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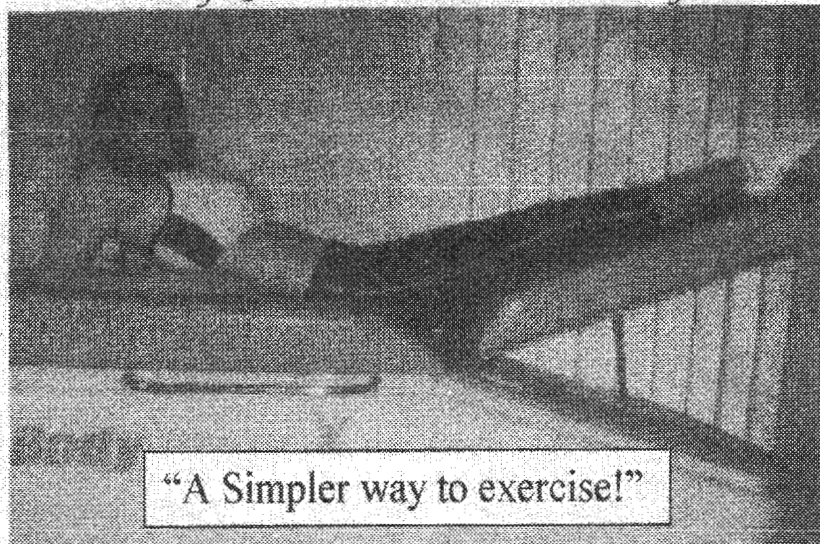
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MARGARET HOWATSON.

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1550 copies delivered to the Romsey community at the commencement of each month.

From the Editor:

I would like to thank Kym Raverty for her work in preparing copy for the Romsey Rag each month over the past couple of years. Unfortunately Kym has had to relinquish her position on the editorial team because of work commitments. I welcome Rosie Beeche who has kindly volunteered to take over word processing duties.

Lancefield—Romsey Little Athletics Centre

Public Announcement:

We are a small centre that provides athletics, competition and training for children from Romsey and surrounding towns such as Lancefield, Heskett, Kerrie, Monegeetta, Bolinda and Riddells Creek. We have to fund raise each year to cover running costs as we try to keep fees affordable for all local families. We are extremely disappointed to find that our facilities had been broken in to some time between 6.00 pm on Friday 14th March and 6.30 pm Sunday 16th March. The person or persons responsible then proceeded to ransack our first aid kit, opening items and throwing them around. There was Betadine antiseptic lotion in the first aid kit. This was opened and as there was a minimal amount of the lotion at the facility, we can safely assume that the perpetrators went home with Betadine stain on their person and/or clothing.

The majority of large items in the shed were moved and all the smaller items thrown around, probably in an attempt to create as much damage as possible. It has taken us considerable time to clean up, and after a property inventory it appears that a few small items are missing, as well as our entrance sign! The break-in, resulting damage and list of missing items have been reported to the police, who have also taken items for finger-printing. Hopefully this will lead us to the culprits and stop this from happening again.

It is still hard to believe that in a community such as ours, vandalism and theft are rampant...

This is the second time in eighteen months that we have experienced extensive damage or losses due to a break-in. The last time sports clothing, bags and several equipment items were stolen. As we no longer store items at our shed that may appear attractive to a thief, this time the perpetrators have gone to a lot of trouble for no real reason. It is still hard to believe that in a small community such as ours, vandalism and theft are rampant, but having been the targets of these acts on a number of occasions, it appears to be a sad fact that does not bode well for the growth of our town, if an increase in criminal activity is what we have to look forward to!

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May 2003	Monday April 21st	Thursday May 1st
June 2003	Wednesday May 21st	Thursday May 29th
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October 2003	Friday September 19th	Thursday September 25th
November 2003	Tuesday October 21st	Thursday October 30th
December 2003	Friday November 21st	Thursday November 27th

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YOUR BANK SET TO GO

We're now in the countdown phase for our Romsey Community Bank!

Pledges for the capital funds needed to advance to the next stage of the Bank project are well over half way, and further support from the town will quickly build the total.

Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee chair Maureen Wiltshire said a surge in support over the past month had taken the pledge total past \$255,000.



"Before this surge in support we were counting up towards \$200,000, which was the half-way mark towards reaching the target of \$400,000 in pledged support," Mrs Wiltshire said.

"Now that we're passed the half-way mark we're counting down – there's less than \$145,000 to go to take us to the next step in the project – an independent feasibility study.

