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Macedon Ranges Shire Council Preparation of Annual Plan and Draft Budget 2003-2004

Council's annual plan and draft budget for the 2003-2004 financial year will be presented to a special meeting of Council on Wednesday 25 June, at Kyneton Town Hall commencing at 6.45pm.

The draft budget will be available for public exhibition at Council's Administration Centre in Kyneton and at service centres in Romsey, Woodend and Gisborne from Monday 30 June.

A series of community information sessions will be held as follows:

Monday 30 June 7pm-9pm Romsey Service Centre

Tuesday 1 July 7pm-9pm Kyneton Town Hall (Richardson Room)

Thursday 3 July 4pm-6pm Woodend Community Centre

Thursday 3 July 7pm-9pm Western Water offices, Gisborne

Interested residents and/or ratepayers are encouraged to attend to find out more about the key features and influences on the budget and ask questions. Submissions are invited and will be received up until 4pm on Tuesday 15 July 2003.

Residents and ratepayers are able to obtain a copy of the annual plan and draft budget at any of these community information sessions, or from Council's website - www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au, or a copy may be obtained by phoning Lucia Brick on 5422 0393.

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KIDS CAN BE PART OF OUR BANK FUTURE, TOO

Our own Community Bank branch will be a key part of the future of Romsey – and what better group of people to be involved in our future than our children! Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee member Doug Newnham said many children were signed up to become shareholders when the project was under way to open the Lancefield branch, and urged supporters of the Romsey branch to also consider the move.

“Our children are the future in any community – and what better opportunity for local youngsters than to be part of our financial future as well,” Mr Newnham said. “At Lancefield we had pledgors signing their children up to become shareholders as well, and older residents taking out a pledge as an investment for their grandchildren. As the Bank at Lancefield grows and plays a key role in the future of the town, so do the children and their investment.”

Mr Newnham said the preferred minimum pledge for the Romsey Community Bank project was \$500, but the Steering Committee would be happy to accept \$100 pledges on behalf of children to give them a chance to be part of the Bank’s future. He said 126 local residents and businesspeople have pledged more than \$310,000 to date towards a Romsey branch – which left a target of less than \$90,000 to activate the next step in the process – an independent feasibility study. Pledgors are not being asked to put forward any money until other stages in the process have been completed, including the feasibility and the issuing of a prospectus.

Mr Newnham said that with the pledge total closing in on the target, some preliminary work had been done towards identifying suitable and available premises in the main shopping centre of Romsey to establish the Bank. “But first and foremost we need to get the wider community to put up their hands and pledge, and help us achieve the final \$90,000,” he said.

Under Bendigo Bank’s Community Bank charter a proportion of the profits is returned to the district to support projects of community benefit.

People can collect forms and lodge pledges in the boxes at the newsagency, Romsey bakery, the IGA supermarket, Peter O’Rourke’s butcher’s, The Clay coffee shop or the pharmacy. In Lancefield, there’s a box at the Community Bank at 20B High St.

People wanting more information on the Bank project can ring Peter O’Rourke on 5429 5240 or Trevor Turnham (5429 5413).

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August 2003	Monday July 21st	Thursday July 31st
September 2003	Thursday August 21st	Thursday August 28th
October 2003	Friday September 19th	Thursday September 25th
November 2003	Tuesday October 21st	Thursday October 30th
December 2003	Friday November 21st	Thursday November 27th

What do I get for my Rates – That is the Question?

Council rates and Charges

Rates and charges help pay for aged, youth and children's services, leisure centres, parks and reserves, environmental management, waste and recycling, roads and footpaths, fire prevention, plant control, health inspection, migrant services, building controls, housing, libraries, halls and public buildings.

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One claim constantly raised is that local governments have made windfalls out of increased property values. This is simply not true.

How are your rates set? The Council determines how much money they will need from rates in the coming year. They divide this by the total dollar value of all the rateable properties (residential, commercial and industrial) to establish the rate in the dollar. The rate in the dollar is multiplied by the valuation of your property to establish your rate bill. Not that hard to understand.

Now when the valuations indicate that the total value of all rateable properties has gone up, the rate in the dollar is adjusted accordingly. For some people, their rate bill will still be higher because their property value has risen more than the average over the municipality. But there is no "windfall" for the Council.

Local Government rates are the most accountable and transparent form of taxation for Australians. No area of taxation gets more attention from the media.

Ratepayers get a rate notice each year that tells them exactly what the total amount is. It declares the rate in the dollar and the property valuation, which is appealable. They even get payment options as to how and when they might pay.

Local governments keep up with their own costs by having many of their charges indexed. Incidentally, one of those costs is responding to the influx of planning permit applications caused by the "property boom", a State Government cap on charges prevents Councils from recovering the full cost of this work.

For every dollar collected in tax in Australia, local governments collect 4 cents. That's right 4 cents; local governments provide the services we see and use every day on 4% of the national taxation take. This is damn good value for money

Local governments, like all human activity, are not perfect, but do have the potential to deliver real democratic outcomes for communities and can provide genuine opportunities for community engagement like no other sphere of government.

