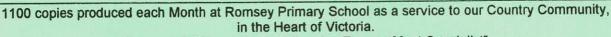
# The Romsey Rag December Edition 1997



Sponsored this month by "Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist"

# **Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist**

has been operating in Romsey since July 1997. The business was bought by Peter O'Rourke and his family, although Peter had managed it for Gary & Vicki Hardwick for the last six years.

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Peter, Justin, Merril, Kirsty & Michelle would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Safe and Happy New Year.

#### **ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS - DECEMBER:**

Here it is over 100 degrees in the water bag and I'm flying blind. Forgot to bring the Bowl's file with me. You could call this the abridged version this month.

Ladies Pennant - Our ladies are within striking distance of the "four", especially if last weeks win is taken into account. Romsey pressed on for a good win in the heat, only to be told that most games had been called off at lunch. Let's trust the result stands.

Christmas Break-up - From memory this memorable event will be staged on Friday 19th December next. check the board for further details.

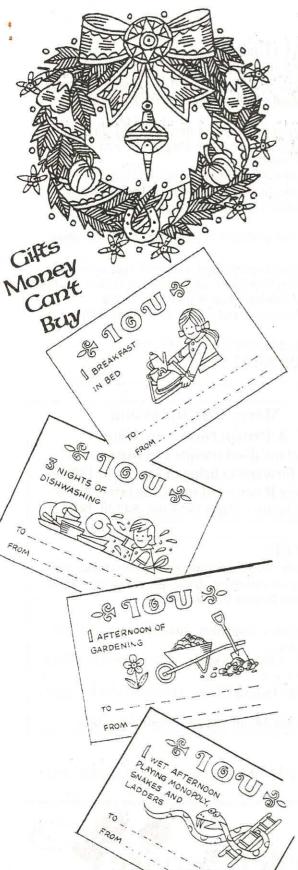
Men's Pennant - Just keeps getting better. At the time of writing our majestic Firsts are second and the mighty Thirds are top of the ladder. I'll stand corrected on percentage as there have been several walk-overs, forfeits and games washed out. It's a shame the CHBA can't get a permanent spot in one of the local papers each week. This would take all the conjecture out of the matter.

Club Championships - have been put in turmoil due to the change of CHBA dates. I believe if a diary is set up in the beginning, then it should be adhered to. Some players have missed out in playing much to their chagrin. vexing to be well organised and find others falling over.

VALE: On a sad note we record the passing of Foundation and Life Member Chris Johnston. Chris was one of His funeral was attended by nature's characters and gentlemen. He was a mighty bloke and a bloody good bowler. Nice to see many bowlers from many clubs pay their last many hundreds and almost stopped Romsey for a time. Sincere condolences on behalf of the club are extended to Jean and family.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours all the very best for Yuletide and the New Year. Hopefully I'll still be keep the job in January. Good bowling bowlers. David (Narrow) Parrôt **Publicity Officer** 





### Wishing You a Merry Christmas

By the mid-1800s in England, people could buy printed New Year and Valentine cards, but printed cards for Christmas did not exist. Four Englishmen had the idea to produce them at about the same time in the 1840s, but the status of being first to carry it out is generally given to John Calcott Horsley.

He was commissioned to design a card for printing by Sir Henry Cole. Cole, a public servant, was an extraordinarily farsighted man who wanted the new English manufacturing industries to make use of the talents of painters and sculptors in mass-producing wares of good design. He devoted considerable energy to this cause, even setting up his own factory under another name. He became a founder of London's beautiful museum of the decorative arts, the Victoria and Albert.

The card Horsley designed was a postcard depicting a merry Victorian family celebrating Christmas, glass in hand. On either side were smaller scenes of poor people receiving gifts of food and clothing. A thousand copies were printed for sale in 1843 at one shilling each, and they sold dismally. The first Christmas cards to sell well were small visiting cards which said only 'Merry Christmas', and cost a penny each, some years later.

As printing techniques improved (the first coloured cards were printed by Louis Prang in the United States in 1875), the picture became more important than the message, which was relegated to a folded flap behind the picture. People collected cards and pasted them into albums.

