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The 2005 relay for life will be held at the magnificent Lancefield Park commencing at 3.00 pm on Saturday March 12th until 10.00 am Sunday March 13th. All who take part are guaranteed a memorable experience.

Whether you choose to be the member of your team to walk, jog or run in the wee hours of the morning, or whether you choose daylight hours to pass the team baton on, your involvement will be deeply appreciated. It is suggested that each team member raises \$100 prior to the event. All funds raised go directly to The Cancer Council of Victoria's research, education and support programs.

The event is a celebration of life and survival in a positive way, making a difference, whilst remembering those who have been lost. The survivors' "Lap of Honour" starts the event at nightfall the poignancy and beauty of the Candlelight Ceremony is designed to remind folk of the reasons behind the event.

As in the hugely successful events of 2003 and 2004, the 2005 Relay for Life overnighter at Lancefield Park will have a party-like atmosphere created with plenty of music, bands, local celebrities and other entertainment. Camping arrangements have been upgraded to provide quiet areas for sleeping and the hardworking Lancefield/Romsey Rotarians are gearing up to provide all participants a "Gold Coin" 3 course evening meal and a free Sunday morning breakfast

Relay for Life is open to all members of the community—young and old, the athletic and the less active: the only requirement is that your team baton is kept moving for the entire 19 hours.

We urge you to register as soon as possible by contacting Judy O'Grady on 5429 1587, Robyn Stevens on 5423 7317 or the Cancer Council Victoria's Supporter's Hotline on 1300 65 65 85 or www.relayforlife.com.au

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Local Response to Tsunami Disaster

Macedon Ranges Mayor John Connor has expressed his deep sorrow at the enormous loss resulting from the tsunami disaster last month. He said councillors, council staff and people from local communities join the world community in extending their condolences to those affected.

"This disaster has caused devastation beyond our comprehension. That the tragedy has happened at a time when our thoughts are particularly with family and friends makes this all the more heart-wrenching," he said.

To raise money for the tsunami disaster relief effort, Macedon Ranges Shire Council and local community representatives are organising a benefit concert, to be held 2pm-5pm on Sunday 30 January 2005 at Kyneton Town Hall. Council's Community Development Manager, Angie Laussel said confirmed performers include Debra Byrne, Broderick Smith, Rob Smithies and a 10-piece brass ensemble from the Victorian State Orchestra, Bob Bright, musicians from the Melbourne Highlands Pipe Band, the Bobsydie bush band, with Marty Field as compere.

"We will also hold a charity auction, with all proceeds from the day going to the relief effort," she said.

Ms Laussel said she was particularly interested in hearing from local businesses that are able to donate valuable goods, services, a hospitality package - anything that might raise funds through auction. Angie may be contacted by phoning 5427 8249. "In the meantime, we would encourage those affected by the disaster to contact the Department of Human Services' Tsunami Hotline on 1800 057 111 for support," she said.

Throughout January condolence books are located at each Council Service Centre, in which the people of Macedon Ranges can inscribe individual messages of condolence and solidarity.

To book tickets to the benefit concert, telephone Cultural Services Officer, Andrea on 1300 88 88 02.

For information about other ways our local community can assist the relief effort visit Council's website at www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL CENTENARY

The current ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL turns 100 in March, as the first function was a Dance held on 10th March, 1905. The current building replaced a previous one damaged by fire, in July 1904.

The Hall has been the social hub of Romsey over the past century with the majority of town entertainment held there including concerts, dances, movies, weddings, birthdays, meetings etc. A Library operated until the 1970's.

In order to celebrate this very important milestone, in the life of the town, a Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 11th March. See advertisement on page 12 in the Rag.

Update Newsletter

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's *Update* newsletter (February 2005 issue) will be distributed throughout the Shire between 1-4 February. If you don't receive a copy with your mail, please telephone 5422 0302.

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To the Editor

Dear Sir,

Through your pages I would like to give a 'Thumbs Up' to the ladies of the lovely old Romsey Church, for going to so much trouble on the occasion of my sister Judy Smith's funeral service, which was held there on December 30th. They provided a real 'country style' repast and cuppa in the hall after the service, which was so ably conducted by the Rev. Alan Williams – thankyou ladies, and thank you Alan on behalf of my family and myself. It was a welcoming sight for us, we had all travelled some distances, as far apart as the Mornington Peninsula, Forbes (NSW), Warburton, Warrandyte and Elsternwick.

The beautiful flower arrangements, both in the church and the hall were also very much admired.

Judy and her friend Marjorie Wreford enjoyed their life lived in Romsey over many years, making valued friends along the way.

A big thank-you also to the Romsey RSL boys, whose contribution at the internment at Lancefield gave Judy a farewell of which she would have been proud and her family and friends a day, to remember a life lived to the full.

Sincerely, Patricia Nance-Kivell



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

School Awards

On the evening of the last Thursday of term 4 we held our annual Year 6 graduation. This is always a special evening as our senior students farewell the primary school that has nurtured their learning for the past seven years. Our year 6 graduation commenced with a special dinner held at school for the students and their teachers. This was followed by the formal part of the program with parents and extended family in the school gym. All our year 6 students were presented to the large group of parents and special visitors. The students then entertained us with dance routines, all choreographed by the students themselves. Students were presented with graduation certificates and a school key ring as a memento of their time at Romsey Primary School. Additionally our Year 6 Peer Mediators and Junior School Councillors were recognised, as were our school captains Stephanie Barnes and Jake East. Stephanie and Jake reflected on the leadership opportunity offered to them in this role within the school and on the rewards and personal growth they experienced in fulfilling this position throughout 2004.

Special awards were presented to students in special recognition for their achievements at school.

