

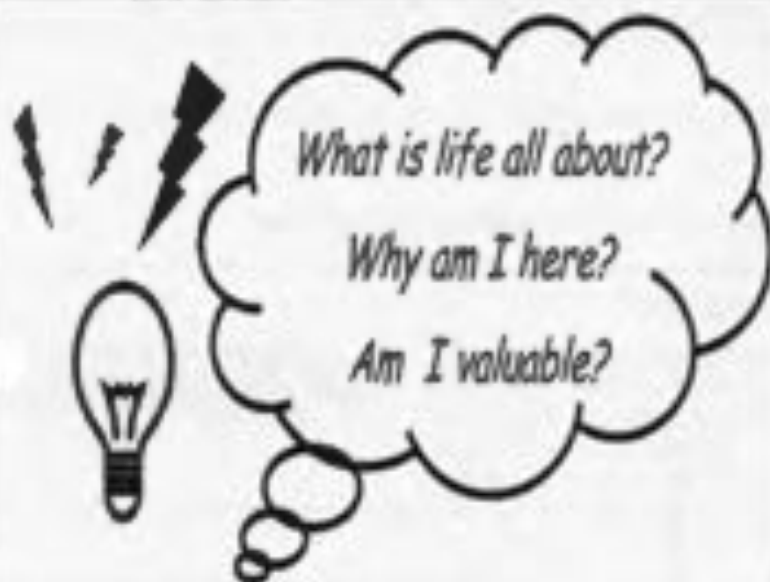
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A NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE FOR ROMSEY—A STEP CLOSER

A very informative public meeting was held on September 22nd to explore the possibility of establishing a Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Romsey. Speakers on the night included State Member for Macedon Joanne Duncan and Macedon Ranges Shire Council Community Development Project Officer Anne-Louise Lindner. Additional information was offered by the coordinators of the Woodend and Lancefield Neighbourhood Houses, Kathy Dent and Vivien Philpotts. The establishment of a Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Romsey offers many benefits to our community:

- providing opportunities for people of all ages to learn new skills, build self-esteem and share knowledge
- providing a community focus for the town
- providing opportunities for the people of Romsey to share social interaction in a relaxed atmosphere
- providing a local venue where people can learn new skills without having to travel out of town

to mention but a few.

There are one or two venues that potentially could house our own centre, and these are being investigated. If suitable, it may be possible to have this program up and running fairly quickly, once the appropriate organisational and legal structures are in place and a core of volunteers is established to take on the project.

We are now at the stage where we need more committed volunteers to take the project to its next step.

Don't look upon this request as a chore—rather, consider it a unique opportunity to get involved in an exciting project that will have a positive impact on you and your community as a whole.

If you believe you have anything to offer—either as a committee member, or in any other capacity—please call John or Heather on 5429 5895.

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A SINCERE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parks Family I would like to thank the people of Romsey and the surrounding area for all their support and help over the last weeks with the loss of Diana.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Ruth Green and the ladies of the various church groups who have provided our family with delicious meals over the last weeks.

I would also like to sincerely thank Debbie Williams, Natasha Rowe, Chawee Gleesner and the Management and Staff of the Cobaw Family Day Care Centre, the Management and Staff of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Milos Staric and the Rotary Club of Romsey and to Joe Morabito for all their help and support.

Your support in these difficult times is an inspiration and credit to the community.

From
Geoff., Jesse, Skye, Shyning, Misty, Ciara & Harley.

Caring Expo

Macedon Ranges Shire Council in partnership with Carers Support Services, Macedon Ranges Health Service and Cobaw Community Health Service will help support National Carers Week by hosting a "Caring Expo" at Kyneton Town Hall on 19th October from 9.30.00am to 3.30pm.



Carers Week is a national awareness week held during October each year. The event was established to promote and raise awareness of the valuable role that carers play in our community. It also provides an opportunity for carers to come together, support one another and share ideas and information.

The theme for Carers Week 2004 is Health and Wellbeing and will focus on reaching the hidden carer.

The Expo will include:

- Dot Kennedy speaker about "Caring and Humour" from Carers Victoria;
- displays and speakers from local organisations who can support carers and the client.
- Support and advice from peak organisations will be available for people who are supporting someone in an aged care facility or;
- for those caring for a friend or neighbour in the community

It is hoped the event will heighten awareness of carers in the community, celebrate the work of carers, promote the commonwealth carers resource centres and encourage carers to access these services.

For more information and to book a place for lunch contact Christine on 5427 8256 or Rose on 5427 8250.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ROMSEY RAG:

If you have some time to spare and would like to be involved in any aspect of the production of the Romsey Rag please contact Editor Barney Healy at Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 or Collation Coordinator Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848. We are always looking for new faces to join the Rag team.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ROMSEY RAG:

November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

Australia Day 2004 nominations are now open!

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is seeking nominations for the 2005 Australia Day Awards. Council will again be awarding a Citizen Award, Young Citizen Award and Community Achievement Awards.



The Citizen and Young Citizen Awards recognise outstanding contribution to the local community during the year. All residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire are eligible for a Citizen award. The Young Citizen Award is restricted to persons under 27 years of age as at 26 January 2005.

The Community Achievement Awards recognise and encourage significant contributions to community life within the Shire and promote national pride and community responsibility. Past awards have been presented to individual and organisations that have:-

- Performed a service to the community,
- Raised funds for a community charity / event / project,
- Conducted a successful project, event or activity, or
- Brought credit or recognition to a community through a cultural, environmental or sporting achievement.

The contribution can occur in the year prior to the award being presented or in recognition of a long-standing commitment / service to the community.

Nomination forms are available at all Council Service Centres or by contacting Annette Paul on 5422 0374. Nominations close Friday 1st October 2004 and should be addressed to:-

Chief Executive
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
PO Box 151
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In addition to the awards, Council is seeking applications from community organisations interested in conducting Township Australia Day Celebrations on Wednesday, 26 January 2005. A limited number of grants for up to \$500 are available. Application forms are available by contacting Annette Paul on 5422 0374. Applications close on Friday 1st October 2004.



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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Aerobics Team Success

At the time of writing, our Junior Aerobics team is putting the finishing touches to its routine in preparation for the National Championships to be held in Sydney on 29th September. The team has, in addition to further developing its aerobics skills, been working hard on fundraising to enable the team to compete at this elite level. Our sincere thanks are extended to the numerous businesses and individuals who have supported the team in its outstanding achievements.

