

# THE ROMSEY RAG

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**Just an update  
on the situation  
regarding the  
Ambulance...**

A Committee has been set up recently by the Department of Human Services and Rural Ambulance Victoria (which will meet monthly) to determine land availability, station requirements, etc. and our committee members have been invited to be involved in that process.

I will keep you posted when any decisions have been made.

Regards,

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARJ!

One of our local identities, Marj Pifferer, turns 90 years of age on the 3rd September!

Marj moved to Romsey from Eltham 19 years ago. A keen breeder and successful "shower" of dogs and cats, she was also an experienced horsewoman and successful rider in many shows.

During the war years Marj did her bit by driving a bakers cart! Earlier she drove an ambulance for the Lort Smith Animal Hospital and has continued her interest in animal welfare to this day. Her love of animals also led her to be

employed at the Melbourne Zoo for some years. A qualified herd tester, Marj also enjoyed working in that capacity at Philip Island. Always a keen gardener, she ran a garden shop for many years at Montmorency and still enjoys growing flowers and plants. She continues her life interest in needlework and crafts and is a keen member of Romsey C.W.A. Always ready to lend a hand, Marj also delivered Meals on Wheels in Romsey at one time. Never a minute wasted in her 90 years by the sound of things!!

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## The Romsey Recreation Centre PARK LANE ROMSEY.



### INDOOR SOCCER COMPETITION STARTING SOON!!!

The interest in this program has been terrific, and we will be in touch with these people shortly. Do not miss your chance to be part of this exciting new program. Call us now to enter yourself or a team.

#### Tai -Chi

The centre has now been running Tai-Chi classes for a term with a very experienced instructor, and feedback has been very positive. Why not come down and try it for yourself. Your first session is free!!!

#### SENIOR MIXED BASKETBALL

Senior basketball is always looking for new teams on Tuesday nights. Enter your own team or we will put you in a team.

#### JUNIOR BASKETBALL

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## LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Spring is in the air...don't you just love this time of the year with its daffodils and bulbs emerging. Speaking of gardens we have been busy with the garden at the House. At a working bee on August 20<sup>th</sup> the Romsey/Lancefield Lions Club completed a "FRONT YARD BLITZ". Future work will see a garden shed and playground equipment installed and the completion of the Kids vegie garden. We are also desperate for some new signage for the House and the Out of Hours School Care. A talented volunteer would be most appreciated. As a non-profit organisation we rely on the generosity of the community so if anyone can assist us with things for either indoors (e.g. old computers, computer games, toys etc) or anything to complete our plans for the outside both the children and the staff will be most appreciative.

Upcoming courses for Term 4, events and services which may assist you or your business:

Xmas Teddy Bear (New) October 10 - 24

Make a cute Xmas Bear

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 10am to 12noon

Tutor: Joanne Butterfield

Christmas Decorations (New) October 11 - November 29

Want to learn to make lovely handmade Christmas Decorations.

Day: Wednesday

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Tutor: Robyn Miller

Bus Trips with Les Jones - Cost \$10 Adults - Children \$2.00

November 17<sup>th</sup> were off to the Shepparton Canneries. Book early as there has been a lot of interest shown.

December 15<sup>th</sup> our last trip and a real money saver for Xmas at the Victoria Market.

Pickups at Old Romsey Post Office & Monegetta by arrangement

Lancefield Community House for your next Conference

Do you need a venue for a conference or meeting?

\$15 per session includes gas heating, white board and urn and cups available

Linda Davies - Secretary

## VICTORIAN 2000 STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rag has ask the Neelys to let us know how their talented swimmers are going. Here is proud mum, Karen's report.

Samantha swam in the 14 year old girls 100m Butterfly on August 5<sup>th</sup> and swam 1.15.03 a 5 second PB to come 13<sup>th</sup> in the State. This is a great achievement for Sammy as usually she comes in about 30<sup>th</sup> in the State. All her hard training is starting to pay off for her; she is now looking forward to the State Championships in January.

Emma, who is 10 swam in the 11 year old 100m Backstroke on August 20<sup>th</sup> and finish with a Victorian 2000 State Silver Medal. She swam a 2 second PB and only missed out on the gold by .16 hundreds of a second. The gold winning time was 1.16.28 and Emma clocked 1.16.44. Unfortunately due to the flu we scratched Emma from the other five events she had qualified for. Emma was very upset she couldn't compete but the family, her coach and Emma herself are now saying "look out in the January Championship".

