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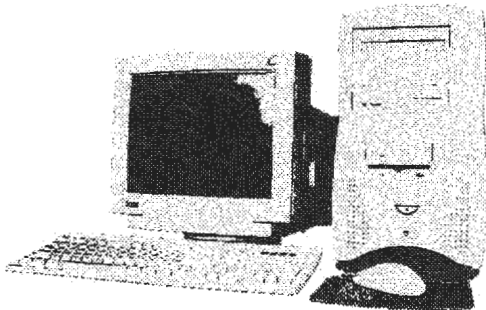
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Dorothy and Ron Viney retired to Romsey in 1983 and soon became involved in community activities including the Uniting Church, The Romsey & Lancefield District Historical Society and The Shire of Romsey History Book Committee.

Dorothy died in 1998 and now Ron has decided to move to Sunbury.

Ron served with the Navy during World War II including some time on MS Hardship. During his war service he learned Indonesian and was able to share his knowledge with students

of both the Romsey and Heskett Primary Schools.

In the year 2000 he became Foundation President of the Romsey/Lancefield Probuss Club.

Best wishes to Ron for many happy years in Sunbury from the many friends who are grateful for the countless hours of voluntary effort which both Dorothy and Ron invested in the Romsey and Lancefield Community.

### ROMSEY- LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30p.m.

at the Romsey Hotel.

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

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## HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

Our local Community Bank Branch of  
the Bendigo Bank is waiving where  
possible in its first three months the  
fees associated with transferring  
accounts from other banks, manager  
Ian Alexander said

When the bank opened its doors in  
Lancefield on May 28, a three-month  
moratorium on fees for transferring  
business from other banks was made  
available.

Mr Alexander said the fee  
moratorium meant a possible saving  
of up to \$600 on a home loan  
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"Where we can, we are waiving  
transfer and establishment fees to  
encourage local residents to move  
their business across to our Bank at  
minimum cost," he said

"People who have loans and  
accounts with other banks may have  
to pay fees to those institutions to  
close them, but we are waiving where  
possible our fees for the initial period  
as an encouragement for people to  
quickly begin using our community-  
owned and operated Bank."

Mr Alexander said some of the fees  
which could be waived included legal  
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and contracts, and in some cases  
valuation costs on property being  
mortgaged or used as security.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for residents  
and traders to put their support behind  
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company Lancefield & Romsey  
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said

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Alexander said

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"Our Branch is keen to quickly become  
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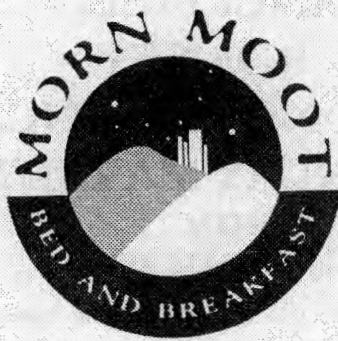
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## Lancefield Romsey Lions Club

### Raffle Results

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- a 'Porcelain Doll'  
was won by Joy Dyer

The Wood raffle was  
won by Steve Krstic.

Proceeds will be used for  
Community affairs

Our thanks to all who supported  
the event.

## ROMSEY TOY LIBRARY

Congratulations to Donna Perry,  
Karen Skehan, Juliana Tobin and  
Gillian Quinn and their supporters for  
their marvellous effort in setting up  
the Romsey Toy Library.

The Toy Library is an inexpensive  
way of exposing your children to a  
large variety of toys. Toys include  
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The Romsey Toy Library is located  
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The Romsey Rag July 2001

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## Youth is having its say!

Dromkeen's latest exhibition, 'Youth Choice, Youth Voice', commencing on July 1st 2001, is a dynamic display of works, selected by today's youth, the audience for whom they have been written and illustrated.

The exhibition will assist educators and parents to keep in touch with the contemporary needs of young readers.

Many stories are cherished and remembered into adulthood. Many books that made us laugh and cry, moved us so profoundly and have stayed in our hearts, are no longer read by the youth of today.

The challenges faced by youth in the new millennium are vastly different to those experienced by their parents. To stay in touch with today's youth, contemporary books deal with more relevant issues.

Understanding their reading needs and providing access to information, is important for individual development, providing reassurance in a turbulent world.

A common perception of a picture book, a simple story with nice pictures, is a false analogy for today's books. The pictures are not mere decoration, but rather an expansion and addition to the text. Illustrations are increasingly playing a stronger role in children's books.

