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Winners announced and notified 17th December

Entry forms can be obtained from competition sponsors.

So let's get into the festive spirit and out do the wonderful display we had in 2002.

Ron Cole
Secretary

ROMSEY REGION BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC.

The association is holding a dinner meeting on Monday the 17th of November at 7pm Romsey Hotel. An invitation is extended to all business operators.

Ian Morris, Macedon Ranges Shire Council Chief Executive Officer will be our Guest Speaker for the evening.

Cost of the meal is \$25.00 per head and bookings are essential.

RSPV by the 10th of November to Ken Paterson 54295955 or Tom O'Dea 54295114.

Ron Cole Secretary

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OUR BANK – JUST 16 TO GO!

Just 16 extra people and \$16,000 more are needed for us to take the next vital step in the quest to establish a Community Bank branch in Romsey.

The Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee chair, Maureen Wiltshire, announced today that a surge of support from the Romsey community meant that pledges for the Community Bank had now reached \$383,800 from 209 local residents.

"Given that the target set for us has been \$400,000 in commitments from 225 people, the target is tantalisingly close," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Just 16 more people pledging \$1000 each will take us to the target and set us up for the next vital step – a formal independent feasibility study to satisfy ourselves and Bendigo Bank that enough people around Romsey would support a branch with their accounts and other business. But we will take pledges from \$100 upwards, so 32 people pledging \$500 each will also get us over the line."

Mrs Wiltshire said two community meetings held in the Mechanics Hall on September 23 and increased awareness of the Bank project had brought forth around \$60,000 in pledges in the past month. "The people who attended

the meeting heard how the small community of Maldon was able to establish its own Community Bank," she said. "The Romsey residents were able to go away and pass on this 'good news' story to friends and neighbours, and as a result the pledges have been rolling in. This is wonderful news for the many people of Romsey and surrounding areas who have been enthusiastic supporters over the past 18 months of the push to establish our own Community Bank in the Romsey shopping centre."

Mrs Wiltshire said that if the feasibility study confirmed the level of customer support, residents would be able to convert their pledges into shares in Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd – the community-owned company that now operates the Lancefield Community Bank branch.

"A Romsey branch would operate in partnership with – not opposition to – the Lancefield Community Bank," she said. "Being a community which owns and operates two branches would further help to 'bank-proof' both our towns, and ensure that we are in control of our own financial future."

People can collect forms and lodge pledges in the boxes at the newsagency, the Romsey bakery, the IGA supermarket, Peter O'Rourke's butchery, The Clay coffee shop or the pharmacy.

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

Edition	Closing Date	Collation Date
December 2003	Friday November 21st	Thursday November 27th
February	Wednesday January 21st	Thursday January 29th
March	Friday February 20th	Thursday February 28th
April	Friday March 19th	Thursday March 25th
May	Wednesday April 21st	Thursday April 29th
June	Friday May 21st	Thursday May 27th
July	Monday June 21st	Thursday June 24th

Rover, Spot, Jake & Lady

No they are not some of Santa's reindeers but they are the names of some of the dogs that will be at the annual dog shows conducted by Lancefield and Central Highlands Kennel Clubs on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th December. As per usual the venue for the shows is Lancefield Park in Chauncey Street. Each day judging will commence at 9.00am and go thru till approximately 3.00pm.

This year will be the first time that Lancefield Kennel Club on the Saturday will be conducting herding instinct tests. This is where show dogs are tested as to their ability to herd sheep. This type of event has only been conducted in the last couple of years in Australia and Lancefield and Central Highlands Kennel Clubs are the only all breeds clubs in Victoria currently holding this type of event.

And whilst at the shows don't forget to wander over to the canteen where the Romsey Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary will be feeding the multitude on both days. The auxiliary's profits from the venture will be going to provide equipment for the new ambulance station in Romsey.

With a judging panel of seven highly respected judges from South Africa, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra officiating each day, we hope that you will find time to come and look and see if you can find Rover, Spot, Jake and Lady.

All we can hope for now is that the weather will be kind to us. Hope to see you there.

Don Gray Lancefield Kennel Club
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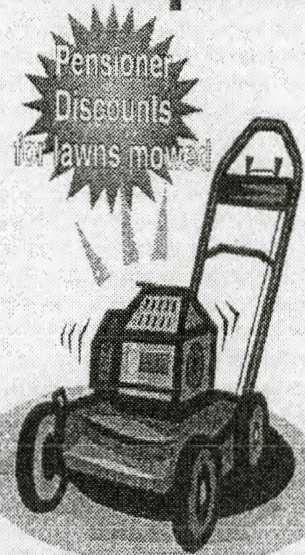
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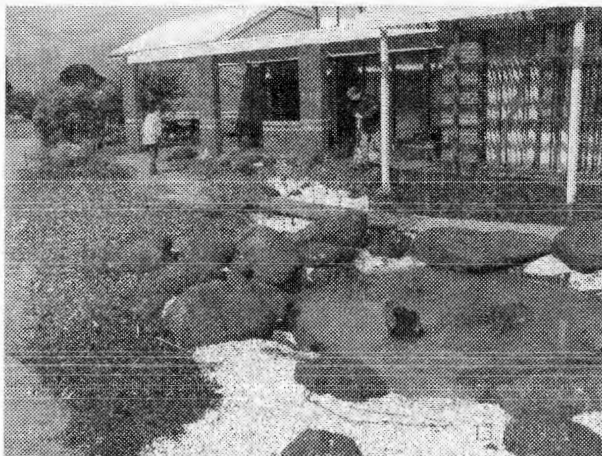
Romsey Primary School News

Garden Award Win

It was recently announced that Romsey Primary School was again a regional winner in the school garden awards. Our region covers a huge area of Victoria from Gisborne to Mildura taking in the districts of Bendigo, Echuca and Swan Hill. The Garden Awards don't just take into account general appearance but consider student involvement; parent, teacher and community involvement; evidence of new plantings; other special features such as vegetable gardens and hot houses and ground facilities. Over the past year the school has developed a number of areas that not only enhance the appearance of the school but also add to the positive learning experiences of our students. In caring for our environment students are encouraged to "think globally and act locally" in enhancing our facilities and immediate environs. A number of our major projects have included:

Frog Pond Garden

This project resulted from our successful submission with the Junior Landcare Project and is supported by Mitre 10. This project is now fully planted out with a range of indigenous trees, shrubs, grasses and water plants. We have two frog ponds and a linking path featuring a dry creek bed and small bridge. The area is fully landscaped and should become home to a number of small native animals as well as the frogs.



Honeyeater Haven

The Honeyeater Haven project was developed from work done with senior and junior buddy classes. The students developed the idea of developing a part of the school grounds that were to be planted with native bird attracting trees, shrubs and grasses. A path and outside passive learning area with circular bench seating was installed. Both the Frog Pond Garden and Honeyeater Haven areas are adjacent to the school library and are a natural extension to this learning area.