While local democracy is sometimes messy and clumsy, that is because it is made up of real people doing real work.

(Article by Andrew Rowe from VLGA). In recent times I have been inundated by complaints from Lancefield con-

stituents regarding the \$85 tariff fee charged by Western Water. After some discussion with Western Water a Fact Sheet with explanation was sent to me as follows:-

Western Water

Lancefield Sewerage Scheme Fixed Charges

We would like to take this opportunity to explain our sewerage charging system so you can better understand why we charge an annual tariff fee.

Property owners within the sewerage scheme district are required to pay an annual tariff fee of \$255 per year (\$85 per account x 3), now that the sewerage scheme is operational. This is in accordance with sections 144 and 259 of the *Water Act 1989*.

This fee is not unique to the Lancefield sewerage system. Western Water charges annual tariff fees to all customers who own land that can be serviced by our infrastructure. This means that even though you may not be currently connected to the sewerage system, at present, you are still required to contribute towards the upkeep of assets that have the capacity to service your property.

By having access to these services the value of your property has increased in terms of resale value, as when you decide to connect to the sewerage system you will not be required to pay to have the reticulation system (the pipes and pumps that service your property), extended to include your property.

This means that even though you may not be connected to the system at present your property benefits from it being there. The infrastructure costs associated with the provision of water and sewerage services are high. Water and wastewater services need separate pipes and as most systems rely on gravity to move the water and wastewater, they need to be designed with a high degree of precision.

If customers within the sewerage district did not share the fixed costs associated with the service then customers currently using the service would be subsidising the property owners who are yet to connect to the scheme.

Western Water realises that connecting to the scheme may cause financial difficulties for some customers so to help with any budgeting issues landowners have up to two years to connect to the scheme.

The State Government also provides two different financial assistance programs, which may provide help to the elderly, disabled or low-income earners. Western Water also has a range of payment options available, which may be of assistance.

If you require further information about the types of payment options available to you, or to find out if you are eligible for a concession, please contact our customer service advisors on 1300 650 425.

Until next month, Regards Joe Morabito

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Romsey Primary School News

At Romsey Primary School we work hard to help ensure that school is an exciting learning environment. Not forgetting that we spend a sizeable proportion of every day on developing our students' literacy and numeracy skills, there are many additional activities that support learning in these, and other areas of the school curriculum. In the past month some of these highlights have been....

Bounce Back

Students in classes Prep – 2 are participating in the *Bounce Back* program. This is a resiliency program and focuses mainly on the teaching of coping skills for children to use when they are feeling sad. The main message being taught is: *"When things don't go as you want, or if you get "knocked down," remember that you can find the courage to BOUNCE BACK and be okay again."*

After learning the ten BOUNCE BACK strategies students will:

- Use the skills when they encounter situations that cause them distress and therefore cope more effectively and be less stressed.
- Support other students when they are experiencing distress by making reference to the coping skills, which they have, all learnt and practiced.

Bounce Back incorporates skills and attitudes that could benefit all of us- these are important life skills.

Bad times don't last. They don't have to spoil other parts of your life. Things nearly always get better.

Other people can help when things are bad. But you need to talk to them. Share your worries. Get support and a reality check.

Unnecessary worry makes things worse. Don't "catastrophise".

Nobody is perfect. You are not perfect. Others are not perfect. Don't "over expect".

Calculate your own "fair blame". Then work out how much of what happened is due to others or bad luck.

Everybody experiences sadness, disappointments and setbacks, not just you. Normalise, don't personalise.

Be positive. Find laughter. Both may be small.

Accept what you really can't change. But try to change what you can first.

Control your feelings and actions. Do this by controlling how you think. You feel how you think.

Keep things in perspective. It's not the end of the world.

Loud Shirt Day

Our Junior School Council recently organised a whole school "Loud Shirt Day" The day was held in order to raise money for the deafness foundation. Students and teachers paraded in their loud shirts in the school gym. This was a fun activity, through which our students raised \$197 for this good cause.



Loud shirts on parade

Sport

Recently our senior students competed in the district winter sports round robin competitions. We fielded teams in all sports being played- netball, football and T-ball. Romsey Primary School has a policy of encouraging high levels of participation in competitive sport and placing an emphasis on skills development and fostering good sportsmanship. We are pleased that in their endeavours all students reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the day, were great ambassadors for our school, and felt that their skills further developed through day. Our netball team won the district competition and will represent the Cobaw schools in the competition in Bendigo. The Netball B team also made it into the district grand final, as did the football team.

At Romsey Primary School we also have a school equestrian team. Our school recently entered in the Ballarat Inter-school Challenge- Dressage and Showjumping Competition. In the dressage competitions all children performed their two tests accurately and with their ponies did a wonderful job. All students were placed above 10th in their sections so were able to contribute to the team score in what was a very large field of competitors. In the showjumping section Stacy and Sophie competed as individuals, having a clear round in *Equitation*, followed by another clear round in the next section and in the jump off against the clock performed admirably- Sophie being placed 2nd and Stacy midfield. The children and their ponies were a credit to the school in both presentation and attitude even under the cold and wet conditions that were experienced



The RPS Equestrian team which recently placed 7th in a field of 26 competing schools.