These were:

Principal's Award- Matthew Shaw and Angela John- *In recognition of outstanding achievement and positive contribution throughout their years at Romsey Primary School*

Rotary Award- Ebony Whiting- *For outstanding consistent effort and a positive attitude to her schoolwork*

Performing Arts Award- Jake Wilson & Stephanie Barnes- *In recognition for outstanding achievement in Performing Arts throughout their years at Romsey Primary School.*

Ron Viney LOTE (Indonesian) Award- Rebecca Mitchell- *In recognition for consistent commitment to the study of LOTE (Indonesian) at Romsey Primary School.*

Visual Art Award- Ebony Whiting & Cameron Baker- *In recognition of outstanding Visual Art achievement throughout their years at Romsey Primary School.*

CWA Award- Kristie Parks- *In recognition of an outstanding improvement in all aspects of her school life.*

Sport Award- Matthew Maslen- *In recognition of outstanding achievement in sport throughout his years at Romsey Primary School.*

Student Values Award- Chulee Trail- *In recognition of her exemplary ability to consistently demonstrate our school values of Caring, Inclusion, Learning, Happiness and Relationships.* The recipient of this award was selected by the year 6 students.

Community Spirit Award (Sponsored by Joanne Duncan MLA)- Cameron Baker- *In recognition of his commitment in working with others to achieve the best outcome and his consistent efforts in all aspects of school life.*

Romsey Student – Kyneton Secondary College Dux

Past Romsey Primary School student Phoebe Smithies achieved outstanding results in her year 12 subjects and was awarded the honour as Dux of the college for 2004. Phoebe will be studying music at Melbourne University in 2005. Romsey Primary School congratulates Phoebe on this wonderful achievement.

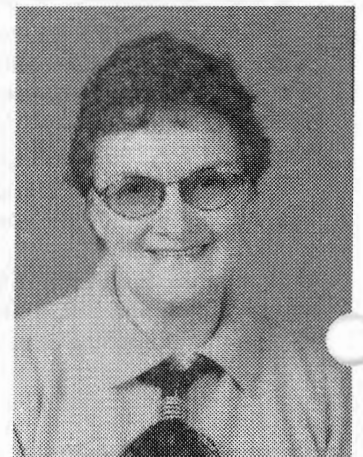
Start of School 2005

The new school year started with over sixty-three prep students, and a number of new enrolments at all grade levels. Additionally we welcomed a number of new staff members to our school. Troy Woolley will be joining the senior school team teaching years 4/5, Nicole Dettmann will join the Junior unit teaching years 1/2, and Pia Frisby will join the junior unit teaching year 1. Additionally we welcome Christie Brown who is taking over as business manager. For the first two weeks all students will be undertaking a special program to orientate them to their new class groups, further develop common understandings of our school values, and work on establishing specific individual learning goals. This program has been developed to form part of our on-going commitment to more strongly engage students in their own learning, taking greater responsibility for the quality of their efforts at school over the year.

Retirement of Jeni Clampit

Parents, past students, staff members are reminded that we will be holding a retirement function for Mrs Jeni Clampit, our long serving business manager who is retiring at the end of January. This function will be held in the school Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 10th February at 4.00pm. Well wishers will be able to make a \$5.00 donation at the door towards a gift for Jeni at the door. Please RSVP by Friday 4th February to Robyn Moore or Christie Brown at the school.

Barney Healy
Principal



**ANGELICAN CHURCH,
PARISH OF LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY**

From the Acting Vicar:

The tsunami in Asia has certainly triggered a great deal of discussion about the meaning or purpose of life and the activity of God in these disasters. The basic question being, "How could a loving God allow such a thing to happen?"

As we look at our world we see a number of different ways of classifying disasters. In previous times, disasters like tsunamis or earthquakes, mudslides and so on were called "acts of God" and frequently this meant that they were not covered in the policy. We now call these *Natural Disasters* leaving God out of the equation and presumably not holding him responsible!

A second form of disaster is that caused by human intervention, like deliberately lit bushfires, or the Iraq war, (or any war for that matter!) or child slavery and so on.

These disasters may be sudden and overwhelming or may be on-going and long lasting. Some may question why God allows these to continue, while others would say God asks why we *humans* allow them to continue. They are the result of human greed, jealousy, irrational rage and so on.

The third form I suggest, is that over which we have little control but which we do have the means to investigate and do something about, like sickness. Tuberculosis was a great killer for many years and yet it has been greatly reduced by the concerted efforts of committed people. AIDS is another great scourge on the human race. Some have suggested that this is the result of an immoral lifestyle, but when we see whole families wiped out, (and in some countries whole villages!) it is obvious that whatever was the original cause it has now become a major problem for the world. Any form of serious illness is a dreadful disaster for the individual or family, and if it strikes us we cry out "Why did God do this to us?"

The question always seems to come back to the involvement of God in human affairs. By asking the question it

implies that one does believe that God exists, even if it also implies that God is pretty nasty to do things like this to human beings!

Christianity asserts that human beings are made in the image of God, so there is a great deal to learn about God from the way in which people respond to disaster. The great outpouring of generous financial support, of practical sympathy, and human response of horror and shock surely also reflect God's attitude to these things. The idea that God is like a puppeteer and that we, and our world are merely puppets on a string denies human dignity and worth. God has made us in his image and has put us in this earth to care for it and delight in it. When natural disasters occur we respond with love and generosity and attempt to restore the scene of the disaster to its former beauty.

When deliberately caused disasters occur we respond with outrage and anger and seek to find the person responsible or the cause and do something about it to try to prevent it happening again. This again is an indication of the human spirit's accepting responsibility for the world and seeking to make the world more secure. In this way we reflect God's attitude to these things.

And, in the case of illness, we certainly are making great progress in working towards ameliorating suffering and seeking to find cures and answers.

So, there are some things over which we can exercise some measure of control, and there are some we cannot. If we do believe that God is active in the world then we must also believe that God is active in us, since we are made in his image, and that what we do is a reflection of the ways in which God is at work. What did we learn as children? "God has no feet but ours to go, God has no voice but ours to speak, and no hands but ours to do his will." If this is true, then God has been very active in these disasters. Human hands have been very active in helping in disasters and in seeking ways to end suffering from sickness and disease.

