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"GOOD GRIEF, NOT AGAIN"!!

3.30pm. The daily school pick-up... park the car. In the distance you see little Suzi and Jack running towards the car with excitement, cause they can't wait see you and boy you've missed them. The children climb into the back seat. Asking with interest, "How was your day possums?" "Oh, alright" is the usual reply, "Mum, Mrs. Peters said I've got nits" states Suzi loudly. "Shut the door quickly," I say as I die of embarrassment, because Kaye parked beside me looks over attentively.

Quickly I head to the nearest Chemist to purchase another bottle of Headlice treatment "Good Grief, Not Again" I say loudly to myself upon entering the Chemist, I'm dying of embarrassment still, because the Pharmacist served me not long ago when I brought my last \$12.00 bottle of Headlice treatment. What will he think?

This scenario, I'm sure is a familiar one for most parents. When our children get Headlice, our only option is to buy over the counter products, which don't seem to work, or if they do, you still need two or three treatments. This can be quite expensive. That's the experience I've had with treatments.

Our large family previously lived in Sunbury. Every few months someone seemed to become infected. I'd do all the right things. Tie their hair back, bath them every two days. They would still get nits! Thank goodness, I could go down to the Hume Council Office and buy six bottles of Lice Rid for each of my children for \$1.00 per 20ml and one for me, because my children just love cuc' dles.

Two years ago, our family relocated to Riddell. To my despair within a short time we had nits again... Off I go down to Macedon Council Offices to purchase Lice Rid again... To my frustration Macedon Ranges, do not supply Lice Rid to its residents and haven't for a few years. They felt their residents were able to purchase treatment from the chemist themselves. This made me feel quite disappointed in the fact that Hume, cared about its children's health, yet Macedon Ranges didn't feel it was important. "Shame on you Macedon"!!

Upon discussing the issue with Mr. Jeff Innes, Macedon Ranges Health Office, he said "his hands were tied unless there was pressure to do so." Helpfully, he suggested parents contact our council members to bring back the supply of Lice Rid. Well us parents and residents of this shire need to pressure the council. Unless we speak up nothing will change. Mr. Innes said by writing to him or council members this will help him to help us. Our children are important too!!

Written by a Mum of Riddells Creek and Mum of six. Leanne Aston.

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ROMSEY BRANCH CWA

By the time you read this the Branch members will have presented the Romsey Artists Exhibition. This is a showing and sale of their years work and excellent artwork will have been on display. If you missed the occasion, put a reminder in your diary for late February next year for this Art Show has been a regular in the community now for 23 years.



At the Craft day held in the Mechanics Hall Supper Room on the third Tuesday of the month from 10am-3pm, in February those present made an embroidered scissors keeper. All completed their piece of work or would be able to finish at home. The class on Tuesday March 16th will learn Quilling. Doll making and embroidered bags are future classes. If you are interested in participating ring Shirley Jones 5428 6280 to discuss your attendance. All are made welcome.

Two of our members are planning to attend the World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) in Hobart in March this year. This conference is held triennially in one of the 70 affiliated member countries of the ACWW. Previous world conferences held in Australia have been in Melbourne (1962) and Perth (1974). These conferences bring together women of different nationalities and culture, but with an abiding interest in working for the advancement and better conditions for all, especially in the developing countries. The CWA's in each State and Territory of Australia are affiliated members of the ACWW and will have delegations at the Conference. All member associations in Australia support the South Pacific countries including Papua New Guinea.

Joan Strawbridge
5428 7022

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SUB-BRANCH R.S.L.

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2004

Our Anzac Day service will be held in Lancefield this year commencing 0830 am Sunday 25th April.

There will be volunteers selling ANZAC tokens in Romsey and Lancefield during the preceding week.

John Haslett
President

ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL

In July of this year it will be 100 years since the original Mechanic's Institute Hall was burned to the ground in an early morning fire.

We would like to hear from anyone who has photo's, programs or press cuttings of events that have taken place in the Mechanic's Hall that they would be prepared to lend us to put together a history of the Mechanics Institute in Romsey.

It is hoped that later in the year there will be an official celebration of the rising from of the ashes of the new Mechanics Institute.

Frank Crossman
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Robyn Miller
5429 5652

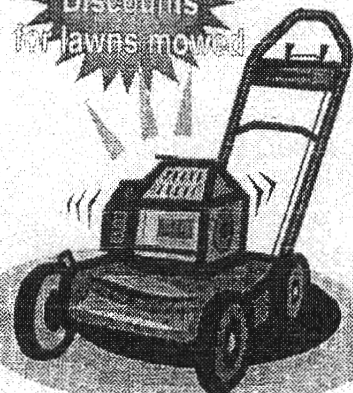
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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Classroom Helpers Program

We have started the classroom helpers program for a large and enthusiastic group of parents. This five-week program provides training about literacy and helping groups and individual children in the classroom. Through activities and discussion parents are provided with information on how to assist children with their reading and writing, spelling, listening and speaking. The program covers teaching ideas, strategies to improve spelling, reading, writing, and prompts to use with children. While the program is focused on parents who plan to assist in classroom activities, it also gives these parents a great insight to their own children's learning and literacy development as so provides parents with great strategies to use at home.

Prep Parent Information

The school's transition program for preps to school continued this term with our prep students attending school for the half days during January (2 days) and attending for four full days each week throughout February, having a rest day on Wednesdays. Prep teachers held additional information sessions during the second two weeks of school. At this time the initial start of school program was outlined as well as the daily timetable, our basic approach to learning, particularly literacy and day-to-day issues of the school routine and classroom program. All of our preps have settled into school very well and are well on the way to a successful learning journey at school.

Values Education- A Quality Beginning

During the first seven days of school all students explored our values and worked to better understand how to live them. While focussing on learning each class decided how they would define quality work, which they call "5 star work." Students have also set their own learning goals for this term. They will have been sharing these with their parents at the first round of parent/ teacher interviews last week.

All classes have started to work on finding opportunities for improvement in their classroom learning environment. This empowers students to take greater control and responsibility for more of what happens within the classroom. Class meetings complement this and will be held on a weekly basis throughout the year.

Cobaw Tennis

What a successful and great day the Romsey Primary School tennis team had at the Cobaw District Tennis Competition in Woodend. Our team chosen from years 5 & 6 comprised Sarah Beaumont (singles), Kate Matthews and Chullee Trail (doubles), Dean Lavars (singles), Sean McNamara and Luke Green (doubles).

It was great to see the excellent sportsmanship displayed by all students from Romsey Primary School and the high level of ability. Each representative from our school played some very exciting games with all our students winning their sections and going on to the Regional Championships in Bendigo as our districts representatives in March.