"Most of the support over the past month has come from the Romsey business community, which realises the impact on our town if we were left in the situation without a bank.

"Our business community has realised that support for Bendigo Bank and its community bank concept will enable us to 'bank-proof' Romsey. This will ensure that we always have a bank in our town."

Mrs Wiltshire said the project now needed to develop further support from Romsey residents.

"We realise that many people are not share buyers, and therefore may not be confident in making a pledge to buy shares in our Community Bank," she said.

"However, we can follow our lead from Lancefield, where there was great community support in buying shares and realising the town's dream of having a bank in the main street after an absence of more than seven years.

"The average shareholding at Lancefield is around \$1200, which demonstrates that opening a Community Bank really is a project for everyone, and that every dollar really does count.

"With the support of the Romsey community, we will also be able to have a Bank which is owned by a wide range of small shareholders from our own town and region."

Mrs Wiltshire said a minimum of \$500 had been set for the pledges. Pledge boxes and forms are located at the IGA supermarket, butchery, The Clay coffee shop, pharmacy, newsagency and the Romsey bakery. In Lancefield, there's a box at the Community Bank at 20B High St., or pledges can be mailed to that address.

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

Joe Geia visit

Well known aboriginal performer Joe Geia recently entertained our students with fascinating stories, music and dance. Joe was able to give our students a deeper understanding of his culture, drawing in a number of our students in as part of the show.



Choir sings for Senior Citizens in Gisborne

Our school choir again ably entertained senior citizens of the Macedon Ranges at a performance in Gisborne. Students were warmly recognized for their wonderful music making abilities, led ably by our performing arts teacher Mrs Ira Furfaro. The school performing arts program is regularly showcased at the school's weekly school assemblies. On these occasions parents and students alike can enjoy the wonderful musical offerings by our students.

Cross Country

The annual school cross-country championships have been held at Romsey Primary School. A large number of students have been training hard from the beginning of the year in preparation for this event. Place getters in the school championship will go on to the district cross country championships to be held at Hanging Rock. Winners and place getters in these running events were presented with medallions and ribbons and years 3&4, and 5&6 champions presented with the perpetual trophy recognizing their achievement.

Girls 12/13 Years:

1st: Carissah Walker Kelly

Boys 12/13 years:

1st: Tom Conlan

Girls 11 Years:

1st: Aimee Ireland

Boys 11 Years:

1st: James Carroll

Girls 10 Years:

1st: Jane Matthews

Boys 10 Years:

1st: Cameron Blair

Girls 9 Years:

1st: Sabrina Raverty

Boys 9 Years:

1st: Luke Mitchell

The Year 5/6 Champions were **Marissah Walker Kelly** and **Tom Conlan**.

The Year 3/4 Champions were **Sabrina Raverty** and **Luke Mitchell**.

Our proud winners are shown below!



Goldfields Excursions

Students in years 3 & 4 have gone on two excursions recently to consolidate their understandings of the effect of the gold rushes on Victoria. The first excursion to Bendigo focused on the contribution of the Chinese on the goldfields with a visit to the Golden Dragon Museum. Students were also able to see many of the old buildings and infrastructure in Bendigo that date from the time of the gold rush. Last week these students enjoyed an exciting day at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. This day truly transported our students back in time and helped them gain a real insight into these exciting times.

Romsey Primary School

Peer Mediator Training

Students from years 5 & 6 are undertaking training in peer mediation. This program trains students in conflict resolution skills and active listening. These are skills that will assist these students well beyond their primary school years. Skills that focus on assisting others see the other person's point of view, to come to a win / win solution, and to assist others in solving their problems. Once trained, these students will be rostered to assist other students in the school playground at recess times. Ms Leanne Lyons, one of our 5/6 teachers is coordinating the training of these students in fulfilling an important leadership role at our school.

Dress Up Day

Students joined in a special dress up day on Friday 21st March in support of the Relay for Life, Cancer Foundation of Victoria fundraiser. Staff as well as students joined in the fun with many really interesting costumes paraded at the special school assembly. Our Junior School Council organized this activity raising \$310.00 for this very worthy cause.



Some of the costumes from Dress Up Day

GARDEN OPEN

As part of Australia's Open Garden Scheme the Wagstaff Garden at:

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Will be open on 5th and 6th April

2003

from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm.

The lack of water has affected the garden, but this is a good opportunity to look at what survives and grows well in difficult conditions.

You may be surprised!