Zoo Excursion – Studies of Asia focus

During the second last week of term all Romsey Primary School students participated in an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. This wonderful experience was linked to our Studies of Asia program. Classes attended special sessions at the zoo from educational staff to give our students greater insights to the issues surrounding the preservation and care of wildlife in Asia. Our upper students program was "Jumbo Dilemmas" with the junior students program being "My Mahout and Me." Naturally this experience has resulted in a great deal of discussion, writing and art work back at school following this excursion.



Beat Concert

On 8th September students from Romsey Primary School combined with students from fifteen other district schools for the annual "Beat Concert" in Kyneton. As well as our students in the choir, ensemble and strings group having the opportunity to share their skills and perform for a large audience; this was a great opportunity for our students to see the musical offerings from students in other schools. The consistently high quality music that our students perform is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of teachers and students in all participating schools.

Athletics

On the 1st September the whole school combined for our school sports/mini Olympics day. While the junior classes participated in a range of activities in their "country" teams, the upper students competed in more conventional athletics activities in preparation for the Cobaw Inter-school athletics day held on 14th September. At the Cobaw sports day we had a large number of winners with these students now eligible to continue on to the zone championships in Bendigo next term. Winners in this competition are then able to progress to the State championships later in the year.



Literacy Week

Our students and staff celebrated Literacy Week during the first week in September. Students made book character masks in the weeks leading up to Literacy Week, and these were on display throughout the week. Additionally, all classes had discussed and chosen a special book for a classroom doorway decoration which was completed during this week. We also had students completing a whole school story which the preps commenced and was completed by our senior students. Each day the whole school listened to a serial story read by our principal at the commencement of lunchtime. The week concluded with a performance of "Knock, Knork." This was a highly entertaining show that focused on box and book characters. All students also had the opportunity to participate in a whole school book quiz. There can be no doubt that our students love books and reading, and really enjoyed the special activities that celebrated this. As part of the Literacy Week celebrations, the school received a generous donation of books from Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club. The school sincerely thanks Rotary for this continuing support in assisting us to foster the acquisition of life-long literacy skills amongst our students.

Tournament of the Minds

Our two "Tournament of the Minds" teams both enjoyed the challenge and the experience of competition in Bendigo recently. Our Social Science team was recognised with an "Honour Award" for the excellence of their presentation and problem solving skills.

Enrolments for 2005

Parents wishing to enrol their children for 2005 should 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

LIBRARY UPDATE

NEW LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE EAST OF THE SHIRE

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is about to call tenders for a new library provider to replace the mobile library when Mitchell Shire Council discontinues the service at the end of October. Advertisements will appear in The Age and local papers commencing 18 September.



Macedon Ranges Shire Council has explored a range of options to replace the current service. The options included joining the area to Goldfields Library Corporation, operating the library itself, and calling tenders for another provider to provide the service. Based on the very high cost of establishing a Council-owned library service and the very limited book stock it would be able to afford, Council decided to publicly advertise for a new library service provider. Tendering also enables Council to work towards its longer term goal of operating all the libraries in the shire itself without tying itself to another provider for an indefinite period.

Tenders will invite other library providers to either provide a replacement mobile library service to the towns of Riddells Creek, Romsey, Lancefield and Darrawell Guim OR a part-time branch library in the former Council chamber in Romsey. Both options are included in the tender specification to ensure Council retains some flexibility if no tenders are received for a mobile library service.

If the branch library option is decided, Council will convert the old Council chamber at the Romsey Service Centre as a temporary location. Funds have been allocated to renovate and modify this area so it is more suitable for library use.

In the longer term, a new purpose-built library is planned. Timing for a new library will depend on funding opportunities

and budget priorities, but at the moment Council is hopeful that initial planning will commence as early as 2005/06 and construction in the following year.

COUNCIL INCREASES FUNDING TO LIBRARIES

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has allocated an additional \$150,000 in 2004/05 to increase the total expenditure on libraries in the east of the shire to \$233,000. This includes funds to purchase 5,000 new books for the new library service and funding towards the establishment costs of the new service. The aim is to further increase book stock in the following financial year.

COUNCIL ADVOCATES FOR IMPROVED LIBRARY SERVICES TO SCHOOLS IN THE SHIRE

After consultation and feedback from schools in the shire regarding the poor level of funding for school libraries, Council has written to the Department of Education seeking a commitment to improve funding to schools. As a follow-up to the letter, Council's Mayor, John Connor and Director Community Services, Anne McLennan aim to meet with the Regional Director for the Department of Education and Training to discuss these concerns.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORMED

Council has recently formed a Library Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance on all matters relating to the development of library services in the shire. Four community members were nominated and selected to be members on the committee. There are also two representatives from the newly-formed 'Friends of Macedon Ranges Libraries' and ex-officio membership of the two current library providers - Goldfields Library Corporation and Mitchell Shire Council. Councillors Todd and Guthrie were elected as Councillor representatives.

For further information about library services, telephone Anne McLennan on 5427 6224 or log-on to www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

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Lancefield / Macedon Ranges Relay for Life 2005

The Organising Committee is pleased to announce the dates for the 3rd Lancefield / Macedon Ranges Relay for Life 2005. This community fund raising event will be held on the 12th and 13th March 2005. As this is a long week-end, everyone will have the Monday to recover.

With the support of our sponsors and exceptional teams, this year's event raised \$117,000 for the Cancer Council and with our community's support the Organising Committee is hoping to once again break the 'ton'. The inaugural 2003 event raised \$94,000 and was considered an amazing effort, but this year's total exceeded everyone's expectation.

Relay for Life is an overnight event where teams of 10 or more walk, run and stroll around the Lancefield Oval relay-style for 19 hours. There is plenty of fun with bands, entertainment, camping within the grounds and of course the comradeship and team building that comes with a community taking up the fight against cancer. Prizes are awarded throughout the event for highlights such as best dressed team and best team banner.

The event is a celebration of life and survival and a positive way to make a difference whilst remembering those who have been lost. This is best demonstrated by several special ceremonies including the Survivors (and Carers) Lap of Honor and the moving dusk Candlelight Ceremony.