Relay for Life

Romsey Primary School will be entering a team of 29 people in this fund-raising event for cancer research. They are: Jo, Jamie and Isabelle Emond, Ro O'Dwyer and Andrew Neideck and children, Diana, Tony, Josh and Tyson Ellis, Cath and James Calder, Jenni Clampit, Marg and Adele McLennan, Joan and Roy Gibbs, Karren, Brian, Jess and Amy Baker, Leanne Lyons, Robyn Moore, Barney Healy and Carolyn Robb, Joanne Drury, Simone Wood, Kath Jekabsons, Marg and Emma Maher and Amy Skinner.

If you would like to sponsor an individual or make a donation to the team please see Diana Ellis or leave your donation at the school office.

School Carnival

Planning for our school carnival is well underway. This function held every two years is well worth waiting for with many exciting activities and rides for everyone. Our tireless workers meet every week to check on progress on making this the biggest and best carnival ever. This fantastic night of entertainment and fun will culminate in a spectacular fireworks display.

Student Leadership

The school recently undertook the selection process for our school captains for 2004. Applicants for these positions had to write an application on a number of selection criteria and present for an interview. From a strong field with many students displaying great maturity and skill, Stephanie Barnes and Jake East were selected.

Students in years 3 to 6 have also recently selected their representatives for Junior School Council for this year. Junior School Council meets weekly, brings ideas forward from weekly class meetings, and reports directly to our full School Council meeting each month. Our Junior School Councilors for 2004 are:- Laura Redfern, Cameron Blair, Sarah Wood, Matt Lowe, Sarah Beaumont, Walter Hultgren, Kara Menzies, Luke Mitchell, Alan Dunbier, Mikala Beeche, Nicole Day, Todd Atkins, Carrin Perrins, Ben Noel, Kaitlin Wood, Stephen Tobin and Daniel Shaw.

LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

VALE

In memory of Lion Dawn Dickson
and
Lion Ron Paterson

Dawn and Ron both passed away in January 2004 as a result of illness. They are sadly missed.

We look forward to this coming year with good reports of work on toilets in Skate Park to commence shortly.

Xmas outing 2003:

30 children from local schools enjoyed a day at the Adventure Park Wellington, situated between Geelong and Queenscliff. This will be an annual event.

Membership is down as some members have left the district. We would welcome new members. Membership of Lions International is a great way to meet people have a sense of achievement of helping the community. Singles or Partners have opportunities to take part together. Meetings are twice monthly, one business and one social dinner night.

Information—Julie Starec 5429 1990

The next Sunday market is on March 21

For stalls or information ring Russell 5429 5620 or
Werner 5429 1573

Quote of month

After the clouds the sunshine.....
After the winter the spring.....
After the shower the rainbow.....
Life is a changeable thing.....

Pat Sullivan 5429 5486

Free Community Seminars



Local community groups are invited to participate in a **FREE Community Seminar Series** to be held throughout February and March 2004.

This seminar series is open to all community groups within the Macedon Ranges Shire, and is being offered by the Celebrating Lancefield Together project, a joint project of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Cobaw Community Health and St Lukes.

Workshop 1: Incorporation - What is it? Gaining income tax exemption for committees

Wed 25th Feb 6.30 - 9.30pm

Workshop 2: Achieving Greater Outcomes - Introduction to effective planning for Groups

Wed 10th March 6.30 - 9.30pm

Workshop 3: Intro to Submission Writing

Wed 24th March 6.30 - 9.00pm

Workshop 4: How to Run Effective Committee Meetings

Wed 31st March 6.30 - 9.00pm

All workshops will held at the Lancefield Neighbourhood House. *Bookings are Essential* phone 5429 1092 or 5429 1214.

Macedon Ranges Seniors Celebrate Victorian Seniors Festival

Seniors and Sporting groups in Macedon Ranges are Celebrating Seniors week with a range of activities and events across the Municipality from Monday 15th March to Friday 19st March 2003.

There will be

- Bridge to Bridge walk and Historical Tour of Kyneton
- Actor and Playwright Alan Hopwood will speak at Macedon
- Film day and a basket lunch at Woodend ,
- Card and In door bowls competition at Riddells Creek
- Lunch with entertainment in Kyneton Gisborne
- Croquet at Kyneton
- Fitness Classes in Kyneton
- The Man with the Golden Voice 'Gary J" will be performing at Malmsbury The event will include Harley Rides Horse and Cart Rides, stalls and Health Checks, Historical Tours and Botanical garden tours.

All activities will include a lucky door prize.

Programs will be available mid February at all council service centres.

To have a program sent for more information please contact Christine Randich Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5427 8256

Get well wishes are extended to Margaret Mitchell who is recovering from a hip replacement operation. We all hope that Margaret makes a speedy recovery.



Calling all Small Business Operators

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council and
Regional Development Victoria
in conjunction with the
Romsey District Business & Tourism Association



Invite you to attend

“The Romsey Business Development Forum”

To be held at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall
Commencing 6.30 for 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th March

Supper will be provided

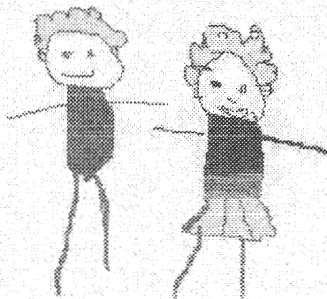
If you own or operate a business in or around the town then you can't afford to miss this meeting. It doesn't matter if you work from home, work from the back of truck or work in a shopfront or office, this meeting is for you.

Have some input into what happens in your town or area, rub shoulders with other business people. Find out what assistance is available to small business in rural areas and how you can make a difference as a group to what happens in your town.

Please RSVP by March 16th to:

David Delle-Vergin Tel:5422 1612, Fax: 5422 3613, email:david@kcp.com.au

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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner for 2004!

My name is Leanne Manton and I am the new president of the Romsey Kindergarten parents' committee of management.

Many of you will already be familiar with the kindergarten, which is located in Main Street beside the skate park and in a building which incorporates the maternal and child health centre.

The Romsey kinder is a non-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee. We keep the kinder operating and manage to pay all of our staff and running costs out of kinder fees. This year there are more than 120 students in two year levels. There are two three-year-old groups and three four-year-old groups.

The children resumed kindergarten earlier this month and all groups have now settled in well.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Monday, February 16, and more than 20 parents and many of the teachers attended, which was a wonderful effort.

The meeting was kindly chaired by Lyn Henderson, Macedon Shire's Children's Services Co-ordinator. A big thank you to Lyn for sharing her time and expertise with us.

