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Melanie & Graeme would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support whilst I was in hospital.

We cannot thank you all enough for your generosity, kind words and thoughtful wishes to our family. It has been a tedious time for us all, but are now on the road to recovery.

As rumours tend to be created, I would like to set the story straight as there have been some doosies.

Through no fault of my own or anyone else, I experienced a Nervous Breakdown. Little did I know the impact of such a thing. I have been in an acute psychiatric hospital for over 2 months, receiving treatment which included E.C.T (laymen's terms - Shock Treatment), so please forgive me if I forget your name or a conversation we have had previously, it is because of the treatment as this is one of the side effects. It has been a hell of a ride for all concerned, but it has made us all stronger and hold no shame.

Once again I cannot thank you enough (and you know who you are) for wise words, shoulders to cry on, generosity and loving thoughts for my husband and girls. Even though it is only human nature to do such a thing, I hope that one day we can return the favour.

Mental illness is like any other illness like heart disease, cancer, etc. etc., and has a stigma attached to its name, it really is very common, so I would like to offer a little information on this and also a helpline phone number so if you are concerned for yourself, friend or family member please do not hesitate to seek help. You could save somebody's life.

In regards to the shop to soon re-open, please keep your eyes peeled.

Melanie Russell

Please turn to page 3 for Melanie's excellent article on mental illness.

## Gas Decision Getting Closer

The Victorian Government's decision on gas is getting closer. The Government is due to finalise the outcome of the State-wide tender process in September. Woodend, Gisborne and Romsey are already committed, and we are hoping that Riddells Creek, Macedon, Mt Macedon and Lancefield will also be included in the project. Watch for details of a public meeting to be held in Lancefield on September 30 to hear the Government's announcement of which towns will get gas and when.

The Government recently announced funding for Paynesville, in Gippsland, a town 16 km from the nearest gas source, and which has a population much the same as our towns. With this precedent, and given that our towns will be closer to gas, and have double the heating load due to our weather, we should be confident that our towns will be successful.

Stuart Price

Macedon Ranges Natural Gas Alliance



\* Romsey Rag celebrates its 20th birthday!  
Please turn to page 14 for a full report.

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## Letters to the Editor



### KEEP ROMSEY 'POKIE FREE'

Dear Residents of Romsey,

A Planning permit application has been received by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a Gaming lounge as part of development plans for the Romsey Hotel. These plans can be viewed at the Romsey Shire offices. The planning permit number is P204-0490.

It is important that if you wish to object to this permit that you send individual objections to the Shire Council (c/ Romsey Shire Office, or the Shire Office, Mollison St. Kyneton) if possible by the 31<sup>st</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup>. Send c/o the Mayor, John Connor, or your councillor - Cr Heather Gee south of Barry Road, Cr Henry Bleack north of Barry Road.

You can send an objection after the 31 August - but please do it as soon as possible. It is too late once the permit comes before the Council. Your letter needs to be in early so the planning officer writing the report knows the views of as many residents as are interested.

Previous experience in this Shire has shown that this is the most effective way of opposing a Gaming Lounge Permit. Your objection can just be a letter which says the permit number, that you object, and maybe a sentence or two about what you object to.

Romsey does not need the negative socioeconomic impact that gaming machines have proven to have throughout the State of Victoria. We do not even have a regular bus service or proper footpaths yet, so we don't need a gaming machine. Pokies take money which people would otherwise be spending in other shops in Romsey, building up our local businesses.

Let's continue to keep Romsey "Pokie free" now and for the future of our children.

Hoping for an overwhelming response from the Residents of Romsey.

Thank you  
Paul and Ella Hopkins

### DEADLINE DATES FOR ROMSEY RAG:

EDITION	CLOSING DATE FOR COPY	COLLATING DATE
October	Tuesday September 21st	Thursday September 30th
November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

## MENTAL ILLNESS – THE FACTS

One in five Australians will experience a mental illness.

“Mental illness” is a general term that refers to a group of illnesses, in the same way that heart disease refers to a group of illnesses affecting the heart.

Episodes of mental illness can come and go in periods through people's lives. Some people experience their illness only once and fully recover. For others, it recurs throughout their lives. Most mental illnesses can be effectively treated.

Though we know that many mental illnesses are caused by a physical dysfunction of the brain, we do not know exactly what triggers this. Stress may trigger some mental illnesses or may prolong episodes. Stress can also result when a person develops a mental illness. People who have a mental illness often suffer a great deal. They can be disturbed and frightened by their illness. Not only do they and their families have to cope with an illness that can radically alter their lives, they often experience rejection and discrimination. People with a mental illness

do not receive the same understanding and support given to people with a physical illness. A mental illness is no different – it is not an illness for which anyone should be blamed. It is rarely possible for someone with a mental illness to make the symptoms go away just by strength of will. To suggest this is not helpful in any way. Mental illnesses can be separated into two main categories: psychotic and non-psychotic.

### Psychotic Illnesses:

A psychosis is a condition caused by any one of a group of illnesses that are known or thought, to affect the brain causing changes in thinking, emotion and behaviour. People experiencing an acute stage of psychotic illness lose touch with reality. Their ability to make sense of thoughts, feelings and external information is seriously affected. Psychotic illnesses include schizophrenia and bipolar mood disorder (previously called manic depressive illness). During an episode of these disorders, people perceive their world differently from normal. During an episode, what they see, hear and feel is real to them, but people around them do not share their experiences. People with psychoses might develop delusions – false beliefs of persecution, guilt or grandeur, or they may experience hallucinations where they see, hear, smell, taste

or feel things which are not there. They may be depressed or elated out of all proportion to their life circumstances. To those around them, these episodes can be threatening and perplexing. People who are not familiar with this behaviour may find it difficult to understand the fear and confusion with which people with these conditions live. Effective medication and support from medical health professionals and counsellors mean that most people who experience a psychotic illness are able to live productive and rewarding lives.

### Non-Psychotic Illnesses:

Everyone has experienced strong feelings of depression, sadness, tension or fear. Some people's feelings can become so disturbing and overwhelming that they have difficulty coping with day-to-day activities such as going to work, enjoying leisure time and maintaining relationships. These states describe a group of mental illnesses that are called non-psychotic illnesses. They are a common experience for many people and include phobias, anxiety, some forms of depression, eating disorders, physical symptoms involving tiredness or pain, and obsessive-compulsive disorder. Though the symptoms of these disorders are often not evident to others, they cause considerable personal distress. Most non-psychotic illnesses can be effectively treated, usually with a combination of medication and therapy, which help the person understand their illness, manage their symptoms, and lead satisfying lives.

### Where to go for help:

Your general practitioner, your community health centre, your community mental health centre.

For immediate counselling assistance, contact LIFELINE on 13 1114. Lifeline can also supply you with contacts, further information and help.

