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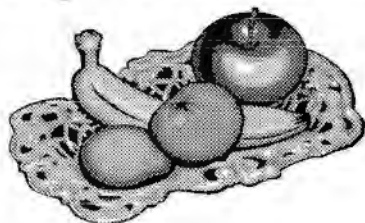
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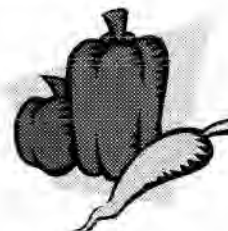


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Official opening

The Romsey Police and Ambulance stations were officially opened on April 28th, at an official ceremony attended by many dignitaries and local identities.

This marked the culmination, for the Ambulance service at least, of the hard work of our local Ambulance Auxiliary. The Romsey and Lancefield communities thank this committee for its dedication in securing this vital service for our district.

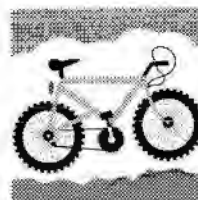
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CALLING ALL CURRENT AND EX-RAG VOLUNTEERS!

In August the Romsey Rag will mark its 20th anniversary. To mark this occasion we are planning a celebration for all current and ex-Rag volunteers. See page 3 for details!

ATTENTION ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN!

For a chance to win a fabulous bike kindly donated by Romsey Supa IGA, see our "Ragamuffins" page on page 12 for details of our short story competition.



Entries close on July 11th 2004.

See page 9 for full conditions of entry

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Just a Note From Romsey Ambulance Station

You may have noticed, a while ago, Wednesday April 28th to be exact, a ~~new~~ ex-
tra ambulance and police vehicles parked outside the police/ambulance com-
plex. Well, we finally had our official "opening".

My name is Olga Bartasek, I am the Station Officer at Romsey ambulance sta-
tion. My colleagues are: Mark Phillips, Natasha Hollis, Dave Newman and Mar-
tin Bartasek. We operate a 24 hour service, consisting of 10 hour day shifts and
"on call" 14 hours overnight, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We are all highly
skilled in pre-hospital emergency medical care and we have Dave and Martin
who are intensive care paramedics. Between us, we have more than 40 years
ambulance experience.

So please, if you do need us, don't hesitate to call day or night. Do not attempt
to drive yourself or a sick person to hospital - it can be dangerous for you and
the patient. We are contactable only via "000", DO NOT attempt to call the am-
bulance station because we may not be there. Call "000" and if we are on an-
other case our Operations Centre will send the next closest ambulance.

We look forward to providing the Romsey Lancefield and Macedon Ranges area
with the best pre-hospital emergency medical care, with our colleagues from
Gisborne, Woodend and Kyneton.

Regards,
Olga Bartasek.
S.O. Romsey Ambulance.

R.S.L. - ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SUB BRANCH

Our Sub Branch has a current membership of 19 and we meet on the last Mon-
day of each month at 2 pm at Romsey Mechanics Hall followed by tea, coffee
and biscuits.

Anyone interested in joining our sub branch is invited to contact the President or
Secretary as below.

Our activities include the ANZAC, LEGACY and POPPY Appeals and we sup-
port several local charities where possible.

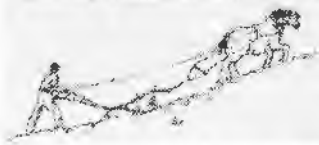
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EDITION	CLOSING DATE FOR COPY	COLLATING DATE
July	Monday June 21st	Thursday June 24th
August	Wednesday July 21st	Thursday July 29th
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November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society.

The Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society celebrated our 25th Birthday in April. A very enjoyable evening was held at Seymour Cottage to celebrate this milestone.

Our next general meeting will be held on 22nd June at 7.30pm at Seymour Cottage, Romsey.

The Court House will be open on 6th June 1.30 – 4.30pm. Should anyone require access to the Museum at other times apart from the first Sunday in the month, please contact Robyn on 5429 5652 and we can arrange a suitable time.

Seymour Cottage is closed for the winter, and will reopen on 19th September.

On 27th July there will be a casserole lunch in Lancefield, more information in the next Romsey Rag.

Robyn Miller.

Romsey Rag Celebrates 20th Anniversary

August the 18th this year is the 20th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of the Romsey Rag.

To celebrate this remarkable occasion the Romsey Rag committee would love to hear from anyone in the community who has a past or existing connection with the Rag—you may have been / still be a volunteer who has typed articles, printed, done layout work, delivered, collected, provided copy or a myriad of other tasks associated with the production of this community paper. We would also love to hear from you if you know where we might contact any former Rag volunteers who have since left the area.

We are planning a 20th Anniversary celebration in August, so it would be wonderful to have as many people as possible who have an association with the Romsey Rag on our guest list.

For further information, or if you can help us with our guest list, please call Robyn Moore or Barney Healy at Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099.



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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Romsey-Lancefield & District to be held at the Romsey Ambulance Station on Tuesday, July 15th, 2004, at 7.30 pm.

Order of Business:

1. Confirm minutes of 2003 AGM
2. Receive report of the President
3. Receive statement of accounts
4. Election of auditor
5. Election of secretary
6. Transaction of business notified to the secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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Romsey Primary School is very fortunate to have many outstanding volunteers who work tirelessly for our school and students. Our volunteers through parent club, the uniform shop, student banking, canteen, school council, sport and classroom helpers programs all contribute enormously to the smooth running and success of our school.



Above: Kerri Mewett is a familiar figure in the gardens at Romsey Primary School

For Education Week, schools were invited to submit names of outstanding volunteer parents who have made a special contribution to the school.

The criteria for submitting a particular parent included:

- Achievement and contribution to the school community and improving outcomes for students
- Experience and value to other parents and schools
- Support for other parents in our school setting

It was announced this week that our nomination of Kerri Mewett for 2004 was successful from schools in the Loddon Campaspe Mallee Region.

Kerri has been the driving force behind the development of many of our garden areas. She has worked to include students in planting and caring for our school environment, has worked with teachers in developing interpretative materials to enhance our environmental projects as an educational resource and has met with representatives from other schools who needed information and advice on instigating similar environmental projects at their schools. Kerri also organises our parent gardening group. Congratulations Kerri on this wonderful recognition. We also thank all our parent volunteers who contribute so much to our school.



Service Award

Recently Kath Jekabsons was recognised for her outstanding service to education in Victoria. A special presentation was also made to Kath at our school assembly.