Rubbish Free Challenge

All classes participated in the "Rubbish Free Challenge" recently. In working from a benchmark recorded earlier, students were able to reduce the amount of rubbish generated on our "Rubbish Free" day by a staggering 70%. This was an outstanding result, and neatly fits in with our whole school Improvement Teams work in making our school litter free.

City Spectacular

All our 5/6 students are currently working hard on this year's school production of "A City Spectacular" With two casts, we are able to involve all senior children in this fantastic opportunity to act, sing and dance on stage. The production will be performed on July 30 & 31, and August 6 & 7 in the school's performing arts centre.

Choir sings for Rotary

The school choir were invited to sing at the Romsey- Lancefield Rotary "Christmas in July" changeover meeting. Our students under the guidance of performing arts teacher, Mrs Ira Furfaro, delighted our local Rotarians with a selection of Christmas carols that captured the mid-winter feel one might expect of the northern hemisphere.

Joint effort achieves 10 new units in Romsey for older people

At the official opening of 10 new units for older people today, Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor, Joe Morabito congratulated the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club on the fantastic job it has done in working with Council to achieve more affordable accommodation in the shire for older people.

Cr Morabito also congratulated the State Government's Social Housing Innovations Project (SHIP) for the support it provides to local communities such as ours in Macedon Ranges.

In 1998 Council adopted a Housing Strategy that identified the need for more housing for older people in the Shire. Although Macedon Ranges Shire Council owns 70 community-housing properties, very few are readily available or designed specifically for older people.

Following a successful funding application by Macedon Ranges Shire Council to the State Government's SHIP program, 10 one-bedroom units have been constructed in Romsey for older people.

The project, which is estimated to have cost \$556,000, was made possible through the \$401,000 provided through SHIP funding.

The units are named *The Steve Goodman Senior Citizens Units* after the outstanding contribution made by Lancefield/Romsey Lions club member Steve Goodman, in the day to day co-ordination and construction of the units.

Macedon Ranges Mayor, Cr Donna Petrovitch said this joint effort between local government, state government and the local Lions club has achieved a great outcome for the older members of our community.

These new units are on the same site as 10 units that have been managed successfully by the Lancefield/Romsey Lions club for the last few years and whilst Macedon Ranges Shire Council owns the property, the Lions club will be responsible for the management and coordination of the units with tenants and Council.

Council's Housing Advisory Committee brings together community members, tenancy groups and community organisations to provide invaluable advice to Council on housing matters. This collaborative approach has resulted in an extremely successful record of planning developing and managing affordable housing.

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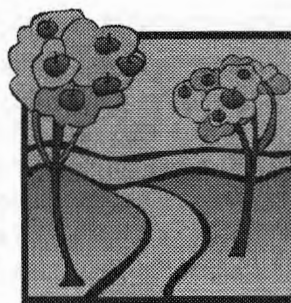
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Five Mile Creek News



Naming the Path

The path along Five Mile Creek, which in its first section will go from Main Road to Couzens Lane will be named the **Geoff Skinner Memorial Path**, in honour of the late Geoff Skinner's community support for the path and enthusiasm for town projects.

Geoff was a well known Lion. The Romsey Lions Club put the proposal and members are working with the Five Mile Creek Association on steps into Couzens Lane, extending the hard walking path at the town end and erecting a notice board at Robb Drive to inform everyone of the history and goings on.

Bollards

Recently bollards have been put at two places along the creek to prevent excess wear and tear on the grass from cars which were beginning to use the cleared area. Although residents who have had entry into their property from the creek side have been inconvenienced, the good news is that they can get a key to unlock the bollards. Just pick it up from Council and drop it off, or Council is happy to drop it off to you and will collect it when you are finished.

Bins

Thank you to those who signed the petitions for bins along the path. We have sent these to Council and are awaiting further correspondence.

Spare Bricks anyone? We are still looking for bricks to make a causeway over the creek for bikes to cross, to stop the bank being broken down.

Banks for the Swimming Pool

An excavator has cleared the bed of the creek where the old pool is, and made new banks there and at Wrixon St. Council parks funds partly met this cost.

Photographs

We would appreciate copies of photographs taken along the creek as it becomes cleared. You might be there to catch a special morning or afternoon light... send us a copy please. We are still looking for old photographs of the swimming pool, the bridge, and the well.

Members

To be eligible for grants for projects the Association must have tax deductible status, and so must have model clauses in our constitution and have at least 50 registered members. We are not asking for membership fees, but membership would mean attending 1 clean-up per year. It's only an hour or two once a year (although more would be great). Please come down and see what a fantastic job has been done so far, you'll want to be part of it.

Any suggestions for improvements, and things that need attention, please contact us below:

Jess Holgate 5429 5907
John Nichols 5429 6475
Peta Gale 5429 6168

Sue Kirkegard 5429 5283
Jay Brooks 5429 6163
Andrew Sheil 5429 6168



BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Well folks, you will read this news during the school holidays, and where has the term gone???? At busy Bolinda we have a happy workplace with lots to do and plenty of interesting experiences for us all. This seems to be a major factor to the way that time seems to fly by. Next term will go just as quickly as we gear up for the great highlight of our year – remember.....

