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Past and present stalwarts and volunteers of the "Romsey Rag" are cordially invited to celebrate an outstanding community achievement— the 20th year of publication of the Romsey Rag.

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at the Romsey Primary School in the Performing Arts Centre.



R.S.V.P. Monday August 2nd to Barney Healy or Robyn Moore on 5429 5099.

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR BUDDING JUNIOR WRITERS:

The short story competition announced in the last issue of the Romsey Rag is still open! The closing date has been extended to July 16th—so for your chance to win a fabulous bike start writing! The entry form to accompany your story is on page 5 of this edition, and all details of the competition can be found in last month's "Rag" on page 12. For further information contact 5429 5099.

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Articles can be sent via e-mail to: romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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SALVATION ARMY "RED SHIELD APPEAL" 2004

Thankyou Romsey for your generosity in this year's appeal.
The grand total collected was \$3,562.00
Thankyou to all the collectors for a job well done.

Angela Berryman – Romsey Co-ordinator.

Assistance Available for Landcare

Local Landcare and 'Friends of' groups wanting assistance to apply for the next round of Australian Government Envirofund grants, which close on 9 July 2004, are invited to contact the Shire's Landcare Coordinators, Dean Bridgfoot and John Robinson, who provide support to Landcare groups in the Macedon Ranges.

Dean's role is to support groups in the northern part of the Shire (where natural resources are managed by the North Central Catchment Management Authority), and John works with groups in the southern part of the Shire (where natural resources are managed by the Port Phillip Catchment Management Authority).

In the latest round of funding from Envirofund, Tylden Landcare Group received \$27,600 for the continued rehabilitation of the Little Coliban River, concentrating on the removal of willow over a 2-kilometre stretch of the river. In conjunction with the Tylden Primary School 6,900 local native plants will be planted to help rehabilitate the river.

Deep Creek Landcare Group received \$11,181 to remove willows along a 250-metre stretch of the Deep Creek at Linehan's Bridge, north of Lancefield and to revegetate 2.1 hectares of the riparian zone with 2,000 indigenous riparian shrubs and trees. This project will enhance the habitat of the endangered Yarra Pygmy Perch and will provide an example of on-ground rehabilitation works to landholders and other community groups.

The Friends of Black Hill Management Committee received \$3,822 for the direct seeding of native vegetation over 35 hectares in the Black Hill Reserve and to run field days that will highlight the importance of Black Hill as a fauna refuge for threatened species, such as the Powerful Owl and Brush Tailed Phascogale.

Dean can be contacted by phoning 0427 003 052 and John can be contacted at Council's Romsey office, by phoning 5429 9629 or 0417 518 913.

Media enquiries:

Ros Handley, Public Relations Officer, telephone 5422 0310 or 0419 103

For details re: Tylden or Black Hill Projects, phone Dean Bridgfoot, 0427 003 052

For details re: Deep Creek project, phone John Robinson on 5429 9629 or 0417 518 913.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ROMSEY RAG:

<i>EDITION</i>	<i>CLOSING DATE FOR COPY</i>	<i>COLLATING DATE</i>
August	Wednesday July 21st	Thursday July 29th
September	Friday August 20th	Thursday August 26th
October	Tuesday September 21st	Thursday September 30th
November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

Residents Urged to Voice their Rail Timetable Needs

Lancefield Ranges Mayor, John Connor is encouraging local train users or potential train users to take the opportunity to express their needs to VLine as it develops its fast rail timetable for the Melbourne-Bendigo line.

VLine is currently conducting an online survey and a phone survey to collect data on which to base the new rail and VLine bus timetable for the completed fast rail service.

At a meeting last month with Council officers, Fast Rail Project representatives advised that 1200 phone surveys would be conducted along the Bendigo line from 25 May by an independent research group. Participants would be chosen randomly, including 300 people between Clarkefield and Kyneton, and approximately 300 between Malmsbury and Eaglehawk.

"It is important that as many people make the effort to advise VLine of their needs in order to get the best possible service for the area," Cr Connor said.

People can log-on to www.vline.com.au or phone 136 196.

"Given that transport is one of the issues ranked most highly by people during many of our community consultations, it is important to use this opportunity to influence the provision of rail services," he said.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.



CASSEROLE LUNCH

Our July meeting will begin with a casserole lunch at 12 noon on July 27th at the Anglican Church Hall, Chauncey Street, Lancefield. Cost is \$10.00 per head.

All welcome, so come along and join us for a lovely meal.

There will be no night time meeting for July.

Our August meeting will be another daytime meeting at Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey at 2.00 pm.

Our society would be interested in receiving copies of wedding photos of couples who married in the area from 1945 onwards. Anyone interested please phone Robyn on 5429 5652.

See you at the casserole lunch.
Ruth Miller.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING....

Did you know that it will be exactly 100 years on July 6th since the Romsey Mechanic's Hall was burnt down? According to the plaque on the building, the foundation stone for the new Mechanic's Hall was laid in November the same year.

WELL DONE ROMSEY

\$400 was raised for the Cancer Council's recent Big Morning Tea. This was raised by having a lunch, a raffle for a Mazda car and from donation boxes.

Thank you must go to Romsey CFA, the Romsey Artists, the Uniting Church, the Romsey Walking Group and all the local shops which kindly displayed donation boxes and raffle tickets.

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported this effort.
Joan Sparkes

It's time to put your thinking caps on....

Romsey Primary School's

Trivia Night

is coming!