Vegetable Gardens

All junior classes are currently busy planting out the school vegetable gardens. These raised beds have been helped along with rotted compost and stable manure from supportive Romsey families. The school vegetable garden area also has had installed a wonderful hot house that will help the school with propagation for future plantings.

Sensory Gardens

The garden areas between the main buildings have been completely refurbished this year. One garden bed has been developed as a sensory garden, while other parts of this area will reflect the changing seasons and add colour throughout the year. Again students were active helpers in planting out these areas led by our active parent gardening group. A feature of these gardens has been the addition of a school totem pole painted and designed by students. This artistic installation documents our school values.



School Camps

During October both the Middle Unit (Years 3&4) and Senior Unit (Years 5&6) have been away on school camp. The Middles travelled to Anglesea, visiting the Marine Discovery Centre at Queenscliff along the way. This camp combined a number of marine studies along with adventure activities. All children (and teachers and parent helpers) came back tired but very happy to have taken part in such a great educational experience. At the time of writing, the 5/6 classes are at Philip Island for their four-day camp. We look forward to their stories of the great experiences they have had with the camp focussing on adventure activities.

Music Trivia Night

The recent Music Trivia night was a great success for the school with close to 120 parents and friends of the school coming along to test their musical knowledge as well as have a lot of fun together. This event was organised by our wonderful parent club and helped raise over \$2000 for our school students.

Litter Free Lunch Challenge

Representative students recently attended an award ceremony for the school's achievement for the Litter Free Lunch Challenge. At a ceremony at the Melbourne Museum, we were presented with a cheque and framed certificate by Minister of Educational Services, Jacinta Allen. During the challenge students were able to reduce rubbish by an amazing 70%. Throughout the year our Junior School Council has worked as an improvement team in reducing the litter in the schoolyard. By empowering the students to study the current situation, develop a theory for improvement and then implement the changes and study the results, students have developed a greater sense of ownership for the school environment and are taking better care of this aspect of our school. Improvements recommended and implemented have been the number and placement of bins, the availability of some items from the school canteen, the allocation of parts of the schoolyard for class groups, and the monitoring of yard litter by the students with results announced at Monday assembly.

Athletics

Following our whole school athletics day, our athletics team of approximately 40 students headed off to the Coburg Athletics track for the Cobaw District Athletics Carnival. We had a terrific day with great weather and all athletes having a most enjoyable day. Each and every student competing displayed great athletic abilities with a number of students improving on their PBs (Personal Best) and a majority of students placing in the first four placegetters. Fifteen of our students were successful in making it through to the Zone athletics in Bendigo. The great behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all our competitors was a great credit to them.

At the Zone championships, students were well placed in all events, again with a number of PBs and outstanding performances. One student Ben Holmes, will now go on to the State championships at Olympic Park in November- an outstanding achievement.



Above: It looks like a giant elephant's foot, but it's really the Black Lighthouse at Queenscliff, visited recently by the years 3 and 4 children on camp from Romsey Primary School!

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**Romsey-Lancefield
Christian Fellowship Church**

Graham Mau is the pastor and leader of our congregation. We are a little community of believers that praise and worship The Lord Jesus Christ and share His ordinance of Communion every Sunday morning at 10.00am. We meet in the Romsey Mechanics' Hall in the main street and afterwards we share a cuppa.

Our teaching is founded on the integrity of the Bible, God's Word, and there is always an opportunity to share, discuss and learn more about what God is saying to us in this present day.

We are of a Pentecostal leaning and believe in the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit during our meetings. We welcome and assist all who are seeking and needing a personal relationship with a living and caring God.

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COUNCIL NEWS

from Cr. Joe Morabito

"WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND ALL THE BOARDS DID SHRINK
WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE NOR ANY DROP TO DRINK"

From the Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner.

After 7 years of below average rainfall we are facing an urgent challenge to secure a sustainable water supply NOT only for now but also for our future. We have the driest continent and yet we are the biggest water users. CSIRO research suggests our climate is likely to become even drier therefore we need to find ways to use LESS WATER. Currently in Victoria, over 270 towns are on water restrictions and our reservoirs are at their lowest levels in more than a decade.

The recent rainfall has helped to recover some reservoirs in the Macedon Ranges region. Romsey has had good runoff in its catchment and the Kerrie reservoir is over 70% full.

Nevertheless the region will remain on restrictions until Western Water is confident that the water storages have fully recovered from the drought.

Romsey derives its water from 3 sources

- (a) Surface runoff
- (b) Supply piped from Riddell
- (c) Bore

Lancefield relies solely on bores and storage tank.

Just as a point of interest the Rosslynne reservoir at Gisborne remains a low 11% (at the end of August).

As you can see the drought is far from over. Western Water is the responsible authority for our water needs.

Western Water Board Chairman, Terry Larkin has put security of the regions water supply at the top of the agenda for ensuring sustainable growth in the Macedon Ranges.

Western Water's corporate plan focuses on social, environment and economic responsibilities with emphasis on ensuring a secure supply for the region.

This year Western Water has introduced two new water conservation programs and will continue to invest significant resources over the coming months to ensure capacity to meet the demands of the regions future population growth. Some of the key challenges for Western Water are –

- Providing for the water and waste water infrastructure needs of the fast growing region.
- Delivering on the organisations commitment to recycle 100% of waste water by 2006; and
- Ensuring future changes to water pricing would be implemented fairer with regards to the needs of all customers

Western Water recently completed a \$1 million upgrade to its waste water purification plant at Romsey, which will ensure plenty of capacity to treat wastewater and store recycled water from the region for the next 20 years.

The upgrade included construction of 2 new treatment lagoons plus a massive winter storage lagoon for treated recycled water.

The winter storage lagoon will ensure that Western Water can hold recycled water during the wet season, when it is not needed for irrigation purposes. It is the size of a soccer field so future storage of this valuable resource will be assured.

Western Water would soon be assessing the tender applications to construct an irrigation system to supply recycled water to the fields around the Romsey plant.

The Romsey farm was recently leased to Salesian College of Sunbury for use as a recycled water irrigated demonstration farm, enabling agriculture students to learn more about recycled water and sustainable farming techniques.

This new system will include very large centre pivot spray with an irrigating diameter of over a kilometre and will be connected to the winter storage lagoon for use in the growing season.

For your information:

Western Water is injecting \$16.5 million into projects in the Macedon Ranges region.

All projects are designed to improve our water supply and wastewater services to you. The following works and investigations will be completed or commenced over the next year.

