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Katherine Butler Hathaway

Sunday May 11th is Mother's Day.

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Margaret Howatson, Secretary, Ambulance Auxiliary.



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*Letter to Mt William Community May 2003***Thanks for Everything**

As I write this a month has passed since the Shire Elections and I have had a chance to reflect on the experience of being your councillor for three years and of not being returned to continue in that role. I appreciate this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the many people who have contributed so positively to community life and to the work of the Shire during my term of office, March 2000 - March 2003. My first thanks must go to those who produce the two invaluable local newsletters, the Romsey Rag and the Lancefield Mercury. To have truly local independent newspapers is of huge value and I have appreciated enormously the opportunity to communicate directly with Romsey and Lancefield and districts residents in this way every month. I know many of you read both the Rag and the Mercury, because Lancefield and Romsey are so important to each other. May our two gems of towns continue to flourish and grow in friendship and cooperation. And lets never let these local papers go!

It has been a great privilege to serve as councillor for three years, and a wonderful learning opportunity. My intention has always been to serve with all my heart and to the best of my ability. I strove to work for the benefit of all, while accurately representing the views of individual residents and groups, whether or not I agreed with them. At all times I have attempted to improve the relationship between the community and the Shire, with the understanding that by working together we make best use of our assets and achieve more.

All community achievements are the result of the work of many people, past and present. Thanks to all those who

contributed to my work as a councillor. Through you I was able to expand my perspective and understanding. One of the best things about being a councillor was becoming aware of the vast number of people who quietly work away, serving their communities in so many ways. The Shire is a vital linking organisation in this network of community work, which supports all our lives in unseen ways. Every positive link enriches us all, every negative one diminishes us. The responsibility for the quality of our relationships rests with all of us. I thank those in the community and the Shire organisation who work in a positive way for the community benefit.

It was interesting as a councillor to discover how Macedon Ranges is viewed beyond the Shire. I was pleased to discover that as our strategic work unfolded, the reputation at State level of Macedon Ranges as a progressive municipality grew steadily. With the hard work of Council, shire officers and community members, and the organisation under the intelligent, balanced management of CEO Lydia Wilson, the Macedon Ranges Shire earned the respect it deserved. Local denigration of that work unfortunately misled many people about the true quality of the governance that exists here.

I wish the new council well and also CEO Ian Morris. As a council we chose CEO's well I believe. I look forward to a committed, hardworking and cooperative period of Council, Shire organisation and community working together to take Macedon Ranges forward to new and exciting horizons.

Thanks again to all,
Alice Aird



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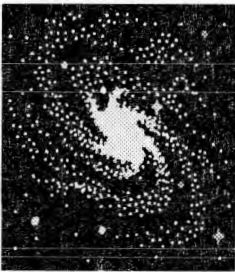
Tournament of the Minds

All Romsey Primary School students in years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity this year to participate in a special *in-house* Tournament of the Minds activity at the commencement of this term. This will allow all students the opportunity to participate in this program and gain from the educational benefits of co-operative problem solving and solution presentation. Teachers will also be able to assess the talents of students to help in the selection and composition of teams for the Regional Tournament Day, which is to be on in August

The school based Tournament of Minds Day will involve teams of 7 students in working on and presenting the solution to a specially prepared Challenge. There are 3 categories, Language Literature, Social Science and Maths Engineering. The 5/6 unit will be using specific times during the first 2 weeks for teams of students to work on their Challenges. The solutions will be presented on a tournament day. Each team will have 10 minutes to present their solution. This will be a wonderful experience for our students as they further develop their independent learning and organisation skills.

Space

Our students in years 3 & 4 will be working on *The Earth in Space* this term. During this unit of work students will become aware of the scientific ideas about the movement of the Earth, and model the effects of the Earth's rotation on its axis resulting in the day to night cycle. Space is always a very exciting unit of work with a great deal of material available to students to extend their knowledge in this topic. The topic of



Space lends itself to integration with other subject areas

allowing this work to be truly meaningful to students as they work through the term. Students will be involved in estimating and measuring angles for the construction of a sundial, and working out the angle of the earth's axis. This work also lends itself to further development of understandings of the day/ night cycle and the seasons as the earth moves around the sun.

Dinosaurs

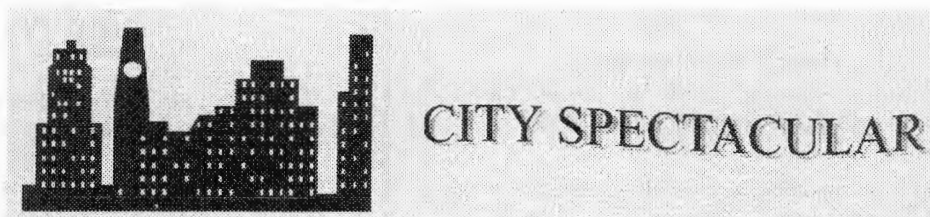
This term students in the junior classes will be studying dinosaurs, always a very popular topic with our younger students. As well as undertaking a broad range of classroom activities, the students will be visiting the Melbourne Museum in the first week of May.



Students will be involved with aspects of this theme in all subject areas as teachers work to ensure the topic covered give focus to our literacy and numeracy programs and other subject areas, as well as being part of our science studies. Additionally we recognise that students all learn in different ways, so the presentation of material and the structure of activities needs to cater for these individual learning styles. Educationalists have identified at least seven different learning styles. A range of theme related activities are taken weekly that reflect these learning styles so all students will find aspects of their school studies that cater to their individual strengths.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW



In term 3 our school will stage a wonderful musical production called "A City Spectacular". It is a play of approximately 70 minutes duration. It is a terrific, positive and fun play about kids achieving their goals, and it features lots of singing and dancing.

A musical production is a wonderful vehicle for the promotion of the Arts in our school. It is a great opportunity for children with an interest or aptitude in the Performing Arts to develop skills in drama, music and dance. Children will work hard this term rehearsing, refining and finally performing the musical. They will be working on the development of singing, dancing and acting skills and will be involved in a range of activities such as learning lines, learning choreographed dance sequences, learning songs and learning vocal parts. Participation in a musical is a very positive and rewarding experience and it is always pleasing to observe the growth in confidence and self-esteem in those involved. Children also benefit greatly in contributing to a project that involves a group working together to create something terrific.