All positions on the 2004 committee were filled. The new executive committee is comprised of Leanne Manton (president), Loretta Credland (vice-president), Tanya Higgins (treasurer) and Catherine Candzoukovski (secretary).

Several 2003 committee members will reprise their roles this year: Helen Richardson (assistant secretary), Karen Skehan (enrolment officer), Narelle Lever (staff liaison officer), Janette White (maintenance officer).

Thanks to them for their ongoing support and welcome to new members Melissa Sharp, Jenny Hall, Sam White, Jodie Brennan, Kirsten Miller, Linda Green, Kylie Pine and Faye Jeffery.

It's with sadness that we say goodbye to our committee president of two years, Amanda Burley, the secretary of the past two years, Ro O'Dwyer, and the treasurer of the past three years, Louise Conlan.

They have been tireless workers for the kinder over many years and their input will be sadly missed, along with other retiring members of the committee, Christine Brown, Belinda Williams, Donna Newell, Jenny Stillman, Tracey Newnham, Tracey Bailey, Karen Martin and Raelene Mottram, many of whom have been long time members of the committee.

Fundraising

Last year the kinder community worked hard to raise money to replace some outdated play equipment, which cost in excess of \$11,000.

It was a huge effort to raise such a lot of money in a short time, so well done to all connected to the kinder for your achievement.

This year fundraising will continue, but on a much smaller scale. It is hoped the kinder can raise enough money for new

swing sets for both playgrounds and for shade sails.

An inaugural event which is set to continue is the Trivia Night, which was not only great fun last year but a huge success.

We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in this and other events by attending and/or helping out with donations for raffles etc.

Any businesses or service groups who are able to help can contact me on 5429 6583. Any assistance would be most appreciated.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2005 are open and it's never too early to register your interest and avoid a possible waiting list. Three-year-olds undertake two sessions a week of two hours each and four-year-olds come to the kinder for four sessions a week, each of three hours' duration. Enrolments for 2005 close on September 30. If you have a question about enrolments, contact our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, 5429 6243.

Thanks!

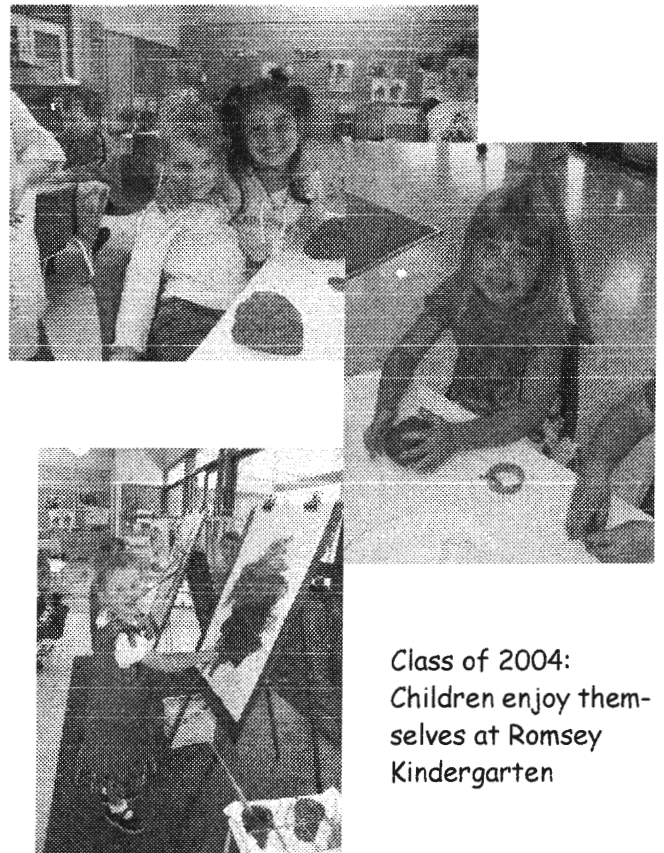
Finally, a big thanks goes to Narelle and Al Lever, who spent a very hot day over the holidays painting the back wall at the kinder. The colourful wall has really brightened up the playground so thank you Narelle and Al for giving up their time and doing such a great job.

Any questions?

Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6583.

Until next time,
LEANNE MANTON
President

Romsey Kindergarten Committee 2004.



Class of 2004:
Children enjoy themselves at Romsey Kindergarten



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Cancer Survivors To Inspire At Relay for Life

Cancer Survivors will lead the opening lap of Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life, a major fundraising event for The Cancer Council Victoria, being staged on Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st March 2004.

In keeping with the tradition of Relay for Life, Organisers of the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay overnight event have dedicated the opening lap to cancer survivors to honour their courage, strength and victory over the disease which affects one in three Australians. Their family, carers and friends are invited to walk with them during the 'Survivors Walk,' which opens the event and we encourage Survivors to register on the day or prior to the event.

Starting at 3pm on Saturday, the event will be held at the Lancefield Park, Chauncey Street, Lancefield and people of all ages and fitness levels are welcome to participate. So far more than 35 teams have registered to walk, stroll or run in Lancefield/Macedon Range's Relay for Life which celebrates life, hope and remembrance and raises money for cancer research, education and support programs.

A moving Candlelight Ceremony will be held at approximately 8.30pm on Saturday evening. Hundreds of candle tributes bearing personal messages will line the inside of the track, lit in honour and support of someone fighting cancer or in memory of loved ones lost. People can buy candles at the track during the day. Our Patron for 2004 Debra Byrne will sing at the moving Candlelight Ceremony.

We invite supporters and onlookers to attend the Relay, support walkers and be part of the Candlelight Ceremony which is a time of reflection and of Hope and is really the heart of this event.

Anyone still wanting to register as a team or an individual for Lancefield/Macedon Ranges 19 hour walk, run or stroll Relay for Life event should contact :

Karen – 5429 2060

Bronwyn – 5429 1360

Bev – 5429 1651 or The Cancer Council Victoria's Supporter's Hotline on **1300 65 65 85**.

Bronwyn Wilson
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Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life

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So grab a registration form by calling Joan Bell on 9308 8057 or Daniel on 014 123 631

Costs: \$80 for the season. This fee covers court hire, administration and umpire payment etc.



Book Reviews From Mitchell Library

Wire for Hire - Dianne Blacklock

Last year when I reviewed Dianne Blacklock's first book 'Call Waiting', I made the comment that I could hardly wait for her next one. Well it has arrived and 'Wife for Hire' is yet another great read. So good in fact that as I was voraciously devouring it at 3am in one morning, Peter reminded me that I only had 4 hours of sleeping time left... and nothing gets between me and my sleep, except perhaps a good book! Samantha Driscoll's idyllic world - mother, wife to Jeff and occupier of an oversized house in an up market suburb - is shattered when Jeff informs her that he is having an affair. As she had been accusing him of this for years it wasn't so much his infidelity that floored her as the time he chose to tell her - they had just refinanced their mortgage! She finds herself coping solo with the children, the bills and a total reassessment of her life, but with a crazy bunch of friends, a new job and the oh so elusive Hal Buchanan she has very little time to feel sorry for herself. A well-paced and compulsive little read.