Also open on April 5th and 6th during the same hours is

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

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD GUIDES



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The Romsey Lancefield Guides have had some fun celebrating "visits" to overseas countries in the last month. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts owns 4 International Centres. The platypus Guides "visited" our Chalet in Switzerland, where they dressed in red and white, (the colours of the Swiss Flag), and cooked some fondue dessert – fresh fruit dipped in melted chocolate. They also learned the special song written about our Chalet – "High Up High On The Mountain". The Guides are encouraged to learn about the Guide Movement overseas and cooking something traditional from another country is a fun way to do this.

The Wombat Guides recently had a Mexican night where they "visited" Our Cabana, dressed in Mexican clothes and large hats, and cooled trays of nachos. That was a yummy night too!

On the 22nd February a special celebration was held in Lancefield to mark the birthdays of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell. Guides from Blackforest Region met at the Lancefield Pool for some fun swimming events, then walked to the Lancefield Park to gather around the bottlebrush planted by Lady Baden Powell on a visit in 1957, and remember all the work she put into starting and supporting the Guide movement throughout the world. Then it was time for a picnic lunch before finishing.

For anyone interested in joining Guides, the Platypus Guides, aged 7 to 11 years, meet 5.00 to 6.30pm Monday night in the Lancefield Hall; and Wombat Guides, aged 10 to 16, meet from 6.45 to 8.45m..

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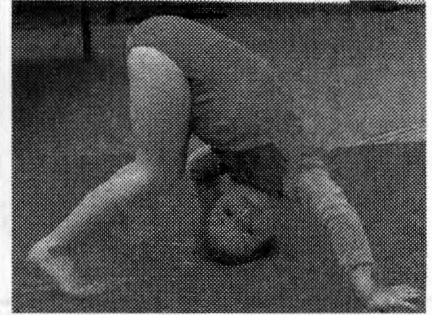
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The first week is free, with "come and try" sessions. Bookings are essential. Places are limited. Enquiries to Janine 9744 3401 or Andrea 9744 1530.



Kyra (4) and Emma (11) show how much fun "flipping out" is!

ROMSEY GOLF LADIES REPORT

Our thanks to the men who are still watering our greens by hand and to the donors of the bore water. Surely a good rainfall must be on the way.

Our 18-hole comp began on the 5th of March with a good turn up of ladies.

- 1st L Beasley 36pts on a countback
- 2nd L Jeffrey 36pts
- 3rd S Shelton 34pts

The 12th March we played match play as practise for the coming pennant season and had some close results, so well done to all.

19th March some of our ladies had entered the Woodend tournament so no competition at home on that day.

Six of our beginners are enjoying a beginner's clinic with Coral Leaney the golf professional at Goonawarra. Thanks to Carol for travelling up to us on a weekly basis. Carol is also available for coaching beginners or experienced golfers and can be contacted on 97444344 at the Goonawarra Golf Shop.

Open Day 12th April 12 o'clock assembly for a 12.30 hit off. Members are requested to bring a plate for afternoon tea. We will be playing Ambrose and non-members are welcome to join us a handicap is not necessary. More information ring Steve (Sec) 54295173

The Relay for Life will be over by the time this article is published but we would like to say thankyou to all of the people who supported us by giving donations and support on the day. I can assure all readers we are planing on having a good time during our 24 hours Just hope the Romsey Birdies are not feeling too sub par by the end.

Progressive Dinner 5th April no report to give at time of writing but will be an excellent night.

Congratulations to Marg Mary & Florence who were runners up in the Goonawarra bowl in windy conditions on Tuesday 18th March. Well done girls.

Must tell you all that I had at least 1 good hit at Woodend 19th March on a dusty windy day and won nearest the pin on the 2nd hole.

Sorry we missed saying Happy Birthday to Mary in March hope you had a lovely day. Happy Birthday to Florence for April.

Leila will be away for a couple of weeks early April and we wish her happy safe travelling in Tassie.

Until next month good hitting
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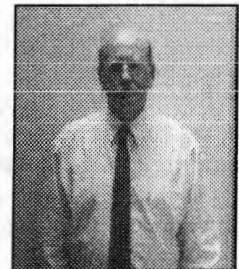
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Men's Anglican Society meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 5 Jinker Way, Romsey.

Ladies Guilds:

Lancefield Guild meets 2nd Wednesday morning each month after church in Christ Church Hall

Romsey Guild meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 1.30 at 6 redwood Court, Romsey.

EASTER SERVICES:

Combined Maundy Thursday service—St. Paul's Romsey 17th April at 7.00 pm.