Pre readers learn to navigate through books by following the pictures and identifying with the characters and events and awaiting the resolution. Illustrations enrich the experience for primary readers.

Dromkeen's exciting contemporary exhibition will explore the role of illustration in enhancing the reading

experiences of the older child by attention to the visual components of the books exhibited.

Front and back covers, end-papers, title page and dedication page all introduce illustrations for interpretation and encourage the reader to explore the themes within the story. Opportunity to view the world from a different perspective is offered through these illustrations. Further emotion to the reading experience is brought in through colour and style awareness.

The exhibition will run from 1st July to 21st December. Terry Denton will officially open the exhibition on Sunday 29 July at 2pm. A highlight of the day will be introductions by local youth for sessions with Libby Hawthorn and Terry Denton.

For further information about Dromkeen and Dromkeen's school holiday and term programs Ph 5428 6799.

**Dromkeen@scholastic.com.au**

1012 Kilmore Road Riddells Creek.  
3431.

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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(Any further information required for above article please contact Susan McLaine on 54287 560.)

**ROMSEY RAVE**  
**FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**  
**AT THE MECHANICS HALL,**  
**Being held by the**  
**LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONS**  
**CLUB**  
Watch next month's Rag for  
more information!

# Opportunity for a student interested in developing their skills in sports and/or sports coaching

**Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Centre provides athletics competition and coaching for children from 5 to 15 years of age.**

We have recently received funding from Sports and Recreation Victoria to pay for a number of people to attend a Level 1 Athletics Coaching Course and a Specialists Coaching course. Participants must be 18 years of age or be turning 18 no later than August 18th 2001.

We are keen to encourage younger people to become involved in their local communities in a role that is beneficial to both the volunteer and the organisation. Therefore, we are offering to pay the attendance costs of a selected student to participate in the Level 1 and Specialist Coaching Courses listed below. We are able to provide the selected student with transport from Romsey, to the course venue, and back to Romsey.

Students studying Phys-ed and/or related fields will find completion of the courses beneficial. In addition, the selected student will be able to put theory to practice in the role of part-time coach with our Centre as it is expected that the student chosen would volunteer their time to run 10 x one and a half hour coaching sessions between October and early February in the next two athletics seasons. Your commitment to our Centre (twenty coaching sessions spread over two seasons) will meet the requirement of completing 30 hours of practical coaching for official accreditation as a Level 1 Coach. Although we currently run sessions on Fridays between 5pm and 6.30pm, coaching session dates/times would be negotiable depending on the students availability, and sessions would be run at our facilities in Park Lane, Romsey. The student must have their own transport to get to Romsey for the provision of the required

coaching sessions commencing no sooner than October 2001.

The Level 1 course is run over two weekends, and the Specialists Course is run over one weekend.

## Level 1 Course

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August (in Geelong)

Level 1 Course requirements involve attending all 23 modules of the course and participants are required to sit an open book theory exam and a practical coaching assessment. It is a requirement that participants complete a minimum of 30 hours of practical coaching in the area of track and field before they can be accredited.

## Specialist Course

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September (in Frankston) \* The Specialist course can be deferred until 2002 if this date is not suitable, or if the student would like to gain some practical coaching experience before endeavouring to specialise in an athletics discipline.

The Specialists Course is of 12 hours duration followed by a multiple choice exam and a practical assessment of the coaches competency in one of the following chosen disciplines of Jumps, Throws, Sprints/Hurdles/Relays, Distance and Walks.

Students who would be interested in undertaking both the Level 1 course and Specialist Course are encouraged to submit an expression of interest to The Secretary

IRLAC

Box 223

Romsey 3434

Expressions of interest close on Friday July 13th 2001.

Please direct any questions you may have to The Secretary on (03) 54 296 089.

# LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LIONS CLUB INC. SUNDAY MARKET

CONTACT No:

Mobile 0438 414 245

We invite you to join us at our Sunday Market

4th Sunday of every month except:

January - No Market, and

December - 3rd Sunday

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Complete Set-up by 8.30 a.m.

## MARKET DATES

1. 25TH March
2. 22nd April
3. 27th May
4. 24th June
5. 22nd July
6. 26th August
7. 23rd September
8. 28th October
9. 25th November
10. 16th December

# SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 2001

\$3,264.05 was collected in Romsey for this years appeal. A very pleasing result. Thank you all for your generosity. Many thanks to the hard working collectors, drivers and all the young people who assisted from the Scouts, Guides and Cubs.

