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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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Season 2000

Registration Day - Sunday 13th February, 2000
11:00am

at Romsey Football Club Rooms

(New registrations are required to provide a copy of birth certificate)

Registration Fee: \$50.00 single \$55.00 family

Season to start - 2nd April 2000

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Write to secretary RLJFC P.O. box 89 Romsey 3434.

Any queries welcome

President: Russell Carroll 5429 6444, Vice President: Terry Brady 5428 5316,

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Australia Day

Macedon Ranges Young Citizen of the year award

In a ceremony at Mt. Macedon near the entrance to the Memorial Cross the Macedon Ranges Australia Day awards were presented. Among the recipients was Trivess Moore, a 16 year-old from Lancefield. Trivess attends Braemar College on the Mount where he is the school athletics captain.

Trivess has competed at Lancefield/Romsey Little Athletics and has qualified to compete at a state level in athletics and cross country. Along with competing he is also a qualified coach and assists with the coaching duties at LRLA.

When the awards were announced the mayor of the Macedon Ranges, Councilor Noel Harvey announced that Trivess was 'an excellent role model.'

We at the Romsey Rag would also like to congratulate Trivess on his award.



The Road to Sydney - An Olympic Odyssey

A local girl's dream realized

On June 8th the Olympic flame arrives from Olympia at Uluru and begins its 100 day journey around this wide great land of ours to Homebush in Sydney's west where the games of the 27th olympiad will be held. During this time the flame will be carried by 10,000 proud Australians to all corners of our island nation.

The flame arrives here in Victoria on July 30th for it's 21 day 3464km trek around the garden state. It will enter the state from South Australia via Mt. Gambier onto Hamilton, Portland, Port Fairy and Warnambool then along the Great Ocean Road to Colac. From there it will leave the coast and head inland travelling through Camperdown, Ararat, Stawell, Horsham, St. Arnaud and onto Swan Hill.

It travels down the Murray Valley Highway via Kerang to Echuca then zig zagging its way back down the middle of the state taking in the townships of Shepparton, Bendigo, Maryborough, Castlemaine, Ballarat and Geelong then onto Melbourne where it will do a lap of the MCG carried by Ron Clarke, the same bearer who ran around the MCG back in 1956 and lit the cauldron to begin the games of the 16th Olympiad.

The flame journeys from Melbourne to Tasmania for a tour of the Apple Isle then returns and heads through Gippsland to Bairnsdale. After reaching Bairnsdale it returns via the Princes Hwy. to Warragul before heading inland again, wending its way via Seymour, Benalla and Wangaratta then heading up over the Alpine ranges to Mt. Hotham.

From there the flame heads back down to Albury/Wodonga where it leaves Victoria on the 14th of August making a brief return to Mildura during the NSW leg of the relay.

The flame will pass closest to our township during the Castlemaine - Ballarat leg during which one of our own citizens will carry the torch. The person with that honour is Colleen Graham, a 6th grade student from Romsey Primary School. Colleen is also a member of the Lancefield/Romsey Little Athletics Centre and can be seen competing with her peers on almost any given Saturday morning during Summer and Autumn. Colleen also competes and is successful in a number of other sports



within the community including Netball, and Football (where she is the only girl in the under 12's team).

To become a torch bearer, Colleen had to initially be nominated. Only 5000 members of the general public were selected from 43,000 nominees nation wide and then met a number of criteria set down by SOCOG. There is also a minimum age requirement, all torch bearers have to be over 12 years of age before the relay begins on the 8th of June, Colleen turns 12 a mere 2 months prior to this commencement date making her one of the youngest torch bearers in the country.

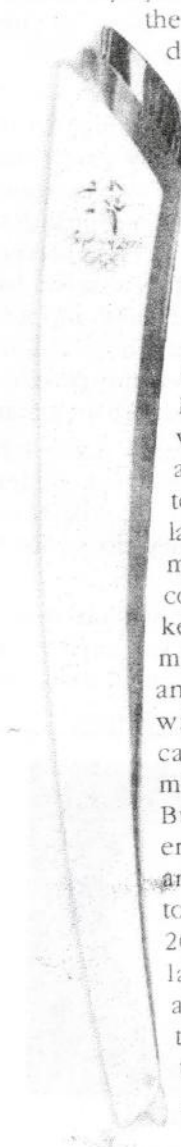
At this stage we are able to tell you that Colleen will be running her leg of the torch relay, a distance of between 500 and 1000 metres on Friday 28th of July in the afternoon at Tylden. We at The Romsey Rag will hopefully be able to give more precise details closer to the time of the run.