All children from the 5/6 Unit are involved in the musical and main parts have already been given to the children selected by auditions held last term. We are thrilled by the enthusiasm and interest already displayed by the children. We are certain that we will have a very successful production.

RELAY FOR LIFE – WHAT A FEELING!!

Even though the inaugural Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life held on 29th & 30th March is over the feelings it evoked live on and will continue to bring great memories to all involved, a time for laughter and tears. So many memorable experiences – the opening and first lap with survivors and carers walking and the very emotional Candlelight Ceremony with Debra Byrne singing. I'm sure everyone will have a memorable and special moment.

On behalf of the organising committee, whose great efforts made it all possible, we thank our amazing community for their participation and support.

We are now absolutely thrilled to announce over \$90,000 has been raised for The Cancer Council Victoria from our event and the tally continues to grow. We shall announce the final amount shortly once all donations have been received.

What a great achievement made possible by the strength and spirit of our community and a really great effort by the people of Lancefield and the Macedon Ranges. When the committee first got together to start planning this event we were advised by The Cancer

Council Victoria to aim for approximately 15 to 20 teams. They saw this as an achievable target considering our population and location. What they didn't count on was our community and its history of banding together for a good cause, which resulted in an overwhelming 49 registered teams and more than 700 walkers.

A wonderful atmosphere developed at the Relay as young people, families and friends gathered in our beautiful park for the occasion. Such effort was made by all the teams with their colourful banners, costumes and batons adding to the spectacle of the event. Many travelled far and wide to be part of the Relay and Nita Spivey, a former Lancefield resident came all the way down from Queensland to participate.

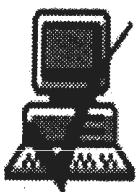
Our sincere appreciation goes to so many and its difficult to name every volunteer who gave their time so freely to contribute to the event. The Relay for Life team and The Cancer Council Victoria, the Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield did such a wonderful job providing the fantastic breakfast and evening spit roast supported by the Lions Club of Lancefield-Romsey. The great effort of the Lancefield Football Club running the canteen for 24 hours, the first-aiders and security who also provided support for the whole 24 hours. Our

great MC's, all the entertainers, volunteers and those who provided sponsorship, donations, spot prizes, food and equipment for the Relay – our sincere thanks to you all. The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life would not have been possible without your support and most importantly to the Team Captains and teams, a truly fantastic effort. Off course we would not have been able to hold the event if we did not have a venue and the Lancefield Park Committee must be congratulated for providing the venue. We really do have a very beautiful and historic park and the park committee work hard to maintain it. The park was looking wonderful for the event and the work put in by the committee was appreciated.

Thank you again to our community for your overwhelming support. If you missed this years Relay for Life don't worry as it will be an annual event for the region. Keep an eye out in the coming months for next years date and further information. We will be encouraging teams to register early which is going to give everyone the chance to start their fundraising early – now everyone knows what the RELAY FOR LIFE is about.

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What's News

As I said last month, Easter is about new life. For Christians, that new life is on going, as indeed is Easter. Easter is not just one day, but is a 50-day festival celebrating life. Given recent world events, it may be with mixed feelings that we focus on life. Certainly there have been many people affected by the loss of life in Iraq. Yet I'm sure that we join with others in giving thanks for those who are safe and well.

But now Iraq joins East Timor and Afghanistan as places of rebuilding, places seeking new life from the ruins of what went before. And it is precisely from the depths of suffering and devastation that the image of new life is most powerful.

The people of East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq have endured years of uncertainty. Those in the know may have felt some degree of security, but most citizens were constantly in fear – for their lives, their freedom, and their families. And even those who felt safe, by being close to those in power, have had that safety torn away from them. So the process of rebuilding has begun. Yet it is not simply a case of restoring what once was. There would be very few people in those nations, and in the world community, who would want things to go back to the way they were. Buildings may be returned to their former glory, but the lives of people and the life of the nation will be something new and better. At least, that is the hope.

So it is also with my faith. The new life of Easter is not simply returning things to the way they were. For many in the church, that would mean the glory days of the 50's, 60's and 70's, when there was no Sunday sport or trading,

and churches, youth groups and Sunday Schools were bursting to overflowing.

However, it was that very era that drove many people away from the church. With few real alternatives for Sunday 'entertainment', the church became complacent and, in the minds of many, irrelevant.

Yet the Christian belief is that our message remains relevant. My hope for the new life of the church is to find ways of showing the relevance of our message. We need to build something new in our faith communities that interests and excites the wider community to which we belong.

This may be a tall order, and the cynic may say it is impossible given the church they once knew. But I would say it is no more difficult than building a nation, creating a better way for people to live together from the devastation of violence and war.

The new life of Easter continues. We see glimpses here and there, as the hope of the eternal breaks into our world. Maybe the next sign will be the church.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- 4 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 11 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including a celebration of Mother's Day.
- 14 May 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies' Guild) meets in the Sunday School hall. Special guest will be Donna Newell, who will provide an introduction to scrapbooking. All welcome.
- 18 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, led by various members of the congregation.
- 25 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 1 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School. Please note that the celebration of Holy Communion will be one week later than usual this month.

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

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3rd L. Jeffrey sq.

April 16th Stroke

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2nd M. Campbell 68 net
3rd K. Jekabson 71 net

April 23rd Stapleford

1st C. Rankin 36pts
2nd M. Crump 36pts
M. Campbell 32pts.

The beginners clinic has finished and we are looking forward to ladies joining us for practice.

Pennant has started with us going down to Alexandra 3/2 at Trentham on the 14th April. It was certainly different playing on a wet course.

Birthday Wishes for May to Leila, Lynne and Beryl.

Leila and Beryl combined well at Mt Macedon to come runners up in their 4BBB Tournament. And both won a lovely basket of Easter eggs.

