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Returning members AND new members joining us for the new season should attend one of our registration days on the weekend of the 14th and 15th September (between 11am and 1pm on both days) at the Romsey Primary School Lower Oval in Park Lane, Romsey. Parents registering children who are new to our Centre should also bring along the child's proof of age as we need to sight this as part of processing new registrations.

Competition for season 2002-2003 will commence on October 5th, 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact our Centre Secretary on 54296089.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

Isn't it just delightful to see the new police/ambulance station take shape so quickly and we thank all the tradesmen for making this happen before our very eyes!!

The official opening is probably going to be October sometime - but nothing definite as yet - but watch this space!

Thank you to all the people of this community for all their support over the years to make this happen!
Margaret Howatson, Secretary.



In this month's edition of the Romsey Rag Look out for information about:

- The Macedon Ranges Survey on Post-Natal Depression – the father's perspective
- Mental Health Awareness Day
- The Heskett Champion Skippers
- What's happening with the Bendigo Bank
- The new tanker at Heskett-Kerrie Fire Brigade
- Becoming self-reliant and fire safe in a rural setting
- Children's Advent Workshops at the Unit-ing Church

And our new serial by local writer Helen Linham -
"Ellias' Strange Adventure".

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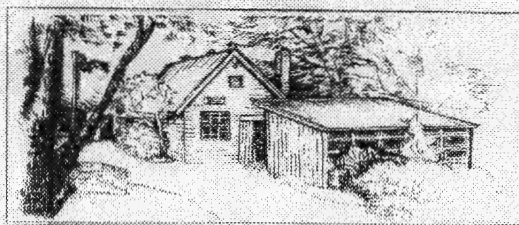
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ROMSEY RAG COLLATION DATES

Many hands make light work, as they say, and the Romsey Rag is no exception. Each month a dedicated band of volunteers works tirelessly to bring the "Rag" to your household. Collating is a major task, and more volunteers would make this job so much easier! Following is a list of dates for collating all of the remaining issues of the Rag for this year. If you can help, please contact the school and we will happily pass on your name and phone number to the collating coordinator. Or just turn up at the Romsey Primary School on the day of collation at about 9.00am.

October issue

Collated on Thursday Sept. 29th

November issue

Collated on Thursday Oct. 31st

December issue

Collated on Thursday Nov. 28th

A Fathers' Views Sought on Postnatal Depression

Macedon Ranges dads are being encouraged to have their say on family life and postnatal depression.

Leonie Farrugia, a Social Work student from Victoria University is currently undertaking research for Macedon Ranges Shire Council, exploring the experiences of fathers within the Shire whose partners have had postnatal depression. The aim is to identify some of the factors that have either assisted and/or made the experience more difficult. The research seeks to identify common issues for fathers and the effects that their partner's postnatal depression has had on them.

Postnatal depression has been recognised as a key health issue by the Central Victorian Health Alliance, which incorporates the shires of Macedon Ranges, Central Goldfields, and Mount Alexander. Figures pro-

duced by the Health Alliance in consultation with Maternal and Child Health nurses suggest that one in eight mothers in the region are diagnosed with postnatal depression. Postnatal depression is thought to affect at least one in ten mothers in the general population.

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Fathers are volunteering to be interviewed and a comprehensive report will be produced outlining the findings and including recommendations from the participants, which may form the basis for future policies, service delivery improvements, and program development in the area.

Postnatal depression, like general depression, is often suffered in silence because of the stigma, misunderstanding and ignorance that persists around mental health issues in the

community. This study is aiming to increase community awareness and understanding of postnatal depression and to broaden our perspectives on it. Increasing the understanding we have of the experiences of others and of the pressures that society has created for families should assist us in creating communities and providing services that are respectful, effective and inclusive of the whole family's needs and issues.

The fathers and their families will not be identifiable within the report as confidentiality is maintained throughout the research project.

To participate or find out more about the study, telephone Leonie Farrugia on 5427 8252. For more information or support in relation to postnatal depression, contact your local Maternal and Child Health nurse, General Practitioner, community health service. Alternatively, contact the postnatal depression association PANDA, based in Church Street Richmond, on 94278 4600.

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Macedon Ranges Health Care Romsey Medical Centre

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 Phone: 5429 5254 Fax: 5429 6147
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Clinic Hours and Appointments:

Monday to Friday	9.00am to 8.00pm
Saturdays	9.00am to 5.00pm
Sundays	10.00am to 1.00pm

We try to minimise waiting time by operating an appointment system. Appointments are routinely of 10 – 15 minutes duration. You can help us to run on time by advising the reception staff if you anticipate a longer time for complicated procedures such as:

- Insurance, pre-employment or license examinations
- Annual reviews or checkups
- Multiple medical problems
- More than one family member attending
- Counselling or emotional problems

Please note that emergencies are seen immediately and take priority over booked appointments. Home visits are available. Please call the Medical Centre to arrange for these appointments.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Lifecycles

The Junior Unit classes are currently studying Lifecycles. This has also created a great deal of interest as students are growing seeds in special containers to allow them to observe the germination and development of the new plants. A real highlight has been the hatching of chicks in an incubator. We now have ten very fluffy chirping chicks under the loving care of our junior students. Observing the rapid development of these birds will be a great experience for our children.



Above: Children anxiously watch the incubator for signs of life (left), and the newly hatched chicks begin their tour of the junior classrooms (right).

Romsey Primary School

Health & Fitness

An article in the 'Herald Sun' on Sunday April 7th, 2002 by Robyn Riley stated that 'Australian children are on track to become the most inactive in the world.'