Kath undertook her initial training at Geelong Teachers College in 1963 with her first teaching appointment at Elliminyt Primary School in 1966. After a short time she took up a position at Lavers Hill Primary School, then taught at Mount Beauty from 1969 to 1971, and Strathmore North 1972 to 1978. Kath joined the staff of Romsey Primary School in 1979, and so has been with us for twenty-five years. Kath is in the unique position of having taught generations of students at Romsey, and over this time she has had a number of quite distinct roles. She was in the school library for many years, but has also been our reading recovery teacher, physical education specialist as well as a classroom teacher. During all this time Kath has continually worked to maintain her teaching skills gaining extra qualifications along the way. She lives the ideal of being a life long learner. Kath's commitment and dedication to our school and students has been outstanding. Congratulations Kath on this significant achievement. Well done.



Above: Kath Jekabsons is recognised for 40 years service to the Education Department.

Arbor Week

Our students are working with their cross-age buddies and the parent gardening group planting trees and shrubs in the school grounds. So far we have been concentrating on adding to existing native plantations and corridors. Plant selection is drawn from species naturally found in our area. This gives us the best chance of success, as these plants are suited to local conditions.

The aim of our planting programs include:

- Giving the students the experience of planting and watching growth
- Encouraging students to have an awareness of their environment
- Develop a sense of ownership for students and to be proud of their efforts
- Work together to develop a sense of teamwork.

We have planted gum trees, silver wattle, gold dust wattle, golden wattle, banksia, she-oak, hop bush, olearia, and poa grass. Our students are very proud of their efforts, they certainly like to check on the progress of "their" tree come marvel at how little time many of these plants take to become established.

Education Week

During Education Week we take the chance to celebrate the strength of our public education system. During this week we held a number of special events that showcase many of our school programs and student achievements.



Highlights of the week included:

Junior School Concerts: All students in the junior unit have been working on traditional stories and rhymes. Parents were treated to a number of well-dramatised stories, as well as songs and dances.

3/4 Assembly Performances: Students in the middle unit put together some very entertaining performances for their peers and parents. The children largely prepared the item themselves and showed great ingenuity and flair.

Tournament of the Minds: Again this year we had all students in the senior unit take part in an "in-

house" Tournament of the Minds Competition. Students were placed in groups where they had to display creativity and cooperation as they worked to find solutions to the challenges. The Language Literature teams' problem was "An All-Star Variety Show" set in heaven with Queen Victoria, Elvis Presley, Walt Disney, Trugannini and Harold Holt. The team had to create and present the variety show from the unlikely teaming of all the characters. The teams had 10 minutes to present their solution. Each team had an entertaining show, which needed to include a duet. Teams needed to thoroughly research the characters to give their performance depth. A second Language Literature group had the same problem with different characters- William Shakespeare, Sir Robert Menzies, Jimmy Hendricks, Marilyn Monroe and Princess Di. In the Social science section "The Cloned Couple," teams had to justify the continuation of their research on "cloning." The two famous people who had been "cloned" had to be named by the team with reasons why they were chosen. The Maths Engineering problem "Rock n' Roll" involved building a ramp to roll a rock down to come to rest on a circular mark on a tomb thus triggering a hidden lock. The starting point for the "rock" (golf ball) had to be at least 1 metre above the floor and 1.2 metres from the "slab."



All teams needed to work on their problems and come up with solutions themselves. Adult assistance is not allowed. Our students turned in a very good level of performance showing great creativity and ingenuity in coming up with solutions to their problems.



Studies of Asia Family Night: A very well attended Studies of Asia night featured a great variety of activities that not only entertained, but also informed both students and parents alike. Participants worked on Korean calligraphy, made origami cranes, lotus flowers and blue willow plates, made angklung music, used and decorated chopsticks, decorated Asian fans, read dragon stories and created window pictures. This was a great evening, with a very tricky quiz, that really tested the knowledge of participants.

Barney Healy
Principal

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

In 2004 Guides Australia will celebrate 93 years of helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Our new unit for 5 – 7 year olds: Romsey/Lancefield Bilby Guides have eight guides and two very capable leaders. We welcome you!!

The Wombat Guides nights have comprised of an Australian night and discussions and planning of a balanced meal. For the Australian night the guides came dressed as Aussies, we played an Australian Board Game, heard about an Aboriginal legend, designed a family tree and Emma told us the history of the horse saddle and taught the guides to crack a whip.

The guides held their Annual General Meeting on Monday 17th May. We would like to thank Jane Fraser, Carmel Dreger and Linda Adams for being members of the Support Group. We would now like to welcome Sue Pyke as Secretary and again welcome our able Treasurer Jane Fraser. Whilst the meeting was running, the guides under the direction of Amanda, cooked the supper for the mums. Supper comprised of pancakes and rum balls.

Many guides received badges at the close of the meeting. Some of the badges were: Water, Camping, Australia, Guiding and Action Guide badges. Well done!!



GUIDES
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The Platypus Guides have been working towards gaining the Friendship and Black Forest Region badges. One of the activities was to make Mother's Day gifts.

The Bilby Guides have started to work towards gaining the hand, feet, ear and body badges. That is a great effort for a new unit!

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

Bilby Guides (5 – 7 year olds) meet at 4.00 – 5.00pm

Platypus Guides (7 – 10 year olds) meet at 5.00 – 6.30pm

Wombat Guides (10 – 18 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm

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GUEST SPEAKERS.

Shane Murphy, Manager Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Service Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Mark Hinneberg, Manager Small Business, Regional Development Victoria (Bendigo Office).

Cost will be \$30 per head with limited numbers so please book early with Bob Forbes 54295355 or Ken Paterson 54295955.

ASSOCIATION NEWS.

The association is developing a data base of business's within the Romsey Region. If you would like to be listed please leave your details in Bill Krammer's letterbox at 106 Main Street, Romsey.

The Information Rotunda in Main Street is progressing with painting, concreting completed and township map now at the printers. A region map, tourism and community information is planned. If you are interested in advertising please contact Ken Paterson, at Mitre 10 or on 54295955.

A big thankyou to Paul Wolf, and his four colleagues from the National Australia Bank. Head office in Melbourne who volunteered their time on Tuesday the 11th of May to assist us with weeding, planting painting at the Romsey Township Entrance.