The Progressive Dinner was a great success. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Special thanks to the band who had most people up dancing. A big thankyou to all the ladies who worked hard cooking and supplying food.

Recipe for this month

White Chocolate Cheesecake

Line a 26cm springform tin base with greaseproof paper then mix 250pkt Nice biscuits with 100gm melted butter for the base and refrigerate.

Filling.

500gm Cream cheese

4 eggs separated

1teaspoon vanilla

300gm good quality white chocolate (Melted over hot water)

200ml cream

Soften cream cheese in a large bowl mix in egg yolks & vanilla until well combined. Add melted chocolate.

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Although I do not know whether this particular group of kids were responsible for our last break-in, it is disturbing that some of the young people in our small community can be so destructive and small minded. Most of the young people I know from around the Romsey and Lancefield district are good kids. Sadly, there are exceptions, but as parents, we also have to take some responsibility for our children, and that includes knowing where they are and what they are doing.

This incident happened during school holidays, and yes.....there are a lot of kids who are hanging around with not a lot to do for two weeks. However, given the time of night that we caught these kids trying to break-in, means that surely a parent or older family member must have been at home and would know that their child was not there! It appears that some parents are either unaware of what their children are up to, or worse, simply don't care. Community facilities mean a lot to the locals who use them, as well as to the volunteers who work hard all year to maintain them. The kids that tried to break-in to our facilities were hell bent on destroying what a lot of people have worked hard to build and maintain. Surely we are not the only local community group to have a target of senseless vandalism and theft? What can we, as a community, do to stop this?

Anita Graham

on behalf of

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Reflections on Anzac Day

For the first time this year I attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Memorial Cross, Mt Macedon. It is probably long overdue—I have lived in the district for over 20 years, but the thought of such an early start on what can often be a cold and unfriendly morning in autumn somehow always deterred me.

This year I had no choice—I was providing transport for someone else who was participating in the service. Be there at 5.00 am, we were told. So that meant being out of bed at 4.00 am, and making the drive and over the Mount for a timely arrival.

The crowd was already beginning to swell as we made our way from the car park to the monument itself. A few hundred people had already gathered, and were standing in groups around the perimeter of the cross. As we waited for the service to begin, the crowd grew quickly. The atmosphere was very calm. The cross, lit brilliantly from two sides, threw the rest of the scene into total darkness. The sky was cloudless, and a cool breeze blew. The few people who talked did so in quiet voices, as if to preserve the tranquility of the place. Every age group was represented, from infants to the very elderly.

The people officiating at the service began to assemble. A lone piper took up his position. The band arrived and set up. The catafalque party—4 members of Australia's armed forces—marched in and assumed their sentry positions around the cross, where they remained motionless for the duration of the service. A few minutes before the service began the lights at the Cross were extinguished, and the crowd became quiet and contemplative.

The service was a very moving experience, a study in simplicity and dignity. Tributes were paid not only to the traditional "Anzacs" but also to the many thousands of people who have served Australia in times of conflict over the past 100 years. With an Australian military commitment still in some parts of the world, it was a time to reflect on the tragedy of conflict and the necessity to have military forces to safeguard the freedoms and the way of life we are so lucky to enjoy. And to appreciate that there are people willing to make the commitment to protect all that we hold so dear. The music and singing added greatly to the atmosphere of the ceremony. And as the sun began to rise we were treated to the most perfect autumn morning imaginable.

The size of the crowd was not obvious until it became light, but I am told that some 4,000 people shared this most worthwhile experience on Anzac Day. The whole event was a credit to the organisers and volunteers who made it run so smoothly. I am glad I made the effort—but even more importantly, I am eternally grateful to the men and women of years gone by who "made the effort" on behalf of generations of Australians to come.

Robyn Moore



ANZAC DAY IN ROMSEY

On a beautiful autumn morning it was gratifying to see a very large crowd of local residents attending the annual Anzac Day service in the Main Street of Romsey. Guides and Scouts joined the march with RSL members and servicemen and women, and recently elected Shire of Macedon Ranges councillors Heather Gee and Joe Morabito, and Romsey Primary School representatives were among the official guests who laid wreaths during the service. The service was supported by members of local cadet units

In years gone by it appeared that community awareness and support for this most important day in Australia's history was waning, but more recently there seems to be a real resurgence of interest and participation from all age groups, as has been shown not only at local services such as Romsey's, but at the Dawn Service on Mt Macedon and the service and march in Melbourne. The Australian spirit seems to be alive and well in Romsey!

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Now that we are near the end of the summer period our attentions are focused on other matters and the fire danger messages are put away until next summer. However there are just as many important winter messages that we need to heed.

- ***Have the smoke alarm batteries been replaced?***
- ***Have the flues been cleaned?***

These are two very important questions that **must** be answered yes. All too often we see and hear of tragedies or near tragedies that could have been averted for the sake of a \$10 alarm and a \$3 battery. Recently an actor from one of the soaps on TV lost her possessions and nearly her life in a house fitted with alarms but without batteries.

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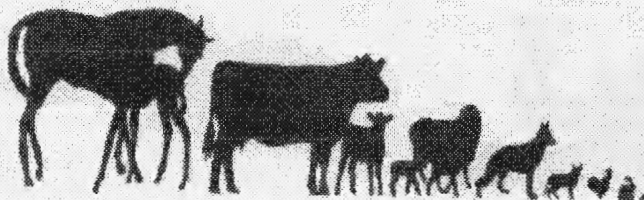
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FIVE MILE CREEK

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Without the efforts of a dedicated bunch of enthusiasts, who have worked hard over recent months to clear this area, such enjoyment would not be possible. So let me take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to all of you who have given your time and energy to this project. You have made a huge difference to this once "wilderness" area and made it an attractive and useful asset to our community.



Gisborne Steam Rally 2003.