Watch out in the February edition of the Romsey Rag on the report from State Championship in January. Good luck girls.

## PHYSIOTHERAPY

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### Symptoms of Neck and Lower Back Problems:

Sciatica

Muscle stiffness (spasm) in neck, back or limbs

Numbness in the limbs

Pins and needles in the limbs

Headaches

Shoulder pain or stiffness

Neck, Arm, Hip or Leg pain

Muscle weakness

### Other Common Conditions Treated:

Muscular and ligamentous sprains and strains

Arthritic complaints

Sports injuries

Fallen arches

Respiratory conditions

Post fracture rehabilitation

Spinal joint inflammation

# Monthly Business Profile

## -This Months Business is the Romsey Movieland

The Rag appreciates the extent of support the businesses in the district give yearly to our publications. As a way of seeing the human face behind these busy patrons we are going to run a monthly questionnaire and ask volunteers from our business community to share their thoughts with us all ... (Mind you editorial assistant Kym Raverty had to really twist Ken's arm to be the first volunteer)

### *What does your business provide?*

Videos. A great range of new release and weekly videos. Nintendo 64 and playstation games. All of this with great friendly service from helpful staff.

### *What were your reasons for starting your business?*

I thought it was a good idea at the time -Boy was I wrong! (Joke)

### *Why did you choose the north east corner of the Macedon Ranges as the location for your business?*

I have lived in this area for almost 30 years - nearly a local.

### *What is the favourite part of the town in which you live?*

No favourites. Romsey is a nice place - especially for young families - however, we need more "whatever" to keep teenagers/young men and women active and involved locally.

### *What services in the town of Romsey could assist your business?*

If it helps Romsey grow it would help all businesses.

Perhaps a more exciting streetscape. Definitely more businesses whereby we can all feed off one another to grow the town.

### *Who is the Australian you most admire?*

Not sure about one. Australia has plenty of role models in business, sport and the arts. I hate the 'Aussie - tall poppy syndrome'. We should all get in and have a go - who knows what we could achieve.

### *What would you like to be remembered for?*

Fairness and honesty.

### *What footy team do you barrack for? (Be careful with this question you could lose customers...)*

Western Bulldogs.

But I really love golf - if my ability matched my desire I'd be a world beater.

### *Are you optimistic about the future of the town you live in?*

No. I think Romsey/Lancefield has a lot to offer and will continue to grow slowly with the expansion of Sunbury and northern Melbourne suburbs, however, unless more people shop locally and local business remains extremely competitive (both in cost and service) the business side may suffer with commuters shopping elsewhere.

## LOCALITY GUIDE UPDATE

Dear Businesses & Services of Romsey,

Christine Sullivan of the Macedon Shire Council's Visitor Information Centres hopes that the Romsey Township map and the Macedon Ranges map, after sending them on to the Department of Natural Resources to be updated and re-printed, will be returned to Kym Raverty shortly. Kym has received 25 replies via Margaret Goodman of the Romsey Shire Office. A lot of business and services are yet to respond. If you missed the article in the April Romsey Rag we are creating a

locality guide of business and services in the Romsey township and on the Macedon Ranges Tourism Map. It should assist visitors, suppliers etc help track you down if they have trouble finding you. It will be placed to coincide with the new information ( I ) at the Romsey Service Centre entrance on the brick wall under the veranda.

We repeat below the box for you to complete and return to Margaret Goodman as soon as possible. There is no cost involved and businesses will be listed alphabetically and numbered. Kym will be placing you alphabetically

according to the first letter of the first word written in the name of business or service section. Unfortunately the current map we have to work with has no grid around it. The best we can do is indicate which map the business is on (either the Macedon Ranges map for those businesses out of the township or the township map) and they need to find the number which corresponds to the named business. If you require further information ring Kym on 54 29 5901.

Name of Business or Service: .....

Street/Road & Number:.....

Phone: .....Distance from Shire Office (eg 2kms north) .....