Money raised from Relay for Life goes towards vital cancer research, education and the support of Cancer Council Victoria. Cancer affects nearly one in three Australians. Do you know someone who has been touched by cancer? Would you like to show your support and do something positive?

Invitations have already gone out to this year's Team Captains but anyone is able to join in the fun. By registering and paying a \$10 fee to the Cancer Council of Victoria, you can start your own team and help raise much needed funds for Cancer research. Entry is open to all ages and fitness levels.

To register just contact the Cancer Council Victoria's Supporters Hotline on 1300 65 65 85 or visit www.relayforlife.com.au

Anyone wishing to help the Organising Committee or take up one of the few remaining positions can contact Judy O'Grady on 54 291 587 or Chris Cavanagh on 54 296 345.

Thank you again to everyone involved in making this year's event a great success



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Patersons Curse –

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Now is the time to get on top of Paterson's curse – the noxious weed with a purple flower that can be poisonous to livestock, is very invasive and hard to control.

In recent weeks Macedon Ranges Shire Council has employed a contractor to control Paterson's Curse growing on roadsides in the south-east of the Shire. This will reduce part of the risk of the weed being spread along roadsides.

Paterson Curse has never been a large problem in the Macedon Ranges Shire, but it will be if we don't act on small infestations now, and prevent large infestations from spreading.

Now is the time to get on top of those small patches of weed to prevent it becoming a major problem. The cost of controlling small infestations is insignificant compared to the work required to control large areas. In some cases only one or two plants need to be dug out.

Do not slash any mature plants as this will cause the weed to spread rapidly and large areas should be sprayed prior to flowering with a selective herbicide.

Livestock owners should ensure they do not purchase feed contaminated with weeds as Paterson's Curse is commonly spread in hay and soil movement.

By spending a small amount of effort on control now you can protect your property values, agricultural production and the environment. Please contact Macedon Ranges Shire Council to report Paterson's Curse on roadsides or dig out individual plants. For more information or advice, contact Lachlan Mine, Environmental Resource Officer, 03 5429 9659.

Next year the concrete canopy, in Five Miles Street / Bull Drive

Five Mile Creek

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(+ Clean-up)



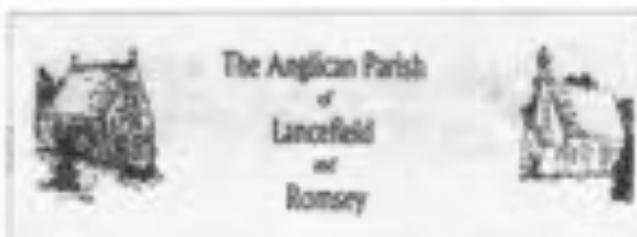
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9am: Clean-up

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LADIES GUILDS:

ROMSEY: 2nd Thursday of each month. Next meeting – Church Hall Romsey 1.30pm.

Contact: Doreen 5429 6060

LANCEFIELD: 2nd Wednesday each month after the 10am service at Christ Church.

Contact: Hilda 5429 1424

MEN'S CLUB:

The Anglican Men's Society meets 2nd Thursday each month 8pm, 5 Jinker Way, Romsey. At the October meeting David Crozier will be speaking on "Changes in Motor Cars" over 40 years. All Welcome.

Contact: John Whiteman 5429 6900.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

3rd October: Bless the Animals, 3.00pm Outdoor setting at Lancefield Church Grounds. Fun for all.

24th October: Special Prayers for 'Students facing examinations' - at church services.

21st November: Patronal Festival, Christ Church Lancefield. Evening Service celebrating 140 years of Anglican Ministry in the area. All welcome.

We urgently need musicians. Can anyone assist.

Volunteers for church grounds and building maintenance.

Jesus and John the Baptist

One day Jesus was answering people who were curious about his relationship to John his pre-cursor. John was very popular with the people and had gathered a great following and many had been baptized by him.

I suppose John was like many of the popular religious figures of our day, way-out, distinctly different, dressed in animal skins and eating "locusts and wild honey". If he appeared today he would probably have a great following too!

Jesus, on the other hand ate with "tax-collectors and sinners", mixed with rich and poor alike and didn't seem to have too much trouble moving in all areas of society. Mind you he was pretty uncomfortable at times, because he was not slow to make pointed comments about life and situations.

In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 7, verses 31 to 35, he tells people they are like "children playing games". John he said, came fasting and dressed in strange clothes and religious people said he was mad, Jesus came eating and drinking with people and they said he was a "wine drinker and a glutton".

Our world tends to be like this.

The difference is, the games we play on an international and national level are very dangerous games, not like child's-play at all. We are incapable it seems of talking, discussing, consulting, listening or addressing issues of poverty, injustice, difference and so on.

This, it seems, is too adult!

We prefer "children's games", retaliating, shouting abuse, throwing things, being greedy and sulking when we don't get our own way. Sounds like our dangerous world doesn't it.

We can check up on our own attitudes too, while we are criticising the world.

How do we respond to our own private world? What are our relationships like with family, neighbours and friends? Are we prepared to sit down, to listen, to discuss, to attempt reconciliation and work out reasonable responses to our personal situation? Or do we prefer "children's games," and try to settle scores by getting even, becoming bitter and fighting to the last.

We can never win that way! We may perhaps win a battle but we lose the war and become angry, bitter, disappointed and lonely in the final event.

Or, we could try Jesus' way and "love our enemies and pray for those who spitefully use us".

Laurie McIntyre. Acting Vicar, Anglican Parish Lancefield/Romsey.

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

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

On Monday 30th August, Wombat Guides held a special presentation. Brittany Adams was presented with her Junior BP Award. The Junior BP Award is one of three peak achievement awards that youth members of Guides Australia can achieve. This award is named after our Founder and his wife; Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Brittany had been a member of guiding since 2001.

Over these years Brittany had attended many activities; Black Forest Region Camp – Outback, District Camp at Moggs Creek, Mother Daughter Camp at Minda Killara, Patrol Camp at Barnys Reef and Murrumbung Camp at Walter Murphy campsite. Whilst working on her Junior BP Award and being a member of Platypus Guides Brittany also gained many badges; Explore Outdoors, Explore Arts, Create Eyes, Create Tent, Create Pets, Create Other People, Create Fire, Achieve Safety, Achieve Camping and an Action Guide Badge. Some of the challenges she undertook; helping to plan an international activity for her Unit, where they pretended to visit one of the Four World Centres, learning a guiding song from another country, Clean Up Australia Day, visiting a different place of Worship, participating in an activity with her Patrol that included a game about the Guiding Links of Unity, helped organise a game based on Lord and Lady Baden Powell and the Four World Centres and then ran this game on Thinking Day, preparing and cooking a simple meal outdoors and sharing it with her patrol, laying a tracking course to be followed.