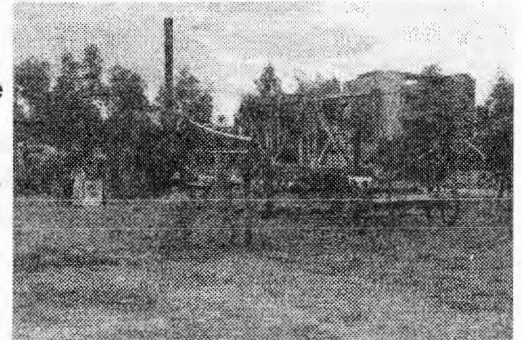
The Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society held their annual Steam Rally recently on the 30th March. The move of the annual event to March certainly paid off with glorious weather on the day.



The main action of the rally takes place with the Tractor Pull, with 39 tractors participating which was up on the an increase on the previous year. These tractors range from glorious restored to straight off the farm beasts, with no modifications allowed. This always draws a crowd as the tractors work their way down the track. The picture below show a Chamberlain well on its way down the track, with the weights starting to move onto the skid part of sled, creating more drag, causing the tractor to work harder.

We had two compounds of stationary engines, with the normal variety, ranging from the run of the mill Ronaldson & Tippett N type, which I believe every farm had one, to some rarer engines such as Harward Mountjoy's Duescher. This engine has been in the Mountjoy family since new, and the new generation of Mountjoy's are taking an interest in the hobby, which is good to see.

In the steam compound the local steam team had the Ruston Hornsby in steam driving the thresher. Both of these are pieces of local history. The Ruston Hornsby which the club was formed to restore spent its working life in the Bullengarook sawmill. The thresher is also a piece of local history being used to thresh crops on many farms around the district. The thresher has been stripped of most of its working parts as restoration continues. The picture below shows these two units under the watchful supervision of local Mark Graham.



A visitor to this years event was the Lloyd family who brought their Ruston Proctor traction engine across from Scoresby. This was sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the society is thankful for their support.

The miniature trains were again in action, taking kids for rides around our scenic track in Gisborne. The club is looking for new members who are interested in miniature railways to continue the good work that has gone into the track and surrounds. Of course the Perry which is our full size cane locomotive was out and steaming up and down the length of track that has been laid so far.

The Macedon & District Motor Club put on a good display of vintage cars and made good use of their new clubrooms by filling it with mechanical, historic and engineering toys.

George Smithwick, put on an interesting display, he used the rally as an opportunity to finish rebuilding a couple of cart wheels, it was interesting to watch him fit the new timber rims onto the existing spokes, the finished product being a mix of old and new. Sunbury wood turners showed how to turn a piece of scrap wood into a lamp shade, a top, or a rolling pin. Woodend model railroaders put on an excellent display of model railroading at its best.

Thanks to all those who helped make our Steam Rally and please book Sunday 28th March next year in your calendar for our next rally.

Barry Thomas.



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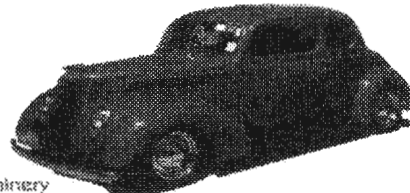
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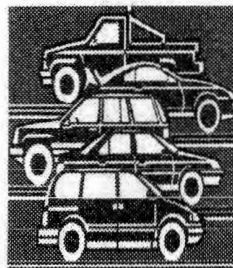
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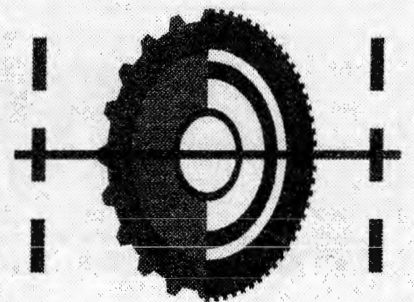
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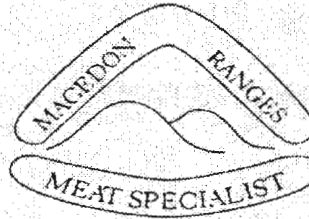
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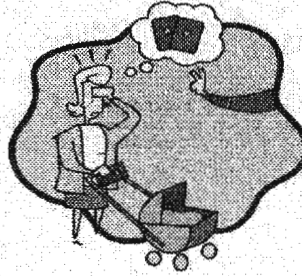
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Romsey is a tiny township compared to others in the Macedon Ranges, but size doesn't mean lack of talent, which comes in all sizes. Adam Cullinger comes in a little package, but his natural talent has been nurtured at one of Romsey's latest additions to the township.

As usual with all things considered by a community, there is positive and negative opinion. Romsey Skate Park was described in both positive and negative terms but the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the Skate Park Committee persevered.

This month the Council, with the kind sponsorship of Skin, Ski & Surf, Xville Skate Shop, both of Sunbury, and the Commonwealth Bank, ran a schedule of Skateboard and Rollerblading competitions for Under 13, Under 16, Open age and Girl competitors in Gisborne, Romsey, Kyneton and Sunbury, called the Macedon Ranges/Hume Skate Unearthing Regional Skate Tournament.

Twelve year old Adam Cullinger started rollerblading when his parents Natalie & Craig bought their sons Adam and Andrew roller blades for Christmas when Adam was seven. Adam and Andrew utilised the mobile ramps that toured the Macedon Ranges and supported the Skate Park Committee with the creation of a permanent Skate Park in Romsey.

Rollerblading has become a passion with this family. Adam is currently the Australian Roces Inline Skating Champion for Open Age after competing at the Salvation Army's fantastic facility in Cranbourne on February 22, 2003.

His determined little body competed against the big boys with a speed and agility that is hard to believe. To compete on the world stage, Adam's next task is to ensure he is a finalist at the trials of the Xtreme Games held in September at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Romsey Rag wishes him the best of luck.

In the recent MRCC/Hume Skate Unearthing Regional Skate Tournament, Adam Cullinger won all his competitions. His brother Andrew is right on his tail, finishing second in two events. In fact, at the Kyneton held competition, Romsey boys took 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Andrew Roberts came in 3rd behind the Cullinger brothers.

The event in Romsey saw the same feat again with Adam 1st, Andrew 2nd and Jake Townsing 3rd.