## 1<sup>ST</sup> ROMSEY SCOUTS

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Further enquiries contact Frank Roberts 54 29 6585

Hall bookings contact Errol Gray 54 29 5076

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sunbury  
Goonawarra Hall 7pm

# A Church on the Move IN THE YEAR 2000



### LIFE GROUPS BUILD RELATIONSHIPS!

WE HAVE SEVERAL LIFE GROUPS WHICH MEET AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGH THE WEEK.

LIFE GROUPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A FRIENDLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE, TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD. THIS IS DONE THROUGH DISCUSSION AND STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOME.

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION PHONE

Marilyn: 5429 5381, Lindsay: 5429 5944, Shaun: 5429 6651

Lorraine & Jim: 5429 6514, Elsie: 5429 6196.

**THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO RUIN  
IS TO FORGET GOD Deut 4:9**

Ps Marilyn Hunter Senior Minister

## ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Welcome to all present and prospective members to start of a new season. A special thank you to all those members who have volunteered to serve on the various committees and in particular the following office bearers for the 1999-2000 season:-

	<u>Women's Section</u>	<u>Men's Section</u>
PRESIDENT	Helene Newnham	Geoff Henshall
SNR VICE PRESIDENT	Fay Sanders	Brian Cushen
JNR VICE PRESIDENT	Dawn Henshall	Leo Wels
TREASURER	Rena Moore	Graeme Cuthbert
SECRETARY	Dorothy Thompson	Norm Thompson

### Some dates for your diary

Club Opening Day will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Names in by 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Bring a plate.

The Bob Shaw Memorial Mens Fours will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please enter teams with Norm Thompson as soon as possible.

Wishing you all good bowling for 2000-2001. Leo Wels (Press Officer)

## ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD SENIOR CLUB INC.

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If you are male or female • Aged 55 years or older

JOIN US - Every Monday 10.30am - 3.30pm

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The Club is situated behind the Romsey Mechanics Hall and with a joining fee of \$2 A YEAR - why hesitate!  
RING President Marie Snowball on 54 29 5536 or Secretary Rae Hooke 54 29 1602

NOW

# Primary School News

## Indonesian Day - Romsey Primary School Way!

Sarongs, satays and songs were all the go on Indonesian Day at Romsey Primary School. This annual school celebration is held on August 17th to acknowledge the date when Indonesia gained independence from the Dutch in 1945. A fun and highly educational whole day school-wide program was organised by Mrs Sue Little, a fully qualified teacher of Indonesian. "We are committed to making our students 'Asia literate'," said Sue Little, "and to fostering understandings about the range of interesting and diverse cultures that can be found in this part of the world."



The school community was invited to participate in a range of cultural and language experiences to provide a deeper awareness of the Bahasa Indonesia program that is run across all levels of the school. Using spoken and

written Indonesian and wearing colorful sarongs, the students played 'Romsey Bingo' as they walked around the streets of their home town looking for clues to complete their Bingo Cards.

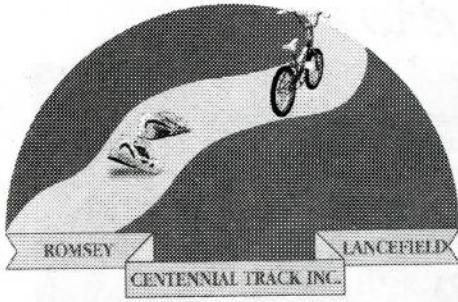


An Indonesian performing artist, Pak Ronnie Mas, was invited to the school to provide demonstrations of Indonesian martial arts and traditional chants that are still practiced by Indonesian villagers today.

After all this hard work it was time to celebrate with a delicious satay, rice, and fruit kebab lunch. By the end of the day everyone agreed that the Indonesian celebrations were definitely bagus (good).



# ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK INC.



Things are going very well with the Bike Track and we are presently in discussion with the Shire as to when construction can commence. Watch the Rag/Mercury for further details! Many thanks to Conally's Real Estate for sponsoring our recent Sausage Sizzle in the Shopping Centre at Romsey. Our calendar of events is as follows:-

- August 26th is the Plays to be performed at the Romsey Mechanics Hall, as I write these have still to be held, so I hope it all goes well.
- We have a "Spring Raffle" on the go at the moment - the prize being a Dinner for two at either the Romsey Hotel or McCoy's Restaurant at the Centrevic Motor Inn, Lancefield to the value of \$50! Not bad for a 50 cent ticket. To be drawn on the 1st November and tickets are being sold

from the Romsey Medical Centre, Romsey Post Office, Lancefield Home & Rural and Lancefield Motors.