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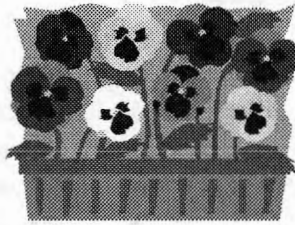
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I wish to thank all those who helped decorate the Mechanics Hall on March 7th and to also thank Wendy at Romsey Garden World for all her plants and help.

Joan Sparkes.

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For 3 and 4 year old groups.

A \$5 booking fee applies and proof of age is required., eg. Birth certificate or health centre booklet.

Please note that enrolment is not official or recorded until all these requirements have been met. For all enquiries please contact Romsey Kindergarten—5429 5294 or Karen Skehan—5429 6243.

In the Romsey Vegie Patch

Tomatoes:

If your tomato plants are loaded with unripe fruit and you are worried about the cold weather spoiling them, simply pull up the plants roots and all and hang them upside down in the shed. Fruit will slowly ripen, extending your harvest.

Garlic:

Now is the time to plant garlic. Plant garlic cloves in a well-drained soil 15 cm apart, water in and do not water again. Quite often garlic rots due to being too wet.

Autumn Seedlings:

Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and brussel sprouts seedlings should be planted by now or in the process. If cabbage white butterfly caterpillars chew up the leaves spray them with Dipel. Dipel is a chemical-free biological control. It is a bacteria which comes in powdered form to be mixed with water (just use one of those plastic 1 litre

spray bottles following the instructions). The bacteria kill the caterpillars.

Lettuce, parsley and silverbeet seedlings and all season carrots can still be planted. Asian cabbage, turnips and swedes should be planted from seed.

Jobs to do:

- Hurry up and put in Autumn seedlings before the weather turns too cold for good growth.
- Harvest potatoes and store them in a dry place
- Harvest the last of sweet corn to freeze or dry.
- Pick and pickle beetroot.
- Make pesto using basil, parsley and garlic before cold weather spoils basil.
- Fertilize leafy things with organic fertilizer.
- Pick dry bean and pea seed and store in jars for planting next spring.

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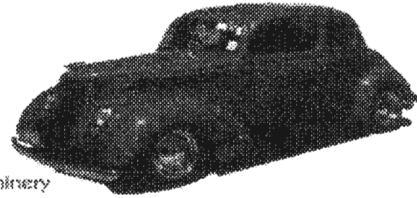
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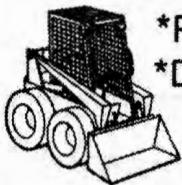
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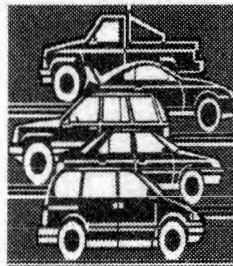
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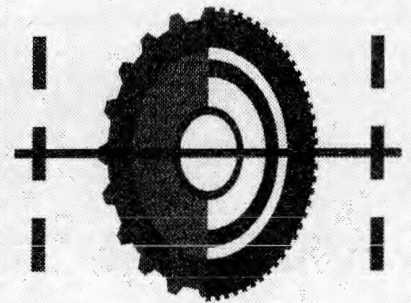
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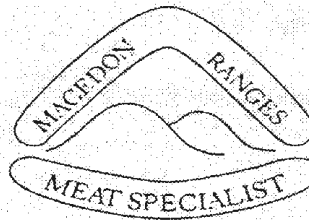
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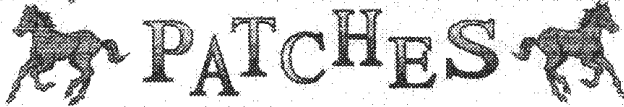
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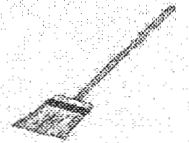
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Official Opening Of The Office Extensions To The Romsey Group Headquarters

Ms Joanne Duncan, State Member for Macedon, and former Cr Geoff Neil officiated at the opening of the extensions to the Romsey & Districts Fire Brigades Group Headquarters on Sunday May 2, 2003

The official opening was the final stage of the \$120,000 project that was funded by both CFA and the Municipality.

During the opening both Ms Duncan and Cr Neil acknowledged the contributions of members of the Group who spent time at the fire in the Northeast and Gippsland. They also acknowledged the valuable support of the families of members who went away and their employers who willingly gave them time off to attend.

In his response David Allen, Group Officer of the Romsey Group thanked the Municipality for their contribution through the Ash Wednesday Fund.

"The \$20,000.00 contribution by the Shire is another example of the close partnership that has developed between CFA and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council."