Angela Berryman.

*Ed. "Romsey Youth Rule" Fun in fundraising. Great to hear.*

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## Lancefield Neighbourhood House Inc.

### House Go's full steam ahead

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House has now been towed off the rocks after running aground! The House hit a very rough patch of water and almost sank, but thanks to a lot of help from salvage crews, (Macedon Shire Council, Kyneton and Woodend Houses) the house has now been put on track and in a new positive direction.

We have a new crew (committee) and a new Captain (co-ordinator) will be appointed on the 27th June. We welcome them aboard and hope that the House can now sail into calmer waters.

We have had a very successful membership drive with over 40 new members and we also would like to thank them in supporting the House when we needed help.

The House held a special meeting on the 18th of June. The purpose of which was to elect a new Committee of Management. We had a wonderful response and we reached our goal of electing 10 new members onto the committee. I would like to congratulate our new committee and welcome them to the team.

The new Committee of Management is as follows:

Mr. Bob Sherren - Lancefield  
Primary School  
Lancefield Primary School Council  
Member (to be appointed)  
Caroline Middenway  
Linda Davies  
Peter Quinn  
Lynette Simmons  
Annette Lund  
Gae Peterson

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Penny Abrahams  
Margaret Love.

Office Bearers to be appointed at the next meeting.

I would like to thank Richard Munt (Macedon Shire Council) in Chairing the meeting as Cr. Alice Aird was unwell and couldn't attend.

Over 20 people braved the cold to support the House and I thank all who came on such a freezing night.

We had an interim Co-ordinator from Woodend Neighbourhood House, Chantal Harris and we thank her for all the assistance she has given us over the last 9 weeks, and putting together our Term 3 Newsletter. Look out for this, as there will be some great activities and new classes some of which we have never run before plus many old favourites will be back.

It is the Year of the Volunteer and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ever-faithful Bus Driver, Les Jones. Les was awarded a Certificate in appreciation in Recognition of Voluntary Service to the Community. Les has been driving our ladies and gents for many years now to various parts of call. Congratulations and thankyou for all your support Les.

Our next Bus Trip will be to the Queen Victoria Market. Please book early for this popular destination. We can pick up in Romsey from the Old Post Office by appointment (5429 1845). Departs 9am from the Gangway (Gates) of the Neighbourhood House.

Cost \$12.50 adult; \$3.00 Children (babies free). We would love to welcome you aboard so give us a try.

Bon voyage for now - Linda Davies :  
Publicity Officer.

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

Romsey Golf Club recently held their annual tournament. The weekend was a great success with 17 pairs playing in the 4BBB on the Saturday and 65 men playing on the Sunday.

Part of the success can be attributed to the wonderful response we received from our sponsors. Thankyou to the following for supporting the Romsey Golf Club:

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On 15th June the ladies of Romsey Golf Club hosted the Central Districts Canadian Foursomes event, with seventeen pairs taking part. In the cold, wet conditions the local ladies showed the way. Leila Beasley and Shirley Shelton won the Nett Score Trophy and Past Pennant Players Shield, while Darlene Baker and Margaret Crump won the Scratch Score event. Judy Butterley of Mt.Macedon won the NTP on the 10th hole.

At the AGM that followed the event, it was decided that a pennant season, involving teams from Castlemaine, Trentham, Romsey, Mt.Macedon, Woodend and possibly Gisborne would be organised for September/October.

The ladies have just completed their championships in rather cold weather, but no rain. The 18 hole winner for 2001 was Darlene Baker with the handicap being won by Shirley Shelton. The 9 hole winner was Jean Hamilton, congratulations to all.

Contact - Secretary, Rod Campbell,  
5429 5629

# A HUGE THANK YOU...

The week leading up to the Romsey Rag cut off, I picked up my computer from having it upgraded by a company in Sunbury - they had had it for weeks! When I tried to print, nothing I did worked! At my wits end and having phoned the computer company who had worked on it, many times, and got nowhere, I remembered an ad in the Rag just the month before for Romsey PC Services. To cut a long story short, Ron Jackson of Romsey PC Services came to my house straight away, had a look at my computer, took the hard drive away, came back an hour later and my printer worked! What a relief!!!!

This was at 6.30pm on a wet and windy night too! So thank you Ron you saved my sanity!, and it means that this month's Rag can be done on time!