God is definitely at work on his world!

**Probus Club Romsey –
Lancefield**

Meetings of the Romsey –
Lancefield Probus Club are
held on the 4th Thursday of
each month at St Mary's
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Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194
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Ripper Reads

Dragon's Lair – Sharon Kay Penman

Sharon Penman is perhaps best known for her historical trilogy of the last of the Welsh princes (Here be Dragons, Falls the Shadow & The Reckoning – all in our collection and excellent reads) but in recent years has turned her considerable knowledge of the Middle Ages to writing medieval mysteries.

Dragon's Lair re-introduces us to The Queen's Man, Justin de Quincy, who has been sent to discover the truth about the disappearance of the Welsh ransom destined for the Queen to assist her with the release of her son, King Richard I, from a German dungeon. The complex plot and assortment of characters make for a lively read. If you enjoy this one try reading The Queen's Man, that introduces Justin de Quincy, and Cruel as the Grave as your next reads.

Bypass: the Story of a Road – Michael McGirr

Michael McGirr has only written one other book, 'The Things you get for Free', but as the old saying goes "it's the quality not the quantity that matters," and this book was worth waiting for. When he wrote his first book he was a Jesuit priest on a trip to Europe with his mother, whereas now he is married and a father as well! You might say he has had a bit of a lifestyle change and as this book tells the story of the Hume Highway, which has seen many changes during its lifetime, they are probably well suited to each other. Not only does McGirr enlighten the reader as to the road's history and characters, but cycles its entire length in order to do so. I particularly liked the story behind the Dog on the Tuckerbox. As his training to undertake this journey appears to have been minimal the word penance springs to mind. A great little read about Australia's busiest road.

Are we there yet? – Alison Lester

This is a brilliant little book. An excellent introduction to the better known tourist destinations located around Australia masquerading as a picture story book. It tells the story of 8 year old Grace's trip around Australia for a whole term with her family, as they head clockwise from South Australia to explore such delights as Rottnest Island, Kakadu, the Daintree Rainforest and the Australian Alps. Alison Lester's wonderful cartoon-style illustrations that leap and cavort in various sizes across the pages compliment the simple first-person text that is Grace's story.

Although it was a decade in the making it was worth waiting for.

Happy reading!

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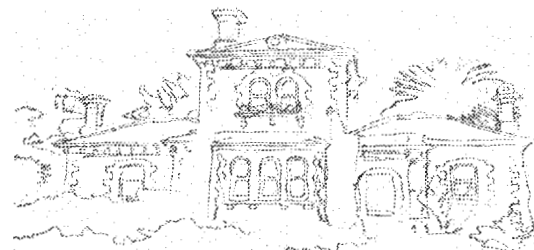
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Tragedy Hits Eyre Peninsula

The high loss of life in the South Australian fires has highlighted the need to have fire prevention and protection measures in place.

Until a Coroners Inquest has determined the circumstances surrounding the fatalities we can only speculate. With that in mind it would appear that all but two deaths were in cars where the occupants may have been fleeing the fire.

It does highlight the dangers of being caught on the roads in thick smoke, exposed to radiant heat.

The tragedy in South Australia is all the more poignant when the house from which one group left remained untouched.

CFA has for a number of years now urged residents to adopt Fire Plans that include whether to leave early or to stay and actively protect the property.

Actively defending the property implies that you have undertaken measures to:

- Reduce the fuel load around the house
- That you have fire-fighting equipment in good working order (this may be as simple as having a new handle in the mop)
- That you have proper clothing. Again there was television footage of approaching fires where the standard attire was shorts and thongs.
- Keep yourself well hydrated.

Information can be obtained from:

Brigade Admin Officer—5429 6951

Region 14 Community Safety—8746 1400

Victoria Bushfire Information Line—1800 240 667



CR. HENRY BLEECK REPORTS..

COUNCIL EFFORT IS GOING TO WASTE

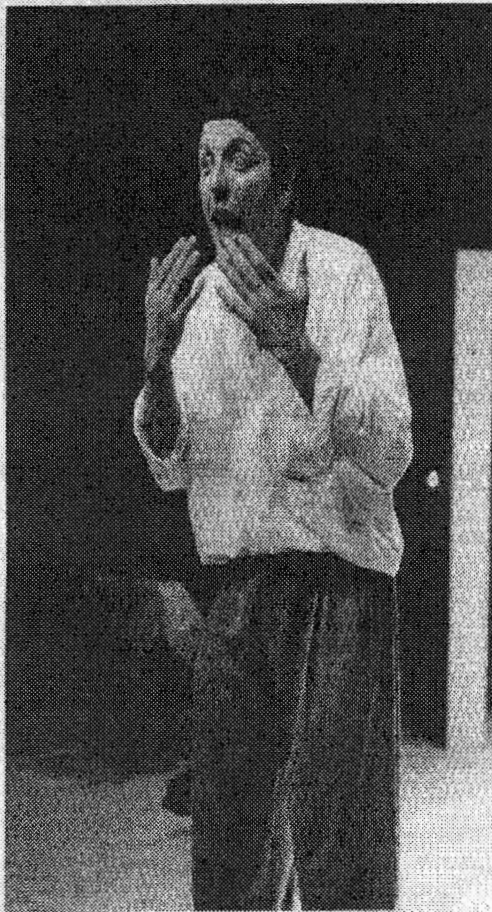
There's good news this month for the residents of Romsey and surrounding areas, with the local waste transfer station finally coming to fruition. I pushed strongly for this facility at the by-election last year, and am pleased that we're getting the results we wanted. Allied to this is further good news on the pending closure of the Lancefield tip, and I understand the area will be rehabilitated as part of the golf course. The transfer station, on the outskirts of the town, will enable us all to better play our part in looking after the environment and recycling materials. Officially known as a refuse transfer station and materials recycling facility, it's being constructed at Johnson Crt, off Portingales Lane in an Industrial 3 Zone. A planning permit has been granted, and the plans and specifications are being drawn up now. I expect the work will go to tender late in February, with construction to start in April or May.