It mentions that access to computers / television and video games and the time children spend "inactive" is increasing at an alarming rate. The article also mentions that:-

- ◆ Children's reading and writing skills improve after exercise
- ◆ Overweight children are more likely to have low self-esteem, which can lead to depression and eating disorders
- ◆ Outdoor play develops co-ordination and problem solving skills, encourages creative thought and builds confidence

At Romsey Primary School our Physical & Sport Education Policy & Program requires that years Prep – 2 participate in 20 – 30 mins per day of physical activity. Years 3 – 6 participate in 3 hours per week of physical education, including a maximum of 90 mins for Sport. The staff at this school are very committed to our students being active. As well as the scheduled physical education activities we are also encouraging students to be involved in the 'Jump Rope for Heart', Aerobics, daily fitness activities, and PMP sessions.

At Romsey Primary School we have an extensive Physical Education program that aims to promote fitness levels, provide students with the opportunity to develop skills for sport and games, and to engender a love of sport and physical activity.

With this level of emphasis on physical activity and its benefits, Romsey Primary School should be a community of happy, healthy children.

Family Science

Recently Romsey Primary School held another successful family activity night- this time the theme was Science. Classrooms were set up with activities for parents and children to explore further aspects of the science program covered in school classroom programs. The activity areas covered Flight, Minibeasts, Light & colour and Magnets.



Above: The joy of discovery! Walter examines leaf litter to reveal the hidden world of minibeasts.

With this activity again very well attended, there was a great deal of excitement from both young and old as scientific specimens were examined under the microscopes, colour wheels were spun to create amazing patterns and colours, model aeroplanes were tested and magnetic fields were identified and recorded. For many of our participants one evening was just not long enough to get to do all the exciting activities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ROMSEY

Macedon Ranges Social Support Service is seeking volunteers who would be interested in joining a valued team of people who provide a friendly visiting and support service to isolated, lonely older people and people with a disability who live in the Romsey area.

Volunteers provide social contact via regular friendly visits offering companionship and a link to the broader community. This valuable time given helps to ensure the continuity of care and well being of the people they visit, and assists in maintaining their quality of life and independence.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week, and enjoy the company of others

Contact: Christine Randich on 5427 8256



ROMSEY GOLF LADIES

Results for this month

24th July

- 1st L. Beasley
- 2nd B. Cole
- 3rd M. Crump

31st July

- 1st B. Cole
- 2nd S. Shelton
- 3rd L. Jeffrey

7th August

- 1st L. Beasley
- 2nd M. Campbell
- 3rd B. Cole

14th August

- 1st M. Campbell
- 2nd M. Crump
- 3rd L. Beasley

On the 10th August Beryl Cole & Steve Wilkins contested the district final of the Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Seymour Golf Club. We had an enjoyable day but unfortunately did not bring the trophy home.

No recipe for this month so I suggest all cooks have the month off. (Just dreaming)

B. Cole
54295411

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the 2002-2003 season.

As you are aware work has commenced on the replacement of the old green. It took quite an effort to remove the existing sand filled synthetic surface. Foremost the Committee would like to thank very much Andrew Mustey from Lancefield Sales and Service for his tremendous effort in removing the heavy rolls and storing them for us. Thanks should also go to the members of the Romsey Cricket Club who helped us at our working bee.

We hope that the rolls of artificial turf will be of use in the practice wickets. And thanks should also go to our Greens Committee and Club members for all their fine efforts both at the working bee and throughout the off-season. We are sure that all the hard work will pay off when we will be bowling on the best artificial surface in the district.

The Bowling Club always welcomes new members. If you would like more information or would like to try out bowls then telephone one of our secretaries. Dorothy can be contacted on 5429 5421 or Doss on 5429 6277.

Dates for your diary:-

- Sunday 22nd Sept. Practice Match against Gisborne Bowling Club 1.30pm at Romsey.
- Sunday 29th Sept. Opening Day 1.30 pm.
- Saturday 5th Oct. Newnham-Mustey Shield 1.30pm at Romsey.
- Sunday 6th Oct. Bob Shaw Fours.
- Tuesday 8th Oct. CHDLBA pennant starts.
- Saturday 12th Oct. CHBA pennant starts.
- Sunday 13th Oct. Jack McMahon Triples (CHBA event)

Wishing you all good bowling for 2002-2003.
Leo Wels.

Romsey Toy Library

The Romsey Toy Library Committee and members, would like to thank the Mayor, Geoff Neil and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, for their continued financial support and encouragement. This has enabled the Toy Library to grow and purchase wonderful, bright and varied new toys.

The Romsey Toy Library welcomes new members.

Join now and receive a \$5.00 discount until the end of September.

New Toy Library Hours are:-

Tuesday 9.30 – 11am

Saturday 10.00 – 11.30am

All enquiries – please contact Jenny Casey – 5429 5089.



Lancefield Neighbourhood House Report

The New Face of the Neighbourhood House

Now that Out of School Hours Care is no longer held at the Neighbourhood House we have rearranged most of our rooms. Our brilliant new 'Pink Room' is thanks to Ann Brockhurst who donated our beautiful pink paint and Michelle Coon and some of our fabulous committee members who did all the work to transform this room. The room is now being used for massages, meditation groups, self development groups, craft classes and can be hired for a small meeting or consultation room.

The multi-purpose room is proving ideal for Yoga classes and Monday afternoon's Belly Dancing had a record crowd and everyone had lots of fun. This room is also our 'drop-in around the fire' chat room. Coffee and social morning is on Wednesdays at 10.30, after walking group. This room is also available for meetings or for anyone who would like to start up a support group – suggestions welcome.

The new resource centre incorporates our computers and a reference library. People can do one of our many reasonably priced computer courses, come in to use the internet or access our homework help services.

What's Happening!

Foot Pamper Day has been postponed until Wednesday 4 September. Book in to pamper yourself for a wonderful

massage and pedicure.

A Crystal Workshop will be held on Saturday September 14. Come and learn about these fascinating, beautiful and powerful gems.

The next bus trip is to Highpoint on Friday September 20. 9am – 3.30pm. Cost: \$12.50

The next full moon mediation is on Saturday September 21 at 7.30 pm.