Jackie French will be our special guest at our 12th Spring Fair on September 14th.

Jackie will be a guest judge and will also sign her books that you can purchase on the day or that your children may like to bring along from home.

Remember September 14th for the Bolinda Spring Fair, Jackie French will be there!!

Since our last News, we have had the **RACV Street Scene** people out to take traffic safety classes across the whole school age range and then we followed up with a visit to the **Essendon Traffic School** to test out our knowledge of the road laws. A terrific experience!!

Dave Gibb is a fantastic **cartoonist** who was with us for a whole day demonstrating his talents to us all and he had everyone drawing fabulous faces and cartoons. What a great day we had!!

Our visiting **School Nurse, Trina Douglas**, came and gave a very informative session on **Asthma** to our senior children and to parents who sat in the session. You can never have enough information on this topic. A **footy clinic** at Essendon was a terrific experience, I now know why it is called 'Windy Hill'!!! We were able to go into the players gym and also into the museum which is well worth a visit, whether you're an Essendon supporter or not, it is open to the public. The children met some up and coming players and took part in a great clinic.

We have also had our annual two day visit from **Melbourne University Science Faculty** students which is always a terrific occasion, with the children keen to demonstrate their scientific knowledge to the visitors and to learn new science as well. They were particularly taken with our wonderful 'Mouse Catcher' inventions and the Professor in charge wants photos and information to write up in a science magazine. A fabulous couple of days was enjoyed by all. Do you get the idea of how busy we have been and some of the fantastic experiences the children have learnt from??

We recently had an informative morning tea session for parents who are considering a **Bolinda Educational Experience** for their children next year. Another will be held on August 7th for those that couldn't attend, and we welcome anyone who wants a 'cuppa' and a chat about what we can offer you and your children.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – as always, an open invitation to drop in and see us at any time - cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

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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.

Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

Contact

Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194
Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225



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What's News

Winter is here. That's probably obvious to most people, based on the clothes we are wearing and the rate we are using wood or gas. To date, it hasn't been especially cold or wet. The cold is almost inevitable, and we live in hope for the wet.

Winter is a time when many things wind down or stop. Whilst the weeds seem to thrive whenever there is any moisture, most of the plants in our gardens are relatively dormant. This is most noticeable with deciduous trees and roses, but even our lawns don't need mowing very often.

Animals and insects are also on a go-slow. If you happen to find a fly, it won't be flying very fast. Whilst it is primarily the fauna of the Northern Hemisphere that hibernates, even our native animals are less active.

And let's not forget people. With coughs and colds, many of us stay rugged up in front of the heater. Others give the whole thing a miss by heading north to warmer climates for a month or more. In either case, some of our community and social groups are on their own go slow during winter, either meeting in different (read, 'warmer') locations, or meeting less frequently.

Winter can be depressing. It's cold and quiet. The weather is often miserable, and we see less of the sun, both due to more cloudy days and less hours of sunshine. Yet winter is not the end. We all look forward to Spring with hope. Warmer days bring new life. Fresh leaves, budding flowers, baby animals and birds are all waiting for the right time. Now there is rest, but in due course, there will be a buzz of activity from nature, and our lawn mowers.

The changing seasons remind me of the cycle of life. There is a time for most things, from sadness and quiet through to the noise of celebration. Life and death both have their place in the fullness of the human experience. Day following night and Spring following Winter may be simple things accepted by most people. But for me, they

are aspects of faith, the belief that there is an order and purpose to our world beyond our human arrogance. And that is true life.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish everyone a safe and refreshing School Holidays, especially for those who may be travelling or enjoying the snow!

What's On

- 6 July 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.
9 July 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies' Guild) meets at the home of Alice Long. This month, they will be trimming used postage stamps for 'Sammy Stamp', a Uniting Church fund-raiser that makes over \$20,000 each year across Victoria. Stamps are big business, so please bring along any used stamps (with plenty of envelopes) for trimming and sorting.
- 12 July 7:00pm opening of the Assembly of the Uniting Church, in Melbourne. The Assembly is the national decision making body of the Uniting Church, which meets every three years. This year's meeting is in Melbourne, with business sessions until 19 July.
- 13 July 9:00am worship. This will include the presentation of the first banner from our new 'Faith and Fabric' group.
- 20 July 9:00am worship, with Sunday School recommencing for Term 3.
- 27 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 3 August 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.



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PODIATRY SERVICES

Please note that the monthly Podiatry service located at the Romsey Service Centre of Macedon Ranges Shire has now been moved to the Lancefield Medical Centre in High Street. This service is provided by the Mt. Alexander Shire and has been relocated to Lancefield because of lack of suitable room at Romsey. Anyone requiring transport to Lancefield should contact Christine Randich – phone 54278 256.