Brittany was awarded the Bronze Endeavour on 26th May 2003, marking that she was half way through to completing her Junior BP Award. Whilst in Wombat Guides Brittany was awarded the following badges: Outdoor T1, Create ...ody, Explore Guiding, Camping T2 and International Year of Rice Badge. Brittany has gained three Action Guide Badges.

Most of the challenges for the Junior BP Award Brittany has completed in Platypus Guides, so well done Broiga, Possum and Amanda for encouraging Brittany to undertake her Junior BP Award.

On the evening Brittany was presented with a badge and plaque. We congratulate Brittany on achieving her Junior BP Award. This marks a tremendous effort on your behalf.

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

Bilby Guides (5 – 7 year olds) meet at 4.00 – 5.00pm
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 Wombat Guides (10 – 18 year olds) meet at 8.45 – 8.45pm

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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

21 August K.Ryan (12) 37; T.Allen (14) 38
28 August G.Hecker (9) 69; B.Woods (22) 69
29 August T.Passlow (16) 36; S.Abdel-Sayed (16) 35

4 September **Monthly Medal** T.Potts (12) 67; G. Winwood (18) 68

5 September R.Mau (10) 36; C.Fisher (30) 35

11 September 4BBB McLaughlin/ Cowburn (43); Hecker/ Howden (41)

12 September G.Hecker (9) 39; C.Buttler (15) 36

18 September B.Lockens (8) 67; L. Hunter (21) 70

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

24 August G.McDorman (13); R. Mau (9)

31 August G.Brooks (18) 71; G.Dudderidge (8) 72

7 September R.Mau (10) 38; B.Roberts (27) 36

14 September P. McGill(10) 35; A.Maloney(19) 35

The course is now in excellent condition following good rain and the new growth that comes with spring. A temporary green is in place on the 7th hole while renovation of the green is carried out. A large number of social clubs are booked in on Sundays for the next few months taking advantage of the good weather. The clubhouse is open all weekend for players in need of food and beverages.

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 barbeque lunch and the chance to win \$1000. is being organised, in conjunction with the 18 hole Stroke competition. Tickets are currently on sale at \$30 each. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for the day should contact Carole Mee on 5429 1026. For entry in the Golf Event only, contact Barry Brennan on 5429 2254.

The Ladies' Mt William Cup will be held again on Thursday 18th November. It is both a team of 3 and an individual stableford event open to all players. Last year's winner Gisborne will be keen to defend their title.

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Cr Henry Bleeck – Mt William Ward

TENDERS CALLED FOR NEW LIBRARY SERVICE

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has called for tenders for a new library service for Romsey and Lancefield, Mount William ward councillor Henry Bleeck has advised. Cr Bleeck said he was committed to having a library service available for residents of the towns, and to ensure that access continues after the Mitchell Shire discontinues its mobile service at the end of October.

"The tenders have invited other library services to either provide a replacement mobile library to Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek, and Darraweit Guim or a part-time branch library in the old Council chamber in Romsey," Cr Bleeck said. "If we decide on the branch option, Council will convert the old chamber as a temporary location. Funds have already been allocated to renovate and modify it to suit a library. In the longer term, a new purpose-built library is planned. Timing for a new library will depend on funds and budget priorities, but I expect that initial planning will commence later next year."

Cr Bleeck said the Council had allocated an extra \$150,000 in 2004/05 to increase the total spending on libraries in the east of the shire to \$233,000. This includes money to buy 5000 new books for the new library service and funding towards its establishment costs. The Council has also written to the Department of Education seeking a commitment to improve funding to local school libraries.

"Libraries are a vital resource for the community, both for children needing to learn and for adults as a basis for learning and recreation," Cr Bleeck said. "I will be strongly promoting initiatives in Council to ensure that we end up with the best possible service for Romsey and Lancefield."

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Trapped at the Horror School 2

The Return of Mrs Snewandle

by Patricia,11

The cool air brushed through your hair like a comb as you stood in the middle of your backyard. It had been a year since you defeated your teacher. Now, somewhere, somehow, you could sense she was still alive. You *zw* she'd come back!

Life had been admirable since you'd got out that night. Now everyone wanted to be your friend. It was a hot summer's day and everyone was practically asleep when the principal walked into your classroom and announced that tomorrow Mrs Snewandle would be coming back.

You drew a breath as cheers of joy erupted around you like thunder. The next day your teacher was back. After a great day it's gym time. Ding, ding, the bell goes. Everyone gets up to leave but the door is locked...

to be continued.

Jokes

Q. What is at the end of everything?

A. The letter g

Q. What pets make exciting music?

A. Trum-pets

Q. What has a mouth but no teeth?

A. A river.

Q. Why are clocks shy?

A. They're always hiding behind their hands.

Monkeys to Meerkats.

Report by Kate,12

1,2,3, Mrs Petran counted us on to the bus. We set off to the zoo. The bus was not very loud. When we got on the freeway everybody was waving to all the cars that went by. So by the time we got there we were all excited and ready to go. Our grade was the first off the bus. We went straight to the Trail of the Elephants. We got a bit lost but then got back on the right track. A man named Andrew showed us around.

We went to the Sumatran Tiger. We talked about it and how a girl tiger is coming to the zoo. Then we went to the Bamboo Forest and had some bamboo. It tasted NOT NICE!! We walked around to the elephants. There were two. The boy is 30 years old and the girl 31. They were in their barn because the pool had too much chlorine.

After play lunch we looked at the butterflies. There were so many different types. Next we saw the monkeys. My favourite were the Colobus with big white tails. We saw many animals, seals, penguins, baboons, meerkats, otters, tree kangaroos, giraffes, zebras, peccaries, buffalo, bison, tapirs and last of all the lions. The boys in our group got sore feet so they didn't see the lions.

I had a great day.