Stupid White Men...and other sorry excuses for the state of the nation. - Michael Moore

Well, what can one say about this book that hasn't already been said? It was all published, ready to distribute, when September 11 happened and just missed out on being pulped, as some of the chapters in it were seen as unpatriotic in the wake of the attack on the American people. Personally I think that as Michael Moore hasn't been sued for its contents then his comments about contemporary American society, and George W in particular, must be

quite accurate and as a result make for illuminating reading. For instance did you know that, as the USA doesn't have anything like the Australian Electoral Commission - which not only supervises all voting but actually declares 'the winner', that it was the Fox News Channel that declared George W. Bush had won Florida and therefore the election - and this before votes had even finished being counted! Why? Well it just may have had something to do with the fact that the man in charge of Fox's election coverage is first cousin to George W. and brother Jeb, who was Governor of Florida at the time. Interested in finding out more...then read on, as it is a compelling and engrossing read.

The Same Stuff as Stars - Katherine Patterson

The latest book from Katherine Patterson is yet another great little read. She has always drawn her characters well and succeeds in engaging the reader's sympathy or contempt for them in just a few pages, as well as telling an excellent story, and this book is no exception. Angel and her brother Bernie have the most useless, selfish mother who decides that she has had enough of the responsibility for them and dumps them at their great-grandmother's house. With their father in jail the children just have to make the best of it. 11 year old Angel finds herself being both mother to Bernie and carer to her grandma and wonders what she has done wrong. If it wasn't for the mysterious 'Starman' to show her all the wonders of the starry sky then life would be abysmal. But when her brother Bernie disappears she has to confront the fact that the only person she can really rely on is herself.

-: Heskett Primary School Presents :-

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27 & 28 March (Saturday & Sunday)

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5427 0330

This is a fundraising event and your support would be greatly appreciated.



Hi everyone

The Leukaemia Foundation Victoria has asked us to pass this on to community-based publications for local promotion - if your deadlines permit.

"This year on 12 and 13 March 2004, the Leukaemia Foundation Victoria is hoping that 60,000 Australians will put their heads together and raise more than \$10 million for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Each year more than 6,400 Australians are diagnosed with leukaemia or a related blood disorder. Treatments for these diseases have improved dramatically over the past 20 years however, the cure still eludes us, and therefore the demand for the services the Leukaemia Foundation provides continues to grow.

Funds raised from the **World's Greatest Shave for a Cure** will assist the Leukaemia Foundation to support patients and families through the provision of cost-free accommodation, transport, counselling and support, as well as funding research into better treatments and cures for this devastating group of diseases.

To become part of this year's event or find out more, telephone Megan Johnson at Leukaemia Foundation Victoria on (03) 9949 5884 or 0408 177 088 or log-on to www.worldsgreatestshave.com to register."

Have a great day

- Ros

Ros Handley
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1. What is the capital of France?

2. Who is the current Australian Prime Minister?

3. How is 7pm shown on a 24 hour clock?

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This month's jokes were sent in
by Ashley, 11

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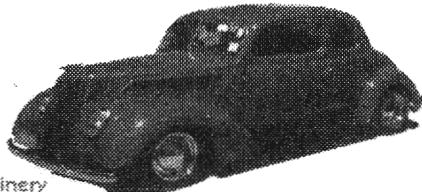


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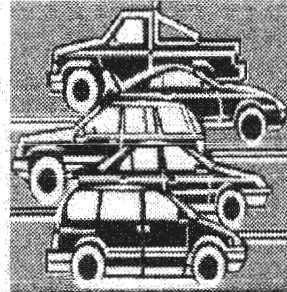
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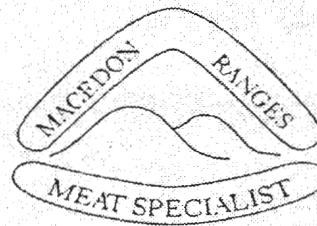
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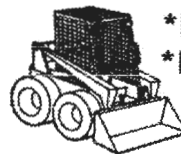
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Lancefield Golf Club Inc

34 Heddle Road, Lancefield Vic 3435

Correspondence to PO Box 89 Lancefield Vic 3435

Clubhouse Phone: 5429 1922

Secretary Phone: 5429 2079

Email: info@lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Website: www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

24 January K. Lambert /A. Renfree ; G. McDorman/ R. McHenry

25 January H. Dennett (24) 65; B. Lockens (7) 66

31 January T. Potts (12) 67; D. Dennett (20) 67

1 February P. Reid (32) 39; B. Lockens (6) 39

7 February, **Monthly Medal:** G. Haynes (12) 69; R. Mau (8)

8 February P. Reid (32) 38; K. Fagan (14) 35

14 February G. McDorman/ R. McHenry; G. Hecker/P. Howden

15 February C. Buttler (14) 36; P. Reid (31) 34

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

20 January W. Morgan (25) 42; A. Maloney (19) 34

27 January G. Dudderidge (7) 67; R. Woods (22) 71

February C. Daniel (14) 37; S. Hyndes (13) 36

10 February B. Salathiel (27) 41; P. Brackley (23) 40

17 February R. Mau (8) 40; R. Woods (22) 40

Thursday Twilight golf (mixed) – 10 holes

22 January B. Lockens (3.5) 34.5

29 January K. Ryan (5.5) 40.5

5 February D. Pante (7) 36

12 February D. Ryan (3) 38

19 February B. Lockens (2.5) 36.5

Twilight Golf continues to attract new players. Fields of 12 or more frequently turn up for an enjoyable 10 holes of golf. So far 34 players have played one or more rounds. At present Charlie Buttler is well in front on progressive points, 12 points ahead of his nearest rival Ken Ryan. Play will continue until the end of daylight saving. Visitors are very welcome. Hit-off time is 5.30 pm every Thursday evening.

Our lack of women members wishing to play in competitions remains a problem. We would be one of only a small number of clubs which encourage women to play competition on Saturdays, Sunday, Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. A group of women currently play on Wednesday mornings. Any woman interested in joining this group should contact Di Brennan (54292254). Other enquires to our Secretary Steve Draper (54292079) or women wishing to play competition, should contact Helen Dennett (54291849). Visitors are welcome to play in any of our competitions.