Area Manager Lex De Man, Ms Joanne Duncan, Geoff Neil and Group Officer David Allen after the opening.



Some of the member who served in the NE outside the Romsey Group Headquarters

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- *Do you encounter any difficulties with doors, paths or pavements that are not suitable, overhanging branches, cars parked on footpaths, crossings that are dangerous and other similar problems as you travel the streets of this shire.*

As part of the Rural Access program, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council is carrying out a special survey of people who use motorised scooters or electric wheelchairs. We would like to get as many people involved as possible from a variety of towns in the shire. We are keen to find out about any concerns people have and whether any of these problems prevent people from using their scooters or wheelchairs in this shire. Our aim is to interview as many users as possible and to map the paths they travel. We are proposing to use the results of this survey to work with council's infrastructure department to make our towns more accessible for people using this form of transport or means of getting around.

If you would like more information or can relate to any of these issues and are interested in being involved in this very worthwhile project, please contact Anne-Louise Lindner at the Woodend office of the Macedon Ranges Shire on 5427 8222.

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 Sunday: 8.00am at Romsey
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17th April Holy Thursday Mass: Lancefield at 7.30pm

18th April Good Friday
 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross: 10.00am
 (Venue to be advised)

Good Friday Liturgy
 St. Mary's Romsey: 3.00pm

19th April Holy Saturday Vigil Ceremonies
 St. Mary's Romsey: 7.00pm

20th April Easter Sunday Mass
 Lancefield: 8.00am
 Romsey: 10.00am

Baptism:

To arrange Baptism please ring the Presbytery on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

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"LOVE LETTERS"

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Seymour Cottage is open to the public on the third Sunday of each month, 1.30—4.30 pm. The next opening day is Easter Sunday in April, and then May 18th. There will be a special function on May 25th.

CEMETERY WALK:

On Sunday 13th April, you are invited to meet at Lancefield Court House at 2.00 pm, prior to a guided walk around Lancefield Cemetery. Various members will offer brief family histories in all sections of the cemetery, and you may be interested to hear about the group of people who are recording the wording on gravestones for the future. New members for this project will be most welcome. A cuppa will be available back at the Court House afterwards.

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Collecting firewood is one of humankind's oldest activities. Australians enjoy the beauty and warmth of a wood fire, and in many regional areas wood fires are the only practical source of heating.

Dead trees, often with hollows make popular firewood. But firewood collection comes at a cost to the environment, the consequences of which may not be entirely understood for years. Many firewood users are unaware of the ecological price of collecting dead trees and fallen logs. Often they mistakenly think they are just keeping the forest or farm 'tidy'.

Firewood harvesting has an effect on our native woodlands, and a variety of threatened species. Dead standing and fallen timber provides crucial habitat for numerous species of animals and birds. It is now recognised that the removal of this wood for firewood is contributing to a significant loss of wildlife, particularly in the woodlands of south-eastern Australia.



Not only does standing and fallen dead wood provide important habitat for animals and birds it also plays an essential role in maintaining forests and woodland nutrient cycles. Dead wood is as important as living trees, fallen leaves and soil for the maintenance of ecological processes sustaining biodiversity.

FOUR EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Collect Thoughtfully

* If you are collecting firewood leave hollow logs alone whether they are standing or lying. They are the dwindling homes to some of Australia's most beloved animals. So try and take smaller diameter solid pieces of wood instead of large diameter hollows.

* Do not collect from endangered woodland communities. These communities are declining and are protected

by state and federal legislation so penalties apply to firewood collecting. Look on the threatened species web site for your state to find out what is endangered at your state level.

* When you take firewood leave some behind and move on. If there is very little around leave it and search somewhere else. It is often the cumulative impact of lots of people taking a little firewood that causes depletion. As with recreational fishing, over harvesting will destroy the resource for everyone.

2. BUY RESPONSIBLY

* Encourage your wood seller to stock plantation wood or the less threatened species of hardwood such as stringybark. This will help conserve declining forests and woodlands.

* If there is enough consumer demand for alternative products then merchants will progressively turn away from the threatened woodland species.

* Ask your wood merchant whether they can supply a mixed load of hardwoods (eg more than one type). This will help to reduce the pressure on woodland species that aren't regenerating.

3. If you own a property, try to plant as much as you take. That way you will create your own renewable source of wood.

4. Recycle / use old fence posts and off cuts.

Up to 5.5 million tonnes of timber is harvested annually for domestic firewood use. This number increases to 6-7 million tonnes when industrial firewood is included. Eighty four percent of domestic firewood is collected on private property.

