from Western Water about the quality of supply, particularly at Romsey, have taken place. W.W. stated they hoped to have a \$1.1 million package treatment plant operational (sited at Glenfern Road service basin) within 12 months. Unfortunately they would not/could not tell me what type of treatment they propose, but a filtration system would be a major component of the 'package'. I requested more intense flushing of the pipes until the new system is on-line, which was agreed to and should commence as soon as the 'drought' has broken.

Residents (in towns) can purchase and install water tanks if they desire. A building permit will probably be required if the tank is put on a stand. There must NOT be any cross flow between tank water and town water. In other words, certainly run a line from the tank into the house but it must be totally separate from plumbing which supplies town water.

Finally, new telephone numbers to contact the Shire are -

General Enquiries	1300 656 577
Rate	1300 656 574
Local Law	1300 656 576
Planning	1300 656 578
Building	1300 656 579

Now all residents can contact the Shire for the cost of a local call.

Till next month, (Cr.) Geoff NEIL

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There is a waiting list for 3-year-olds also.

Enquiries Ph Kinder 54295294 or
Enrolment Officer (Jan McMinn) 54295563



MACEDON RANGES HEALTH CARE

Romsey Medical Centre wishes to advise all community based organisations in Romsey/Lancefield/Riddells Creek and all surrounding districts that a Community Noticeboard is now erected in the waiting area of the Romsey Medical Centre. Only community based organisation notices will be displayed and only for a period of one month. Please use this facility to advertise your organisation or function - just speak to the Receptionists' at the Desk.

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Committee of the Macedon Ranges North Eastern Business and Tourism Association is very disappointed at the response to this great opportunity for local business.

Only 30 odd replies have been received to date.... *come on all you electricians, plumbers, childminders, etc., get your act into gear and support this Association!!*

One of the projects for the newly formed **Macedon Ranges North Eastern Business and Tourism Association** is to publish a directory of **all businesses operating in the region, no matter what size.**

This directory will take the form of a one line entry free of charge similar to the yellow pages. Once the directory has been completed it will be distributed to every household in the region. To help in this endeavour it would be appreciated if all business people will fill out the form below and forward to 2 High Street, Lancefield, 3435.

For further information please contact **Murray Cousins : 5429 1595.**

DIRECTORY HEADING:

BUSINESS NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

APOLOGY....

The Romsey Rag Committee wish to apologise to Mr. David Palmer "City and Country Assessors" for displaying the wrong mobile telephone number in the last few copies of the Romsey Rag.

This was an unfortunate mistake and has been rectified. We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience this mistake has caused. The Phone Numbers that appear on the advertisement are as follows:

Phone/Fax: 03 5429 6178; Phone: 03 5429 6900; Mobile: 018 399 927

YOUTH TO BENEFIT AT SPORTS NIGHT....."Two Sunbury men will hold a Sportspersons night on May 9th to raise money to give Sunbury and Macedon Ranges teenagers free dancing lessons.

John Stafford said he and friend Steve Owen decided to hold the fundraiser to enable them to give young people something different to do. "There have been so many suicides in Sunbury in the last 12 months and it is not the parents fault - it is the community's fault because no-one is doing anything about it - so we thought we would do something" he said. Mr. Stafford said the event would be held at the Sunbury Bowling Club from 7.30p.m. cost is \$40 a person which includes a two-course dinner, beer, wine and softdrink.

The Free Dance Lessons will be held on May 3rd, 10th and 17th at Sunbury Memorial Hall from 7.00p.m. till 11.00p.m. The bus leaves Old Romsey Post Office at 6.30p.m. on these nights and will return around 11.00p.m.

For further details please ring John Stafford on (03) 9740 9966.

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WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

CASINO TRIP

The club is organising a trip to the **NEW** Casino on Sunday 25th May. The bus will be departing from the golf club at 9.30 am with a pick up in Sunbury along the way. The cost is \$10 per person and all members of the community are welcome to join us. Please contact Roger Baker (ph 54295186) or Mary Campbell (ph 54295629) if you are interested.

JUNIOR GOLF

Junior golf will now be conducted on Saturday mornings for both boys and girls. Any interested young players can meet Leila Beasley in the clubhouse at 10.00am each Sat. morning. The cost is only \$1 and it is a great way for juniors to learn the basics and have a great time.