MITCHELL MOBILE LIBRARY
come on down!
Web Site of the Month - Ask a Librarian

<http://libraries.vic.gov.au/asklibrarian>

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- *Ask a Librarian* is on-line 24 hours a day, 365 days a year!
- Also try www.asknow.gov.au

So, for the rest of the week when the Mobile Library's friendly staff aren't visiting your town, and can't assist you personally, try this web-site for those obscure little queries!

**Many thanks to Alison Swann for assembling this information.

Don't forget that you can book ahead for use of the Mobile Library's computers, just ring Kilmore Library on 57821322 up to lunch-time on the day you want to investigate further the Web-site of the Month. Or you can ring the Mobile directly on 0407339053 once it arrives at the evening's location.

Until next month - Enjoy!

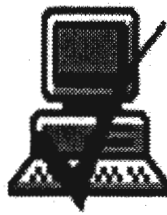
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LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

A ceremony to declare the Steve Goodman Senior Citizens Units officially open was held on Thursday June 19th. Cr Donna Petrovich, Mayor of the Macedon Ranges Shire, welcomed Joanne Duncan MLA Member for Macedon, representing the Minister for Housing Candy Broad MLC. Also present were residents, guests and representatives of all services.

After an address to all gathered, Ms Duncan declared "Open" the ten Steve Goodman Senior Citizens Units. These units have been so-named to commemorate the outstanding work of Steve Goodman from the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club. Steve was the main driver of the project and co-ordinated the construction of the units on a daily basis. Speeches of commendation were made by Cr Petrovich, Cr Joe Morabito, Doug Newnham (Lancefield Romsey Lions Club) and Terry Garwood, Regional Director of the Loddon Mallee Campaspe Department of Human Services. After the ceremony refreshments were enjoyed all, thanks to the ladies of the Romsey Uniting Church.

Please note that there will be no Sunday Market in July, but the market will resume in August.

Club enquiries can be made to Carl Reeve, 5423 7110.

Quote of the Month:

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view.

Lion Pat Sullivan.

Romsey Fire Brigade Fire Equipment Servicing

The brigade would like to remind everyone who, as part of their business, must have fire fighting equipment installed are required to that equipment regularly serviced.



"The Brigade has trained, accredited members who are able to service all types of fire extinguishers, hose reels etc," said Alan Jackson Romsey Brigade Secretary. "We service the equipment annually and undertake a visual check of all the equipment six months later."

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To enable us to service your equipment you must complete a service agreement. These can be obtained from the brigade by contacting Alan on 5429 6054 or Peter Moore on 0409 407 725

Winter Program

CFA have a number of winter programs that deal with the more vulnerable in our community namely the elderly, infirm and young children.

Isolated Elderly Program

The overall aim of the program is to reduce the number of home fire and accident related injuries and deaths suffered by the group identified as the isolated elderly.

The program is a partnership between the fire brigade and carer organizations. The Brigade train carers in fire prevention and awareness and this knowledge combined with the carers experience in falls and injury prevention enables them to deliver a comprehensive safety program to the elderly.

Early Fire Safe looks at the same problem but aimed at pre-school children.

Early Fire Safe presentations are usually made to various groups such as playgroups, nursing mothers groups, drop-in centres and maternal health groups.

General Home Fire Safety presentations can be organised for a variety of groups. If you are a member of a club, morning tea group, quilters group, book clubs or service club we can speak to your group on ways to reduce the possibility of a fire and in the event of a fire occurring knowing what to do.

If you are involved in any of these groups either as a service provider, participant, convenor or a client and want to know more about each of the programs please contact either Glen Cockram at CFA Region 14 Community Safety on 9746 7570 or Peter Moore on 0409 407 725.

Winter Dangers

Candles left alight and smoke alarms that don't work have been in the news again. With the proliferation of oil burners, lamps and other decorative items that use candles there is an increased risk of these starting fires. The safest of people can become distracted and can be only a short time away from a disaster.

The brigade has also been called to a small number of fires involving chimneys. In one instance the fireplace hadn't been used for some time and a new occupant thought it

would be a good idea to have a fire. Unfortunately the previous tenant had had the chimney sealed and the resulting smoke filled the house. Fortunately it was one of those instances where it looked worse than it really was.

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On Sunday, May 25th, I attended a function at CentreVic Motel, Lancefield at the invitation of Lancefield Fire Brigade. The occasion was to present to the invited guests the members of the Junior Fire Brigade who will be attending the Junior Fire Fighters World Games in Austria in July representing the Lancefield CFA Brigade.

I was extremely impressed with the entire presentation which had been organised with precision by Barry Barnett and Bob Williams and went off without a hitch.

The senior members of the brigade were obviously very proud and quite emotional at being able to conclude this stage of what must have seemed at times to be an impossible and ambitious project in the beginning.

I attended the function representing the Romsey/Lancefield RSL Sub Branch. We were able to support their fund raising efforts in a small way and I was pleased to receive a framed acknowledgement of our contribution together with all other supporters of the project.

The young fire fighters, whilst attending the World Games will also be visiting Australian War Memorials and Cemeteries in Europe as part of their trip and I was pleased to present them with some "poppies" for this purpose.