### *Editor's note:*

*Thank you Melanie Russell for this important article, and for your courage and candour in sharing your own recent experiences with mental illness. You are right in saying that the time is well and truly here for mental illness to be de-stigmatised, and understood and accepted by the community.*

## **Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield**



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

Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

### Contact

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

## **Bungawitta Romsey Playgroup**

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## Romsey Primary School News

### Aerobics Team Success

The school aerobics team recently competed in the AEROSkools State Aerobics championships. With over 150 groups competing, the school entered a junior and intermediate team. The girls did extremely well with the junior girls coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> and the intermediate teams achieving a very creditable

7<sup>th</sup> in their section. Teams placed in the top three earn the right to compete in the National Championships in Sydney in the coming September holidays. Teachers Leanne Lyons and Karen Baker, along with our wonderful parent volunteer, Heather Livermore have been working with the girls during most lunch recess time over the past weeks to really tune up the skills in preparation for this next competition.



### Tournament of the Minds

Following the in-school Tournament of the Minds competition earlier this year, the school has entered two teams in the Regional Tournament of the Minds event in Bendigo. Tournament of the Minds focuses on students responding to a challenge and coming up with creative and original solutions. Cooperation, teamwork and leadership are essential skills to be developed and enhanced through involvement in this competition. Both the "Social Science" and "Language and Literature" teams recently presented their solutions to the whole school at our Monday assembly.



Above: Eager young scientists at Family Science Night.

Right: Children help to plant the Indonesian Garden

### Family Science Night

A good number of families gathered together for our Family Science Night at school. Classrooms were set up with science experiments and activities under the themes Kitchen Chemistry, Water, Senses and Sound, and, Weather. The erupting volcanoes were very popular and many parents and children enjoyed making tornado tubes and musical instruments to take home. There was a great deal of discussion generated in the family groups on "Why is it so?" The evening concluded with the announcement of the winners of the evenings' competition. Teaching staff are to be commended for providing such a stimulating and interesting evening of discovery and learning for our school families.



### Indonesian Garden

Our Indonesian Garden has really taken shape in the last month with parents and students planting out this area outside the LO room. Students have also decorated festive Indonesian flags placed in this garden area. Parents and visitors to the school are welcome to come along and see this special feature in our school gardens.

### Athletics in Schools

The Little Athletics Association recently conducted in athletics workshops for all students in the junior classes. All the students learned valuable athletics skills, and this was a great addition to our comprehensive Physical Education program. The whole school will come together for our athletics carnival on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. This day will be a fun Mini-Olympics for the junior classes, with students in the middle and senior classes competing in sprints, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. Results in these events will assist in selection of our school team for the forthcoming Cobaw inter-school athletics day later this term.

### 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

## Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

Box 288 Romsey Vic 3434  
 President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189  
 Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622  
 Treasurer: Sue Lavers 5429 687



### AGM

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm in the clubrooms.  
 All welcome.

### Saturday Morning Juniors

We wish all our junior teams best of luck as they start into the finals this Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Aug.

Three out of the four teams finished near the top of the ladder, which is a great effort!!

### Registration for Summer Season - Juniors

Names are being taken NOW for entry into junior teams for the coming Summer season. The season starts early October, players must be 17 years or under by the 30<sup>th</sup> September, and we can cater for all abilities and skill levels. Teams play on Saturday mornings starting at 8.30am, and there is an expectation that families will be on a roster to supervise and umpire the team. Please contact Bev Davis on 5429 5954 or Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622 to register.

**also date for registrations is 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2004.**

New and/or beginner players will need to attend a grading day, so we can place you in the most suitable team. Grading days are Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August from 4.30 to 6pm, and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 11 to 12 noon, at the tennis courts.

### Saturday Afternoon Seniors

Our two teams playing the winter competition, sections 2 and 5, are also both in the finals - good luck!

Registrations are also being taken for the Senior Summer season. If you would like to join a team, please contact Darlene - 5429 5186 or Bev Davis - 5429 5954, by 29<sup>th</sup> August.

## IT'S DOWN TO WORK FOR Cr HENRY BLEECK

I wish to thank the people of Mount William Ward for electing me to represent them, as their Councillor, on Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Election day was a tough day for all, the coldest August day in 27 years with rain and snow. All candidates and air supporters were well rugged up in the tough conditions to greet the voters that had to brave the elements to vote.

The result of the election was close and I wish to thank Sue Kirkgaard and John Woodham for the clean campaign that was hard work for all.

In the campaign leading up to the election many residents discussed with me their concerns, roads, gas, library services, public transport, garbage, rates and planning issues and as a result I now have even a better understanding of the key matters of concern.

You new councillor is currently being inducted which includes briefings from council staff and attending meetings in the community. I am eagerly waiting to hear in the near future from the government on the reticulated natural gas to the shire, which includes Romsey and Lancefield.

Again, I would like to thank all the residents for the honour they have bestowed on me by electing me as their representative on Council, and I will ensure that the residents of Lancefield, Romsey and Newham are heard in Council.

Cr. Henry Bleeck - Mount William Ward

## 2004 "Save Our Courts"

We are currently working hard to prepare our application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for next years facilities grants. We are confident that we have a great case to be applying for this grant to replace the 3 drought damaged red porous courts with an environmentally sound artificial grass surface. We thank the local community for their support of this project, and will be hoping for your input into our planned fund-raising events. **History of our club.**

Leila Beasley is currently compiling a history of the Romsey Tennis Club, its former position, past members and anecdotes. If you have any information of earlier history, or interesting stories etc. then please contact Leila on 5429 5525. **We are also seeking any early or past photos of the club and its members - these will be returned to you.**

### Watch this Space....

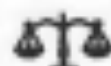
- For details of a twilight mid-week adult social tennis comp. at the Romsey courts - in October.
- Used clothing collection bags fundraiser - sort through those wardrobes, but don't throw anything out until you contact Mandy on 5429 5191.
- Upcoming Clearing Sale - start looking out for those unwanted items of furniture, machinery, bric-a-brac to be sold at our clearing sale during October.

### Club Contacts

Club coach - Brett Rees - 5429 6716.  
 Social Tennis - Thursday Morning at 10.30am - phone 5429 5525  
 Family Social Tennis(weather permitting) - Friday from 4.30pm.  
 Mid-week Ladies - Bev Beaumont - 5429 6189  
 Senior Saturday Tennis - Darlene - 5429 5186 or Bev Davis - 5429 5954  
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## BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As you read this news from Bolinda we are indeed almost ready for our annual

**Spring Fair - September 19<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a great day out for the family with 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. Weird and wonderful or colourful and creative, it's up to you!!!

We continue with our regular morning physical activities with emphasis on skipping, running and relay activities, a great way to warm ourselves up ready for the morning's work. Physical activity is always encouraged and all children take part readily each day.

This term we have had a visit from Leanne and Baz from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program who were received with enthusiasm from the whole school. Learning how to look after a pet as well as what to do when confronted by an unfriendly dog were great lessons.