Stop Press!! October 10 is 'Midlife Magic' day. A special women's health day with a number of speakers and presentations. Keep this date free.

Remember that the Lancefield Neighbourhood House is here for YOU.

The mission statement of the Australia wide Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres is:

Everyone is welcome here;
If you want to help out here, you can;
This is a place to learn and share your skills;
We build supportive communities;
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Look out for next term's program.

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State Champion Skippers Visit Romsey P. S.

The State Champion Skipping team for the past four years, Heskett P. S. Jump Rope For Heart Demonstration team visited Romsey P. S. on Monday August 19th. The visit was part of the Romsey effort to raise funds to support the Heart Foundation. Children who participate in this activity raise money by performing various routines and having sponsorship support from community members.

Romsey P. S. had been visited by Mary-Lou Fisher one of the co-ordinators of the JRFH program and she had taken the children through a number of routines and skipping tricks however it was good to see these routines and tricks performed by the leading skippers in the state.

The Heskett Skippers, made up of Grade Prep to Grade 6 children performed group, double and individual routines for the Romsey children. With the 2002 State Championships coming up in mid October it was a good chance to try out some of the new routines and to work in front of a large and appreciative crowd.

Heskett Skippers perform widely, at many schools and large public events such as the Aust V England Netball Tests and the Aust Women's Open Squash Championship.



Watched by an enthralled audience of children and staff, the Heskett Skippers demonstrated their prowess at Romsey Primary School last month.

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Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Centre

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LITTLE ATHLETICS?... THEN READ ON

Why Choose Little Athletics?... We offer fitness, fun, family involvement, skill development, cross training for other sport, social opportunities, and much more. Children don't need any prior skills, just enthusiasm.

Registration	Register for the new season (2002 – 2003) on Saturday 14 th September or Sunday 15 th September (between 11am and 1pm on both days) at our athletics venue. Families new to our Centre will need to bring along proof of age (birth certificate or similar) of any children being registered, as we need to sight age proof as part of the requirements of registration. All athletes who register for this season will receive absolutely free, a fantastic sunsmart hat, courtesy of Capt'n Snooze, a major sponsor of Little Athletics.
Athletics Venue	Romsey Primary School Lower Oval, Park Lane, Romsey.
Free Trial	Athletes can compete for one day free of charge to see if they like it – Please let the Registrar know on arrival that you wish to try out for the day.
Age Groups	Children can join as soon as they turn 5. Little Athletics age groups are Under 6 through to Under 15.
Competition	Starting at 9.15am on Saturdays and at 5.15pm on weekday twilight meets (which are held on occasion) during daylight savings.
Season	Track & Field – October to March Cross Country – April to September
Events	Events conducted during Track & Field season can include sprints, middle distance, shotput, discus, javelin, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and hurdles events depending on the athletes age. Cross Country events are distance races varying in length according to the athletes age group.
Training	Our Centre has a number of dedicated coaching volunteers. Six of whom are qualified Level 1 coaches and also a number of parent volunteers who have completed the Level O coaching course. Skill development coaching is offered during competition meets to all new athletes, and also at training evenings, which are usually on a Friday between 5pm and 6pm.
Opportunities	We have a number of special Centre days including Novelty Day, Championship days where athletes can win medals (Centre Track & Field, Centre Multi-Event, Interclub Challenge Day versus Kilmore Little Athletics Centre) and our end of season function, Presentation Day. All special Centre days are focused on family involvement. Activities outside the Centre are at additional cost and include Region and State Championships, as well as Open Days at other Centres.
Parent Help	Parents are needed each week for a variety of simple tasks. No experience is necessary. Each week, all Centre volunteers receive free entry into the bi-annual prize draw at Centre level, as well as free entry into two Statewide draws for a chance to win a \$500 voucher at a store of the winners choosing
Awards	There are three Centre Championship days during the season where our athletes vie for medals. Every athlete who participates regularly will receive at least one medal on Presentation Day. Most annual Centre trophies are awarded based on athlete participation, sportsmanship, and improving personal best times, so that every child has an equal chance to win at season end. In addition, we usually offer weekly encouragement awards to athletes who participate regularly and try hard.
Costs	Registration fees are for the entire 12 month season which includes Track & Field and Cross Country. Fees paid include all Centre activities such as special family days, coaching, competition and championships, weekly and annual awards, Centre Information Booklet, quarterly newsletters, and athlete insurance. In comparison to many other sports, our fees are very reasonable and larger families are given a substantial discount for third and subsequent children who register at our Centre.
Uniform	Uniform is optional if competing only at our Centre during the season – If competing at Open Days or Championships at outside Little Athletics venues, uniform must be worn - Centre shirt (\$15), plain black shorts or sports briefs, suitable running shoes. Most children compete in suitable clothing they already have, such as shorts, t-shirt, runners, and a tracksuit for cooler days. Athletes are encouraged to wear a hat and sunscreen and carry a drink-bottle to all events.
Contact	The Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Centre Secretary on 54296089.

News from the Romsey Recreation Reserve.

F users will have noticed that over the past few months there has been a lot of work done in the park. By far the biggest project has been maintenance to the trees. We are happy to say that work has just begun on the final stage of the tree maintenance. Throughout the tree maintenance program we have been working closely with the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment to protect the natural habitat of native animals and birds.

On the Parks Drawing Board.

- The committee of management has been examining ways of improving the park for the Romsey community and is considering installing a walking/jogging track, with strategically placed exercise stations, around the perimeter of the golf course.
- A new boundary fence around the perimeter of the park is being considered.
- Upgrade of the entrance to the park.
- A proposed multi user Sporting Club.
- Removal of the hawthorn hedges from areas of the park boundary.

