

THE ROMSEY RAG

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The Romsey Rag celebrates 20 years of publication

Twenty years ago, on August 15th, 1984, the very first edition of The Romsey Rag appeared. It consisted of 3 sheets of cream A4 paper, printed on both sides. The copy was typed onto a stencil and reproduced using a spirit duplicator. A humble beginning for a now widely distributed and important community newsletter, kept alive and nurtured by successive groups of dedicated volunteers.

Back in 1984 the editorial of the first edition of the Rag said:

"The ROMSEY RAG" is designed to fill a need. To provide the residents of Romsey with current and accurate information regarding the many activity groups that are functioning within our community. This first edition has been distributed voluntarily by some of our young people. Further copies are available at the newsagency.

This edition has been made possible because of the sponsorship provided by the Romsey Primary School Council and our thanks are extended to this group.

Closing dates for future editions of the ROMSEY RAG will be the 10th of each month and copy may be left at the Romsey Post Office. This publication is planned to appear before the 17th of each month.

The editorial committee welcome your contributions, suggestions and comments.

- Trevor Turnham, Val Lobb, Bev Large and Beryl Cole."

Items covered in the first edition included details of the recently formed Romsey Youth Club, information about CFA and CFA Ladies Auxiliary monthly meetings, a call for players for the Netball Association, and contributions from the Uniting Church, the Macedon and District Motor Club, the Romsey Sports and Recreation Centre, St. Paul's Church of England Kindergarten, The Romsey and District Historical Society, the Romsey Red Cross Unit, the Romsey Shire Council and the Romsey Community Leisure Group.

While some of these organisations no longer exist, many continue to serve our community and enjoy the support of residents old and new. Many of these organisations continue also to make regular contributions to the Romsey Rag.

Of most historical interest, perhaps, is this article from the Romsey Primary School, which says in part:

" Just what is happening at school? Many people have queried the reasons for the large earth-moving equipment operating on the site where the old Presbyterian Manse was removed earlier this year. The School Council are planning for the future in more than one way. The Romsey Primary School is planned to be rebuilt its present site, retaining the original building. ..."

Twenty years on, and the Rag still calls Romsey Primary School home—but in a much larger and more modern complex, on a huge allotment of land!

The Editorial Committee would like to thank everyone who, in the last twenty years, has contributed in any way to making the Rag what it is today. We would also like to encourage residents to reflect on the objectives of the Rag as they were published in the first edition, and support this local news bulletin by contributing articles or time to its production. New faces are always welcome in our production, collation, editorial and contributor teams, so please have a think about what YOU can do to contribute!

ROMSEY RAG 20TH BIRTHDAY BASH!

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.

This gala event will be held on Thursday August 12th at 7.00 pm at the Romsey Primary School in the Performing Arts Centre.

You know who you are—come along and give yourselves a "pat on the back" for a job well done.

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

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Articles can be sent via e-mail to:
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Romsey Community Bank

DECISION SOON ON COMMUNITY BANK PLANS

A decision on whether Romsey gets its own Community Bank is expected to be made within the next couple of weeks.

The Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee chair, Maureen Wiltshire, said a detailed analysis of the 387 responses to the feasibility study survey conducted around the town in April and May gave cause for optimism that a bank would be viable.

"A detailed business plan is now being developed which should give a much clearer indication on whether the bank will be able to proceed," Mrs Wiltshire said.

"A breakfast meeting held on July 19 with Bendigo Bank officials has enabled us to look at the results of the survey and plan for the next steps.

"We have also been actively looking for a building in Romsey which could house the Bank."

Mrs Wiltshire said a decision on whether to proceed would be made by the directors of Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd – the company of community shareholders which also runs the Lancefield Community Bank – and need to be approved by Bendigo Bank.

"If a decision is made to proceed, a prospectus would need to be prepared and issued inviting members of the community to take out shares in our Bank," she said.

"This would include the local residents and businesses who pledged \$425,000 last year and earlier this year towards being part of it.

"We are now at an exciting stage of our long-term plan and vision to bank-proof Romsey by opening our own community-owned Bank.

"We will be in a position to make a decision in the next couple of weeks."

DEADLINE DATES FOR ROMSEY RAG:

EDITION	CLOSING DATE FOR COPY	COLLATING DATE
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

Good Reads From the Mitchell Library

Hi all, Please find following some really good reads for the depths of winter, cheers, Pauline

My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Picoult
I should know better than to start a Jodi Picoult novel when I have other things to do with my life such as sleeping and eating and work! I never learn. So, as usual, not much was done until the last page was read and the book thoroughly enjoyed. This author is amazing. Her novels never fail to hold you in their thrall and *My Sister's Keeper* is no exception. Anna was created a designer baby – the perfect genetic match for her sister Kate who has leukaemia. She has undergone countless surgeries and transfusions in her short 13 years of life without demur, but as her parents look to her to provide the lifesaving kidney that Kate requires, she begins to question their motives and whether she has any meaning or importance to them other than as a source of genetic material for her sister's survival. She decides on a course of act that stuns her entire family if only she has the courage to pursue it to the end. Stock up the freezer first!

Our Woman in Kabul – Irris Makler
Every so often a book comes along that leaves you gasping with its truth and stunned by its insight and *Our Woman in Kabul* is one of these. Not exactly a light read it is nevertheless ruthless in the way it propels the reader into Afghanistan c.2001 between the fall of the twin towers and the fall of the Taliban. Makler was a freelance journalist reporting from Moscow on September 11 and was one of the first group of western journalists admitted to Afghanistan only two weeks later. Her observations and insights into the living conditions and historical perspective of this beautiful but abused country and its people are compulsive reading and illustrate their way of life and daily hardships with poignancy and perception. An essential read.

Shakespeare without the boring bits – Humphrey Carpenter
Ever thought that Shakespeare had some good ideas, but that the plots were clouded by all sorts of subplots and 'olde english language'? Well this book clarifies 9 of his texts brilliantly. It is actually a talking book, but don't let that put you off as Shakespeare has never been so clear or amusing before. Carole Boyd expertly narrates such stories as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Julius Caesar* and *Twelfth Night* from just one main character's point of view. I particularly enjoyed Macbeth's rendition of his plight told in the laconic, understated American private eye style... "I met these three old girls out on the heath today and jees did they tell me some weird tale...."
Great fun and highly entertaining.