The club has an enthusiastic hard-working committee who are putting a great deal of effort into promoting our club. The **Lancefield Open** will take place on 20, 21 March. The mixed and men's 4BBB Stableford on Saturday and the men's 27 hole stroke event on Sunday. With approximately \$2,000 of prizes to be won this tournament should not be missed.

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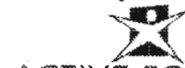
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The jumping castle was a favourite with the kids, as was the fabulous face painting. We had lots of "Butterfly" faces and "Nemo" faces. I think there was also a "Pirate" amongst us. The girls on the face painting stall did a fabulous job. The sausages and onions made everyone hungry, thanks to our wonderful cook. They were cooked to perfection. We sold every last one of them, which was great, and the drinks helped to wash everything down.

The Romsey Toy Library display attracted a lot of children and we were lucky enough to have another member sign up to join. We hope that your children get a lot of enjoyment out of the large variety of toys that we have to offer.

The winners of the "Guess How Many Lollies In the Jar" competition were:

Large jar of jelly beans— Leanne Menzies (1335)

Jar of snakes—Fiona Redmond (88)

Jar of mini lollies—Angela John (2190)

Congratulations to these winners. We hope that you enjoy your sweets. (Don't forget to brush your teeth afterwards!)

We would like to thank whoever controls the weather for holding off the rain until we had finished our project. It started to rain not long after we had finished packing up. I think a few of us were stressing over night for nothing.

Thank you to all the stall holders for providing their goods and wares to attract people to our event.

Thank you to St Mary's Church for the use of their grounds.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who were able to help out on the day. Without you, we wouldn't have a toy library for our children to use.

We would especially like to thank:

Macedon Ranges Meat Specialists, Romsey, for their donation of sausages.

Lions Club for the use of their BBQ

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The Anglican Church for sheets.

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At the end of the day we raised \$417.50. The proceeds will go towards the Romsey Toy Library's Public Liability Insurance. Next we can focus on buying more toys to extend our range of items to borrow.

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If you have moved into Romsey in the last year ...

You are welcome to come and wander along the creek. This group began from local people wanting to see Council mow the creek, and we'd do something to clear the waterway. (It was *so* overgrown just two years ago!).

It's not a big commitment, just an hour or so, and doesn't have to be hard work. You get to meet some of the people you see walking along the track, and hear about where things are etc.

The Walking Bridge at Pohlman Street

Watch for the construction crew in early March and for news of an official opening of the new bridge. Thankyou to everyone who has helped to bring this about.

Carol Frank-Mas, Landscape Designer

Walk along the creek with Carol on Saturday March 27th at 3pm. Meet outside 1 Robb Drive. We'll have a cuppa afterward, so please come to that if you are not mobile enough to walk the creek, but would like to meet Carol, who designed the creek park over ten years ago.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED...

Thankyou ..

To Council mowing crew who have begun to mow the grass much closer to the edge of the creek, so you will be able to see the water (when the rain comes again!).

To Jess Holgate for all her work as Treasurer. Jess has moved to Sunbury, so her work is being taken over by Lisa Weston, who has been here for about three years.

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The 2004 world day of prayer service will be hosted by Romsey Uniting Church on Friday 5th march

---with the theme of---

"In faith - women shape the future"

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Mrs Janet Wood from Gisborne will be guest speaker

The service at 1.30pm will be preceded by Bible study on the theme of the service from 11.30am-12.30pm and a shared lunch from 12.30pm-1.30pm

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Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

PO Box 288 Romsey Vic 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189 Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871

Play Tennis Day

On Sunday 15th of February, a very hot day indeed, we conducted a very successful "Play Tennis Day" with co-operation and assistance from Tennis Victoria.

Our coach, Brett Rees, ran training sessions with several juniors who do not currently play tennis, as well as running sessions for our regular players, whilst Darlene skilfully ran some fun drills and games for our juniors.

Thanks Darlene and Brett, the kids all really had a ball!

Sgt John East, our local police officer-in-charge came down and graciously used his radar speed gun to let the kids and some adults find out how fast they can serve. The fastest boy on the day was Brendan Fewster who hit a ball at 149 kmh. The fastest girl was Sarah Beaumont recording 109 kmh. Thank you John, the kids loved the chance to see just how they rate.

An informal round-robin tournament of both adults and juniors was also great fun, with around 10 pairs participating.

Thanks to Ross for slaving away on the BBQ, and providing everyone with a good feed. Despite the heat, the BBQ tucker was eagerly consumed. Special thanks to Mac-edon Ranges Meats for their very generous donation, enabling us to feed everyone during this great community day.

Another big thank-you to the Romsey Hotel for their generous donation of the raffle prize of a dinner for two people, drawn on the day.

Update on our Courts

We have had professional advice from Tennis Victoria and have begun the process of applying for grants to replace the unusable, drought ravaged surface with a low maintenance, no water required artificial grass surface. This takes time and effort, and requires supplementation with local fundraising. At this stage, the estimated cost of total resurfacing is \$75,000.

Mid-week Ladies Competition

The summer competition continues, with three teams enjoying Tuesday morning tennis and a chat over lunch afterwards. We are always in need of extra players so if you would like to know more, please call Bev Davis on 5429 5954 or Elaine on 5429 5636.

Saturday Morning Juniors

We have fielded five teams over summer, and it is truly wonderful to see so many local children enjoying the sport and social activity that is the great game of tennis. Our coach, Brett Rees, continues to provide lessons to help newcomers to the sport, and to further develop all our players. He can be contacted on 5429 6716. We are now putting teams together for the upcoming winter competition. Contact our Junior Coordinator, Bev Davis on 5429 5954 if you are interested in joining a junior team for the winter season in second and third terms – all levels of ability can be catered for.

Saturday Afternoon Seniors

Our one and only team has played well in section 4 over summer. Interest is on the rise, and we may see a second team emerge to play the winter competition. Melissa and Bev Davis -5429 5954 or Elaine on 5429 5636-are the team contacts if you want to get involved.

Thursday Morning Social Tennis

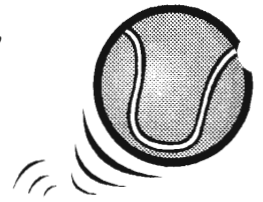
Starting time is 10:30 am, and anyone is most welcome to join in for an enjoyable social hit. Bring along a friend too if you wish. Please phone 5429 5525 for more information.

Friday Night Social Tennis

We are gathering at the courts from about 4.45pm (weather permitting) for a hit, a yak and a sausage, so come along too.

Winter Registrations

If you are intending to play in juniors or seniors this winter, we need your registration information returned by Tuesday 2nd March. Please contact Bev Davis on 5429 5954, or any of the above contacts.