Grades 3-5&6 went to the fabulous exhibition of *The Impressionists* in Melbourne which was organized by our specialist art teacher, Marg Holgate. People in the gallery were impressed with the way our children discussed the paintings, the artists, the styles and the comparisons. The paintings from Paris will not be shown in any other Australian city, so we were determined to give our children the rare opportunity to see these masterpieces in real life. Five of our children had their linocut prints entered in the 2004 Silk Cut Awards for Linocut Prints to be exhibited in the Glen Eira City Council Art Gallery. Although not successful prize wise, the success for us was in the completion of fantastic linocuts and prints, again under the instruction of our specialist art teacher, Marg Holgate.

The prints will be on display at the Spring Fair. Our three school cluster of Clarkefield, Damaweit and Bolinda are gearing up for a post-Athens Mini-Olympic Athletics Sports Day. Naturally enough all schools have been doing an Olympic theme as Athens and the Olympics remain vivid in our memories until Beijing in 2008. We had a special talk from 1984 Los Angeles Olympic kayaker, Martin Ralph, who shared his experiences as an elite athlete and his experiences from competing at an Olympic Games. There was a wonderful question and answer session to finish off.

We have some wonderful new playground equipment installed as School Council has determined that fundraising from all this year's activities will go towards playground improvement. We now need fine weather for a successful Spring Fair to help pay for the new equipment!!!

The Prep-1-2's have had a lovely excursion around the Riddells Creek shopping center and we thank the shopkeepers for their assistance and patience.

Coming up are the District Finals of the Ozspell competition with 3 of our children taking part, and also the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Finals of the Primary Schools Chess Competition. We will certainly let you know all the results next month.

Do you get the idea of how busy we have been at Bolinda and some of the fantastic experiences the children are able to enjoy??

Many parents are presently considering their educational options for 2005. Perhaps a **Bolinda Educational Experience** is what you are looking for? We would welcome anyone who wants a 'cuppa' and a chat about what we at can offer you and your children, or better still, talk to any of our parents. Cheerio for now.

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR !!! SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 6317



## ***Bolinda Primary School*** **13th Spring Fair** ***Romsey Road, Bolinda***

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## Romsey Community Bank

### THE BUCKS STOP HERE - AT THE COMMUNITY BANK

The solid growth in business at the Lancefield Bank branch over the past two months demonstrates how the Community Bank can also be a success in Romsey. Bank Chairman Russell Pattinson said today. Mr Pattinson said there had been a surge in both deposits and loans at the Lancefield branch since the end of June, and as a result the total weekly business had risen by more than 6 per cent in two months.

"Total business on the books is now \$36.9 million," Mr Pattinson said. "This is to a large part due to the dedication to service and professionalism of our manager, Rod Browning, and the Bank's customer service officers. Rod Browning is constantly out meeting customers, both in Romsey, Lancefield and the surrounding district, and helping to service their financial needs. The growth in business also reflects the confidence that the local community has in our Bank, and their knowledge that we're here to stay. With the ongoing support of Romsey residents and businesses, we want to do the same in Romsey. It really is exciting to see what can be achieved when a community gets behind a project like this."

Mr Pattinson said Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services - the company established by more than 250 local people to own and operate the Lancefield Bank - was well advanced in the project working towards a Community Bank branch in Romsey. The new branch would involve extra shareholders from Romsey buying into the company and providing the capital needed to establish it. The Romsey branch would operate in partnership with - not opposition to - the Lancefield Bank.

"Romsey residents and businesses who strongly support the move to establish a Community Bank may be wondering about the timing," Mr Pattinson said. "I can assure them that the Board, the Romsey Steering Committee and Bendigo Bank are working diligently through the process. It took a long time at Lancefield to open our doors and I hope that the excellent recent results we have achieved will give Romsey residents greater confidence that a Community Bank can become a reality and a focal point in their town, with their ongoing support."

Mr Pattinson said the Lancefield Bank now had 2092 separate accounts. In June the Bank had 2627 counter transactions, at an average of more than 100 per day.

"This demonstrates that our customers appreciate the face-to-face service which our Community Bank provides, and are keen to do business with us," he said. "We want to provide the same level of service and commitment at Romsey."

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### What's News

As I write this, the Olympics are in full swing. This quadrennial event evokes a range of responses.

At a trivial level, some are annoyed at references in the electronic media to the 'A-lympic' games (rather than 'Olympic').

More seriously, some question the amount of money spent for 16 days when so many people are homeless and starving. This is particularly topical when places like Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor remain in the news.

Some people wonder whether the Olympics are a modern temple where we can worship the gods of sport. In light of the advertising for the Athens games, this deserves some reflection.

I'm a self-confessed sports nut. I've tried many sports over the years, competing for my school or in other competitions. I've been an official (referee or umpire, scorer, etc). And if it's on, I'll watch it if I can. I don't discriminate much, as long as it's sport.

For sports nuts, the concentration of events at an Olympic Games is good news. The Olympic ideals of peace, sportsmanship, friendship and simply competing make it all seem honourable. Yet we seem to have moved so far from these ideals that I wonder what Baron de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics, would make of it all. Instead of the thrill of competing, many athletes strive to win at all costs. Some go so far as to cheat, using drugs and other illegal aids. The motivation of money has unfortunate side effects.

If recent Olympic history is any guide, there will be at least one event decided by a jury rather than performance.

Protests and allegations of cheating are hardly the grounds for international friendships.

Despite this disillusionment, there are still moments of hope. The cheers for those who finish the marathon long after the medallists. Athletes like 'Eric the Eel' in Sydney, given 'wildcards' by the organisers so that they can know

the thrill of simply competing (and completing their events). The presence of athletes from Iraq and female athletes from Afghanistan.

I watch the Olympics because I appreciate seeing the best in the world achieve the peak of human performance. However, I realise that 16 days every four years doesn't change the reality of the world. The achievement of humanity to find different, and crueller, ways to kill each other is also a part of life.

My hope and faith is that humanity can, and will, achieve so much more. For me, that's the message and example of Jesus.

As we cheer for, and celebrate with, the Olympic athletes, let us remember that there is more to life than a moment of joy, and let us work together to make it a reality.

*Rev Alan Williams*

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I would like to wish everyone a safe and refreshing time during the School Holidays.

### What's On

- 5 Sept 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 8 Sept 8:45am UCAF leaves Romsey for a Tramways Cruise on the Maribyrnong River.
- 12 Sept 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This is the final Sunday School session for third term.
- 19 Sept 9:00am worship.
- 26 Sept 9:00am worship.  
5:00pm Opening worship for Synod (the annual statewide meeting of the Uniting Church) at La Trobe University. Synod will meet each day until Wed, 29 Sept.
- 3 Oct 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.
- You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.
- If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

### Holiday Program

The Riddells Creek Leisure Centre and the Romsey Recreation Centre are hosting a holiday program from September 21st to October 2nd. There are loads of activities including Kinder Gym, games and sports days, basketball and soccer tournaments and a fantastic Wild Animal Action Show. There is something for all children aged 1—17 years. Don't miss out. Call the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre on 5428 7155 or the Romsey Recreation Centre on 5429 5637 for more details.