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**Authorised by Cherie Goodson,
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Physical Education and Sport at Romsey Primary School

Each year at Romsey Primary School we have a major presentation at one of our school council meetings on an important aspect or issue of education. This year our focus presenters were classroom teachers Leanne Lyons and Amy Skinner who spoke on our Physical Education, Sport and Perceptual Motor Skills programs. Having outstanding facilities is clearly not enough, schools need to make a firm commitment to develop in their students a set of understandings and skills that under-pin the foundations of a healthy and fit lifestyle to be carried beyond the school years.

Our Physical Education and Sport program works to provide:

- Competence in basic skills for participation in physical activity
- Regular participation in physical education
- Maintenance of a health-enhancing level of physical fitness
- Knowledge of the benefits from involvement in physical activity
- An understanding of the value of physical activity and its contribution to a healthy lifestyle

An understanding that physical activity provides opportunities for enjoyment, challenge and social interaction

All students participate in a comprehensive physical education and sport program throughout the school week. This meets or exceeds government guidelines. Our preps commence with two 30 minutes timetabled sessions in the gym each week including PMP sessions. The program develops over the years for our years 5 & 6 students who have one hour timetabled gym session and two hours of sport each week

Our senior students participate in a range of in-school and inter-school sporting activities throughout the year. These include tennis, cricket, volleyball, softball, basketball, netball, football, soccer, t-ball, athletics, and golf. We also have a gymnastics program in years 3&4 and bike education in year 4. There are also aerobics and dance classes as well as whole school focus activities at times such as "Jump Rope for Heart," Wheelchair Sport and Tabloid Sport. Throughout the year we are also able to access specialist coaching clinics. In the past few years the school has also had a successful equestrian team.

Through our Physical education program we:

- Provide opportunities for all children to experience success in learning skills
- Provide feedback to individuals
- Focus on the mastery of the Fundamental Motor Skills
- Develop positive attitudes and self-worth
- Be aware of the need for safety in all aspects of physical education
- Be conscious of the ultimate outcome – the acquisition of knowledge and skills to participate in physical activity over a lifespan
- Through Sport Education we
- Reduce the emphasis on winning and losing
- Focus on maximum participation
- Encourage self-control and respect for others
- Provide modification to ensure that parts of the game are



appropriate to the skill level of the students

- Promote enjoyment and active involvement for all children
- Offer a range of games and opportunities
- Allow students to design, implement and evaluate their own sport and recreation programs and activities.

Recently the school was presented with two bicycles from the Romsey –Lancefield Rotary Club. These bikes will be used to support students in our Bike Ed program who may not have a suitable bicycle. The school is very appreciative of the generosity and ongoing support of our local Rotary Club for this and other school programs

Celebrating Student Achievement

Every week our school assembly is held as an important school event for all students and teachers to get together and as a forum for a positive start to the school week and as a celebration of student achievement. The introduction of the enhanced *Student Achievement Awards* has been another powerful way to reinforce our commitment to our school values while recognising the effort of students in meeting their learning and social goals. The *Artist Awards* recognise work in this valued aspect of our school program. At recent assemblies we have heard from students reporting on their sporting success in netball and equestrian inter-school events. Recently our school aerobics team and dance groups performed for the school community Parent volunteers with teacher support have taken these students during lunch recess times. The continued contribution of parent volunteers in so many aspects of our school program is a wonderful part of our school. We also have regular impressive musical performances from classes, our ensemble and choir as well as solo instrumentalists such as from Jake Wilson who has been learning trumpet from Rob Smithies at school for this year only. It continues to be a very positive part of our school that parents continue to come along to assembly in considerable numbers to share in the great achievements of our school with us each week.

Student Involvement

Romsey Primary School students are very active in organising activities throughout the year that develop a sense of social responsibility for each other, the community and the environment. Currently students are working on raising money through the "Jeans 4 Genes" day. Funds raised will go to the Children's Medical Research Institute which is active in facilitating research into the causes of genetic diseases in children such as cancer, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and spina bifida.

Another current student-led project is participation in the "Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge" Our students have been active in collecting and measuring the amount of litter in the school yard and in developing strategies to maintain this litter at a sustainable low level.

Enrolments for 2005

Parents wishing to enrol their children for 2005 can do so now. School information packages are available from the school office and local kindergartens. Children who do not attend local kindergartens can be included in our extensive transition to school programs. Dates for these sessions are available from the school office.

Barney Healy
Principal

2004/05 Community Funding Scheme



A workshop/information session relating to Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Scheme will be held on Tuesday 10th August 2004 for the benefit of potential applicants.

The session will be held at the Woodend Community Centre, commencing at 7.30pm, and will provide information on the categories, and the application and evaluation process.

The Community Funding Scheme recognises the role of local community groups in developing and providing programs, services and activities for residents in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

The Community Funding Scheme aims to:

- Provide financial assistance to locally based Community Groups wishing to develop and provide a wide range of programs/services and activities.
- Ensure access and participation by local residents in programs/services/activities.
- Encourage the development of and foster innovative approaches to programs/services/activities.

The Scheme will provide financial assistance to eligible applications in the following three general areas:

Recreation & Facilities Grants

Categories: **Recreation & Facilities Category** **Up To \$5,000**
For Groups currently using Council owned or managed sporting or recreational facilities to develop and improve these facilities for residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Community Services/ Youth Grants

Categories: **Small Operational Category** **Up To \$200**
To assist small groups/programs or activities with day-to-day operational expenses.

Service Category **Up To \$ 2,000**
For groups that need support to maintain their services or activities; or to encourage expansion/relocation of services and activities into areas of demonstrated high need.

Establishment & Development Category **Up To \$ 3,000**
For the establishment of new groups; programs or activities; the enhancement of access to Groups, programs and activities; and significant one-off projects or events.

Festivals/Events Grants

Categories: Same as for Community Services/Youth Grants.