EVALUATION DAY

Do you have a family heirloom that you have always wanted to have valued, a china plate from your mother's mother, your great grandfather's old clock or something bought recently from an antique shop? Well, now is your chance to have it valued by the professionals. A representative from Leonard Joel Auctioneers and Valuers will be in Romsey on Sunday 22nd June to do valuations. The cost is \$5 for two items. To book an appointment time ring Mary Campbell (ph 54295629) or Darlene Baker (ph 54295186)

Weekly results for the month of April.

2/4/97	Monthly Medal.		
	1st. Hazel Allen. 64	2nd. Shirley Shelton. 63	3rd. Mary Campbell. 66
9/4/97	Stroke and Putting.		
	1st. Leila Beasley. 64	2nd. Shirley Shelton. 69	3rd. Hazel Allen. 70
	9 hole winner; Pat Rigby.		
16/4/97	Stableford.		
	1st. Beryl Cole. 42pts	2nd. Hazel Allen. 42 pts	3rd. Pam Bray. 38 pts
	9 hole winner; Mavis Earl.		
23/4/97	Par		
	1st. Pam Bray +2	2nd. Leila Beasley +2	3rd. Darlene Baker +1
30/4/97	4BBB Lancefield Ladies Visiting.		
	1st Darlene Baker and Editha Ott 54 pts		
	2nd Lorraine Robb and Cath Rankin 48 pts		

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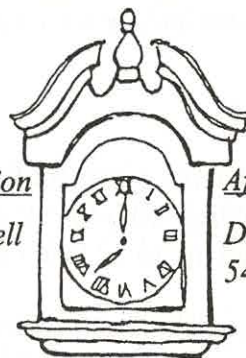
Bookings

Morning session

Mary Campbell
5429 5629

Afternoon session

Darlene Baker
5429 5186



ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

CATHOLIC PROGRAM FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Parents of Catholic children in Grade 3 or older who want to be part of this year's program are expected to attend the information evening on Thursday evening (8th May) at 7.30pm at St. Mary's School. Please contact Sr. Patricia 5429 1359.



AGM & Incorporation

May promises to be a very exciting month for mrcc with finalisation of details in our constitution. This is the prelude to our application for incorporation.

Members will be asked to vote for office bearers and committee members who will carry out administration of the clubs business for the next 12 months.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Every third Sunday of each month
May 18, June 15 & July 20

2:00 p.m. at BUNGAWITTA
in ROMSEY

Bring a plate for afternoon tea

Call Deb Burge 5428 6977

or Stuart McMinn 5429 5563

for details

Bring your problems to us!

After the formalities have been completed, we will begin with some problem solving. Both club members and the general public are invited to bring in their PC, or discuss any problems they may be experiencing.

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Come and learn from others.

The Internet revisited

At our recent meeting, guests and members were treated to a guided tour of the Internet. MS Internet Explorer was given a thorough examination and many aspects of the software itself were discussed, customised and discovered.

People considering an Internet connection at home were given a broad view of what can be seen in the world today. One very interesting site to visit is www.msnc.com/pfp/choices.asp where you can tailor a personal page, see current Aus weather and news, then make it all your personal start page to be viewed when you connect to the Internet.

Notes were supplied on sites to visit and tips & tricks for Internet Explorer 3. Bring a disk and get a copy at the next meeting.

WESTATE Permanent Care

RECRUITMENT FOR CAREGIVERS

APRIL/MAY 1997

Westate Permanent Care is seeking caregivers willing to provide permanent homes for children.

We would appreciate your support by including the following item in your next notice sheet or bulletin which goes out to your families.

Please include for weeks commencing **28 April & 5 May 1997.**

CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Westate Permanent Care seeks people willing to provide a permanent home for children, who for various reasons cannot live with their own family. Children aged up to 12 years and have high needs.

Caregivers can be families, couples without children, single people or single parents. Support and training are provided. This can be a rewarding contribution to the lives of these children.

You are invited to Information Evenings

* Monday 12 May 1997, 8 PM in Bendigo

* Wednesday 14 May 1997, 8 PM in Mildura

For more details phone Westate Permanent Care on: 0354 40 1199.

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Hedges have many uses, especially as Screens, fences and windbreaks. In suburban areas they are most often used as screens to block our ugly views, create a sense of privacy or to divide off a utility area from the rest of the garden. In formal garden designs, low clipped hedges are very popular as edging's or they can be used to create a parterre garden.