FRIDAY JULY 30TH
At the Romsey Primary
School gym

7.00 pm for a 7.30 start

PICK A THEME FOR YOUR TABLE—
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\$15 per head including a hot supper.
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Phone Sue Pyke 5429 5144
Or
Anne Cappler 5429 5951

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Starting School in 2005

The less formal aspects of our transition to school program have already commenced with its by our Junior School Councillors to the Romsey Kindergarten. These older students joined in with the younger children in a range of fun activities. Next term we will commence with school visits by the kinder children, at first exploring our school grounds and facilities, then, later in the year joining in class activities. Information sessions for parents will also be held to explain the transition program in detail, and include activities and strategies to facilitate a smooth start to school for these young students. Enrolment packages have been distributed to all local kindergartens, and enrolment forms for children starting school in 2005 are now being accepted. Individual tours of the school can also be arranged for parents who wish to know more about our outstanding programs and facilities. Additional enrolment and information packages are available from the school.



PJ Day

On 11th June most students, (and staff!) came to school dressed more for bedtime than for a normal school day. Our Junior School Council organized the day as a fundraiser for the Royal Women's Hospital. All our pyjama clad students participated in a school parade and prizes were awarded to interesting and colourful outfits. Overall, our students raised over \$300 for this very good cause.

Parenting Education

In conjunction with the Cobaw Community Health Service, the school recently facilitated a parenting program. This group of interested parents met weekly and discussed a range of the challenges of raising children. The program focused on building and maintaining good relationships, setting boundaries, and strategies for reducing conflict. The program was really valued by the participating parents who reported that the strategies, discussions, and learning with other parents were most useful.



Reporting Student Progress

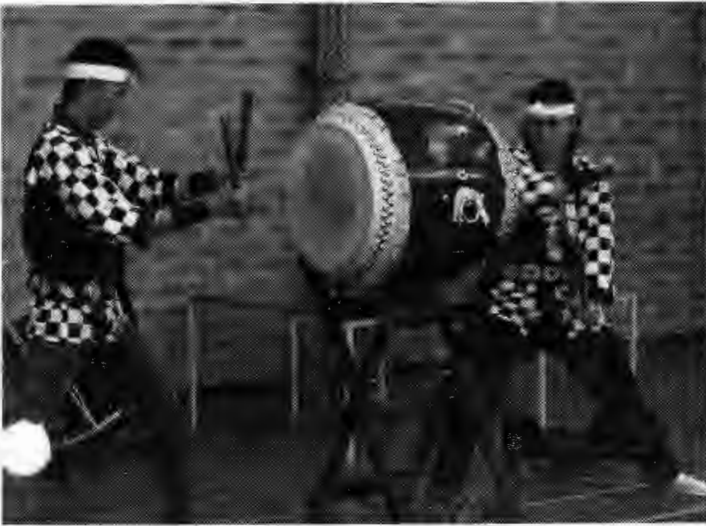
In recent weeks our teaching staff have been busy preparing for our mid-year reporting of student achievement. While each report charts student achievement on a state-wide scale, we also include student work covering aspects of the program in a range of key learning areas. Student self-assessment and teacher comments on these work samples are included. Our aim is to give parents a clear idea of how their children are progressing at school, as well as an idea of the types of activities that make up the school program. Students are seen as active participants in the parent/ teacher interview process. Students attend the interview and are expected to make a significant contribution to the discussion on achievement against goals set at the commencement of the school year. We work on involving students to a greater degree in becoming active participants in their own learning journey. Involving students actively in this process is seen as one way to further engage students to take responsibility for consistent, producing quality work.



**ROMSEY
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
NEWS
continued**

Drums & Flutes of Japan

The rich range of cultural experiences available for our students continued with this wonderful performance. The drumming was very powerful and, at times, loud. The music told stories and gave students an insight to the fascinating culture and history of Japan.



Healthy Breakfast

Getting to school on time was no problem for many of our students recently who came to school for a healthy breakfast. We know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day enabling us to concentrate and be active from the start of each morning. Surveys show that about 30% of adults and children regularly skip breakfast. For a modest cost these students came to school for cereal, fruit and juice- a good nutritional start for an active learning day.

Barney Healy
Principal



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 16th, 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: _____

HENRY BLEECK NOMINATES FOR COUNCIL SPOT

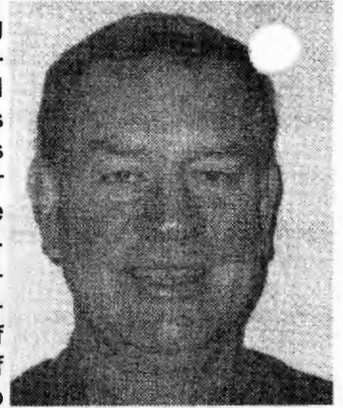
Long-time local resident Henry Bleeck is nominating for the Mount William Ward spot on the Macedon Ranges Shire Council vacated by Cr Joe Morabito. Mr Bleeck, 49, who grew up mid-way between Romsey and Lancefield and works at Monegetta, is president of the Lancefield Primary School Council. Married to Wendy with three children, he has lived at Kyneton for the past six years after previously residing at Lancefield and Woodend.

Henry played a key role in establishing the co-operative to secure the funding for the expanded multi-purpose centre which is presently being built at Lancefield Primary School as part of its redevelopment. A past student at Monument Creek Primary School and Kyneton High, he is also a past member of the Lancefield Recreation Reserve Committee. His candidature is being endorsed by Joe Morabito. Mr Bleeck said he had been greatly impressed by the energy and commitment which Cr Morabito demonstrated in representing Romsey and Lancefield and the surrounding areas on Council over the past 14 months.

"Joe represented the Mount William Ward tirelessly, forcefully and with considerable commitment, and like many others I was saddened when he felt he had to resign on a matter of principle," Mr Bleeck said. "I pledge to show the same level of commitment to the people of Romsey and Lancefield if elected, and to continue the excellent work initiated by Joe. Romsey and Lancefield had not had the same strong voice on the Council over previous years, and Joe made sure that we were heard. I will ensure that our views continue to be strongly advocated."