All applications must be on the official Application Form relevant to the Grant type being applied for. Application forms and an outline of Council's Funding Guidelines and Policy are available from all Council Services Centres or can be obtained by telephoning Council's Customer Services Officers on 1300 656 577.

Applications close 5.00pm on Tuesday 31st August 2004.

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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner! It's the beginning of another term and the children are settling in well. This term's highlight activity will be the KINDER OLYMPICS! Normal kinder will be suspended for the day on Thursday, August 19, so the children can take part in this special and fun event. The Kinder Olympics will coincide with the first week of the Olympic Games in Athens, so the children are sure to be full of enthusiasm. Our mini-Olympics will take place as the children are looking at sport with special activities within their particular groups.

School visits

Term 3 is an especially exciting term for the 4YO children as the Romsey Primary School familiarisation visits begin in August and carry on into fourth term. The visits allow the children to meet with a Prep grade and make the transition to school just that little bit easier.

School Readiness Talk

Special advance notice of a FREE event on Wednesday, September 8, at 7.30pm at the kinder. Romsey Primary School Prep-Grade 2 co-ordinator and Prep teacher Di Ellis will give a talk on School Readiness and answer parents' questions.

Di gave a similar talk last year which was extremely interesting and great help to parents. On the night, committee members will provide a crèche area within the kinder for parents who bring their children, so parents can attend without worrying about the little ones. Mark this date on your calendar now! All welcome, you do not have to have a child at the kinder to attend.

Vandalism

A rock was thrown through one of the kinder's glass doors one night during the recent holidays. Luckily no-one was inside the kinder and was hurt at the time, however the kinder was forced to pay for expensive repairs. Security has been stepped up at the kinder and the area is regularly checked by police patrols. We urge any locals who see anyone suspicious hanging about the kinder, especially late at night, to call me on the number below or alert the police. The kindergarten is a non-profit organisation which struggles to make ends meet and we cannot afford the building to suffer this kind of needless and senseless vandalism.

Enrolments



Enrolments for both 3YO and 4YO groups for 2005 are open until September 30. Forms are available at the kindergarten.

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.

Fundraising

Third term will see the kinder committee working toward the kinder's major fundraising event, a Hallowe'en themed trivia night to be held on the night of Friday, October 22. 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

President

Romsey Kindergarten Committee 2004.



COMING TO THE ZONE

BORED?!!!

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- ✓ PILATES
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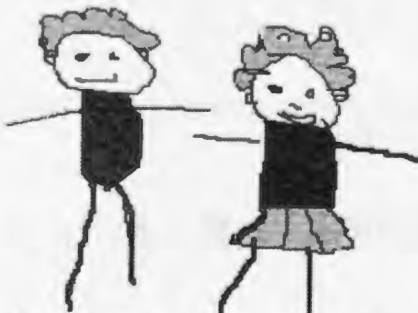
SUNDAY Morning - **ROMSEY** 10:00am @ 7 Mitchell Court ROMSEY

SUNDAY Evening - **WOODEND** 7:00pm @ Woodend Community Centre
(no evening service 1st Sunday of each month)

Children's Program at both services

- Midweek life groups
- KIDZONE before & after school care program (Romsey)
- Church bus available for hire for community groups

Lancefield



Kindergarten

Lancefield Kindergarten

Enrol for 2005

3 & 4 year old groups

\$5.00 booking fee &

Proof of age required.

Enrol at Kindergarten on:

Mon 30th August 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Contact Kindergarten on 5429 1388

Or

Theresa Veal on 54237 108

GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Chaplaincy Progressive Dinner

Saturday 7th August 2004

6.00pm Soup at Gisborne Catholic Church

St. Brigids Aitken Street.

7.30pm Main Meal at Manaaki's

35 Aitken Street, Gisborne.

Charity Auction

Cost:

\$15.00 Adults

\$10.00 Concession/Child

\$40.00 Family

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Anglican Parish Office 5428 4038

Susan Guthrie 5428 4807

Lancefield Neighbourhood House Sweet Sixteen!

Did you know that Neighbourhood Houses are a non-profit community based organisation? They operate all over Victoria and Lancefield is lucky that a group of people got together in 1988 to establish one in this town – so we're sweet sixteen this year.

The Neighbourhood House provides a place for people to meet new people and learn new skills. We aim to provide courses and activities at cost price to cover all the needs and interests of our community. This can cover anything from dropping in for a cup of coffee to obtaining your Level 3 First Aid certificate.

We arrange accredited courses, such as First Aid, Food Handling & Red Card Certificates to be held in Lancefield so that people do not have to travel. If you would like us to investigate the availability of other workshops please phone and let us know.

The Houses facilities are also available to all members of the community for room hire, computer and internet access and commercial kitchen hire – which has already been used to produce some 'Old School House' jams and chutneys (available at the House and the Farmers Market). Other groups wishing to take advantage of this to create their own fundraising gourmet delights can ring us for details.

Dates to Remember

We have shopping bus trips every month, on the third Friday. On 20 August we will be going to Brand Smart, which is a shopping centre with over 30 factory outlet shops – this trip will be very popular so book early. We also have a special request for a Royal Melbourne Show bus trip, phone to find out which day.

Also coming up in the next few months is a Baby Mas-

sage workshop & bicycle maintenance workshop.

Volunteers

A big welcome aboard to two new committee members, Caroline & Rhonda, we hope they will enjoy being part of the wonderful Committee of Management team as much as we do. Also welcome back to our Garden Fairy and her little mischievous Garden Gnome, your absence was greatly noticed.

If you're after new friends or new skills come along and find out about volunteering. One of the side benefits is that it is good for your health! Studies reveal that through volunteering people achieve relief from stress related disorders and reduce their chances of developing illnesses such as coronary heart disease. So it's a win win for all involved.

Looking Good

We have had an overwhelming response to our Get Lancefield Fit program – its inspirational to see so many people joining in and benefiting from this. Aqua Aerobics Monday, On Your Bike Tuesday, Walking, Exercise with Weights and Tai Chi for Arthritis on Wednesdays and Pilates on Fridays. Keep up the good work!