At first, Christmas cards showed familiar seasonal scenes — family Christmas dinners, fireside scenes, snowy churches, and a common event in the harsh winters of the 1840s, a snowbound stagecoach. As time went on, symbols of Christmas were used — holly, robins, snowflakes etc. The Valentine tradition crept in, too — padded satin with frills of lace and cherubs conveying warm sentiments:

'A Christmas Greeting from a Friend Love and Pleasure Thee Attend'.

Charitable scenes featured on the earliest cards, but religious cards showing the Wise Men or the Nativity came later towards the end of the century. In the United States, cards of the 1850s had jolly Santas and 'people well pleased with their presents'. Later, the beautiful Christmas-blooming poinsettia, known in its home country of Mexico as the flower of Holy Night, was used.

European manufacturers were the first to spot an opening for an Australian Christmas card in the 1870s. Then in 1880 an enterprising Sydney businessman, John Sands, offered fifty pounds in prizes for the design of truly home-grown Australian cards. About 700 people entered the competition. He imported the latest machinery, and before long cards with native flowers. Australian views and swagmen were rolling off the presses. Lighthearted scenes of kangaroos panning for gold and children riding emus followed.

Then, as now, some people still preferred handmade cards. In 1906 handpainted gumleaves sold for sixpence each and painting them was considered a useful source of pin-money for genteel young women!

Messages on Christmas cards have always been important. 'Season's Greetings' is carefully non-religious and 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men' is perhaps the traditional Christian wish.

In countries where the earth is blanketed in snow at midwinter and deciduous trees and shrubs appear as though dead, evergreens are a sign of continuing life. In the northern hemisphere, long before the birth of Christ, evergreens were an important aspect of the winter rituals to safeguard and celebrate the return of life and fertility. Sacred buildings in Europe and Western Asia were decorated with green for the winter solstice.

In time, Christians also came to use them as symbols of the eternal life promised by Christ. Since the Middle Ages they have been used as decorations at Christmas time, and many stories have grown around them.





### INTERCHANGE LODDON-MALLEE

Now Encompassing Macedon Ranges - Looking To Increase Local Support And Profile Interchange is a non-government, non-profit community based organisation, providing support to families who have a child with a disability. The children range from 0-18 years, and vary in degree of disability from mild through to severe.

Parents provide all the loving care possible but they often need a break from the constant demands of caring for their child with a disability. The Macedon Ranges has been included in our service region since May, 1997, and we are working towards increasing the agency profile and service delivery to that area.

Interchange Loddon-Mallee offer a range of programs which include the Host Program, Intercare, Getting It Together, School Holiday Program and Camps. However, to extend these programs into your area we need volunteers. We are currently seeking support and volunteers for the Host Program, School Holiday Program and Camps in the Macedon Ranges area.

Volunteers are offered training and ongoing support, and are an integral and vital part of Interchange. Their views and contributions are much valued and acknowledged by the agency.

Interchange Loddon-Mallee is taking an active role and has been meeting and networking with local agencies and services. We have also approached twelve primary schools in the Kyneton, Woodend, Macedon and Gisborne areas with an offer to conduct information/awareness sessions about families, disabilities and respite care in the community. We want to increase the Host Program and offer Holiday Programs and camps to children with a disability in your area.

Please contact Ms. Lin Amos, Host Program Co-Ordinator, Interchange Loddon-Mallee on 5441 599.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - WILL YOU HELP?

### YOUR CHANCE TO VISIT THE TOP END ....

We are off to the Northern Territory for 16 days on 26th June, 1998 on a bus/camping tour. Price is \$1,100 all up! We are happy-go-lucky bunch - there are limited seats still available. Singles, couples and families welcome! age of group so far is 14-70...

For further information please contact Leonie Armistead on 54295 499, Beryl Cole at the Post Office or Helen Watts on 54295 250.

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### Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year

to all my good friends and customers.

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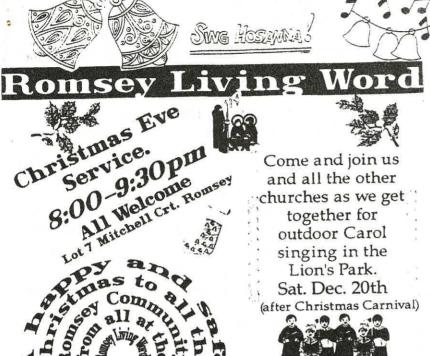
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# A CHRISTMAS STORY

IT MUST BE LOVE!