We would like to congratulate Colleen on this great honour and wish her all the best on her Olympic odyssey.

Did you Know?

The olympic torch to be carried by the 10,000 bearers has been designed and tested to stay alight in winds of up to 65kph and in a tropical downpour. It has a built in safety feature whereby it will self extinguish after 10 seconds if left lying on the ground or inverted.

Weighing just over 1kg (the torch for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics weighed in at over 8kg) and a length of 72cm the torch is made up of three layers, the inner layer is made of stainless steel and contains the combustor to keep the flame lit. The middle layer is blue anodised aluminium and will house the fuel cannister containing a mixture of Propane and Butane which is environmentally friendly and will allow the flame to burn for approximately 20 minutes. The outer layer is made of aluminium with a textured finish. A new torch is lit on every leg of the 100 day journey, 10,000 torches in all.



The Romsey Artists

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Letters to the editor

The dangers of children riding on our main roads

It has come to my attention that there are children as young as six riding their pushbikes to school unsupervised and although there has been no reported cases at this time it is only a matter of time before one or more of these children are injured or worse.

During the last week of school in 1999 I almost knocked down a child that swerved out unexpectedly. Parents have to realise that it can be very dangerous for their siblings to be pedalling down a main thoroughfare even supervised. Children at the age of six or seven have very little if any road sense and it has been proven that the vast majority haven't yet developed the peripheral vision that we as adults take for granted.

The Romsey Primary School has repeatedly requested that students below grade 4 not ride to school unsupervised and they do so for the reasons stated above.

We as responsible parents need to heed this request before the community is faced with a tragedy.

Concerned Parent - Romsey



DAVID LAWTON

12/7/1970 - 29/11/1999

To the wonderful people of Romsey.

Sue, Jeff, Anthea, Gary, Zardia, Ty & Sheridan would like to thank you for the cards, flowers, phonecalls, food, calling in, and the support we received after the sudden death of David. To all the people who came to the funeral we are sorry we never had a chance to speak to you, as you know there were a lot of people and it just wasn't possible to speak to everyone. We hope you accept this as our thank you.

We also want to dispel any rumours you may have heard. David did not drown in our pool at home, he had a massive heart attack while working out at a gym in Richmond.

The Romsey Rag February 2000

HELPFUL HINTS

We hope all the Rag readers will have some input into this column each month. Men and women please. We want those ideas you have had handed down to you through your families. Little things you've found out for yourselves. They may be the way you've be doing it for as long as you can remember but some of us out here don't know there is an easier path to what we are trying to achieve.

HINTS FOR FEBRUARY:

A rubber band around that obstinate screw jar lid will usually grip enough to undo it.

Turn partly used jars of condiments etc upside down in the fridge - it helps stop mould forming.

Camera film containers are great for change in the car or caravan for phone calls or meters.

So send your original or helpful ideas to the Post Office before the 21st of each month. Thanks.

THANK YOU

To the Romsey Pub from the Watts Family

Rod, Joy, Soctt and all the staff at the Romsey Pub turned on a wonderful night for New Year's Eve. The food, service and entertainment was excellent. Thank you and congratulations from the Watts Family and their local, city and overseas friends.

Romsey & District rostered playgroup

Year 2000 rostered playgroup

We are happy to announce that this years rostered playgroup held at the Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Romsey is due to begin on the 8th February 2000.

Enrolments are still being taken for the 3 year old group. Children must have turned 3 by the 30th April, 2000. A great bridge between playgroup and 4 year old kinder, rostered playgroup is an opportunity to meet children the same age. Parents are rostered on approximately once per month, although they are most welcome to stay each week. We meet Tuesday 9.30 - 11.30am. New children, new parents and new committee needed!!

Any enquiries please phone Andrea on 54 29 5737.

8th February, 2000. See you there.