This Months Handy Hint! Winter Warmer

Did you know that wheat bags make a great alternative to a hot water bottle. They mould into what ever shape you want so they're nice and cuddly. Make your own, wheat is available at the Friendly Grocers, use your own material to create any shape you like, or buy from most craft markets, chemist or health food stores. (Add lavender or your favourite essential oil) Microwave for two to three minutes.

We organize what you request, please let us know what you think Lancefield needs. Phone or call in for details, dates and prices of all our activities and classes. 5429 1214

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What's News

With the Olympic Games rapidly approaching there have been many allegations of drug 'cheats' in the news. In every case, the athletes have declared their innocence and fought to clear their name and claim their spot in Athens.

News and current affairs shows have also been busy with claims about the disappearance of Azaria Chamberlain over 20 years ago.

The constant 'trial by media' is irritating for some people, including me. Reporters try to be objective, but they are also after headlines. Hearsay and supposition can get confused with facts, and editing sometimes omits important details.

Most people simply want to know the truth. The question is, what is the truth? Different perspectives, different experiences and different priorities can give different expressions of what happened. No degree of objectivity is absolute, as it is filtered through who we are.

Does that mean that 'the truth' doesn't exist, that everything is relative? Do you have your truths and I have mine, and that's just the way it is?

These are not new questions. They've become more important in recent years through a movement called 'post-modernism' that recognises the myth of objectivity. It is itself a response to the failure of science of objectively describe our world, a movement called 'modernity', that was itself a response to the religious monopoly on education prior to the 19th century. But these questions are much older than that. The Bible records an encounter in the first century where a man called Pontius Pilate asked Jesus of Nazareth, 'What is truth?'

In a sense, truth is what you believe. As such, it must be subject to revision as more information becomes available, as it is tested and challenged. In other words, truth and belief are constantly being refined as our understanding and knowledge in-

crease. The reason modernity failed was that learning can never end. Life goes on, and with it come new experiences and new opportunities.

The only absolute can be at the end, when there is no more and, so, no more to learn. For Christians, that is God, life beyond this world in God's presence, sometimes called heaven. That is our absolute, the unchangeable truth of our faith. Sure, we learn more about God as we go along, and we, hopefully, keep learning and trying to live better lives, but it is only at the end that we can be sure of getting it right. In the meantime, we muddle on as best we can, knowing that we will sometimes get it wrong. It is our faith that things will eventually get better that keeps us going.

So, how right are you?

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

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| 1 Aug | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. |
| 8 Aug | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 11 Aug | 12:30pm UCAF meets at the home of Geoff and Alice Long to share a finger food lunch. There will also be a video and discussion about East Timor. |
| 15 Aug | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 22 Aug | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 29 Aug | 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
4:30pm Combined Churches Songfest at the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall. |
| 5 Sept | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. |

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.

If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev. Alan.

A PLEA FOR SAFETY ON OUR ROADS

Most drivers in the Romsey community seem to act with consideration and concern for the safety of others. But there are some people who do not seem to believe that road laws, and in particular speed limits, apply to them. I do not appreciate being tailgated by others when I am trying to observe the 50 kph speed zone in the centre of town. This happens on a regular basis, and it is done by all ages and both genders. You should be grateful—one day I may prevent you from being booked for speeding simply because I was "too slow".

My other concern is for bicycle riders on our roads, especially at night. Many times I have observed young children as young as seven or eight riding at dusk or later alone without lights or other safety equipment. Last weekend, while driving back from Woodend after dark, I nearly collided with a teenage cyclist riding along the Wooden-Romsey Road with no lights, no reflectors, no helmet and wearing black clothing. Please—for your own safety—think about what you are doing and the risks you are taking.

A Concerned Road User

Mount William Ward: Sue Kirkegard - candidate



Sue lives in Romsey and is standing to be a councillor in the Mount William ward. She would like to be an advocate for local residents. Sue says "We need a user-friendly Council, key services such as gas, bus and library services, and a way to manage the growth."

Sue's interest comes from a long commitment to building up local communities, which has been seen in Romsey in the cleaning up of Five Mile Creek. This was successful in getting Council to maintain the area and to build the bridge across the creek. Most importantly, it brought together older and newer residents, sharing local information and history of the area and creating new friendships.

Residents of Lancefield, Romsey, Cobaw and Newham enjoy the safe less hurried country environment, yet more services which are badly needed, will also bring growth. Sue comments "Local people have to be involved through their networks and local groups in discussing what we value, and Council has the task of making clear rules about these values for each town and surrounding areas. I will actively represent the concerns for basic services, for transport, water sufficiency and natural resources, and individual concerns."

Sue advocates simple ways to make Council more user-friendly. She believes requests by residents to Council should be tracked so that you know what happens, and that it should be more widely known when Council is meeting in our town.

Sue has experience working with local communities in family, youth and disability services, and in dealing with local government in Melbourne. She has been on the board of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and a national representative for Anglicare Australia.

She is an active member of the Lancefield Equestrian Group, and the Lancefield-Romsey Historical Society. Sue comments "It is through local groups that people make connections and belong to an area, and often, where they have their say. As your councillor I would bring together groups in each town at least once a year, to share information and give feedback to Council".

You can contact Sue on suekirkegard@aol.com or 5429 5283

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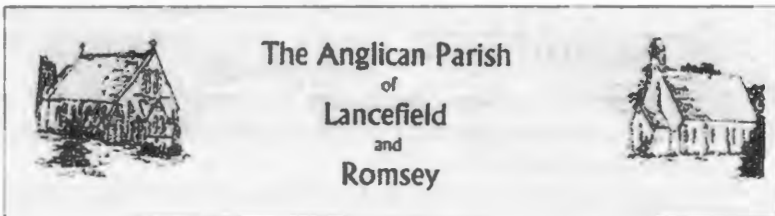
There are interviews with local personalities, local scenes now changed, and Australia Day parades which no longer happen. We are indebted to Noel Shaw for editing the tapes into more manageable length for general viewing, so our August Meeting will be one 'not to be missed'.