Before the world was, an angel went to see God. He walked into the throne room and saw that God was heartbroken. The angel asked God why? God stepped down and took the angel for a walk through time.

They began at creation. God made the first man Adam giving him the gift of free will. Adam could choose to worship his Creator and have a relationship with Him.

The angel had a thought, what if this man chooses otherwise. God turned to the angel and said watch. Adam was eating the fruit that God had forbidden. The angel watched as he saw God walking in the garden in the evening calling to Adam, "Where are you?" The angel thought God should destroy this man but God said, "this is not the answer". The angel watched through time as he saw the destruction in the lives of Adam's descendants.

Continuing on the journey in time they stopped to

plant a tree. The angel asked God the significance but He said nothing. He gave a look, with a tear in his eye He touched the tree so it would grow to its fullness and said "it must be love." Through the fabric of time they journeyed, observing all the sin and degradation, pain and suffering mankind had brought upon itself, independent of God their Creator. The Angel thought again, why did God allow Adam to live, these are his descendants, they worship their lives, cars, wives, husbands, money youth, everything but God. Why doesn't God make them worship Him like the angels do? God turned to Him and said "it would not be love."

They paused to watch the birth of a baby Boy. The angel bowed before Him and God had great joy on his face. He asked the angel to rise and as they went on in their travel he saw a sadness in God's face, again he questioned why? Again no reply, they continued. They stopped, a tree was being cut down, this was the tree that God had planted and nurtured he said to God "what does this mean?" He was shocked when he saw God openly crying, His reply, "There is no other way."

Continuing the journey they saw John the Baptist, "Repent Repent, the day of the Lord is coming." They watched the boy grow into manhood and be baptised, God's obvious joy as he spoke "behold my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The Garden of Gethsemane caused sadness again in God's face. Jesus was praying to His Father so hard that He was sweating drops of blood. This was almost too much for the angel, he could only keep repeating why! why! God could see the pain in His Son's eyes. He wanted so much to help but He could not. The angel saw so much pain, he could not comprehend why God could allow the death of His only Son for people who want to spit in his face, ridicule His Son, destroy the lot was the angel's answer, God's answer was "it must be love."

They watched the beating the scourging the crown of thorns pushed into His head. They watched him nailed to the cross, made from the tree that God tenderly planted all those years before, a spear was thrown into His side. The angel was furious with God and he turned to Him and saw God weeping. His chest heaving for the loss of his Son who was born to die for a world that did not seem to care. His pain was so great that as Jesus took his last breath He turned His head away.

The angel found himself back in the throne room of God. Knowing that these events had not yet taken place he begs God to change His plans, don't give Adam free will, make him worship you like the angels, then you will not have to see your Son die. God spoke to the angel and said "you worship me because that is the way you were made I want the human race to worship me because they want to from a heart of love not because they have too. You see the love with which I gave my Son, is the only love that will enable them to commune with me. You do it because you do not know another way, the world will do it because they have chosen. It will be because of love and a thankful heart for My Son, who was given for them. When they know My love if it be one person or millions it was worth it.

The birth of Jesus was God's greatest gift of love to mankind.

Now is the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas

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### **Sydney 1000 Olympic Coin Collection**

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- \* Commonwealth, Bank of Bendigo, Bank of Melb., City Bank, Advance Bank account holders are reminded that we are also an agent for these organisations, and can therefore process most deposits and withdrawals.

Finally, but most importantly,

Ron, Beryl, Leanne and Staff would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year



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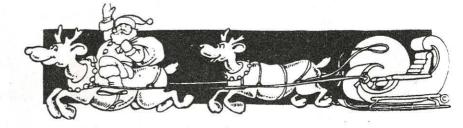
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# The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield & St Paul's Romsey

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

24th Christmas eve. Children's Christmas eve Christingle Service at St Paul's Romsey 7 pm

24th Christmas eve. Midnight carols and Communion at Christ Church, Lancefield 11:30

25th Christmas morning Communion service St Paul's Romsey 10 am

#### Also note:

Saturday December 20th 7:30 Carols by candlelight in the Lions Park at Romsey. (combined churches event) Sunday December 21st Combined churches carol service in the Uniting Church Romsey

### On normal Sundays and during normal weeks 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 - 7:30pm CEBS/GFS kids club in Romsey church hall until December 10th only.