In rural districts of many countries dense prickly hedges of Hawthorn (*Craegus* species) have been traditionally used instead of fences as they keep animals in and provide shelter from the wind. Hedges can be planted as noise barriers, even blocking out the sight of the noise source can be helpful!

When choosing plants for hedges, consider the height and spread the plant would naturally reach. Choosing a vigorous tall growing shrub for a two metre high hedge can mean a lot of time spent pruning it to shape.

Most hedges are long term plantings - do not just opt for the faster growing species.

If quick screening is essential, consider growing fast growing "nurse" trees, such as Wattles behind your slower growing long term plants. They can be later removed.

Evergreen or deciduous shrubs can be used. Deciduous shrubs are useful if winter sun is desirable, the mass of bare branches will give some privacy.

Some plants that are suitable to use:-

Buxus Sempervirens - English Box	Buxus Sempervirens - 'Suffruticosa' - Dwarf Box
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Photinia - Photinia Robusta /Photinia Glabra Rubens	
Ligustrum Ovalifolium "Aureum" - Golden Privet	
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Chaenomeles - Japonica - (Flowering Quince)	
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ROMSEY LIVING WORD INC. A.O.G CHURCH. FROM "TIN SHED" TO "TEMPLE"

On Saturday April 19 The Reverend Philip Hills (the State Superintendent of the Assemblies of God) was the guest speaker at the *grand opening* of the *New Romsey "Living Word" Church Building*.

All official dignitaries from the area were invited. The Official guest for the day was our first Mayor for the shire of Macedon Ranges, Councillor Rod Hardy. Five other Church Ministers attended and supported the opening including the local Anglican Minister, The Reverend Paul Woods and we were delighted to also have the Romsey / Lancefield Lion's Club represented.

The Mayor commented later as to how he was impressed that this community minded group of people had not asked for any handouts. He was amazed at how we could all have a direct relationship with God and not have to go through someone else to commune with God.

During the service thanks were given to Ray Hunter who has spent the last 6 months full time reconstructing the building from a "*Tin Shed*" to a "*Temple*". Thanks were also given to the wonderful hard working members of the Church who have given of their time, energy and finances.

Pastor Marilyn and her husband Ray, (Church Elder) started the "Living Word" Church in 1991. It now ministers to 50-60 people, supports a daughter Church in Woodend and has just begun a new work in Sunbury. It meets at the Sunbury Heights Primary School every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening of the month and is growing rapidly in the 5 weeks since it started.

The Church in Mitchell Court Romsey is designed to seat 130 people. It is Pastor Marilyn's vision to hold three services every weekend. Each service will be aimed at reaching the different generations of our community, eg. *Youth, Family and Traditional*. Also part of her vision for the building is for it to be used for the community in the areas of youth and after school programs for children and even as a comfortable function room for special occasions.

God gave Pastor Marilyn a clear word approximately 2 weeks prior to the opening of the building from Zechariah Chapter 8 verses 1:17. "Get on with the job and finish it" He said, "Get on with the rebuilding of the temple and I will bless you." (Living Bible) The next day four people decided to become Christians and two sizeable donations were given to help with the second and third stages of finishing the building. God certainly is Blessing!

Mothers day May 11 will be a special day for all the mothers of our community. Special services are planned at 10:00am in Romsey and 7:00pm in Sunbury. We would like to invite families to celebrate with us on this day.

Are Sunday evenings inconvenient for you to attend Church? Rather be at home resting for the week ahead? Too late for your young children? We have an alternative for you as from May 31 there will not be Sunday evening services **but** Saturday evening services beginning each fortnight with a sausage sizzle at 6:30 pm.

For enquires about Youth, Young Adventurers, F.A.B. Club, Home Fellowship Bible Study, Pastoral Care, Woodend or Sunbury Churches please phone our Church Office on (03) 54296 327 Pastor Marilyn Hunter Senior Minister.

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A Concerned Citizen:

To be a community people need to be involved. It is easy to say you don't have time or you are too tired after work or after looking after the children all day.

If you came to Romsey as a place to live then you should get involved.

Join a committee, become a Lions Club member, help with the schools in the area, support raffles and fundraisers even if they have nothing to do with you, help people how you know might need company or shopping done for them.....

If everyone did a little bit, Romsey would be a great community in which to live.

People would become friendlier, trust in others would grow, and children would want to stay in Romsey and raise their children.

Don't let this just be a place to sleep and commute from.