Mr Bleeck said an area of concern voiced to him by many

residents was the inconsistency in Council of planning decisions and planning advice by officers. "If elected, I will require more rigorous assessments of applications by Council officers, and for considered advice to be made available to councillors within the required timeframes," he said. "The Macedon Ranges Shire is one of the most liveable areas of our State, close enough to Melbourne but unmistakably rural and a wonderful place to live and work. Romsey and Lancefield need to be part of the growth of our Shire, while still preserving those attributes that give them their unique character. I will support development that is in accord with how we all want to grow our Shire," Mr Bleeck said.



Other key issues for Henry are:

- The need to continue to work towards development of the transfer station to service the Romsey/Lancefield area.
- The need for further work on passing lanes on the Lancefield-Sunbury Rd.
- Development of a static library in the eastern part of the Shire.
- A plan for adequate and sustainable water supplies for the future.

Mr Bleeck said anyone wanting to contact him in the lead-up to the August 14 election can ring him on 5422 7027.

Sharing Thoughts About Imitating And Pretend Play

Dear families

Imitation and pretend play are among the most important ways that children learn about the world. The foundation for this type of play begins when young infants explore their surroundings and build relationships with the important people in their lives. Soon, they start to imitate those around them and to make believe with real items. For example, a child might feed a doll with a spoon, or rock a doll to sleep. As they become toddlers, children develop the ability to use objects to stand for real things. For example, when a child imagines that block is a car, the child must be able to recall what a car looks like, how it moves, what sounds it might make and then transfer these understandings to the block.

This ability to think abstractly is the same skill your child will need one day to understand and use letters and numbers. In fact, research

shows that children who have developed pretend play skills are more likely to be successful learners than those who lack these skills. Being able to pretend also helps children cope with fears and deal with uncertainties in their lives.

What you can do at home.

Because imitation and pretend play are so important to every child's development and eventual success in school, you can try some of these activities at home.

1. **Encourage your child to explore.** The more children learn about objects and people in their world, the more information they have on which to base their pretend play.

2. **Provide props that inspire pretend play.** Dolls, doll blankets, a cradle, telephones (play or real) pots, pans, and plastic dishes will inspire your child to replay the roles of important people. Other useful props include toy people and animals and transportation toys such as cars,

trucks and boats.

3. **Let your child dress up.** You can encourage your child's ability to pretend by providing dress-up clothes, work related props such as fire-fighters hats, work gloves, binoculars and various ride on toys. Remember not to confuse your child by putting out too many things at once,

4. **Play make believe with your child.** This is one of the best ways to encourage your child to pretend. You can also encourage pretend play by asking questions, offering a new prop, and taking on a role yourself.

Your child can use pretend play as an important way to learn.

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Amy Laura Dombro, Laura J. Colker,
Diane Trister Dodge

Lisa Walton
Romsey Toy Library

News From Monegetta Ward

ouncil has been very busy finalising the budget. The combined impact of the General Revaluation and the increase in rates means that in 2004/5 the rates and charges on a median valued residential home will increase by 5.78% compared to 2003/4.

Council raises its rate revenue by levying a rate on the capital improved value of rateable properties.

A general valuation occurs every two years and between 2002 and 2004 the median residential property value increased by 74% from \$141,000 to \$245,000. As you can see from the above, an increase in property values does not mean there is a corresponding increase in rates. In some instances the rates may even go down.

Our budget this year is influenced significantly by the following major issues:

- . an unexpected increase in library expenditure due to the decision of Mitchell Shire to consider withdrawing the mobile library services to the east of the shire. There is also an additional increase of \$79k per capita in our contribution for other library services.

- . an actual Consumer Price Index increase of 2.00%

- . an enterprise bargaining agreement providing staff with an annual wage increase of 4%.

- . Industrial Award wage increases of \$150k.

- . new Strategic Activities will total \$559k. An outline of these activities is explained in the Budget Overview document available from shire offices or online. The public exhibition of the budget will commence on 22 June and conclude on 6 July 2004, during which time submissions will be received from members of the public.

The issue of the mobile library service possibly discontinuing is a vexed one for Monegetta Ward residents. Darraweit Guim stands to be in the worst position as the school does not have the use of a Department of Education M.A.R.C.

n, although I understand they are high on the list for one. The council will push for a tender to continue with the mobile service for three years, with a possible two year extension.

I am more than happy to discuss the library problem with anyone who may wish to contact me.

Keep warm this cold winter!

Heather Gee, Councillor for Monegetta Ward, ph 5427 0675.



ENROLMENTS – 2005 **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL LANCEFIELD**

Parents who wish to enrol their child at St. Mary's School for 2005 onwards are asked to complete an Expression of Interest Form which is available from the School Office.

St. Mary's Open for Visitors

St. Mary's will be open for Visitors on
SUNDAY, 25th JULY: 11am – 12noon.

St. Mary's Information Night

Wednesday, 28th July: 7.00 – 8.30pm

Parents who are interested in enrolling their child at St. Mary's for 2005 should attend this General Information session.

Enquiries to:

The Principal, St. Mary's School, Lancefield. Vic. 3435. Ph: 54291359

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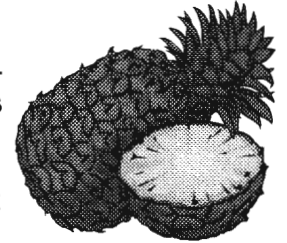
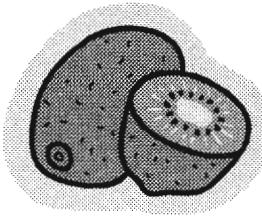


Plant Classification & Identification

As most observers will have noticed, neither plants nor animals are born with labels attached and the classification of living things into species, genera, families etc. is merely a convenient device established by **Carl Von Linne** (1707-78) to facilitate international understanding between scientists and others, to which plants and animals have sometimes declined to conform. This is of course, not the only reason for name changes. In some cases, plants have been brought into cultivation under a name given in ignorance of an earlier given name, in which case the **Law of Priority** should prevail. In other cases name change is not involved, merely a correction of an error in identification by someone introducing or describing a plant found in the wild or in cultivation. Such errors, omissions, misspellings and other valid reasons as outlined in the **Botanical Code** often need to be corrected to avoid confusion. A recent example of this is the well known Sturt Desert Pea once known as *Clianthus dampieri*, then as *C. formosus* and now as *Swainsona formosa*.