The project will have a number of benefits for the area, including the sealing of Portingales Lane from Romsey Rd to Johnson Crt. The Council has noted concerns from some residents about other roads being used to access the facility, and we are taking them into account. An environmental management plan will be part of the operation to ensure a minimal impact on the surrounding area. After the sorting, rubbish will be transferred to the Sunbury tip and the recycled materials will be sent off to processors.

2005 Australian Masters Road Cycling Championships

More good news for our community is the staging of the Australian Masters road cycling championships in and around Lancefield from March 20 to 22. This will ensure that Lancefield is the focus of the cycling world for this event, with around 150 riders coming from as far afield as Darwin to compete on our roads from the Sunday to the Tuesday. Racing on the Sunday will consist of criteriums around the main shopping area of Lancefield, while individual time trials will be held on the Monday, using an out-and-back course on the Three Chain Rd. Road races will be held on the Tuesday on a circuit comprising Three Chain Rd, Dons Rd to Newham, Rochford Rd and McMasters Lane.

**Cr Henry Bleeck.
Mount William Ward.**



KYNETON TOWN HALL PRESENTS:

ODYSSEY

SATURDAY MARCH 5TH, 2005, 8PM

The Cultural Services Unit is very pleased to announce the performance of *Odyssey* as a part of the 2005 professional touring season at the Kyneton Town Hall.

Winner of the NZ Listener award for 'Best Play' in 2003, *Odyssey* has become one of Australia's theatre success stories having performed in Malaysia, Canada, the USA and at the Barbican Centre in London, as well as touring extensively throughout Australia including performances at the 1998 Melbourne Festival and 2000 Adelaide Festival.

Odyssey is a tour-de-force production by Andreas Litras that weaves the stories of his family's migration to Australia through the legend of Odysseus, hero of the Trojan Wars. The performance uses a combination of storytelling, clown, song, dance, mime, bouffoon and physical theatre that will delight children and adults alike.

If your family has a migrant history, be it Greece, Ireland or India, *Odyssey* will echo in your mind with the familiarity of old stories around the dinner table. Directed by the renowned theatre teacher John Bolton, *Odyssey* is an irreverent, passionate and joyous celebration of what it means to find a home.

Odyssey plays at the Kyneton Town Hall on Saturday March 5th at 8pm.

We are offering a special ticket price to this show to encourage all members of the community to see this great Australian theatre work of great humour, familiar characters, and a story that we all connect to – the journey of finding a home.

All tickets are \$20, and can be booked by calling Andrea on the bookings line on 1300 88 88 02

ALSO APPEARING @ THE KYNETON TOWN HALL

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|------------------------------|--|
| FEB 11TH: | TANWORTH ON TOUR – 4 Golden Guitar winners in concert together |
| FEB 26TH: | DAVE HUGHES LIVE – That's right...The funny man is comin' to town |
| MARCH 7TH: | CLASS CLOWNS REGIONAL HEAT – local youngsters doing comedy |
| MARCH 9TH: | DIDATES OF DENZANCE – the first Morning Music of the year |

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Season commencing February

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Tuesday nights

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Season commencing February

7.45pm onwards

Wednesday nights

Under 18 Indoor Soccer Competition

Five (5) a side

Season commencing February

4.30pm - 5pm onwards

Friday nights

Feel free to register teams or names to be placed in a team.

For further information and to register

contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on 5429 5637.



FOUNTAINS AND ROSE GARDENS..

A big thank you to those who supported these two projects. There have been many favourable comments about the Rose Garden with the lovely blooms that surfaced from early November and lasted to the end of January. An informal ceremony took place on Remembrance Day with the happy coincidence that the R.S.L. dedicated two new plaques on the War memorial at the same time that the roses were in full flush.

The Rose Garden account has a small credit (\$186.30) which will be sufficient to purchase a few additional plants in winter to fill those spots which have 'gone missing'. The garden seats are well utilised, and we will soon see blue-stone edging around each rose bed, compliments of the Shire.

Those who generously donated towards the Fountain will see that their contributions were acknowledged in Peter Mitchell's splendid book "Romsey - A Garden of Eden",

Pages 41-43 and 203. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Shire Parks and Garden's Peter Jones and his staff who continue to maintain the fountain garden even though we are unable to have the fountain in operation due to water restrictions.

A very happy 2005 to all...

POKIES



The Gaming Regulator decides in April-May whether Romsey Hotel should have 50 poker machines. It will consider a submission from Macedon Ranges Council which (unlike Mitchell Shire) strongly opposes such an application.

Romsey Against Pokies has come together from people new and old to the town, who go to church and who don't, business people, and people who've had experience of pokies. We are not against gambling. We believe pokies take huge dollars out of a small town, and that this will be bad for local businesses, make individual families poorer and create hardship for many families.

Even the web site for smart gamblers (www.smartgambler.com.au) does not recommend pokies, and calls them a 'menace'.

Victoria has had pokies for a few years. Impartial studies show:

- Ø One in 5 gamblers gamble with the housekeeping
- Ø Eight times more problem gamblers play pokies than bet on the TAB
- Ø Elderly singles and pensioners are more likely to play pokies and have gambling problems,
- Ø Gambling does not boost tourism
- Ø Gambling leaks more money from local towns than other activities

50 poker machines will take \$4 million each year from the town.

Community groups can write to Council, and individuals to the Gaming Regulator (PO Box 1988R, Melb 3001) to say what they believe the social and economic effects of pokies will be. If you want to comment phone Geoff & Pam 5429 5523 Sam 5429 6196 Kym 5429 5901 Sue 5429 5283 or Alan 5429 5351

Five Mile Creek News February 2005



OLD AND NEW

If you've come to Romsey in the last 2 years, ask someone what the creek used to be like. If you haven't already, make time to walk along the path - you can walk for a kilometre from the Main Road to Couzens Lane. It's hard to remember that in 2002 it was absolutely covered in fallen willows and overgrown thistles and blackberries.