In addition to these projects, Western Water is spending \$260,000 and \$180,000 across our service area in 2003/04 to up-size existing sewer trunk mains and water mains respectively, and \$130,000 and \$540,000 on replacing existing sewer lines and water mains respectively.

Water Supply Projects:

Location	Project	Value
Woodend	Marriages Water Filtration Plant upgrade	\$3 million
Lancefield	Completion of disinfection upgrade and construction of bore pipelines to assist water quality improvements	\$900,000
Woodend	Investigate and construct a new booster pump station	\$500,000
Riddells Creek	Improvements to Settlement Road pump station to increase water supply capacity into Riddells Creek	\$215,000
Rosslynne	Disinfection and lime dosing improvements at filtration plant	\$130,000
Lancefield/Romsey	Study further improvements to water quality	\$50,000
Mount Macedon	Investigate augmentation of Taylors Road storage tank for improved water supply system security	\$45,000

Wastewater Projects		
Location	Project	Value
Macedon/Mt. Macedon	Design and commencement of construction of the Macedon Sewerage Scheme	\$8.5 million
Romsey/Lancefield	Completion of augmentation works at Romsey Wastewater Purification Plant to cater for town growth and Lancefield Sewerage Scheme flows	\$1.75 million
Riddells Creek	Planning works to upsize Purification Plant at Riddells Creek to cater for Macedon Sewerage Scheme flows, including potential recycled water for the area	\$220,000
Gisborne	Pump station renewals and replacements Investigation of future improvements at the Gisborne Wastewater Purification Plant, in preparation for regional growth	\$150,000 \$50,000

Recycled Water Projects

Location	Project	Value
Romsey	Recycled water irrigation system to assist Salesian College curriculum and recycled water usage	\$900,00
Gisborne	Extension of reuse system at the Gisborne Wastewater Purification Plant	\$70,000

Green Paper for a sustainable future

The Victorian Government recently launched a Green Paper for state water reform that outlines over 80 proposals to protect and manage our long term water supplies.

The Green Paper, titled Securing our Water Future, will form the basis of community discussion ahead of new legislation to be introduced next year.

Key to the plan is ensuring that water is used more efficiently in everyday life, through reducing the amount of water used, and reusing the recycling wherever possible.

Proposals in the Green Paper include:

- Encouraging an efficient and accountable water sector that fosters innovative ways to manage water and deliver diverse water services;
- Establishing pricing principles that reward water conservation and better reflect the costs associated with the provision of water services;
- Permanent water restrictions for regional towns;
- Requiring all new housing developments to achieve water savings of at least 25% through implementing recycled water systems, rainwater tanks and/or stormwater reuse;
- Establishing consistent arrangements for whole of catchment waterway management and strengthening the Catchment Management Authorities role as caretakers of river health; and
- Increasing the use of recycled water for industry, agriculture and environmental uses.

The Green Paper is available to download from the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DSE) website at www.dse.vic.gov.au. All Victorians are being encouraged to contribute to the discussion, via public meetings or submission forms available from the DSE website.

Western Water is pleased to assist customers to understand the plan, and the current operation of Victoria's water sector. If you wish to discuss the paper with a Western Water representative, please contact our customer service team on 1300 650 425.

	Romsey (township) (6.5 square km's)	Lancefield (township) (3.3 square km's)	Newham (township)
2001 Population (on Census night – Tuesday 7/8/2001)	2,944	1,141	544
Growth Rate 1996 to 2001	26.2%	4.0%	6.6%
People aged – 18 and over	1,899 (64.5%)	766 (67%)	390 (72%)
- 65 and over	179 (6.1%)	114 (10%)	47 (8.6%)
- Under 18	1,047 (35.6%)	375 (33%)	154 (28.3%)
Unemployment Rate (People over 15)	5.9%	7.3%	4.5%
Private Dwelling Structures			
Total occupied private dwellings =	937	372	200
Owned or being purchased =	781 (83%)	319 (86%)	160 (80%)
Rented =	96 (10.2%)	61 (16.4%)	20 (10%)
#percentage is of total occupied private dwellings			
Travel to work – method used during the week prior to the census by employed people aged over 15. Total =	1,281	473	278
Car (as driver) =	858 (67%)	330 (70%)	164 (59%)
Bus or train =	4 + 4 = 8 (0.9%)	9 + 3 = 12 (2.5%)	0 + 3 = 3 (1%)
#Percentage is of total who travelled to work			

* <Macedon Ranges estimated resident population as at 30 June 2003 (adjusted figure) - 38,284

In the Romsey Vegie Garden

By Brussell Sprout

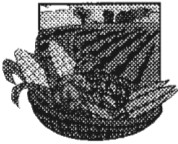
Spring is in the air, quick, better weed the vegie patch and get cracking!



It is too early to plant most summer vegetables (unless you can protect them from frost). Jackie French suggests not to plant summer vegetables until the ground is warm enough to sit on with your bare bottom!

Potatoes can be planted now. Certified seed potatoes which are disease free are recommended. There are varieties to suit different cooking methods. Try Kipfler – nutty flavour, excellent boiled, steamed and in salads (my favourite), Bintje – buttery flavour, excellent for boiling, steaming and frying, Sebago- a good all purpose potatoes, and Desiree – creamy, buttery flavour, excellent for boiling, steaming, roasting and salads. Growing potatoes is an excellent way to create a new garden bed with no digging involved! Simply cut the grass or weeds very short, place the seed potatoes on the ground and cover with straw, manure and compost to create the multi-layered 'sandwich effect'. The pile should be as high as your knee as it will decrease in height as the organic matter breaks down. Water and leave it alone. You may need to add extra

straw around the plants later on. Potatoes must not see sunshine because they turn green. Feel underneath the pile during summer to see if watering is needed.



Peas can be planted now. We prefer climbing peas for a higher yield in less space. Peter

Cundall suggests the soil to be limed, with good drainage, organic matter, and a few handfuls of blood and bone mixed through.



Early carrots and lettuce can go in with silverbeet and parsley.

Tomatoes !!! I'm never organised to grow tomatoes from seed. Instead, seedlings are purchased in punnets and planted into tree tubes or very small pots and placed in a sunny spot during the day and put under cover at night. These plants are treated very badly with only enough water to keep them alive and no fertilizer (Peter Cundall adds a pinch of sulphate of potash). This harsh treatment forces the plant to flower early and the sooner the flower the sooner the fruit. Once flowered, treat the plant kindly with a liquid fertilizer. The plant might need repotting before it is time to go into the ground (remember the bare bottom) and beware of the late frost.

If you have children, consider growing cherry tomatoes, they ripen early and can be grown in a large pot on the porch. Yellow Pear is another small fruit with the same qualities as cherries and add colour to the salad. Rouge de Marmande is an early ripening fruit with a fleshy centre.