Friday 7:30pm Communion at St Paul's Romsey

Some dates for your diary:

Saturday December 6th Christmas street stall Romsey

Sunday December 7th 10 am CEBS/GFS Parade at St. Paul's Romsey

Wednesday December 10th at 6 pm CEBS/GFS break up party

Sunday December 14th 9 am and 10:30 am Christmas gift service in both churches

Saturday December 20th 7:30 Carols in the Lions park - combined churches

Sunday December 21st 10 am Pastoral visit of Bishop Andrew St John at Christ Church Lancefield.

Sunday December 21st at 7:30 Combined churches carol service in the Uniting Church Romsey

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December

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December

28th Sunday Open house at the Vicarage 12 - 5 pm all people are welcome to drop in.

January

31st Trash and treasure car boot sale 9 am - 2 pm St Paul's Romsey

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always made welcome at any of our services or events.

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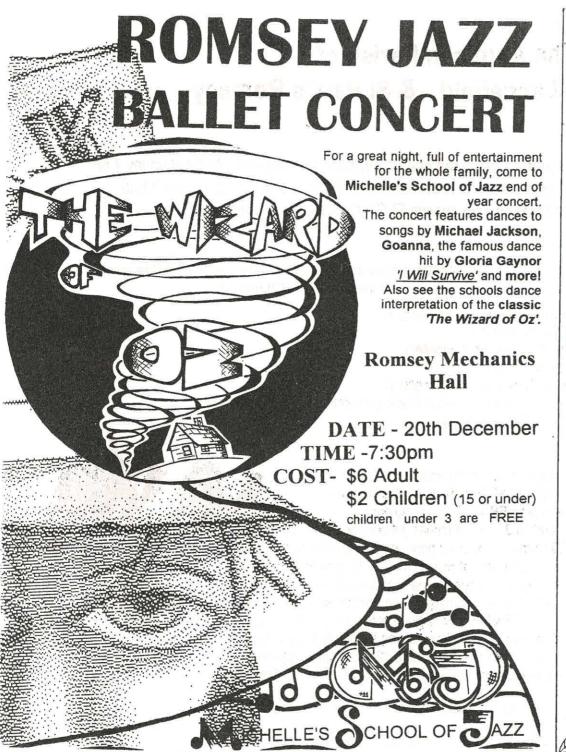
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### ROMSEY LIONESS CLUB

"Guess the Lollies in the Jar"
competition
was won by
Yvonne Lyon of Lancefield.

# THANKYOU THANKYOU. To those who acted upon our plea.

The "Caution" sign at Monegeetta North will hopefully reduce the feeling we take our lives in our hands when ever we turn right. It only needs now for motorists to read it!! Thanks-

Helen Watts.



#### **NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION:**

The Macedon Ranges Group of The Nursing Mothers Association of Australia invites you to join us at our December meetings.

The group will be having a social night out on Wednesday, December 10th commencing at 6.30pm or perhaps you might like to join us at our Christmas barbecue on Sunday, December 14th starting at 12.30pm. If you would like to come, or you have any enquiries about Nursing Mothers please phone Melinda 5428 6222 or Andrea 5428 6895 Our local group is very active and sociable, and new members are always welcome. The Group includes Riddells Creek, Romsey, Lancefield, Gisborne and mt. Macedon. The Nursing Mothers Association (NMAA) is a voluntary organisation, established 30 years ago, to encourage and support mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies. NMAA is a support group where all mothers may benefit from the exchanges of information, experiences and ideas about breastfeeding and other parenting issues.

Trained counsellors attend all meetings, and are also available by phone. All counselling is confidential.

All mothers, fathers and "expectant parents" are welcome to access the counsellors or become part of our group. You don't have to be breastfeeding at the moment to join.



### ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS DECEMBER 1997

With the realisation that the end of yet another very eventful year is looming up quickly, comes the appreciation of so many who, as team members have contributed towards shared achievements this It is impossible to name the huge number of people involved but they know who they are and they know too that their assistance has been greatly valued. The school carnival early in Term one, saw the Romsey community come out in force and the planning committee, who are already busy on next year's carnival planning are hoping for an even greater success and support in 1998. Is this possible? The tragic passing of Mrs Sarah Bean and young Braeden Sarson highlighted the caring nature of our community and the manner in which support was offered indicated that people are vitally important to us all in Romsey. We we long remember them.