I am sure that these young people will represent all of us as fellow Australians with enthusiasm, pride and dignity as they perform their duties as athletes and ambassadors.

They are a credit to the Lancefield CFA Brigade and more particular to themselves, and the Lancefield Brigade is to be congratulated on being able to undertake and complete this project so successfully

The RSL Anzac Appeal raised \$2,865.00 in Romsey and Lancefield and we thank the residents of both towns for their continued generosity in purchasing Anzac Tokens.

John Haslett. President, Romsey Lancefield RSL Sub Branch.

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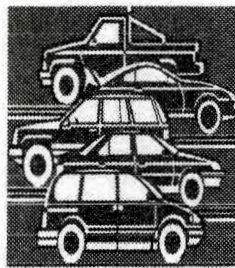
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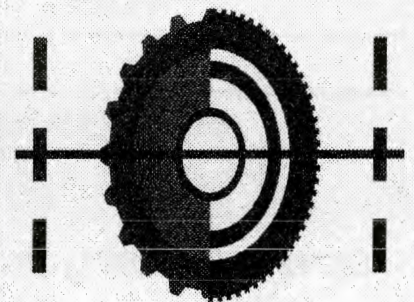
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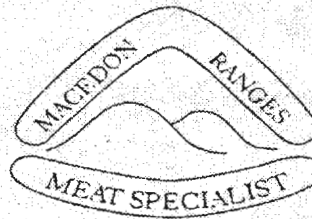
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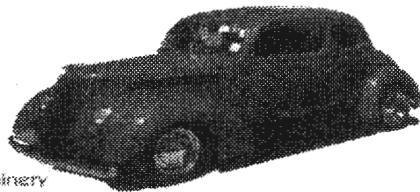
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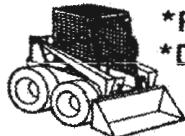
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WEDNESDAY: Christ Church, Lancefield 10.00 am

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LANCEFIELD GUILD: Meets 2nd Wednesday each month after 10.00 am Church service at Lancefield Hall.

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Thursday 28th August 2003: 11.30 am. We are having a Linen Party at Elaine Lobb's home, Main Street, Romsey. Basket lunch. \$5.

Romsey Golf Ladies Report

Results this month

28/5/03 Foursomes

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1st M. Campbell 70 net

2nd S. Shelton

3rd M. Crump

The three weeks in June were our Championships. Congratulations to Marg Crump 286 scratch and the net winner Mary Campbell 222 net. We were lucky to have three fine days for our championships. Well played by the winners.

The Ladies are having a Fashion Parade 10th October so all ladies and interested people please keep this date free. More information later.

Recipe for this month.

Cheese Roulade

CHEESE ROULADE

60g butter

1/3 cup plain flour

1 cup milk

salt, pepper

1/2 tsp dry mustard

1/2 cup grated cheese

2 tbs grated parmesan cheese

3 eggs, separated

1 egg white, extra

FILLING

3 rashers bacon

2 shallots

1 tsp French mustard

2 tbs sour cream

CHIVE SAUCE

30g butter

3/4 cup water

1 chicken stock cube

1 tbs lemon juice

2 tsps cornflour

1 tbs cream

salt, pepper

2 tbs chopped chives

Melt butter in saucepan, add flour, stir 1 minute; add milk, stir until mixture boils and thickens. Add salt, pepper and mustard, mix well, add cheeses, stir in egg yolks, one at a time. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, fold into cheese mixture. Pour mixture into greased grease-proof paper lined 30cm x 25cm swiss roll tin; bake in hot oven 15 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Remove from oven, turn out onto wire rack covered with greaseproof paper. Carefully remove lining paper. Spread filling over with a spatula. Holding the paper with both hands, gently roll roulade up. Serve, cut in slices, with Chive Sauce.

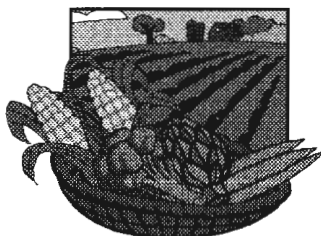
Filling:

Chop bacon finely, place in dry pan and cook until crisp. Add chopped shallots and cook further 1 minute. Remove from heat, add mustard; cool. Stir in sour cream.

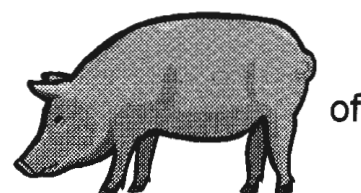
Chive Sauce:

Melt butter in pan, add water and crumbled stock cube, mix well. Add lemon juice and combined cornflour and cream, stir until sauce boils and thickens. Reduce heat and simmer 2 minutes, uncovered. Season with salt and pepper, stir in the chopped chives.

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- Vice President: Tony Chambers - 54291125
- Junior Vice President : Neill Coker - 54295 165
- Secretary : Doss Keating - 54296 277
- Treasurer : Graeme Cuthbert - 54295 359.

The meeting was well attended and a pleasing President's Report was made by the Secretary in the absence of President Brian who was unwell. We all wish him future good health.


