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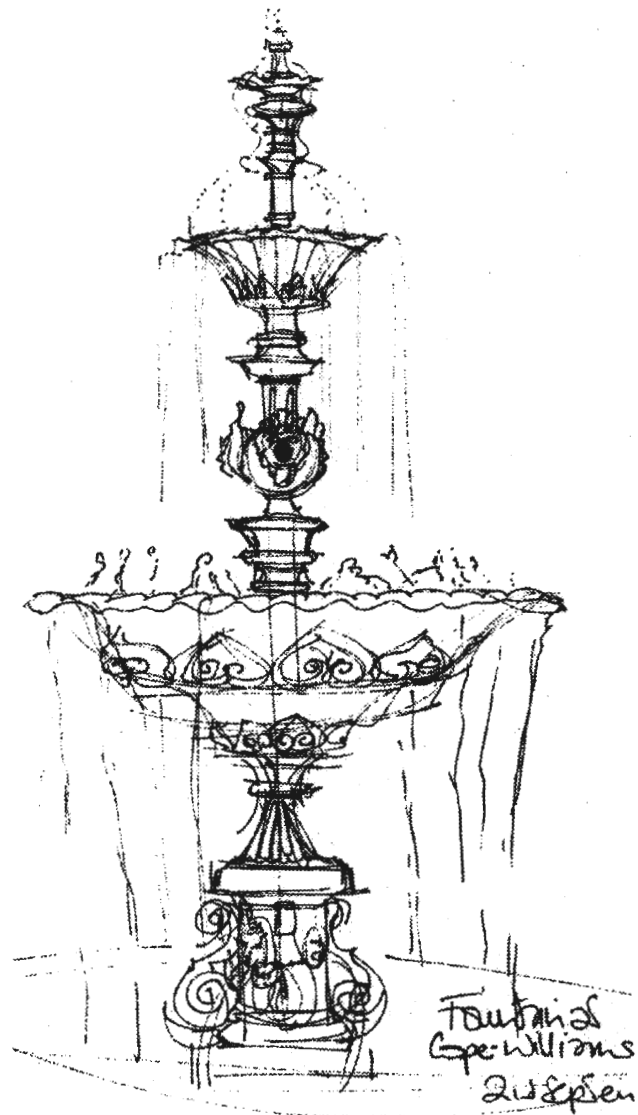
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Don't forget, if you have a heavy vehicle license and are prepared to take your turn at the wheel, you get a free ride every time you drive. We currently have seven regular drivers, but it always gets difficult when drivers are on holidays. We also have one or two "drivers under instruction" and hope that they will get their licence soon.

Finally, we would like to thank Mark and his team at Lancefield Motors for allowing us to park the bus when needed - Thanks guys.

If you would like to join the happy crew on the Lancefield-Romsey Commuter bus, call Stuart 0403 027 605 or Wendy 0419 362 673 and they will give you all the details.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Pennant is now well under way and we have experienced mixed success. With only the bare numbers to field a team, the Romsey Ladies have started off well again after winning the premiership in Division 2 last year. This year they have won their first four games and you can't ask for better than that! In the CHBA pennant, Division 1 have won one and lost one and the Division 3 have yet to open their account. Since last time we have had a successful opening day and the Bob Shaw Memorial Fours was held and won by a team from Lancefield, so

congratulations to our nearest neighbouring club. The club pairs is to be held on Sunday, 28th October and the Club Championship on Sunday 25th November. The 21 UP has been postponed to later in the season.

For present members could you check the boards to see what events are on and enter names by the due dates. Wishing you good bowling for 2001-2002. Leo Wels.