Answer to Star Wars Word Search in last month's edition is:

A Long Time Ago



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SPECIAL EVENTS : October

Shepparton Bus Trip

A bus trip to the SPC factory on **Saturday, 9th October**, stopping at Tablik Winery on the way home. Please phone 5429 6157 or 5428 5475 for more information.

Spirituality In The Pub

When: Tuesday, 12th October.

Where: Leadlight Room, Holgate's Brewhouse (Keatings Hotel), 79 High Street, Woodend.

Speakers: John Stuart, Spiritual Director and Diane Moore RSJ, Catholic Chaplain at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Times:

6.30 p.m. onwards: meal (optional, bookings essential - 5427 2510).

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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL SERVICES

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Sunday October 3rd

2pm-5pm

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bluestone Theatre – Hutton Street, Kyneton

The Cultural Services Unit invites you to the forum where local artists and art lovers gather to show and discuss new original work. This series intends to give a voice to local artists and to create networks between community members.

Featured this month is Kyneton Theatre Company, Non Compos Mentis Youth Theatre, Anton Hassel, and Nick Sergeant and Bill Payne in dialogue.

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Wednesday October 6th

11:30am

NORMAN YEMM in Morning Music

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Kyneton Town Hall

Long time star of the stage and screen, Norman Yemm, is returning to the Macedon Ranges with a brand new cabaret stage show featuring two of the hottest up-and-coming musical theatre singers in the country – Karissa Dubois and Kim Haley Hunter. As the title suggests, this show is sheer entertainment – featuring songs and sketches from the world of film and theatre.

Tickets are \$14.50 and \$13.50 – Free morning tea served at 11am.

Romsey Fire Brigade Awards Presentations

Romsey Brigade held a dinner to recognize member's service including Ron Coles National Medal. Approximately 70 people gathered at the Romsey Hotel. Guests included Board Member Michael Tudball and Operations Manager Peter Baker, speaker Wing Commander Carl Schiller, CSM, Members of the Bayswater Fire Brigade, fellow officers of the Group and neighbouring brigade.

Paul Green, long serving member of the Romsey Brigade acted as MC for the evening and welcomed all the guests and introduced Wing Commander Schiller.

Wing Commander Schiller spoke of the importance of mateship and how it related to members of the armed services and how equally important mateship was to CFA working as a unit.

Operation Manager Peter Baker in presenting the service awards highlighted the issue that the service provided by CFA members probably exceeds the average time many employees stay with the one employer. The total years of service provided by the award recipients exceeded 200 years.

12 year Service Awards were presented to Michelle Bradley, Beryl Cole and Milos Starec.

20 year badges were presented to Tony Barnes, Ralph Herman, Geoff Neil, Bill Salathiel and Robert Stokes and Trevor Wilson.

Captain Robert Smith was presented with a 25 year service award while Nigel Alston, Ron Cole and Paul Green received 35 year awards.

Unfortunately some of the recipients were unable to attend the awards ceremony; their awards will be presented to them at an appropriate time.

Board Member Michael Tudball was invited to present Ron Coles his National Medal. A National Medal is a national award presented to members of the emergency services who have given meritorious service exceeding 15 years.

Michael paid tribute to the brigade and congratulated the service award recipients. He did express disappointment in the opening remarks by the MC. Paul had been a member of Region 14's Officer Development Program where Michael presented the topic on the etiquette of public speaking and the protocols of introductions.

"Clearly I failed" he concluded. It should be noted that, being a quick learner, Paul was able to make amends later in the evening much to his mentors amusement.

Michael Tudball spoke of Ron's service starting in Bayswater, before he moved to Donolly and finally to Romsey where he served as Captain for 20 Years. He added that when he was Finance & administration Manager at Region 14 he had developed a very strong relationship with Ron over the years. Even after all his service Ron is still active as ever within the Brigade and is currently a Deputy Group Officer with the Romsey Group.

Some of Ron's milestones included Ash Wednesday, the trips to NSW in 1994, 1997, 2001 and the North East in 2002. Serving in a variety of roles from firefighter, crew leader, strike team leader and member of the Incident Management Team.

Unfortunately for Ron the "tributes" did not stop there. Ron's daughters Amanda and Rebecca put together a scrapbook and presented a review of their life with a firefighter husband and father. Stories of missed dinners, long times away and other interruptions to normal family life. For the rest of the firefighters and their families in the room some of the stories related by Amanda rang very true. Although detouring to visit fire stations in obscure places may have been peculiar just to Ron.

Ron thanked the many visitors especially those who made their way to from Bayswater. Musing over 35 years of service Ron commented that the time had flown and in that time he had come across and worked with a large number of people he now regarded as friends. Ron also paid tribute to his family and was very aware of the sacrifices they had made.

Below: CFA Board Member Michael Tudball and Ron Cole.



St. Mary's Fete Lancefield

Sunday November 14th from 11.00 am—3.00 pm.

Featuring BBQ, White Elephant Stall, Devonshire Tea, Hot Potatoes, Cake Stall, Spinning Wheel, Fairy Floss, Mystery Jars, Drinks. Wild Action Zoo (Entry by wristband or \$5 for everyone 2 and over, parents accompanying children free) and Rides \$5 each or by wristband)

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council has received \$55,000 over two years from VicHealth to implement a Walking School Bus Program in the Shire.

The Walking School Bus is an exciting program that encourages more primary school children to walk safely to and from school. A volunteer “driver” walks at the head of the bus and a volunteer “conductor” at the rear, with children taking their walking “seats” in pairs in between. The bus picks up children from designated stops along the route to school.

Parents can be confident their children will have a safe walking journey as all “bus routes” will be safety audited by Council, and all volunteers will be trained, supervised and police checked.

Council's Manager of Community Development, Angie Laussel said, “This program makes walking fun for children, and getting to school an adventure. Importantly, parents know their children are supervised, and will arrive at school safely. And of course, the children and the volunteers increase their overall fitness.”

Council will work in partnership with six local schools to implement the Walking School Bus in the first year. Several schools have already indicated they would like to come on board, but all schools will be formally invited to express interest in joining the program.

“We are keen to have involvement from a mix of primary schools, from larger and smaller towns, spread across the Shire,” Ms Laussel said. “Schools in the Macedon Ranges can be proud of the work they have done to promote traffic awareness and road safety. The Walking School Bus Program is another way they can do this, while promoting a healthy activity and reducing reliance on cars at the same time. We encourage all primary schools to become involved.”