Ron Cole, Secretary

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

A few weeks at Bolinda continue to fly past, as our days are always full with activities and new learning experiences for the children. Our mornings are still commencing with physical activities, particularly skipping to prepare us for the 'Jump Rope for Heart' skipathon later in the term. In fact we had a visit from Mary-Lou, the State Co-ordinator to officially start our skipping training, and we will have a visit in a few weeks from the Heskett Primary School State Champions for a demonstration.

Last month I mentioned how our Chess Team was going to Bendigo for the Regional Championships. Well I am very pleased to tell you that we won our section and will participate in the State A Grade Championships later in the year. Needless to say that everyone was very thrilled with the team's performance and each member received an inscribed commemorative medal. The organizers from Melbourne were amazed to think that we came from such a small school compared to the Bendigo schools that had many more children from which to choose their teams. Chess, what a great way to exercise the mind !!

The Grade 5-6 children conducted a lovely and very respectful ANZAC Day service where an explanation of ANZAC Day was given, the Bolinda Honour Roll was read out, poppies and rosemary were presented, the Ode of Remembrance was read, a minute silence, flag raising, National Anthem and ANZAC biscuits for everyone. Teaching our younger generation why it is so important to never forget the history of our country.

We joined with Clarkefield and Darraweit to benefit from the experiences of 'Wild Man' Phillip Green who is an internationally acclaimed Naturalist and Environmental Educator. A National Geographic photographer and International Churchill Fellow, Phillip's infectious enthusiasm and expertise have been shared with over 70,000 students in Australia, NZ and America. In 1997 Phillip won a 'June Water Award' given to the best performers in NSW schools. He certainly lived up to his reputation by enthralling our children for nearly two and a half hours with what was the best value for money we have ever had in a visiting speaker, artist or entertainer.

The Life Education van has spent two days with us as the children looked at different ways in which we can look after our bodies. The Grade 6 children had a terrific session at Gisborne Secondary College in preparation for next year. A representative from the MS Society visited us to launch our MS Readathon and to give us an insight into the problems associated with multiple sclerosis. One of our fathers gave a terrific talk to the children about his career as a pilot and the children were very interested in the 'black box' that he brought along to show. A visit from the school nurse to talk to the preps and lots of other in-class activities has kept all of our children on their toes as they 'Learn from Every Experience' in their daily lives.

We unfortunately had a break-in at school but luckily with only minor damage and a small amount of loose change taken. It is such a shame that some people still have to take the road of stealing from others, especially children,

with no feelings or regrets about how their actions can affect the victims.

The opposite side of the coin is where you have people who so willingly give of their time and talents to help whenever they can. All schools have people like this who want to help their children and their school and community in whatever capacity they are able.

I recently attended a special Education Service Awards evening where ex-Bolinda School Councillor, Steve Jinnette, was presented with a School Councillor Service Award in recognition of his 8 years of service to Bolinda. Steve was the only School Councillor of the 7 awardees who in their speech made particular mention of the dedicated staff at his school who gave extra time to their school and extra help to the children. Congratulations to Steve and all other School Councillors in all schools who perhaps give 1 year or 10 years to help in the running and organisation of their local schools. Your contributions and dedication is always very much appreciated.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – feel free to drop in and talk to us at any time about what a Bolinda experience can do for your children, or better still, talk to any of our parents. Cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

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The Romsey Brigade reminds all residents that with the onset of winter, the risk of experiencing a house fire increases. Last year CFA attended 1166 residential house fires across the state, on average, the highest percentages of residential house fires occur in winter. There were eight residential fire fatalities last year and, while this is a 50 per cent decrease on the previous year, we all still need to be careful in our homes to reduce the risk of experiencing a house fire.

The majority of house fires start in the kitchen, with common causes being cooking left unattended on the stove and faulty electrical appliances or overloaded power points.

A statistics also show:

- 20 per cent of fires were caused by heat from fuel fires and fuel-powered objects such as stoves and heaters;
- Faulty or overloaded electrical equipment caused 20 per cent of fires

CFA has a number of winter safety programs aimed to raise awareness of the increased risk of fires in the home during winter.

"There is a great deal people can do to prevent fires from starting. Don't leave cooking or appliances unattended. Make sure appliances are in good condition and repaired by a qualified person. Ensure that portable heaters are not too close to furniture or clothing, and that open fires have secure fire screens around them," said Lieutenant Phillip Norton of the Romsey Fire Brigade. "We conduct free community education sessions on fire safety for

community groups and seniors groups." Phil added. "If you want further information, contact Peter Moore on 03 5429 6951

CFA also encouraged all people to make sure they have a working smoke alarm and that everyone in the household knows what to do if a fire starts. It has been a number of years since the installation of smoke alarms and many have reached the end of their useful life. Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of only 10 years



and even though the smoke alarm may 'beep' when you press the test button, this doesn't necessarily indicate that the chamber is still detecting smoke particles

If your smoke alarm is more than 10 years old, replace it!

should you experience a house fire.

"The Romsey Brigade has been to a number of fires where the smoke alarm has failed to work. Often this is because the occupants have removed the battery or failed to change the battery," Lieutenant Phil Norton said. "Many people do not realise that smoke alarms have a life span of 10 years and that smoke alarms should be replaced after this time," he said.

Smoke alarms should be disposed of by returning them to the supplier, as indicated on the labelling, or you can take them to household chemical collection days. Regulations relating to the disposal of smoke alarms are currently under review. It is anticipated that they will be changed in the near future to allow for the disposal of smoke alarms with normal household waste.

Smoke alarm batteries including alkaline, lithium, lithium ion, nickel metal hydride and zinc air may be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

If your smoke alarm is more than 10 years old, replace it!

ROMSEY RAG SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Please fill out the entry coupon below and send it with your entry. You must get mum or dad's permission to enter. This competition is open to all children of primary school age, and currently attending primary school. The closing date for entries is July 11th, 2004. Stories should be no longer than 750 words. Entries must be accompanied by the entrant's name, age, address, phone number and the name of the school they attend. Please state whether you are a boy or girl. Entries should be forwarded to Muffi, Ragamuffins (Romsey Rag) C/- Romsey Primary School, Station Street, Romsey. Entries will be judged by a panel of three judges, and their decision will be final. The winner and runner up will be notified by phone. These names will be published in the August edition of the Romsey Rag, along with the winning story.