Black Russian is purplish when ripe with an interesting flavour, and of course the Grosse Lisse. Due to the water restrictions last year, our tomatoes, which were heavily mulched, were lucky to be watered once a

week – we received our largest yield.

It is too early to mulch, the ground needs to warm up first.

Be prepared for the change in the weather when you feel that the frosts have finished for the year and it is full steam ahead with summer crops. Weed beds and apply compost and old manures.

Hope you have enjoyed harvesting those winter crops. Try leek and potatoes soup.

Romsey & Laucefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.

Tuesday 25 Nov - Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

Come and meet a great bunch of people, socialise and get to know a bit about the history of your district. Yes, I know, we've got to have the boring bits of business too, but you won't get elected if you are a visitor! Supper served afterwards and plenty of time to chat.

The Venue: historic Seymour Cottage
20 Palmer Street, Romsey
(Along the road, past the old Primary School.)

Sunday, 7th December: Christmas Party – 6pm

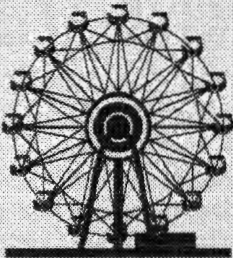
Same venue (Seymour Cottage) for all the stalwarts of the Society to have a BBQ Tea from 6pm, and welcome prospective new members. Meat provided. Please bring a salad or desert.

Enquiries : Jean Clement 5429 6522

ST. MARY'S TWILIGHT FAIR

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

4.30pm - 8.30pm



RIDES: Giant slide / Horse-o-plane / Junior Ferris Wheel & Cha-Cha for \$15 prepaid purchase or \$18.00 purchased at the fair.

(All prepaid ride wristbands recipients will go into a lucky drawer for a great family prize.)

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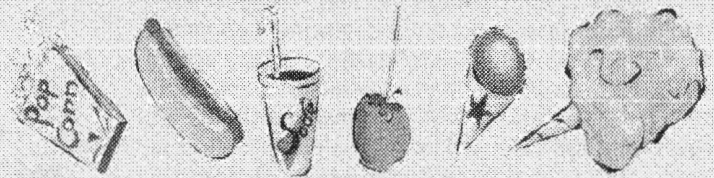
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If you wish to preorder wristbands, return this slip with Payment to your School Office By Thursday morning 6th November. Wristbands will be put on your wrists Friday, 7th November.

Romsey Branch CWA



The branch is finishing the current year with the November AGM, and then a Christmas break-up. We have welcomed three new members during the year, enjoyed a busy schedule of activities, and have been able to support local and other programs. As well as the regular meetings there has been a monthly craft day which is back in the supper room of the Mechanics Institute. These craft days commence at 10am on the third Tuesday of the month and continue until about 2.30pm. Mrs Shirley Jones is the skilled craft leader, but we welcome new ideas and information from those attending. We aim to help in the learning of a range of craft skills. You do not have to be a CWA member; everybody is welcome to come along. Bring your own lunch, tea, coffee and biscuits are supplied. Cost is \$3.00, which covers the rent of the hall. These craft days will continue next year.

We are fortunate to have as a member Elaine Baldwin, who has just finished a two year term as State International Officer. Elaine has sorted and dispatched the enormous amount of goods and money contributed to help others both locally and overseas. Members all over the State knit, sew, send clothes, kindergarten goods, school and sewing aids, and money to cover the cost of dispatch. All are sorted and packed to go the most suitable recipient. Blankets, toiletries, warm clothing, knitted garments are sent to groups such as Hanover Welfare Services, and to Sister Anne and the other nuns who run a refuge in Preston. Sister Anne also has a van in the city to support homeless youth. Hospitals are supplied with premature baby clothing and other goods, Vic Relief receives blankets and other support, and Leprosy Mission Australia is sent specially knitted bandages.

Boxes of materials, sewing aids, kindergarten aids are sent to our fellow members of the Associated Country Women of the World in Fiji, P.N.G., Tonga, Tuvalu, Nuie, Kiribati, Samoa and the Solomons. The Association has offered to help fund a woman from the Solomons to attend the ACWW World Conference in Hobart in March 2004.

The outreach work of our Association is very important and we have been fortunate in the Romsey Branch to have had two members now who have been State International Officers: Wendy Laing 1991-1993, and Elaine Baldwin 2001-2003. Branch members are encouraged to work and be knowledgeable about the international side and work of the Association.

Locally, the Branch has supported Romsey Red Cross, Romsey CFA, Romsey Artists Group, Lancefield Neighbourhood House, Kyneton Hospital, and local welfare.

Jean Tom
Acting Secretary, Romsey Branch



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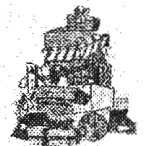
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WELCOME TO DR LUKE DUNNE

Dr. Luke Dunne has commenced practice at the Romsey Medical Centre. From November he is available for consultation on a full time basis. Dr. Dunne will offer **BULK BILLING** for aged pensioners from 1 November for weekday consultations.

Dr. Dunne's special interests include eye & ear problems, psychological health, minor surgery and child/adolescent health.

BULK BILLING FOR AGED PENSIONERS

From the 1st of November, there will be a number of changes to our billing structure to offer a variety of fee options for patients.

- ❖ Bulk billing will be available for aged pensioners with Dr Kurnaz and Dr Dunne for consultations Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- ❖ Gap fees for Health Care Card holders are a flat fee of \$8 for Drs Kurnaz and Dunne for consultations Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- ❖ Private patients will now only pay the gap fee for consultations with ALL DOCTORS.

WEEKEND SERVICE

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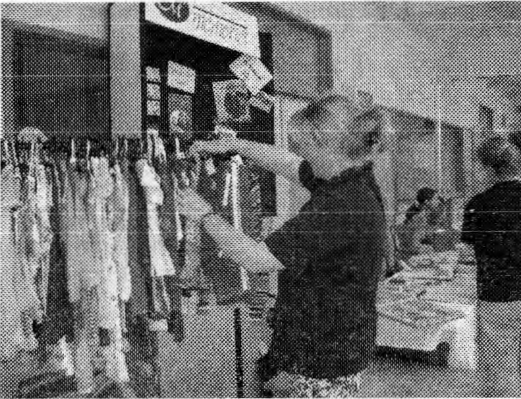
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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome back to Kinder Korner!