#### Riddells Creek Leisure Centre:

Tuesday September 21st: Games Day. \$7.00 per child.  
Wednesday September 22nd: Kinder Gym \$6.00 per child.  
Thursday September 23rd: Sports Day. \$8.00 per child.

#### Romsey Recreation Centre:

Tuesday September 28th: Sports Day. \$8.00 per child.  
Wednesday September 29th: Basketball Tournament. \$8.00 per child.  
Thursday September 30th: Soccer Tournament. \$8.00 per child.  
Friday October 1st: Wild Action Animal Show. \$12.00 per child.

There are discounts available for families with more than one child attending.

### Line Dancing

Line Dancing starts again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am – 10.30am in Romsey Mechanics Hall. Beginners welcome. Come along for some fun and easy exercise.



## GARDENING TOWARDS FIRE SAFETY

We are coming out of a relatively cold winter where snowfalls in alpine areas have been the best in twenty years, there were even some local falls. But now, after spending the weekend mowing lawns that seem to be growing in front of our eyes our thoughts and plans must turn towards the summer. We have an opportunity to develop our gardens that not only provide a refuge from the hot sun in summer, but to also help to reduce the impact of bushfire to our home and property.



Spring is the time we look at revitalising the garden after it's winter dormancy, and at the same time revitalising ourselves after our winter dormancy. If you are looking to purchase new plants make sure that they do not increase the impact of flames and embers on your home. Always consider the short and long term planning in terms of planting, landscaping and garden maintenance.

Short term maintenance includes reducing the amount of vegetation close to buildings, helping to lessen the impact of fire. Other maintenance examples include cleaning dead leaves and twigs not just from gutters but also including removal of dead material from inside and under bushes. While the wood heap is running low it would be a good time to relocate the pile away from the house.

A long term landscaping vision takes advantage of natural barriers such as creeks, and roads, identifies where to plant tree barriers, and keeps access routes and water supplies clear of vegetation. Plants that are more fire resistant could be planted in suitable areas, tree barriers can reduce the wind and fire speed, absorb radiant heat and catch burning airborne material.

In Victoria, as on high fire risk days winds typically come from the northwest and change to the southwest later in the day, breaks should generally be planted on the northern and western boundaries of a property. The break should be a continuous length to stop any wind funnelling. Length should also be 20 to 25 times the trees' height to ensure wind is deflected over and not around the break.

It's also important to look at ways to hinder the fire's progress closer to the home. This includes putting in plants that are hard to burn, terracing the garden, creating gravel pathways and keeping plants from drying out over summer. Hard-to-burn plants with features such as leaves with a high salt or moisture content or thick bark, include Wattles, Oaks, Chestnuts and Maples and ground cover plants such as Lavender Cotton, Bluebushes and Rosemary.

Plants that burn quickly may have a high content of oil (such as Eucalypts) or loose, stringy bark that can be carried ahead of the fire by wind, settling around the house and starting 'spot' fires. In this area it is very difficult to be completely away from eucalypts, they may even be the reason for your being there. If that's the case just be aware of the problem and it may mean that other fire prevention and protection measures have to compensate. It comes under the broad heading of risk assessment and risk management.

At the moment trying to keep plants and lawns green is not an issue however bushfire weather often coincides with times of water restrictions. A conservation friendly solution is to plant low water consumption plants that are slow to burn such as succulents, Acacia species, Russian Olives, Lanceolata, grey foliage plants, Hakea and She oaks. Sprinklers strategically placed around the garden and the perimeter of the house can also provide protection from flames.

To help protect plants from drying out, mulch should be dug into areas directly around a plant and not applied to the entire garden bed. To avoid mulch itself from drying out, make sure it is covered with a little topsoil. Alternatively, pebbles or large rocks can be used instead of organic mulch.

As grass dries out quickly in hot weather, green lawns should be kept short at around 50mm and if planting a new lawn, it's a good idea to ask your nursery what lawn varieties suit your area and require little watering.

Given that water supply may be limited or even cut off during a fire, it may also be a good idea to strategically place 200 litre drums filled with water around the property, making sure that they are fitted with a lid to prevent children falling in and drowning.

Fire safe gardening should be part of every family's bushfire plan. Planting and landscaping your property to reduce the impact of fire produces the best results for both you and your property.

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Hi everybody! Thanks for all your stories, articles and ideas. If you have anything you'd like to share or any suggestions on what you'd like to see on your page, please contact Muffi at Romsey Rag, C/- Romsey Primary School, Station Street, Romsey. Keep those ideas coming! Here's a few of them.

## Trapped at the Horror School

short story by Patricia, 11



It's Friday. It's your first day at a new school. You haven't made a single friend. At the end of the day you're asked to stay back. The teacher talks to you for half an hour about what to do on the weekend. After her talk she walks into the classroom next to you. You turn to leave but the door is locked. You run to the classroom next to you but your teacher is gone. You decide to search for a way out. There's no way you're staying at school for the weekend! You find an open window and climb out but the school-yard is different. The fences are at least 15 miles high and all the gates are locked. You slowly walk to the front office. The doors are open but nobody is inside. You walk to the staff room. Still nobody, but there is food on the bench. You decide to eat it. It's pancakes with cherry topping. Mmmm, it's great.

Suddenly you hear a sound. It comes from the library. You go to investigate but there's nothing there. You walk around and find a book on the history of your school. You want to read it. It could help you with future problems, you know, with being trapped and all. You read for about 10 minutes then discover the secrets of Red Hill Junior School. You keep reading the story but then the sound comes again.

"You know our secret," screeched a high pitched voice. You turn to see your teacher but she's some sort of monster.

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You gasp. That's your teacher. "How do I defeat you?"

"With pancakes and cherry topping."

You think, damn, because you ate them. Then you have an idea. You do a burp. It's huge. Your teacher screams but dies. You walk outside. You're free.

The end.