Margaret Howatson.

## ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL

### TRACK Inc.

(A Centenary of Federation Project)

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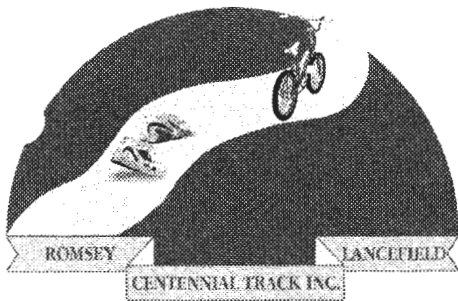
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RING President Marie Snowball on 54 29 5536 or Secretary Rae Hooke 54 29 1602

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# ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK INC.

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President: Mrs Jean Tom, AO  
Vice President: Leo Vandervalk  
Secretary: Mrs Margaret Howatson  
Treasurer: Mr Trevor Turnham

The track committee were utterly delighted to hear that we had secured a Victorian Sport & Recreation grant of \$46,300!!!! This will go a long way to complete the track and we are in the process of setting up meetings with our two local councillors, Cr. Alice Aird and Cr. Geoff Neil and representatives from the Shire to organise the works to be done as soon as the Spring weather allows!

We are, of course, still fundraising and had a very successful Classic Car/Motorbike Display on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. Despite the cold day and no power in Romsey, it turned out to be a very interesting day with many classic cars and motorbikes on display and many thanks to the locals who brought their prize

possessions out on the day - they were magnificent! The interest is obviously there and we will do it all again in the summer when it is a bit warmer! Next on the agenda is our Anne Phelan Dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> July and I am just amazed to have to tell you that it is completely sold out! Then on the 11<sup>th</sup> August we have "Three One Act Plays Plus One" being held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall - see separate notice in the Rag for further details!

We are, of course, still very happy to sell metres of track for \$20 to any individual or family who wish to be part of this very historic centennial project - see the form in the Rag for details.

So this small committee is hard at work forging ahead to make this project work and thank one and all in Romsey and

Lancefield for all their support.

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.



The Romsey Lancefield Centennial Track is supported by the Commonwealth

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### Club Contacts

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### Next Meeting

At the July meeting, we will be demonstrating imaging (scanning, manipulating, etc.)

### FUTURE MEETINGS

*Third Sunday of each month*  
15 Jul, 19 Aug, 16 Sep  
2:00 p.m. at M.R.F.E.C.  
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### Last Meeting

At the June meeting we looked at how to recover the Windows 98 registry when problems occur. Full details will be in the club newsletter due out mid July. It will also be posted on our web-site in the near future.



# Primary School News



*Christine Rowlands with 2 of her past students, Daniel & Matthew Thomson*

## RETIREMENT

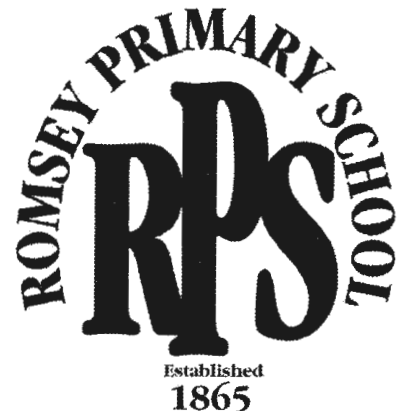
Romsey Primary School won't be the same after August 4th, when Performing Arts teacher Christine Rowlands retires. Christine originally joined the staff at RPS in 1981, when many people will remember her as the Prep. teacher. She came to the community with husband Will and her young children Rebecca and Gareth, and while she was not busy teaching she was helping Will to build their magnificent home at Cherokee. During the mid to late 1980's Christine left Romsey Primary to undertake a 4 year course to become a specialist music teacher. She also taught at Riddells Creek Primary School during that period. We were fortunate to have her return to Romsey in 1990, where her many achievements have extended well beyond normal classroom activities. Children have benefited from the introduction of

extended instrumental music programs, and the opportunity to participate in events such as the Beat Concerts in Kyneton, Music Camps and school musical productions in grade 5/6, to name a few. The school has also been privileged to have exposure to a wide variety of cultural events, thanks to Christine's organisation and enthusiasm.

Christine's plans for retirement include travel - she hopes to catch up with daughter Rebecca in Italy, where she is currently working. The future also holds indulgence in all those things that get put off when one is working - and for Christine this means taming the 'jungle' as she calls her beautiful garden, and learning to put horses to harness.