So enjoy the creek - walking, or sitting.

And if you can, come to a clean up. It's up to two hours, and we have a Bbq afterwards, to relax. So put it in your diary:

Sunday February 27th, anytime after 9am.

Everyone welcome

Signs at Robb Drive and Drovers' Retreat, saying where we will be. Bring rakes, gloves, brushcutter etc. Your help is needed. Ring Kerry if you can help with planting native areas.

Walkers along the creek - YOU CAN HELP ... PICK UP A BRANCH

After high wind and storms, willow branches fall on mowed areas and in the creek. PLEASE HELP - PICK UP A FALLEN BRANCH - put it on a rubbish pile. If it sits there, it blocks the mowers - & grass gets longer. Everyone enjoys the trees' shade and greenery.

MOTORBIKE noise is extra loud as the creek makes a sound tunnel. The noise wakes shift workers. So the signs say 'keep out'. If you'd like to use the creek - use a mountain bike (people power). If you see a motorbike, take a photo of it.

Creek people: Sue Kirkegard 5429 523 Trish 5429 5504 Jay Brooks 5429 6161 Kerry Stott 5429 6160 Lisa Weston 5429 6440



LIBRARY UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2004

New Library Provider Awarded Contract

In mid September Council called tenders for the provision of library services to the east of the shire as a result of the Mitchell Shire Council's decision to close their mobile library at the end of October.

Council called tenders for either a mobile library service or a branch library based in the old council chamber in Romsey. Two tenders were submitted, both for the branch library option.

A panel comprising two council staff, a member of Council's Library Advisory Committee and a professional librarian had the task of evaluating the two tenders and submitting their recommendation to Council. On Wednesday 24 November Council resolved to award the three-year contract to manage a branch library to Mitchell Shire Council.

The contract will commence on 1 December 2004 with work starting immediately to establish the new library to ensure it will open in early March 2005. The library will operate initially in a temporary space at the Romsey Shire offices but planning is underway for a bigger and better library (see overleaf).

Some of the features of the new library service include:

- **Housebound Services Immediately Available**

A home delivery service for people who are housebound will commence from 1 December. This service is open to anyone who is unable to travel to any of the libraries in the surrounding areas (Gisborne, Kilmore, Wallan, Broadford, Sunbury, Woodend or Kyneton). If you are interested in receiving this service please contact Sue McNamara, Library Coordinator, Mitchell Shire on [54821322](tel:54821322)

- **Bulk Loans and Visiting Activities to Schools and Preschools**

- **Free Internet access**

- **Storytelling programs weekly and holiday activities for Children**

- **Online membership application, loans and reservations**

- **Day, evening and weekend opening hours**

- **5,000 new books plus additional books supplemented from Mitchell Shire Council's collection of 70,000.**

- **Staff employed on the mobile library staff will be employed at Romsey and supported by other trained staff.**

Planning for a new Library and Community Hub in Romsey

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has submitted an application for funding to the Department of Victorian Communities to undertake an extensive community planning and feasibility study to plan for a multi function library and community facility in Romsey.

If funded the project will consider the feasibility of developing a new library combined with other community facilities such as a community learning centre, community health rooms, playgroup area, and a youth space. A number of local community groups have come together to apply for the funding, including the community house development committee, Romsey Primary School, a local playgroup, Cobaw Community Health Centre and the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network.

The detailed planning work is required to enable Council to then apply to the State Government in 2005 for capital funding to construct the library and the other facilities, as agreed, with input from the community.

Book Purchases Commenced

An order for the first 1,000 books for the new library was placed just two weeks ago. The order will ensure that limited pre-Christmas releases are purchased and ready for the shelves when the library opens in March.

The next order for another 4,000 books will be placed by the end of 2004. Council allocated \$150,000 in this year's budget to purchase the new stock for the library.

M.A.R.C. Library Van for Darraweit Guim

Darraweit Guim Primary School will be visited by the Department of Education's mobile library (MARC) van commencing 2005.

The loss of the Mitchell Shire's mobile library will be felt by all the schools in the area, however all the other schools previously visited by the mobile have access either to a school library or the MARC van. Darraweit Guim Primary School had been previously unsuccessful in its application to have the MARC van visit the school. Macedon Ranges Shire Council wrote to the Department and then visited the Regional Director during the last few months and has been able to secure a commitment that the MARC van will visit in 2005.

Renovations of Council Chamber

Renovation of the former Council Chamber at the Romsey Shire Office is about to commence in preparation for the library to open in March 2005. An internal wall will be removed to increase the space available, new wiring and telecommunications installed and new carpet laid. Once these works are commenced, shelving, a circulation desk and other furniture will be installed.

Ragamuffins

Best Friends

by Jacquie, Kara and Erin

Rony was one gorgeous horse. His owners had taken care of him since he was a foal. Every morning his owners took him out to the sea to have a trot in the water. He was strong and awesome to his owners, though some didn't see him this way.

It was one morning when Rony decided to go out on his own. Never before had he gone out on his own. He felt wild at last. He felt he could do anything. The tide was in. It flooded the beach.

Rony was stuck. He had nowhere to go. He was trotting around trying to find a way out. No luck. All of a sudden, Rony found himself in the middle of the sea. Luckily he could swim. Suddenly, a dolphin came happily jumping towards Rony.

"Hi," the dolphin squealed. "Are you in trouble?" And before Rony could speak, the dolphin said, "here, do you want my help?"

"Yes, please," said Rony.

The dolphin pulled Rony back to shore. When Rony got back home, his owners were so pleased to see him, but angry too. The first thing he did was eat.

Rony knew he had a friend and so did the dolphin. They became best friends. And from that day on, they saw each other everyday until they both died which was on the same day, which was really weird.