The Romsey Kindergarten held its first Market Stall Day on Saturday, October 18, which turned out to be a lovely sunny day and just perfect conditions for our fundraiser. The jumping castle and face painting were a big hit with the kids, and kept them amused while parents browsed the many stalls (clothes, plants, gifts, toys and more). The sausage sizzle, lolly lucky dips and cool drinks and icy poles for sale were also very popular. The event raised at least \$800 for the kinder, which was a terrific result. Thanks to all those members of the kinder committee and the community who gave up their time and/or donated goods for the day. Special



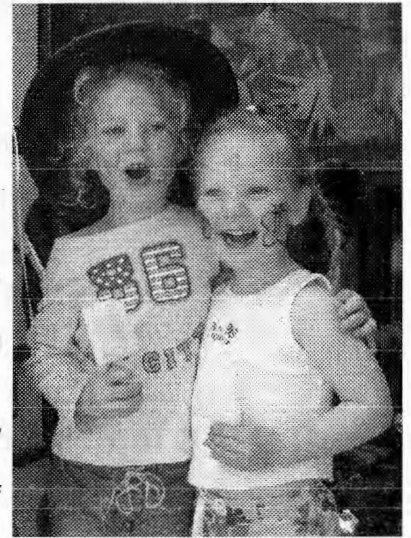
thanks to Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist in Romsey for the donation of sausages and Romsey IGA for helping out with the food.

As you may already be aware, the kinder committee is fundraising heavily to pay for new children's playground equipment, which will cost in excess of \$11,000. The old equipment has been removed and the new modern units

will be erected this month. Now all we have to do is pay for them!

To that end, the committee has organized a Trivia Night fundraiser for the night of Friday, November 14 from 7.30pm.

Cost will be just \$10 a head if you pre-book or \$12 at the door (BYO drinks



and nibbles). There will be door prizes, table prizes and wine tasting on the night, which should be heaps of fun. Bookings to Amanda on 5429 6936 or Leanne on 5429 6583.

Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2004 school year closed on September 30 and have now been finalized.

There will be three four-year-old kinder groups and two three-year-old kinder groups. All children who applied for a place were accommodated.

Further inquiries to our tireless enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243.

Orientation days for 2004's three-year-old groups will be on Wednesday, November 12, and Thursday, November 13. No normal kinder classes will be held on those days.

Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6936.

Until next time,

AMANDA BURLEY

President

Romsey Kindergarten Committee.

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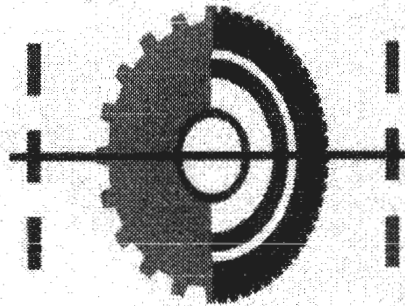
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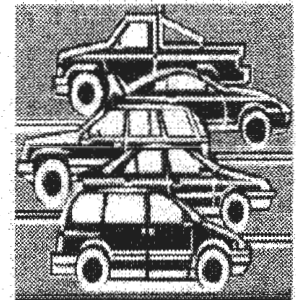
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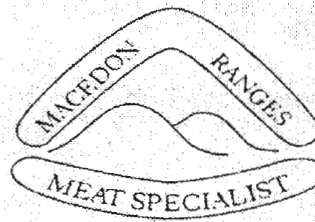
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Five Mile Creek News

Did you know ?..

If you put dirty water into your storm water drain instead of your sewer drain, it comes out in Five Mile Creek? You can see when this has happened in a street, because the storm outlet near that street becomes discoloured. All the water upstream from that outlet remains clear.

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

10.30 am (note later time)

End of Year BBQ & mini cleanup

Everyone who has helped on the creek is invited to come for a BBQ to enjoy the creek. Heaps of people have helped over 2 years. So put it in your calendar....come and celebrate the result of your hard work.

Those who can come at 10.30 will have a mini clear up for about an hour – not heavy work, just picking up fallen branches and leaf piles to make it look better.

Please RSVP (if you can) to Jess, John, Jay, Peta, Andrew or Sue ... but if not, just come. If you want to help with salads etc, see Jess or Sue.

Where: Meet at the end of Wrixon Street or walk in along the track from Robb Drive.

October Working Bee

Just over a dozen people cut and raked and piled the debris, and began to make the Couzens Lane entrance look like a park again. Well done everyone. There were some well deserved rests after a couple of hours. Come and see if you weren't thereYou can now jump over the creek using the rocks, and you can see the grassy spaces under the big trees. You can sit under there, up on the banks near the pool when it gets hot, and watch the boys on the dirt bike track.

Ridermower still needed ...

A small number of bends in the creek need high cut mowing with a ride-on. If it is done once, then Council will take over. Is there anyone with half an hour to donate on a mower? Ring Sue on 5429 5283

Help to erect noticeboard ...

Chippies or handypersons ... could you help to erect a small noticeboard/shelter (we have design & some funds) Please ring Andrew on 5429 6168. Doesn't have to be on a Sunday – shift workers welcome.

THANKYOU

To Council for removing two bees nests in the bushes and near the dirt bikes

To walkers who have picked up fallen branches and put them on piles

To the dirt bike boys who look after the creek & its banks near the jumps

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Lancefield Neighbourhood House

Springtime News!

Our AGM was held on October 21st, thank you to everyone who attended and a very big welcome to our new committee members.

Lancefield Show

The Agriculture Show was held on the 19th, it was good to see so many locals supporting the event despite the inclement weather – as they say the 'Show must go on'. Hope you all had fun and enjoyed watching the excitement of the Rodeo, I know it kept the First Aiders very busy!

Touch for Health

We have just discovered that we can subsidize the Introduction to Kinesiology – Touch for Health Classes to less than half price. This wonderful course is designed to teach people a way of managing their own and their families health and sense of well being, it is also the first stage of training for Kinesiologists. The course comprises four modules to be held over four weekends. The first module is to be held on December 13 & 14, the dates for the other modules will be organized by the class. Module one now only costs \$40 plus \$55 for manual and \$5 for stationary kit if required. (Normally \$250). Early bookings are essential, or lets us know if you would be interested in an weekday class.

Fundraising

Our next Fundraiser is a fun Linen Party, on Wednesday 12 November at 10.30am. A great chance to purchase some lovely linen or some early Christmas Presents.

Health Classes

Lets get Lancefield fit & healthy. Keeping in mind that the experts say that for a healthy and long lifestyle it advisable to do two activities a week, we have organized Tai Chi on Mondays, Strength and Fitness training on Wednesdays and Aqua Aerobics on Fridays. There are no restrictions on age or physical abilities for these classes and remember summer is just around the corner!

Bus Trips

A chance to get out of town and enjoy a nice picnic and shopping outing – our next trip is on Friday 21 November to the lovely spa country of Daylesford. Cost: \$12.50 Children-\$3.00.

Departs: approx. 9.30am Returns: approx. 3.15pm

Reminders

Our community Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 2 December at 12 noon– all welcome.

