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Lancefield Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank

### Steering Committee set up for Romsey Branch:

A nine-member Romsey Steering Committee has been set up to spearhead the push for a Bendigo Bank Community Bank branch in the town. The Steering Committee is chaired by local solicitor Maureen Wiltshire, a Board member of the community-owned company which already runs the Lancefield Community Branch of Bendigo Bank.

The Steering Committee has been established to work towards a Romsey branch in conjunction with the community-owned company, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd.

The other members of the Romsey Steering Committee are retired school principal Trevor Turnham, barristers' clerk Ric Howells, earthmoving contractor Doug Newnham, butcher Peter O'Rourke, estate agent John Woodham, management consultant and vigneron Bruce Knight, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services chair John Chisholm and Board member Graeme Walker.

"We held our public meeting on June 27 to explain in detail to the community the steps needed to realise the aim of establishing a community-owned and operated Bank that meets our needs and is here for the long haul," Mrs Wiltshire said.

"People now realise that a secure banking future is in our own hands. If we can demonstrate as a community that we want a bank and we can make it a viable one, Bendigo Bank and Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services will reciprocate.

"Bendigo Bank's excellent Community Bank concept also provides a profit-sharing arrangement, whereby a proportion of profits are channelled back into projects of local community benefit."

Mrs Wiltshire said residents needed to submit pledge forms to indicate the amount of share capital they were prepared to contribute to the establishment of the Bank – which would also give them ownership and a say in their banking future.

Pledge forms can be left in the secure boxes located at butcher Peter O'Rourke's shop, the Romsey IGA supermarket, the newsagency and the Lancefield Bank branch at 20B High St.

Pledge details are confidential, and are only known to Mr Turnham as he collates the total.

## Vale – Geoff Skinner

It is with the deepest of sorrow that we mourn the passing of our fellow committee member who worked so tirelessly for the formation of the ambulance station in Romsey.

Deepest sympathy to Ann and all of her family,

From the committee members of the  
Romsey-Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary.

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1500 copies delivered to the Romsey community at the commencement of each month.

**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.

<b>August issue</b>	<b>Collated on Thursday July 25th</b>
<b>September issue</b>	<b>Collated on Thursday August 29th</b>
<b>October issue</b>	<b>Collated on Thursday Sept. 29th</b>
<b>November issue</b>	<b>Collated on Thursday Oct. 31st</b>
<b>December issue</b>	<b>Collated on Thursday Nov. 28th</b>

19 June, 2002.

To the Editor,

To have towns such as Gisborne, Woodend, Romsey and Lancefield "cooking with gas" through the extension of the natural gas pipeline continues to be a priority for myself and the Bracks Government.

Mains gas will bring lifestyle benefits for our region by cutting heating and cooking costs. It will also drive economic development and jobs growth and help the environment by producing less greenhouse gases than alternative energy sources.

Since coming to office, I have worked with the Macedon Ranges Shire and Natural Gas Working Party, Department of Infrastructure and TXU to develop mains gas options for our region. I have also held discussions with the Premier and the Treasurer who are acutely aware of the disadvantage facing areas without a mains gas supply.

The Bracks Government is actively examining the feasibility of extending the gas network in rural and regional areas. The high infrastructure cost remain major hurdle to be overcome. The cost of the network needs to be weighed against the cost savings that will be achieved through the use of mains gas versus alternative energy sources.

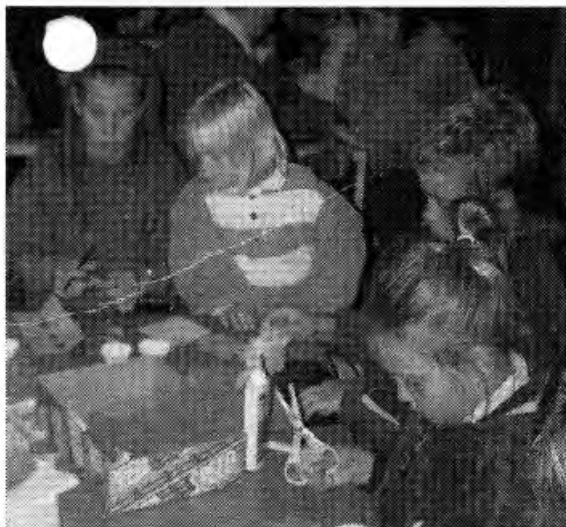
When the previous Government privatised the state's energy assets (gas and electricity) there were no provisions for any extensions to the gas pipeline, and in fact several disincentives for that extension to take place. The Bracks Government is committed to trying to overcome these hurdles.

We have already legislated to allow a gas distributor and retailer who extends the network to have an exclusive franchise of up to 10 years and 5 years respectively over the new infrastructure.

This will provide greater certainty to investors and improve the commercial opportunities from any extensions.

Yours Sincerely,

**Joanne Duncan MP**  
Member for Gisborne



## New Enrolments

Romsey Primary School is already in the swing of the kinder to school transition program. Already we have conducted an Open Morning and Open Evening for parents of Prep children in 2003. Information packages and enrolment forms have been distributed to local kindergartens. Over the next two terms we will be having a number of visits by kinder children to get them used to the school environment, meet teachers and children and have a fun time doing a range of school activities. This system has worked very well in the past with all new children this year very keen and happy to come along to school, ready for lots of exciting learning. Parents of children who are to start school next year and encouraged to lodge the enrolment with the school now. Any parent who needs more information or would like to have a personalized tour of our wonderful facilities and great programs should contact the school now to make an appointment with our principal – Barney Healy on 5429 5099

## Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

It is the aim of Romsey Primary School to more actively involve all students in their learning. To this end the teachers work with our children to set quite specific learning goals at the commencement of the year. Students need to reflect on these throughout the semester and then be an active member of the reporting and parent / teacher interview process at mid-year. All students are to attend the parent/teacher interviews, share work and achievements, and reflect with their parents and teachers progress made in meeting goals. This is also a good time to review goals, and set new ones if required. The school knows that children who are actively engaged in their learning are more likely to be developing the habits of life-long learning, a requirement for success in our modern world.

Here is a selection of goals from a number of our students:



**TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW**

### **C.N. Year 4**

In Maths I am going to work to understand

- ◆ Shared between
- ◆ Telling the time

In English I am going to:

- ◆ Practice my letter writing
- ◆ Do my spelling

In Integrated studies and other areas I am going to:

- ◆ Learn how to log on and off
- ◆ Learn to bring my recorder
- ◆ every week

The thing I want to do most this year is:

- ◆ Maths- tell the time

### **S.W. Year 4**

In Maths I am going to work to understand

- ◆ Multiplication
- ◆ Fractions and decimals

In English I am going to:

- ◆ Speak clear in front of a group
- ◆ Join letters in handwriting

In Integrated studies and other areas I am going to:

- ◆ Learn what makes things work

The thing I want to do most this year is:

- ◆ Get better at running

### **A.D. Year 3**

In maths I am going to work to understand

- ◆ Telling the time
- ◆ Skip counting

In English I am going to:

- ◆ Improve my writing
- ◆ Become a better speller

In Integrated studies and other areas I am going to:

- ◆ Improve my presentation
- ◆ Learn how to log on and off properly

The thing I want to do most this year is:

### **C.E. Year 6: Personal Goals for Term 1**

Goal 1: Homework- More ideas for presentation, get my homework in on time and organize my time better. Assessed by- Looking back through my homework book and looking for improvements.