The school will be hosting an afternoon celebration of Christine's

outstanding contribution, and cordially invite any community members who would like to say a personal farewell. This will be on Wednesday August 1st at 2.00 pm at the school, and we would appreciate an RSVP from anyone intending to come along by Monday July 30th on 5429 5099.



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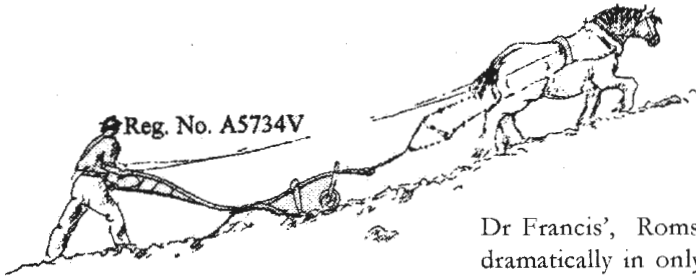
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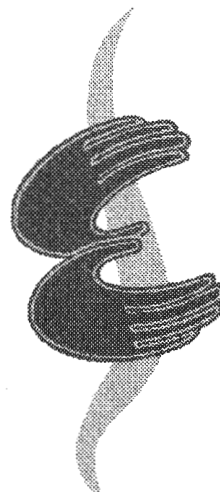
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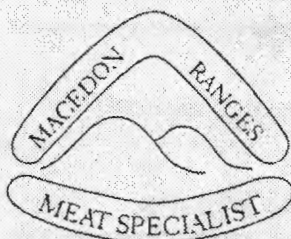
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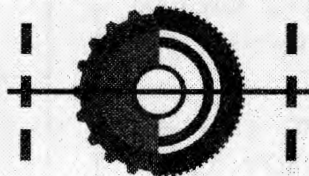


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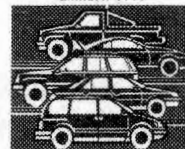
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# Romsey Uniting Church

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Minister- Rev Alan Williams

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## What's News in July

What is the purpose of religion? What about the church? And faith? Sometimes we use these three terms interchangeably, but they are really different things.

Faith is about belief and trust. In Christian terms, it's about our relationship with God; a relationship built on love.

Religion is about organising people as they worship. It's about rules and rituals, which, hopefully, help people in their devotion and adoration.

Describing the church in this scheme is not so simple. For some people, church is an expression of the Christian religion. It is an organisation and structure within which people learn about faith and find expression of that faith. For others, church is simply a gathering of likeminded people who share the same faith. It is more about belief than structure, especially how that belief is lived out.

In a book I read recently, church was described as the love of God expressed in a community. That is quite an ideal for us to aspire to, one that we often fail to measure up.

At the Uniting Church, we are looking at different ways of serving the Romsey community in the name of Christ. Some things we are already doing. We provide practical assistance to people in need, although we need to be more active in this, offering our help rather than just responding to those who go out of their way to seek aid.

We also have a good children's program, with a strong Sunday School and KUCA Club. Over the coming months of the year, we are hoping to extend this to meet the needs of teenagers within the church and, hopefully, beyond. Since the teenagers are helping us shape this group, I don't know what we'll end up doing, but I'm hoping it will involve music, videos, and a discussion of values over pizza!

We also want to do more for families, especially those who aren't part of the church. This may take the form of a shared meal one night, with activities for the kids while the parents discuss whatever they want (eg. parenting, faith, issues of time or whatever). Watch this space!

*Rev Alan Williams*

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe School Holidays. For those travelling to warmer areas for the winter, we look forward to your return.

## What's On

- 1 July 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. Creche will be available for pre-school children-
- 8 July 9:00am worship. Creche will be available for pre-school children.
- 11 July 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies Guild) meet at the home of Doss Keating to trim and sort stamps for Sammy Stamp.
- 15 July 9:00am worship.. Creche will be available for pre-school children.
- 22 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 27 July 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church for a games night to begin the term. KUCA (Kids of the Uniting Church in Australia) is primarily for children in grades 3 to year 8, but there is also a group for younger children.
- 29 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 3 Aug 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church.
- 5 Aug 9:00am All-Age Sunday School. There will be a Bible Study for adults instead of the usual worship service.  
10:30am The Victorian Moderator of the Uniting Church (Rev Alistair Macrae) will be the guest preacher at Lancefield UC. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch to give people an opportunity to speak with him in a less formal atmosphere.
- 10 Aug 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church.
- 12 Aug 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together. If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

## **Probus Club Romsey - Lancefield**

Meetings of the Romsey - Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner of Main and Barry streets Romsey at 10:00am.