Lancefield Celebrating Together - don't book anything for Friday 19 December. Christmas Night Market & Community Get Together with Lions Christmas Carnival & Carols. Anyone interested in being involved in a photographic competition of 'Images of Lancefield' this is your chance to win a great prize. Note- entrants from the Lancefield Show are welcome to re-enter their exhibits. Contact Michelle on 5429 1092.

Handy Hint Of The Month

To clean you silver, line your sink with alfoil, fill with hot water, add some bicarb of soda, soak the silver, dry then polish. It'll come up bright as new!

That's all folks!
Linda Davies
Publicity Officer

What is on at...



Romsey Recreation Centre

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES

Both Tuesday's and Saturday's competitions have got away to a good start, although the weather could have been kinder, in some instances.

Opening day was a great success. The pre-pennant match of the Newnham/Musty Shield against Lancefield was well contested with Romsey winning by 3 shots. The Ladies have lost 1 game and won 1. Our members have increased slightly, with us gaining 2 Ladies and 3 Men. However, there is still room for more, with the cheap membership of \$30 still being on offer.

Until next time.

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5429 6277



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Lancefield Guild: Meets 2nd Wednesday each month after 10am Church Service at Church Hall Lancefield.

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- Friday 21st 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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Vice President - Les Jones Publicity Officer – Michelle Coon

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LANCEFIELD BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL

Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital was closed 1996. The Board and Committee Members agreed to allocate the funds raised from the sale of the hospital, land and equipment, to assist Rural Ambulance Victoria's submission to the Victorian Government to construct a new ambulance station in the area.

After a long struggle and a few changes of government, Rural Ambulance Victoria (with the aid of the Romsey-Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary) were given approval by the Victorian Government, for a new ambulance station to be constructed in Romsey and this was eventually completed and manned at the end of 2002.

We were very happy to learn that the entire project was fully funded by the Government, leaving funds from the Lancefield Hospital to be distributed in the community.

At a Special General Meeting held on 1st May, 2003, the Board and Committee Members agreed to dispose of the assets of the Hospital as follows:-

1. To fund the purchase of a Transport Vehicle for the Romsey Ambulance Station with replacements to cover approximately ten years of service – total \$110,000
2. To purchase Mobile Intensive Care Equipment for the Romsey Ambulance Station at a cost of \$14,800
3. To supply Cobaw Community Health Service Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy unit with much needed equipment to the value of \$15,326;-
4. The balance of funds to go to the construction of the new Kyneton Hospital – this amounted to \$60,217.59 – which was handed over to Brendan Lourey, C.E.O. of Kyneton Hospital at a presentation ceremony held on Thursday, 7th August, 2003.

Total : \$200343.59

At a ceremony held at the Romsey Ambulance station on Thursday, October 2nd, Dr Noel Cunningham, president of Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital, handed over the transport vehicle and mobile intensive care equipment to Mr Doug Kimberley, C.E.O. of Rural Ambulance Victoria, thus expending the last of the funds raised by the sale of the hospital. We thank all residents for their support over the past few years.

Margaret Howatson—Secretary
Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital.

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Clubhouse Phone: 5429 1922 Secretary Phone: 5429 2079
Website: www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results:

27 August: G. Haynes(11) 34 R/U B. Brennan (12) 32 28 August: R. Mau (9) 70
11 September: C. Daniel (15) 70 R/U A. Maloney (18) 72 18 September: A. Renfree (19) 67 R/U: R. Stokes (16) 68

Monthly Medal: 4 September: C. Daniel (15) 72 R/U K. Ryan (12) 73

Captain's Trophy: 11 and 18 September: A. Maloney (18) 144

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results:

9 September: G. Dudderidge (7) 34 R/U: R. Mau (9) 33 14 October: R. Mau (9) 72 R/U: R. Woods (21) 74

The course is at its best with the spring rains and sunshine resulting in a good cover of grass. The greens are coming on following their recent coring. The recent annual general meeting saw our president Steve George retire after 3 years of excellent work. Ken Fagan has taken over the reins, along with many of the previous year's committee plus a few new faces. The club has recently acquired a website which we hope will attract more green fee players, more members and more social clubs. Without players, golf clubs cannot survive. The increasing costs of running such labour-intensive facilities is threatening the survival of these havens of nature.

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**Romsey Uniting Church
Children's Advent Workshop 2003**

Preparation is now well underway for this year's Advent Workshop and our dedicated group of helpers have been very busy working on some new and exciting activities for the children to participate in.

As in the past, this popular workshop is open to all pre-school and primary school children and is a fun program which is designed to help children discover the true meaning of Christmas. Each session (there are 4 in all) will see the children enjoying Christmas stories, singing Christmas songs and taking part in some great craft activities.

Details for this year's workshop are:

Dates: Friday 21st and 28th November
5th and 12th December

Time: 3.45pm to 5.15pm

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

Cost: \$1.00 per child per session or \$3.00 per child for all 4 sessions if paid at commencement of 1st session
If you would like to know more about the workshop or if you are interested in registering your child/children, please phone Carol Toy on 5429-5160

Parents are more than welcome to stay with their children if they wish.

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Don't forget the Lancefield Farmer's Market is on the fourth Saturday morning of each month.
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# TUESDAY	Sunbury & Woodend Life Groups	Marilyn	5429 5381
	Ladies Morning Coffee	Julie	5429 5442
# WEDNESDAY	Leadership College 7:30 – 9:30pm	Marilyn	5429 5381
# THURSDAY	180° Youth 13 Years Up	Shaun	5429 6651
	Todd Lane Life Group	Sarah	5429 6825
	Harvest Close Life Group	Pam	5429 5523
# FRIDAY	Young Adults Life Group	Lindsay	5429 5944
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Our Church is growing and there is plenty of room
for more great people! You are welcome to attend
our Sunday Services or midweek Life Groups.

THEFTS AT SCOUT HALL

In the past few months a number of full LPG gas bottles have been stolen from the Romsey Scout Hall.

The thefts have occurred on several separate occasions, the subsequent damage to the gas bottle box and locks.

The financial loss to the scouts, which cannot be claimed on insurance, totals several hundred dollars of hard-earned fundraising money.

The thefts have also deprived the cubs, scouts and other community groups who use the hall, of heating during the recent cold months.

All the thefts have been reported to the Romsey Police.

We would ask that the community be vigilant, and report suspicious activity around the hall to the Romsey Police.

We would also ask the people who have carried out these thefts to think again before depriving the community groups.

Thanking you.

1st Romsey Scout Committee

News From

Monegeetta Ward

Water is always an issue that is frequently in the media and not far from our minds. People have always used the weather, how dry, wet, cold or hot it is, as an 'ice breaking' topic of conversation. The state government recently released their green paper on water management in Victoria. Submissions need to be in by the end of November. I will certainly lodge one as I am not satisfied that the state government is listening to local councils on water issues, nor has it considered the plight of rural Victoria in the drought. The paper focuses on Melbourne's future growth and the trading of water in irrigation areas. Some rural towns were surviving on carted water until recently. Romsey's water supply is precarious, as we have seen last summer and into the winter. We still need soaking rain to lead us into this coming summer.