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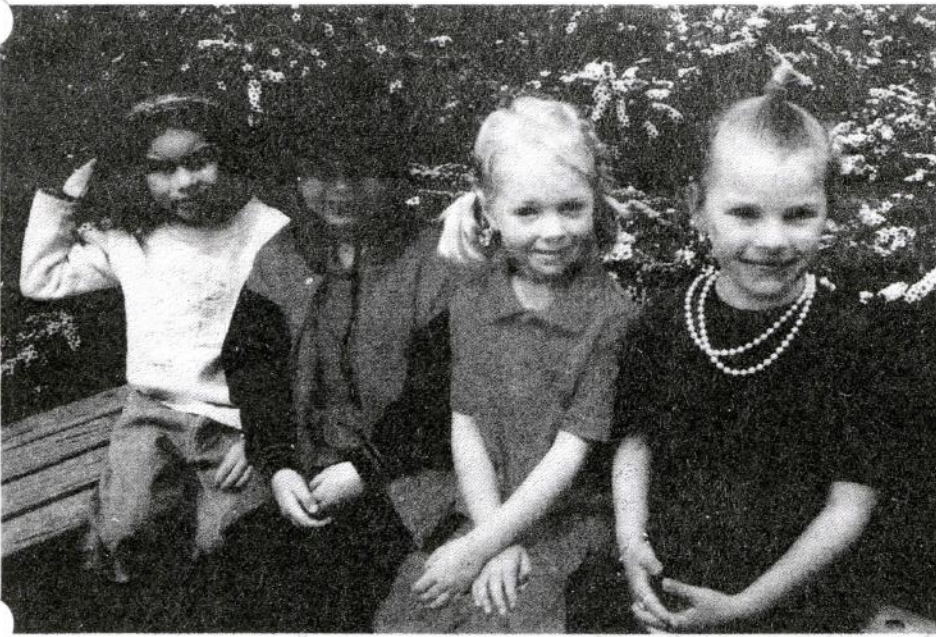
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Romsey Primary School - Education for a new Millenium



chatter and a hive of activity as all children quickly settled into the rhythm of school life. We have put together a very comprehensive Kinder to Prep transition program with many school visits, reported Prep teacher Diana Ellis. The effort has certainly paid off with all the children very comfortable in there new surroundings.

Romsey parents with children in all classes will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and discuss the individual needs of all students in the coming weeks. During this time learning goals are to be set. "The school strongly values the input from parents and their knowledge of their children's learning needs", said Principal Mr Barney Healy. "We view responsibility for children's education as a partnership between home and school. We are very anxious to maintain a positive relationship with all parents to best meet the learning needs of our students".

Smooth Start for new school children at Romsey Primary

With fifty-four new students starting school for the first time, it would be expected that there were some anxious moments for a number of families of these bright and enthusiastic youngsters

at Romsey Primary School. Despite the damp start to the day with some unseasonable weather, a visitor to these inviting and exciting junior classrooms were greeted with a lot of enthusiastic

Romsey Primary welcomes new Assistant Principal

Ms Tracy Hammill commenced as Romsey's new Assistant Principal this week. Tracy brings to the school a wealth of experience in a range of schools both large and small. She was most recently at Iramoo Primary School near Werribee.

Tracy will be taking on a number of roles including the coordination of the school's pupil welfare programs, gifted education and the school library as well as a number of administrative duties.

Focus on Pupil welfare

With a great deal of press coverage on Pupil Welfare issues in the media of late, parents and community members naturally may be keen to know what action is taking place on the local scene.

Romsey Primary School has established a welfare team of teachers to implement a coordinated whole school approach to behaviour management. At the commencement of the year, clear expectations of standards of behaviour are established. It is important that consequences for particular behaviours are clear and consistently applied. A program for



facilitating a positive social climate for all children is established. so those negative incidents do not go unreported.

While the school works hard on ensuring that a pro-active approach is adopted, children are also taught strategies to deal with unacceptable behaviour in others. This includes having a positive relationship with teachers and other adults in the school

Again establishing a team approach between home and school will give all students the confidence they need to feel secure in a safe and caring environment at our school.

COUNCIL NEWS MONEGETTA WARD COUNCILLOR - Geoff Neil

Welcome to Year 2000.