As common names vary from time to time and place to place as well as between languages, their identification with those of olden times is of course, impossible with any degree of certainty. It is interesting to note that the common fruit we know as "pineapple" is

known by the botanical name "Ananas" in 23 European languages according to some authors, as well as in Pidgin English except in some parts of Papua-New Guinea where "pineap" may be used. It seems relevant to note that *Actinidia chinensis* once known as "Chinese Gooseberry" has been sold under the name "Kiwi Fruit" in recent years although discovered by Dr. Wilson in Western China in 1910 and known as "Yangtao".



It may be useful therefore, to know the local language as I found out when first arriving in Port Moresby from Madang and approaching a group of natives sitting in a hut and hoping to obtain some pearl shell for making novelties, inquired in my best pidgin: "Yupela save kenya e stap we?" (Do you fellows know pearl shell it stops where?) having bought books on languages in Brisbane, including one on Pidgin – only to be treated to a few seconds of silence before one native rose to his feet and in a cultured voice replied: "Excuse me Sir, but there is an acute shortage of pearl shell in this vicinity". According to the local newsletter I was next seen deeply engrossed in another book: **Victor Hugo's "How To Avoid Incorrect English"** which I still have and with which many modern journalists will not agree!!

While the use of common names where no confusion is likely and exact identification is not required, is quite adequate, the use of scientific names may be considered absurd. To suggest to a farmer that he should tell someone to "take the *Canis Familiaris* down to the *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and get a couple of *Oryctolagus cuniculus* instead of "take the dog down to the red gums and get a couple of rabbits", may not be appropriate.

Fancy names given to new cultivated plants by nurserymen are covered by the **International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants** published by the **International Bureau for Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature** which attempts to set standard rules for naming of plants origination in cultivation. In addition, there are growers' rights which protect the use of registered names by original growers, the commercial propagation of registered plants and copyright protection for such names as "**Nellie Kelly**" for passionfruit plants produced by a particular nursery rather than for a particular variety, the alleged infringement of which was the subject of litigation in the mid 1900s that sounded a warning for the unauthorised use of such names.

As the grower of similar plants under the name of "New Champion" for several years at Newport and the importer of rare species and hybrids from interstate and overseas, I regret not trying the use of other rootstocks such as the hybrid "Empress Eugenie" a cross between *P. alata* and *P. caerulea*, named after the wife of Napoleon 3 of France, and grown under other names in America and Europe, which I obtained from Hazelwood Nurseries N.S.W. in 1953 and have been growing at Newport, Tullamarine and Romsey ever since, having found it to be hardy, non-suckering, disease free, vigorous and worth growing for its flowers alone.

While in many cases, obvious characters will enable even a lay person to readily identify a species or variety, this is not always the case, and the criteria needed to distinguish one species from another may require the use of a microscope. After all, many genes are common to many species – our own species, *Homo sapiens* over 98% with chimpanzees – a strong argument in support of the **Theory of Evolution**.

C. L. Wheller



DON'T BE DISTRACTED WHILE COOKING

Even the most careful can have a fire!

This is the key message of a campaign being run by CFA, MFB and the Office of Gas Safety over the coming winter months. Last year, one third of all house fires started in the kitchen. Because of this CFA is urging all people to take extra care in the kitchen, especially during the winter months.

As part of the winter fire safety program, Romsey Fire Brigade Secretary and Fire Equipment Maintenance Officer, Allan Jackson has called for everyone to be careful when using oil or fat to cook.

"When cooking oil or fat reaches a certain temperature, it will ignite. Throwing water on the fire can make it worse by spreading the flaming oil onto the bench and floor. The flames need to be smothered to stop the blaze," Allan said.

One of the main reasons that fires start in the kitchen is cooking left unattended on the stove, even for just a few minutes.

"How many of us have answered the phone or the door or another member of the household needs something, and

we leave the pan on the stove, thinking it will be okay," he said. "When we return there is a haze of smoke coming from the pan on the stove, at this stage the oil hasn't ignited but we are only milliseconds away from a disaster."

Turning the heat off straight away may be all you need to do. However if the oil has ignited, turn off the heat (if practical) and cover with a fire blanket.

The rules to avoid turning cooking into a recipe for disaster are: never leave cooking unattended; turn pot handles away from the stove edge; keep stoves free of grease and fat build-up; hang tea-towels away from the stove; and wear tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

You should also make sure the exhaust fan above the stove is clean and free of grease and fat build-up. If a fire does start on the stove and gets into the exhaust fan, flames and embers can travel into the roof space very quickly, which can lead to the whole house being involved by fire.

CFA also recommends having a fire blanket and extinguisher in the kitchen. And make sure that your smoke alarm is working, Allan said.

For more information contact Peter Moore on 5429 6951.

Even the most careful can have a fire!