Soup and Sandwich Day is being capably run by Dorothy and Norm Thompson each Thursday beginning at 11 am for the cost of \$6. This has been well attended, but there is always room for extras. Anyone thinking about bowls is welcome to attend, bowls would be provided and wear casual clothes. Just flat shoes are required. Notify Norm by 10am on 54295 421 if attending.

The Ladies Section also have a change of Office Bearers:-

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- Vice President - Helene Newnham - 54295 286
- Jnr. Vice President - Marj Davis - 54295 348
- Treasurer - Rena Moore - 54286 013.

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Indigenous plants are an obvious choice for your farm or back yard. They have evolved to be adapted to our local weather, rainfall and soil conditions. There are many species available and advice is never far away. As well as being practical, indigenous plants can also look terrific. Give Indigenous plants a try, you will be glad you did.

Drooping Sheoke *Allocasuarina verticillata*

The Drooping Sheoke is a small tree ranging from 4-11m in height. The branches have a drooping habit and foliage is a greyish-green. Yellow to brown flowers occur March to December followed by seed cones. The Drooping Sheoke prefers well drained soils and does well on steeper sites, and rocky outcrops. This tree looks most effective when planted in a large number as a group. The drooping foliage sways and 'swishes' in the wind. This tree should be considered for screening and windbreaks and the timber is good for firewood.

Spear Grass *Austrostipa mollis and Austrostipa semi-barbata*

The Spear Grasses are an excellent choice for an ornamental effect within the landscape. Their feature is their flowering, which occurs over spring and summer. Flower 'plumes' stand between 1-1.5 metres high with up to 30 flower heads on one plant. The flower heads have a feathery look which start off green and dry over summer, an excellent indicator of the changing of season. Spear grasses look best when planted in large blocks. They also look attractive when 'swaying' in the wind. Having a fibrous root system they are useful for soil stabilising. Prune hard after flowering to maintain vigour. Grows in sun and semi-shade.

**Choose the Indigenous Spear Grass over the introduced Swamp Foxtail-grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*) which is a serious Environmental weed in Victoria.

Reference: Flora of Melbourne – A guide to the Indigenous plants of the Greater Melbourne area, Society for Growing Australian Plants Maroondah, Inc. 1991.

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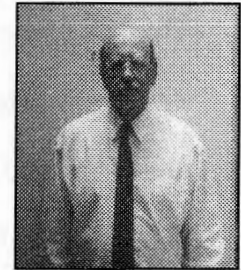
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News from Monegetta Ward

Finally, I have sat down 'to put pen to paper'. It has been a very busy time settling in to being a councillor, learning how to be much more efficient at time management and learning to do with far less sleep. I would like to thank all those people who have been so supportive, understanding and encouraging.

There are so many wonderful people in our community, especially those who volunteer their time to help the community in so many ways. One group I would like to draw attention to, after such a dry and frightening summer, are the members of the C.F.A. What a fantastic job our volunteer fire fighters and their support crews do! If you have not already done so, please support your local C.F.A. by giving a donation in time, money or both.

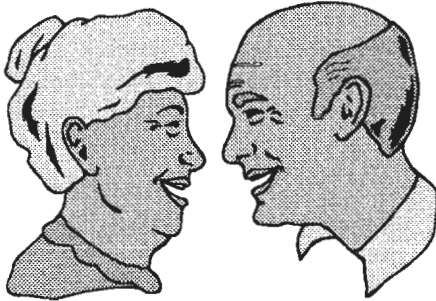
Many people have been concerned about the redrafting of Local Law No 8, especially the part relating to the keeping of animals. After considering submissions the council has drafted a totally different section on the keeping of animals. There is a limit on the number of cats and dogs that can be kept without a permit, - on land up to one acre, 2 dogs and 2 cats, - on land over one acre and less than 100 acres, 4 dogs and 4 cats. Other animals do not have limit, but there are standards of health, nuisance, environmental conservancy and management that should be met. A copy of this local law is available from the Shire offices.

People in the Romsey area often forget that they have a Shire office in Romsey where they can speak directly to officers in charge of such matters as roads, foot paths, street lighting, garbage collection, parks and recreation, drainage and the environment. John Robinson who is a tireless and enthusiastic landcare co-ordinator, is also there.

I am pursuing the issues of road crossings in Riddells Creek and Romsey, with the help from Cr Noah Carrol and Cr Jo Morabito. If any one would like some input, or further input, into this subject in either town or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5427 0675 ph/fax. You may get a recorded message, but I am very good at calling back!

Till next time,
Heather Gæe, councillor for Monegetta Ward.

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ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

Both guide units joined together on Monday 26th May as we held our Annual General Meeting. We had our Region Leader, District Leader and many parents attend. Unit, District Leader and Treasurer reports were tabled for the parents to see. Our past Support Group (a group of interested adults that help support the guide leaders) were thanked for their wonderful job in the past year. Carmel Dreger - President, Nancy Smith – Treasurer and Linda Adams – Secretary. We were pleased that Carmel and Linda have decided to continue with their positions. Our new Treasurer is Jane Fraser. Other matters were discussed at the AGM, then we had a lovely supper that the guides had made.