Winners of colouring competition:

1st prize, Debbie, 10. 2nd prize, Mekayla, 6, 3rd prize, Tamara, 5. Congratulations to all the winners. All winners have been notified and their prizes sent by mail.

Fancy having your story published? For your chance to get your name in print just write a story or poem on the topic for the following month. A selection of submissions will be printed each month.

The topic for the next issue is 'Chocolate'. Write your story etc and leave at either the front office of Romsey Primary School or at Romsey Post Office. All submissions must be received by 17th February. So, hurry and get those pencils and paper out! Thanks and happy writing!

Friends

By Shivaun

One day, me and my dog, Charley went for a walk. We saw a parrot come out of nowhere and it sat on my shoulder so I took him home. I put him upstairs into my room. And I said, "parrot, I will call you Cracker."

The next morning, Cracker, Charley and I started walking downstairs and I said, "Come here Charley this instant."

He stopped and stared at the hole in the wall and in that hole there was a disco mouse. He was jumping and grooving and wooooooshshshsh, all of a sudden he was talking to me!

He said in a squeaky voice, "Do you have any cheese?"

I replied, "What's your name mouse?"

"Squeaker."

"Well Squeaker, I will go into the kitchen and see if I have any cheese anyway. I am Shivaun and this is my dog, Charley, and my parrot Cracker. They are good pals. You should get to know them a bit better. Anyway, will Kraft cheese do?"

"Yes, yes!" the mouse replied while stuffing his face in the cheese.

"Can we be friends?" I asked.

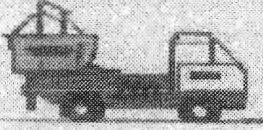
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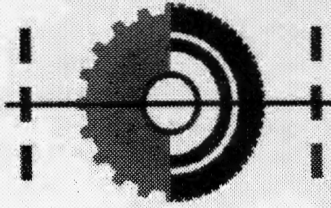
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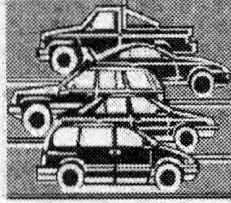
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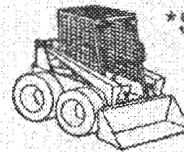
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SPECIAL EVENTS : *February*

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There is a Sacramental meeting on **Thursday, 17th February 2005 at 7.00 p.m.** in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey. All children are required to attend this meeting with their parents, as arrangements for Catechist lessons will be made at this time.

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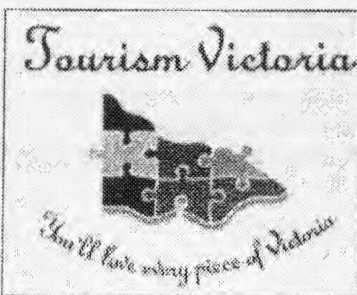
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Reportback from 29th November '04

We Say ...

- Romsey has grown ... the mix of ages and backgrounds is changing ... let's find out what the bigger community wants.
- Drama art and music groups are missing in Romsey ... let's see more of that.
- Activities for young families eg. Little Athletics, are growing. Get involved with the younger generation ... find out what they enjoy.
- Time is precious.
- Have a chance for people to take part, without having to 'join'.
- **It has to be FUN !!**

This is Important ...

- Communicating with the people living in Romsey, what we do
- Having up to date equipment and better infrastructure - sports facilities, neighbourhood house, music art & drama
- Sharing ideas across clubs
- Getting more funding
- Promoting clubs

OUR **BIG** IDEAS AND THE NEXT STEPS

• A DIRECTORY

Why? ... So that people will know what is going on in our town

The Next Steps ...

Most groups handed in an information sheet. This will be checked, and in January a council trainee will help to put the sheets into a directory. **EVERYONE NEEDS TO RETURN SHEETS.**

Volunteer needed for art work.

CONTACT: Sue on 5429 5283

Aim: To be ready for February 2005. Printing will be discussed with Council

• "SOMETHING TO DO" EXPO - of all the community groups in Romsey

What is it? A Saturday morning near the shops, early in 2005, maybe with the side street closed off, having Information stalls, sausage sizzle, face painting

TENTATIVE DATE: Saturday 19 March 2005

The Next Steps ...

CAN YOU HELP???

Julie Starec of Lions is setting up a small committee to do this

(Ring Julie - 0411 643 407 - to join the committee, OR help on the day, OR with other tasks eg preparing a flyer)

• THE ROMSEY RAG

We will ask if a list of groups and contacts can be published in the February Rag

.... The Rag to feature a group some months (depends on the Rag committee and on groups putting together the bits of information)

... Groups writing news (you can get help with writing it up to make it easy to read)

- **Using BULLETIN BOARDS** more ...
 - ... restoring the supermarket notice board
This will be discussed with Council
 - ... Groups to put information on the new one opposite the skate park
This will be discussed with Council
 - ... The Five Mile Creek group has a noticeboard to erect at Robb Drive
- **NEW RESIDENTS' PACK** ... with a directory of local groups
This will be discussed with Council
- **A ROMSEY WEB SITE** ...
 - People look to this to find info.**
 - Business Association set it up, but have no funds to administer it
 - The Next Steps?*
 - VOLUNTEER or REASONABLE QUOTE** urgently to investigate or undertake:

1. How to sort this so community information can go there.
2. The best way to administer it at reasonable cost.

- **STALL AT ROMSEY MARKET**

What would happen?

An information stall at the market for all groups, staffed by one or two groups.

The Next Steps ...

Lions will discuss early in 2005 if this is feasible.

If so, it would need 10 or more groups to staff a table on roster once a year.

RING or **WRITE** to Lions if your group would do this, and indicate which month you could do.

OTHER IDEAS – waiting on offers

- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

A calendar which lists the important events for each group through the year

The Next Steps:

EVERYONE: Remember this in winter, and raise it again to do it for 2006.

- **A ROMSEY SHOPPING BAG**

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- **A ROMSEY BALL**

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- **SKILLS BANK**

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The Next Steps ...