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ROMSEY- LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

We held our last meeting on 11th October at which we had three very special guests - Ms. Olga Cannata, our very own Romsey Station Master, who has just recently been appointed to the position, Stephen Ford - Rural Ambulance Victoria who is in charge of the ambulance project in Romsey and Ms. Joanne Duncan, MLA Gisborne. Olga is currently a paramedic with Rural Ambulance Victoria stationed at Kilmore and we are very happy to have her as our first lady station master and in fact the only lady station master in Victoria! Olga takes up the position at the end of November and hopefully will set up in the old Romsey Post Office until the station is built next to the new police station on the site next to the present police station. The time frame, is of course, as is always the case with these projects, sketchy - but fingers crossed we are looking at May/June completion date. When it happens it happens. We will just be happy to have another paramedic and ambulance in the area. The committee had a chance to look at the provisional plans for the buildings and Stephen Ford explained a few finer points to us. Ms. Duncan thanked the committee for their persistence over the last 5/6 years and expressed her desire to help in any way she could.

It was one of our happier meetings - having endured many disappointments along the way but it will all take shape soon!

Thanks to the people of Romsey and Lancefield for your support!

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

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ROMSEY- LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK

As you may have noticed, the Shire has started work again on the track. Weather permitting they will grade it all the way and seal as much as they can with the funds we have. It is very exciting, especially for the committee to see this happening and I hope it will not be too long until the whole project is completed - will keep you posted.

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Social tennis at Romsey

Tennis Courts

Thursday morning from

10.00am

Come for a hit of a set or two

EVERYONE WELCOME

PH: 54 29 55 25

Do you have a 3 year old????

If you have a child aged 3 or turning 3 years old before the end of April, 2002, have you considered joining a playgroup in 2002?

"Romsey Rostered 3 Year Old Playgroup" is run on a Tuesday morning at the Mechanics Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am. Rostered playgroup involves rostering parents on duty approximately 2-3 times a term (depending on numbers). We are having two OPEN DAYS in November for those that are interested in seeing how rostered playgroups operate. It is a cheaper alternative to 3 year old programs at kindergartens. Open Day dates : TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2001 AND TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 2001. We will be taking enrolments on these days. If you are interested please feel free to come along and join in the fun! All you need to bring is some morning tea and your 3 year old! We only have limited positions for next year, so don't miss out!! We will be having our AGM at the end of one of those sessions. If you require more information, please feel free to give Heather a ring on 54285 265 or Leeanne on 54295 185. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Macedon Ranges Women on Farms Gathering 2002 Inc.

Ranges of Opportunity

MEDIA RELEASE

Do you consider yourself a farmer, part-time farmer or just someone interested in rural issues?

A voluntary committee of rural women from the Macedon Ranges are organising the Gathering in your own back paddock. We invite you to join us for the Thirteenth "Women on Farms Gathering." Our theme is "Ranges of Opportunity". It will be held in Kyneton on the weekend of the 12th, 13th and 14th of April 2002.

The program will include:

Keynote and Guest Speakers

Friday Welcome Dinner

Saturday morning Keynote Speaker

Saturday - Workshops, Tours

Saturday Evening Celebratory
Dinner

Sunday Morning Workshops

The Gathering brings together women from all over Victoria and highlights topical and interesting rural issues and projects. The Gatherings began in 1990 in Warragul. It promotes women's contributions on the farm and in rural communities, and provides opportunities for participants to network, share experiences, develop new skills, and to undergo personal development and growth.

This Gathering is proudly supported by:

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ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

to present 2000 Audited Accounts.
Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th
November, at 7.30pm at the
Kindergarten, Main Street, Romsey.
To be followed by the Annual General
Meeting. All Welcome.

Did you know?

Women in Agriculture contribute \$13.5 billion or 48% of the real farm income in Australia (which includes farm work, household work, volunteer and community work, and off-farm wages)

40% of farm business partners are women

70,000 women in Australia identify as farmers

Women make up 32% of the farm work-force in Australia

Women on Victorian farms have twice the rate of tertiary education of men

They are five times more likely to generate additional income through off-farm work

If you would like to be placed on our database to receive a registration form either individually or for a group or association you belong to, please contact the Treasurer Sharon Williams.

For Enquiries: Contact the President, Kym Raverty

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC

The ladies recently held their Annual General Meeting.

President: Mary Campbell

Secretary: Leila Beasley

Captain: Margaret Crump.