Dragon Girl - the Musical, the numerous excursions and special performing Arts performances, together with the camps, interschool sports that brought successes and the joy of competing as team members, reinforced the school motto that emphasises co-operative learning. "Together we have Learnt to Grow" in many ways this year. As State champion Korfballers for the third year or district football premiers, it is always easy to remember the successes but let us endeavour to appreciate the triers and the supporters.

We have seen major developments completed around the school and have plans for even larger physical improvements in the next few years. Community groups continue to use our facilities almost every night of the week and parent support for our school programs remains high. (We could use some more assistance on canteen duty and at working bees though.) We are proud however that our parents have again continued to run our canteen on a voluntary basis every day of the week. This is no mean feat and requires the dedication of a great band of ladies.

Graduation for our 50 year six students is now only days away. These young people have experienced so much in their short life times. We all marvel at just how "grown up" they all look as they dance with their parents and demonstrate new skills. Compared with

our 1998 prep children who have recently visited the school, are grade six pupils seem so mature and self reliant. Let us trust that their confidence and preparedness will serve them well as they undertake the great transition to secondary education. We are proud of our pupils and we will always be interested to follow their careers.

This final edition of the Romsey Rag for 1997 is again the result of the work of a huge number of people. Last Monday morning, after the last staple was pressed through the pages of the 1100th copy, the team celebrated. believe that we should more often celebrate community's efforts. milestones and Although the Romsey Rag successes. commenced its life as an outreach publication from the school, it is now far more than a school newspaper. It belongs to and is clearly supported by, the community it aims to inform. Our publication is however only possible through the voluntary efforts of many people and I believe that if we expresses our appreciation to those who help us in our daily lives we will be assured of their assistance and friendship. Let us not take one another for granted. Express friendship, appreciation and show that we care.

We look forward with enthusiasm to the adventures that the new year holds. With classes connected to the inter net, new computer equipment both in classroom and the office and programs planned in detail for '98, next year will provide exciting challenges that we are ready and willing to accept. Next year we will be with Miss Melinda Choate, who has taught one of our prep classes this year. Her initiatives, energy, enthusiasm professionalism and humour will be greatly missed and we wish her well no matter where she happens to be in the years to come. Thankyou Melinda for your contribution to our growing school.

On behalf of our school Council, Parents, staff and pupils I take this opportunity of wishing all our readers and supporters a Happy, Safe and Leaceful Christmas period during which we can relax and share the fellowship of friends and family in preparation for a great New Year.

Thankyou for your contribution to a caring Country community and its school.

### LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB:

The Christmas Carnival is on Saturday December 20th. Great fun for all the family. Please support Christmas Trailer Raffle as proceeds will go back into the Community.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT will be on again this year, conducted by our local Churches.

A bus load of school children enjoyed a trip to Luna Park on 15th November.

Parks in Coleraine Drive and Desmond Court have had concrete slabs laid and table bench sets will be erected.

New members would be made welcome. Enquiries: Pat Sullivan 5429 5486. President Pat.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



# 19th ANNUAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUSIC CAMP

Campaspe Downs Kyneton May 25th - 29th, 1998

The Kyneton/Castlemaine Schools Arts Network will again be conducting a Music Camp for Grades 5 and 6 children at Campaspe Downs Recreation Camp near Kyneton. Further details will be available to parents and schools in February 1998.

The Camp will cost **\$170** for the five days. The Deposit of **\$50** is due on <u>Friday 27th February</u> with the balance due by the 3rd April.

### "THE EFFECT OF C.R.A.F.T DISEASE" (Can't

Remember a Flipping Thing) - Provided by President Pat. "Dear?

Just a line to say I'm living, And not amongst the dead. Though I'm getting more forgetful, and mixed up in my head.

I've got used to my arthritis, to my dentures, I'm resigned.

I can manage my Bifocals, but gosh I miss my mind. For sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs if I must go up for something or have just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often my poor mind is filled with doubt, have I put the food away, or come to take it out? So if it's my turn to write to you, there's no need in getting sore, I may think that I have written, and don't want to be a bore.