There are also concerns, that have not been addressed in the green paper, about the future impact on underground water supplies by the amount of ground water that is being used, and the increasing impact of salinity, even in the Macedon Ranges Shire. Salinity around some areas of Riddells Creek and Romsey is a sleeping danger to future landuse. The department of Sustainability and Environment has just finished a study on salinity in Victoria, which will be published shortly.

On a more positive note I went to a shire Art's Committee meeting a fortnight ago, where I met with some very energetic people determined to place the Macedon Ranges on the art's map. We have ten sculptors in the area who have exhibited work throughout Australia and some overseas. What a wealth of talent!

The arts committee will be advertising for some new members. If you are interested please contact Shane Murphy on 5422 0354.

The shire will soon have an Environment Advisory committee up and running. It has been some time in coming, but at last we are there. Watch this space for further news.

Congratulations to Riddells Creek Pony Club on their hugely successful reunion and official opening of their new clubhouse. Sitting about two hundred people down to lunch and conducting a rally was no mean feat!

Until next time

Heather Gee, Monegeetta Ward Councillor, ph. 5427 0675



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What's News

In early November each year, we cement our place in the world as the only country to have a public holiday for a horse race! So what is it that makes the Melbourne Cup so special?

It could be that we are simply a sports mad society who will make any excuse to celebrate. Of course, that assumes that horse racing is a sport. Whilst it clearly is for the trainers, horses and jockeys, and is as much a spectator sport as any other sort of racing, for many people it is more than a sport.

Horseracing has several other associations that either aren't present in other forms of racing or aren't as prominent. For example, fashion is a significant part of the scene, especially through the Spring Carnival. Gambling is also important to the industry, and occurs on a much grander scale than most other sports (at least in this country). For some people, Melbourne Cup Day (and some other major horse racing events) is simply an excuse to party and get drunk.

Some parts of the church are quite prominent in their criticism of gambling and drunkenness. From this perspective, the excesses of Melbourne Cup Day become a place for prayer at the shame of society. Whilst I grew up in such a church, we used Melbourne Cup Day for Sunday School picnics (since everyone else was pre-occupied by the Cup)!

I believe that life is about more than chance and self-obsession. I don't begrudge bookmakers from earning a living, but I do think that gambling is primarily entertainment. Some may earn a living from it, but simply hoping for 'the big win' is wasted effort – and money.

As for drinking, well, I know many people, including church members and ministers, who enjoy a drink. They enjoy the taste and refreshment, and drink in moderation. Getting drunk is usually about escaping – from responsibility; from the world's problems (if only temporarily); from one's own life.

I don't believe you can legislate morality. However, I do believe that everyone has a right and responsibility to speak out against whatever they believe is wrong, harmful and corrupting.

I probably won't win many friends with this article, either inside or outside the church. But I believe that as a society, we need to guard the line between enjoyment and abuse, both

for ourselves and for others.

I pray that we can all bear this in mind and not find Melbourne Cup Day is a day we'd rather forget.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- 1 Nov Saturday morning street stall at the shopping centre. Come along and see what's on offer!
- 2 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with Holy Communion.
- 9 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 12 Nov 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies' Guild) meets at the church hall for their AGM.
- 16 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 21 Nov 3:45-5:15pm Advent Workshop for primary and pre-school children. Please note that this is a Friday (not Thursday as in previous years), and that there is a charge of \$1 per child per week towards expenses, or \$3 per child for all 4 weeks if paid on the first day.
- 23 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 28 Nov 3:45-5:15pm Advent Workshop for primary and pre-school children. Please note that this is a Friday (not Thursday as in previous years), and that there is a charge of \$1 per child per week towards expenses.
- 30 Nov 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This will be a special 'welcoming' service with everything explained for any guests (and the regulars!).
- 5 Dec 3:45-5:15pm Advent Workshop for primary and pre-school children. Please note that this is a Friday (not Thursday as in previous years), and that there is a charge of \$1 per child per week towards expenses.
- 7 Dec 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with 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.

Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield



Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am.

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

Romsey Ladies Golf Report

Results for October

1 st Oct Stableford	8 th Oct Monthly Medal
1 st S. Shelton	1 st M. Campbell 72
2 nd L. Beasley	2 nd B. Cole
3 rd M. Campbell	3 rd F. Meyer

During the last month several of our ladies have had success visiting other clubs. Mary won at Kyneton in a4BBB on Thursday 2nd Oct.

Leila and myself played in the Doris Chambers Foursomes at Koorungal Monday 13th and had 37 pts with the winners having 39pts.

Shirley and Marg played at port Fairy and Warrnambool in the Women's Golf Victoria Country Tournament and enjoyed the experience.

Shirley won the Nell Dowling Trophy at Woodend on Thursday 15th and Florence won the B grade scratch. Well done to all.

Birthdays. Oops Apologies we missed saying Happy Birthday to Yvonne last month but we know she had a good day.

Fashion Parade

The Fashion parade thanks to all the ladies who came along and supported us was a great night, with many laughs. Fun was had by all on the night. Sorry we ran out of champagne. Thankyou to all our super models, Jan Thomson, Sue Brady, Val Alford and Mary Campbell. You all did a terrific job and may be ready to hit the international scene. We will watch for your names in the big lights.

Thank-you to Paula the postie Fashion hostess and Kaye the Handbag demonstrator. Thankyou to our sponsors who donated prizes for our raffle which was very popular on the night. Suzanne Totally Natural Therapy donated a manicure and The Romsey Beauty Spot donated a deluxe facial. Recipe following next month.

Will Ro who rang me last month please ring me again.

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To conclude our garden we must have thyme

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Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in you garden because you reap what you sow.

Beryl Cole
54295411

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Beginners welcome!
10.00 am THURSDAYS
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ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

Guides have started again for another term. The Wombat Guides on their first night back visited Outer Space. We played outer space games and made glow in the dark mobiles to hang up at home. We were pleased that Brittany made her promise to become part of the Wombat Guides.

The following week we had a campfire. We were warmed by the fire whilst we sang and played some campfire games. And then cooked some marshmallows.

The Platypus Guides have been discussing the food pyramid, as they are aiming at gaining the food badge.

The following week they planted seeds in empty milk contains. It will be interesting to see in a month how the plants have grown. The guides applied some peanut butter to some pinecones. These were then taken home and put into trees for the birds to eat.

On Sunday 19th October some of the Platypus Guides went to Ensnare the Senses at Albert Park - Melbourne. Some activities were based around the senses (smell, sight etc). Another activity was Jamboree of the Air or Jamboree of the Internet. The guides could contact other guides and scouts from around the world and discuss common interests.