Council is now back to full strength with the election of Cr. Donna Petrovich (Hanging Rock Ward), replacing Cr. Gilbert Gordon who passed away in September last year. At the December meeting council awarded the local roads maintenance contract to Bencon again. The contract runs for 3 years with a two year option. Although Bencon were not the lowest tender received, Council felt their proposed methodology was of higher quality, particularly grading, than almost all of the other tenders. The most interesting point of Bencons tender for myself was that they stated they would use the same number of personnel this time to provide the service that 3 years ago Councils then "in house team" stated, in their tender, were required to properly do the job. At the same meeting, Council also adopted its 5 year financial strategy with one significant amendment, that a 'future' Council may amend the road maintenance portion from time to time to allow for more road construction. At the request of the Romsey School Council, the Shire has agreed to provide a disabled parking bay to the north of the main gate/vehicle access point. It will be appropriately signed and I advise that those who park in this bay without the appropriate accreditation will receive a fine for their transgression.

The contract for renovations to the Romsey Mechanics Institute was awarded to Belagna P/L of Deniliquin

(Victorian tenderers prices themselves out of the race). Works, to commence shortly, will include facade repairs and enhancements, upgrade of female toilets, internal painting, roof repairs, installation of stormwater drainage system, replacement of main exit stairway, new floor lining in foyer and supper rooms, upgrade of emergency lighting and fire extinguishers and other carpentry and glazing works. The Residential and Industrial Review strategy will be placed on exhibition for six weeks. Notices will be placed in the three local papers advising inspection locations and dates of public meetings to be held in Romsey and Riddells Creek. This is another very significant document which has the capacity to change the shape of our towns. I urge you to take the opportunity to both read it and have input into its final form. Its amazing where snippets of information turn up. On page 17 is a little item regarding reticulated gas supplies to townships with the Shire. It is suggesting that there are two alternatives. The first is the standard Calder Corridor option, i.e. Kyneton to Woodend and Gisborne at No tariff increase, or construction of a gas reticulation scheme to service ALL towns with an INCREASE IN TARIFF rate (undisclosed) spread across the Shire. If ever there was a time in which Romsey, Monegetta, Bolinda & Lancefield etc ratepayers need to stand up and be counted, assuming like me you want natural gas, this is it.

At the January meeting Council adopted its Open Space Strategy. Copies are on display at all service centres or can be purchased for \$20. This document, which has undergone an extensive public consultation process guides the Council in developing parks along waterway in main towns with improved facilities, settings and access, WITH COMMUNITY AGREEMENT dispose of surplus open space and use the proceeds to acquire land or improve existing open space WITHIN THAT TOWN, amongst other things. Effective immediately, Council has also implemented a parks Improvement Program. This program is divided into three groups with varying \$ amounts allocated for projects within those groups. Maximum grant available to community group or individual will be 50% of the project cost, including the value of donations and in kind support. First one is Central Town Parks where \$5000 per project is available. In Romsey is is the parkland along Five Mile creek including the Lions Park. Second category is cemeteries where either \$1000 is available or \$3000 on a pure \$ for \$ basis and the last category is other parks where assistance of up to \$500 for groups and \$250 for individuals is available. If your are interested in one of these grants, contact Rod Clough on 54 27 8226. Finally, there is only \$40,000 for Park Improvement Grants - first in best dressed.

Till next time (Cr.) Geoff Neil
phone/fax 54 29 6785

ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Redbacks are off to a strong start with a new committee elected at the Annual General Meeting in late 1999. In the helm is Bill Macleod, Alan Eden, Leslie Day as Vice presidents, Margaret Macleod at Treasurer, Cheryl Wright as Secretary. Michelle Brinkhuis and Kerry Brown are behind the driving force of the new social committee.

Peter Brown has been re-appointed as Senior Coach, along with Darren Lingard as Reserve Coach and Robert McIntyre as under 18's coach. Senior training is on Wednesday's at 6.00pm. Make it your New Year's Resolution to support your local footy team.

(Ed. The Committee of the Romsey Rag apologise to the President, Bill Macleod for not including his contribution in the December edition.)

The Romsey Football Club requires Trainers for the 2000 season

No Experience necessary

Training will be provided

Any enquires phone Cheryl Wright 54 29 5591

ROMSEY

CALISTHENICS

Classes for Year 2000 recommence Wednesday 2nd February

Tinies 7 years & under

4 pm - 5.15pm Romsey Mechnics Hall

Sub Juniors 9 years & under

4pm - 5.15pm Romsey Scout Hall

Juniors 12 years & under

5.15pm - 6.45pm Scout Hall

Intermediates 16 years & under

5.15pm - 6.45 Mechanics Hall

Seniors 16 years & over

6.45pm - 9.30pm Mechanics Hall.