Remember that logs have life inside!

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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
Leonie Miles (Secretary) on 5429 5071



RSL ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2003

The Anzac Day Service will be held in Romsey this year on 25th April, 2003 at 8.30am at the Cenotaph in Main Street, Romsey. Guest Speaker will be Colonel Donald J. Sandow RFD. ED.

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By the time you read this news from Bolinda it will nearly be Easter Holidays, end of Term 1!!! Can you believe that !!! But when you are working with children, you are always busy, life is never dull and how time flies !!!

Busy Bolinda, absolutely. All classes have been working very hard with their teachers on their own projects. We have had visits from the Life Education van which is always very popular and a terrific learning experience, the School Nurse, Guidance Officer, Senior Education Officer from Bendigo, visiting teachers and principals from other schools. Karen Morrissey is an elite athlete from the Victorian Institute of Sport who has been to share her experiences as well as her thoughts on leadership, training, nutrition, attitude and effort.

Tuesday morning Assembly always sees a student read out our Statement of Commitment after the National Anthem, followed by the presentation of weekly Principal's Awards, and any news that has to be passed on to the whole school. We always have a good attendance of parents at Assembly as well. Mrs. Ruth Green then takes two sessions of Religious Education and we thank her sincerely for taking over this voluntary work from Mrs. Nerelle Field who had so cheerfully and capably conducted RE sessions for 10 years.

On March 19th we took part in Harmony Day activities at school, including a picnic, lots of art activities and lots of discussion of how we can make a difference. This day coincides each year with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. At the time of writing, and at this particular time in our world's history with so much uncertainty happening, it is so important to plant the seeds of harmony and tolerance and 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all men' in the minds of our children who are the leaders of tomorrow. On Harmony Day we think about the different cultures of the world and the people who have come to Australia from different lands and backgrounds, with many different languages and how they can contribute to our community. The theme for Harmony Day is YOU + ME = US.

The Children's Fundraising Committee which comprises four Grade 6 students, have had their first activity in support of the East Timor Eye Project. The special day was called "National Sunnies for Sight Day", where children could wear their sunglasses or make extra special decorative sunnies. We had a parade of all children and prizes were awarded as well. For every \$5 raised, a child in East Timor can have an eye examination, get a pair of suitable glasses and gain the enjoyment of learning to read and have a successful education. We raised the wonderful total of \$ 60, so 12 children will benefit from our efforts and concern.

Correspondence continues between the Grade 5-6 children and our very dear, long time pen friend, Jackie French. When Bolinda children first wrote to Jackie in 1995, Jackie had only written 2-3 books, she has now taken that total to over 80, with two books dedicated to the children of Bolinda. Jackie still hand writes letters to every child from the school who writes to her. She truly is a special friend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Neil for all his help to our school over the years, and wish him all the best for the future.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – drop in and see us sometime - cheerio for now.

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Australia's export cut flower industry is currently valued at \$50 million per annum with major markets established in the key overseas markets of Japan, USA, The Netherlands, Taiwan, Canada and South-East Asia. The major flower crops exported from Australia include Australian native wildflowers such as Waxflower, Thryptomene, Banksia, Kangaroo Paws in addition to many species of South African origin such as Protea, Leucadendron and Leucospermum

Export flower crops are currently grown in all states of Australia with the major production areas in Western Australia, Queensland and the Gippsland / Grampians districts of Victoria. The area encompassing the Macedon Ranges and surrounds has been identified as having excellent potential for cut flower growing given its higher altitudes and cooler climate which suits later flowering times on key export flower crops.

Adrian Parsons, WAFEX Eastern States director will be conducting this seminar and welcomes all interested growers to attend and learn more about opportunities for cut flower growing as an alternative source of farm revenue.

"We currently have limited dealings from growers in the Macedon Ranges region on such crops as Paeony Roses, Leucospermums and Leucadendrons and this has helped identify this region as having excellent potential for further cut flower development" said Parsons. "Later flowering times on some of high demand export flower crops is what our customers are seeking. We have identified 10-15 flower crops suitable for production in the Macedon Ranges region and prospective growers can learn more detail by attending this introduction seminar"

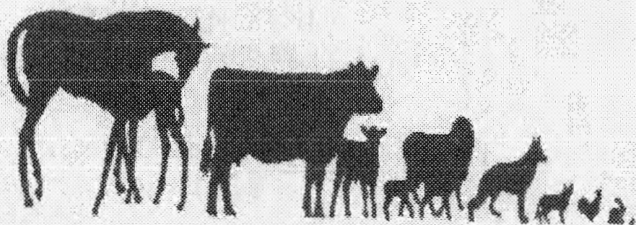
The seminar will be held on Saturday 12 April at Kyneton Town Hall, Mollison Street, Kyneton starting at 2.00 pm and will run for approximately 2 hours. Cost for attending this seminar is \$20 person or \$30 per couple. Seminar attendees will also receive Introductory Notes and a free colour copy of the Flowers from Australia booklet.