MAKE ROMSEY YOUR TOWN

THE R.O.C.K. CLUB

(Reaching Out and Caring for Kids)

The R.O.C.K. Club has been in operation for over 14 months now. With a vision to reach this generation of primary school aged children with old fashioned values, godly principles and a clear direction in life, we run a fast paced program of games, slide stories, drama, singing, dancing, competitions and videos. We aim to show children the right way to go in life, teaching them to be responsible for their own actions and guiding them to make right choices in life.

With the steady decline of morals in this society and the general acceptance to this downward trend, we have a burden to turn this trend around in lives. We believe that it is much wiser to erect a fence at the top of a cliff, than to have an ambulance at the bottom (after the event). Hence we believe that by impacting childrens' lives with godly values they will know the prevention rather than falling headlong downward and trying to pick up the pieces afterward.

Held fortnightly on Sundays between the hours of 3.00pm and 5.00pm at Romsey Mechanics Hall, we run a mini-bus to pick up and bring home the children both in Lancefield and Romsey.

Meetings in May will be held on Sunday, 4th and 18th. Donation of \$1.00 will help towards the running costs of the Club. For further information contact Steven and Maureen Milner on (03) 5429 1465.



ROMSEY POST OFFICE

DOLLS AND BEARS

In conjunction with the release of the 'Dolls & Bears' stamps on May 8th, the Romsey Post Office is having a colouring competition.

Colour in the doll illustration and return it to the Post Office by 12th May. We will endeavour to display all art work.

Competition closes on 14th May.

Extra illustrations may be picked up from the Post Office.



Romsey Primary School News

May 1997

Community 1st Aid Class underway ! Another 1st aid class has just commenced at Romsey Primary School for adults wishing either to acquire or up date their first aid qualifications. If you wish to join this class on Monday nights please contact PJ Peter Gay on 295749 after 7pm

FAMPA - Family Maths Project Australia: Tuesday May 6th. All families Welcome: Each year the school encourages families to participate in an activity night. Last year the focus was on Science but again this year our staff our planning to encourage all families to come along and be challenged by the fun maths activities that they can do together at home. Maths is all around us and such nights aim to promote maths as a fun activity.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES On Thursday, May 8th at 2.15pm the children in Grades 3 - 6 will enjoy a show "Animatronix" This show focuses on computer animation. Students participate in the exploration of functions of working in an animation studio, see image gathering and manipulation utilising a 3D art program

Safety House in Action: The local Association will meet again on June 2nd at 7.30pm. This group are supporting the **Safe - T - Puppet Show** which will be conducted at school for yr. P-4 students on **May 12th**

Practisathon: Mrs Megan Smithies is very pleased with the success of this program which attracted front page news in the local papers. We would also like to express our thanks to the community for their support of our young musicians who were actively encouraged to practise their instruments

The TRI (Towards Real Independence) Program will be conducted specifically for parents with children in years 3-6. This is a very helpful program to be conducted over 5 evenings in May by Mrs Sherren. Any queries regarding the content of the program may be directed to Diane. It is important for planning purposes however that any interested parents make contact with the school as soon as possible.

Lord Somers District Education Camp at Somers May 20th - 28th 39 pupils from three local schools will be attending with 120 other children from our district. The nine day camp is a real highlight for those able to attend.

Child Health and Child Care: An interactive television program arranged by the Lady Gowrie Child Centre. This satellite transmission will be screened in the Library of Romsey Primary School on May 27th 8- 9.30pm. Anyone interested in attending the program focussing on very early age child care is cordially invited to attend and participate.

Cobaw District Cross Country Run: This event was held last Thursday at the Woodend Race course. Approximately 30 of our pupils undertook training in preparation for this activity. The children competed in the Cross Country Championship at the Woodend Racecourse. Older Children ran. 3km. while 9 & 10 yr. Ran 2km. The first 10 in the 10, 11, 12/13 groups will be representing the District in the Regional Championships in Bendigo May 14.

Proud of their School: A group of Yr 5/6 students pooled their ideas and talents last term to create a video which features our pupils participating in the programs they enjoy. I am sure that the pupils learnt a lot about organising others, co-operative planning and decision making as well as enjoying this project which show cases a wide range of activities.

Drug Education Team: With the co-operation and support of the Region's Drug Education Facilitator, all our local schools are currently developing their own Drug education strategies. If Parents are interested in this topic or have ideas that they would like included in our strategy they could contact Ms Marg McLennan at the school.