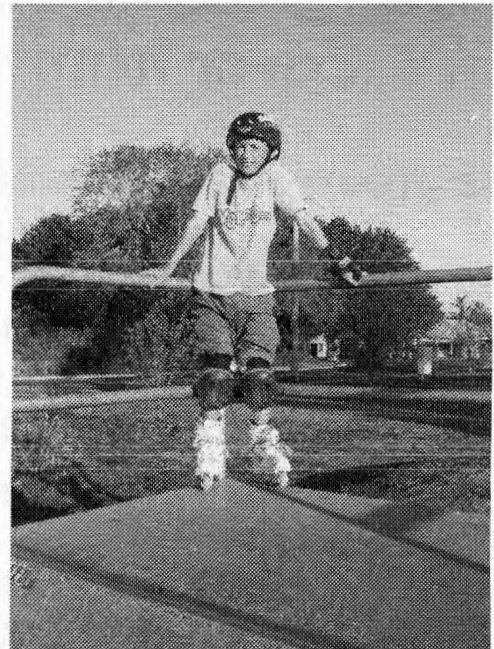
These dynamic balls of energy spend countless hours at

the Romsey Skate Park honing their skills in an environment that is forging friendships and healthy attitudes towards sport and competition.

The Romsey Community needs to know that this little community with so few facilities is full of talent. Imagine what we could produce with better community teamwork and better facilities.

Each time an initial step towards a new venture needs to be considered by the community, let us remember there are generally more positive than negative outcomes. Let us all be aware that we need to all look after the current facilities and any future facilities, supporting them by keeping them neat and tidy for the pleasure of all. Only then can a tiny town like Romsey produce little Aussies like Adam Cullinger who may one day be World No. 1.

Reporter: Kym Raverty
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Young rollerblading champ Adam Cullinger demonstrated his fantastic abilities at the championships held recently in Romsey.

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The Grenadillo Box - Janet Gleeson.

Whilst Janet Gleeson has written and devised a couple of books on antiques, this is her first novel and what a debut. A compelling tale of murder and mystery set in eighteenth century London. Thomas Chippendale, of furniture fame, has a journeyman called Nathaniel Hopson who finds himself accidentally embroiled in one, possibly two, murders when he goes to work at the country house of Lord Monfort, a client of Chippendale's. Added to that is the strange heritage of his best friend John Partridge, who although brought up an orphan, tries vainly to discover his true parentage. Gleeson also brings to life the sights and smells of London in the 1700's and the reader gains an insight into the intrigues of Georgian society. Definitely an engrossing read.

Loose Men Everywhere - John Harms

For those of you who read the review on suburban cricket "The Vincibles" (and of course rushed off to borrow it) get ready for the footy equivalent, because this is it. The title sets the tone for the book. With his hilarious style of writing and perceptive recollections of an era now past - VFL football on Saturday afternoons on football grounds, that ranged from sardine cans to ex-Olympic venues and everything in-between, followed by World of Sport on Sundays to complete your winter happiness - Harms covers the highs and lows of being a football fanatic, and most importantly a Geelong supporter! If you can remember marking in the goals and points in Footy Records, eating a pie that flowed like Vesuvius down the back of your hand and the 1989 Grand Final where Geelong set out to bash Hawthorn into submission without success, then this book is for you. A great little read that explains why Aussie Rules rules!

Young Digger - Anthony Hill

Another excellent book from Anthony Hill of fiction based on fact. Honore 'Hemene' Tovell was a French war orphan during the Great War and became the 'mascot' of the No. 4 Squadron of the Australian Flying Corps. This book tells the remarkable story of how young Henri was actually smuggled back to Australia after the war and subsequently adopted by air mechanic Tim Tovell and his family. The camaraderie of the airmen along with the typical Australian larrikin attitude of some of them shines through the story. Henri is a real little boy who, having lost his family, has developed an instinct for survival and knows a good thing when he is onto it. An entertaining read about a little known

In the Romsey Vegie Garden

By Brussell Sprout

Its time to harvest pumpkins now before they are spoiled by frost. Carefully cut from the vine leaving a long stem. Store in a cool, dry place, placed on their side.

Pull up chillie plants by the roots and hand upside down from the ceiling in the shed, they will continue to ripen.

Plant broad beans and once emerged, Peter Cundall suggests to apply forty grams of sulphate of potash per metre.

Fertilize your Brassicaceae seedlings (cabbage, caulies, brussels and broc) with mixtures made from compost or manure. Compost fertilizer is easily made by placing a shovel full of compost into a bucket and filling with water, leaving to soak for a few days. Add enough of this liquid to a full watering can so the colour resembles weak black tea. Follow the same process with manure to achieve weak green tea.

HAVEN'T GOT A VEGIE GARDEN ?

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ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GUIDES

Romsey/Lancefield Wombat Guides have been very busy with various activities. One evening we went to Lancefield Park, where the guides cooked a meal on gas stoves. Another night (back by popular demand) was a pamper night, where the guides wore their PJs, soaked/massaged their feet and used nail polish and make up. Another night was spent preparing for camp.

Platypus Guides held a pet's night. The guides brought along their pet and explained how they looked after it. The guides met in the park and learnt how to do tracking signs and to put up tents in preparation for camp. Another night was held practicing cooking. The guides held an Anzac awareness night.

Both units participated in Clean Up Australia Day. They cleaned up rubbish along the Lancefield-Kyneton Road on Sunday 2nd March.

On Friday 28th March, both guide units met at Lancefield and travelled to Moggs Creek (just past Anglesea). Then we put up our tents and went to sleep listening to the waves break on the beach (or was it the sound of somebody snoring?). On Saturday it rained – why didn't it rain at home?? So only some guides went for a walk up through the forest, to a lovely lookout from which you could see the beach and the Great Ocean Road. The remainder of guides took a short walk down to the beach.

Saturday night we had a great campfire; singing songs in front of a warm fire. Sunday dawned a perfect day. The guides laid tracking signs through the bush for other patrols to follow. We then took down our tents and packed up to go home.