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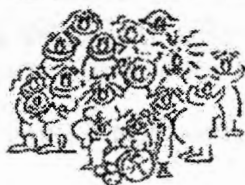


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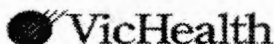
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* The old farm fence at Wrixon Street ... it's done good duty for decades. The blackberry is gone and you can walk underneath the cypress pines on the town side of the creek. (Thankyou to our weekday work crew.)

Families, joggers, boys on bikes and people with dogs are walking the creek to Couzens Lane. In the early evenings, get out of the house and enjoy a quiet country walk.

We need (PLEASE CAN YOU HELP)?

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A little chainsawing (1hr+) during the week would really help the weekday crew. They'll then clear the willow branches away to dry on rubbish piles.

What's next?

ONE BIG WEEKEND The clearing is so near Couzens Lane, let's just have one weekend to finish it.

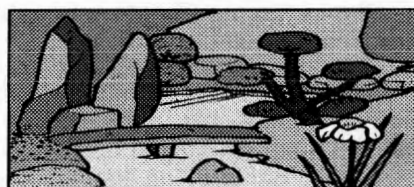
MAY 3 and MAY 4 - please put aside an hour on one of these days.

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“Arrested” by John East, Rotary President Peter O'Rourke “does time” all in the name of charity! (But what's with the teddy bear??)



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What's News

Life and death is a part of drama. To say something is a matter of life and death is to heighten it's importance and urgency, creating an atmosphere of expectation.

More mundanely, life and death are realities of the world. Watching, reading or listening to the news brings reports of death amidst the events of life. A visit to the hospital shows us the miracle of life at birth and in the advances of medicine, but is balanced by the struggle and inevitable death of others.

War is usually associated with death, particularly the atrocities committed in recent wars. Yet over the duration of the war in Bosnia, the population of Sarajevo actually increased, showing the determination of people (the human spirit?) to live. And I don't just mean survive, but truly live and thrive.

In the life of the church, Easter is the union of life and death. On Good Friday, we remember the death of Jesus. On Easter Day, we remember the resurrection, Jesus' conquering death and bringing new life to the world.

That is, in many ways, the Christian hope for the world. No matter how dark or terrible things may get, there is always the hope of new life. Just what Christians mean by that varies, and the manner in which we might experience the fullness of that life also varies.

The promise of Easter is not a Utopia, a perfect world without suffering, death or injustice. Indeed, Utopia literally means “no place”. The perfect world without suffering, death or injustice is, for the Christian, beyond this world, in the very presence of God.

So what is on offer for this world? In short, it is still new life, a different and better way of being. As you look at history, you might argue that religion has caused more bloodshed and suffering than anything else, so how can it offer a

better way? I would argue that religion itself needs to constantly rediscover new life, and for Christianity that means rediscovering Easter each day.

The church is not perfect, but it is trying. If you haven't been for a while, why not stop by this Easter and see what's new.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- 6 Apr 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 13 Apr 9:00am All-Age worship, led by the Sunday School and celebrating Palm Sunday.
- 14 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection. This will be a short (about 30 minutes) service of preparation for the events of Easter.
- 15 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.
- 16 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.
1:30pm UCAF (Ladies' Guild) meets in the Sunday School hall. This month will be an Easter celebration, and will include a short time of worship using the theme for 2003 of 'Growing Community by Connecting', prepared by Rev Jenny Byrne. All welcome.
- 17 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.
- 18 Apr 9:00am Good Friday worship.
10:30am Combined Churches Walk of Witness beginning at St Paul's Anglican Church in Romsey.
- 20 Apr 10:30am worship, celebrating Easter Day. Creche will be provided for pre-school children.
- 27 Apr 9:00am worship and creche.
- 4 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.