## Quit Smoking Today A report by Amie, 11

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Solve the word search and discover the secret message (answer in next month's edition)

### Jokes

Q. What's the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?

A. One sells watches, the other watches cells.

Q. What has only one letter in it?

A. An envelope.

Q. What goes 99 clump, 99 clump?

A. A centipede with a wooden leg.

Q. What do you do with a squeaky mouse?

A. Oil it.

Q. What do you get if you cross Bambi with a ghost?

A. Bamboo.

Q. What's spelt right when it's wrong and wrong when it's right?

A. Wrong.

## Romsey Rag celebrates its 20th Birthday.

On August 15th 1984 the first edition of the Romsey Rag appeared in our letter boxes. 20 years on and The Rag is still going strong, thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers over that time who have dedicated time and effort to support this important community newspaper. On August 12th over 30 Rag "stalwarts", with special guest Joanne Duncan, MLA for Macedon and local councillor Heather Gee, got together to celebrate this outstanding community achievement. Many current and former Rag volunteers were present to hear Robyn Moore and Trevor Turnham acknowledge the volunteers who have given literally thousands of hours typing, printing, collating, and delivering The Rag, as well as the many individuals and community groups who have provided hundreds of articles to keep our community informed. While recognising the importance of every person's contribution, a handful of individuals were mentioned for their continued support of The Rag over a very long period of time: Beryl Cole was thanked for her many years of involvement with the Romsey Rag, as a long-standing and committed member of the editorial team.

Helen Watts (who was unable to attend the gathering) was also recognised for her role as a member of the editorial committee over a long period of time, as well as her contribution of articles to The Rag.

Margaret Howatson (also unable to attend) was acknowledged for her contributions as a typist, member of the editorial team and co-ordinator of advertising for about 15 years, until she left Romsey early this year. Margaret sent a message to the celebration, and it is reprinted below. Much of Margaret's work was carried out under difficult circumstances, due to very poor health while she awaited a lung transplant.

Jeni Clampit's outstanding efforts were also recognised. Jeni has been with The Rag almost since its inception, and still continues to provide typing services and co-ordination of advertising.

Trevor Turnham, who was the driving force behind the Romsey Rag 20 years ago, shared some fascinating and amusing reflections on twenty years of the Rag.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council was formally acknowledged for its continuing financial support of the Romsey Rag, with its annual contribution of \$500 towards production costs. The editorial committee and the Romsey community are very grateful for this support. To round off the night's celebrations, MLA Joanne Duncan proposed a birthday toast to The Rag.

To Barney and the Romsey Rag Team  
From: Margaret Howatson at Tocumwal

Congratulations to the Team of the Romsey Rag on reaching 20 years of publication! I am sorry that I cannot be in Romsey to celebrate with you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, but I'll be there in spirit!

The invitation took me back some 15 or so years when I was "house-bound and mostly bed-bound" waiting on a transplant. I saw a notice from Trevor Turnham in the Rag needing typists and I think I just mentioned it to Rose McCarthy one day – well, within hours Rose and Margaret Goodman had found an old IBM Golfball typewriter in the storeroom at the Shire and I was at the end of my bed (on a wee table Sam set up for me) typing copy for the Rag! And so started my association with Trevor and Heather and Jeni Clampit, ( a legend in her own right for still being involved with the Rag from the very beginning!) and all the volunteers who collated and then delivered the Rag – mostly the Walking Group and the Guides and the Scouts.

It is ironic too that the very IBM Golfball typewriter had been bought for me when I worked in the Rates Office at the Shire – so we worked very well together.

## St Paul's Anglican Guild – Romsey

### Swing into Spring at our **SPRING LUNCHEON**

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2004 : 11.45am  
Masonic Hall,

Main Street, Romsey

After Dinner Speaker:

**Mrs. Jean Cheshire OAM**

(Approved visitor to the "Dame Phylis Frost Correction Centre, Deer Park.)

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Jean was named Dame Grand Cross of Justice by h. Highness Prince Michael Romanov of Russia in the Sovereign Order of the Orthodox Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem. Only two other women in the world have this honour.

## Kilmore Primary School presents **KILMORE ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR**

Saturday October 23rd and

Sunday October 24th

10.00 am—5.00 pm.

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Kilmore

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As the years went by the Rag went from strength to strength to the magnificent publication it is today. I did miss one month though – it was the APRIL 1993 Edition – I was otherwise engaged – getting better at the Alfred! But I did get back on track for the May deadline. And so the years have passed with the Rag documenting all the news of Romsey and its people – and haven't we come so far.

December 2003 was my last Rag and Sam and I moved to Tocumwal to try and take things a bit easier – "Time to Take Time". Sam still works for Sunbury Plaster – only now he does his work from the kitchen table and that works very well. Me – I just love being out in the bush watching the kangaroos in the paddock when I am washing the dishes at my kitchen sink and talking to the Koala Bears and feeding the multitude of birds. Tocumwal has a hospital BUT NO AMBULANCE STATION – so I feel a committee coming on!!

Love and best wishes to all associated with the Rag the last 20 years – keep up the good work.

Margaret Howatson. xx

## Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

... there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

With Olympics fever in the air, there was no better time for a Kinder Olympics! The big event was held on Thursday, August 19, when the four-year-old groups came to the kinder for a special morning of activities. The three year old groups also held their own mini-Olympics separately with activities especially suited to the little ones. The 4YO children were extremely excited on the day of the Mini-Olympics, which included egg and spoon races, obstacle courses and relays with cardboard batons. The children also made special posters of flags and Olympic rings to hang in the kinder in the lead-up to the big event. Kinder parents came along for a cuppa during the last hour of the Mini-Olympics to cheer on the children and there was a shared lunch afterwards.

All the children were presented with gold medals and special certificates to commemorate their participation in this once-in-their-kinder-lifetime event! The children had an absolute ball, so thanks to the teachers for being good sports and organising the events and for the committee members and parents who came along and provided great support and encouragement.

### School Readiness Talk

How do you know if your child is ready for school? What are the tell-tale signs to look for? And how can you help them to be ready for this big event in their lives?

The answers to all this and more will be covered in the kinder's special FREE event on School Readiness 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 on the night. Di gave a similar talk last year which was extremely interesting and of great help to parents deciding when and if their child is ready for school. 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, nor do you have to plan to send your child to Romsey Primary School. The event is open to and relevant for all!

### Fancy a night at the Trots?

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club has organised a night at Moonee Valley, profits from which will benefit the Romsey and Lancefield kindergartens. The kinder community is thrilled at this show of support by the Rotary Club and is urging people to support the event, which is on Friday, September 10.

The Moonee Valley package includes an exciting night of harness racing, admission to the course, a racebook, a delicious hot carvery dinner (beverages at bar prices), grandstand seating if you wish and FREE car parking should you wish to take your own car. This is all just \$35 per person, a good deal for dinner, parking and entertainment! For an extra \$10 per person you can go on the Rotary bus, which will leave Lancefield at 6pm (hardware store, High Street) and Romsey at 6.15pm (shire offices on Main Street). There will be complimentary drinks, nibbles and mystery seat prizes onboard. To book contact Phill Sevier on (03) 9740 4000. Should be a great night and you do not have to be connected with the kinder

community to take up this opportunity for a fun night out.

### School visits

The four year old children have begun their special series of school visits to Romsey Primary School. These familiarisation visits began in August and carry on into fourth term and allow the children to meet with a Prep grade and do an hour of special activities. Whether the children are going to Romsey Primary School or elsewhere, these visits familiarise them with a school environment and can make the transition to school just that little bit easier.