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* * * a Fairy Party * * *

* * * on Sunday March 21st 2004 * * *

* * * 1.30—4.30 pm * * *

* * * At Kyneton Botanic Gardens * * *

* * * Admission \$1 per person * * *

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* * * and story telling * * *

* * * * Contact Pat 5422 2558 or Betty 5422 1183 * * *

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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to another year of information and happenings around Bolinda Primary School. For those readers that don't know us, let me briefly introduce Bolinda to you. We are situated on the Romsey-Lancefield Road just south of the Monegetta store on the corner of Mulla-llys Road. We are a small school of 58 children with a total of 10 staff who work varying times during the course of the week and in various subject areas. This year we welcome Mrs. Sandra Stewart to our school as the new and very experienced teacher for our class of 10 little Prep children.

We run 4 classes, Preps, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6, and of course teach the 8 Key Learning Areas that all Government Schools are required to provide. We are also able to help those children who may require additional assistance, especially as all of our classes have less than 18 children.

It is lovely to see the enthusiasm of our 10 new Preps who have started their school life, how happy they are to join in the activities of their new school and to combine with all the children in the different playground activities. There has not even been one shed tear, although several mums have been seen to be wiping their eyes!! One of the magical things about a rural school is seeing children of all ages mixing in together and learning to get along with each other. The new Preps particularly love collecting the eggs from the school chooks every day along with their new teacher Mrs. Stewart

We have already done forward planning with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim schools, where we come together for sports days, an Olympic Day, visiting performers, cultural activities and joint school days. This gives our children the opportunity to mix in with others as part of the process of learning to participate and enjoy activities in a happy environment.

We have commenced an Activities Program with the aid of 9 parents who are giving their time to help the small groups of children keen to improve their skills in activities

such as gardening, cooking, sewing, bike riding, chess and computing.

The new Children's Fundraising Committee which comprises four Grade 6 students, have decided to have their first activity in support of the "National Sunnies for Sight Day" which we also participated in last year. For every \$5 raised, an underprivileged child can have an eye examination, get a pair of suitable glasses and gain the enjoyment of learning to read and have a successful education. The Committee have decided to expand this day to beach shirts and board shorts as well as wearing their extra special decorative sunnies.

All schools have many hard workers behind the scenes that help the school in ways that everyone does not often see and don't necessarily know about. This is often the case during school holidays. People who water gardens, clean out chook pens, sweep pathways, check out water pumps, cut grass, check spouting, mend desks, wash tables and a lot of other little jobs that just have to be done. In a small school like ours, people just tend to jump in and help where and when they can. We have also had our major "Back to School" working bee and family sausage sizzle where a lot of work was done around the school. This all helps to make the school environment a little more pleasant and enjoyable for children to come along to each day. A very big 'Thank You' to all the helpers.

For those people who are regular readers of our news, the chooks and cats are all well, having survived the holidays where again we had willing volunteers each day to come to school and feed the "stock"!! Special thanks to all concerned.

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

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

Romsey Ladies Golf Report

February has been a relatively quiet month except for our hit and giggle day. We had six new faces who enjoyed themselves and the lunch we provided. We are hopeful of gaining a few new members. Much laughter was heard at lunch and also on course. Winners on the day were Leila and her friends Cheryl and Donna.

Thankyou to the Bowls club for their invitation to join them for a social night of bowls. We had a very enjoyable night and learnt about taking more grass (on a synthetic green) and adjusting our pace. The BBQ after was appreciated thanks Doss for cooking while we were playing.

Birthday's. Apologies to Darrelle and Elaine for missing them last month hope you both enjoyed your day. This month Birthday wishes go to Shirley and Mary.

The Romsey Birdies are again supporting the Relay for Life. This year we have a few changes to our original line up and are looking forward to another fun filled weekend of walking for the Cancer Council of Victoria. If anyone wishes to sponsor us we would appreciate your donations. We are trying to raise some money for our team by running Trots night to Moonee Valley on Friday March 12th. More information in the Rag.

Beryl Cole.
5429541

Trots Night Moonee Valley Friday 12th March

Cost \$20
Includes bus to the
Valley and entry

Bistro meals maybe purchased.

*Money raised goes towards
the Relay for Life.
Cancer Council of Victoria.*

Bookings

Beryl Cole 5429411
Shirley Shelton 54295271

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TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSAR ,
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Save Our Farmland

A group of local residents are concerned that land close to Romsey which is prime farmland is at risk from a push toward subdivision development.

There is an area surrounding the north of Romsey - only a few square miles - which is "the best farmland in central Victoria" (words of a farmer who has farmed nearer Melbourne for 40 years). That's a sobering statement.

Part of this land the Macedon Ranges Council set aside recently for rural living subdivision, and there is already an application to subdivide this rich soil to blocks less than 5 acres without sewerage. This land drains into Five Mile Creek.

What will be next?

This farmland turns off the best fattened beef, the best quality products, and is priceless for the future of our children as farmland for growing quality food.

We wish to hear from anyone who has views or ideas or wants to talk about what could be done, or who would be prepared to sign a petition to Council to save this farmland for farming in the future ... whatever shape that farming will take. We want to put our case to Councilors, to political parties, and to government tribunals ... and to the people of Romsey and Lancefield.

Let us know how YOU feel.

Please get in touch.

Mark 0412 016 713,

Laurel 0425 707 239

or write to 139 Main St Romsey 3434

Romsey Lancefield Guides

Wombat and Platypus Guides have started with new activities planned for the term and new members ready coming along to see what fun we have. We are meeting in the new venue, the cricket club rooms at Lancefield Park, where we have lots of space for outdoor activities.

The activities we carry out each week are modeled by the Australian Guide Program. This program was introduced in 1995 and is exciting and designed for today's girls!

The Australian Guide Program is a unique way to make available opportunities for girls and young women aged 5 to 18 years. It is based on the recognition that all girls are capable of planning and implementing their own program. By encouraging the girls to be fully involved in the decision making, planning, implementation and evaluation of their activities, it helps them to grow into confident, self-respecting and responsible community members.

All activities the girls do, from weekly meetings, camps, expeditions and hikes, are driven by the girls themselves, with input and assistance from the leaders, and planned to match the girls' abilities.

Through shared traditions, opportunities for service, exploration of the outdoors and understanding of the Promise and Law, the girls build a sense of belonging and identity.

The Australian Guide Program incorporates seven fundamentals of which Service is one. And this month the Guides of not just Romsey Lancefield District, but also the Black Forest Region will be involved in the Relay For Life as a major service project. Many girls and Guide leaders will be at the Park Saturday and Sunday, walking with many hundreds of others, and some will be camping overnight in Guide tents. This is a wonderful opportunity for Guides to give their own time and energy to a cause that they believe is very important to the community.