Goal 2: English- Improve my handwriting, spelling and get it done quicker. Assess by- Practice more.

Goal 3: Maths – Get it finished quicker and use more ways to figure sums out. Assess by- Practice more and look back at my maths sheets.

### **JE. Year 5: Term 2 Goals:**

Goal 1: Joining in more activities around the school. Assessed by – writing down all the activities that I do throughout the term.

Goal 2: Working on my English and making it as good as my mathematics. Assess by working harder at home and at school by doing more reading and writing and looking through books about English and literature.

## Lancefield Neighbourhood House "Serving Our Community"

### **Winter Escapes**

We are now half way through another year and we have been kept quite busy at the House. Our Term 3 Winter Newsletter should have hit your mailbox's to keep you all up to date and informed as to "What's happening at the Neighbourhood House". Again there is something for everyone to do, so why not come in and escape those winter blues and do a class in a friendly and warm atmosphere, or just pop in and have a cuppa and check out our facilities.

### **Internet Café**

We are hoping to increase the area of our Internet café, and are asking for donations for couches in good condition, rugs and pictures. We will be doing a "Changing Rooms" to create a new look room, so if anyone has any painting and decorating talents we would love to hear from you! (Give the house a call on 5429 1214). We will also be able to offer students a homework study night to access the Internet and resource material, a games night, a chat room night and World Wide Web searching sessions – and training to be able to do all this is also available. Will keep you posted with more information on that!

### **Bus Trips**

9am – 3.15pm approx. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month  
It was wonderful to see so many ladies (and men) on our last bus trip to Werribee Plaza. I think it was a House record as 25 enjoyed the day out and coffee provided by the Centre. It was also a great fundraiser for the House.

Our next shopping trip is to the popular Queen Victoria Market. You can also get a quick tram to the shops of Melbourne if you wish! So let Les Jones our friendly bus driver get you there in comfort and easy parking right near the stalls. (Book early for this one).

Cost only \$12.50 Children \$3.00

Departs front gates of the House. List on wall at the House or ring 5429 1214 and Viv will put you on it.

### **Food Handling Certificate**

We will be offering Level 1 certificate on Saturday 10 August 12 – 4 pm, and possibly another session on Wednesday 24 August. Cost is \$65 (conc. available). Early bookings essential.

### **Unfinished Objects**

Social morning, coffee and chat, and if you like bring along any of your unfinished bits of craftwork and turn them into finished pieces. Tuesdays 10 am – 12 noon. \$2.50, coffee and biscuits supplied.

### **Fundraising**

Our next fundraiser will be a Father's day raffle so if anyone has anything they can donate please let us know, we are always grateful.

### **Card Afternoon**

Do you want to meet new friends, or just love to play cards, why not come along and join the delightful crew for a social card afternoon? Euchre is the game and fun is the aim. Join in the fun and laughter, followed by a cuppa and biscuit.

Held: Tuesday afternoons from 12.30pm – 3 pm. Cost: Gold coin.

### **Folk Art**

Are you looking for something to do on a cold wintry morning or afternoon? Why not try Folk Art? Our classes are suitable for the beginner through to the more advanced. Learn the basics from preparation through to different brush strokes and finishing techniques. Our experienced Tutor "Alison" caters to your needs. Come along to our fun filled enthusiastic classes. Cost: \$10 per session (Total cost \$80 - 8 sessions in all).

Classes will resume on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a lovely soup recipe to warm you up on a cold night.

Zucchini Soup

2 cups of pea's	1 packet of chicken noodle soup
1 onion	2 large zucchinis
3 sticks of celery	3 cubes of chicken stock

Cook all ingredients for one hour then blend with a Bamix or blender. Add salt, pepper and cream to taste.

Remember to rug up and keep warm.

Linda Davies

Publicity Officer

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	\$50	7 or more children

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### Opening times:

Wednesday - 1.00 - 3.00 pm.

Saturday - 10.00 am - 12 midday

**Location:** St Mary's Hall - Main Street, Romsey (next to St Mary's Church)

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Enquiries:

## Romsey Veterinary Surgery



80 Main Street, Romsey, 3434  
Phone: (03) 5429 5711  
Fax: (03) 5429 6259

CONSULTING HOURS:  
Mon-Fri 9.00-10.30 am  
4.00-6.00pm  
Sat 9.00-10.30am  
Sun 9.30-10.30am  
At other times by appointment.

## Romsey Veterinary Surgery

### Extension of Hours

Our office hours have been extended.

Our new office hours will be  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Our consulting hours at 80 main Street Romsey will be

Monday - Sunday 9:00 Am - 10:30 AM

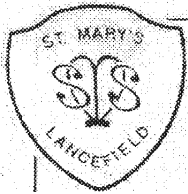
Monday - Friday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No appointments are needed during our consulting hours.

Appointments outside our consulting hours

can be made by phoning (03) 5429 5711

80 Main Street



## ST MARY'S SCHOOL LANCEFIELD

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2003 onwards

#### St. Mary's School Open for Visitors

Sunday 28th July between 11am - 12 noon.

All parents interested in enrolling their children at St. Mary's are invited to attend this session. There will not be another open session this year.

#### St. Mary's School Information Night

Wednesday 7th August, 7.00pm.

Parents who intend their children to attend St. Mary's School in 2003 are expected to attend this session.

#### Interviews With Parents for 2003

These will be held in August.

#### St. Mary's School Expression of Interest Forms

Parents are asked to hand in Expressions of Interest in Enrolment for 2003 - 2006 as soon as possible as places are limited.

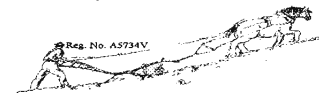
#### St. Mary's Shopping Tour

Saturday 31st August.

#### St. Mary's School Twilight Fair

Friday, 15th November 5.00 - 8.00pm.

#### Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, 3434.

#### AIMS

The Historical Society aims to preserve the history of this district, and to provide information about families or buildings to those people whose ancestors were here.

The archives are stored in the ex-Courthouse building at Lancefield, and enquiries can be directed to PO Box 101, Lancefield. A fee applies to lengthy family history research.

The other project of the Historical Society is preserving and maintaining the oldest dwelling in Romsey, which is Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street. This building is of unique construction, dated 1855, and has a large garden which also needs regular attention! Anyone interested in helping can contact Jean Clement on 5429 6522.