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### Contact:

Bill Black (President) on 54 295 170  
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## COUNCIL NEWS - MT WILLIAM WARD

*Letter to Mt William Ward*

### Are you ready to create the Future?

You may have noticed that Macedon Ranges Shire will soon be asking you what you want to see here in the year 2025. A wonderful group of young people from our Youth Advisory Committee came to the council meeting at Romsey last month to express their keenness to participate in creating their future. Their clothes and the song 'Age of Aquarius' took us back 25 years and they described a future holding onto the positives of rural communities and adding better transport and more communication between adults and youth. These were inspiring young people showing confidence and leadership. Watch out for your chance to design the future.

At a councillor development weekend in June I heard a great talk by Peter Kenyon on creating healthy, sustainable communities. Peter has studied and assisted communities all over the world and has collected together fascinating research which shows that the same key factors make the difference the world over. I will list these here and then each month I will include a paragraph about one point on the list. So here is that list:

Key Messages From Vibrant Resilient Sustainable Communities

Embrace change and take responsibility.

Practice healthy community behaviours.

Give attention to basics.

Focus on assets, ideas and opportunities.

Plan and implement a comprehensive development agenda.

Retain and attract a youthful population.

Value and develop local leadership.

Act passionately.

To expand on the first point, embrace change and take responsibility, one quote says it all:

'All the historic evidence indicates that significant community

development only takes place when local community people are committed to investing themselves and their resources in the effort. That's why you can't develop communities from the top down, or from the outside in.' Or, said another way 'Success is an inside job.'

Great to notice the new energy in Lancefield around the community bank, also to hear that the RTC business plan is well advanced (see it at the bank, servo, pub or McGowans until 12 July) and that the Neighbourhood House is back on the rails with a strong new committee and a clear action plan. The Romsey-Lancefield Track got a great funding boost and good to see there's a new wine bar in Romsey. And I'm sure many other new things in both towns (and outside the towns) that I don't know about. Clearly lots of people are embracing change and taking responsibility!

#### In Brief

The efforts to fund our Shire-wide Aquatic Strategy continue. Missing out on Better Pools funding was puzzling as we had worked so closely with the department of sport and recreation in developing the strategy with the community. However this is a setback only and there are many ways forward to explore.

A visit from senior VICROADS officers in June raised issues including road maintenance funding, weed management on major roads, speed limits (including lowering to 60K in Romsey!). Talking will continue.

The Draft Natural Environment Strategy is now officially launched. - now for your input during month of July.

I attended my first Timber Towns Victoria meeting in June and found it very informative. Robert Van Loon, our community delegate, and I will be lodging a written report on the meeting to a council meeting in July.

#### Romsey-Lancefield Elm Trees

How much do you think about the elm tree plantation between Romsey and Lancefield? Can someone tell me

its history? And what of its future? Sadly some trees are in a bad way and to replant elms is not a proposition because of elm leaf beetle. Each elm is already a significant investment. How can we best honour this heritage while making sound decisions on the 'triple bottom line' approach, that is, taking social and environmental as well as economic considerations into account? If we replace selected elms as required, with oaks for example, will that look any good? Some sections are in better shape than others, would it be better to retain certain sections and replace others with indigenous plantings to provide habitat for local indigenous wildlife? Bush plantings could also add to the experience of walking or running on the recreational track by providing shielding from the road and more beautiful surroundings. It's an interesting, non-urgent question that I am informally inviting you to respond to before any formal consultation process is set in train. I would really appreciate your input on this. Phone or fax on 5427 0156 or write via Macedon Ranges Shire.