A Macedon Ranges Walking School Bus Kit will also be developed and distributed to all local schools. The kit would be based on Vic Health's *Walking School Bus Guide for Parents and Teachers*, with additional information about resources, support and experiences specific to the Macedon Ranges Shire.

If you would like to be involved in the Walking School Bus Program or would like further information please telephone the Manager of Community Development, Angie Laussel on 03 5427 8249 or email angiel@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

News from the Bargain Box.

Station St. Riddells Creek.

Ph: 5428 6412.

Spring, as we all know, is the traditional time to 'spring clean'.

There are heaps of drop bins, and many choices, available to you when passing on your pre-loved goods. However, when you've been through your cupboards I'd like to ask you to consider donating to the Bargain Box, St. John's Anglican Op Shop in Riddells Creek. We have 'caught up' with our sorting and our surplus winter stock is in the shop. We will be concentrating solely on summer-wear very soon now, and we look forward to that and all the good weather summer brings. But our work is, if we're lucky, on-going and we look forward to that too.

Throughout October we will hold another 'silent auction', this time we have four bentwood chairs donated to us, that you might like to bid for. Take a look in our window.

For three Fridays in September we had a trading table, & proceeds of which go to The Church Missionary Society in support of SAMS (South American Missions Society). If you would like to help us support a monthly 'cause', as the Gisborne community do in our sister shop of St. Paul's, let us know. It would mean helping us fill the table (which is small) with: fresh produce, baking, jams/pickles, plants etc. things of that nature. In October proceeds from St. Paul's trading table will be directed to the Macedon Ranges Animal Aid.

Remember we can't accept electrical goods nor can we sell broken/ripped books, dirty socks or knickers (and we do get them), we are grateful but we're also quite fussy - clean, good quality goods are appreciated.

Well - thank you very much for reading our information. We hope to see you soon.

To you whom we may not meet, but find evidence that you've been - Thank you so much, we really appreciate your support.

Yris co-ordinator 5428 6526.

From St. John's on Melvins your friendly Anglicans.

This is our 140th birthday year!

On Sunday 3rd October we have an 11am family service which includes 'The Blessing of the Pets and Animals'.

On Sunday 31st October at 11am our Holy Communion service is 'as it might have happened in the year 1900' - to mark the 140th anniversary of St. John's Church, followed by a celebratory lunch. Feel free to dress in clothes of that era.

If you'd like to help us celebrate at one or both of these services, be assured you'll be welcomed.

We are making plans now for the annual community Carol's by the Candlelight at the lake park on Friday 17th December around dusk. If you'd like to participate or have any suggestions for this event, or will attend the services **ove**, call the parish office on 5428 4038 Brad on 5428 4280.

Thanks.



RICHMOND PARK MEATS WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FROM THE ROMSEY AREA FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING OUT TIME AT THE LOCAL IGA SUPERMARKET. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO OPERATE DIRECTLY FROM OUR STORE IN HIGH STREET, LANCEFIELD.

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Jubilation for 'Colourbration'

On behalf of the Victorian Central Region of the Australian Alpaca Association please let me tell you about our **Victorian Spring Colourbration Carnival**, held this year for the first time in Lancefield in the heartland of our region. The name Colourbration is intended to be an amalgam of the words Celebration and Colour – hence Colourbration. A deliberate Celebration of the alpaca rainbow.

Colourbration was held over two days. It was conducted as a carnival of alpaca events with: Guest speakers: Bill Robbins on "Line Breeding in Alpacas", Elizabeth Paul on "Colour Genetics", and Alan Frampton on "Don't Send your Fibre up the Khyber!" Craft workshops: Victorian Machine Knitters Association, Judy Craig on "Felting with Alpaca", and Nerida Aldred with one-on-one hands on Team (halter training).

Fashion parades, trade stalls including local wineries and all sorts of alpaca wear & products were held, as well as an alpaca swap meet where animals and/ or services were swapped and sold, a social evening dinner and fun auction, and **eight separate shows** judged across the two days.

In our inaugural Colourbration Carnival this year we attracted 201 animal entries with 26 fleece entries across the eight individual shows over the weekend. **WOW! In our first Colourbration we instantly became the fourth largest alpaca show in Victoria.**

Our goals in running Colourbration are broadly:

- v To provide a career path for non-white/light fawn alpacas which provides a positive incentive for genetic improvement amongst coloured alpacas.
- v To foster a climate of welcoming encouragement to small breeders such that the process of alienation and fragmentation within the industry is arrested.

Hence, **Colourbration**.

In this show structure each alpaca is judged against its colour-mates. White is judged against white for Supreme White, brown is judged against brown for Supreme Brown, grey is judged against grey for Supreme Grey, etc. **We have eight separate shows.** Six of these are for huacaya, two for suri (currently Coloured Suri and Light Suri.) Because this was an inaugural show we only held 6 sections per show (junior male/female, intermediate male/female, adult male/female). Supreme for each show was selected from the blue (first) ribbon winners from each section.

Don't for one minute think that the standard of alpacas was allowed to slip, Bill Robbins was our judge over the two days and rigorously applied the judging standards of the AAA yet his closing comments related to his delight at the standard of alpacas we are now seeing in the show rings.

The 8 Supreme Colours where:

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Hahndorf SA			
Supreme Grey Huacaya	=	Jigaru Alpacas -	
Lancefield			
Supreme Brown Huacaya	=	Wyterrica Alpacas - Co-	
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Supreme Fawn Huacaya	=	Kalpara Alpacas -	
Tynong			
Supreme White Huacaya	=	Parnabrae Alpacas –	
Hahndorf SA			
Supreme Coloured Suri	=	Jingana Alpacas -	
Lancefield			
Supreme Light Suri	=	Hevnlee Alpacas – Koo	
Wee Rup			

So, how did it go?

We believe that it was a resounding success with a total of 74 breeders participating and many more in attendance over the two days. This event will definitely continue to be a key event on the Victorian Central Regions' annual calendar of events. We were delighted to see studs exhibiting who we had never seen in a show ring before. Also grateful for the interstate support of studs from South Australia and New South Wales some of which traveled for over 9 hours to be with us.