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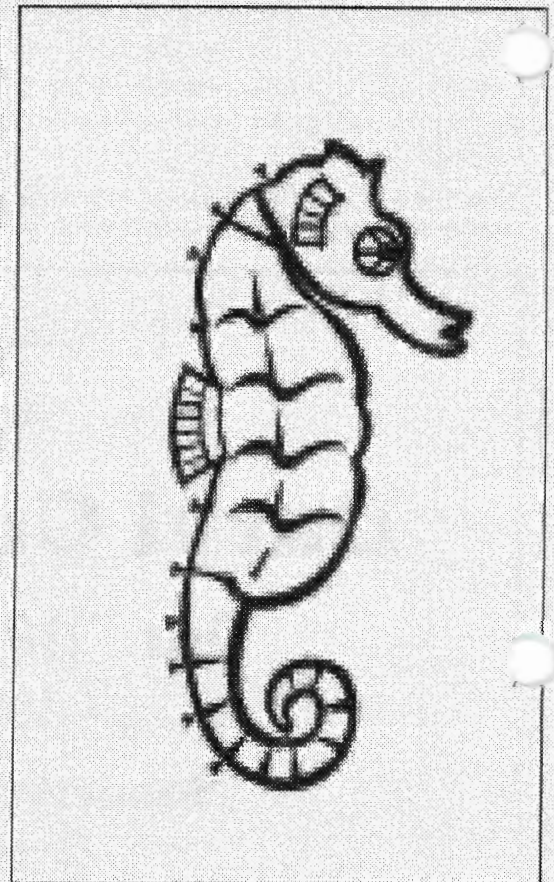
Answers to last month's quiz:

1. Robin Klein. 2. Guy Sebastian. 3. Delta Goodrem 4. Kevin Sheedy

Short Story Competition:

Don't forget to enter the competition in last month's Ragamuffins for your chance to win a new bike! Closing date for entries has been extended to Friday July 16th.

TOPIC - SEA CREATURES	WORDS TO FIND
D G R E A T W H I T E	DOLPHIN
D O C L O W N F I S H	STINGRAY
W Q L T I L M T W E S	MANTARAY
J K Y P U K V U O A I	HAMMER HEAD
M C A S H O R H B H F	WOBEGONG
Y A R G N I T S B O Y	ANGEL FISH
A H A A H O N I E R L	CLOWN FISH
B A T N B C U F G S L	ANEMONE
B M N E H T R L O E E	JELLY FISH
I M A M G O C E N B J	OCTOPUS
E E M O L P H G G B I	CRAY FISH
C R R N J U I N O L S	URCHIN
F H N E M S N A W M H	CREATURES
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D D C R A Y F I S H J	SEA HORSE
S X F B N P S K D B N	GREAT WHITE



This month's wordsearch compiled by Debbie, 10

Strawberry Rose

It is beautiful this rose,
It is just like my mum's perfume.
I heard the wind.
I looked at the rose.
It swayed.
I picked the rose,

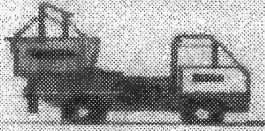
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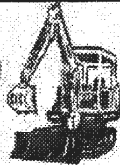
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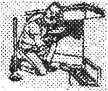
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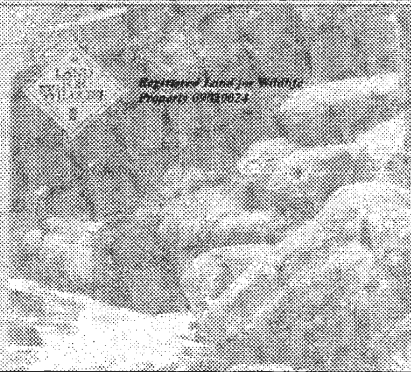
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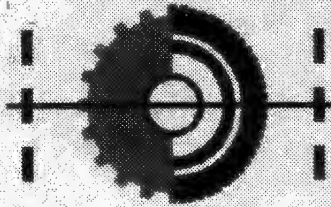
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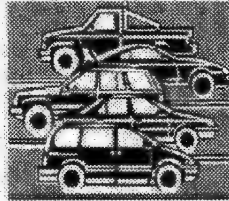
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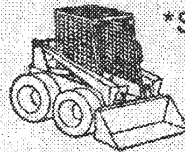
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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

End of term is here and now the kindergarten staff, parents and children are enjoying a much-needed break.

Here are just some of the recent events and news from the kinder for the last month:

Bong Bong Hat Band

The kindergarten children celebrated the end of term with a special performance by the Bong Bong Hat Band at the kinder during the last week of term. All children from all five groups, both four year old groups and three year old groups, came together for this special treat. There was lots of music, singing, clapping and laughing during the performance by the extremely popular one-man band. This was the culmination of the children's recent study of the theme "music". The performance was followed by a shared lunch with parents, staff and friends.

Grandparents Day

There was a huge turn-up to the Grandparents/Special Performance Day at the kindergarten recently. In some groups, almost all children had a grandparent or special friend as their guest on the day, with some children even welcoming both sets of grandparents. The grandparents/special friends came for the last hour of each session, doing activities with the children, and then had a cuppa and enjoyed a singalong and book reading. Thanks to all those grandparents and special friends who came along for the children to "make their day".

Term 3

Third term will begin on Monday, July 12, for the staff and Tuesday, July 13, for the students.

Monday, July 12, will be a preparation day for the staff, so no children will be in attendance at the kindergarten on that day.

Enrolments

Enrolments for both 3YO and 4YO groups for 2005 will be held at the kinder on Monday, July 19, from 1-2pm. A \$5 booking fee and proof of your child's age will be required. Please note both of these requirements must be met before the enrolment is officially recorded. While you can enrol your child for 2005 any time up until September 30 this year, it is advisable to register your interest early in the year and avoid a possible waiting list. Three-year-olds at Romsey Kindergarten 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. If you have a question about enrolments, contact the kinder on 5429 5294, our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243, or the assistant enrolment officer, Melissa Sharp, on 5429 5061. Enrolment forms are available from the kindergarten at any time should you be unable to attend the official enrolment session.

Fundraising

Third term will see the kinder committee working toward the kinder's major fundraising event, a trivia night to be held in September. Further details and the date will be announced in the next Romsey Rag. 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,

LE. JANE MANTON

President

Romsey Kindergarten Committee 2004.



BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As you read this news from Bolinda we are indeed into school holidays after a very busy Term 2. A major factor to the reason why time seems to fly past us at a break-neck speed is indeed the fact that we are so busy, with interesting activities and experiences linked together with a happy workplace and classes.