Working Bees

The working bee held on Sunday August 4th cleared a lot of blackberries from the Wallan Road park boundary as well as disposing of a huge pile of scrub, etc. The committee would like to thank the CFA for their attendance. Their assistance in controlling the burning of the pile of scrub was essential. We would also like to thank the Romsey Football Club, The Romsey Cricket Club, The Romsey Tennis Club, Rick Angove from Expert Tree Services and the Romsey Scouts for their assistance at the working bee. Also a huge thank-you to Jake Day.

Another working bee is planned for Sunday August 8th - Your help is needed. We start at 9am and finish at 12 noon.

How can the Community Help?

We invite the residents of Romsey to help us achieve our goals by offering sponsorship. We would appreciate any assistance no matter how much. Just think, if every Romsey resident donated \$10 we would have approximately \$20,000. This would build a great boundary fence.

The committee of management is dedicated to making the Romsey Recreation Reserve a safe and enjoyable facility for all residents.

Do you have any ideas you would like to tell us about --- ring Alan Eden, chairman of the committee of management on 5429 6889 or the secretary, Maureen Milburn on 5429 6985 or email shalite@hotmail.net.au

Songfest

A celebration of the different traditions of music in the Churches of Lancefield and Romsey.

☺ Come and sing or just listen and share this wonderful time together! ☺ During the afternoon, opportunity will be given to support the work of Chaplains in both Kyneton and Gisborne Secondary Colleges. ☺ A soup and bread meal at the conclusion will give time to yarn together!

Sunday 15th September at 4.30 pm
Lancefield Mechanics Hall, High Street

FIVE MILE CREEK REPORT



The creek is flowing and the grass has been mowed... even some daffodils have shown their heads. With spring coming, more families, dogs and their owners are discovering Romsey's secret creek which has been forgotten for the last ten years.

Take a look if you didn't know it was there!

Come to the Lions Park, walk through it toward the Uniting Church, and then follow the creek to the west. Cross the creek outside the church, down the makeshift bridge or across the logs, then walk along the track right up to Couzens Lane.

Next Working Bee:

SUNDAY 15 September, from 9am
(after Father's Day and before the football finals)

Please come down if you can. We can use:

- * whipper-snippers
- * branch stackers and muck rakers
- * people with spades to clear the path

People with a chain saw are most welcome; some volunteered last weekend, and cleared willows growing right in the creek and blocking its flow.

... Did you know that trout used to come up the creek to spawn?

For more information:

Jay & (5429) *Peta*



Sue (5429 5283) 6163) Andrew (5429 6168) Shirley (5429



Occupational Safety ...

One local volunteer who manages occupational health and safety is identifying safe practices for work along the creek. We'll have recommended safety practices soon, if any other group is inter-

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Romsey Uniting Church Children's Advent Workshop 2002

Preparation is currently underway for this years Advent Workshop which is run by the Romsey Uniting Church.

The workshop, which is gaining in popularity each year, is open to all pre-school and primary school children and is a fun program which is designed to help children discover the true meaning of Christmas. Each session (there are 4 in all) will see the children enjoying Christmas stories, singing carols and taking part in various craft activities.

For those interested in attending, details are as follows:

Dates: Thursday 14th, 21st & 28th November and 5th December 2002

Times: 3.45pm to 5pm – Afternoon tea is provided

Venue: Romsey Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey
(opposite rear of Lions Park)

Cost: Free.

If you would like to know more about the workshop or are interested in registering your children, please phone Carol Toy – 5429 5160 or Jan Weir – 5429 5167. Parents are more than welcome to stay with their children.



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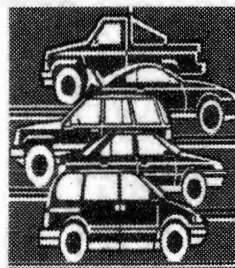
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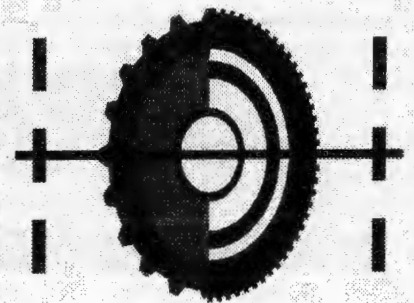
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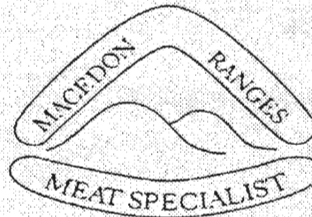
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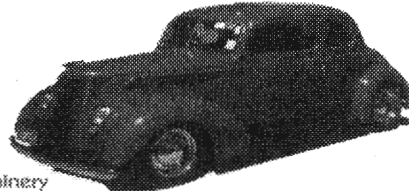
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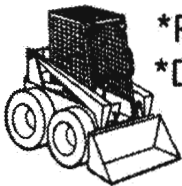
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New brigade Captain Gary Bradley is very proud of the latest addition. Gary is currently heavily involved in training Hesket-Kerrie members in the operation of the new vehicle for the upcoming fire season. Gary is also on the lookout for new members and adds that the Hesket-Kerrie Brigade is an equal opportunity brigade, enabling all of the community minded ladies out there to become involved in a very rewarding experience. Helping the community, in its protection against fire.

Presentation of the new truck to the Hesket-Kerrie brigade by CFA, will take place at **11.00am on Sunday, September the 8th** at the Cherokee Fire Shed, Gap Road, Cherokee. Directional signs will be placed at strategic points to ensure everyone will arrive at the right place.

Along with the truck presentation, **35 Hesket-Kerrie Members** will receive their service medals totalling some **668 YEARS** of experience. Included with the medal presentations will be 3 long standing members in, Daryl Maxted, Stan Nicholls and Ken Dunn who will receive Honorary Life Memberships, for their long and tireless work with the brigade.

The brigade would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Hesket-Kerrie community, for their generous donations and help over the years. In so doing the community is invited to help in celebrating the achievements of the members, along with the arrival of their new truck.