Everyone is welcome to come along for this special event, and there will be plenty of time afterwards to share memories over a cuppa. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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August meeting, Church Hall Romsey. Contact Doreen 5429 6060

ATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, 11th August, 2004 – 1.30pm at Christ Church Hall, Lancefield.
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RSVP 6th August, 2004 – Hilda 5429 1424 for catering purposes.

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Ragamuffins

Thank you to everyone who entered our recent short story competition. The standard of the entries was very pleasing, and after much deliberation the judges decided on the following awards:

First prize went to Kim Crabtree for her story "Scared". Kim wins a bicycle kindly donated by Romsey IGA

Second prize was awarded to Michelle Redfern for her story "The Magic Teapot". Michelle wins a world globe, kindly donated by Romsey Post Office.

A Highly Commended certificate was awarded to Kara Menzies for her story "Mystery Tower". All other entrants received a Participation certificate.

Congratulations to our winners and everyone who entered.

Here are the first and second prize-winning stories for your enjoyment.

Scared

By Kim Crabtree

I'm walking down a dark alley. I don't know what I'm doing here, but all I know is I'm apparently going to a so-called "haunted house" with my friend Abby, in the dark. What's the point? Ghosts are not real. The thunder crackled, lightning flashed, the wind was strong. Perfect time to go out, but I must admit, I'm getting pretty scared. I heard a low growl.

"What was that?" I said in a high voice—higher than my normal voice.

"How am I supposed to know?" Abby replied.

We kept walking. It was so cold I felt like my ears were going to fall off. My friend Abby stopped. I did too. We had come to the house. Vines crept up the sides of the walls, and I swear I saw something in the window: probably just a lonely old crackpot lady not wanting us to go inside.

"Come on, let's go in," said Abby. I hesitated. It was dark inside. "You're not scared, are you?"

"No," I lied. "But I don't know if we should go in. It's just because I think I saw the owner of the house through the window."

"Lizzie, this house has been deserted for years. There's nothing to worry about."

"Well—okay."

Abby went in first. I followed. Just as I went in lightning flashed. White spiders were covering the walls, floor and ceiling. I screamed, and ran to the door, but just as I reached it, it slammed right in front of me. Abby and I tried to open it but it was no use. We had to find another way out. The lightning flashed again. The spiders disappeared.

"Stay calm," I said to myself. Abby was breathing heavily. We heard a low growl. It was familiar. I looked around. I saw two green glowing eyes. Abby did too. We screamed and ran; the thing chased us. We stopped running. We couldn't see it. A door was open, leading in to a study. We heard a low growl again. We slowly turned around and we saw the thing we were running from. It was a werewolf. I headed straight in to the study. Abby just stood there, staring in horror.

"Abby! RUN!" I screamed. She ran towards me. Just as she reached me the werewolf bit her shoulder. She screamed in pain. I picked up a book and threw it at the werewolf's head. It hit it in the eye. The wolf let go of Abby's shoulder and yelped. Abby ran into me. I slammed the door and moved a desk against it. Abby sat in a chair. I walked over to her.

"Are you alright?" I said.

"Yes," she replied.

"Did you feel a tingle?"

"No."

"Can you walk?"

"I think so." Abby got up and walked around. Abby sat back down and leaned back. Suddenly a shelf opened up like a door. Abby got up. We both looked in. I felt like invisible arms were pulling me in. I think Abby felt this too.

"Should we go up?" I asked Abby.

"It could be a way out."

"Let's take the risk."

"Okay."

We went up. We got to the top. There was a metal door. I opened it. We were in a tower. I walked to the edge. I could almost see the whole town.

"I don't think we're going to get down from here."

I went to the door. It slammed right in my face.

"Hey, what gives?" I said. "Hey Abby, can you give me a hand?" I asked.

"Why?" she said. I walked over to her.

"Are you alright?" I asked. I felt her forehead. It was hot and sweaty.

"You know when the werewolf bit me, and you asked if I felt a tingle?" Abby said.

"Yeah? So?"

"I lied."

Her eyes turned wolf-like, her teeth went sharp, her ears went pointy. Hair sprouted from her body. She hunched a werewolf. I screamed as she bit into my neck.



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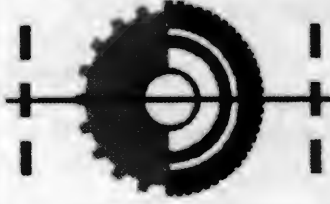
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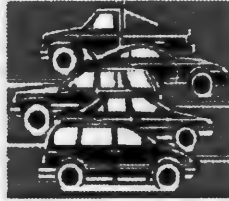
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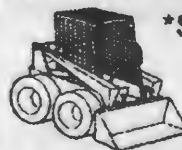
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The Magic teapot

By Michelle Redmond

Once in the land of Far Far Away there was a little girl called Nora who lived with her auntie whose name was Hattie. They lived in a very small and pretty house on the very edge of Far Far Away. Nora was only one year old when her parents died, so she didn't remember them. This story is about when Nora was eight years old.

One day when Nora was working for Miss Redmond at her second-hand shop, she noticed a lovely blue teapot. Nora fell in love with it. She polished it and made it look fabulous. When Miss Redmond came back she was still dusting it! Nora saw her come in and asked if she could keep the lovely teapot.

Miss Redmond said, "If you clean the cutlery and all the teapots like that I'll let you have it and an extra ten dollars." "Oh, thank you!" cried Nora as she ran off to do her chores.

That night at home Nora presented her teapot to auntie. Hattie immediately loved it. After a minute or so they were ready to pour some tea into their cups when Nora suddenly said "I wish we had some hot chocolate." Hattie poured the tea into her and Nora's cups to discover that it looked more like hot chocolate than tea! They tasted it and found it was hot chocolate! The two were really surprised because they had bought tea. At first they thought they must have been dreaming, but when they drank some more they realised it was hot chocolate. They just sat there in disbelief, amazed at what they were drinking.

After a minute, Hattie said, "Darling Nora please tell me, what did you wish for before we poured the drinks?" Nora thought for a moment, then answered, "I wished for hot chocolate. Why, do you want to know?" she asked straight after.