All members are reminded that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the club will be held on WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 8.00 p.m. in the club rooms. Have a say in how your club operates. Be a part of the committee.

All members and their families are invited to the club's annual Presentation Day to be held on SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER 1.30 p.m.

There will be a round of golf in the afternoon followed by presentations and dinner.

So as we know how many to cater for could you please reply to Mary Campbell 5429 5629 by the 13th November.

Leanne Jeffery, Margaret Crump and Leila Beasley competed in the Melton Bowl on Thursday 18th October. They scored a total of 104 stableford points and were successful in winning the bowl. Margaret Crump also won C Grade. Well done ladies.

If anyone has any queries regarding the golf club contact the Secretary, Rod Campbell 5429 5629.

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We cannot accept furniture or mattresses, but the

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will accept these large items.

SPRING IS SPRUNG..

Spring is sprung
the grass is riz

Time for a Mobile Library viz!!

Daylight saving has arrived (fanfare) and it's time to get organised and enjoy the longer daylight hours that summer time gives us. What better way to do this than to tootle down to the Mitchell Mobile Library in the late afternoon/early evening (you can't miss the gaily coloured semi parked in the main street) and have a browse.

Spring always seems to bring out the creativity in us, so why not choose from the heaps of gardening books, craft ideas, mouth watering recipe books or home renovation projects, that are available on board, and amaze your friends and family with the results.

Just a reminder about reservations. Although the Mobile Library can carry a large selection of titles, obviously space is still limited. Therefore if you would like to borrow a particular title, or read "everything" by a favourite author please ask the staff to reserve these things for you. If the item requested lives at one of our branches

then there is no charge for this service. However, if you would like the library to purchase the latest Danielle Steel and be the first person to read it, then that will cost you the princely sum of \$1.10 to be the first in the queue.

Then there's the videos... and the magazines... and the audio books... and the large print books... and the CD Roms for use on the laptop computers... and the biographies... and the Internet... and the friendly staff... and... why don't you come along and see for yourself all that the Mobile Library has to offer? Soon! Ripper reads for all
Fiction

A Taste for it

- Monica McInerney

Echo of an angry god -

Beverly Harper

Entertaining Ambrose -

Deidre Purcell

The Secret dreamworld of a shopaholic - Sophie Kinsella

Non Fiction -The Woolemi Pine -

James Woodford

Cornucopia - Paul Richardson

Around Ireland with a fridge -

Tony Hawks

Kids +-Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer

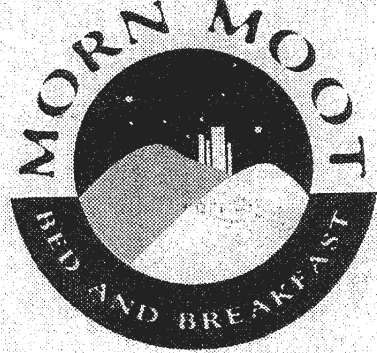
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N.M. Browne

The Hidden forest -

Jeannie Baker

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4th Sunday of every month except:
January - No Market, and
December - 3rd Sunday

Fees \$10 per site, paid on the day
Commence Set-up from 7.00 a.m.
Complete Set-up by 8.30 a.m.

MARKET DATES

5. 22nd July
6. 26th August
7. 23rd September
8. 28th October
9. 25th November
10. 16th December

ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB

The club has had a great start to the season with many new players responding to our letter drops around town and of course our articles in the "Rag". Attendances at training have been good, even accounting for the wet weather on some nights.

Our junior teams are under way with Tony Ellis coaching the Under 12's, Phil Moore in charge of the Under 14's and Rob McIntyre coach of the Under 16's. We still need more players in each grade as we can play up to 16 players in most grades. If there are any boys or girls who wish to have a game, training is on Wednesday nights for the Under 12's and 14's and Thursday nights for the Under 16's. Practice sessions commence at 5.00pm and

generally run for just over an hour.

The club is pleased to announce that *Newearth Constructions* have kindly sponsored our new cricket shirts and we are extremely grateful to Doug Newnham for his company's support. Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting local businesses for our 2002 calendar and we hope we can rely on your support for this popular advertising feature.