Are you interested in coming to Guides?

Are you interested in becoming a Leader?

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

The Platypus Guides (7—11 years) meet at 5.00—6.30 pm.

The Wombat Guides (10—16 years) meet at 6.45—8.45 pm.

For any information regarding Guiding please contact: Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996 or Carolyn Atkinson 5781 0728



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Romsey Golf Club

Results 31/1/04 Stroke/putting Monthly Medal CCR 67
 Winner G. Watts(18) net 61
 Runner up R. Rea (18) net 63
 Balls. S. Norton (15) Net 63, T. Freeman (19) net 65, M. Thornton (10) net 66 & P. Scanlon (17) net67
 NTP 1st/13th J. Gradie
 8th S. Wilkins
 9th N. Jarman
 10th A. Laing

Saturday 7/2/04 1st round Singles Knockout Par CCR66
 Winner J. Molloy (28) +3
 Runner up S. Wilkins(17) +2
 Balls A. Williams (32) +2, S. Williams (24) +2, B. Salathiel (27) +1,&P.Scanlon (17) +1
 NTP 10th A. Laing
 15 P. Scanlon

Saturday 14/2/04 2nd round Singles Knockout Par CCR67
 Winner B.Sathiel (27)+6
 Runner up M. Thornton (10) +4
 Balls G. Clement (8) +4, C. Vanderveilt () +3, J. Molloy (27)+1 & A. Williams (31) +1
 Qualifiers for Singles Knockout-- B. Salathiel, J. Molloy, A. Williams, S. Wilkins, M. Thornton, G. Clement, C. Vanderveilt & N. Rowley.

Saturday 21/2/04 Handicap Matchplay CCR 67
 Winner A. Williams 6/5
 Runner up R. Cole 5/4
 Balls G. Watts 5/4 & N. Rowley 5/4
 NTP 9th M. Thornton
 15th C. Vanderveilt

On 15/2/04 S. Norton & P. Norton played in the Mazada 4BBB at Bendigo and had 46pts. This qualifies them to go on and play at Long Island and National Golf courses in March. The club wishes you good hitting for these days.

22/2/04 J. Freestone & A. Laing along with S. Wilkins & M. Thornton played in the Goonawarra 4BBB but no results were to hand.

The course remains dry and all gardeners know there is nothing as good as rain to get things growing, so while we continue to water the greens we still would love some rain.

Until next month
 Beryl Cole

It's the reel thing!



What do Montgomery's Rant, Johnnie Walker and Ladies' Fancy have in common?

They are all Scottish Country Dances, and provide good fun for a group of people at Buffalo Stadium at Woodend on Thursday evenings. The dancers reel and jig, strathspey and laugh a lot. And get a bit of exercise as well.

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Update Newsletter

Council's Update newsletter (February 2004 issue) was distributed throughout the Shire during the week of 16-20 February. If you haven't receive a copy of the newsletter with your mail, please contact any of Council's Service Centres or telephone 5422 0310.

"ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS"

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For more details ring Muir on 0354 255505



ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES

Our season is drawing to a close, with very few pennant matches left for the men, and the women finishing second on the ladder.

On Tuesday 17th February, the women played in the first semi-final against Whittlesea blue, winning by 3 shots. This gives us a rest for a week, before playing off in the grand final.

Club events are well under way, with some new names turning up amongst the winners.

Early February, the golfers joined us for a social game & meal, which proved very successful both socially and financially.

Also this month, several members are travelling to Ballarat to a 2 day tournament. Another well patronised event, is the country week carnival in Bendigo next month, with the men bowling and wives having a social get together.

On Sunday 28th March, we are organising a casino trip. Cost is \$15.00 and the bus carries 57. Bowlers are a priority, but outsiders are welcome to make the numbers.

The Chris Johnston tournament is being held on Monday March 8th, Entries are coming in early, which ensures us of a full green and a successful day.

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News Announcement

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering a complete Dog Clipping and Grooming Service.

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th March 1.30-4.30pm
Local History Museum & Archives open at Lancefield Court House,
Main Rd., Lancefield
(And 1st Sunday each month)

Sunday 21st March 1.30-4.30pm
Historic Seymore cottage open to the public (and 3rd Sunday
Each month except in winter) This cottage, c 1855, of unique construction, is in Palmer Street.

Tuesday 23rd March 7.30pm
Historic Society meeting with guest speaker, Mr Neville Barwick, talking about Lancefield (after brief General Business Meeting) followed by supper.

New members most welcome. Enquiries to secretary Jean Clement, Tel: 5429 6522

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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What's News

In polite company, it's considered good etiquette not to discuss religion or politics, but to focus instead on things like the weather. Since I consider religion to be political pretty much by definition, and I won't be doing my job if I don't talk about religion, it might be best if I avoid polite company. This is, of course, no reflection on whomever I happen to talk to when down the street!

But even discussing the weather can turn religious or political. As I write this, we are recovering after a couple of sweltering days. Fortunately, there were no serious bush-fire outbreaks during this time, and I hope and pray that nothing has changed by the time you read this.

Extreme heat brings to my mind drought, and for us, that also means water restrictions. Whilst these circumstances make it difficult for us and our gardens, it is even more difficult and frustrating for farmers, even (or perhaps especially) irrigation farmers.

Over the past decade or so, there has been much discussion about changing weather patterns. Some of this discussion has centred on the Spanish brat 'El Nino', and his little sister, 'La Nina'. Others have focussed on 'global warming' and the 'greenhouse effect.' However, since El Nino and La Nina are determined by the Southern Oscillation Index (temperature variations in the Southern Pacific Ocean), and it is the ocean temperatures that 'prove' global warming, then everyone is really talking about different aspects of the same thing. And what that boils down to is the impact human beings are having on the earth and weather patterns. (See, I told you it would become religious and political).

One of the problems with discussing the 'greenhouse effect' (and several other issues) is that science is not usually as definitive as some would lead us to believe. What is clear is that humans make a difference to the world. Fossil fuels, waste disposal, water management, farming practices, etc. all impact on the environment in which we live. And part of our problem is that we don't fully under-

stand the impact we are having because we don't fully understand the world.

It might be naïve and easy to say that God made the world, so God alone knows how all the elements work together, and God alone can fix any problems that we, as part of God's creation, cause. But there is a sense in which this is right. If we don't understand the world, then how can we 'do the right thing', whatever that may be?

In one sense, it comes down to self-preservation and self-interest. There's not much point in ravaging the world if we want to continue to live here. Planning, care and concern for the world, care and concern for future generations, these are the starting points for making a difference.