- Next on our very busy agenda is a Family Bike Ride to the Lancefield Show! Held on the morning of the show, 15th October, and starting at 10.30a.m. from the Romsey Police Station, it will cost \$2 per child and \$5 per adult - this also includes entry to the Showgrounds when you get there! This is approximately 10Km but don't worry, we will have "Comfort Stations" along the way. We will also have the assistance of the Kyneton Cycling Club and the Police who will make sure all is safe for our riders. Just turn up on the morning - any questions? - give a member of the committee a ring and they will be able to help you.

So, never a dull moment is there? Hope you can make it along to one of the events but if not you can still make a donation at any time using the form below.

Thanks for all your support - we can make this happen!

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.  
54295 724 a/h.



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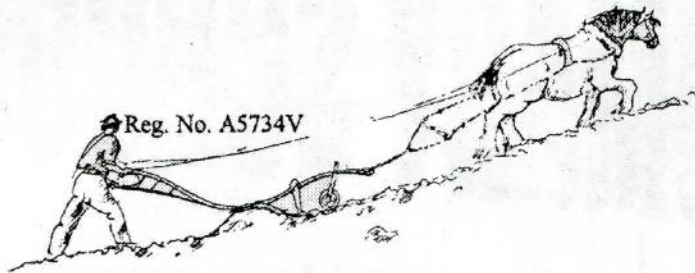
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# Historically Speaking

## Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, 3434.



### Photographic exhibition 'MY PLACE' opens

When you receive this month's Romsey Rag you may still have time to catch some local talent and cast your vote for your favourite photo at the Society's exhibition at the Lancefield Courthouse on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of August from 11.00am - 3.00pm. The Society would again like to thank local councillor Alice Aird for opening the exhibition.

Alice was well supported by her family and it was great to see families enjoying a drink and supper while discussing the reasons for the selection of their favourite photo. The Lancefield Courthouse team have also spent time

working on a display on local schools in the Macedon Ranges and a visitor to the opening of the exhibition got a shock to recognise herself in the Lancefield State School photograph displayed. Why not take your older family members along to see if they feature in any of the photographs.

### Upcoming events on offer to the Lancefield & Romsey communities historically are:

Another Public Record Office exhibition. Come along and track down a serial killer.

"Frederick Bailey Deeming - A Tale of bigamy, theft and murder" to be held at the Lancefield Courthouse in early September.

The next Morning Coffee & Conversation at Seymour Cottage, Romsey is for anyone who hasn't quite got the knack in making that light as air sponge or scones which rise like Nana could. Please come along to the Cottage on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

Remember all are welcome to Society Meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the Month at Seymour Cottage.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2000.

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## LANCEFIELD SPRING SHOW & HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION

Organised by Lancefield Branch of  
Country Womens Association of Victoria Inc.

**Friday and Saturday**  
**September 8th and 9th, 2000**  
**Lancefield Mechanics Institute**

Friday 8th September - 2.00pm to 6.00pm  
Saturday 9th September - 9.30am to 3.00pm

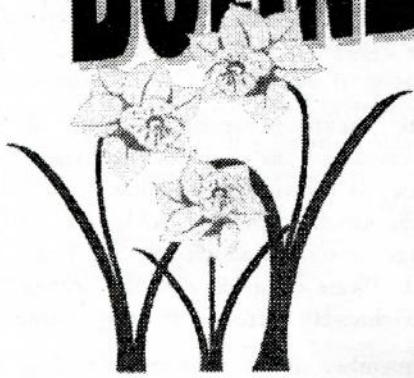
Admission: Adults \$3, children 50 cents  
Includes morning or afternoon tea.

Presentation of Awards - 2pm Saturday 9th September

Entries to be lodged with Mrs. B. Bucknell -  
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by Tuesday 5th September, 2000  
- Cost 20 cents per entry.

# BOVINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SPRING FAIR

# 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2000

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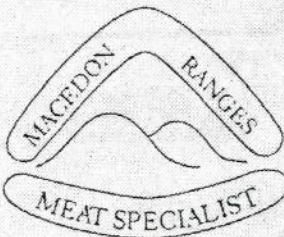
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## COUNCIL NEWS - MT WILLIAM WARD

### Letter to the GREAT Mt William Ward Community

How has your month been? Mine has again been very full and interesting. There is a common belief I find that the role of Shire Councillor is an arduous and thankless one. This is not my experience. While it is very time consuming (85-95 hours of actual meetings per month seems to be the norm), I do not find this time hard to give, because it is so stimulating and rewarding. I continue to be amazed at the number of talented and dedicated people who generously give their time to community groups. I am discovering to my delight, that we are an even greater community and that community involvement is much greater than I had realised.

During the election I wrote about people being our greatest resource. Now I want all of us to know how great this community really is. I think we need to work on our 'community self-esteem'. Like individuals, communities which are unaware of their true qualities may find it hard to achieve what they are capable of. So let each other know what you are doing and actively invite people to come to your groups just for a 'look see'. If ten people come, one may stay and nine will know something of your work and appreciate it more.

### Swimming Pools and All That

Weekly three hour meetings of the Aquatic Strategy Working Party have been a big commitment and a fascinating process providing a wealth of information. Now comes the hard part of actually deciding the best approach to providing affordable and equitable pool facilities for our communities. All contributors have been most helpful and generous with time and information. In particular, thank you to Lancefield Pool Committee, for their valuable knowledge and experience and the open mindedness they contributed to the discussion.

### The Shire Debt

If you are concerned about Shire debt and don't mind a few figures, hang in there and I will try to communicate my

new understandings as simply as possible. If not just skip this bit!

One way to better understand our debt level is by comparisons with other 'similar' municipalities. Generally we are compared to a group of 17 'large rural' councils. In 1997/98 our total debt was 64 % of our annual rate revenue, the seventh lowest of this 17 councils, where the lowest was 32% and the highest was 107%.

Our loans were also restructured in 1998/99, largely to extinguish the 'unfunded superannuation liability' which was a result of amalgamation, and this has resulted in a \$10.4 million debt locked in at approx. 5.9% per annum for 15 years. Annual payments have been reduced in this restructuring by \$170,000 per annum. The increased borrowings brought our total debt to 86% of rate revenue. For 99/2000 our total debt had fallen again to 68%, and it is forecast to fall again in 2000/2001.

This restructuring of our debt is already working well for us. For instance, in March 2000, variable interest rates were up to 7.2% which meant an annual saving of \$135,000 and of \$2 million over 15 years.

The most important measure of a council's level of indebtedness is the percentage of rate revenue which goes to debt payments (principal and interest), with under 10% being generally considered desirable. The figures of debt repayments in relation to rate revenue below tell an interesting story.

Woodend	1992	20.9%
Kyneton	1992	7.8%
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Basically, I am satisfied that we have an acceptable level of debt, which is being well managed and is reducing as part of a long term financial strategy.

### Of Fairness and Pre-school fences

I mention this again, mainly because the belief that there is some deliberate unfair treatment going on is very bad for that community self-esteem. Both Romsey and Woodend Pre-school's fences have been funded by the Shire to upgrade to regulations. My understanding is that Romsey Pre-school also had plans to make some other improvements to the fence and landscaping, for which they had raised funds. The division of contributions from the Shire and the community was negotiated by the council officer and the Council accepted the recommendation by the shire officer involved, for both Romsey and Woodend. The Woodend fence works involve only upgrading to regulations. This explains the difference in the level of shire funding.

To me, the real question here is not to compare the two pre-schools on this one matter only. Over time a relationship is built up between the shire human services officer and agencies such as pre-schools. I have been informed that these relationships are working well, that people feel listened to and fairly treated by the officer involved. Of course that doesn't mean that they get everything they would like. The officer must juggle many demands on limited funds, not an easy task. In most cases the officer's recommendations are what guides council decisions of this nature, and this is what happened here. If the Council is following the advice of skilled and experienced officers, who are acknowledged to have good communication with the agencies concerned, where is the deliberate unfairness?

In brief, would you like to contribute an idea or two to the Cultural Recreation Strategy which is being developed right now? Contact me on the number below.

Alice Aird  
Councillor for Mt William Ward

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# WHAT'S NEW FOR THE GREEN THUMB

from Wendy Sutherland's Romsey Garden World

The elms are well and truly budding in Main Street and you don't need nursery advice that spring is all but here.