Our last night at guides was held in Lancefield Park. Guides and their families attended for a BBQ. When it was dark Talia, Beth and Georgia made their promise as a guide. And guides that had attended camp and earned a badge were awarded. Our District and Region Leaders attended. We sang BRAVO to our Region Leader – Annette Swaffield who was awarded an Order of Australia.

The Platypus Guides (7 – 11 year olds) meet at 5.00 – 6.30pm.
The Wombat Guides (10 – 16 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm.
Both at the Youth Centre/Mechanics Hall, The Crescent, Lancefield.

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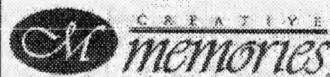
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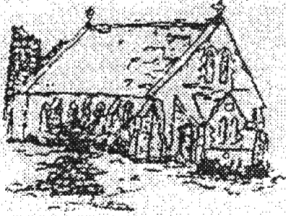
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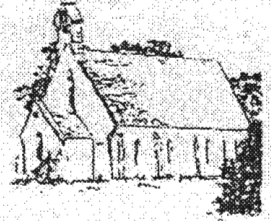
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We would love to see more community contributions, and local organisations taking advantage of the Rag to publicise their activities and achievements.

The Editorial Committee



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SUNDAY	9.00AM	St Paul's, Romsey
SUNDAY	10.30AM	Christ Church, Lancefield.
WEDNESDAY	10.00 AM	Christ Church, Lancefield
SUNDAY SCHOOL	during term time at Lancefield	
OP SHOP	Friday 12.30—4.30 PM	
	Saturday 10.00 AM—1.00 PM	

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 at Christ Church Hall.

Romsey Guild meets 2nd Thursday each month. May meeting will be at 148 Barry Road, Romsey.

LINEN PARTY / BASKET LUNCH on Thursday 12th June, 11.00 am, at 71 Main Street, Romsey.

\$6.00 for lunch.

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NEWS FROM THE BARGAIN BOX

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Winter weather has arrived, therefore we are gradually stocking the shop with wintry clothing. Our \$1 rack is always stocked and is replenished every two to three weeks so there are plenty of bargains.

At present we have help from a young student doing voluntary work towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award, and in May we will have the help of another student who has chosen voluntary work as part of her 'work experience'. We are very grateful for their help.

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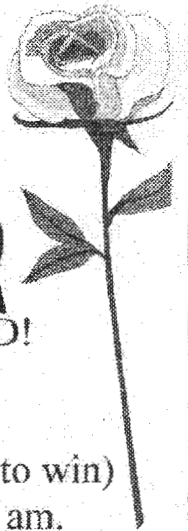
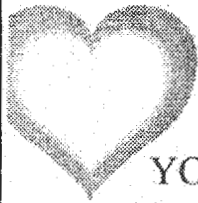
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MOTHERS DAY 2003

MAY 11

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MOTHER OF THE YEAR



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IN 25 WORDS OR LESS WHY YOU THINK SHE IS.

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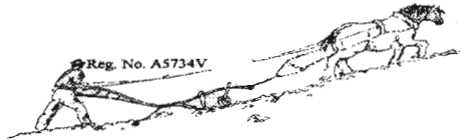
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At the Romsey mechanics Hall

Please phone Sue Pyke on
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or just come along!

(To be eligible to join the play
group children must have
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,
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SUNDAY MAY 25TH—"INSIGHTS INTO LOVE LETTERS"

At Seymour Cottage, Romsey, 2.00—4.00 pm.

Did you see the ABC TV film "Love Letters?"

Set in and around Seymour Cottage, Romsey, this story was about a world War II soldier writing to his family at home. (It was screened on or near Anzac Day).

Come and share the insights into world War II and the making of this film on Sunday May 25th at Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey from 2.00—4.0 pm. Entry is \$5 including afternoon tea, and you are welcome to bring along any world War II memorabilia to share.

SUNDAY MAY 18TH: 2.00—4.00 PM

Seymour Cottage will be open on Sunday May 18th, with your last chance to view the local history exhibition before winter. Seymour Cottage, c.1855, is unique in its construction of South East Asian meranti panels, and was gifted to the people of Romsey 20 years ago.

LANCEFIELD CEMETERY WALK:

We've been desperate for rain, but...it was unfortunate that the cemetery walk on Sunday April 13th was washed out. Never mind, those who came enjoyed the afternoon at the Court House Local History Centre, and the prepared information will be used for a cemetery walk in the future.

For all enquiries regarding the Historical Society please contact the Secretary on 5429 6522.

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 10.00a.m. Romsey

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

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Romsey Bowling Club Notes

Romsey Bowling Club has just completed another successful season. With the new synthetic green being completed at the opening of the season last September, members were most enthusiastic with club events being well patronised.

The men fielded two teams—Division 1 and Division 3—but unfortunately without success.

The ladies, however, were more successful, reaching the grand final, only to be beaten by old rivals, Lancefield.

With the new rules in place, the men relied on the women to help out on Saturdays when they were short. Likewise the men for the women on Tuesdays.

Presentation Day was held on April 13th, with the following members receiving trophies:

Men' Section:

Club Champion—T. Chambers
 Runner-Up—L. Thompson
 21 UP—B. Ireland
 100 Up—B. Ireland
 Pairs—B. Robb and K. Newnham
 Triplets—B, Robb, K. Newnham and N. Thompson
 Mixed Pairs— B & K. Ireland

Ladies Section:

Champion—H. Newnham
 Runner-Up—M. Davis
 21 Up—H. Newnham
 100 Up—H. Newnham
 Pairs—H. Newnham and D. Keating

In May there will be no Men's Committee meeting.
The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday June 4th at 7.30pm.
 Doss Keating—Secretary

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Enquiries: 54291359

**Shopping Tour: Saturday 31st May
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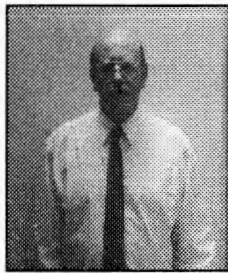
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Successful Landcare Forum

Last Tuesday, April 1st, 2003, a Landcare forum organised by Macedon Ranges Shire Council was held in Kyneton. The forum provided an opportunity for groups to discuss their projects and current issues.