Name: _____ Age: _____ I attend _____ Primary School

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ I am a boy girl (Circle whichever is appropriate)

Parental Consent: I give permission for my child to enter the Romsey Rag Short Story Competition, and for his/her name to be published in the Romsey Rag if he/she is the winner or runner-up.

Parent's name: _____ Parent's signature: _____

How Good is Romsey Soil ?

Two months ago the Romsey Rag had a small item about farmland, and a petition circulated asking Council to look in more detail at the type of soil north of Romsey, including along Five Mile Creek.

What happened?

Over two hundred people signed the petition .. it caused talk, because it involved land, some people felt that landholders should be free to cut land up if they wanted and other people said some soil was extra special and should not be built on. Others felt development was happening too fast and wasn't creating the footpaths and town facilities that would be needed. And no-one believed that we had enough water.

Council considered the petition ... it caused discussion because Councillors were aware that rural living zones had to be looked at again, and they took seriously that people were concerned. One councillor noted 7 people came from outside the area. Council decided to look at this as part of work from the review of the municipal strategic statement (a basic town planning paper) shortly.

How Good is Romsey's Soil?

It is one thing to hear from people farming the area for years, but what do the studies say? Previous councillors quoted studies done by the old Romsey Council. The maps and study in 1994 were hard to find, but the results are as follows:

The soil north of Romsey is volcanic soil. Apart from the peaks of ridges (which are the cones of old volcanos!) and the steep sides of creeks, which have poor capability for agriculture or houses, the majority of this plain has 'generally a higher capability for agriculture as a land use... due to a favourable climate, very gentle to moderate slopes and productive soils.'

The soil type just north of Romsey has two codes, Qvf and Qvg. Both have a depth to rock (of soil) of over one metre (Qvf) and between 2 to 3 metres (Qvg). Qvg has no limitations to agriculture. One pocket of it is right under the Romsey business centre! In 1860, settlers were more worried about being near water than land for food. Qvg is also along some of the north side of Five Mile Creek, around the main road near Hutchinsons Lane and Boundary Road, and east of Tickawarra Road. A large tract stretches from Lancefield and Monument Road southward, even to some of Kerrie. Apart from the cones and creek drainage, the rest of the area between Lancefield and Romsey is Qvf – productive soil except for the potential for water erosion.

Anyone more interested can find the study at PIRVIC in Bendigo.

Take Off Weight Naturally

T.O.W.N. Clubs of Victoria

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Once a term, Saturday morning Mass in Lancefield followed by a hearty breakfast.

REGULAR EVENTS

Christian Meditation Group:

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SPECIAL EVENTS

June:

Family Fun Night

Friday, 18th June at 7.30 p.m. in the Romsey Church Hall.

July:

Ennapage Jewellery Party

Friday, 23rd July at 11.00 a.m. in the Romsey Church Hall. Lunch included.

August:

Feast of Mary MacKillop

Special celebration for the Feast of Mary MacKillop will be held on Sunday, 8th August at 2.00 p.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Annual Songfest

Keep Sunday, 29 August clear. Our Annual Songfest begins at 4.30 p.m. Supper of soup and bread to follow.

September:

Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day will be held this year on Saturday, 18th September beginning with evening Mass at 6.00 p.m. at Romsey (in place of the 7.00 p.m. Mass in Lancefield), followed by supper and entertainment in the Romsey Church Hall.

For further information regarding the above Special Events, please phone the Presbytery on 5429 2130.

Councillor Morabito Comments for the Month of May

1. Broadband telecommunications is rapidly spreading throughout the Shire. Romsey has had access to ADSL technology for several months now, and Lancefield is not far away. Just another 10 or registrations on the Telstra website will allow Telstra Country Wide to upgrade the Lancefield exchange to be ADSL enabled. ADSL is a fast, efficient and cost effective broadband solution for many businesses and home users. The Shire has been lobbying and working with Telstra to make the upgrades happen.
2. Natural Gas reticulation for the Macedon Ranges region is progressing according to the State Government's schedule. By mid June 2004 all gas distribution companies will lodge their tenders to the State Government, who will decide the successful tender after 90 days appraisal. This would mean around late September the government making the announcement
3. Lancefield's public amenities facility plans have been lodged in Council for the necessary Planning Permits. As with all planning applications plans will be exhibited and comment sought from the community. I encourage everyone to have a look at the plans when they are exhibited and to forward comments to the planning staff at the Shire.
4. The proposed Recycling and Transfer station in Portingales Road Romsey will shortly have the layout plans for exhibition. It is anticipated that in June the plans will be ready. The station will service Lancefield, Romsey and Monegetta areas.

WORD SEARCH - AUSTRALIA

Compiled by Jacquie, 11



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By Debbie, 10

Quiz.

1. Who wrote Hating Alison Ashley?
2. Who won Australian Idol?
3. Who sings Innocent Eyes?
4. Who coaches the Essendon football Club?

Answers to last month's puzzles:

Romsey Word Search - our life our home.

Quiz - 1. Shannon Noll, 2 Penguin, 3 Bonnie Bryant, 4. The Black Eyed Peas.

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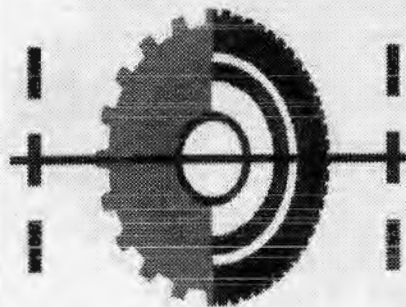
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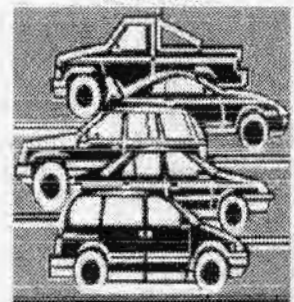
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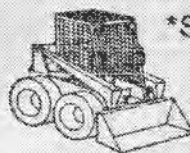
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Describe what you can feel as you edge your way down the steps. What can you smell as you near the musty ground? What's going through your mind? Are you scared, excited, curious? What or whom do you think lies beyond that locked door and what on earth is that scrabbling noise coming from the corner of the dungeon...

Remember, it's dark, it's dangerous and you have no torch.