If you would like to know more about the history of this district, we welcome new members. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm, and there are often guest speakers. For further information contact the Secretary, Jean on 54296522.

### Proposed Sporting Club:

The committee of management of the Romsey Public Park Recreational Reserve are currently investigating the possibility of building a "Sporting Club" with shared facilities at the Romsey park. To assist us in determining if a "Sporting Club" would benefit Romsey, we invite residents, clubs, etc to complete the following questionnaire.

Please return to:

The secretary,  
Committee of Management,  
Romsey Public Parks Recreation Reserve.  
P.O. Box 16  
Romsey 3434  
Or fax to the secretary on 5429 6975

**Name of Individual/Organization:**

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**Address** .....

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**Telephone:** .....

**Email:** .....

*Please indicate your answer by ticking the appropriate box.*

**Do you support a "Sporting Club" with shared facilities?**

Yes      No

**What facilities would you require:**

**Change rooms**              Yes              No

If your answer is yes please indicate number of rooms required

Approximate size of room/s Eg: 10 metres x 5 metres

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**Showers**                      Yes              No

If yes what would be the minimum number required

**Meeting room**              Yes              No

If your answer is yes what approximate size room would you require

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**Kitchen**                      Yes              No

**Bar area**                      Yes              No

**Social area**                  Yes              No

If your answer is yes what size room would you require

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**Reception area**              Yes              No

Any other requirements (please give details)

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The committee of management appreciates your assistance in completing the questionnaire.

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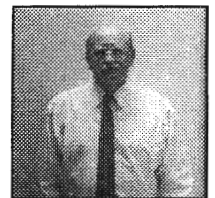
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## What's next along Five Mile Creek?

The working bee on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> cleared the end of Wrixon Street and under the huge fir trees. The clean-up has come to open ground – buttercup and overgrown mint with only the occasional willow roots choking the creek. Peter Mitchell a local historian gave us the real story about the bathing boxes and the pool, the original homesteads along the creek, and the local opinion of the Kelly gang who were known to come to the races up this way. Did you know Romsey had its own swimming coach? There is a book coming out soon, if you missed this day.

So where do we go from here?

- ◆ Tree-planting on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> (National Tree Day). We'll plant trees in the first section of the creek, to replace some of the willows eventually. Council will provide the trees .... Ring up if you want to come, or just roll up about 11am.
- ◆ Finding the track. More Sherlock Holmes investigators are welcome as we mark out the walking track for winter. Bring a sharp spade or cutting blade to find the edge of the gravel, so we can kill the grass growing over the track. Ring Jay on 5429 6163.
- ◆ Flowers ... should we have some bulbs growing along the creek? If you have an opinion, ring up.
- ◆ Dirt bike jumps. Don't be surprised to see the earth move, as the dirt bike guys begin to construct a track near Couzens Lane. Council have approved a site and a plan.
- ◆ Bridges. Crossings at Pohlman Street and Wrixon Street both need bridges. This is still very much on our agenda.
- ◆ YOU ARE NEEDED. If you haven't come down yet, but thought about it, please put it in your diary. Don't leave it to someone else. Get a friend to come, or ring up so you'll know someone. It's a great feeling to see the water flow when you've cleared a patch.

Thanks to the CFA for their work, and the Lions, the local butcher and IGA supermarket who between them provided the barbeque for the workers.

Talk to us about your ideas..... Sue on 5429 5283, Jay and Peter on 5429 6163, Andrew and Peta on 5429 6168, or Shirley on 5429 5505.

### Take Off Weight Naturally

#### T.O.W.N. Clubs of Victoria

If you have a weight problem, we might be able to help you.

JWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA is a voluntary organisation to encourage weight loss through weekly meetings which include weigh-in and group therapy. Members are encouraged to adopt a healthy controlled eating style and take up suitable exercise – no artificial methods are permitted.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA provide a non-expensive, encouraging environment that raises your self-esteem as you work towards, and then maintain, your goal weight.

Meetings are held weekly at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey, Tuesday nights; weigh-in from 7 – 7.20pm, meeting from 7.30pm.

**For more details contact:**  
**Belinda Mitchell 5429 6740**  
**Judy Van Den Heuvel 5429 5692**



### **BUNGAWITTA** **ROMSEY** **PLAYGROUP INC**

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Wednesday	10.30am- 12.30pm
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Friday	10.00am - 12.30pm (if sufficient interest)

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Bring a snack for your child for morning tea

For more information please call:  
 Kitty 54 29 6307 Renee 54 29 6692

## ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

At the annual general meetings of the Romsey Bowling Club, the following office bearers were elected for 2002-2003.

	<u>Women's Section</u>	<u>Men's Section</u>
President	Fay Sanders	Brian Cushen
Snr. Vice President	Doss Keating	Leo Wels
Jnr. Vice President	Helene Newnham	Bruce Robb
Treasurer	Rena Moore	Graeme Cuthbert
Secretary	Dorothy Thompson	Doss Keating

The Club congratulates the office bearers and wishes them well in their respective roles. Special thanks are extended to all members who have been elected to the various committees.

During the off season, we will be replacing the green with a new synthetic surface. This should ensure top bowling for many years to come. I'm sure all players, both from our club and our neighbouring clubs, will welcome the change to play on a quality surface.

In the forthcoming season, we will have a Ladies side playing in Division 2 commencing on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, as well as two sides playing Saturday pennant in the CHBA beginning on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

Congratulations are extended to Doss Keating who has recently passed her umpires examination. This is quite an achievement considering the daunting nature of the examination. Well done Doss.

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.

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

### *You are cordially invited to the*

GSC Chaplaincy's  
Annual Progressive Dinner  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
at three locations in Gisborne.

All proceeds to the Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Fund which, this year needs \$47,000. The college will provide \$19,000 and \$28,000 must be raised with the help of the churches and community.

Tickets: Adult \$15.00 – Conc. \$10.00 - Family \$35.00.

We intend to auction various items during dinner and to make the evening more interesting, will also conduct a silent auction. Bishop John Stewart is our guest speaker.

Call Chris, publicity officer, Chaplaincy Committee on 5428 6526 for details or tickets.

We will be cooking sausages at Bunnings Watergardens, Friday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> August if you're passing.

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### NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S OP' SHOP STATION ST., RIDDELLS CREEK.

The Bargain Box is now contactable, during business hours, by telephone -

Whooppee!

We've come a long way since our humble beginnings nine years ago - one afternoon a week in the church hall.

Look out for our tenth anniversary celebrations next year! In the meantime you can call us on 5428 6412 Thu/Fri 10am till 4pm or Sat's 9am till 1pm.

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Thank you for supporting these groups. Chris Clark 5428 6526.