30 people attended, representing 13 Landcare groups, including regional landcare coordinators from the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (PP & WCMA), and the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA). Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor's Alan Todd, Heather Gee and John Connor along with Chief Executive, Ian Morris also attended.

Doug Evans from the Port Phillip Catchment Management Authority introduced the two new landcare coordinators working in the Macedon Ranges Shire, Dean Bridgfoot (North Central area) and John Robinson (Port Phillip area) who spoke about various activities that are currently being conducted across the Shire.

Among the current activities;

- Tylden Landcare Group have been controlling Gorse along Premier Mine Road, Tylden.
- Pipers Creek & District Landcare group have been working to establish a wildlife corridor between the Bald Hill and Blackhill reserves, Kyneton.
- Deep Creek Landcare and Clarkefield Landcare are undertaking revegetation and creek works.

All of these projects have been supported with funding from the Natural Heritage Trust, through the Envirofund program.

Other projects throughout the Shire include willow removal, fox control, weed and rabbit control, native vegetation protection and revegetation. New initiatives include building links with schools through projects such as weed control in Barringo Reserve or platypus monitoring at Darraweit Guim.

Groups are also providing invaluable assistance controlling weeds in Shire reserves such as Bald Hill, Kyneton and Waterloo Flat at Bullengarook.

Council's Environmental services manager, Barry Whelan said, "Two of the main issues discussed were the draft Regional Catchment strategies and opportunities for groups to seek Natural Heritage Trust Funding."

He said the evening had been very productive with various landcare groups congratulated on their success in developing practical projects and achieving high levels of funding.

Media Enquiries:

Barry Whelan, Manager of Environmental Services, telephone 5422 0353

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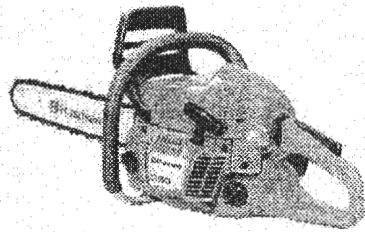
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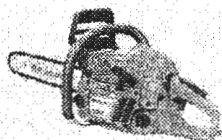
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Season 2002-2003 – Track & Field Awards

Coaches Choice Award:

- U6 Girl Nicola Wood
- U6 Girl Charis Williams
- U8 Boy Thomas Clayton
- U8 Girl Chloe Thomas
- U9 Boy Connor Whelan
- U9 Boy Andrew Davis
- U9 Girl Mairead Whelan
- U9 Girl Tiffany Robson
- U10 Boy Rohan Barr
- U10 Boy Cameron Blair

100% Participation Award:

- U10 Boy Jack Townsing
- U11 Boy Bill Rowlands
- U11 Boy Patrick Derrick
- U12 Girl Melissa Derrick
- U13 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands
- U14 Boy Mick Derrick
- U14 Boy Michael Graham
- U15 Girl Colleen Graham

Good Sport Award.

- U7 Boy Dylan Johnston-Bailey
- U12 Boy Tim Francis

Most Disciplined Player of the Year Award.

Victoria Police representative and Centre member **Senior Constable Roger Barr** from **Lancefield Police Station** presented this award to the winner: **U13 Girl Molly Johnson**.

FINAL YEAR PARTICIPATION GIFT: Goodybyes and Good Luck to:

Phillip Romeril: Phillip has been doing athletics for a number of years and has shown an improvement since he joined the Centre. We are sure Phil's athletics successes in the future will equal his past success in basketball. Good Luck Phil.

Matthew Blair: Matt has been very successful in athletics, particularly in the horizontal jumps events, and has the potential to go further. Hopefully Matt will continue with his athletics, with as much enthusiasm as he has for football. Well Done Matt.

Tyron Staley: Tyron has been another athlete who has shown potential and improved steadily every year. When he was younger, he broke his leg, but still attended Little Athletics competition and competed in throws events... showing great determination and spirit! Tyron also continues to show a consistent improvement in performance and is a regional school representative in athletics. We wish you all the best Tyron.

Colleen Graham: Colleen also has been successful at athletics, particularly in the throws events, and has recently represented Victoria at National Championships. Since 1998, Colleen has been a big help to the Centre by helping out with typing, photocopying, newsletter deliveries, and even mowing and line marking. Thank you Colleen.

Trevor Macleod: Trevor has improved a great deal in athletics, particularly over the last two seasons. As he competed continuously in athletics for ten years from U6 through to U15, Trevor was also presented with a special certifi-

cate for this achievement. Trevor joins a very small group of Centre athletes who have achieved 10 years continuous competition. The other athletes who have received this special award from our Centre in previous years are Michael Francis, Emma Francis and Travis Moore. Congratulations Trevor.

Run with The Stars Promotion: This season, the Membership Committee at VLAA launched a great way to showcase Little Athletics and its athletes at a number of locations across Victoria. By developing a relationship with Harness Racing Victoria, quite a number of Run with The Stars days were set in place for season 2002-2003. During breaks in the harness program, athlete races are featured to promote Little Athletics. As co-ordinators of this innovative promotion, we asked our special guests Fred & Judy Wilmhurst to present the winners with their trophies. We were very pleased to welcome them again as our guests.

The winner of the U9-U11 100m race at Kil-

more: **U9 Girl Chloe Smith**

The winner of the U12-U15 200m race at Kil-

more: **U15 Girl Colleen Graham**

The winner of the U12-U15 200m race at

Bendigo: **U14 Boy Michael Graham**

Congratulations to these three athletes who have already run or are yet to run again at Moonee Valley Harness Racing. Thank you also to all of our athletes who took part during the season in the Run with The Stars Promotion. We hope you will participate again next season if this promotion continues.

VLAA Volunteer Awards.

These awards were presented to nominated recipients by our special guests from VLAA, Judy and Fred Wilmhurst.

To thank her for her long term contribution as a regular Centre volunteer:

Margaret MacLeod - Margaret has been involved in various roles as a volunteer since the Centre began in 1988. Margaret received a certificate, as well as a special gift on behalf of the Centre. We hope the gift demonstrates our appreciation of her role as a volunteer helper for the last fifteen years. Thankyou Margaret.