Visitors to the show, included many locals and also many others interested in alpacas, some traveling substantial distances to be with us. Attendance well exceeded our expectations, with the CFA receiving approx. \$400.00 in donations from the gate.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of our sponsors for their support. Your very kind contributions assisted us greatly in ensuring that the weekend was a prosperous one. Thank you. Also, to the Lancefield Primary School for providing us with a great variety of fine healthy food. And to the Lancefield CFA, for their unsurpassed assistance in the very difficult job of cleaning. Thank you.

Will we continue to run Colourbration?

Absolutely

See you next year with even more new ideas.

If you would like further information regarding this event or if you have some new ideas which you would like to see included please don't hesitate to contact:

Meddwyn Coleman	or	Jillian Holmes
Lee Carrow Alpacas		Jigaru Alpacas
meddwync@hotmail.com		jigaru@bigpond.com
03 54488032		03 54292158
Co-Convenors of Colourbration		

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Romsey United Church

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What's News

So, we finally have a date set for the federal election. Many people will, however, be sick and tired of electioneering by the time it comes to cast our votes. Does it really matter who we vote for? After all, there will still be a government, we will still be the same country, and whoever is elected will surely be able to manage things for three years.

According to statistics, 60-80% know exactly who we will vote for, and have done so for quite some time. We may have chosen a party for their ideology, or the general thrust of their policies over time. However, it's the 20-40% of 'swinging' voters that decide each election. And it's these voters that the political parties attempt to sway.

It's unlikely that a swinging voter will be persuaded by ideology, but I think it's helpful to understand where each party has come from. In very simplistic (and I hope even-handed) terms, Liberals stand for freedom (liberty), Nationals stand for farmers, Labor stands for justice (equality), and the Greens stand for the environment. All are worthwhile. Which means the most to you? Is it enough to win your vote?

It is much more likely that a swinging voter will decide who to vote for based on a particular policy. Which policy will depend on the particular concerns of the voter. The campaign managers are telling us it is the economy, or healthcare, or education, or the environment, or security, or whatever else they think differentiates them from the others.

My view is that my vote is important. It reflects my values, what I hold to be important. There will need to be some balancing of pros and cons, as I'm sure that no one party will have what I'm looking for on every issue.

But what will matter most to me on election day are those things that I feel passionate about, and the party that addresses them 'the best'.

As you vote, I invite you to think about what matters to you. What is important in your life and to your family? What sort of policies will make Australia a 'better' place for you and your children in the years ahead? They may be different to mine, but they are important to you. Your vote is about your integrity. Take it seriously, for the sake of the future.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey United Church, I hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing time during the School Holidays.

What's On

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| 3 Oct | 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. |
| 10 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This is the first Sunday School session for fourth term. Our guest speaker this day will be Peggy Yeo from the Bible Society. Peggy's experiences from around the world are many and varied, and this promises to be an interesting and up-lifting time. All welcome. |
| 13 Oct | 1:30pm UCAF meets in the church hall. |
| 17 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 24 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 31 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 7 Nov | 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.

What is Romsey Toy Library ?

The Romsey Toy Library was established to assist families in providing their children with a wide range of quality educational and developmentally relevant toys. Romsey Toy Library recognises that it is through play that children develop so many of their fundamental motor and cognitive skills. We exist to encourage parents with their children, to allow them to explore new experiences through play and extend their children's playing and learning opportunities.

Romsey Toy Library is a parent volunteer non-profit community organisation.

The benefits of a Toy Library include:

Children

- can select from a huge range of quality educational/developmental toys.
- Continually change toys, and be challenged by new playing experiences.
- Are able to borrow toys relevant to their developmental stage, or current interest.

Parents/carers

- Can access large and expensive toys that you may never wish to buy or wish to house for long periods of time.
- Can trial toys – and find successful toys appropriate for your child.
- Can provide a continual change of stimulating toys for your child.



Romsey Toy Library is offering \$10 off membership fees for any new members wishing to join until the end of October

For more information contact
Lisa on 5429 5913 or Anne 54295951

From the mobile library: More great reads!

Unforgettable Places to see before you die – Steve Davey

With an unforgettable title like this you just have to delve into the book and discover more. Davey has listed his own selection of 40 places, scattered worldwide, both natural and constructed that he considers unforgettable. From Angkor Wat to the Galapagos Islands, from the Taj Mahal to Lake Titicaca every page offers a visual feast and fascinating information. There is also a paragraph on how to get there, best time to go and places to stay for each destination.

After reading this, Monet's Garden at Giverny, Ephesus in Turkey and Machu Picchu in Peru all beckon. However as I discovered a long time ago, one lifetime just isn't going to be long enough!

Sir Edmund Hillary: Beyond Everest & Lost on Everest – the Search for Mallory & Irvine

These two titles are videos seemingly about Mt Everest and its conqueror, and possible conquerors, but in fact offer much more. The jury is still out as to whether Mallory and Irvine actually reached the top of Mt Everest almost 30 years before Hillary and Tenzing did and *Lost on Everest* tells the story of the 1999 expedition to discover the truth about their climb and subsequent deaths on the mountain. It is a gripping and intensely moving film and uncovers the forgotten story of these two intrepid mountaineers.

Beyond Everest tells the story of Sir Ed's life since climbing Everest and how he has tirelessly worked in the Sherpa villages of Nepal since then to improve their quality of life – constructing schools, medical centres and even a Buddhist dharma. It is the story of a truly amazing man who will leave behind a wonderful legacy for the people of Nepal.

The Really, Really High Diving Tower - David Metzenthon

Puffin Books are on a winner here. Following on from their Aussie Bites and Aussie Nibbles series successes (books written for a specific age/ability level by great Australian authors) they have broadened their horizons to include an older section - Aussie Chomps.

The Really, Really High Diving Tower is the latest Aussie Chomp and conjures up lazy childhood/adolescent summers at the local swimming pool. However this summer is different for Pete 'Pod'Podlewski and his mate Morris 'Shiny-Boy'Diamond. They have set themselves the challenge of diving from the very top of the 10m tower before the council closes it down and demolishes it. Can they do it? Read it and find out.

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Blazer, 1 long sleeve winter shirt, 1 pair long pleated pants, school bag, summer dresses, 1 jumper, winter skirt, 1 rugby top, sports shorts, 1 sports shirt.

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Size 10 Uniform; Blazer, jumper, Winter skirt. All in very good condition.

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

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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 6692

Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

J Box 288 Romsey Vic 3434

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

Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871

Saturday Morning Juniors – Finals Success!