### Working Bee

Thanks to all those parents who attended the kinder's Term 3 Working Bee recently. More soffitall was laid in the children's playground, the sandpits were topped up and general maintenance work on the gardens and kindergarten building was carried out. Special thanks to Dave White for collecting and delivering the soffitall in his truck. And a big thanks to Kerri Mewett and her helpers, who transformed the garden beds by the kinder's side entrance. Thanks to all who gave their time to improve their local kinder.

### 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 as early as possible to 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 Halloween 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.



## 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 1389

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. (1/2 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

#### September:

**Parish Feast Day:** Our Parish Feast Day will be held this year on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. There will be an evening Mass at 6.00 p.m. followed by supper and entertainment in the Romsey Church Hall.

#### October:

#### Shepparton Bus Trip

A bus trip to the SPC factory on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, stopping at Tabilk Winery on the way home. Please phone 5429 6157 or 5429 5475 for more information.

#### Spiritual Faith Renewal

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

St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. The program is tailored to meet the needs of all people interested in faith renewal and being spiritually revitalised in their sense of Baptism and the Eucharist. The content is also specifically designed to refresh and strengthen our understanding and appreciation of the Gospels with particular focus on how "Faith" enriches our daily lives. The series of presentations will be of two hours each and held each day from 9.30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Each morning session will be repeated in the evening from 7.30 p.m. for the convenience of those who would prefer attending the evening session's. Facilitated by Fr. Frank Andersen MSC and Sr. Madeleine Barlow OLM. Anyone from other parishes and other churches are most welcome. Please contact the Presbytery for further information.

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

### After the Council By-Election

As an unsuccessful candidate in the recent Council by-election, I would like to thank those people who shared their homes and views with me in the weeks leading up to the election when many residents had people knocking on their doors. I have congratulated Henry Bleeck on his new role and a successful campaign.

In my walking I found heaps of people in Romsey who like the country atmosphere to raise their families. Don't forget that you can make a difference in the community. I encourage you to get up and find a way to do something you would like to do, what you want to change or protect. Life is so busy, but don't forget it. Talk to someone when you're shopping or picking up the children. If you are new, ask someone for the information. If it's a challenge, keep asking for ideas.

And congratulations especially to those working for the footy or the cricket, child care, the elderly or young people – nothing ever seems enough, and helpers few. We just have to gather our wits about the best ways to tell people how to join us, and get through to State Governments and to Councils about the funds we need!

Given the numbers of young motorbikers who were seeking an area to ride recently, I also ask Henry Bleeck, since he works there, to find a way that our young riders can use Monegetta defence centre tracks on weekends. Parents want somewhere safe to let their children ride, which won't annoy town residents. They could have a great time at the Monegetta tracks when the centre is quiet on weekends.

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# LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY

## LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

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**September 18th & 27th**  
**At the club**  
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**or Juanita 54296234**  
**Ages u/6 - u/15**

## Romsey Cricket Club Season 2004/2005

The Romsey Cricket Club would like to welcome all new and old players to what should be an exciting season for the club. After a reasonably successful season last year, we are looking forward to fielding four teams along with our thriving junior program.

From the recent Annual General Meeting, the club has appointed Mick Richardson as senior coach, replacing Rob McIntyre who had a successful two-year stint. After making the finals once again last year, the McIntyre Cup squad are aiming for bigger and better things under the new guidance and should once again be a force. Along with a new coach, the club has assembled a vibrant committee that will see Romsey become a power both on and off the field.

With the season due to start with a one-day fixture on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the club begins its campaign with the opening pre-season training session on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00am. We invite all players to attend, with new players and juniors encouraged to get along and see what our great club has to offer.

Also the 'Have a Go' program is coming to Romsey on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. This exciting cricket basics clinic starts at 10.00am and is aimed at both boys and girls aged between six and ten. Run by Romsey coach Mick Richardson, who has twenty-four years of senior cricket experience, the clinic is a great way to get your child started in the great game. Mick is looking for parent help and can be contacted on 54 296 369 or 0437 240 655.

For further details regarding the upcoming season contact John Clark (54296521) or Mick Richardson

## Romsey Junior Cricket

The Romsey Cricket Club will be holding a Registr Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September for players in their Under 12, 14 and 16 teams. Any boys or girls who are interested in playing this season are asked to register at the clubrooms between the times of 9.00am and 11.00am.

Cost for the season is \$60.00 for one or \$90.00 for two or more family members and new players will receive a club cap. All cricket equipment is supplied by the club. We are desperately in need of Under 16 players and looking for coaches for our Under 12 and Under 16 teams.

Matches are played on Saturday mornings commencing at 8.45am and finishing around 11.45am. The Under 12's and 14's play a modified rules game where every player gets to bat and bowl. Under 16's play normal rules and have just seven two-day matches for the season.

Pre-season training will commence in the coming weeks and we will have more details on Registration Day. If you're looking for a game of cricket or may be a parent who can help out, then come along and register. For more details, contact our Junior Co-ordinator Rob McIntyre on 0402 404 196 or 54285276 or Tony Ellis on 54295141.



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## Romsey Lancefield Guides

September, whew! I think we are all now looking forward to some warmer weather and some longer daylight hours. With a hint of spring in the air the Lancefield Spring Flower Show and Handicraft Exhibition is held this month and the Guides will again be entering different sections of the Children's Craft. The girls have great fun making Christmas Cards and other craft items, and also using some early spring flowers to decorate floral saucers.

The Guides are going camping again. This time with their Mums! It's an indoor camp to be held at a Guide property on the edge of Riddell's Creek in a lovely bush setting. This Mother-Daughter camp is an opportunity for the girls to share their camping skills with Mum, carry out some activities together, and show Mum how to survive both indoor and outdoor activities irrespective of the weather. The cooking is indoors, but who knows what challenges there will be for the rest of the camp.

Recently the Patrol Leaders and their assistants from the Wombat and Platypus Units had a training night. This provides the Guide Leaders with the chance to develop the leadership skills of the girls so that they can help their fellow Guide members to join in challenging or new activities. Learning leadership skills, including how to help girls from different backgrounds and with different levels of expertise to cope with new skills and activities, is one of the important goals of the Guiding movement. The girls played some "learning games" and cooked dinner for themselves and the Leaders.

Our three Guide Units are always happy to welcome visitors who may then become new members. Any Monday meeting visitors are made welcome and can join in with the planned activity.

The Bilby Guides meet from 4.00 to 5.00pm. (5 to 7 year olds)

The Platypus Guides meet from 5.00 to 6.30pm. (7 to 11 year olds)

The Wombat Guides meet from 6.45 to 8.45pm (10 to 16 year olds)

Please ring Carolyn Atkinson on 5781 0728 or Rita Vandervalk on 5429 1996 for further information.