"Well, I was thinking maybe this teapot has some magic Genie inside it that answers your every wish," Hattie replied.

"Don't be silly," said Nora.

So they sat in silence again. Then Nora whispered, "I wish I knew what was going on."

Just then, after Nora said these words, a little man, woman, boy and girl slowly flew from the teapot and gently landed in front of Nora.

"Ddddid you make mmmmy wwwwish come true?" asked an astonished Nora.

The man answered, "We each grant you three wishes."

The boy said, "Six of your wishes are to be for your needs and three for others."

The girl followed his lead and spoke, "The other three are for you to choose as long as they are not greedy or foolish in any way."

Now the woman said, "We will come whenever you call us. Choose wisely as you have ten more wishes. Then we will say goodbye and go to some others just like you."

The family then left in a cloud of sparkly blue dust. Nora looked and spoke to her aunt. "If I make a wish for you will you help me make nine more?"

Her aunt only nodded. Nora looked at the teapot and spoke loud and clear. "I wish Aunt Hattie would be a normal person with money and let her not get so muddled up."

Nora's wish came true, and Hattie was intelligent, understood and asked calmly. "Nora, do you know what to do next?" Nora shook her head.

"Go to bed and sleep and in the morning we will discuss your wishes."

Nora and her auntie went to bed, They slept soundly until nine o'clock the next morning.

When they woke they both thought they had had a dream. But Aunt Hattie was not all muddled up. She felt quite healthy and fit. They sat down at the table and remembered everything.

Nora said, "I also dreamed that I wished that all the poor people found money that didn't belong to anyone, so they got to keep it, and that all the children without any money could go to school." Nora then made those two wishes, and no sooner than she had, the family popped out of the teapot and said together, "You have made three wishes for others and two for your self. You now have seven more wishes." Then they asked, "Do you have any questions?" Nora answered no, and the people disappeared.

Nora grew up and made seven sensible wishes. I cannot tell you them, or my story would be too long.



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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.

October:

Spiritual Faith Renewal

A week of Spiritual Faith Renewal will be held between the 18th and 22nd October 2004 in

St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. Facilitated by Fr. Frank Andersen MSC and Sr. Madeleine Barlow OLM. Anyone from other parishes and other churches are most welcome. More details next month. Please contact the Presbytery for further information.

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



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VENUE: LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL
PRICE: \$15.00 PER HEAD
BYO: DRINKS AND SUPPER

THE MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT WILL REVOLVE AROUND THE POPULAR MUSIC FROM THE 60'S, 70'S, 80'S AND 90'S.

BOOK THE BABYSITTERS NOW AND GET YOUR FRIENDS ORGANISED FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT.

COME ALONG FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN, LAUGHTER AND DANCING. DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN - BOOK EARLY

REMEMBER TO KEEP THOSE GOLD COINS FOR THE RAFFLE AND GAMES.

FORWARD SLIP TO ST.MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - IN AN ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

I/WE WILL BE COMING TO THE TRIVIA NIGHT AND WOULD LIKE TO BOOK _____ TABLE/S. (TABLES OF 10)

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

NAME:

PHONE:

NUMBER OF PERSONS:

PAYMENT OF \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT JOANNE PARUS ON 54292554 OR SUSANN MINETT ON 54291032.



ATTRACTING NATIVE BIRDS TO THE ROMSEY GARDEN

By Kerri Mewett

Now is a good time to sit in a cosy place and plan for Spring gardening projects. And what better to plan for, than to attract native birds into your garden.

DESIGN

It is important to create a 'layering' effect within the garden. This involves incorporating plants of different heights. Start off with groundcovers and native grasses and then interplant with shrubs of varying sizes, and some trees. The size of your block will determine your choice of tree. If you are wanting to grow Gum trees but are worried about them getting too big, there are many cultivars available of smaller sized trees. Grow some climbers along your fences, up your trees and around your shrubs, to create a nesting place for small birds. NEVER PLANT IVY. Prickly shrubs are vital to provide nesting sites and refuge to birds from bigger birds and cats.

PLANT CHOICE

Indigenous Plants are always the obvious choice. These are local native plants which have evolved to grow in our local conditions, and are the natural choice for native birds. There are many indigenous species available to the home gardener and your local indigenous nursery people are a wealth of knowledge. Acacias, Banksias, Casuarinas, Eucalypts, Melaleucas, Olearias, Clematis, etc.

Native Plants are Australian plants. Through plant breeding, there are many attractive cultivars available. You must choose species that are tolerant of frost and which will grow in Romsey soil. Grevilleas, Hakeas, Correas, Kunzea, Melaleuca, Callistemons, Epacris, etc.

It is important to choose a range of different plants to provide a range of food for birds. For example, native grasses have seed for small birds, banksias, grevilleas, correas, provide nectar for nectar feeding birds, casuarinas provide nuts for birds like the black cockatoo.

Exotic Plants are plants from overseas. There are many exotic plants which provide food for native birds. Plants which have 'tube' shaped flowers are a nectar source for honeyeaters. Penstemons, Salvias and Sages flower all summer and well into autumn and are an important food source to birds when other species may have stopped flowering. Sunflowers look great in summer and the parrots love them.

WARNING Check that the species you choose are not weedy which can spread into our bushland, including genista, holly, cottoneaster.

NATIVE AND EXOTIC

Most of us have room for both native and exotic plantings. Try planting out your boundary lines with easy growing indigenous species (needing little watering) and a mixture of your favourite natives. Have at least 3 or 4 rows with a range of sizes. Then if you love herbaceous perennials and the cottage look, include salvias, sages, and penstemons into the garden beds closer to the house. The birds will move between the different areas. You can enjoy watching the birds from the deck or window. Try and choose a range of species which flower and seed at different times of the year.

Remember that both natives and exotics benefit from pruning.

CATS AND BIRDS

Be fair to your cat and our native birds by containing your cat inside or make a cat room (like a large aviary) which joins onto a window so your cat can enjoy inside and out without causing any carnage and is safe from cars and feral cats. This approach is recommended by the R.S.P.C.A.