Story Line 2

Aunt Hattie used to get a little bit muddled about things. Sometimes when she had visitors, she would put her electric kettle on the gas stove and serve cold water in a saucer thinking it was tea. One day, she bought an old teapot from a second hand shop and from that day on, she always made the perfect cup of hot tea. What was so special about that teapot? Maybe it was magic. Maybe there were little tea folk living inside. Maybe you know what really happened? Tell *your* story about Aunt Hattie and her special teapot.

Send your entries to Muffi, Ragamuffins, Romsey Rag, C/- Romsey Primary School, Station Street, Romsey. Remember to include your name, age and address, if you're a boy or girl, what school you go to, which story line you have chosen and give your story a title. Entries close 11th July 2004. The runner up will receive a desktop globe kindly donated by Romsey Post Office.



Happy writing!

Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

Fashion Parade

A big thank-you to all who attended the kinder's inaugural fundraising fashion parade on May 8. It was a great success, with entry fees and raffles raising more than \$550 for the kinder. The day would not have been possible without the help of Kerri Mewett, who organised the women's fashions by Vivienne's Collection, and Tracie Bailey, who brought along the childrenswear to parade. Both ladies kindly donated a portion of their takings for the day to the kinder. Kerri, who's also a dedicated kinder mum, organised the models and gave a great commentary during their parade. Committee members, including the driving force behind the event, Helen Richardson, put in a great effort organising and running the day.

A highlight on the catwalk was the appearance of kinder teacher Jane Whelan and assistant Chris Farrell, who proved to be great models. Thanks to all the kids and adults who modelled clothes, to Rod Hall for helping with setting up and to Andrew Neideck for donating the helium for the balloons. And a special thanks to all those in the community who came along and helped make the afternoon a great success.

Working bee

And a big thank-you as well to all those parents who attended the working bee at the kinder on May 22. There was lots to do, from the spreading of soft fall to minor repairs and cleaning around the kinder. Kinder dads Russell Manton and Steve Credland chainsawed down trees which obscured the side entrance to the kinder, which now is in clear view and this aids the building security. Thank you to all those who attended for all their hard work.

Vacancies

Several vacancies have opened up in the kinder's three year old program and one in the four year old program.

Our three-year-old kinder children's program involves a two-hour session at the kinder twice a week, a total of four hours, and fees are very reasonable.

Many parents find three-year-old kindergarten to be a valuable part of their child's development, improving their child's confidence, skills and aiding socialization before "big kinder" as a four-year-old.

Any parent of a three-year-old child who is interested in taking up a place at the kinder for the remainder of 2004 is welcome to phone the kinder and speak to the teachers about the program on 5429 6076 or contact me on 5429 6583 for further details.

Enrolments

Enrolments for both 3YO and 4YO groups for 2005 are open until September 30, 2004.

You must fill out the official enrolment form and enclose a \$5 booking fee and provide proof of your child's age i.e. birth certificate.

Please note both of these requirements must be met before the enrolment is officially recorded.

Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten.

Fundraising

This year the kinder community is working hard to purchase new swing sets for both playgrounds and for shade sails. We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in our fundraising efforts by 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.

Any questions?

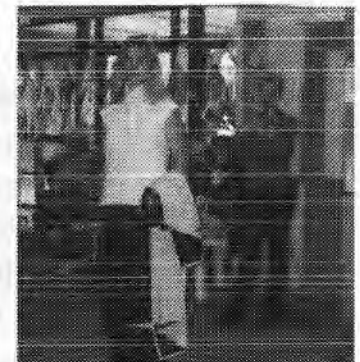
Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6583. The Romsey kinder is a non-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee. We keep the kinder operating and manage to pay all of our staff and running costs out of kinder fees, which is always a challenge!

Until next time,

LEANNE MANTON

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Romsey Kindergarten Committee 2004.



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Romsey produced beautiful autumn afternoon for the official opening of the Police Station and Ambulance Station complex on April 28th. A crowd well in excess of 100 people, consisting of state government ministers, the local member of state parliament, representatives of the police and ambulance services, and local community members, gathered to celebrate the opening of this combined facility.

In his introductory address Region 3 Police Assistant Commissioner Gary Jamieson gave a brief and fascinating history of the police service in Romsey. In officially opening the police station, Minister for Police Andre Haermyer emphasised the importance of maintaining accessible police service in small rural communities, and the need for up-to-date facilities for the efficient and optimal provision of such services. He added that the co-located ambulance and police facility was a first for Victoria, and had become a model for future developments of a similar nature.

Rural Ambulance Victoria spokesman Stephen Gough praised the efforts of local community support in bringing to fruition the establishment of the Romsey Ambulance Station. Local organizations which have made financial contributions included the Romsey and Riddells Creek Lions Clubs, the Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital Auxiliary, the Friends of Lancefield Hospital and in particular, the Romsey, Lancefield and District Ambulance Auxiliary which worked tirelessly to see the project achieved. These sentiments were echoed by Minister for Health Bronwyn Pyke, who performed the official opening of the Ambulance Station. Ms Pyke reflected on the improvement to access to emergency ambulance services in the area since the establishment of the ambulance station, citing significantly improved response times to emergency calls.

Local state MP Joanne Duncan, who was also present at the ceremony, presented flags to both services. Her support in the establishment of the ambulance station was recognised by her parliamentary colleagues.

Former Romsey resident and secretary of the Ambulance Auxiliary, Margaret Howatson was described as "the driving force" behind the establishment of ambulance services in Romsey. She was presented with a special certificate of recognition of her tireless and relentless efforts in instigating the formation of the auxiliary.

At the conclusion of the ceremony guests were invited to tour both facilities and to join the official party for light refreshment.

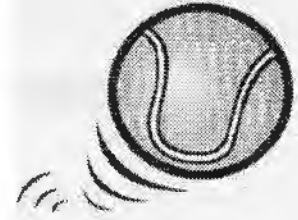
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Mid-week Ladies Competition

The summer competition is drawing to a close with three teams enjoying Tuesday morning tennis successes, as they head to the finals matches. Good Luck to you all!

Saturday Morning Juniors

Wow! We have fielded five teams over summer, and four of them made it to the finals, Section 10 were runners-up and Section 7 won the pennant! All players demonstrated very high skill levels, great fairness and sportsmanship. Well done kids!

Over the winter, there are always less children available to play, some choose instead to play winter sport like Hockey, or Football, and perhaps others just don't like playing outside in our winter (Who can blame them!). We are fielding three teams and a merged team this winter. Our top kids have merged with another small group at Hanging Rock, as neither club had enough young players at the top level to form a team. We will also have good teams at sections 5, 6 and 7.