## ROMSEY AND DISTRICT 3 YR OLD ROSTERED PLAY- GROUP

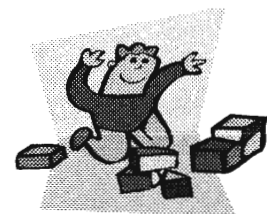
Rostered 3 Year Old Playgroup is run on **Tuesday mornings** during the school terms, from **9.30am to 11.30am** at the **Romsey Mechanics Hall**.

Playgroup is a great way for your child to mix with other children of their own age in the year before kindergarten.

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.

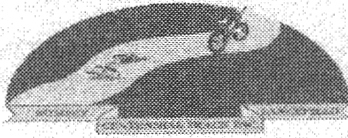
To be eligible for 3 year old playgroup in 2002, children must have turned 3 by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2002.

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





By arrangement with Dominic Pty Ltd



**ROMSEY - LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK COMMITTEE**

Proudly invites you to experience

**THREE ONE ACT PLAYS**

Produced and Directed by the Mount Players

- **"A Light Lunch"** by Bridget Derrett  
*Directed by Leo Vandervalk*
- **"Last Panto In Little Grimley"**  
*by David Teatrum  
Directed by Leo Vandervalk*
- **"Passion, Poison & Petrification"**  
*or "The Fatal Gazogene"*  
*by George Bernard Shaw  
Directed by Patrick Sarvis*

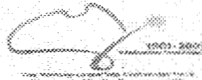
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month – 7.00pm St. Paul's Romsey

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Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>

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B. Cole 54295411

Left in Romsey Golf/Bowls Clubrooms:

a plastic container with the name Joanne Bovell. If anyone knows Joanne pickup of the container can be arranged by ringing Bery, Cole 54295411 or speaking to any golfer or bowler.

## News from the Mt William Community Reference Group

A varied group of people came to the Community Reference Group meeting on Monday June 17 in Lancefield. They had many things in common including a love of the area and wanting to stay rural while providing for people's needs. They all saw value in working together to get things done, and to solve local problems. Interests ranged from children's facilities such as playgroup and the drop-in centre, junior football club, the skate park, local park facilities in general, to the quest to get a library, improving some local roads, energy, environment, employment and a sustainable future. All were interested in trying to find a balance between maintaining the Shire's country feeling while managing the increasing population and improving facilities.

### Knowing Who's Who and What's On in town... or how do you find things out?

I listened with interest to some discussion about the way community groups work in our towns. The experience of 'old timers' in the area, seems to be very different to that of newcomers. It's the old story, what counts is inside knowledge. So some people experience frustration trying to find out how things work and how to get access to facilities, or information. It can also be difficult for new people to get onto committees. When you're in a group, it's always hard to imagine how it is for others. Some would like to see groups being more open to newcomers. How can that be achieved? Our two papers, the Lancefield Mercury

and the Romsey Rag already do a mighty job. How could we use them even better? One suggestion was to send your requests for local information to the Mercury or the Rag so that community members could answer in the next edition and everybody would learn.

There was an interesting discussion around the differences between the Lancefield and Romsey communities and the connections and rivalries and about how well the communities work together. The consensus was that there are many activities going on, but people often don't realise they are. Perhaps more communication between groups would be useful.

**Getting what you need from the Shire**  
The same thing about 'inside knowledge' can apply to the Shire as an organisation.

It is there to serve you. Despite consultants efforts to be more accessible it can still seem difficult to find out what you need to know. Please tell me if you are having difficulty. If you ask for some-

thing and don't get the response you think you should, I really want to know. That's one of the reasons you have a Councillor, to help the community to be heard. Specific details are important – who, when what. If you would just like more or different information, ask at the Shire Offices – and if that doesn't work, ask me. Also tell me what has worked well for you, so it can be used again.

### Local Transport

Transport was discussed at some length. It seems there are more transport options than most people are aware of. Do you know the bus services available in your town? Is it important for you? One member of the group has already collected the local bus information for publication in this paper. Good work! I will be asking what the Shire's role is in publishing timetables for all local transport services. Where do you think such information should be available? Our Shire sees community transport as a critical issue. In recent consultations for the Community Wellbeing Plan, lack of non car based transport was identified as the stand out issue, affecting particularly older people and adolescents. We have initiated a Transport Working Group to work in partnership with neighbouring Shires to influence State Government transport policy and projects. State government is receptive to this proactive approach. Through this group a proposal has been put to the Department of Infrastructure for the development of a Mobility and Access Strategy for the Shires of Macedon Ranges and Mt. Alexander. The aim is to identify the current public transport opportunities available within the two Shires and to identify ways to better serve community needs.

### Use of Funds from Land Sales

Concern was expressed about where money goes when a Shire owned block of land is sold. The answer is, that if blocks were held as investment for community facilities in the future, this intention is honoured by the current Shire and funds from sales are retained for the same community. This will be spelled out clearly in this year's budget. Such blocks are regularly reviewed and may be retained and used for recreation if they are found to be needed.

### Lancefield Pool Improvements

Questions were asked about pools. It was disappointing that the State Government did not fund the works on the Lancefield and Woodend outdoor pools, when they awarded the grant for Gisborne Pool only. We asked for funds to proceed with projects in the first stage of our shire-wide aquatic strategy and were

expecting support from State Government for the strategic approach which they have demanded. The Shire will now be fully funding the works planned for the outdoor pools, which will be much more strain on the budget. However the urgent works, identified in the audit done in 2000, have already been carried out. The medium priority works will still be carried out before next season and the low priority works the following year. The issue was raised of community groups hearing first about the outcomes of applications for sport and recreation grants via the papers. It is understandable that committees expect the courtesy of being informed directly. Unfortunately the State Department of Sport and Recreation releases the results of grant applications straight to the media, so our officers have no chance to inform committees first. Letters are then written but the news is old by the time they arrive. You could let State Government know how you feel about this.

### Rural Zone Review

Everyone in the Reference Group was given a copy of the consultation paper on the review of the rural zones in the Shire. This paper, which is available from all Shire offices, outlines the results of the research so far and a number of proposed key planning principles to guide the future of the Shire's rural areas. Ring the numbers supplied to discuss, comment or ask questions about the paper. I would also be very interested to hear your views.

### You can contact me by e-mail

I have set up an e-mail list of people who come to the reference group meetings. I plan to use this as another way to gauge community views about an issue. If you would like to be on that list, so that I can ask your opinion by e-mail, please send me an e-mail at [airda@bigpond.com](mailto:airda@bigpond.com) and put the initials MWCRG (for Mt. William Community Reference Group) in the subject line. You are welcome to use e-mail to send me your questions or ideas also. However I don't read e-mails every day, so for more urgent matters my phone/fax number 5427 0156 is still best.

**The next Mt. William Community Reference Group Meeting** will be in Romsey on Monday July 15. Topics for discussion (as suggested by members of the June group) will include *Industry and Employment* and *Including More people in Community Life*. Please call me to register.