So, remember I do love you, and wish that you were near,

but now it's nearly mail time, I must say goodbye my dear.

Love ?

PS. There I stood before the mail box with a face so very red, instead of mailing you your letter. I opened it instead"



#### Christmas Greetings

Here is a list of Christmas greetings in other languages to shar

Arabic Chinese Czechoslovakian Danish Dutch French German Greek Hungarian Italian Japanese Maori Polish Portuguese Romanian Russian Serbo-Croatian Spanish Swedish

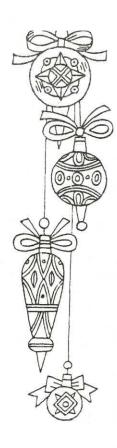
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Srecan Bozic Feliz Navidad (also used in South America)
Glad Jul

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Turkish





The first half of the season is drawing to a close. We have a strong new committee and our numbers are up on last year. The Centre is really moving in the younger levels where the enthusiasm is great to see. Parental involvement has been terrific this year - in fact a couple of our organisers have found time to actually watch their own children occasionally! Keep it up when we return after Christmas please!

After Saturday 13th (Juveniles Vs Geriatrics) we have a break until Saturday January 24th with a training session before our Centre Multi-Event Championships on Saturday 31. This is the first time we have run this event - it will be well worthwhile finishing holidays early to win a medallion or trophy.

Coaching sessions are held on Fridays 5 to 6 at Romsey. All Little Athletes welcome to come down to improve their fitness and athletics skills.

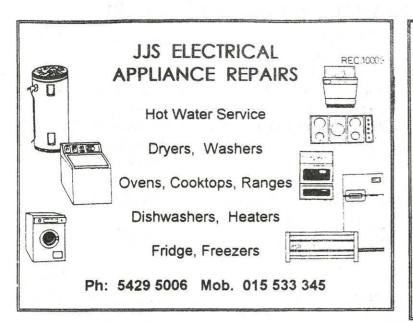
More information on Little Athletics in our area on 5429 1751 or 5429 5968

### Audax

Some of you may have noticed groups of 'loudly' dressed pushbike riders going through Lancefield a couple of weeks ago. The riders were teams who were taking part in the Opperman All Day event. The teams chose their start and route, conned someone into meeting them regularly to provide food, clothes, gear etc, headed off at 9 am Saturday 15 November along a pre-approved route (no seeing which way the wind was blowing first!) and finished in Rochester at 9 am Sunday morning having done at least 360 kilometres in the ensuing 24 hours. The teams that went through Lancefield started in Melbourne - one at the GPO and one in Preston. Their were forty teams involved from start areas all over the place - Canberra, Tumut, Wagga, Mt. Gambier, Geelong, Corryong to name a few. Rochester is the finish point because it was the birth place of the great long distance rider Sir Hubert Opperman. The ride finishes in front of the Oppy monument in the main street (teams then eagerly queue to have their photos taken in front of it). The ride is not a race although there is a shield for the team that does the longest distance. This year it was a time containing a 63 year old from Port Fairy who pedalled 550 kms in the 24 hours. Another Audax ride is coming through Kilmore, Lancefield and Romsey on Saturday 13th December. This ride of 200kms and starts at Macleod before winding its way through Wandong, Seymour, Kilmore, Lancefield before turning at Romsey. The ride is called the Gloworms' Gambol as it starts late in the afternoon and finishes in the early hours of the morning. It is not a team event and riders will becoming through singly and in groups from sometime after 7. At the Lions Park in Romsey they will get their Control Card stamped as proof of their presence and have a drink and some food.

Audax Australia organises lots of rides throughout the year. The rides vary from 50 km to 1200km. They are not races but there are time limits for riders. A speed of 15km per hour must be averaged over a ride. This means you have 3 hours 20 minutes to complete 50 km up to 80 hours for 1200 kms. Most of the rides are 100/200 kms and over in a day. Before his death last year Oppy described Audax as 'the last of the true bicycle amateurs'. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Audax contact Andy Moore on 5429 1751. In the meantime please extend the courtesy of the road to all bike riders - perhaps you yourself might be one of them one day.