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. Teams have now been registered for the winter competition, but other players can still be listed if you want to play. Contact Bev Davis on 5429 5954.

Other Junior Successes

In the Primary Schools inter-school tennis, Romsey Primary School sent a team of 6 players, 3 boys and 3 girls, all of whom are regular Saturday morning players with the club, to the Regional level at Bendigo. No overall winners, but some great participation and enjoyment.

At the regional MRTA Gisborne/Macedon Tournament, we had many successful players from the club. Congratulations to Tim and Kieran McNamara, the top court winners for their age groups, and other court winners were Luke Green and Daniel Wright. Kirsty Dockley was a runner-up on her court. We also had good successes at the South Gisborne Tournament.

Well done to our Romsey tennis players who were accepted into the Macedon Ranges Junior Training Squad of 32 – Kirsty Dockley, Sarah Beaumont, Aimee Ireland, Luke Green, Sean McNamara, Keiran Dockley, Kieran McNamara, and Tim McNamara.

The squad has had their first training session at South Gisborne, and has competed in their first tournament at Ballarat. The players performed extremely well as the Macedon Ranges squad came first out of 7 country Victorian squads.

Saturday Afternoon Seniors

Our one and only team has played well in section 5 over summer and also got into the Grand Final to lose by a margin of 7 games, well done! We have fielded two teams to play the winter competition, in Sections 2 and 5, and extra players are most welcome. Bev Davis -5429 5954 or Darlene – 5429 5186-are the team contacts if you want to play.

Thursday Morning Social Tennis

A dedicated group of people have been playing socially on the club's courts every **Thursday** morning. **Starting time is 10:30 am**, and anyone is most welcome to join in. 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 short hit and a chat. A great way to finish the week! Friday 28th May will see us drawing the wood raffle, having a hit of tennis, and sharing some hot chips, so come along.

“Save Our Courts”

We are in the process of fundraising in order to try to meet part of the cost of upgrading our 3 drought damaged Entout-cas courts so that they will have a drought proof mod-grass surface. **We are currently raffling a trailer load of firewood**, to be drawn on 28th May, so please help! Major effort is also being put into gaining support for community and government grants that will make this significant investment possible.

We thank all members who donated their time and effort into delivering phone books to Woodend recently, a job well done to raise extra funds.

We gratefully thank the local community for their on-going support

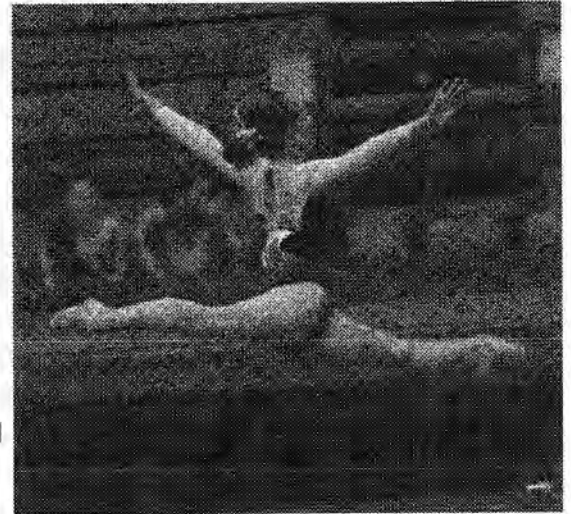
ROMSEY ATHLETE AIMS HIGH

15-year-old Romsey gymnast Jessica Baker recently competed the two day trials at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Sydney, as part of the Victorian Level 8 team. Jessica has put 8 years of hard work into winning selection for this elite team, and competed in Sydney against girls two or more years older than her. Jessica competed in vault, bars, beam and floor. It was her success at the recent Victorian State Championships where she was 4th overall and Victorian Champion on vault that secured her place in the team. Athletes from higher levels of gymnastics are selected from this championship to represent Australia at Olympic level, and while Jessica has not yet reached that standard, she was certainly in elite company for her first national event. Jessica travels to Melbourne 6 days a week to train with the Niddrie Gymnastic Club under the watchful eyes of coaches Natalie Roberts and Vladimir Shorinov, in addition to attending secondary college and keeping up with the demands of high school study. Training takes up in excess of 20 hours per week.

Interstate competition is not new to Jessica, who has competed in Tasmania, and will travel to Canberra in July to compete in the National Club Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport. In this competition Jessica will be competing at Level 9 and 10.

Jessica's aims are to be selected for more state teams and to reach Level 10 in gymnastics.

Jessica's little sister Amy is also an aspiring young gymnast, and puts in very long hours of training as well. With two daughters in the sport, mother Karren is kept constantly busy with transporting the girls to training and competitions. Of Jessica's recent first national competition, Karren says that she had great fun and it was a fantastic experience for her. Congratulations Jessica on your success so far!



Flying high: Romsey girl Jessica Baker shows the grace and style that earned her a place in the Level 8 Victorian Gymnastic Team that travelled to Sydney for the National Championships in May.

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Community Drive + Council Funding = New Bridge

Construction of a pedestrian bridge across Five Mile Creek at Romsey has been completed in a joint project between Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the local Five Mile Creek Association.

Twenty years ago, the bridge over the creek near the Romsey Uniting Church was washed away in a flood. The paddocks north of the creek at that time have now been replaced by houses. New residents looked across the creek to the town, but only active fit people could jump across the stones. Mums with toddlers and elderly people had to walk around by the main road.

In 2002 local residents joined together and began to clear Five Mile Creek and uncover the walking path westward along the creek. They urged Council to fund the \$5,000 bridge which comprises twin pipes laid into the creek with bluestone end walls and a granitic sand path that links the bridge to an existing path.

Councillor Heather Gee congratulated the Five Mile Creek Group for their drive to improve the environs of the creek.

"I think it's fantastic that a group of volunteers are working so hard to care for their local creek. This bridge adds to the town's recreation features.

"People now have a one kilometre walking path from Main Road right to the edge of the town. From there people can walk along country lanes for a short stroll back to the town, or a longer walk beside farm land with views back to Melbourne," she said.

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Lancefield Guild meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month after church service in the church hall. Contact: Hilda 5429 1424.

Romsey Guild meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm. Contact Doreen 5429 6060.
The meeting at Church Hall, Romsey.