The club's first social function will be a Disco to be held at the clubrooms on Saturday 3rd November. Happy hour from 8-9pm.

Although this season has only recently started, the committee is already looking towards next season and some areas we are looking into include the fielding of a fourth senior team and the formation of an Under 18 girls team.

Tim McCarthy

SECRETARY

Ph: 5429 5014

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WELCOME TO Dr. NELUM SOYSA

Dr. Nelum Soysa has joined the Romsey Medical Centre as a permanent doctor.

Dr. Soysa brings to the practice over 20 years' experience as a GP and most recently owned her own practice in New Zealand. She is available for consultation all day Monday, Wednesday afternoons/evening, all day Thursday and Friday.

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Primary School News

Lest we forget.

Earlier this year the RSL Romsey/Lancefield branch organised a writing competition for our students. The winners of this activity will be announced by branch president, Mr Geoff Newman on Monday 12th November at our first school assembly following Remembrance Day, which this year falls on a Sunday. The school thanks the RSL for their continuing support of the school, and their interest in our students. Here we publish a selection of the entries. We look forward to hearing the judges decision on the 12th.

To some ANZAC Day is a day off school; to others it is a world of happiness and sadness. In 1914 the brave General Birdwood gave the name ANZAC Cove to the beach where the Australians and New Zealanders landed on Gallipoli. The brave volunteers (ANZACS) numbered 30,000. The Anzac mission was to take the hundreds of Turkish forts, which blocked the entrance to the Dardanelles. It began so disastrously with them landing at night, north of their destination with an enemy that was alert to their coming. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps were and are remembered for their braveness. We are very lucky to have had such an army of brave men. In Melbourne we have a shrine where you can go and march or look at the list of men and women that didn't come back from the wars. ANZAC Day is a day when you can remember people that not only fought in the war or are brave but people that did this for our country

By Stacy

ANZAC day means a lot to me because if there weren't any Anzacs I probably wouldn't be here. ANZAC Day also means a lot to me because the country that I was born in is free and it wouldn't be that way if the Anzacs weren't there. I am very thankful that Australia has a lot of brave and courageous men and women that are willing enough to go out and risk their lives for their nation. Most of them probably knew that there was a chance of them not coming back but they went any way. ANZAC day means a lot to me even though I didn't have a grandfather or a great grandfather who fought in a war as an ANZAC. I still feel very proud of these wonderful men and women.

By Serena

My grandad and my great grandad were in the Boer War, World War 1 and World War 2. I think that for them it would have been terrible because they would of got hardly any food, no changes of clothes and they would of got hardly any rest.

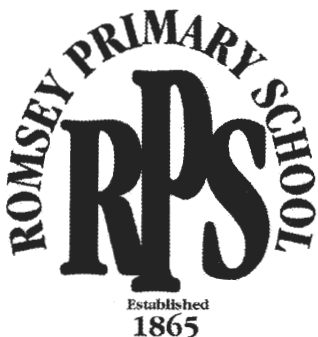
Australia has been in 8 wars in the 20th century. In World War 1 1,400,000 people went 330,000 served in the war and 62,000 people died. Many people died peacefully. In World War 2 30,000 Japanese people got captured but many refused to surrender. One third of the population that went to the war died of starvation or execution and many got anorexic for lack of food. Lots of Australians got wounded, got shot or got scarred for life but they all did their bit so they could give peace. 22,500 Australians were prisoners and 1,000,000 out of 7,000,000 Australians helped out. 50,000 people served in military forces and 3099 died. In Australia there are many War cemeteries, which I think is good because little children can learn all about the war.