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## **LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB**

Our Thirty First Changeover Dinner was celebrated on Friday August 6 at Cope Williams Winery. We welcomed President Julie Starec into office as the First lady to become President of our Lions Club. Congratulations Julie.

Lions from Riddells Creek, Woodend and Sunbury Hume attended while the Induction was performed by Cabinet Secretary Lion Josie Ashmore from Sebastopol Lions Club.

Railway Gates have been installed in front of the Lions Units in keeping with the theme of the original Romsey Railway Station which was on this site.

Victorian Endurance Riders Association braved the cold in the Lancefield Park camping overnight in floats and trailers.

Meals were catered for by Lions with special thanks to Romsey Rotary Members and Riddells Creek Lions Fran and David Quarrel.

The first Dinner Meeting for the year will be at McGowans Restaurant in Lancefield on Monday 23 August.

For information regarding membership, phone Secretary – Werner Ladzik 5429 1573 or President Julie Starec 5429 1990.

**Quote of the Month:** "If you feel that what you are doing is just a drop in the ocean, just think, the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Lion – Pat Sullivan.

### **Update Newsletter**

Council's Update newsletter (August 2004 issue) was distributed throughout the Shire during the week of 17-20 August.

If you haven't received a copy of the newsletter with your mail, please contact any of Council's Service Centres or telephone 5422 0310.

## **Take Off Weight Naturally T.O.W.N. Clubs of Victoria**

If you have a weight problem, we might be able to help you.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA is a voluntary organisation to encourage weight loss through weekly meetings which include weigh-in and group therapy. Members are encouraged to adopt a healthy controlled eating style and take up suitable exercise – no artificial methods are permitted.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA provide a non-expensive, encouraging environment that raises your self-esteem as you work towards, and then maintain, your goal weight.

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**

## **Neighbourhood House for Romsey?**

*Do you believe that Romsey should have it's own Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre?*

If your answer is yes, maybe, or if you would like to know more, come along to an information evening at :

The Romsey Mechanics Institute  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
7.30pm

Discover what a Neighbourhood House can contribute to the Romsey Community.

Discover how you can help get this exciting project off the ground.

For more information phone:

John on 5429 5895 after 7.00pm

## **Paramoor Farm Fayre**

Sunday Sep[tember 5th 2004—10.00 am—4.00 pm  
(Part of the Kyneton Daffodil festival.  
Proceeds go to the Carlsruhe CFA)

Entry: Donation of \$2 per person  
(Children and pensioners free).

Refreshments: Sausage sizzle, Tea, Coffee, cakes.

Lots of live demonstrations and stalls (all under cover) including spinning, pottery, celtic jewellery, chain mail, wood turning, decoupage, quilting, china and glass painting, oil and water colour paintings, wine and mead tastings, fudge and olives, lavender products, Indian and other savoury pickles, plants and MORE

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## **Young People Wanted to Decide How Funds Should be Spent**

Young people in the Macedon Ranges are invited to join the group that will decide which local youth projects benefit from the funding available through the grant-making project 'Youth Community Connections'.

The Foundation for Young Australians supports local young people to become grant-makers and has provided \$55 000 for young people in the Macedon Ranges to distribute to other youth groups and projects across the Shire.

To find out how to get involved, call Monique Michell-Moylan, Youth Development Officer at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5427 8221 or 0407 127 377.





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Our Open Craft Days are proving very interesting and successful. We have had a variety of different crafts taught by different tutors and have also been able to finish off some of our own works.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 10am at the Romsey Mechanics Institute - Supper Room (at the back). A donation of \$3 towards the rent is all it costs plus the cost of materials some months. Tea and Coffee are provided all day and BYO lunch. We finish between 2.30 - 3.30pm depending on what we are doing. All women in the community are invited to come along and stay as long as they wish. It is a very social day and many new friendships are being made.

CWA Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10am again at the Mechanics Institute and anyone interested is invited to come along and see for themselves what we are all about, or ring Joan on 5428 7022 or Elaine 5429 6063 for more information.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September we are having a very interesting speaker - Dr. Marilyn Murnane AM an eminent Paediatrician who will be speaking about her recent trip to Papua New Guinea and her work with children. This will commence at 1.30pm in the Supper Room of the Mechanics Institute. A charge of \$5 will include afternoon tea, with a raffle and stall being held. The funds from this day go towards the broader workings of the Country Women's Association. Anyone interested is invited to come along.

Joan Strawbridge, Secretary.

**Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.**



P.O. Box 101,  
ROMSEY, 3434

**SEYMOUR COTTAGE OPEN - SUNDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1.30 - 4PM.**

Historic Seymour Cottage (c.1855), Palmer Street, Romsey, will be open to the public again on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2004, after the winter break. If you haven't visited the Cottage yet, put the date on your Calendar and come along - it is a unique structure. Entry \$2.00.

**LOCAL HISTORY ARCHIVES - 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAYS,  
1.30 - 4PM.**

All the documents, photos and archival material relating to history of this area are stored at the ex-Court House, Main Road, Lancefield. Enquiries to Archivist, Mrs. Robyn Miller, on 5429 5652, or write to P.O. Box 101, Lancefield, 3435. The Court House is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month, 1.30-4pm, to view the Museum and answer questions. Jean Clement: Hon. Secretary - 5429 6522.

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2004, 7.30pm. at Seymour Cottage - visitors welcome.

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## Starting Primary School?

In Victoria it is a legal requirement to provide a school entry immunisation certificate when enrolling your child for primary school.

From next week, 23 August, there are changes to how parents obtain a school entry immunisation certificate in Victoria.

Once your child receives their 4-year-old immunisations and are fully immunised, parents will automatically receive (by post) a statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR).

Providing the wording "This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age" appears on the bottom of the statement, this can now be used as a school entry immunisation certificate in Victoria. Simply present this statement on enrolment to primary school.

It is important that the ACIR has your current address details so that you receive this statement. Call 1800 653 809 to update your address details with the Register.

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is a national database that keeps a record of your child's immunisations up to the age of 7 years.

If for some reason your child's immunisation records are incomplete, missing or your child has never been vaccinated, contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council's immunisation service on 03 5429 9661, who will be able to assist you in obtaining a school entry immunisation certificate.

For more information on how to obtain a school entry immunisation certificates visit [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation) under the heading 'Frequently Asked Questions' or call 1300 882 008.



### Romsey Veterinary Surgery

Veterinary Surgeons, Veterinary Physicians  
& Veterinary Consultants

03 - 5429-5711

Veterinary Consulting Hours

Monday to Sunday 9 - 10.30am

Monday to Friday 4 - 6 pm

No Appointments are required during the above hours for consultation at the surgery.

Appointments are required for Consultations outside of the above hours.