Further enquiries can be directed to Captain Gary Bradley on 5427 0450 or Alan James on 5427 0248.

Ellias' Strange Adventure

Ellias is twenty-two years old with lovely green eyes and blonde hair; he is six feet three inches tall and has a very fine physique. Ellias has decided that he is going to be the best Botanist that there ever was. He studies hard at his chosen subject and knows he will pass his final exams with flying colours and will be asked to join one of the famous Botanists in their endeavour to improve the plants on our lovely blue planet, well he hopes this will happen.

Apart from all of that, nothing very exciting ever happens to Ellias, but his life is full of joy as he studies and keeps fit.

Ellias woke early on this fine sunny morning. He flicked the switch on the radio to listen to some music while he showered and shaved.

He went back into his bedroom and put on his favourite tracksuit and runners then went to the kitchen and prepared him self a breakfast of muesli, toast and juice.

After he had finished his breakfast he washed up his dishes and tidied up his mess.

Ellias went to the table next to the front door of his small house and picked up his Walkman to listen to while he went for his morning run in the park before he went to university. Ellias is a third year student of Botany at the Darwin campus.

He plugged in the headphones and put them on his head. When he was satisfied with the station he had chosen, he went out the door and headed for the park.

There were a lot of joggers out today and Ellias knew most of them from his small town in Central Australia, so as he was running he was constantly nodding and saying "G'day" to his neighbours and friends.

The soil in central Australia is red in colour and Ellias loved to look of the flowers and plants in the red soil, it made them look better somehow.

Ellias was thinking about the two botanists who had recently arrived to teach at the university and about the events of the morning. They were a very nice couple, though a little on the short side and a tiny bit strange somehow. Ellias couldn't quite put his finger on it.

Ellias arrived early for class yesterday, and while he was waiting for the rest of the class to turn up, he thought that he heard the two newcomers talking, but not to each other, because there was a strange soft sound as well as their voices, which were also strange soft whispers and Ellias could not understand any of their conversation.

Ellias entered the classroom and could have sworn that the plants in the room all suddenly moved to stand straight. And the whispering had stopped. The botanists turned when Ellias entered and smiled at him.

Ellias giggled softly to himself and decided that he had been imagining things and went to his seat.

The botanists, Marigold and Mr Bush (first name unknown) are wonders to learn from. If there was anything about botany that they didn't know then Ellias figured that it wasn't important. Whatever was asked of Marigold or Mr Bush was answered without hesitation and then they would go on, one way or another, to prove that their answer was right.

Ellias had been running around the park, and thinking, for about 15 minutes, when a small branch fell from one of the trees and nearly hit him in the face. His reflexes caused him to jump aside and close his vivid green eyes to protect them from injury.

Suddenly his radio wasn't playing music anymore - instead it was full of static. Ellias took the Walkman out of his pocket and tried to find the station he was listening to, but all of the stations seemed to have gone off the air at the same time. He looked up to see what was interfering with the signal.

"What the... Where am I?" he exclaimed as he pushed a lock of his blonde hair out of his eyes. He was no longer in the park near his home but in another park, one that he didn't recognise.

He shook his head and rubbed his eyes, but still it was a different park.

Some of the flowers were not like any flowers he had ever seen before, they were weird but beautiful while others he recognised. It seemed to Ellias that they were leaning toward him and making sniffing sounds, like the noises he had heard outside his classroom. The trees were strange as well they leaned into one another and seemed to entwine their branches around each other while at the same time keeping their trunks apart, as if they were hugging one another.

Ellias took off his headphones and put them in his pocket with his Walkman while he was looking around trying to find a landmark of some kind. He couldn't see any buildings or roads or even footpaths, like the one he was running along when he started his morning exercise.

This is all very strange; He started to walk around looking at the plants and the trees. There were daisies and pansies, rhododendrons and azaleas, there were others that he had no idea what they were, none of his botany books showed anything that

even looked like them, and the ones he did recognise weren't like the ones he had been studying.

The trees were mostly birch but there was a smattering of elm, oak and gum trees as well as others he had never seen before.

It was all very quiet apart from the sniffing and sighing sounds that seemed to come from the flowers and trees.

"Ellias, Ellias" someone called. Ellias spun around to find out who was calling him but he couldn't see anyone. "Who's there?" he didn't recognise the voice and all he got as a reply was a giggle that seemed to come from among the trees.

"Where am I? What is this place?" he called. Nobody answered his questions, so he cautiously walked toward the trees to find out who was calling his name.

As he got closer he could hear a male voice that seemed to be scolding someone. *'You silly child, you know the law, you know how much trouble you are going to get into because of your playing around'*

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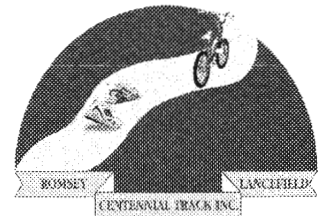
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This should happen quite soon and once the warmer weather comes, we will have an official handing over to the Shire by having a family walk/bike ride and meeting in the middle for the customary sausage sizzle. Will keep you posted.

- Margaret Howatson,
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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VALE

Many people have mourned the passing of Carol Moore, the talented artist who drew our logo and beautiful sketches of many local landmarks in the Shire of Romsey history book (which is now out-of-print). Carol was also the first

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HONOUR – A Different sort of real: The Diary of Charlotte McKenzie, Melbourne 1918-1919 – Kerry Greenwood
BOOKS Have courage, Hazel Green! – Odo Hirsch

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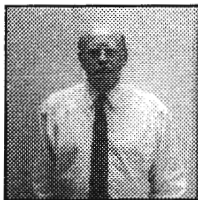
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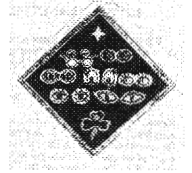
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Recently the Platypus Guides have completed several fun activities associated with "EYES". The girls learned about the stars on the Australian Flag, and then did a spot of star-gazing, in particular looking for the Southern Cross in the night sky. For some craft work they made a kaleidoscope with cardboard, clingwrap and small beads. Then a visiting speaker told them a bit about the costs and time involved in training a seeing-eye dog. Some more fun followed by playing a number of blind-fold games, during which the girls had to learn to rely on each other for support when they spent time blind-folded.