By Emma

My dad's pa served in World War 1. His name was Robert Barnes. I don't know much about him and I have never spoken to him because he died a long time ago but he did manage to make it back from war. My pa also served in a war but it was World War II. His name is Lennard Barnes and he was on the marine Ships. He lost a lot of good mates back then and now his hearing isn't very good in his left ear. That was because of shell shock and standing near guns and machinery. My pa doesn't really like the Japanese. I can understand that but he doesn't talk meanly about them. I think that the prisoners from Australia were treated badly and unrespectfully as most died of either diseases, starvation or were killed. Those who did return from prison were underweight and in a bad condition. My dad feels (or hopes) that the Australians treated their prisoners at least a little more fairly but he doesn't know for sure. I also know someone called Robert flack who served in the Vietnam War. I don't know much about what he did but he is still alive. I have been to Canberra War memorial, some of the things we saw and read looked very scary. We looked at all the people who had died serving Australia and we prayed for them all.

I think that every single soldier and nurse that served in a war were very brave. I also think that those who did not return will be remembered forever. I think Anzac Day is about keeping the peace too. Like the peacekeepers are doing in East Timor. I would like to say thank-you to all the Australians who fought for our country.

By Kristyn



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Wednesday's 10am Communion Christ Church,
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Children's club (CEBS/GFS) Enquiries welcome

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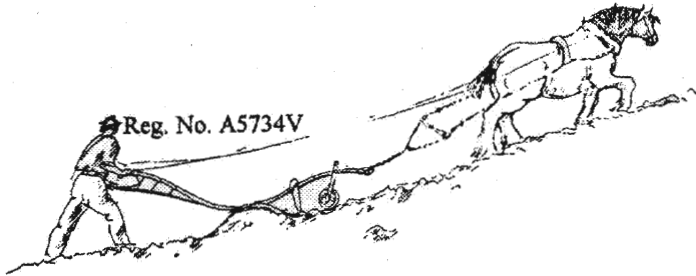
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Thank you for your consideration,
Margaret Howatson.**

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

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TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

The enthusiasm of our hard-working President, Doreen Morgan, has motivated all of us into having a busy and successful year, so I would like to extend personal thanks to Doreen for "going the extra mile" for the Historical Society. It has made all the

difference. Doreen would be the first to say thanks to all our members, which I do too, but without an inspirational leader things tend to fall apart. Doreen does a lot of planning and preparing, in spite of her hectic life in other directions with husband, the Rev. Tom Morgan, and she has inspired us to have a full and varied programme, which will carry us into next year, so MANY THANKS
DOREEN!

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP:

Prospective members are most welcome to join us for our end of year barbecue tea at historical Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, from 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd December. Please BYO drinks and a salad or slice to share. Meat, bread, soft drinks, tea/coffee will be provided. Next year our meetings will be 4th Tuesdays from February.

Details for Hon. Secretary Jean Clement on 54296 522.



Romsey Veterinary Surgery

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Our office hours have been extended.

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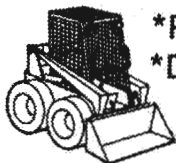
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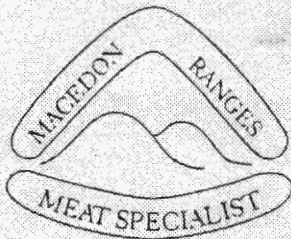
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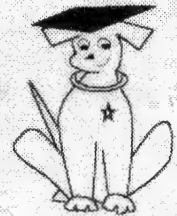
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What's News

Just over a year ago, the world's attention was focussed on Sydney and the celebration of the Olympic Games. Now we are effectively a world at war, with the hope of the Olympics little more than a dim memory.

So much can happen in a year. The pace of life is so hectic that we sometimes struggle to know what we will be doing tomorrow, let alone in a years time. I often wish that we could stop the world and let everyone have a breather, to take stock of where we are and where we are going. Maybe this would give us a perspective on life that simply don't have time to appreciate now.

Perspective is a funny thing. In graphic design, perspective is used to give a two-dimensional drawing the illusion of depth. In the theatre, perspective can be used in the sets to give the illusion of size and height, both large and small.

When we consider having a perspective on events and issues in our lives, we are not (hopefully) talking about an illusion, but how we see and feel about things. Sometimes, global issues are at the forefront. At other times, local or personal issues take centre stage. Perspective is about holding these things together and not losing sight that we live locally, even though we are impacted by wider events.