Till next time,  
Councillor Alice

## Romsey Ladies Golf

The main event this month has been our club championships. Congratulations to Marg Crump on winning the club Championship. Marg has been playing so well she has reduced her handicap to 18. Well done Marg.

Results M. Crump 97, 84, 98. 279  
S. Shelton. 97, 92, 96. 285  
B. Cole 90, 96, 99, 285

Net winner B. Cole 210  
Runner-up M. Crump 216

### Weekly results

22<sup>nd</sup> May Stroke 29<sup>th</sup> May Stapleford  
1<sup>st</sup> S. Shelton 74 net 1<sup>st</sup> S. Shelton 39pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> L. Beasley 75 net 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Crump 38pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> B. Cole 3<sup>rd</sup> L. Beasley 33pts

5<sup>th</sup> June Stroke 12<sup>th</sup> June Stroke  
1<sup>st</sup> B. Cole 65 net 1<sup>st</sup> M. Crump 62 net  
2<sup>nd</sup> M. Crump 76 net 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Shelton 73 net  
3<sup>rd</sup> L. Beasley 76 net 3<sup>rd</sup> B. Cole 73 net

15<sup>th</sup> June Stapleford 19<sup>th</sup> June Stroke  
1<sup>st</sup> E. Scanlon 31 pts 1<sup>st</sup> L. Beasley 70 net  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Shelton 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Jeffrey 74 net  
3<sup>rd</sup> K. Jekabsons 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Campbell 75 net

After the championships being the social group we are, we had a lovely lunch at the Clay in Romsey. Winn our 91-year-old member came along to tell us that she has retired from playing golf. But mind you all she played four holes just prior to telling us, so we never can tell when the sun shines warmly again we may see Winn back on the course. Below is the poem Winn wrote to announce her retirement.

### To The Romsey Golf Girls.

Romsey girls so fine  
Winn wants to let you know  
Its time for her to quit the course  
Because—the aging bones are beginning to creak  
And the cold winds blow up here and freezes her cheeks.  
But thanks to you bundles of wondrous girls  
You really have been much-loved pals  
Giving us lovely meals now and again  
When we came in after struggling up fairways die or do  
And rushing headway for the loo.  
Thanks also to Olive driver supreme  
Who makes me feel just like the Queen  
Thanks to Jean too  
The nine hole Champ who kept necks warm  
With scarves so tough  
When we went into the rough.  
Heres to good hitting to you all  
Until in your 90s  
You get the call to hang up the clubs  
And into the armchairs fall

Winn Williamson.

We wish Winn happiness in her golf retirement and know she will keep in touch.

We also had a night out to celebrate the end of the pennant season. We had a very enjoyable meal and evening at the Clarkefield Hotel  
B. Cole  
54295411

## Recipe for this month

### BAKED CITRUS TART

#### Shortcrust Pastry

- 2 1/2 cups plain flour 1 egg & 1 egg yolk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 Tablespoon water 180gm butter
1. place flour, sugar & butter in food processor
  2. Pulse for 30secs. Until fine & crumbly
  3. Add egg, yolk & water
  4. Process until mixture comes together
  5. Turn onto floured board & knead gently to form smooth dough.
  6. Refrigerate covered in plastic for 20 mins
  7. Use as required. Makes 2x23cm flans

#### Filling

Juice & rind of 2 lemons ,  
juice & rind of 2 limes,  
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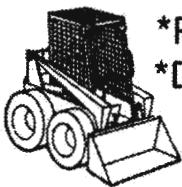
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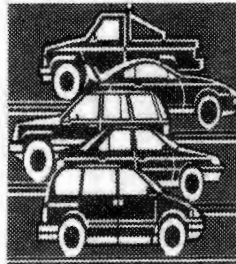
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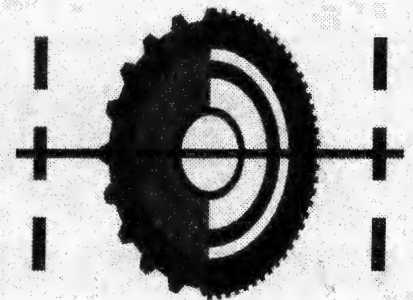
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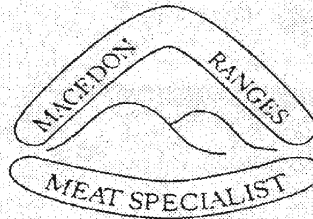
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U/12 Girl Carissah Walker-Kelly, unable to compete

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**INTERESTED IN JOINING?**

Lancefield-Romsey, Woodend, Kyneton, Sunbury, Kil-

more and Gisborne all have Little Athletics Centres and would welcome new members. Children can start as soon as they turn 5 as we cater for age groups from Under 6 through to Under 15. New members do not need to have any particular skills, just enthusiasm, as Centres cater for all skill levels with coaching instruction, training sessions and an emphasis on participation. The benefits in joining are increased fitness, coordination and obviously the chance to make new friends. Little Athletics is a great way to introduce children to sport, because the focus is not on winning, it is about improving personal best performances, so children of all abilities can be successful. Additionally, there are a variety of different activities conducted such as sprints, distance running, hurdles, jumps and throws events. Interestingly, we find that Little Athletes are more confident and successful in other sports they do, than children who don't do Little Athletics, because the running, jumping and throwing skills that they have learnt at Little Athletics, can be applied successfully to other sports. Track & Field season is the most popular and most Centres will commence in late September/early October. For contact details of other Centres, please phone the Victorian Little Athletics Association on 1800 689 112 (business hours only).

**Season 2002-2003**

All families joining Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Centre for the new season will need to attend one of our registration days on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September between 11am and 1pm. Registration will be at the Romsey Primary School Lower Oval in Park Lane, Romsey. Parents registering children who are new to our Centre will need to bring along the child's proof of age as we need to sight this as part of processing new registrations. Anyone who is unable to attend either registration day but wishes to join, should contact our Centre Secretary on 54296089.

To: The Romsey Primary School Choir

May we congratulate the children and music teacher of this great group of children who delighted us on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May by performing at our 2nd Birthday celebrations.

They were a truly lovely group of children and they looked so professional in their black pants, white skivvies and red vests. A lovely touch was the silver note on their vests.

Thank you all very much.

From: Bill Black, President  
Combined Romsey / Lancefield Probud Club





**WHOLE FARM PLANNING' COURSES  
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A 'Whole Farm Planning' course will be offered in Kyneton by the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT) from July 2002. The course, designed primarily for landholders and managers and people working in landcare related fields, will commence on 25 July from 6-9 pm at Kyneton TAFE.

It is being offered at Kyneton TAFE following a series of meetings between Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the Rural Department of the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT) and a local group, representing farming interests in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer, Lydia Wilson said the Council had been encouraging the provision of land management courses in the Macedon Ranges, including courses tailored to specific needs.