If you are interested in joining in with any of these activities, and lots more fun, ring Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996, or Carolyn Atkinson 5781 0728 for further information about Monday night activities.

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What's News

In September, the thoughts of most Victorians turn to football. It is the time of year when our "true colours" come to the fore. For many people, the season is already over, as only half the teams remain in contention.

There is a sense that football passion can be expressed in two ways. Primarily, there is the support and desire that "your team" will win. However, there is also the intense desire and wish that a particular other team does not win, no matter who they are playing against. I know someone who expresses this wish by having two teams to support each week – "Adelaide, and whoever is playing Port Adelaide."

Whilst professional football is big business, for most people it is still only a game. For some, however, it is deadly serious. They follow their team with a passion bordering on obsession, showing outright hatred towards other teams' players and supporters, and anyone who causes their club to suffer defeat. Some of the things done in the name of sport are downright terrifying, and an unfortunate example to many.

Whilst most of us would condemn the extreme actions of this minority, their level of feeling finds expression in many other areas of life without, perhaps, the same critical evaluation. Instead of another team, what if it is someone from a different country, or with different colour skin, or who speaks a different language? Our society calls this racism, and whilst it is widely condemned, it is still prevalent.

To go one step further, what if instead of being a different race, they are simply someone who looks different? Who hasn't felt uncomfortable in the presence of some people with physical deformities? Fortunately, I believe that this form of prejudice is reducing, at least in its overt form. However, there is still some way for society to go before the barriers faced by physically disabled people are fully removed.

To go even further, what if the person in question is someone who sees and understands the world "differently"? They may have nervous habits, or routines that appear unusual to us, yet provide them with a feeling of security. They might mutter to themselves constantly, or have wild mood swings, or any of countless other symptoms. We might call them "nuts" or "crazy", but really it is only a mental illness that is not so different from many other forms of "disability. How do we feel about them?

If we're honest, most of us will be scared or not know what to say or do. In either case, we avoid them, and so for centuries society has shut these people away.

However, today in Victoria, they live among us. As a Christian (a philosophy with a pretty ordinary track record at best), I believe that all people have value, and so it is up to me to find out what I can do to make all people feel welcome and safe. I hope that society as a whole will embrace this desire, making the least among us feel as important as anyone else. After all, isn't that the true measure of our "civilisation"?

Rev Alan Williams

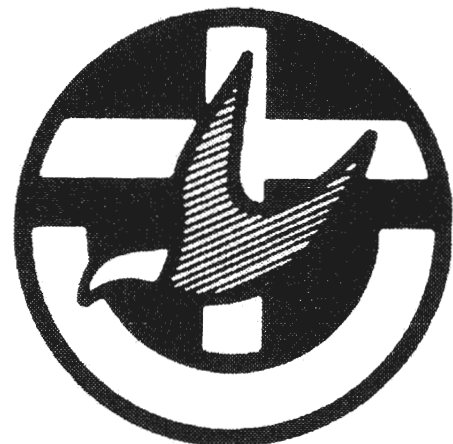
On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish everyone a happy and safe school holiday period.

What's On

- 1 Sept 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 8 Sept 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 11 Sept 1:30pm UCAF meet at the church hall. Doss Keating will share her recent travel adventures over afternoon tea. All welcome.
- 15 Sept 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 22 Sept 9:00am worship, with creche available for pre-school children.
- 29 Sept 9:00am worship, with guest preacher Lorraine Saultry. Creche will be available for pre-school children.
1:00-4:30pm elective activities at La Trobe University, Bundoora, as part of the Synod meeting.
- 6 Oct 9:00am worship, with guest preacher Rob Coulson. Creche will be available for pre-school children.

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.



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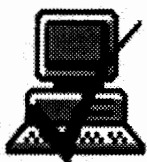
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From Your Mt William Councillor, Alice Aird

Hullo everyone. Much has happened since my last letter, so I'll try and summarise some of the more important issues.

Firstly, it's great to see a lot of activity around Mt William Ward roads, which the lack of rain has actually made easier. Apart from my own observations, I have had several comments about the good job done on upgrading surfaces, correcting and clearing drainage channels and clearing encroaching roadside vegetation. On the latter, while for safety there has been an improvement, many people, including me, are not pleased with the crude methods used on our significant roadside vegetation areas. The Roadside Management Strategy committee will be re-convening very soon. To participate, watch for calls for expressions of interest here and in the local papers, or contact me directly.

Celebrating Lancefield Together

Lancefield has received a grant of \$40,000 to pay a person for a year to support local residents in activities to enhance their knowledge and understanding of their local community and find ways to meet local needs for services. The more people participate the better this will work, so get behind it any way you can. Congrats to Linda, Caroline and Vivian at the Neighbourhood House and Kevin from MacGowans for their contribution to getting this funding.

Lancefield On Line and in the Street

Have you had a look at "Lancefield on Line" yet?. It's a very good framework to put Lancefield on the 'virtual' map – well done to LABATA and Peg Raeburn in particular. The more there is in it, the better it will be. So be one of the first to put your business, club or event out there. The address is www.lancefield.org.au

In Lancefield also, the streetscape plans are getting exciting. The significance of the 'good bones' of this town is clear to many people and the approach of 'Change Without Change' is taking hold. Watch for opportunities to comment on the ideas for discussion when they are displayed soon.

The sale of the Shire owned block in Chauncey St at a higher than expected price is good news. It was not needed for open space, and the funds will go to Lancefield community facilities. How about a new toilet block?! It would go a

long way towards it, particularly if local trades people and service clubs contribute in-kind as generously as they are famous for.