For more information please ring:
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KYNETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Friends & Staff of Kyneton Museum invite you to their "Afternoon Tea Program" for the Year 2000 which are highlighted in the following Activities 2000 Schedule. The Afternoon Tea Program cost of \$12 includes a delicious afternoon tea at "Gonella's" Piper Street and a tour of Kyneton's Award Winning Museum.

January 12 BBQ tea in Kyneton Gardens

February 9 Meeting in rooms

February 26th Friends of Museum Afternoon tea, speaker John Flynn of Flynn's Silver - bookings 54 22 1228

March 8th Meeting

March 19th Sunday, Burke & Wills Tour,

April 12th Meeting, Heritage week displays/shop window competition

April 17th Heritage Dinner

May 10th Meeting

May 27th Friends of Museum Afternoon tea, speaker Ken Arnold - collector & author

June 14th Meeting, Video & Tea at Cobaw

June 24th Joint Function with Friends of Museum, Lace Makers Guild Display, 2 pm at St Andrews Church Hall

July 12th Meeting in room,

July 19th Pub social meeting

August 19th Meeting in Room

August 26 Friends of Museum Afternoon Tea, speaker Peter Hiscock, Executive Director of Sovereign Hill

September 13 Meeting in room, Daffodil Festival sausage sizzle & rooms open both weekends

October 11 Birthday party meeting

November 8 A.G.M.

December 13 Christmas Meeting

Lancefield -Romsey Little Athletics Centre

The centre is in for a busy month ahead. First week back we get right into it with our Multi-Event Championships. Our local competition will be augmented with a trip to Sunbury on March 5 to compete against 4 other clubs. Meanwhile we have the regional competition in Albury to look forward to on February 12 and 13. Over the holidays Glen Graham repaired the verandah on our storage shed and put a ramp in which will save our backs when carrying the equipment in and out. Thanks Glen and Frosts Sawmill for the generous price on the timber that was used. Now when we shelter on the verandah during the rain the president won't be quite so worried about the whole thing collapsing.

Annual Raffle

19 great prizes

Limited tickets available at \$2.00 each

OR

\$5.00 for 3 tickets bought in the same name

Drawn on 29th March

Tickets available from the Romsey Post Office and Romsey Medical Centre

1. Ansett Mystery flights for two
2. Half hour Harley ride for two
3. Blackwood tea tray
4. 1 metre of Redgum firewood
5. Floor rug
6. A selection of best selling fiction books
7. BP Explore Australia 2000 edition 2000
8. A-Z book of gardening in Aust and NZ
9. Campbells liqueur tokay
10. Campbells liqueur muscat
11. Campbells tawny port
12. Dozen golf balls
13. 20kg bag of dog food
14. Voucher for 5 chainsaw sharpenings
15. 2 dozen soft drinks
16. Korimco soft toy
17. Signy's hairdressing voucher
18. Perfume
19. Decorative 'dolphin' plate

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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

All Romsey Uniting Church members extend greetings to all Romsey Rag Readers for a really blessed in Year 2000. May it be a year of wonderful blessings for all of Gods people throughout the world!

Our "linked" Parish of Romsey/Lancefield are grateful for the blessing of the arrival and induction of your long-awaited minister and his family. Rev. Alan Williams, his wife Sharon and young daughter Charis are living in the Manse in Williams Street and we are hopeful that their time of ministry here will be happy and fruitful for them and for us all too. Alan's induction service as the culmination of months of planning and preparation by our selection committee, and were are all very grateful for their diligent efforts on our behalf. Rev. Graham Hall was the preacher at Alan's induction service held in Romsey Uniting Church on Friday 14th January at 7.30pm. Graham's message

for us all was that "we are all in ministry together" and we look forward to having Alan's leadership and co-ordination skills - an answer to our prayers!

Our first fundraising and "getting to know you" function will be a progressive dinner to be held on Friday 31st March - beginning with sips and nibbles" at the manse 25 William Street, then main course at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Brown, 22 Regan Drive, Romsey and concluding with desserts/tea/coffee at the Sunday School in Pohlman Street. Tickets are \$10 for single tickets \$20 for couples and \$25 for family tickets, are available from Helen 54 29 5317 or Roma Clement 54 29 5225 or Helen Quinn 54 29 5358.