Next term will go just as quickly as we are indeed well into preparations for our annual **Spring Fair – September 19th**, mark it in your diaries now for a great day out and all the fun of a country school fair, the children just love it!! Last year we had a wonderful display of scarecrows as a family project. This year the family project is **“a Decorated Wheelbarrow with a Spring Theme”**. Wonderful prizes and a great way for families to work together on a family entry. Get your thinking caps on now !!!

Further to our regular morning physical activities with emphasis on skipping, we have had a visit from the Heskett Primary School State Skipping Champions for a fantastic demonstration of what can be done with a skipping rope and they certainly inspired us to go out and try new skills.

Our Senior Education Officer from Bendigo, Dr. Dean Shirley, dropped in to visit us. He was most impressed with the tone of all our classrooms as he spent time in each one speaking with children and teachers and watching what the children were involved in.

All term we have had a whole school theme of the Ocean with wonderful activities being conducted across all levels. This culminated with an excellent excursion to the Queenscliff Marine Centre and Maritime Museum where children had a great hands on experience with marine life in their natural habitat. A fish and chip lunch and Pirate Day finished the theme off beautifully in the last week of school.

Our three school cluster of Clarkefield, Darraweit and ourselves are gearing up for a Mini-Olympic Athletics Sports Day next term. Naturally enough all schools are doing an Olympic theme as Athens looms large on the horizon. Was Sydney really four years ago ???!!

We have also had our annual two day visit from **Melbourne University Science Faculty** students which is always a terrific occasion and has occurred for the past eleven years. The children are always keen to demonstrate their scientific knowledge to the visitors and to learn new science as well. A fabulous couple of days was enjoyed by all.

We will shortly be having some new playground equipment installed as School Council has determined that fundraising from this year's activities will go towards playground improvement. We look forward to that all happening.

Do you get the idea of how busy we have been at Bolinda and some of the fantastic experiences the children have gained from??

Many parents are presently considering their educational options for 2005. Perhaps a **Bolinda Educational Experience** is what you are looking for? An information Morning Tea will be held at school at 10.00am on Friday, July 23rd for those people considering their options. We would welcome anyone who wants a 'cuppa' and a chat about what we can offer you and your children.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – as always, an open invitation to drop in and 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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Hopefully the season will only get better for both football sides, with the return of a number of payers from injury and overseas travel. The reserves have on occasions struggled for numbers, but this problem should be overcome and both sides further strengthened.

Our next home game is against Lancefield on Sunday 25th July. The reserve game commences at 12 noon and the seniors kick off at 2.00 pm. As this is the "local derby" be sure to mark it down on your calendar as a must see sporting event.

There are several club functions approaching which members of the community may wish to attend. Community support is always welcomed.

On Sunday July 4th at the clubrooms there will be a "Last Man Standing" where, for the cost of a \$10 ticket, you are in the draw for \$1000. Drinks and a spit roast luncheon from 12 noon until 2.00 pm are also included in the ticket price. Look out for ticket sellers. You don't have to be present to be in the draw for the prize.

On Saturday July 17th the club is holding its Gala Ball 2004 at the Mechanics Hall. The theme will be "A Day AT The Races". Commencing at 7.00 pm. The cost per person is \$35. The three course meal will be served at 8.00 pm., with a band and dancing to follow. Drinks will be sold at bar prices (NO BYO)

Finally, look out for our Sportsmen's/Memorabilia Night which is being planned for August. Details will be displayed around the town in the near future.

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Hi all, Hope that you are enjoying the little rain that's come our way. Here are some good suggestions for curling up with in front of the fire as winter makes its presence felt. Until next month, Cheers, Pauline R.

***Tales of the Otori* – Lian Hearn**

- * 1 Across the Nightingale Floor
- * 2 Grass for his Pillow
- * 3 Brilliance of the Moon

For those of us who devoured the first two parts of this trilogy in self-indulgent haste, the wait for the recently published third part has been too long. For those who have yet to discover the fast paced, brilliantly told story of Takeo and the Otori indulge yourself in some riveting and compulsive reading.

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***It's my Party and I'll Knit if I want to* - Sharon Aris**

An amusing little book all about the 'new' addiction - knit-

ting. If you are a knitter you'll be highly amused by all the high flying corporate types who have taken up knitting as a way to alleviate stress and think that they have discovered something totally cool! Those of us who have been knitting for years already know the soothing properties of knit one purl one and the joy of completing a project. However the book offers much more than this. It takes the reader on a potted history of knitting and tours such diverse places as the pub scene in Sydney with its 'knitting circles', the processing of yarns at the Wangaratta Woollen Mills and a string of craft shops that offer an amazing range of wools as well as How to Knit classes. An interesting look at a very old craft. If this knitting revival continues there may never be a wool stock pile again!

***Up on Cloud Nine* - Anne Fine**

Anne Fine has been writing books for children, as well as adults, for many years now and for 2001-2003 she was the second Children's Laureate in Britain. Her stories always display heaps of humour, but at the same time introduce the younger reader to some difficult concepts or situations. Up on Cloud Nine is no exception dealing as it does with the issues of adolescent depression, parental abdication and adoption. Ian's best mate, Stolly, has always followed the beat of a different drum and this means that he looks at life in a totally different way to his friends. As a result he has had numerous accidents, thinks about the most bizarre ideas - including a pre-occupation with death - and sees no distinction between his teachers and his peers. This trip to hospital is because he has fallen out the attic window...fallen or jumped? As Ian waits for his friend to regain consciousness he takes the reader with him on a journey of discovery.

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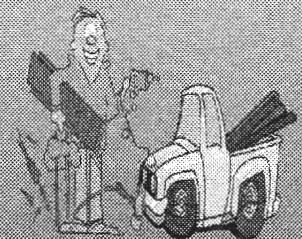
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I don't know about anyone else, but I find politics and the media very frustrating. We all know there will be a federal election later this year, but can they please wait until the election is called before they begin campaigning?