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Anglican Mens Society meets the 2nd Thursday night of each month. 8.00pm at 5 Jinker Way, Romsey.
Hon/Sec. John Whiteman. 5429 6900.

On Sunday, July 4th there will be a combined "Family Service" at Christ Church, Lancefield, at 10.00am to welcome our new minister Rev. Laurie McIntyre Morning Tea to follow in church hall – all invited.

On behalf of Vestry and Parishioners, we wish to thank the Rev. Tom & Mrs. Doreen Morgan for their tireless support of our parish over the last 2 years. During this time Rev. Tom Morgan celebrated 50 years of ministry. Rev. Tom & Doreen will continue to live in Romsey and worship with us. God bless you both.

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES

Both men's & women's annual meetings have been held. Office Bearers Women's section are:- Office Bearers Men's section are:

President: Doss Keating.
President: Tony Chambers
Secretary: Dorothy Thompson.
Secretary: Doss Keating

Social Bowls Day is Thursday during the winter starting 11am. Soup & Sandwiches lunch – cost \$6.00. Bowls are available to newcomers and casual dress. Phone Norm Thompson 5429 5421 the previous day.

This year our season will get under way earlier with Opening Day on Sunday 3rd September.

Until next time. Doss Keating : Publicity

R.S.L. - ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SUBBRANCH : ANZAC APPEAL 2004

The annual sale of Anzac Tokens in Romsey and Lancefield has resulted in a total of \$2,827.15 being collected. Thanks to all volunteer collectors and to the continued generosity of the residents of both towns and also the three local schools.

John Haslett : President.

RIPPER READS FROM MITCHELL LIBRARY

Hidden Talents - Erica James

Erica James is an author who makes you care about her characters, and the subtle twists and turns of her plots entice you to read more. She is very similar to Maeve Binchy in that if you commence one of her books don't expect to do anything much until you have finished it. Whilst all her stories are definitely in the contemporary romance genre they're not bodice rippers, but good escapist reads. Hidden Talents is the story of the members of a small local writers' group, the personal experiences that all the members bring to the group and the effect that belonging to such a group has on their future aspirations. Reading it makes you a part of their lives.

Other titles worth reserving are A Breath of Fresh Air, Precious Time, Airs and Graces and her most recent publication Paradise House.

The Game in time of War - Martin Flanagan

An interesting book this. Martin Flanagan looks at Australian culture through the icon of Aussie Rules, both in peace time and during war, and provides the reader with some thought provoking vignettes. He roams through our consciousness with stories of football mates in the trenches of the Western Front, Jason McCartney's emotional return for one game after suffering horrific burns in Bali and the respect and awe that Michael Long is held in by the aboriginal communities. It offers historic snippets about the game and at the same time makes you question your own perceptions of war and terrorism. Whatever your footy allegiance there is something in this little book for everyone.

Titus Rules OK - Dick King-Smith

This is cute little easy read all about one of the Queen's corgi pups - Titus. He is a smart and clever fellow and the queen has cause to be grateful to him for his fast thinking on not one but three occasions.

Needless to say he becomes her favourite dog. Whilst children will enjoy this satisfactory little story, their parents will enjoy all the asides even more. Exchanges like "I shall have that job one day mummy," said Prince Charles. "When I'm dead and gone you mean?" said his mother. "Well, er, yes..." Titus was sitting on his bottom and the Queen bent down and spoke softly in his ear. "He's going to have to wait an awfully long time," she whispered. "Specially if I live to be as old as my mum." Make it a bedtime read and then the whole family can enjoy it.

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If you are 55 years of age or over (male or female) and would like to join a happy and friendly group of people—look no further than the seniors rooms situated at the rear of the Mechanics Hall in Main Street, Romsey.

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Ring Rae Hooke (Sec) on 5429 1602.

Five Mile Creek News

The Walking Bridge at Pohlman Street

Balloons and ribbons decorated the new bridge one recent Saturday when Cr. Heather Gee officially opened the bridge. It's now well used.

A correction ... the bridge has been gone for longer than twenty years, AND it seems Council took it away, not a flood (perhaps it had been damaged). The best estimate we have is that it was taken away in the late fifties or early sixties! Thankyou to older residents who searched their memories for this.

DIRT ... DIRT .. DIRT...

Have you got some spare dirt!!! Seriously the bicycle dirt jumps need more dirt ... 150m of it to be precise. A truck-load or two.

If you are landscaping, or next door is building and levelling the block, think of the boys' jumps, mention it to your neighbour, or ring up. The jumps are being built for all levels of skills, and more jumps are needed.

Please ring Grant on 5429 5841 or leave a message on 5429 5283

Also .. the jumps are not for motorcycle dirt bikes ... there is a fantastic course up and down hillsides at Buckleys Lane for the motor bikes – on the left as you go to Springfield Rd. Check it out if you haven't seen it in action up there!

The Clean-Up

A small band ... eight of us attacked the willows along the creek, and the overgrowth along the banks. Having a rider mower really helped to cleanup the creek edge. Please don't leave it to one or two 'OTHERS' ... make it a way to keep fit to come down once a year! Next month we'll tell you the next clean-up day.

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25 William Street

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What's News

Most people don't particularly like cold weather. What joy is there in losing the feeling in your fingers and toes (and nose, for that matter)? To feel cold is to feel miserable, especially when it's cold and wet (although a bit of wet would be appreciated by most people at the moment). However, there are those people who look forward to winter eagerly. For some, it means snow, and snow means skiing (and partying). For others, it means a holiday, a break from the busy-ness and routine of the rest of the year. Others might not enjoy the cold, but they do enjoy gathering around a fire, feeling cosy and warm, sharing time (and maybe a nice drop of red, especially a local red) with family and friends.

We all have our likes and dislikes. We all have associations that we make to common images, both positive and negative. The cold of winter is just one example. Darkness is another.

For many people, darkness is associated with evil and danger, while light is associated with goodness and safety. That association, perhaps, is another reason to dislike winter, as there is less sunlight and more darkness. However some people associate darkness with quiet and peace, a time of escape and solitude, an oasis amid the constant bombardment of sound and colour in the media (and life in general).

We are all different. What might be enjoyable for one person could be boring, or even torment, for someone else. What is helpful for one person can be difficult or a barrier to someone else.

The challenge for the church today is to recognise these differences and try to offer a range of ways of experiencing and understanding God in the world. One person and one place can't do it all. That's one of the reasons that there are different churches in our community.