This is a great idea, but how to run? Will ask the neighbourhood house when set up

- **CRISIS HELP**

A list of local volunteers to assist with simple things in personal traumatic unexpected events

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- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Groups offer to be a guest speaker at other community groups or other events, to share knowledge and promote groups. Groups would name the people able to be a speaker.

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Happy New Year Everyone.

We've been very busy during our Christmas & holiday season.

The old stock has been cleared from the shop and replenished, but of course by the time you read this a good number of you will know because we reopened on January 20th.

Our business hours remain 10 – 4pm Thu/Fri and 9 - 1pm Sat.

I'm sorry to start the year off with a whinge but I must and this is directed at only one or two people. We have been pretty disgusted with some donations during the last few weeks.

On two sorting days, these are some of the items we have had to handle...

old & dirty socks & stockings, old, stained knickers, a dirty bandage, dirty, old slack bra's, stained baby wear, dirty clothing straight off the back - and in one bag we found wet and rotten food scraps!!!

Perhaps the Tsunami in Asia prompted one or two people to donate anything and everything? And perhaps they also think any old rubbish is good enough for those with nothing! But let me tell you if I were destitute, I'd rather use newspaper!

It is not difficult to sort clothing into appropriate bags, especially items suitable for *your own* rubbish bin.

We have no use for broken, dirty toys or torn dirty clothing etc.

We are disappointed to think we have people in Riddells Creek who have done this.

I apologise to large number of our regular donors and customers, the considerate, generous people who are our main support. Thank you.

Chris Clark.

A Carer Called Home

Many people will be saddened to hear of the death of Anne Burn who died on November 6th after a long illness. Anne was well known and respected by families whose children attended the Child Care Centres in Lancefield and then in Romsey until 2002. A Mothercraft Nurse, Anne always worked with children and after several years of involvement with foster care, she joined the staff at Lancefield's crèche for a couple of years. In 1994 when the Romsey Centre opened she was asked to go there where she became the Co-ordinator and was also the person in charge of the Babies' Room. She had excellent communication skills with a wide age range of children and they responded with a very real affection. In 1997 (round about) a presentation was made to Anne by the Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club acknowledging her wonderful and dedicated commitment to her work with the children and her support of their families. In 2002, due to illness and situations beyond her control, Anne resigned from Romsey Child Care Centre. She had great plans to enjoy an "active retirement" and hoped to eventually return to part time work but sadly, this was not to be. On 12th November family members, relatives and friends filled St. Brigid's Church at Gisborne to farewell Anne at a very moving and emotional service. She will always be remembered for her ability to laugh and have her practical and positive outlook on life, her great sense of loyalty and friendship and the unequivocal love she had for her family.

Jesus is alive in 2005

Regular Sunday Service Times:

10:00am = 7 Mitchell Court, Romsey

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everyone is welcome

Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

Welcome to Term 1

The new school year is underway with all groups settling into their various groups at the kinder. This year there are three four-year-old groups and two three-year-old groups at the kinder. In Unit 1, Jane Whelan is teaching Yellow Group (4yo) and Purple & Green Groups (3yo). Jane is assisted by Chris Farrell and Catherine Tighe. We welcome our new teacher, Liz Keily, to Unit 2. Liz will teach Blue and Red Groups (both 4yo) and is assisted by Kay Fatcher and Catherine Tighe.

While all 4yo groups are full, there are a few vacancies in the 3yo program. Anyone who would like further details is welcome to contact our Enrolment Officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243.

Annual General Meeting coming up

Many of you will be familiar with the kindergarten, which is located in Main Street beside the skate park and in a building which incorporates the maternal and child health centre. 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. The AGM is due to be held on Monday, March 14, when all positions on the committee will be declared vacant and a new management group formed of kinder parents. It is hoped many parents will come along and get involved in the running of their local kinder for the benefit of their children and future students.

Change table needed

The kinder is in need of a baby change table. If anyone in the community has a table in good condition which they would like to donate to us, please drop it into the kinder.

It's a cool, cool world

During the summer holidays, new reverse cycle split system air conditioners were installed in the kindergarten by the Shire of Macedon Ranges, which owns the building. Thanks to the shire, the kinder environment will now be a lot better for the children, teachers and parents on hot summer days, so our grateful thanks to the council, council staff and contractors who installed the system.

Fundraising underway

The kindergarten undertakes fundraising to help improve the kindergarten environment and buy outdoor and indoor equipment. This year we will continue with our popular Trivia Night, which was not only great fun last year but a huge success, raising almost \$2000. We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in this and other events by attending and/or 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.

Enrolments open for 2006

The kinder is taking enrolments for the 2006 school year. 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 2006 any time up until September 30, 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, or our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243.

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 of Management.

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What's News

Happy New Year!

These three words, which appear so ordinary and just roll off the tongue at this time of year, seem to be entirely inappropriate for 2005. The tsunamis that struck our near neighbours on Boxing Day have dominated our news and culture since then. Whilst it is certainly a 'New Year', many people would debate that it is 'Happy'.

The scale of the destruction, the size of the death toll and the unfolding human tragedy are almost beyond comprehension. As much as we might think we are beginning to understand, it is probably only by being there that we could truly comprehend what has happened.

In the aftermath of the tsunamis has brought a mix of emotions for many people. There has been horror at the appalling loss of life and property. Some people have had their dreams and memories shattered at the 'paradise lost'. In the midst of disbelief and grief, there can also be a numbness, overwhelmed at the enormous need and constant appeals for help.

Yet the response to the appeals has brought hope. In the midst of tragedy, the human family has rallied together, supporting one another and overlooking past disagreements. The generosity of those who are relatively unaffected has been heartwarming, giving hope for humanity beyond this present situation.

However, we have also heard stories reflecting the worst of human traits, with paedophiles preying on the orphaned and homeless. Whilst the size of the tragedy may be beyond comprehension, so, too, are the extremes of human response.