Till next time,

Alice Aird, Councillor Macedon Ranges Shire

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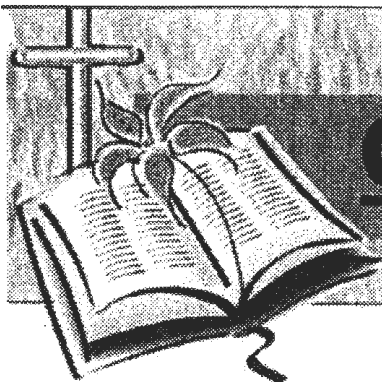
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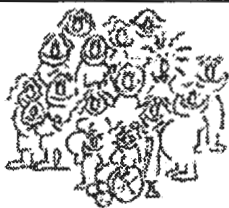
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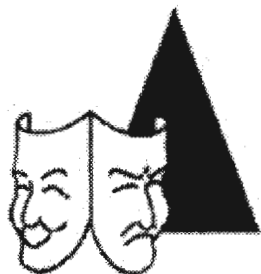
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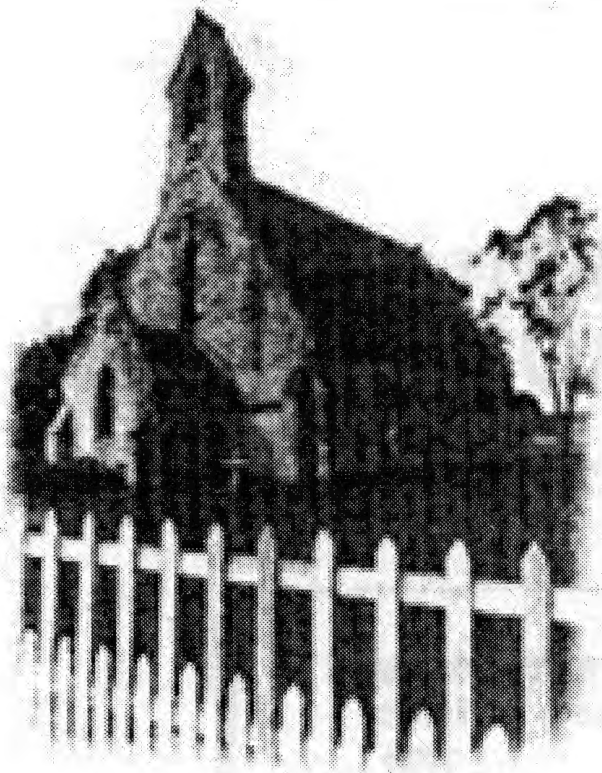
The church is seeking preliminary expressions of interest in the use of the land for any purpose including but certainly not limited to, agistment, agriculture, viticulture etc. Initial expressions of interest will be treated confidentially and should be addressed to:

### The Vicar

**Anglican church of Lancefield  
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**33 Chauncey Street**

**Lancefield 3435**



## The Anglican Church

Christ Church Lancefield and St.  
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### Enquirers Day

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Perhaps you were baptised but have never fulfilled the promise made then on your behalf, that you would confirm your faith for yourself when you were old enough. Now you are wondering if it would be right for you to be confirmed as an adult.

Perhaps you were baptised in another denomination but have now become associated with the Anglican Church, possibly through marriage. Now you would like to know about affirming membership of the Anglican Church.

Perhaps you are completely new to church life and would like to explore the possibilities for developing your faith.

**Our Enquirers Day** is an informal opportunity to hear about the possibilities regarding baptism, confirmation and faith development. It will be held in the hall at Christ Church,

Chauncey Street, Lancefield, on Sunday August 19 at 2.00 pm. This may be the one chance you have to do something you've been meaning to do, without embarrassment. The day is aimed at adults and older teenagers 15+.

### Bible Study

The Anglican Parish of Lancefield/Romsey is currently offering a Bible study group at Monegetta, meeting on Tuesday mornings from 11 am and then sharing lunch together. No prior knowledge is needed and discussion is at a level to suit everyone. It's a chance to explore the Christian faith in an open and relaxed way, with questions encouraged.

Regular Sunday services in the parish are:

9 am Family Communion at St. Paul's Romsey

10.30 am Family Communion at Christ Church Lancefield

Sunday School during term time

As well, a service of Holy Communion is held at Christ Church Lancefield at 10 am on Wednesdays during term time.

**The Rev. Doug Edmonds**

**33 Chauncey Street  
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**Telephone 5429 1380**

## Land use -

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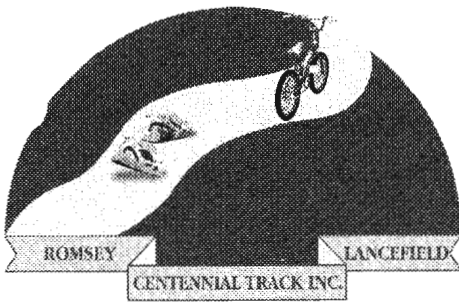
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