"We have a great mix of new and traditional farming enterprises, as well as a strong commitment among people throughout the Shire to improving our natural environment, so there is a great demand for training in effective land management practices, and for training to be provided locally," she said.

The course is an accredited program coordinated by the Department Of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) and Glenormiston College, and facilitated by the Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE. The course consists of 6 sessions covering all aspects of Whole Farm Planning and opportunities to develop your property to reach its potential.

The program features a practical, field-based approach with specialist presenters bringing you the latest information on the best ways to develop your property and enhance the farm's natural resources, as well as solving land management or degradation problems.

**Online option**

Also in July, an online version of the 'Whole Farm Planning' course will be launched, providing a web-based learning alternative. This program includes a two-day workshop, where participants can get together as a learning group and visit properties where whole farm planning principles have been put into action.

The cost of the course is only \$72, which includes a CD and extensive course notes.

For further information relating to this course and to obtain registration forms, please contact: Jeff Lawes, Glenormiston College, tel: 5557 8226 or email: jeffl@unimelb.edu.au

**Expressions of interest**

In addition, BRIT is seeking expressions of interest from community members who are interested in taking part in a range of rural studies programs in the Kyneton area.

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## Romsey Reflections and Royalty

Compiled by Gavin Smith

Continued from last month



The throne passed from Edward and Alexandra to their surviving son as King George V who had, in 1893, married Princess Victoria Mary Augusta Louisa Olga Pauline Claudina Agnes of Teck; they had one daughter and five sons. George had served in the Royal Navy for several years and was 45 when he acceded to the throne.

The reign of King George V and Queen Mary saw many changes in the United Kingdom and The Empire including the Union of South Africa in 1910, World War I 1914-18, the Sinn Fein Rebellion in 1916 leading to the Irish Free State settled in 1922. George and Mary were very popular and George initiated the practice of Christmas Day broadcasts to the nation in 1932; they adopted the family name of Windsor. King George V died in 1936 while Queen Mary survived regally as the Queen Mother until 1953; she devoted her energies to the welfare of women and children and many philanthropic activities.

The eldest Windsor son acceded to the throne on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1936 as King Edward VIII. Despite his parent's parading a succession of princesses before him, Edward was determined to marry a twice divorced Boston, U.S.A. lady born Bessie Wallis Warfield but by 1936 she was famous in London's society as Wallis Simpson. Edward abdicated on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1936 and married Mrs. Simpson in June, 1937, by which time he had been given the title Duke of Windsor. They shared a luxurious international social life for almost 40 years.



So King George V's second son acceded to the throne as George VI at age 41. He had trained in the Dartmouth Naval College, served in the Battle of Jutland in 1916 and then joined the Royal Airforce. In 1923 he married the daughter of a Scottish nobleman, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, in Westminster Abbey. George was a keen tennis player and starred in the Wimbledon Championships in 1926. In 1927 Elizabeth and George visited Australia to open the new Parliament House in Canberra; his father King George V had attended the opening of the first Australian Federal Parliament in Melbourne in 1901.

They had two daughters, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in 1926 and Margaret Rose in 1930. When George VI unexpectedly became King the clouds of war were already dark over the European continent. Hitler and Mussolini were dictators in Germany and Italy; Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain tried appeasement for months but on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1939 declared that Britain and the Empire were at war with Germany. Elizabeth and George showed outstanding leadership especially during the bombing of London when they remained in residence in Buckingham Palace.

The wars against Europe and Japan ceased in 1945 and in 1947 King George VI toured Southern Africa although it was evident that years of heavy smoking had damaged his health. He persevered with his public duties, one of

the last of which was the opening of the Festival of Britain in 1951. He died suddenly on 6th February, 1952, and his elder daughter became Queen Elizabeth II. In 2002 at the age of 101 Elizabeth the Queen Mother died peacefully. She was much loved and even revered.



The British Empire was the last and greatest (most populous) world empire. Its decline and fall occurred within a single generation, beginning with Indian Independence in 1947 and ending with the creation of Zimbabwe in 1980.

In 1947, 21 year old Princess Elizabeth Windsor married Philip Mountbatten, the son of Prince Andrew Schleswig Holstein Sondersburg Glucksburg of Greece. His mother, Alice, was a great great granddaughter of Queen Victoria and her brother was Earl Louis Mountbatten of Burma. Philip was born in Corfu in 1921 and educated in the United Kingdom. He served in the Royal Navy from 1939 but retained his Greek citizenship until 1947 when he became British and was created Duke of Edinburgh.

The Mountbattens were formerly the Battenbergs but changed in 1917. They had acquired Broadlands in Romsey, Hampshire - the property previously owned by Lord Palmerston. Elizabeth and Philip celebrated the first part of their honeymoon at Broadlands. They managed to revive most of the family names when christening their four children - Charles Philip Arthur George (born 1948), Andrew Albert Christina Edward (born 1960), Edward Anthony Richard Louis (born 1964) and Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise (born 1950).

In 1954 Queen Elizabeth II made the first visit by a reigning monarch to Australia. In 1960 she changed her family name from Windsor to Mountbatten-Windsor. In February, 2002, she completed her 14<sup>th</sup> and maybe last Royal visit to Australia (and Jamaica and New Zealand), so that she could open the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at Coolom. The cause of the Commonwealth has become a personal crusade for her in the rapidly changing world in which the role of Britain has diminished.



At home in the U.K. Queen Elizabeth II, now 76, keeps up her interest in the Royal family and still tries to ensure the commercial success of the Royal farms. At Windsor there is a herd of 200 Ayrshire cattle, a pedigree herd of Jerseys, 1000 sheep plus deer and horses. At Sandringham there are 10,000 acres of cultivated farmland while at Balmoral there are 40,000 acres devoted to 2,500 deer, Luing and Galloway beef cattle and Soay sheep. But her greatest role remains as a steadfast charming Monarch who still draws huge crowds especially on her meet the people walks. Prince Philip at 81 continues to defy tradition, commit gaffes and stir the pot of public opinion. He takes a leadership role in conservation (the W.W.F.) youth affairs (Duke of Edinburgh Awards) and the maintenance of the Royal properties. For the last 20 years he has enjoyed the companionship of a lady much younger than his wife: this attractive blonde with time on her hands to spend with Philip at carriage driving championships, is Lady Romsey!

Concludes on page 17.