Anyone waiting for the turn of the month will have already missed the jump as they say in the racing world. Bulbs are already in profusion. Even if you gave them a miss in autumn, potted bulbs in flower are readily available.

Hyacinths are scenting the air in the chilly mornings. Those who purchased bare-rooted roses, fruit trees etc are already seeing winter's skeletal shapes

burst into life. New season's seedlings are increasingly available while "potted color" - advanced seedlings - are much in demand. With blossom bursting everywhere, next weekend is certainly your last chance to safely spray against all the traditional pest invaders. Remember - spraying is not a task for younger children or even grandfather without proper facial protection. Wait for still conditions also.

Coming from Sunbury to Romsey Garden World has delighted us with

Romsey's better rainfall. Nearly 18 inches to the end of July has saved us heaps in water bills and a further "big inch" promised by the weather bureau at time of writing to add to August's 84 points. Somehow metric doesn't taste the same. Really the only water we've had to use for months has been a precautionary anti-frost spray set for a couple of hours before dawn. Usage down from 6,000 litres a day in autumn to less than that for a week. Happy gardening!

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Luke now joins Bill Shaw (1947, 1949, 1953), Brian Lee (1968) and Jamie Cuffe (1997) as winners of the medal named in honour of 7 time Romsey premiership player Percy Bowen. At 20 years of age, Luke is also the youngest winner of the medal and is in his third season of senior football after coming through the club's Under 18 team.

Our next major function is the presentation Night at the Romsey Hotel on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> commencing at 6.00pm. Tickets are \$30.00 each including a 3 course meal and live band and are available from Cheryl Wright or Sarah O'Neill. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the cost of trophies should see Sarah O'Neill.

After counting of the preliminary votes, Luke Edwards and Mark Stack are out in front of Chris Lingard in the seniors whilst Ryan Connellan looks in a strong position in the reserves with Aaron Dipietro challenging. There are still 10 three votes to be counted on Presentation Night.

On behalf of our committee and players, I would like to thank our supporters, sponsors and anyone who helped in making this year a success.

We have a tremendous group of young players and we hope that they will stick together to give the Romsey township a football team to be proud of in coming years.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> in the clubrooms commencing at 1.00pm. This meeting is the main forum in which members and supporters can have an input into the direction of the club. Planning for season 2001 commences on this day so a good attendance is required to make next year even better.

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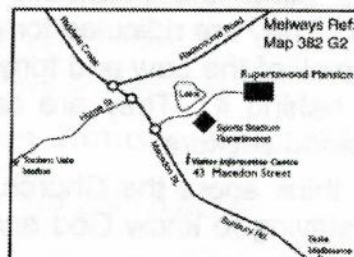
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Reader's Digest recently commissioned a survey to find which people/institutions and which products/brands Australians trust the most. 'The Church' did not make it into the top ten most trusted people/institutions. In fact, 10% of those surveyed put 'don't trust at all' for the Church.

It's pretty clear that the Church has a PR problem. For many people of my generation, their last contact with the Church would have been Sunday School in the 70's. I must say that I can't blame them for not wanting to be a part of that Church.

'The only certainties in this world are death and taxes.' Yet even taxes change. We are currently going through a major reform of our taxation system. Similarly with the Church. It has changed, and will continue to do so. It mightn't change as rapidly as society (which for some people is a good thing!), but it is trying. Reform is a part of following God. As we learn more about who God is, we try harder to do what God wants, transforming or reforming those parts of our life that need it.

At the time of Jesus, there was a group of men called the Pharisees. They were teachers of the Law, and sought to know everything about the Law that God gave Moses. In this way, they could know about God, and so strive to do what God wanted.

In the Bible, the Pharisees get some bad press. They are ridiculed for getting stuck on the detail of the Law and forgetting about the spirit behind it. They are called hypocrites and blood-suckers.

If we think about the Church, Christians are also striving to know God and do God's will.

We sometimes get stuck on the detail, and are called hypocrites.

The true measure of the Church today is not memories of the past, bad experiences or name calling. It is in the lives of Christians, including your family, friends and neighbours. Why not give them a chance to show you what they believe? If you're interested in what you see, why not ask them about what they believe and why?