Working Bee: Last Sunday morning a dedicated but small group of parents assisted in the erection of fencing around the developing gardens at the school. With specialised equipment other maintenance tasks were able to be completed too including giving our gardens a much watering.

Student Peer Support: What is it? At Romsey Primary School this term the Student Peer Support is a program run over a series of six weeks where students participate in activities with other children. The older year 5 students conduct short activity and discussion sessions aimed at increasing confidence, self esteem and co-operation between the age groups with year 2 students.

Some of the benefits are - younger children find older children to whom they can turn for friendship and support, they learn to trust older children, they learn to behave kindly towards children younger than themselves

- older students learn to organise activities, to listen, to consider, to plan for the benefit of others, to understand the role of the older party (adult, teacher, parent), to share with younger people, to care for younger children, to act responsibly, to be leaders.

- the tone of the school improves, there is less likelihood of bullying because responsibility is felt, greater co-operation occurs between age groups, team work develops, friendships occur.

How does it work? Older children are trained as leaders. In case of Romsey Primary School. 1997, these students will be volunteers, from grade 5/6. They will undergo a training program and then with adult support will conduct 6 sessions in pairs with up to six grade 2 students. The program is an expansion of the initial program successfully conducted last year. Queries regarding this program can be directed to our trained PeerSupport teachers, Mrs Sue Little or Ms Margaret McLennan.

SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHTS

Sunbury Downs Secondary College Open Night
Wednesday, 7th May, 1997 : 7 - 9pm.

Sunbury Secondary College Open Night, Wednesday, 14th May, 1997 : 7 - 9pm.

Gr.6 Transition Day at Gisborne Secondary College

On Tuesday 13th May, students in Grade 6 will travel to Gisborne Secondary College to participate in the transition program. The children will be shown around the school environment, then split up into groups and rotated between 2 or 3 activities during the morning.

MS READ-A-THON 1997: Last week an MS Read-a-thon representative spoke to children in Grades 3 - 6 explaining MS, the work of the MS Society and MS Read-a-thon. MS Read-a-thon is a completely voluntary program. We do not encourage children to door knock when seeking sponsorship but feel sure that the community will again support this cause.

ROMSEY AUSKICK will commenced last Friday at New enrolments are always welcome. Magazines and Footballs will be handed out to all those who have enrolled at the end of this session. Queries can be directed to Bob Sherren Romsey Auskick Co-ordinator.

We actively invite parents and anyone interested to participate in our programs, if you have any queries out the school's programs please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Trevor Turnham - Principal Phone 54 295 099 BH

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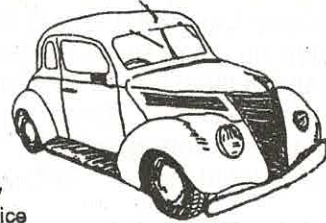
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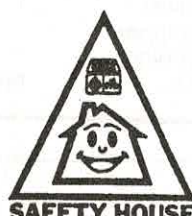
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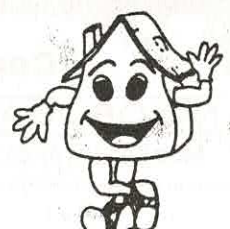
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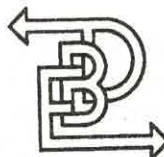
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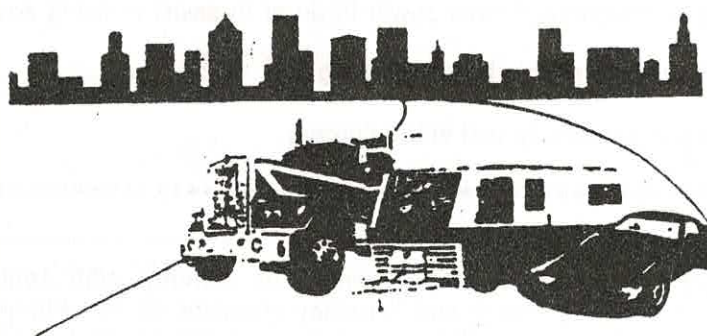
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NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the **Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Club** is to take place at the Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Rooms, Mechanics Hall, Romsey on 16th June, 1997, at 1.00p.m.

1. That the Secretary be authorised to make an application to Incorporate the Club to be known as the "**Romsey/Lancefield Elderly Citizens Club Incorporated**".
2. That the purposes of which the proposed incorporated association is established are:-
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