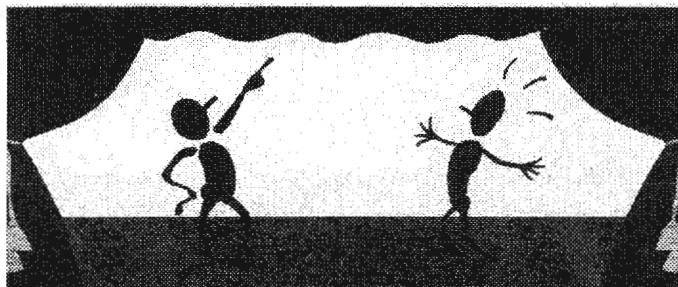
You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.

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



MUSICAL DRAMA

Easter Presentation



**When: Romsey Mechanics Hall, Main Street, Romsey
Thursday, 17 April, 7:30 p.m.**

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Park Lane, Romsey Phone 5429 6089

2003 State Track & Field Championships (Victorian Little Athletics Association)

We had eleven Centre athletes who qualified and/or progressed to compete at State Track & Field Championships. All our athletes were a credit to the Centre and we are proud of them all for their efforts. The athletes rankings, based on final placings in his/her respective age groups after competition at the State Championships, are as follows:

Romsey Primary School

- **U10 Girl Marissa Thomas:** Ranked 24th in Shotput.

St. Marys Primary, Lancefield

- **U11 Boy Bill Rowlands:** Ranked 20th in High Jump and 15th in Long Jump. Bill also competed in 70m and 400m heats and ran a new PB time in his 400m heat!
- **U12 Boy Tim Francis:** Ranked 22nd in Shotput.

Assumption College, Kilmore

- **U13 Boy Daniel Martin:** Ranked 5th in 80m Hurdles, 5th in High Jump, and 18th in Triple Jump. Daniel also set a great new PB of 1.57 in his High Jump. Well Done!
- **U14 Boy Scott Martin:** Ranked 1st in Long Jump, 3rd in 100m, 3rd in 200m and 10th in High Jump. A fantastic effort for an up and coming athlete whom we believe will continue to improve. We are very proud of Scott because despite his individual successes, Scott remains level headed and a good sport.

Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

- **U13 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands:** Ranked 8th in 1500m and 11th in 800m. Bronwyn also set a new PB time in the 400m heats.

Kyneton Secondary College

- **U13 Boy Glenn Maple:** Ranked 21st in Javelin.
- **U14 Boy Michael Graham:** Ranked 20th in Javelin.
- **U14 Girl Mickala Thomas:** Ranked 16th in Javelin.
- **U15 Boy Matthew Blair:** Ranked 2nd in Triple Jump, 5th in 100m Hurdles, 6th in 300m Hurdles and 6th in Long Jump. Matthew has excelled in Triple Jump, having had several great results in season competition to date. His performances in 300m Hurdles have been good, particularly as he has competed in this event only 3 times to date.
- **U15 Girl Colleen Graham:** Ranked 4th in Shotput, 5th in Discus and 7th in Javelin. Colleen has continued to improve her performances in throws events and this is a fantastic achievement as she has had no specialised coaching. Colleen has great potential to further improve and her achievements to date are indicative of her continued improvement.

TOP 8 Rankings at State Track & Field Championships achieved by:

U13 Boy Daniel Martin – 80m Hurdles, High Jump

U13 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands – 1500m

U14 Boy Scott Martin - Long Jump, 100m, 200m

U15 Boy Matthew Blair – Triple Jump, 100mH, 300mH, Long Jump

U15 Girl Colleen Graham – Shotput, Discus, Javelin

Athletes who competed at State Track & Field Championships for the first time:

Marissa Thomas, Tim Francis, Glenn Maple and Mickala Thomas. It is very daunting to compete at States, not to mention very competitive. Our Centre is very pleased with these athletes performances and behaviour. They all tried hard and were good sports to boot! Well done to you all!

2003 IGA National Youth Track & Field Championships (Athletics Victoria)

Good Luck to Kyneton Secondary College student Colleen Graham at the IGA National Youth Track & Field Championships. Colleen is a member of the Victorian Team comprising Under 16 and Under 18 athletes, who will be competing in various athletics events over the three day competition at Homebush Stadium in Sydney (March 21st –March 23rd). Colleen will be competing in Under 16 Girls Shotput, Discus and Javelin. Colleen leaves for Sydney on Thursday evening and returns late on Sunday night. Our Centre would like to wish her the best and hope she enjoys being part of the Victorian team.

Members:

Don't forget Centre Track & Field Championships are on Saturday March 22nd at 9.00am sharp. After the championships are concluded we would appreciate some help tidying up the facility and getting rid of rubbish.