A Sunday School Picnic for the whole congregation is planned for Sunday 19th March, at Strack's Sunday School. Classes start on 6th February. If there is sufficient interest, a Kids of the Uniting Church in Australia (KUCA) class could

commence on Thursdays after school. Contact Sandra for further details.

Our first Uniting Church Fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February at 1.30pm in the Sunday School Hall when our syllabus for the Year 2000 will be discussed and plans made. It will also be a "getting to know you" time with Alan and Sharon.

R.E. lessons will commence at Romsey Primary School in March and hopefully we will have sufficient teachers trained and willing to cover all Grades within the school.

Worship Services continue to be held at 9.00am each Sunday in conjunction with Sunday School lessons for all age groups, and Holy Communion is shared on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome new residents to our services and look forward to the Year 200 being truly blessed for us all with God guiding us all.

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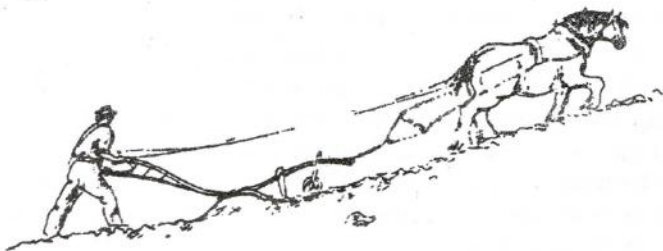
Juniors Grades 2 & 3 **Thursday 4pm - 5pm**

Inters Grades 4, 5 & 6 **Thursday 5pm - 6pm**

Seniors Year 7 - 12 **Thursday 6pm - 7pm**

Ring Michelle on 9740 7864.

Romsey & Districts Historical Society Inc



We in Romsey/Lancefield are heading into history as we enter this new millennium. If you wish to stay connected with history why not attend your districts Historical Societies Annual General Meeting on February 22nd and be involved in keeping the districts past alive so that the future generations can be connected to the place we all call home. The meeting will be held in the districts only community owned property "Seymour Cottage" in Palmer Street at 8.00pm.

The Year 2000 Historical Societies planned activities will be presented at the meeting and you would be able to share in the joy of partaking in the

processes of individual contribution in bringing the community closer to the historical resources we have on offer.

The first activity planned to whet the appetite of residents is a simple one.

It will reveal to you the processes and sense of discovery in how an ordinary human being is recorded through history. Called "Lucy's Story" this archival mapping service is revealed through Victoria's Public Record Office and the exhibition to be held at the Lancefield Courthouse Museum from Saturday March 4th to Sunday 26th March 2000. Opened from 11.00am to 3.00pm each Thursday to Sunday during those dates.

"Lucy's Story" is a private life revealed through public records. Public records trace her short and everyday life from her arrival in the colony in 1855. You may have a Lucy Bell Singer Campbell in your families history and the Romsey/Lancefield Districts Historical Societies exhibition will provide information on the steps to follow when researching a life and guide you to the appropriate records.

The Society thanks the Public Record Office, Victoria for their assistance with this exhibition.

For further information contact in Lancefield Bronwyn Wilson 54 29 1360 or Romsey Jean Clement 54 29 5417.

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The rain at Christmas was very welcome and the fold course has certainly benefited from it. The annual Romsey-Lancefield challenge was held on Saturday 15th January at Lancefield. It was a very close contest with Romsey winning by .05. The average score for Lancefield was 33.94 while Romsey's average score was 34. Well done to the Romsey members that played. The club is holding a NIGHT GOLF game on Saturday 19th February. The cost will be \$10. This includes a BBQ tea commencing at 7.00pm followed by a game of golf. This is a fun evening and if anyone is interested in playing contact Geoff Pyke 5429 5144 or Mary Campbell 5429 5629.

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Both Men's Pennant sides have chances of making the finals; especially the second side. It will be interesting to see how things pan out this season given the new points system in operation. Let's try and win as many matches as we can. Twilight mixed bowls is held on Friday evening starting at 5.30pm. Please have your names on

the board by 5.00pm. Everyone will be made most welcome, especially new bowlers.