And at the heart is thinking beyond me, here and now. I believe that from that starting point, we can do much more than just ensure the survival of the species. We can thrive as human beings.

Rev Alan Williams

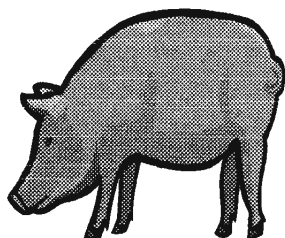
What's On

- 7 Mar 8:15am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. This will begin with breakfast as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations. Donations of non-perishable food items for Broadmeadows Uniting Care will be gratefully received.
2:00pm-4:00pm Family Trivia afternoon for 'Relay for Life' in the church hall. Adults \$5, children \$2, family \$12. BYO afternoon tea nibbles and refreshments.
- 10 Mar 12:30pm UCAF meets at the church before travelling to Kyneton for a 'hit and giggle' croquet afternoon at 1pm, before sharing afternoon tea with the Kyneton Croquet Club
- 14 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This will be followed by the Sunday School picnic for lunch.
- 21 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
28 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
4 Apr 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. This will also include the celebration of Pentecost Sunday.

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.

LANCEFIELD FARMERS MARKET



Don't forget the Lancefield Farmer's Market is on the fourth Saturday morning of each month. There is a huge range of fresh local produce and lots more available!



FREE
he Who, What, Where, and How, of
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Ever joined a Committee and wondered what is going on? Ever wanted to join a Committee but not sure what will be expected of you? Ever just wondered about Committees? Are you on a Committee and would like some much needed help and support? These workshops are for you !

Celebrating Lancefield Together Project Presents an exciting series of fun and informative workshops facilitated by those with years of experience. The issues addressed in these workshops have been identified as common problems for all Committees through our community survey.

Workshop 1

Wednesday 25th February 2004 6.30-9.00pm
Lancefield Neighbourhood house

Incorporation what is it and how do we maintain it?
Merial Clark CEO ANHLC
(Association of Neighbourhood houses and learning Centres)

Gaining Income Tax Exemption for your Committee .
 Why would we want it and how do we get it? *George Malizia Australian Taxation Department*

Workshop 2

Wednesday the 10 of March 2004 6.30-9.30pm
Lancefield Neighbourhood house

Introduction to understanding a shared purpose of your group, goal setting, and planning. The where are we going, what are we doing, and why? (This is an introduction with the opportunity for further sessions around strategic planning for those interested)
Neville Barwick. Architect& Management Consultant

Workshop 3

Wednesday the 24th of March 2004 6.30-9.00pm
Lancefield Neighbourhood house

Introduction to Submission writing, where are the funds and how can we get them
Therese Bourke Manager of Youth services Southern Family Life

Workshop 4

Wednesday the 31st of March 2004 6.30-9.00pm.
Lancefield Neighbourhood house

The who does what on Committees and how to run effective Committee meetings?
 Roles and responsibilities of committee members
 &Conflict Resolution
Ann Louise Lindner Community Development Officer
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Bookings essential for these workshops please ring.
Lancefield Neighbourhood house on 54 291 214

Family Trivia afternoon
(All proceeds to 'Relay for Life')

Sunday, 7 March

2:00pm-4:00pm

Romsey UC Hall

Adults \$5, Children \$2, Family \$12
(That's cheaper than the movies!)

BYO afternoon tea nibbles and refreshments

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Northern Country Region Track & Field Championships

Congratulations to all our athletes for a fantastic effort in 43 degree heat. 38 athletes traveled with their families to Albury to compete in 136 events. 78 Pbs were broken out of the 136 events contested.

Well done to all the athletes who competed at Albury and they are:

U8 boy Brent Rainback
U8 girl Rosie Pyke
U8 girl Brae Singles
U8 girl Jazmine Townsing
U9 boy Nathan Blair
U9 boy Neil Johnson
U9 girl Gabrielle Derrick
U9 girl Cortni O'Donnell
U10 boy Patrick Pyke
U10 boy Sean Pyke
U10 boy Luke Rebbechi
U10 boy Cameron Romeril

U10 boy Phillip Shaw
U10 girl Debbie Ashley
U10 girl Sarah Connell
U10 girl Jesyca O'Donnell
U11 boy Cameron Blair
U11 boy Andrew Cullinger
U11 boy Jack Townsing
U11 girl Jacqui Ashley
U12 boy Patrick Derrick
U12 boy Callan O'Donnell
U12 boy Daniel Rebbechi
U12 boy Daniel Romeril
U12 boy Bill Rowlands
U12 boy Ashley Scarlett

U13 boy Jamie Battye
U13 boy Luke Battye
U13 boy Tim Francis
U13 girl Bronwyn Blair
U13 girl Melissa Derrick
U14 boy Glenn Maple
U14 boy Daniel Martin
U14 girl Molly Johnson
U14 girl Bronwyn Rowlands
U15 boy Mick Derrick
U15 boy Michael Graham
U15 boy Scott Martin

19 of the 38 athletes who competed won 2 ribbons and 34 medals. *10 of these athletes have qualified to compete at State Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park on 13th & 14th March. We expect more athletes to be progressed through on performance by next week and will notify all athletes accordingly.

U8 Brent Rainback – 2nd in 100m, 3rd in Discus

*U9 Nathan Blair – 2nd in 80mH, 1st in 60mH, 3rd in Triple Jump

*U9 Cortni O'Donnell – 1st in Shotput

*U10 Cameron Romeril – 2nd in Discus

U10 Patrick Pyke – 3rd in Shotput

U10 Debbie Ashley – 3rd in Shotput

*U10 Sarah Connell – 3rd in 800m, 2nd in High Jump

U11 Andrew Cullinger – 3rd in 400m

U11 Jacqui Ashley – 3rd in Discus

*U12 Bill Rowlands – 1st in Triple Jump, 1st in High Jump, 3rd in Long Jump

U12 Ashley Scarlett – 3rd in 80mH, 3rd in 60mH

U13 Jamie Battye – 3rd in 300mH

*U13 Melissa Derrick – 2nd in 800m, 3rd in 1500m, 2nd in 400m

U14 Glenn Maple – 3rd in Javelin

*U14 Daniel Martin – 1st in 90mH, 2nd in 300mH, 2nd in Long Jump, 3rd in 100m

U14 Molly Johnson – 3rd in 1500m

*U14 Bronwyn Rowlands – 2nd in 800m, 1st in 1500m

*U15 Michael Graham – 2nd in Javelin, 2nd in Shotput, 3rd in Discus

*U15 Scott Martin – 1st in 200m, 1st in 100m, 1st in Long Jump

Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield

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



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