*Rev Alan Williams*

### What's On

- 1 Sept KUCA meets from 5:00-6:30pm at the church, for Primary School Age & Year 7 children.
- 3 Sept 9:00am worship & Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 8 Sept KUCA meets from 5:00-6:30pm at the church for the end of term break-up.
- 10 Sept 9:00am worship & Sunday School, with guest preacher, Rev Graham Hall, Chaplain, Gisborne Secondary College.
- 13 Sept UCAF (Ladies Guild) meet at the church at 1:30pm.
- 17 Sept 9:00am worship.  
Opening of the Uniting Church Victorian Synod (runs until 21 Sept).
- 24 Sept 9:00am worship, with guest speaker from The Leprosy Mission.
- 1 Oct 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for any of the activities listed above.

If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of the August meeting, during which a new club president was elected unopposed - Trish Watson. A new committee was also voted in to oversee the clubs activities. Also at the AGM, a motion was passed that the club move its monthly meetings from Romsey to the Gisborne office of MRFEC. Meetings will be held there from the October meeting.

## Tip of the Month

Ever read a reference somewhere that says "use -x on the command line to enable..."? Unsure how to do it, or not confident (or heard of) using DOS?

There's an easy way in Windows 95/98. Click the start button then "Run". Open explorer, highlight the command you need (e.g. Setup), right-click and drag into the "Open:" field in the run dialog box. Next add the option(s) and click OK.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

(see sidebar for new venue)

*Third Sunday of each month*  
**17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov**  
 2:00 p.m. at *BUNGAWITTA (old primary school) in ROMSEY Cnr. Palmer and Main Rds.*  
**Bring a plate for afternoon tea**

## Got a computer problem?

If you have a computer problem you would like addressed please feel free to come along to our open forum meetings that we continue 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.

## New Meeting Venue

The Macedon Ranges Computer Club will be changing its regular meeting venue after passing a motion at the recent AGM.

They will be held at the Gisborne offices of the Macedon Ranges Further Education Council at the old Gisborne Shire Offices, Hamilton St. Gisborne from the October meeting.

## Club Contacts

**President:** Trish Watson - 542 1562; [t\\_watson@primus.com.au](mailto:t_watson@primus.com.au)  
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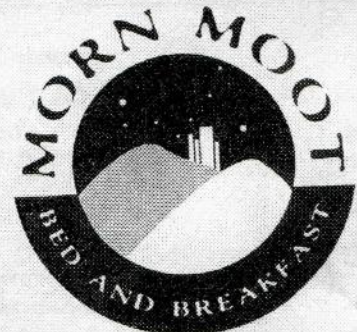
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8 am Lancefield Romsey  
10 am Romsey Lancefield  
Daily Masses: as advertised in the weekly bulletin  
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday or by arrangement

**PRAYER LIFE**

- Rosary recited before weekday Masses and Sat night Mass.
- Rosary also recited at St Mary's Church, Romsey every Friday 2.30pm.
- 'Holy Name of Jesus' Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday 11am -12.30pm at 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey. Please contact: Merle De Silva 5429 5672.  
\*We are a praying community and if you 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. Monday 8-9pm (side door), or Ph Stephen 5429 5907

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The St Vincent De Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey welcomes our community to the Drop In Centre at St Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey on the **1st Thursday** of every month. **7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov.** 10.30am start. Coffee/tea morning and afternoons. A table of goods is also offered, plus card games and more. 20c for card game...money distributed among winners! Free lunch. Come to just look...Come to chat and be part of the fun. For transport ph 5429 2130

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**PARISH FEAST DAY**

Sunday 17th September. There will be no 10am Mass on this day. The parish will be visiting our Mother Church St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne for the celebration of Mass on this Sunday. Buses will be provided at a minimal cost. Buses to leave the Lancefield Church at 9.30am. BYO lunch. A tour of the Cathedral will follow the Mass and then on to the Fitzroy Gardens for picnic lunch.

**Come and join us in celebration**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations to our children who received their First Communion during the last two weekends in August. Our parish prays that Lord blesses each one of you with a deep love for His Eucharist.**

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'Only look at him.'

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Pg 33 *Miracles do Happen*  
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6pm - 7:30pm Children's club (CEBS/GFS)  
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Enquiries welcome

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always  
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*Please feel free to ring anytime for any pastoral or  
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