There is an estimated 40 MILLION cats in Australia, times this by 3 birds a week! Many people believe that their cat doesn't kill, the fact is, it's a cat's instinct.

THE MACEDON SHIRE COUNCIL HAS A CAT CURFEW!

Cats must be locked up from dusk to dawn.

Enjoy creating your bird garden, provide food only in the form of plants and offer bird baths and water bowls. Get the kids involved and have some fun.



GUIDES

Membership of Guides is open to girls from all faiths, races and nationalities who are committed to the ideals of the Guide Promise. The Promise encourages respect and service to God, our country and other people.

There are more than 10 million Guides around the world.

Guides Australia is a vibrant organisation that is relevant to the needs of the girls and young women who make up its membership. Guiding's all girl environment allows its members to achieve more without the distraction of gender based competition. The guide program is 'girl driven', enabling its members to develop life skills and initiative through activities they choose. In planning, delivering and evaluating their own programs the young women learn to take responsibility, grow in self confidence, and learn the skills they need. This ensures that the program is truly relevant to the participants.

Guiding helps girls and young women to reach their full potential by participating in programs and events which are specially designed to provide personal growth within a framework of positive values-based all female organisation.

Guiding is a community that validates girls. Guiding is a forum to celebrate girls' accomplishments and talents.

To reach their full potential, girls and young women need to develop self-confidence, independence, leadership ability and good communication skills. As part of the world's largest organisation for girls and women, Guides offers a challenging program that fosters the development of new skills and strengths, sound values and self-esteem.

In a girl-centred environment like Guides, girls have the freedom and support they need to reach their full potential. There is nothing to limit their achievement. Guide programs are specially designed to build self-esteem and confidence. Girls are encouraged to be decision-makers and leaders. Successful and competent female role models help the girls to understand today's challenges and what they are capable of achieving. Guiding offers a secure and supportive environment, caring female role models, fun and enriching activities, opportunities to speak freely, a chance to develop new skills and discover new talents. Through Guiding, girls and young women learn to get along with others, to recognise themselves as unique individuals, to respect others, especially those from different cultures and backgrounds and to foster international friendship, tolerance and understanding.

In 2001 Guides Australia celebrated 90 years of helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members. Over one million girls have experienced Australian Guiding since it began in 1911.

Guides Victoria belongs to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a world wide organisation of ten million members in 140 countries. Guides Victoria has consultative status to the United Nations.

Guiding welcomes girls from the age of five onwards and embraces girls of all faiths, races and nationalities. Special requirements of a particular faith or culture are respected.

GIRLS ARE THE "STARS" IN GUIDING!!!

Guides are alive and well in Romsey/Lancefield. If you are interested in guiding for 5 - 18 year old girls, please ring

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Five Mile Creek News - August 2004

Thankyou ... to those who offered dirt to the bike jumps. We have kept a list of those who have rung, but we didn't have anyone who was removing it then and there with a truck transporting it. So we will keep looking for a way to remove dirt to the jumps, though now we have had some rain, it will probably wait until the ground along the creek is firmer.

Piles of old tree rubbish ...

Hopefully will have disappeared by this time. Weather permitting on July 25th we and the CFA will have burnt the old piles - about 5 of them along the creek. It is the last record of all the willows which have been removed in the last two years.

A Walking Path from the Lions Park ...

Soon you will be able to walk along the creek side of the Lions park along to the new bridge, and up the creek. With the assistance of the Lions a hole will appear in the hawthorn hedge so that the path can follow the creek more closely.

Walking with the dog / with the children ... PICK UP BRANCHES

Fallen willow branches from windy days make it difficult to keep the grass mowed. If you pick up branches as you go and put them on a nearby pile, you help greatly to keep the creek looking good.

If you are interested in the creek, contact

Sue Kirkegard 5429 523

John Nicholls 5429 6475

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SPRING COLOURBRATION ALPACA CARNIVAL

HEAR YE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HEAR YE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Victorian Central Region of the Australian Alpaca Association is about to hold the Inaugural Colourbration Alpaca Show and Extravaganza!

Lancefield Park on Saturday 4 September and Sunday 5 September 2004.

The weekend will involve:

- 7 – 8 Judged Colour Only Alpaca Shows
- Felting and Craft Workshops = come along and learn how to make a felted hat or slippers, or learn how to use a knitting machine.
(enrolment for workshops contact Jillian Holmes 03 54 292 158)
- Fashion Parade of Alpaca Garments in Natural Shades.
- Speak with breeders at the first ever Alpaca Swap Meet.
- Parade of Coloured Sires & Stud Service Auction.
- Trade Stalls, including our local wineries, Mt William and Portree Wineries with their delightful selection of wines. Local traders and breeders with plenty of product including finished garments, yarn and raw fibre and some even with animals for sale.
- Training Demonstrations & Guest Speakers.



Come One, Come All !!!

There is something here for all.
Have all your questions answered. Find out all there is to know about alpacas, their care, the use of their fibre and much much more.

This show is designed to offer our coloured alpacas an opportunity to strut their stuff!!! In all their rainbow splendour bring them out!! Also, an opportunity to barter, trade, and exchange. Learn more, exchange ideas, mingle, and above all:

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TONY'S TAX TIPS

SUPERANNUATION – IS IT TIME TO TAKE CONTROL?

Given the recent returns of managed investments, it is not surprising disillusioned investors are flocking to Self Managed Superannuation Funds (SMSF's). Statistics late in 2003 show over 430,000 people have opted for control of their superannuation. Self Managed Funds now hold almost a quarter of all superannuation money. Managing your own superannuation is definitely not for everybody, however for most the switch to an SMSF allows investors cost control and greater investment choice and flexibility.

Advantages of SMSF's

- § **INCOME IN RETIREMENT** – Helps to ensure you are financially independent in retirement and allow you to lead the lifestyle you are accustomed to.
- § **CHOICE OF INVESTMENTS** – Most people choose SMSF's due to the control over how their retirement funds are invested. Some of the options available are:
 - § owning land or residential rental properties (there are exceptions);
 - § owning commercial premises, even your own business premises.
- § **FAMILY FLEXIBILITY** – An SMSF is the most flexible and tax-effective vehicle to provide lump sums and income streams to spouses, children or grandchildren upon the death of a member.
- § **TAX BREAKS BACKED BY GOVERNMENT** – Most income within the fund is taxed at 15%. Capital gains are generally taxed at only 10% and when members commence pensions in retirement, the fund's income will be tax free. Small businesses that make capital gains on sale can roll over the taxable component into the SMSF and avoid taxation.