Badges gained during the past year:

Platypus Guides

Explore-Outdoors: Teaghan, Brittany, Amanda, Talia, Beth, Georgia, Rosie, Belinda
 Explore-Arts: Meaghan, Teaghan, Shenea, Brittany, Lauren, Sally, Sara, Katelyn, Amanda, Belinda
 Create-Eyes: Meaghan, Teaghan, Shenea, Brittany, Lauren, Sally, Sara, Katelyn, Amanda, Katie, Hannah, Belinda
 Create-Fire: Teaghan, Brittany, Amanda, Talia, Beth, Georgia, Rosie, Katelyn, Sara, Belinda
 Create-Other People: Meaghan, Belinda, Teaghan, Brittany, Sara, Katelyn, Amanda, Talia
 Create-Tents: Belinda, Meaghan, Teaghan, Shenea, Brittany, Amanda
 Create-Pets: Meaghan, Teaghan, Brittany, Belinda, Sara, Katelyn, Amanda, Talia, Georgia
 Achieve-Camping: Meaghan, Belinda, Teaghan, Shenea, Brittany, Amanda, Talia, Beth
 ANZAC: Katie, Meaghan, Teaghan, Shenea, Brittany, Hannah, Lauren, Sally, Belinda
 Action Guide: Meaghan, Teaghan, Brittany, Belinda, Amanda, Katie

Wombat Guides

Camping Trefoil 1: Kellie, Emma, Hannah, Amanda, Jessie, Lauren, Sally, Danielle
 Anzac Badge: Emma, Jessie, Hannah
 Create-Pets: Emma, Vicki, Jessie, Kellie, Hannah, Cassie
 Explore-Friendship: Kellie, Emma, Jessie, Cassie, Vicki, Jessica, Hannah
 Emergency Trefoil 1: Emma, Hannah, Vicki, Jessie, Jessica, Danielle, Cassie
 Explore-Outdoors: Emma, Jessie, Lauren, Danielle
 Create-Tents: Lauren, Sally
 Action: Vicki, Jessie, Emma, Hannah

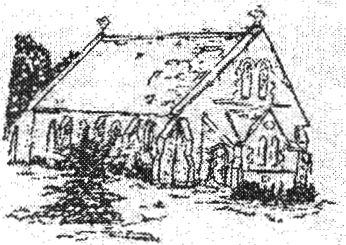
As you can see the guides have been very busy over the past year gaining badges. At the closing of our AGM, it was very pleasing to see three Platypus Guides achieve their Endeavour Challenge; Belinda, Teaghan and Brittany. WELL DONE GUIDES!! The guides undertook nine challenges to achieve this badge. All three guides are working towards their Junior BP Emblem.

Did you know that you can see us on Lancefield online - www.lancefield.org.au

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.

For any information regarding Guiding please contact:
 Rita Vandervalk 54 291 996 or Carolyn Atkinson 57 810 728

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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition results:

24th May: T. Hyland (7), R/U T. Cousins (26) 38

25th May: R. Mau (9) 73

31st May: Multiple Stableford K. Ryan / C. Daniel 74 points: R/U M. Stokes / R. Stokes 73 points

7th June: Monthly Medal D. Dennett (22) 68; R/U L. Collins (12) 71

Tuesday Mixed Competition results:

20th May: G. Dudderidge (7) 39; R/U A. Renfree (18) 35

27th May: J. Clough (11) 73; R/U K. Ryan (12) 74

3rd June: D. Freestone (0) 38; R. Mau (9) 36

10th June: G. McDorman (11) 39; R. Walker (12) 39

17th June: A. Renfree (18) 35; K. Ryan (12) 34

The first round of the Reg Lockens Memorial Knockout Matchplay event saw 16 members qualify for the second round. This event is held annually in memory of Reg Lockens. Reg was a member who worked tirelessly for the club over many years. The trophy was donated by his family and the Lancefield Golf Club has named the club bar after him, such was the esteem in which he was held.

Despite the recent heavy rain the course remains in excellent condition. Lancefield Golf Club Course is renowned for its excellent drainage. It is pleasing to see the dams which were at their lowest levels seen by current members, starting to fill. Social groups and green fee players have been enjoying the good conditions over recent weekends. The rain has not really deterred many. The cosy club rooms and bar are available if the weather deteriorates.

Enquiries for membership and social group bookings to Secretary Steve Draper, 5429 2079.

Music Trivia Night



St. Mary's Primary School is having a Music Trivia Night on Friday 1st August 2003.

TIME: 7.30PM
 AT: LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL
 PRICE: \$10.00 PER HEAD
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A Music Trivia Night will revolve around the popular music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's with trivia questions and various activities throughout the night. So come along for a great night of fun and laughs. Book the babysitter now and get your friends organised for a great night out.

There will be a prize on the night for the best dressed table. Your table may wish to have a theme such as the a 60's or 70's theme, pop theme, movie theme or colour theme, so get your thinking caps on now!

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 (TABLES OF 10)

OR

I/WE WILL BE COMING TO THE TRIVIA NIGHT AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED ON A TABLE.

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