Elizabeth and Philip's eldest son and the heir apparent to the throne traces his antecedants to James VI of Scotland and James of England as well as to Llewelyn Price of All Wales and the High Kings of Erin. Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer in St. Paul's Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1981. They followed the example of Charles' parents by spending part of their honeymoon at Broadlands, Romsey. They had two sons William (1982) and Henry (better known as Harry) in 1984 so there are now two Princes of Wales of his generation who could accede to the throne if their father did not do so. The marriage of Diana and Charles was troubled when Charles resumed a relationship with Camilla Parker-Bowles. From 1987 Diana and Charles led separate lives with Diana raising their sons and later devoting time to "Worthy causes". She also sought companionship and hoped she found happiness with Egyptian born Dodi Fayed. Dodi died with her in a tragic car accident in a Paris tunnel in 1997. Diana was born on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1961 and was buried at the Spencer family estate, Althorpe, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 1997 (she died on 30<sup>th</sup> August). She was referred to as "the people's Princess".

The first week-end in June, 2002, was extended so that as many Britons as possible could share in the celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee in London. The most popular event was the rock concert at Buckingham Palace, said to have been attended by one million people in The Mall and Parks and the 12,000



guests on the lawns of the Palace. Australian Barry Humphries playing his alter-ego Dame Edna Everage proclaimed that her original plan was to host the event at her Moonee Ponds home but became worried about damage to her lawn which her late husband had watered several times every night so she thought of another housewife to host the event and chose The Jubilee Girl Elizabeth II. Performers included Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Cliff Richard, Dame Shirley Bassey and Sir Elton John. Although she probably inserted ear plugs during the music, Elizabeth and the Royal party which included Camilla Parker-Bowles, evidently enjoyed the celebration. During the week-end the gold state coach was used for only the third time in 50 years to convey Elizabeth and Philip to St. Paul's Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Service.

Australia's Royal Mint issued gold and silver coins in very limited numbers in honour of the Golden Jubilee, while Australia Post issued a pair of commemorative stamps on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2002.

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The Romsey Golf Club was proud to host the Central District Associate Association annual wind up day on Friday June 19th. The day was weather perfect despite the prediction. 32 ladies played Canadian foursomes on the well-presented course and all enjoyed their day.

Results were:

Best net score - M. Crump and L. Jeffrey 71.5 (Romsey)

Scratch - A. Alcock and M. West 92 (Gisborne)

Past pennant players V. Bassett and S. Hunter (Castimaine)

Following the formalities of the day the annual meeting was held and the books passed on to Castlemaine to run the day next year.

L. Beasley.

**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 Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am.

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**Contact**

Bill Black (President) on 5429 5170  
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One of the pleasures of colder weather is sitting in front of an open fire or glimpsing flames in a solid fuel heater. But don't forget the downside of open fires and solid fuel heaters.

"CFA figures show that open fires and solid fuel heaters are major causes of house fires in winter," Romsey Fire Brigades Community Safety Officer, Robert Smith, said. "Fire screens were needed to provide protection from embers and sparks in open fires, and provided a shield around solid fuel heaters. All fires needed to be extinguished before the household went to bed or left the house. Never leave a fire alight. Extinguish all flames and embers, and make sure ashes are cold before you dispose of them."

Chimneys need to be cleaned before weather turns cold, to ensure they are not choked with soot and become a fire hazard. "Soot build-up can catch alight and spread throughout the rafters and beams in the roof."

Oil or paint-coated timbers should not be burnt because they release dangerous toxic fumes. And to be safe, firewood should be allowed to dry for 12 months before being used. "It should be stored in a dry and safe place, away from the house, where it can not provide extra fuel in the case of a house fire."

"In addition, clothes drying in front of heaters and open fires can also create a fire hazard," Robert said.

"Drying clothes should be a minimum of two metres away from the heat source, not draped over or near it. And turning appliances off when leaving the house or going to bed is another essential," Robert added. "We strongly advise people to turn off all electrical appliances before they go out or go to sleep. It may be convenient to leave them on, but it's certainly not safe."

For more information, contact Peter Moore on 0409 407 725

### News Snippets

#### Traveller.

Frank Crossman heads off overseas next week for a tour of Europe and elsewhere, We wish Frank bon voyage and a safe return. Just think, while we are huddled around heaters Frank will be suffering through a northern summer. Life is tough!

#### Trash & Treasure Sale

A special thanks to the supporters of the garage sale held at the Fire Station last month. The Brigade benefited by over \$300. A special thankyou to Anne Phelan for her kind donation and to Helen Watts for her efforts in organizing the day.

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I wish to thank all those who attended my lunch for the Anti Cancer Council. We raised \$168. Special thanks goes to Lee Jones and Edith Conway (soups), the Walking Group (savouries and sweets), the Uniting Church ladies (bowls and spoons) and the CFA for the use of headquarters.

Thankyou all.

Joan Sparkes.

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## Romsey Golf Club

Romsey Golf Club held their annual tournament on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. The weather was kind to us and although the field wasn't full on the Saturday those who played enjoyed their game and some good scores were recorded. Sunday the weather was perfect and it was heartening to see a full field and to receive many compliments on the condition of the course.

The weekend would not be possible without the support of the many sponsors. We owe a big thankyou to the businesses listed below and urge not only the members of the club to support the locals but also the local community.

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Results for the weekend were as follows

Saturday Relative Pairs 4BB S. Wilkins & M Thornton

Mixed 4BB K. Jekabsons & I. Mearns

Mens 4BB J. Gradie & D. DE Zilwa

### Sunday.

The format for the day was 24-hole stroke, 12 holes in the morning followed by lunch then 12 holes in the PM.

Winners A Grade Scratch D. Freestone (Heathcote)

B Grade Scratch Russell Baker (Kilmore)

C Grade scratch Roger Baker (Kilmore)

A grade Handicap W. Williams (Kilmore)

B Grade Handicap A. Clement (Romsey)

C Grade Handicap Chris Vander Vliet (Romsey)

AM Handicap R. Newman (Gisborne)

PM Handicap S. Wilkins (Romsey)

Junior M. Thornton (Romsey)

Many thanks also go to the workers especially John Laing. Jim Freestone, committee and members involved in the course preparation, a top job by all and the work was certainly appreciated. Another thankyou to the ladies for the lunch and afternoon teas, this was also appreciated by everyone.

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### **VICTORIA'S VIRTUAL LIBRARY**

Welcome to another rather useful little item on the Mitchell Library home page. At the library we mainly use it as a window into all the other Victorian Library systems' catalogues - an extremely handy little tool as we shall see later on. However, it does have other features that can come in handy from time to time.

Click on Government Information and whacko, suddenly you have access to the following:

- Victorian Government home page
- Multi-Service Express - Victorian Government services
- Australian Government home page
- National Library of Australia - Government information page
- National Library of Australia - Worldwide government information page



Now go back and click on Weather and a comprehensive weather report for any area of Victoria or any state of Australia is yours.

By clicking on Newsflash you can have access to the day's news via The Age website.

The Libraries Victoria - yours to explore logo answers your questions about any Victorian library - be it bricks and mortar or marvellously mobile. Type in your home town and see.

By clicking on the State Library of Victoria icon an even bigger world is available to you with the State Library's collections, exhibitions, on-line catalogue and even a virtual tour at your fingertips.