Thankyou most sincerely: Each month the Romsey Rag is produced using only voluntary assistance from a large number of local citizens. Without this regular, reliable help you would not be receiving this publication each month. The editorial committee are greatly indebted to the typists, collators, deliverers, contributors, advertisers and publishers. This edition is the 14th Christmas edition. Now that is something about which we can all be really proud. We have therefore been publishing since the middle of 1984, with only a break over January each year! Thankyou to everyone for their continuing support and good will. Now that does sound like a Christmas message. Seasons Greetings to all. Please look for your next edition in February 1998. Have a happy and safe new Year! - Trevor Turnham - on behalf of the editorial committee.



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Fires are prohibited in the open air for burning off grass, scrub, stubble or rubbish unless a permit is given by Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

Solid fuel barbecues may be lit providing the area around and over them is cleared of flammable material for a distance of 3 metres and the fire is 7.5 metres from the nearest log or tree. Always ensure there is sufficient water on hand in case of emergencies. Special permits are required by caterers on total fire ban days.

Welding, grinding, soldering and glass cutting are permitted providing equipment is fitted with a fire resistant shield, there is sufficient water on hand in case of a fire outbreak and a properly cleared area around the place of work.

People operating chainsaws and mowers on dry grass must have at least nine litres of water on hand when restrictions are in force and ensure their equipment is fitted with an Australian Standards approved spark arrestor.

On days of total fire bans, all these activities are totally banned and the CFA recommends postponing works which require using tractors, slashers and chainsaws.

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Total Fire Ban & Fire Restriction Information Line

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### ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN

There are still a number of vacancies for the four year old kindergarten group in 1998. If you want to enrol your child please contact the kindergarten on 54 295 294 or the enrolment officer Jan, on 54 295 563 before the 18th December. Names will also be taken for the three year Remember, old class waiting list. you have to have your name down to be considered.



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Bring your Mum and your Dad on Christmas eve, 7pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Romsey. This Christingle service will last about 30 minutes.

There is no communion but adults are very welcome.

### COUNCIL NEWS - MONEGEETTA WARD

The Planning Scheme Steering Committee received 134 submissions on the Shire's proposed new planning scheme. The committee will review the submissions then make recommendations to Council in the new year. Council has formulated a policy regarding the extension to the garbage and recycling areas. In essence, once Council receive a request for an extension they will map out a route, count the collections along that route, discuss with Cleanaway the possibility of inclusion, ascertain the cost, then survey residents with appropriate information. If more than 50% of residents agree then a service will commence. I have given the road names to Council where residents have contacted me and am hopeful survey forms will be issued late January/early February.

Council will investigate and consider alternatives to the Farm Rate such as an environmental incentive scheme. An environmental incentive scheme is a rebate paid to owners who have undertaken environmental improvements such as soil erosion control or noxious weed eradication. The agreement is made at the beginning of the financial year and supported at the end of the period by proof such as photographs and/or statutory declarations. The scheme is not necessarily restricted to farming land and is aimed at gaining "tangible, visible return" for the rebate.

Council has also adopted a policy on fee rebates/waivers to charitable organisations for town planning and building applications. The decision to allow a rebate will be made on a case by case basis. Any person/organisation making a request must prove they are a bona fide charitable organisation and the fee rebate or waiver will apply to the first sixteen applications received in the financial year. The Government levy (\$201.1 of the Building Act) must be paid and if waived for a community group then must be paid by Council.

Being the last edition for the year, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. I would also implore you to drive with care.

Till next time.

(Cr.) Geoff NEIL

phone/fax 5429 6785

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

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-10	7.30pm (vigil	Lancefield		
Sundays of the month		1st & 3rd	2nd, 4th & 5th	
	8am	Lancefield	Romsey	
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Daily	masses: as adver	tised in the we	ekly bulletin.	
Recon	ciliation (Confes	sion): 11am S	aturday or by arran	gement

#### PRAYER LIFE

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

• 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church Hall. Contact: Merle De Silva 54 295 672. If you would like to request prayers for family or individual needs please write clearly, no names necessary, to: The Holy Name Of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

 Christian Meditation (silent prayer) St. Mary's Church, Romsey, Mon. 8-9pm. Phone: Stephen 54 295 907

The two prayer Groups mentioned go into recess over the Christmas break. If you would like prayers said for you please contact the phone numbers above, or leave a note in the box provided at the back of the Church, and members of these groups will be pleased to offer intercession for your needs.