We are all different, and will see things from how they affect us, our values, our priorities, our prejudices, our knowledge, our beliefs and so on. It's not always easy to see things from someone else's perspective, as we can't always understand all of these factors. Yet if we are to get along in this world, we have to try.

I believe that it is only by mutual understanding that we can hope to achieve peace. That is one of the goals of the Olympics. Different ideologies and different faiths are sometimes stereotyped into a group, but true understanding means accepting personal differences, taking time to hear what this person is saying, and not lumping them with others who might share a name.

Rev Alan Williams

As we approach summer, spare a thought for our volunteer fire-fighters and their families. They protect our community, and deserve our thanks.

What's On

- 2 Nov 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church for a games night. 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.
- 4 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 9 Nov 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church for an auction night.
- 11 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 14 Nov 1:30pm UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) meets at the church for it's Annual General Meeting. All welcome.
- 16 Nov 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church to finish the year with a presentation and FOOD night.
- 18 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 22 Nov Advent Workshop begins after school and runs until 5:00pm for primary and pre-school children. All welcome, and it's free!
- 25 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 29 Nov Advent Workshop begins after school and runs until 5:00pm for primary and pre-school children. All welcome.
- 2 Dec 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. This is also the first Sunday of Advent, the church's preparation for Christmas.
- 6 Dec Advent Workshop begins after school and runs until 5:00pm for primary and pre-school children. All welcome.
- 9 Dec 9:00am Sunday School Christmas pageant.

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

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COUNCIL NEWS - MT WILLIAM WARD

Letter to Mt William Ward

Do We Want Development?

Is it a Dirty Word?

Development is a dirty word to some and a beacon of hope for a better life for others. What does it mean to you? I'm keenly pro-development –and I'm also passionately pro care for our environment. Where do you sit? Do you think they are mutually exclusive, poles apart? Many people think so, but I don't agree. I'm for *sustainable development* – development that doesn't destroy what we need to survive and to thrive. Development that cares about the quality of all of our lives now and into the future. Development that is focussed on the common good, while offering opportunities for enterprising people to do well. Most people would agree that such a vision is worthy and good. Many doubt that it is achievable or that it is achievable here and now, by 'us'. Perhaps they doubt themselves, perhaps they doubt their leadership. I'm one of many who believe that it is doubt itself which stops us achieving our goals. There are many opportunities now, in this Shire, to be part of the solution. Why let doubt stop you? Be one of those who step forward and offer their contribution to the essential direction-setting decisions which are happening now.

The key message for this month, from Peter Kenyon's *Sustainable Local Communities* paper, is "Plan and implement a comprehensive development agenda". Experience shows sustainable community economic and employment development requires no 'quick fix,' but a mix of initiatives related to a community's competitive advantages. It requires planning and action to retain and expand local businesses, foster new businesses, attract outside businesses and resources, plug the 'leaks' in the local economy (buy local goods and services wherever possible), enhance the job linking capacity of the community, market the community. So again the message is about building stronger communities with more 'social capital'.

Rural Zone Review

On the development theme, a key consultation is underway to review the Rural Zones in our planning scheme. This is *vital* for our shire. The pressure for residential development is very strong. We must plan and direct this development. It's not easy, but we can find a way to benefit as a community from this opportunity, if we put our collective minds to work. If we don't, the tide will roll over us and destroy the things we value. 'The Shire' *alone* will not, cannot, get this right. Please come, farmers, hobby farmers, horse lovers, wine growers, environmentalists, commuters, parents, teenagers, older people.... You are all needed. The meetings so far have been very useful, great discussion of the issues. If many come it will be even more interesting and more productive. Get detailed background info from the shire offices, put in individual submissions and watch for notices of the next round consultation gatherings.