Now, let's return to the address boxes in the middle of the page.

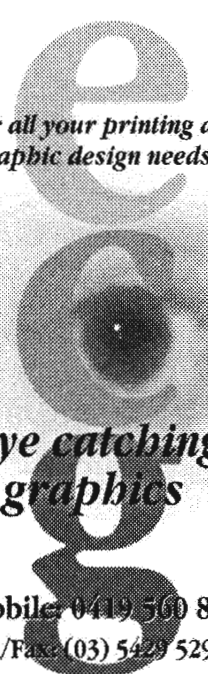
Search for a Victorian library website - you can click on any library service in Victoria and see what is on offer at the various libraries, from displays to author visits and everything in between.

Search for an on-line catalogue - Extremely useful little tool. If you are after the absolutely latest novel by Grisham, Steel or Binchy and can't remember the title click into any one of the large library services in Melbourne and chances are that an entry will be made in their catalogue. Just print off the information, bring it along to your local branch and we can reserve it for you (or if you have read Part 1 of Enjoy the Mitchell Library Website, you can do it for yourself.)

Likewise if your life wouldn't be complete without an extremely obscure little book that you read several years ago, but we know longer have in our system, then by searching other library's catalogues you can maybe find your heart's desire. Once found just print its details, including the library system where it is located, and then for the princely sum of \$1.10 we can organise an Inter Library Loan (I.L.L) for you.

Search for on-line information - a good starting point for up-to-date information about current topics with a great little sub-section entitled "Picture Australia". This is a gallery of people, places, events and objects throughout Australia's history. Great for printing off for school projects, etc. Try following the trails - they're great!

Until next time, hope that this keeps you happy and active surfing the library's website. Enjoy!



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**BC 'DA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

We had a terrific visit from Mr. Keith Baverstock with his traveling Colonial School. On this occasion, the theme of the day was "When Granny and Granddad were Kids", which entailed recreating a schoolroom of the 1950's. A time when children could have butter on their lunches in the shelter shed for the first time since before WW2, and an outing in the new Holden was made possible with the end of petrol rationing.

Fifty or more in a class was normal, ( different from the 15-18 class sizes we have at Bolinda today ), the strap was an essential part of every class and pen and ink were used at the old wooden desks. The children (and teachers !!) really enjoyed this trip back in time.

Our young people have many wonderful opportunities available to them today, and a while ago I took three of our students to the first Young Leaders' Conference in Melbourne. The following is an edited report by Vanessa, Brock and Sophie.

"Mr.J. took us to the Convention Centre in Melbourne to a Young Leaders' Conference. There were 1400 students involved. People came to speak to us such as Monica Gould, the Minister for Education, Paralympian skiing Gold Medallist Bart Bunting and his guide Nathan, Daryl Jones a helicopter rescue pilot, Joy Smithers, a TV actor (Rosa from All Saints) and Peter Tresider, an explorer who has walked to the South Pole.

They all spoke about setting and achieving goals, looking to the future, helping others and what it means to be a leader.

A student called Mark Winkler told us about a boy in Canada who wanted to raise \$70 for a well for a village in Africa and he raised \$6000 !!! Mark told us to set goals, keep going, believe in ourselves and have heroes. We had a lot of fun and learnt a lot."

What a wonderful learning experience for the children to hear from people like these.

Our Children's Fundraising Committee raised the wonder-

ful total of \$108.75 for the Gisborne Animal Shelter as a result of a Pet Show held at school. We have also had an article in the newsletter of the Humane Society for Animal Welfare, praising our children for their attitude and work in helping the unwanted cats.

A team of four students took part in the Bendigo Region Schools' Chess Competition held at Comet Hill and organized by Chess Victoria. The team had to use correct timers during their 7 matches against the other schools and the winners will go on to the State finals in Melbourne. Our team came 5th in their group and all learnt a lot from the experience. They are already thinking about how they can improve for next year.

An afternoon tea at school for 2003 parents was very successful, as was our Parent Information session conducted by the School Guidance Officer.

Grade 6 students took part in the annual Alliance Francise Poetry Competition.

We have been skipping furiously every morning this term in preparation for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. We have even had a visit from the Heskett State Champion Skipping Team who put on a fabulous demonstration and really inspired our children. We thank Heskett very much for their help.

We are still collecting Pauls special milk bottle caps, and we have registered for the Herald Sun Books for Schools. If any readers would like to support us in any of these activities, please ring the school and we can arrange collection.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – feel free to drop in and visit us at any time – cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins – Principal. 54 285 317

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If you are 55 years of age or over (male or female) and would like to join a happy and friendly group of people, look no further than the seniors rooms situated at the rear of the Mechanics Hall in Main Street, Romsey.

For a yearly joining fee of \$2 you can play carpet bowls, cards or just chat. We are there every Monday from 10.30am to 3.30pm. There is also a coach trip organised on the first Wednesday of each month. Transport can be provided and you will be made most welcome.

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## **COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF VIC. INC. - ROMSEY BRANCH**

We are continuing our Open Craft Days at the Mechanics Institute. These are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10.00am to approx. 2.30pm in the Supper Room. This is open to anyone in the community who would like to share craft and friendship. You can bring anything you like to do, or share in other things that are offered. It is BYO lunch, tea/coffee is provided. A small charge of \$3 is required to go towards rental of the hall. Please come along and join in the fun and laughter, there is no obligation to join CWA.

We have been having a good time together and many new friendships are being made. Children are welcome but please bring something for them to do or play with.

Our monthly meetings are also held at the Mechanics Institute, in the front meeting room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 10.00am. We bring something to share for lunch and then have social time together. Sometimes we do craft, other times we have a speaker or just talk about interests that we share. The meetings are finished usually by 2.00pm - 2.30pm.

Please feel free to come along and see what CWA is all about, or if you would like more information you can call Joan Strawbridge 54 28 7022 or Jean Tom 54 29 5243; leave a message if we are not there with your names and phone number and we will call you back.

Joan Strawbridge - President

## **COLLEGE THEATRE PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**

James Reach's 1963 Academy Award Winning play "DAVID & LISA" is being brought to the Macedon Ranges community by Year 9 - 12 students of Braemar College.

The play introduces us to David a young man with a mania against being touched who is sent to a special school in the US. David and the audience meet the other young people and experience a journey simultaneously exhilarating and depressing. Based on a true story the play helps audiences develop an awareness about mental health.

The play is being presented at the Kyneton Town Hall on Wednesday July 24 to Friday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Tickets are available from Braemar College receptionist Lyn Davidson by ringing 54 27 2500. Prices are \$10 Adults and \$8 students.

Drama Teacher Barbara Wood, the students, parents and teachers of the Braemar Community hope you will treat your family to a theatrical experience which encourages an understanding of young people who are burdened with problems beyond their control.