Emergencies will be seen at any time

#### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am - 8pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 6pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 12.30pm

80 Main Street  
Romsey, 3434  
Fax 03 5429 6259

### Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club

Inc. A005643P

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.

## **RIPPER READS FROM THE MITCHELL LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICE**

### **A Good Year – Peter Mayle**

Ever since Peter Mayle lived in Provence for several years he has been writing about its joys and pleasures, whether it is the autobiographical trilogy (A Year in Provence, Toujours Provence & Encore Provence) or a series of light-hearted novels about the people and places that make up this delightful corner of France. A Good Year falls into the latter group and introduces us to Max Skinner who, although currently living in London, has through fortuitous circumstances just inherited a vineyard and its estate an hour's drive from Avignon. The local characters enliven his sensible British outlook on life considerably and all is not what it seems with the wines from his vines. There is deception and extortion afoot as well as a mysterious stranger from California and Max finds himself in the middle of it. A great weekend read.

### **Love & Death in Kathmandu: A Strange tale of royal murder – Amy Willesee & Mark Whittaker**

Forget the intrigues of the Royal House of Windsor and its antecedents, the Shah royal family of Nepal make the Windsor's misdemeanours look like minor aberrations by comparison. The authors, two Australian journalists, travelled to Nepal in 2001, in the wake of the massacre of his entire family (plus 2 aunts, 2 uncles and a cousin who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time) by Crown Prince Dipendra, to try and discover why such a

calamity occurred. As well as uncovering tales of thwarted love and palace intrigue they also explored the history of this blighted royal family whose destiny has been so inextricably entwined with the Rana family – suppliers of Prime Ministers to several generations of Shahs. A really interesting read.

### **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon**

The quirky title sets the pace for this book. It has been welcomed with praise and accolades, winning the Whitbread Book of the Year, amongst other prizes. The story is told by Christopher John Francis Boone, 15 years and 3 months and 3 days old, who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome - a form of autism characterised by emotional coldness, concrete thought patterns and an inability to tolerate change. However he has an understanding of mathematics beyond his years and the chapters are numbered according to the prime numbers rather than 1,2,3, etc. In trying to solve the mystery of the death of his next door neighbour's dog he uncovers lies and deceit about his own family that cause him to extend the boundaries of his own sheltered existence irrevocably. The narrative, written in the first person, is humorous and bowls along as Christopher undertakes his investigating and detecting in his quirky detailed manner.

**HAPPY READING!**

## **The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey**

### **OP SHOP**

St. Paul's Church Hall, Romsey.

Open:

Friday 12.30 – 4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am—1.00pm.

Clothes, Linen, Toys,  
Books, Bric-a-brac

We are happy to accept items for the Op Shop but we are unable to accept electrical goods, children's bike helmets and baby car capsules.

*Because of storage space we cannot take furniture.*

**Thank you for all donations received.**

## **ROMSEY TOY LIBRARY**

### *Welcomes New Members*

**Broaden your child's play experiences by borrowing from our collection of fun toys, educational games and puzzles to promote learning and development. A fantastic range of toys and games available to suit ages from birth to 8 years.**

**Simply pay an annual membership fee and borrow toys for FREE all year**

**A great way to meet new people in a friendly and happy atmosphere**

**Opening Times Saturday 10 am – 11.30am**

**Location St Mary's Hall - Main St Romsey  
(next to St Mary's Church)**

**Enquiries – phone: Kerri 54296609;**

**Anne 5429 5951;**

**Lisa 5429 5913.**

The Romsey Toy Library is a Community based organization run by parent volunteers

## Lancefield Golf Club Inc 34 Heddle Road, Lancefield Vic 3435

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### Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

19 July G. Dudderidge (7) 36; R. Mau (9) 34  
27 July G. Dudderidge (8) 71; A. Renfree (19) 71  
3 August P. McGill (10) 38; R. Walker (13) 36  
10 August P. McGill (10) 35; A. Maloney (19) 32  
17 August J. Clough (13) 37; R. Walker (13) 38m

### Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

24 July B. Lockens (6) 36; K. Lambert (7) 32  
31 July T. Potts (13) 39; D. Ryan (5) 38  
1 August D. Ryan (6) 40; T. Hyland (8) 37  
7 August **Monthly Medal** G. Winwood (19) 68; G.  
Hecker (19) 69  
8 August S. Climas (11) 37; R. Mau (9) 34  
14 August **J & A Riley Ambrose** C. Lingard, K. Ryan,  
B.  
Courtney 601/8

bers in recent competitions have been, on average, surprisingly good. Even the Sunday competition is becoming more popular.

Work on the ladies' first tee is near completion, thanks to Steve Draper and a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. As spring approaches, a renovation of the seventh green is being planned. It has suffered from poor drainage for many years, resulting in periodic fungal attack. It is hoped that an improvement in drainage will rectify the fault, and bring the surface up to the excellent standard of the other greens on the course.

The Club's annual "Grand Gala Day" (Saturday October 23) is fast approaching. It is an opportunity for any participating player to win a Club Membership (worth \$363 including GST). Entry is open to all players with an accredited handicap. A Last Man Standing Event with barbecue lunch and the chance to win \$1000, is being organised, in conjunction with the 18 hole Stroke competition. Tickets will be offered at \$30 each from the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Members have been issued with tickets which they must either sell or return, by the end of August. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the day should contact Carole Mee on 5429 1026. For entry in the Gala Day Golf Event only, contact Barry Brennan on 5429 2254.

Enquires for memberships, clinics and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

### LADIES REPORT

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August - 12 hole Ambrose

- 1<sup>st</sup> H. Caly, J. Dodd and M. Fraser  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Cole and Y. Zema

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August Stroke Monthly Medal

- 1<sup>st</sup> B. Cole net 75  
2<sup>nd</sup> L. Beasley  
3<sup>rd</sup> H. Caly

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August Stroke - 3

Clubs

- 1<sup>st</sup> L. Beasley  
2<sup>nd</sup> M. Fraser  
3<sup>rd</sup> H. Caly

Welcome back Darrelle from your overseas trip. Congratulations Margaret on becoming a great-grandma.

Shirley played Cowes in the Country Championships and had a fun time.

Beryl and Matthew played in the Dalhousie District final of the Young Australia event at Avenel and came third with 70 points in the 4588 aggregate.

### Recipe for this Month:

1kg. mixed fruit  
2 cups coffee - warm ready to drink  
100g chocolate with nuts  
2 cups SR flour

Soak mixed fruit in coffee overnight  
Add roughly chopped chocolate and flour  
Bake in 20cm square

## ROMSEY LICENSED POST OFFICE

### OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

BILL PAYING  
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TELSTRA PHONEAWAY  
TELSTRA PRE-PAID PHONE CARDS  
PASSPORT APPLICATIONS  
OFFICE STATIONERY  
CITILINK DAY PASSES  
COMPUTER DISKS  
COMMONWEALTH  
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GIROPOST BANKING