The Macedon Ranges 2025 Visioning Project is underway with 2000 school students helping community artists to create 27 mosaic columns with community themes. I joined some Mt William students who were happily and skilfully at work arranging and gluing the mosaic pieces on the designs for the columns last week. Groups of three columns will be installed in public spaces in towns across the Shire (one per ward), including Romsey and Lancefield. Some key words will be added to the columns after the Community Visioning Forum on Nov 17th. The forum is one of the ways the Shire will gather expressions of values and beliefs to underpin future strategic planning. Keep your eyes open for details about this important, interesting and fun community visioning day for all ages.

In Brief

- What a bottler of a Show Day at Lancefield! A credit to everyone involved. Such a happy, fun, interesting community day. Well done Lancefield and district (I'm sure many Romsey people also support and love the Lancefield Show – lets not be parochial!)

- I'm looking forward to being with many Romsey people at the Romsey Primary School Cup Eve Trivia night on Monday November 5th. Sounds fun!

- Yea! The speed limit in Romsey has *finally* been reduced to 60! Congrats to all who have advocated for this, particularly Cr Neill who has never given up.

- Romsey Streetscape will start getting spruced up soon, thanks to the work of a dedicated small committee of community members and shire officers.

- Community jobs program workers are helping with many projects around the shire, from developing volunteer policy (watch out for the new publication called Volunteer News) to gorse removal programs.

- Have you heard of Green Plumbers? Through a shire supported training day, there are now plumbers equipped to answer your energy efficiency/solar hot water questions. Look out for their green plumber logo.

- The Draft Bicycle Strategy is on exhibition. It's excellent. Bike riding families/people do read and respond.

Have a good November.
Till next time,

Alice Aird, Councillor Macedon
Ranges Shire

The Anglican Church

St. Paul's Romsey and Christ Church
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What you thought

People in Romsey like the fact that we live in a quiet, country environment, relatively close to the city. This was the major response when the Anglican Church recently conducted a survey of people living in Lancefield and Romsey and asked the question "What do you like about living here?" Other common answers were that residents liked the relaxed, laid-back lifestyle, the lack of traffic, the beauty and cleanliness of the environment, a feeling of safety and freedom, especially for young people, and the fact that Romsey is a close-knit, friendly and caring community.

viewing the findings of the survey at a recent parish meeting, the church has begun looking at ways in which it could help the community celebrate some of the great things about living here.

The other questions asked had to do with the issues and problems in the community and what people would like to change. More about our findings in the next issue of the Romsey Rag.

Garage Sale

On a day when everyone seems to be having a stall, fete or garage sale, there will be yet another garage sale at the Anglican Vicarage, 33 Chauncey Street Lancefield, on Saturday November 10. We can offer a great range of junk including furniture. It will run from 8.30 am (no early callers please) until 2 pm.

Kids Club

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Annual Meeting

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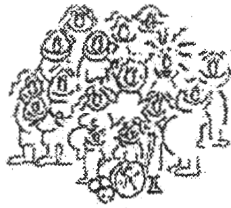
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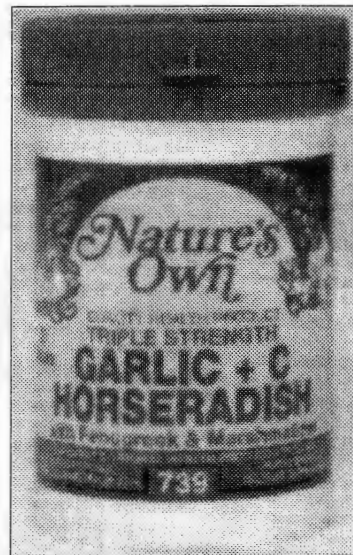
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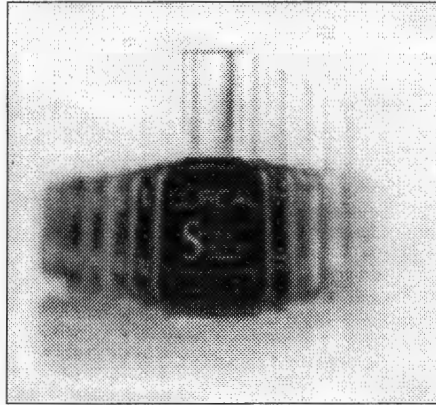


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