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

Many people are disillusioned by the church, or have bad memories and experiences. I ask and pray that you might recognise that as being one part of the church in one place. Maybe another place, another experience, will give you what you need. Give us (any of us) a try.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable School holidays.

What's On

- 6 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. The theme for the day is understanding God as Trinity.
- 9 June 12:00pm UCAF Winter Luncheon, with special guest pianist/singer/speaker Peter Breen from the Christian Blind Mission International. (Yes, he is blind, and yes, he's a very accomplished musician and entertainer). Cost: \$10. There will also be a trading table, and Peter will have CDs and cassettes for sale. RSVP: Hazel Allen (5429 5395).
- 13 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 20 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School. In this service we will celebrate the anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia (22 June, 1977). This is also the last Sunday School for second term.
- 27 June 9:00am worship.
11:30am Bring and share casserole luncheon at Lancefield UC. Guest speaker will be Chris McDonnell from Orana Family Services.
- 4 July 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together. If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Close of you who use the Kilmore/Lancefield Road might have noticed that part of Deep Creek on each side of Doggetts Bridge has been fenced off and trees planted. This is a project undertaken by Deep Creek Landcare Group to try to conserve a small population of a native fish called 'Yarra Pigmy Perch' (*Edelia obscura*).

The Yarra Pigmy Perch is a small perch-like fish which attains a total length of 75mm. It gets its name from the place it was first discovered in the Yarra lagoon system of ponds located near the heart of Melbourne in 1870. As Melbourne has developed with the commensurate loss of habitat for this fish, and as predation has occurred by introduced species such as trout and redfin, the Yarra Pigmy Perch is in a demonstrable state of decline which is likely to result in extinction. Other factors in this decline are agricultural and grazing practices. The Yarra Pigmy Perch is now listed as a threatened species under schedule 2 of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988**.

Deep Creek Landcare Group, assisted by a grant from The World Wide Fund for Nature, hopes to create a continuing conservation area around Doggetts Bridge for this endangered native fish. Accordingly, local anglers are asked to respect the fenced off area. The area will be monitored on a regular basis by DSE and Water Watch Victoria. Local schools will be advised of monitoring dates and invited to participate.

Deep Creek Landcare Group is grateful for the assistance and co-operation of those landholders adjacent to the conservation area who have undertaken to check weed growth and fence integrity.

Deep Creek Landcare Group meets at 8pm on the 2nd Monday of each month at the drop-in-centre at the back of the Lancefield Mechanics Institute hall. All are welcome to attend.

John Blamey : Deep Creek Landcare Group.

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT

RESULTS

Saturday 1st May 4BBB Stableford.

Winner C. Vanderveilt & J. Moloy 45 pts
 Runner up J. Boyce & G. White 45 pts
 Balls A. Williams & S. Wilkins 45 pts

Saturday 8th May 4BBB Stableford

Winners K. Dunn & R. Rea 50pts
 Runner up M. Nichols & J. Taylor 46 pts
 Balls G. Wilkins & I Mearns 46 pts
 M.Thornton & S. Norton 46 pts.
 NTP 8th M. Thornton
 10th M Thornton
 5/17th L. Gaunt

Saturday 15th May Stroke CCR 66

Winner Jim Freestone (26) net 62
 Jims round included an eagle on the 3rd, Well done Jim.
 Runner up R. Cole (27) net 62
 Balls A. Clement (10) Net 64
 NTP 1st/13th J. Gradie
 10th J. Laing
 15th S. Norton.

Pennant Sunday 16th May

Scratch - Romsey lost to Hidden Valley 5/2 at Romsey
 Division 3 Handicap Romsey lost to Broadford 4/3 at Puckapunyal
 Division 4 Handicap Romsey lost to Hidden Valley 5/2 at Seymour
 With one round of pennant to go our final hopes have been dashed after the weekend but a more comprehensive report will follow after the wind up next month.

It is great to report that the greens are improving and the fairways are greening up. The course should be in excellent condition for our annual tournament.

The 22nd Annual Amateur Tournament

The tournament commences Saturday June 5th with the 4BBB Stableford.

Mixed, Men's and Relative pairs. The relative pairs is a perpetual trophy and pairs can be mixed or non-mixed who have a family relationship eg. Husband & Wife, Father & Son, Mother & Son, Uncle & Nephew. Etc.

Sunday 6th June is the main event, 24 hole Men's scratch and handicap (3 grades) with trophies for the AM & PM Handicap and nearest the pins.

For further information or to obtain an entry form please ring Neil Jarman 54296008 or Steve Wilkins 54295173.

Welcome back to John Laing. There is life after hip operations. It is good to see John back playing and hitting the ball well enough to win a nearest to the pin. Laurie Thomson has also being sighted having a hit lets hope his come back is not far off.

Clinics for junior or new golfers will recommence on Sunday June 20th 11AM. Meet on the 1st tee. Clinic goes for approximately 1 hour. Please ring Neil Jarman if interested, it does help Neil to know how many people wish to attend.

Til next month
 Beryl Cole

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF REPORT

Results

21/4/04 Monthly Medal CCR 71

Winner L. Robb (45) Net 60
 Runner up D. Salatheil (45) Net 66

28/4/04 Stableford CCR 68

Winner L. Robb (38) 36pts
 Runner up S. Shelton (19) 34 pts

12/5/04 Monthly Medal CCR 69

Winner L. Beasley (27) Net 71
 Runner up L. Robb (38) Net

19/5/04 Stableford CCR 69

Winner S. Shelton (20) 37 pts
 Runner up L. Beasley (27) 34 pts.

Congratulations to Lorraine and Darrelle who both broke their handicaps this month. Currently Darrelle and Jenny are overseas and we wish them both lots of great sightseeing and safe travel.

Recipe for this month

Minestrone soup

3oz butter
 1 med onion
 1 clove garlic
 2 bacon rashers chopped
 1 leek
 2 mushrooms
 1-2 tablespoons red lentils
 Chicken stock cube
 1 stick celery
 1 med carrot
 425 can tomatoes
 310 can mixed beans
 Basil
 Tomato paste
 Spiral pasta
 3-4 cups water
 Salt, pepper
 Melt butter in a large pan, add onion, garlic & bacon, stir 2mins
 Add rest of ingredients
 Cook gently 30-40 mins
 Top with Parmesan Cheese

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