Some dates for your diary:

Feb 2000

Sun 13th Champion of Champions Day 1 9.30am

Sun 20th Champion of Champions Final 9.30am

Sun 27th Men's Club Triples (2 rounds at least) 9.30am

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Tip of the Month

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e.g. VET anti-virus has an auto download feature when the program detects that the scanning software is out of date and will automatically get the latest update if requested.

Doing something along these lines will ensure that you are less likely to get a virus attaching itself to your computer.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Third Sunday of each month
None in 20 Feb, 19 Mar, 16 Apr
2:00 p.m. at BUNGAWITTA (old primary school) in ROMSEY Cnr. Palmer and Main Rds.
Bring a plate for afternoon tea

Got a problem?

If you have a computer problem you would like addressed please feel free to come along to our next open forum meeting that we are continuing to hold so that everyone can benefit. To assist in the resolution of your problem, you can either bring in your computer or print a description of any error message(s) and a copy of your configuration files.

February 2000 Meeting

Another piece of the so-called "millennium bug" may strike this month, as this year is not like normal century years and is a leap year. What will the ramifications be for most users?

We will also hold another free format session this month, so if you have a problem you would like looked at, come along (see "Got a problem?").

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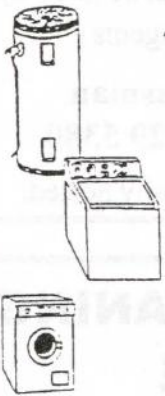
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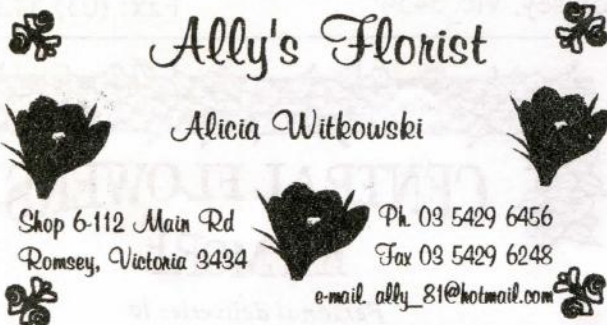
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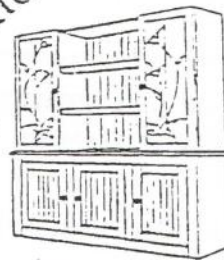
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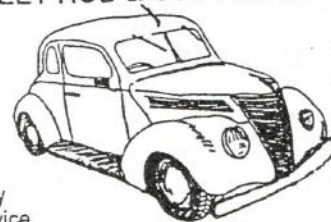


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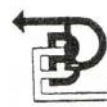
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It is 5.15am on 1st January 2000 and I am sitting rugged up in the brisk Springfield morning air, with my two loyal friends, my little dogs "Bella" and "Hamish" on the east verandah facing my favourite view waiting for the sunrise. A cup of tea always revives me and many memories come flooding back of the 1900's and way back to my childhood at Bealiba and Bolinda. I think of my dear old Dad (Harold Pennington) who hoped to see 3 centuries. He was born on 21st March 1899 but died at age 66 on 14th August 1965 so he certainly missed surviving until 2000.

After all the hype and advertising regarding the millennium "Bug", the 1st of January 2000 has finally arrived, and apart from the noticeably quiet evening with very little aeroplane traffic, the power still on, and my radio is working as usual, and electric kettle for my "cuppa" is still functioning!!!

Having lived at "Bank Glen" Springfield for 41 years now, I think of other New Years mornings with 4 young sons growing up here and all enjoying being part of a family partnership. I remember being a nurse at the Royal Children's Hospital and think of nurses there now on night duty with a community taking for granted that all hospitals everywhere will be staffed! How very different hospitals are now compared to my days of training!

The sun is starting to appear on the horizon with a strange misty haze and maybe it will be a specially beautiful sunrise for this special morning. I feel close to God at sunrise and sunset particularly, and I thank God for my gift of life, my parents and family, my education, my special friends and my pets but most of all I thank God for his constant and unconditional love, and without my faith in him my life would have been in vain.

Thank you God for everything in your wonderful world, and I pray you will show me the way ahead in the Year 2000. I conclude with my favourite verse which I share with you all "Never be Discouraged" by Helen Steiner Rice.

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