The Future of Our Trees

Guess how many trees there are between Lancefield and Romsey? About 400? You're right! Sadly, many are in poor condition. Peter Jones' report on these and other Elms around the Shire recommends no further planting of any trees until rainfall returns to average and no further plantings of elms at all (because of elm leaf beetle). He recommends a drought tolerant oak species, *Quercus castaneifolia*, to replace the elms. Ask for the report at the Romsey service centre.

The Romsey street trees are suffering also and Diane McMahon from 'The Clay' Café had a very good idea – locals adopt a street tree and water it through the drought. I was excited about this and ready to call for volunteers, but Peter Jones tells me that these mature trees would need truckloads, not bucketloads. So we'll have to rely on mother nature. Anyone know a rain dance? If you want to support a local Romsey environmental project, watch for the banner advertising working bees on Five Mile Creek, which Sue Kirkegard has organised so effectively.

Crossing the road and kicking up the heels in Newham

The Newham crossing saga continues. Now we've got it we need to get more kids using it! This corner is dangerous even for the secondary students, who are mostly ignoring the crossing when they get off the bus. (Remember there have been dreadful accidents around school buses in this Shire.) Your rates are paying for this crossing for children's safety, so Newham parents, please educate your children to use the crossing! Further work is planned on pathways and linking the crossing to safe routes to school.

On a jollier note, Bruce and I had a great time at the Newham Hall Dance in August. What a credit this hall is to the dedicated Hall Committee! There was a mixture of 'new' and 'old' Newhamites, a lively local band and rocking on till late. Thanks to Val, Helen, Sue, Kathy, Coral, Robyn and Christine (before the twins arrived!) for making this invaluable community get together happen.

Kangaroos, Noise, Trail Bikes.....

As the Macedon Ranges Shire delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria Strategic Environment Advisory Group

(MAV SEAG), I am pleased to report that the issue of kangaroos is being raised with the state government through this forum. We are all aware of the safety issues with kangaroos on our roads and also the consequences of the huge populations for farmers. SEAG is advocating that research be done to find a way to control roo populations scientifically. We cannot ignore that human activity has created this imbalance and there needs to be an effective, humane control method.

Since being on Council, I have received many complaints about the inappropriate/illegal riding of 'trailbikes', I therefore moved a motion at a July council meeting and raised the issue at SEAG, to begin a strategic approach to ensure the use of recreational motorcycles is responsible, environmentally sound and has a low noise impact. It won't be perfect but all parties involved need to come together to work towards making this form of recreation workable for everyone. On the noise issue, the question of noise from bird scaring devices in vineyards has been raised. As more and more vines are being planted this is becoming very significant. I see many vineyards are netting the grapes – isn't this the best way? Love to hear your views.

Remember the Shire Community Funding Scheme closes Friday September 13.

Pick up the information and application forms and see whether your group or activity could apply. This year I suggested a new category, where individuals or small community groups can apply for a "Small Operational Grant (up to \$200) to organise activities, projects or programs which help build a sense of community spirit and neighbourhood connectedness" (see page 4). This is only limited by your imagination! If there's something you like doing and you want to share it with others, \$200 could help you do it.

Hope those pledges for the Romsey Community Bank are flowing in well. The meeting in June was inspirational. The stories of Lancefield and other community banks revealed what a huge community asset these ventures are. Well done to the Lancefield Community Bank Board, and to Maureen Wiltshire and all the members very strong steering committee.

Till next time,
Councillor Alice

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ROMSEY BANK PUSH HOTS UP

Residents can keep a regular eye on progress as it "heats up" towards getting our own Community Bank over the next few months.

A billboard with a big red thermometer has been erected on the nature strip of Main Street, near the front of the Catholic Church, and we can all watch the red mark moving upwards. The billboard is keeping residents up-to-date on a weekly basis as to how we're going towards the target of \$400,000 needed to take the next step towards achieving a community owned and operated Bank branch of Bendigo Bank.

So far Romsey residents have pledged just on \$125,000 – more than 25 per cent of the way: already an excellent effort towards our target, given that our Bank push really only gained momentum our public meeting on June 20.

Letters have now gone out to all Romsey residents explaining the Bank project in detail, and members of the Romsey Steering Committee are available at a stall in the shopping centre every second Saturday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 to answer queries.

Romsey Steering Committee chair Maureen Wiltshire said there had been excellent feedback from the street stalls.

"The comments we've received show that the people of Romsey are right behind the project to establish a Community Bank in our

town, to ensure that we are in control of our own financial future," she said. "The sooner people convert this support into pledges, the sooner we can move forward to the next step in the process of working towards a Community Bank for Romsey."

The Saturday morning stalls for the rest of this year are on September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23 and December 7 and 21.

The Romsey Steering Committee members who will be available to talk about the project are Romsey solicitor Maureen Wiltshire, butcher Peter O'Rourke, estate agent John Woodham, management consultant and vigneron Bruce Knight, barristers' clerk Ric Howells, earthmoving contractor Doug Newnham, retired school principal Trevor Turnham, Lancefield publican John Chisholm and journalist Graeme Walker.

Pledge boxes and forms are available at the street stall and are also located at the butchers, newsagency, bakery, IGA supermarket and southside service station. In Lancefield, there's a box at the Community Bank at 20B High St., or pledges can be mailed to the Bank at this address.

People wanting more information on the Bank project can ring Trevor Turnham on 5429 5413, Maureen Wiltshire (5429 5292) or Graeme Walker (9370 1802).



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With Rostered Playgroup, parents are rostered 2 - 3 times per term to stay and help organise the activities. It's a great way to be involved, and you meet other parents. Activities can include painting, arts and crafts, cooking, etc.

To be eligible for 3 year old playgroup in 2002, children must have turned 3 by April 30th 2002.