All these factors support the ongoing popularity of SMSF's. Running an SMSF can be complicated, however with common sense prevailing and professional assistance, the opportunity for control can be very rewarding. **It's your money, why shouldn't you control 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.

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.

Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

PO Box 288, Romsey Vic 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871



History of our Club

Leila Beasley is currently compiling a history of the Romsey Tennis Club, it's earlier position, past members and anecdotes. She would appreciate hearing from anyone in the community who can share some interesting stories and information. If you can help, please phone Leila on 5429 5525.

Mid-Week Ladies Competition

CONGRATULATIONS!! to Section 1 who won the Grand Final in great style! A back-to-back win for these girls!! A great effort by the Section 4 team too, who reached the Preliminary Final. The new season started on Tuesday, July 20. New players are always welcome to join a team. Anyone interested should telephone Bev Beaumont on 5429 6189.

Saturday Afternoon Seniors

Section 2 is currently on top of the ladder with our Section 4 team situated second on the ladder. This coming Summer season will see a change to the same format as is applied to Winter competition, i.e. 2 men and 2 women players per team. For further information please contact Bev Davis on 5429 5954 or Darlene Baker on 5429 5186.

Juniors

Our mixed Section 2 team (Romsey/Hanging Rock) is cruising nicely at 2nd on the ladder, as is our Section 5 team. Section 6 are on top, while Section 7 are lower on the ladder, but greatly enjoying their singles matches.

The Summer season will see the age raised to 17 and Under for eligibility to play. Anyone (including beginners) interested in playing in the forthcoming Summer Competition can register any time with Bev Davis on 5429 5954 or Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622. Keep an eye out for the next edition of the Romsey Rag for further info regarding our Junior Summer competition teams!!

Thursday Morning Social Tennis

Every Thursday morning, commencing 10.30 a.m. a group of people meet at the Romsey Tennis Club courts for a few sets of very social tennis!!! Anyone interested in "having a hit" should feel free to join this friendly group – just come along!!! If you would like further information, please phone 5429 5525.

Equipment Grant

As part of the Federal Government's Volunteer Small Equipment Grant Scheme (Round 2), Romsey Tennis Club has obtained funding to the value of \$690.80 for the purchase of much needed equipment to maintain our courts.

Thanks

For your support of our wood raffle, which raised \$478.00 for the Club and was drawn on May 28. The lucky winners were the Calder family (Phil, Cathy, James and Kate). (A very big thank you for the Matthews family for the donation of the wood and the use of their trailer).

"Save Our Courts"

Our fundraising activities are continuing with a "Cadbury Chocolate" drive. A very big "thank you" to those people who have supported our Club by purchasing (and, of course, eating!) our Chocolate frogs. The Tennis Club is continuing its major effort to raise funds to meet part of the cost of upgrading our 3 drought damaged en-tout-cas courts so they will have a drought proof mod-grass surface. **We gratefully acknowledge and thank the local community for their on-going support.**

Next General Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd, commencing 7.30 p.m. at Kaye McNamara's home. Phone: 5429 5622.

Annual General Meeting

Romsey Tennis Club Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, commencing 7.30 p.m. at the Romsey Tennis Clubrooms. All welcome!

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

A SIGN YOU ARE A GOLF ADDICT: you ask the shopper ahead of you in the checkout line if you can play through.

Results

Wed. 30th June Stableford (the day was wet **windy** and miserable) our mothers always told us not to play in the rain but on we plugged for 18 holes stubbornly not wanting to be the first to drop out.

1st H. Caly 30pts

2nd L. Beasley 28 pts

Wed. 7th July Stapleford

1st B. Cole 33 pts

2nd H. Caly 30 pts

Wed. 14th July Monthly Medal

1st B. Cole 71 net

2nd S. Shelton 74 net

Welcome home to Jenny its great to have you back and we are looking forward to Lorraine returning when she recovers from her "tennis elbow"

Recipe for this month

Divine Chocolate Cake

1 cup SR flour

1 cup sugar

1 large tablespoon cocoa

Sift above ingredients

Add 125gm melted butter

2 eggs

½ cup milk

2 tablespoons coconut

Beat until creamy

Cook in greased tin

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ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

After thirteen rounds of the Riddell District Football League season, the Senior side is currently second on the ladder with 11 wins. In recent weeks the Redbacks have put together convincing wins, over fellow premiership contenders Riddell and Melton Centrals. We have also seen the return of the Strack brothers Daniel and Mark, to further strengthen the side.

The Reserves, have suffered some close defeats of late and are now clinging to the hope that they will make the final five.

Next home game is against Lancefield this Sunday, 25th July. Following this game, we have both Diggers Rest and the Sunbury Kangaroos away, then Macedon and Woodend at home on August 14th and 21st respectively to finish off the home and away games. The Reserves game commences at 12 noon and Seniors kick off at 2.00pm.

The recent 'Last Man Standing' and 'Gala Ball' functions have been outstanding successes for the club. Thanks to all who attended and supported our efforts.

Our upcoming social event will be the 'Sportsmen's Night / Memorabilia Auction to be held at the Romsey Hotel on Thursday 12th August. Tickets are \$35 each and can be obtained from valued sponsor Dave Bentley's garage, opposite the hotel. At this stage we have Brian Taylor and Sam Kekovich as confirmed speakers and we are seeking out a third member for the guest panel. Displays of the sports memorabilia items for auction, will be set up in late July at the National Bank and in the dining room of the hotel. Memorabilia items will include football, cricket, racing, tennis and soccer.

In addition to purchasing tickets at Dave Bentley's garage, individual or group bookings can also be obtained from Tim on 0403 036 654, Kelvin on 0438 019 330 or Graeme on 5429 5359.