Have you seen us on Lancefield online - www.lancefield.org.au?

The Platypus Guides (7 - 10 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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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Well, here we are a couple of weeks into fourth term and by the time you read this it will only be eight weeks to Christmas!!! Where has the year gone ?? We will have been to our Grade 3/4/5/6 Camp to Phillip Island and the Grade 6's are almost Year 7's!!!!

"Busy Bolinda" has never been a more apt tag for us than at the present time. All classes are working hard as "We Learn from Every Experience".

Since last I wrote, we have very successfully concluded the great highlight of our year with our **Bolinda Spring Fair** being the most successful ever held. Just because it might be raining in Woodend, Lancefield, Gisborne and Sunbury, doesn't mean it will be raining in Bolinda !! We were most fortunate to have a lovely sunny day that stayed with us until we were packing up at 4.00pm. Thank you to all the local people that came out to support our school. The contribution of 30 school families to the preparation, planning, setting up and working on the day was just such a fantastic effort of which we are all so very proud. We welcomed our special friend Jackie French and her husband Bryan, who greatly contributed to the wonderful day that was had by all. The Family Scarecrow project was a wonderful chance for parents and children to work

together. Jackie was just so impressed with all the scarecrows that she donated one of her books to every entry. The Burns family was the selected winner with a holiday weekend to Cobram as the terrific prize. Certainly well worth entering. Jackie also had two 'standing room only' sessions where she thoroughly entertained the audience with her stories and anecdotes. After answering numerous questions, Jackie just seemed to be continually talking to both children and adults alike, that the allocated sessions just simply ran together for the whole day. There was always a line waiting to get books signed and these will be treasures to keep forever, and simply a day to remember for a long, long time. Our special thanks to Frost's Sawmill and Building Supplies for sponsoring Jackie's travel, and to Cherie and Max at The Old Railway Station Nursery at Lancefield for their wonderful hospitality shown to Jackie and Bryan.

The day after the Spring Fair we had to have our thoughts immediately back in gear as we had our Chess Team in the State Championships in Melbourne. We were in the B Grade finals against 18 other teams. We had 2 girls and 2 boys in our team, ranked 1- 4, we had to play the correspondingly ranked players from 8 other schools. A point is gained for each win and half a point for a draw. At the end of the day we were ranked

equal 6th only one point away from 4th. It was a wonderful performance from the children and a fantastic "Learning Experience". Already, Mr. Flanagan, Principal of Gisborne Secondary College, has encouraged the children to keep playing chess and has expressed interest in participating in the Secondary Chess Championships next year.

Our thanks as always to the school families who volunteered to look after our chooks and cats during the holidays. It takes a special commitment to put the time aside each day to visit the school to feed and check on the animals, have a look at the buildings and walk around the grounds, just to make sure all is well. Thank you to all concerned.

We recently had another informative morning tea session for parents who are considering a **Bolinda Educational Experience** for their children next year. For those that couldn't attend and have still not made a decision for your children, I would encourage you to contact your local school, or indeed we would welcome anyone who wants a 'cuppa' and a chat about what we at Bolinda 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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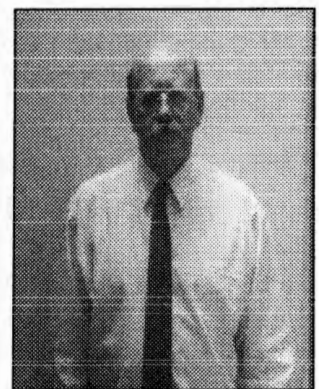
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Interested in joining? Lancefield-Romsey is a relatively small family orientated Centre located in Park Lane, Romsey, and we would certainly welcome new members for season 2003-2004. Simply come along to one of our competition days to join up. Do try and arrive early (by 9am) so that there is time to complete all the necessary documents before the events start. Competition dates are listed below. Parents registering children who are new to our Centre should bring along the child's proof of age as we need to sight this as part of processing new registrations.

What equipment or clothing do you need? Most children already have suitable clothing to compete in such as shorts, t-shirt, runners, and a tracksuit for cooler days. We do like to encourage our athletes to wear a hat and sunscreen and carry a drink-bottle to all events. Uniform is optional if competing only at our Centre but if you do wish to purchase uniform, most items are available for purchase from the Centre by order only.

Mini Calendar of Events

October 2003

SAT 25 Normal Competition

November 2003

SAT 01 **NO COMPETITION TODAY**

SAT 08 Normal Competition

SAT 15 Normal Competition

SAT 22 Normal Competition

SAT 29 Normal Competition

December 2003

SAT 06 Normal Competition

SAT 13 Novelty Day (fun events)

SUN 14 Interclub Competition versus Kilmore Little Athletics Centre (at Kilmore LAC venue)

Want to know more? Please contact our Centre Secretary on 54296089 (after hours on weeknights between 7.30pm and 9pm only)... Weekends on 0412 335 420.

Romsey Kindergarten's Fundraising Black & White Trivia Night

Will be held on
Friday, November 14, at 7.30pm
At the kinder

Door prizes and table prizes
\$10 per person pre-booked or \$12 on the
night.

BYO drinks + nibbles
Bookings to Amanda on 5429 6939
Or Leanne on 5429 6583

Latest news:

- Congratulations to ex-athlete Colleen Graham at her success in the U17-U20 All Schools Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park on October 4th 2003. Despite having gone up an age group to compete, Colleen did very well, winning the U17 Girls Shotput and finishing with a third in the U17 Girls Discus. Colleen was representing Kyneton Secondary College.
- Centre athletes Michael Graham, Mick Derrick, Glenn Maple, Melissa Derrick, Matthew Blair, Colleen Graham and Phillip Romeril recently competed as school representatives at the VSSA Northern Zone Athletics Finals. We hope they all enjoyed the day. Colleen Graham won Shotput and Discus, Matthew Blair won Hurdles, came second in Long Jump and Triple Jump and finished third in the 100m, Michael Graham came second in Hurdles and came third in Javelin.
- Colleen Graham (Discus and Shotput) and Matt Blair (Hurdles) will be representing Kyneton Secondary College in the VSSA State Championships on 21st October and we wish them well. Well done to all the athletes who represented Kyneton Secondary College.
- Good luck to our athletes who will represent their schools in the U12-U16 All Schools Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park on November 1st & 2nd 2003. We wish them all the best of luck and hope they all set a PB or two.
- When any of our athletes achieve something at school or in sport, let us know about it so we can provide recognition via our newsletters, etc. Similarly, if you have information you feel may be of interest to our athletes and the families, you are more than welcome to send it in (preferably via email to Srizar@bigpond.com) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

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