If you require more information please contact Colette on 5429 1930.

LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

The Lions Changeover Dinner was celebrated at the CentreVic Motel in Lancefield. District Governor Lion Nancy Dean officiated with the Induction of New President Carl Reeves and Office Bearers. Guests and Lions applauded Past President Lion Milos Starec for his excellent work and leadership in his term of office.

Special thanks was given to Lion Steve Goodman and the Home Committee for their time and effort for this project. Ten units are nearing completion. Enquiries regarding occupancy to Lion Dawn Dixon on 54295 498. We will miss Lions Dave and Fran Quarrell who have transferred to Riddells Creek and we wish them the best in their new Club.

We would welcome new Members to help with community projects and enjoy our Fellowship. Enquiries to President Carl or contact any Lion and join us at a Dinner Meeting. Phone 54237 110.

The next Market is on 22nd September, Stall holders can contact Lion Alan Bailey on 54295 079.

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For more details contact:

Belinda Mitchell 5429 6740

Judy Van Den Heuvel 5429 5692

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AFTERNOON

2.00 PM– Wednesday, September 18th

At the Lancefield Uniting Church

High Street, Lancefield

Guest speaker: Fay Hayman

Family Carer Project Worker,

Centre for Rural Mental Health, Bendigo Health Care Group.

This will be an opportunity for us all to gain a greater appreciation of the extent of mental illness in the community. Come and join us as we learn to understand those who are different to us.

Entry by donation.

Donations of afternoon tea "eats" gratefully accepted on the day.

RULLOCKY

The European pioneers of Australia relied for transport on horses and cattle (and to a minor extent on mules and camels) until the advent of the steam engine and then the internal combustion engine. Managing teams of horses was relatively easy but special skills were needed for the heavier task of controlling bullocks. In many areas bullock and horse teams were about equally popular but in 1893 calamity struck the bullock teams in the tropical areas - "red water" infected with cattle ticks. The roads became littered with dead bullocks and many wagons lay idle until they were adapted to be drawn by horses. In 1863 one of the first female bullock teamsters, Mrs. Buntine, forced her way up the steep narrow track from Moe to deliver the first load of provisions and equipment to the goldmines in the very rich Walhalla area of Gippsland. Better known as Mother Buntine, this remarkable lady has connections with the pioneering years of Rochford, one of the satellite townships which developed around Romsey in the 1860's. Hugh Buntine left Ayrshire, Scotland, with his wife Mary and five children in May 1838 destined for N.S.W. Late on the voyage typhus broke out so, when the ship reached Sydney, Mary and a newborn son, were rushed to the Quarantine Station where they both died. Hugh and his remaining children stayed in Sydney only until March 1840 when they sailed to Melbourne where Hugh became a dairy farmer on the Merri Creek, Coburg. He also married Agnes Davidson and soon the whole Buntine family sailed to Port Albert where Agnes gave birth to the first white child born in Gippsland - Albert Alexander Buntine. Five more children were born and the Buntines played prominent roles in the development of central Gippsland. They managed an

8,000 acre pastoral lease in Bruthen and operated two public houses. They eventually settled near Rosedale where Hugh died in 1867 - his grave is clearly marked by a red gum plaque.

His widow, Agnes, was a lady of great self-reliance and splendid physique; she made a career as a bullocky in Gippsland for several years.

Meantime, Hugh's eldest daughter Jane married Captain Andrew Murray who operated ships between Port Albert and Hobart for many years until her cutter "Emily" disappeared at sea. Jane then married Thomas Armstrong who farmed two adjacent properties in Rochford - "The Glen" and "The Hill"; these properties are now part of "Charnock Herefords" owned by Hugh Matheson Morgan A.O., Managing Director of Weston Mining Corp. Jane and Thomas had seven children, the youngest of who also named Jane, married next door neighbour David Mitchell Cook whose father was the first blacksmith in Melbourne and then the first in Rochford. Cook's Smiddy not only shod horses but also built wagons, jinkers, ploughs, drays and pea rakes. They were said to be among the first in Victoria to use oxy acetylene welding, producing their own acetylene from Calcium Carbide and water. They were also one of the last blacksmiths businesses to close.

TRIVIA: For many decades Great Britain has laid claim to the longest place name in the world -that of a railway town in Wales. However, the honour belongs to that of a 890 foot hill in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, "Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotanenukuanangikitanatahu" - 52 letters in one unhyphenated word!!

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NEW PROGRAMS AT THE ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE BASKETBALL:

The Romsey Rec Centre is currently a basketball free zone.... It's up to you to do something about this! The Management of the centre desperately wants to get basketball up and running, and is seeking both senior and junior male and female players. New seasons will commence once we have enough players.

INDOOR SOCCER:

Currently, junior indoor soccer is running at the centre on Tuesday afternoons, and is proving a success for the participants. With only a few weeks until finals, we will be looking to start a new season in mid-November.

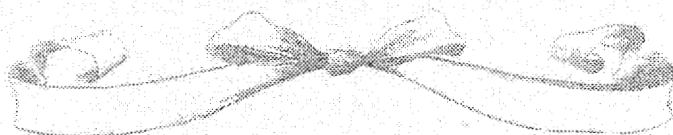
Senior indoor soccer is next on the list. We are seeking teams or individuals who are interested in mixed indoor soccer, with the planned season to commence in early October. A great way to keep fit!

SQUASH:

We are looking to begin a senior squash competition on Tuesday nights at the Romsey Recreation Centre. If you, or someone you know is interested, the time has come to stop thinking about playing and to start playing. This is scheduled to start in late September or early October, numbers permitting.

NB: ALL PROGRAMS ARE DEPENDENT ON NUMBERS BEFORE THEY CAN COMMENCE.

IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR MATTHEW HOCKING AT THE CENTRE ON 5429 5637 OR MOBILE 0417 123 631



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