CHURISTMAS SERVICES

# PARISH RECONCILIATION (3rd. Rite)

Tuesday 16th December, Romsey

### **ECUMENICAL CAROLS**

This year our combined carols service will be held in the Uniting Church in Romsey at 7.30pm.

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

VIGIL MASS Wednesday 24th December, 7.30pm.

MIDNIGHT MASS Lancefield.

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th December, Romsey, 9.00am.

#### DROP-IN CENTRE

Every first Thursday of the month 4th Dec.(Christmas Breakup), coffee morning/afternoons are held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 10.30 am start. The

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Lancefield/ Romsey offer a table of goods for sale, card games etc. Come & have a browse & chat, you will be most welcome! For transport call the

Presbytery 54 292 130

The people of the Catholic Church of Lancefield and Romsey would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a joyous and blessed Christmas and that the new year brings you happiness and peace.

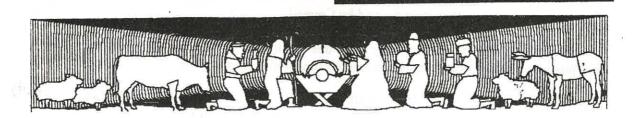
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children.

'For there is a child born to us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Councillor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'.

(Isaiah 9:5-6) (8th century BC)

'God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race...'

(St. Paul's letter to Titus 2:11) (65 AD written on journey through Crete, Asia-Minor, Macedonia and Greece.)



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### Swap Meet

rior to the November meeting, a small group of members attended the Computer Swap Meet at the old Moonee Ponds Town Hall. Thanks to the goodwill of Computer Events, the event organiser, those who attended were given complimentary entry into the swap meet. Before leaving for the meet, we discussed what we each were looking for, and what we expected to be able to find.

Here's some tips for those attending a swap meet:

- Take a copy of the "Green Guide", a software catalogue, or a recent computer magazine with which you can compare prices
- Have a good idea of what you are going to buy
- Take a notepad with you
- · Make time to see what's on offer
- To keep overheads low, most of the traders at the meet prefer cash only.
   If you have a rough estimate of what

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Third Sunday of each month
No meeting in Dec, Jan 18, Feb 21
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for details

you are going to buy, take enough cash to make the purchase.

After returning from the swap meet, we held our regular monthly meeting and had a bit of a show and tell to see what bargains we had picked up and what others were to be found for future reference. One unfortunate member, who had not attended, winced when they found out how much they could have saved by shopping at the SwapMeet.



### Member Benefits

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### Next Meeting

As the Christmas break is nearly upon us, there will be no meeting during December, and the Committee wishes everyone a safe and happy festive season. The next meeting of the Macedon Ranges Computer Club will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> 1998, where we'll hold another of our problem solving sessions (great for any niggling problem that may have occurred during the Christmas break).

Stuart McMinn - President

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English they say, is the language most used, Most written, most spoken, most cruelly abused. The plural of box we all know is boxes, Yet the plural of ox is oxen not oxes, A goos is a goose, but two are called geese, So why isn't more than one moose quoted meese? The plural of mouse is not mouses but mice, The plural of house is houses, not hice. The plural of brother is brothers or brethren, And yet we say mothers but never methren. The plural of man? The answer is men. The plural of pan? Who dares to say pen? For more than one tooth we designate teeth. Then why isn't more than one booth know as beeth? The cow in plural is sometimes the kine, But whoever spoke of two vows as the vine? You can readily double a foot and have feet, But try as you might you can't make root, reet. If this in my hand were two, it would be these. And yet is the plural of kiss ever kese? We clarify the pronouns as he, his and him. But never, it's certain, as she, shis and shim. No wonder that foreigners nearly go mad And speak our good English atrociously bad.

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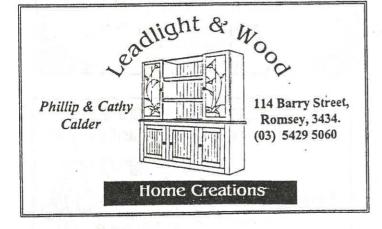
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