I don't object to political posturing as part of the democratic process. A strong government requires a strong opposition with worthwhile alternative policies. This applies constant pressure, making the government strive to improve things for the nation, which is ultimately in everyone's best interests.

What I do find objectionable is being told by politicians or the media which issues will be crucial in determining this to-be-called election.

We are all different. We all have our passions, interests and concerns. And no matter what anyone else says, it is those personal issues and any personal convictions that will determine how each of us casts our vote. Health care, education, the environment, law and order, welfare benefits, refugees, Iraq, employment, aboriginal issues and whatever else are all important. However, their degree of importance will vary from person to person, changing our priorities as we go.

I could tell you what I think about each of these issues. I could even tell you which ones I think are more important. But that wouldn't tell you how to vote, as you'd probably disagree with me. And that's how democracy works. No matter what we think are the crucial issues facing our country, it is important to discuss them. That's another important aspect of democracy, that we can listen and talk with people who disagree with us. We probably can't change each other's minds, but we can get a different perspective and, perhaps, some understanding of why someone else might disagree.

We are all a part of the fabric of Australia. We live, work and play together in our community. We don't agree on everything (perhaps anything!), but that doesn't change our togetherness. Relationships are a reality to being human.

Jesus came to show the world that relationships need to be characterised by respect and service. Whether I like someone or not, whether I agree with them or not, they are still human beings, someone just like me. If I want to be listened to, then I need to listen to them. If I want to be respected, then I need to respect them. Wouldn't the world, and politics, be so much better if everyone could do this?

Rev Alan Williams

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

What's On

4 July 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.

- 11 July 9:00am worship.
14 July 1:30pm UCAF meets at the home of Pat Lewis to sort stamps for Sammy Stamp. Did you know that over \$20,000 dollars are raised by the church in Victoria each year though used stamps?
18 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This will be the first Sunday School session for third term. All welcome.
25 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
1 Aug 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.

Advance Notice

- 29 Aug 4:30pm The Combined Churches Songfest will once again be held at the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall.

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.

Letter to the Editor:

ROMSEY ROSE GARDEN: The garden beds are currently being prepared in front of the Romsey War Memorial, and it is hoped that the roses will be planted by mid-July. Request for local support has been most encouraging and I am very pleased to say that the fundraising phase has been achieved. Through "The Rag" may I acknowledge contributions from the following, without whom nothing would have been done:

Forbes Automotive Centre; Romsey Mowers; Bill & Pat Badger; Pauline Freeman; Romsey Medical Centre; National Australia Bank; Greg Gibson Pharmacy; David & Caroline Young; Romsey Newsagency; Dianne & Kevin Fitzgerald (Romsey Rose Nursery); Dr Stevan Krstic; Romsey Auto Sales; Essjais Restaurant; Romsey Post Office; Wayne Mears; IGA Supermarket; Romsey Hot Bread, and Maureen Wiltshire Solicitors. I would also like to acknowledge the support from Peter Jones, Parks Development Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire; John Haslett of the Lancefield/Romsey R.S.L. and local councillor Heather Gee.

It is very satisfying to see how the community gets together with a project such as this, which benefits all in the district.

Mike Garrett.



Five Mile Creek News

A NOTICE BOARD

A noticeboard is to be erected at the corner of Robb Drive and Pohlman Street to tell visitors and new residents about the creek. Space has been set aside to put up notices of local events etc. If you could spare time to help in erecting this noticeboard, please ring Andrew or Peta on 5429 6168

DIRT ...

Just a reminder as we still need dirt to assist the teenagers in building up the dirt bike jumps. We are hoping that someone building their block might have to take away dirt and not have a use lined up, and it could be used for the jumps. The bicycle jumps are being built for all levels of skill, and more jumps are needed.

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

MOTORBIKES

Apology and Correction ... The bikes using the hills in

Buckleys Lane (referred to in June Romsey Rag) was a private agreement between a club and a landowner is not a public course. The mistake was due to a mix-up in information given about a development in Springfield when enquiries were made some time ago about where motorbikes could go.

Mums and dads of motorbike boys maybe should get together over this. Council have the expertise with insurance etc. and are often lobbied on these matters. It seems there's plenty of interest in finding somewhere for motorbike riders to use.

(Shift workers nearby have found the noise difficult if motorbikes use the creek in town, and as mentioned in June, the jumps in the creek were built for bicycles)

Contact People (please ring if you have a comment or suggestion):

Andrew Sheil & Peta Gale 5429 6168
Sue Kirkegard 5429 523 Jay Brooks 5429 6163
Lisa Weston 5429 6440 Kerry Stott 5429 6160

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club

Inc. A003543P

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.

For a yearly joining fee of \$2 you can play carpet bowls, cards or just chat. We are there every Monday from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. There is also a coach trip organised on the first Wednesday of each month. Transport can be provided and you will be made most welcome.

Ring Rae Hooke (Sec) on 5429 1602.

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at

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High St Woodend

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St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield
Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Frances Guinane	Convent:	5429 1582
School Principal:	Sr. Patricia Stone	School:	5429 1359

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

Reconciliation:

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

Baptisms:

February, April, June, August, October, December.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1582 or 5429 2130.

Men's Breakfast:

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

REGULAR EVENTS

Christian Meditation Group:

Monday, 8.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Romsey. Tel: 5429 5907 for more information.

SVDP Drop-In:

First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Songs of Worship & Praise:

Third Sunday of each month, 9.30 a.m. (½ an hour before 10.00 a.m. Mass), St. Mary's Church, Romsey.

Spiritual Guidance:

Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information

SPECIAL EVENTS

July:

Emma Page Jewellery Party

Friday, 23rd July at 11.00 a.m. in the Romsey Church Hall. \$10.00 per person - lunch included.

Bookings essential. Tel: Sandra on 5429 6157 or Genny on 5428 5475.

August:

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A special weekend to strengthen marriages will be held in the Lancefield Guest House (former Lancefield Hospital) for the weekend of the 6th to the 8th August. This weekend will help communication and bring couples closer together. For bookings/information please contact Sheila and John Stafford on 9740 9966.