What a fantastic effort from our talented juniors this season! 3 out of 4 teams played in Grand Final matches, with sections 2 and 5 being WINNERS and section 6 RUNNERS-UP.

Congratulations to Tim, Kieran, Keiran, Catherine, Emma and Louise in the section 2 Romsey/Hanging Rock team. Congratulations to Stephanie, Elizabeth, Dean, Daniel, Luke and Toby in the section 5 team.

We have 6 teams entered for the summer season ranging from a top section 1 to a beginner team at section 9. Good luck to all these teams as they start the season on Saturday 9th October.

Any interested players can still join a team. Please contact Bev Davis 5429 5954 or Mandy Green on 5429 5191

Saturday Afternoon Seniors – Finals Success!

Congratulations to Darlene, Elaine, Elisha, Jim, Phil and Tim in the Senior section 2 team who won the Grand Final in the winter season!

Two teams are again playing the summer competition. If you would like to join a team, please contact Darlene - 5429 5186 or Bev Davis - 5429 5954.

"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 councillors and Parks Committee for their support of the project, and also the Macedon Ranges Shire for their guidance and support. We also gratefully thank the local community for their support of this project in many different ways including input to our fund-raising events.

Clearing Sale

(See larger ad in the Romsey Rag)

Sunday 10th October
10 a.m.

Main Road, Romsey

Do you have anything to sell/donate?? Household goods, shed or farm materials and equipment etc. Please call Bev Beaumont - 5429 6189, Ray Matthews - 5429 6812

Used Clothing Collection Fundraiser

After spring cleaning those wardrobes, bookshelves, shoe cupboard etc., give Mandy a call on 5429 5191, for a red Salvation Army used clothing collection bag. All donations will be gratefully received. Thanks.

Play Tennis Day

Romsey Tennis Club

Sunday 17th October, 2004

11am to 2pm

Everyone in the community is invited to come and participate in an informal social day of tennis, including a BBQ lunch at the Romsey Tennis Club in Park Lane, Romsey. Come for a hit of tennis, a chat and a sausage. We will have free giveaways for the kids.

Club Contacts

Club coach - Brett Rees - 5429 6716.

Social Tennis - Thursday Morning at 10.30am - phone 5429 5625

Family Social Tennis - Friday from 4.30pm.

Mid-week Ladies - Bev Beaumont - 5429 6189

Senior Saturday Tennis - Darlene - 5429 5186 or Bev Davis - 5429 5954

Junior Saturday Tennis - Bev Davis - 5429 5954 or Mandy Green - 5429 5191



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

Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club

Inc. A003543P

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

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

Ring Rae Hooke (Sec) on 5429 1602.

Romsey Golf Club

Results

28/8/04

Monthly Medal CCR 66

Winner N. Rowley (23) net 60

Runner up G. Watts (16) net 65

Ball comp R. Rea (16) net 65 & A. Clement (9) net 66

NTP 1st/13th t. Freeman

9th B. Salatheil

10th L. Gaunt

15th S. Norton Longest Drive J. Menzies

Medal of Medallist G. Watts (16) 65

4/9/04

Stroke Rd1 Club Championship CCR 67

S. Norton (13) net 64

NTP1st/13th S. Norton

9th J. Laing

11/9/04

Stroke Rd2 Club Championship CCR 66

J. Taylor (29) net 64

NTP 1st/13th A. Laing

9th C. Vanderveilt

10th S. Norton

18/9/04

Monthly Medal Rd3 Club Championships

CCR 69

G. Vanderveilt (30) net 67

Ball comp C. Vanderveilt 68, A. Clement 68,

R. Preece 69, R. Kent 69 & G. Watts 69

Club Champions

A Grade A. Clement 234

B Grade G. Watts 251

C Grade R. Preece 285

Best Net S. Norton (13) 199

Best Junior Net G. Vanderveilt (30) 205

Congratulations to the club champions in all grade and all players over the championships. It was interesting to see the lead change over the three weeks

A reminder to all players and partners, families and friends Presentation Day is 24th October 1PM for lunch and presentations with optional 12 hole ambrose assembly 9am for 9.30 hit off. Cost \$20 per head

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES

The opening day on Sunday 12th September, although cold, was very successful with an attendance of approximately 30.

Tuesdays and Saturdays pennant starts early October, with the ladies (Tuesday) moving into Division One, and having a number of men to help out.

I am including a quotation from the Bowls Head Office (R.V.B.A.)

"We remind all clubs to be vigilant and advise sponsors and business contacts to be aware of an organisation, currently titled KLM & Associates. The organisation approaches businesses, purporting to represent the club, without the clubs knowledge or authority, and seeks advertising for score cards. The police are investigating, but have not yet been able to take action. Would you please report any instances to the police in your area."

Doss Keating (Secretary) 5429 6277.

Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

For all our readers who thought the fruit cake recipe was cut off last month here it is again. This is a simple recipe so we still have time for the fun things in life like playing golf.

Fruit Cake

1kg. Mixed fruit

2cups black coffee-warm ready to drink

150 gm chocolate with nuts

2 cups SR flour

Soak mixed fruit in warm coffee overnight

Add roughly chopped chocolate and flour.

Bake in 20cm square tin for approx. 1 1/2 hours in a 180-degree oven

Very moist and very delicious

We would like to welcome any ladies who may want to try golf to come along and join us now the weather is improving. No experience or clubs needed. Come and try. Arrive at the clubrooms Wednesday morning about 9am.

Note for Elaine—if you need to know the results you will have to come and join us.

Wednesday 15th September the ladies went to lunch at the Bay Tron and had a tasty lunch with more laughter.

This month recipe

Ginger Biscuits

Combine 125gm butter,

1 Tablespoon golden syrup

1 1/4 cup caster sugar

Stir over low heat until butter melts and sugars begins to dissolve

Do Not Boil

Cool

Stir in 1 lightly beaten egg

1 2/3 cup SR flour

1/2 teaspoon bicarb soda

3teaspoons ground ginger

Mix to a soft dough

Refrigerate for 5 mins

Roll into small balls

Place on greased tray and flatten with a fork (will spread while cooking)

Bake in moderate oven 180C for 12 mins

Cool on tray.

Beryl Cole

54295411

*We apologise for the error with last month's recipe—Editors