For their regular voluntary service:

- Phil Francis
- Ex-athlete Emma Francis
- Sybil Francis
- Current athlete Colleen Graham
- Glen Graham
- Current athlete Michael Graham
- Ex-athlete Matthew Powell
- Alan Rowlands
- Andrea Rowlands
- Ken Ashley
- Ali Ashley
- MaryAnne Blair
- Ray Blair
- Michelle Thomas
- Peter Derrick
- Mary Derrick
- Don Martin
- Christine Martin
- Ken Johnson
- Margaret Johnson
- Kaye Maple
- Ex-athlete Narelle Maple
- Yolanda Kissack
- Natalie Cullinger
- Juanita Townsing

Region Trophy: The 2003 winner was:
U14 Boy Scott Martin

Most Dedicated Athlete Award.

1st

Samantha Derrick
Jazmine Townsing
Gabrielle Derrick
Nathan Blair
Jade Gittos
Luke Rebbechi
Jacqueline Ashley
Patrick Derrick
Daniel Rebbechi
Glenn Maple
Mick Derrick

2nd

Lauren Connell
Seamus Whelan
Kyle Meyer
Harrison Notman
Troy Ingleton
Ashlee Wilson
Blake Meyer
Matthew Francis
Daniel Romeril
Amanda Petran
Phillip Romeril

3rd

Casey Adamson
Jaimee Bennetts
Harrison Fowler
Rachel Tresize
Cameron Romeril
Debbie Ashley
Nicole Petran
Russell Reid
Daniel Martin
Julie Redmond
Trevor MacLeod
Joel Fitzgerald

Age Group Aggregate Champions: This was a new award introduced for 2003 to celebrate 15 years since the Centre was first established in 1988. The athlete with the highest point total for the year in each age division received an award.

Competition Director and Senior Coach Phil Francis made the final presentations.

U6 Aggregate Champion: Alec Penberthy

U7 Aggregate Champion: Luke Adamson

U8 Aggregate Champion: Neil Johnson

U9 Aggregate Champion: Sarah Connell

U10 Aggregate Champion: Jack Townsing

U11 Aggregate Champion: Bill Rowlands

U12 Aggregate Champion: Melissa Derrick

U13 Aggregate Champion: Bronwyn Rowlands

U14 Aggregate Champion: Michael Graham

U15 Aggregate Champion: Colleen Graham

Athlete of the Year Awards: This is our major Annual Award. Each event competed in during the season at Centre earns points for each athlete. At the end of the season, the points from the best 75 events for each athlete are totalled. The boy and girl with the highest score will have their names permanently inscribed on a shield that is on display at the Romsey branch of Australia Post, the sponsors business premises. **Runner Up Male Athlete of the Year: Bill Rowlands**

Runner Up Female Athlete of the Year: Colleen Graham

Male Athlete of the Year: Alec Penberthy

Female Athlete of the Year: Melissa Derrick

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LITTLE ATHLETICS cont'd.

KFC Awards.

We are extremely grateful to KFC in Sunbury for their continued support.

Age Group	Athlete Name	Age Group	Athlete Name	
Under 6	Christopher Hall	Under 9 (continued)	Mikala Beeche	
	Benjamin Roda		Larissa Coy	
	Lachlan Skehan		Sabrina Raverty	
	Zane Stevenson		Chloe Smith	
	Dominique Beeche	Under 10	Andrew Cullinger	
	Amber Coy		Michael Rainback	
	Alexandria Swift		Emily Mallett	
Under 7	Joel Badger		Michelle Redmond	
	Toby Clement		Marissa Thomas	
	Dominic O'Shea		Under 11	Phillip Kaufmann
	Brent Rainback			Ashley Scarlett
Harrison Taylor	Jordan Taylor			
James Wooster	Christina Pipe			
	Tess Clough		Kristin Richmond	
	Rosie Pyke		Casey Schneeburger	
	Emily Scanlon		Caitlin Whelan	
	Bonnie Taylor		Under 12	Nick Penberthy
Under 8	Keegan Schnee- burger	Darren Pipe		
	Jamie Swift	Jayden Staley		
	Jackson Walters	Jessica Baker		
	Amy Baker	Bronwyn Blair		
	Gabby Coburn	Under 13	Brendan Fewster	
	Megan Coy		Ben Rainback	
	Lucy Fowler		Ben Richmond	
	Michelle Hall		Joel Thomas	
	Cortni O'Donnell		Dylan Young	
	Under 9		Will Badger	Jacqueline Moloney
			Luke Barrett	Carissah Walker-Kelly
			Kyle Cappler	Under 14
Benjamin Notman		Kaitlyn McEwen		
Sean Pyke	Gabrielle Pipe			
Patrick Pyke	Mickala Thomas			

Thank you to all athletes and their families, visitors, special guests, volunteers and sponsors. We could not continue to provide Little Athletics if it were not for the efforts of you all during the season.



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Romsey residents have a great opportunity to establish a community-owned and operated branch of the Bendigo Bank.

With strong support from our business community, our total has reached around \$275,000.00 from some 100 Romsey residents and businesses.

It is now up to Romsey residents to get behind the pledge process and enable us to reach our target of \$400,000.00.

With many of our business community on board, we now need our local residents and community groups to pledge to get us over the line. Your individual pledge is important.

The call for the return of pledge forms is becoming urgent as the campaign has been going for almost 12 months. You might recall it commenced after the Commonwealth bank left our town in June last year. Don't delay, please return your pledge form today so our dream of having our own community bank in the Main street of the town can become a reality.

Pledge forms have been mailed around the town, handed out at the street stalls and attached to the Romsey Rag.

Pledge boxes and forms are located in Romsey at the Butcher, IGA Supermarket, The Clay, the pharmacy, the newsagency and the bakery. In Lancefield, pledge forms and boxes are at the Community bank in Lancefield

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People wanting more information on the Bank project can contact Trevor Turnham on 54295413 or Maureen Wiltshire 54 295292

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