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.



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Trentham. 3458.
Phone: 5424 1658
mobile: 0418 571 101

Sunday Services:

9.00am St. Paul's Romsey
10.30am Christ Church Lancefield
Sunday School during term times at Lancefield.

Wednesday Service:

10am Christ Church Lancefield

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
July meeting Church Hall Romsey.

OP SHOP Open Fridays 12.30 – 4pm. Saturday
10am – 1pm.

Anglican Mens Society meets the 2nd Thursday night of each month 8pm at 5 Jinker Way Romsey
Hon/Sec. John Whiteman. 5429 6900.

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

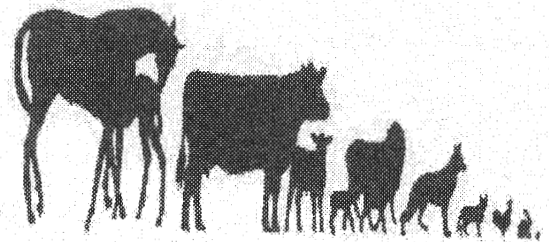
Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194
Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225

News Announcement

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

A "Do it Yourself" Hydrobath and dog washing area has also been installed and is available for hire if you prefer to wash and groom your own dog.

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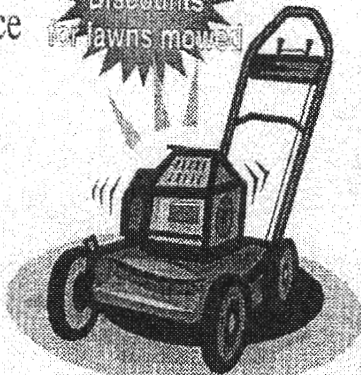
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News from the Bargain Box

S...hn's op shop.

We have decided to 'get with the programme' where plastic bags are concerned.

We want to do our little bit for the environment and discourage the use of plastic bags, so we encourage you to bring your own bag, backpack, cardboard box or overnight bag (in case you buy heaps) pardon the pun!

You will note we do not have our special \$ rack on the pavement outside the shop at the moment. It was felt by some volunteers to be too cold and damp for our customers to browse through it outside, anyway you'll find it at the back of the shop, so come inside it's only the cold weather that encourages us to keep the shop door closed.

Our small drop bin has been taken away for the present as we suspect there has been some pilfering happening. If you have any items which will break if dropped in the large bin please call one of the following numbers: 5428 6526 or 9744 5716.

Thanks for your ongoing support we really appreciate it.
From Chris, coordinator.

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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

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A weekend will be held at the Lancefield Guest House on August 6 – 8. For bookings or further information phone Peter & Erika Smith 9899 0824 or John & Sheila Stafford 9740 9966.

Web site: www.wmme.org.au

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB REPORT JUNE 2004

Results from the **22nd Annual Tournament**

Saturday 5/6/04

Relative Pairs 4BBB Stableford

Winner Jim Freestone (27) & John Freestone (18) 46pts
Runner up M. Thornton (9) & S. Wilkins (15) 44 pts

Mixed 4BBB Stableford

Winners J. Menzies (12) & K. Jekabson (27) 42 pts
Runner up R. Cole (24) & B. Cole (23) 41 pts

Mens 4BBB Stableford

Winner G. Wilkins (32) & M. Nicholls (24) 47 pts
Runner up S. Williams (23) & I. Mearns (20) 45pts

Sunday 6/6/04 22nd Annual Tournament Results 24 Holes

Winner A Grade Scratch D. Freestone (0) 93 Heathcote

A Grade Net D. Jones (5) 91 1/3 Romsey

B Grade Scratch G. Clement (12) 108 play/off Romsey

B Grade Net D. Smith (12) 92 Avenel

C Grade Scratch R. Maccanti (17) 110 Melb. Airport

C Grade net G. Drummond (15) 89 1/3 Northern

AM Handicap M. Ryan (10) 43 2/3 Heathcote

PM Handicap T. Ryan (14) 40 1/3 Yarrowonga

NTP 1st I. Richardson Seymour

8th & 9th J. Pilkington Avenel

10th D. Opyrchal Melb Airport

The 22nd Annual Tournament was proudly sponsored by
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Bruce Robb

The Committee and members would like thank the sponsors for their generous donations, which helped to make the tournament a successful weekend. We encourage the town's people to also support these traders.

The curator and all helpers did a great job preparing the course for the tournament and we thank them for the effort put in. Thankyou also goes to the ladies who catered for the weekend.

Results 22/5/04 PAR CCR 67

Winner R. Cole (26) +4

Runner up A. Laing (16) +2

Ball comp K. Dunn (23) +2, R. Rea (16) +1, C. Vanderveilt (17) +1, I. Mearns (20) +1, M. Thornton (9) +1, G. Wilkins (32) sq. & Jim Freestone (26) sq.

NTP 1st/13th J. Gradie

2nd shot on the 2nd J. Gradie

Results 12/6/04 Ambrose

Winners A. Laing, T. Freeman, Jim Freestone &

G. Barnacott

Romsey Golf Ladies Report

Very little to report this month. The course is improving and we are still trying to conquer it. The rain has dampened our spirits a couple of weeks but not enough to stop us enjoying life. Last Wednesday after golf we all went out to lunch at the Baytree and had a delicious lunch and more chats.

Recipe for this month:

2 Bowl Quiche

Bowl 1 1/2 cup S. R. flour, 1 medium onion (grated) 3 bacon rashers (chopped), 1 cup cheese & 2 tablespoons parsley (chopped)

Bowl 2 3 eggs, salt, pepper, 1 1/4 cups milk, 1/2 cup melted butter.

Beat together then add bowl 2 to bowl 1 and mix well.

Pour into a greased flan tin

Bake 45 mins at 400 F (check at 30 mins)

Beryl Cole

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