But on one level, this shouldn't come as a surprise. Human beings are essentially greedy and self-centred. A bold statement, but probably at the heart of most armed conflicts throughout history. Think about your own life and the decisions you make. Who doesn't do what they think is best for themselves and their family?

The Christmas story is a story about hope. It's about God doing something about this human predisposition, showing the world a better way of living, a fuller way of being, a new humanity.

The generosity of Australians, and others, towards those affected on Boxing Day is also a sign of hope. It may be a glimpse of a better way of being. I hope and pray that this spirit of solidarity and support may find its way into every part of life.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I trust that everyone had a safe and restful summer.

What's On

Beginning on Monday, 14 February, a series of six sessions on faith and the church will. They go under the title 'Belonging' and anyone who is interested in being involved should contact Rev Alan as soon as possible.

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| 5 Feb | 9:00am-noon Pancake stall in Romsey IGA car park, raising funds for SHARE Community Appeal. Get in early for Pancake Day (Tues, 8 Feb)! |
| 6 Feb | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. This is the first Sunday School session for 2005. |
| 9 Feb | 8:00am Ash Wednesday reflection at the Romsey UC. This is the beginning of the church's preparation for Easter. 1:30pm UCAF meet at the church hall to begin their year's activities with a Commitment Service. There will also be guest speakers from the Romsey Ambulance Station – unless they've been called out on a job! All welcome. 8:00pm Ash Wednesday reflection is repeated at the Lancefield UC. |
| 13 Feb | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 20 Feb | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 27 Feb | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. 5:00pm family worship at Lancefield. This will be something a bit different for families to do together. Bring and share meal to follow. |
| 6 Mar | 8:15am breakfast, worship and Holy Communion. This includes our celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving. Any donations of non-perishable food for Broadmeadows Uniting-Care will be gratefully received. |
- 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.

LINE DANCING STARTS AGAIN

On 7th February, 2005, then every Monday morning from 9.30 – 10.30am, in the Mechanics Hall.

Beginners most welcome.

Dances are taught slowly so come along and have some fun while keeping fit.

Enquire to Carol on 5429 5590

Romsey Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

The Historical Society welcomes visitors or new members at any of the following activities:

General Meetings

Fourth Tuesday each month, 7.30pm at historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. Some Guest Speakers, followed by cuppa and chat.

Archives & Museum

Open once a month on first Sunday, 1.30-4.30pm, or by arrangement with Archivist, Mrs. Robyn Miller, Tel. 5429 5652. This facility is situated in the ex-Court House, Lancefield.

This year the Historical Society will mark a number of significant anniversaries:

Romsey Mechanics Institute

A Dinner Dance on Friday, 11th March, run by the Mechanics Institute Committee will mark 100 years of the present Hall serving the community. Watch for further publicity on this event.

Anzac Day – 90th Anniversary

If you are interested in history, we have a wide range of activities in progress, and a friendly group of people to welcome you.

Enquiries to Secretary: Jean, 5429 6522.
Jean Clement.



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OP SHOP NEWS

On January 6th our shop had the opportunity to help tsunami relief by sending suitable clothing. With thanks to the op shop ladies, they quickly gathered and sorted suitable clothing and delivered it to Woodend. Our goods were included in a container going from the Step Shop in Woodend.

Our first few week's takings and donations will be sent to the tsunami relief fund and also various local charities, one being Chaplaincy at Kyneton—Roy Saggars for all his wonderful work in the area. Another will be Anglicord (Anglican International). Support has been requested for this appeal.

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 Lancefield Guides

Welcome to 2005, a new year with a host of events and activities to look forward to and to take part in. The Guides are commencing the year's activities on Monday 7th February, when we will be welcoming back lots of members and hopefully some new members too. We are continuing to meet at Lancefield Park, in the cricket club rooms on Monday evenings, and if you are keen to find out about us and see what we do then feel free to come along, or you can ring a leader prior to coming if you wish. We would love to make you welcome.

22nd February is an important day in the Guide calendar and called "Thinking Day". This is the birthday of Lord Baden Powell and his wife Lady Baden Powell, the who people who started the Scouting and Guiding movement many years ago. It is a day that is celebrated in lots of different ways as Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world focus on the true meaning of Guiding and Scouting movements and the ties that exist amongst all the members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The first World Thinking Day was celebrated in 1927. A world Thinking Day Fund was started and the money raised is used to promote Guiding in underprivileged areas and isolated communities throughout the world to help with leadership training, encourage international exchanges and support projects dealing with malnutrition, illiteracy, the disabled and those in need of home care. This year we are celebrating this day with a large region event involving a trip by bus to Kids Town in Shepparton. Here we will link up with our sister Guides in the Goulburn Region and share some fun and lunch together whilst we celebrate our special day.

The Bilby Guides have a new leader this year—Eileen French, better known as "Possum" to the Guides. She will run activities for the Bilbies from 4.15—5.15 pm each Monday. There will be craft activities, games to play and things to learn about Guiding, including Thinking Day. Ring her for more information if you have a girl who is 5 or 6 years old.

The Platypus Guides will continue to meet from 5.15—6.45 pm and they will start the year with getting-to-know-you games so that new members feel welcome. They are planning a "visit to the beach" night during the term, and will make a big beach mural out of recycled materials. Ring Rita Vandervalk for more information if you have a daughter aged 7 to 10 years.

The Wombat Guides meet from 7.00—8.45 pm and they will spend their first meeting night planning the activities for the term. They would love to have some new girls coming along so if your daughter is aged between 11 and 16 years then she would be most welcome. Ring Carolyn Atkinson for more details.

You can find out more about Guides in Lancefield online at www.lancefield.org.au

Contact phone numbers are:

Eileen French 5429 6413
Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996
Carolyn Atkinson 5781 0728



LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

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5429 2079
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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

18 December Multiple Stableford K.Ryan(13), B.
Brennan(14) 81 pts
26 December B.Brennan(14) 38; S.Draper(16) 38
1 January K.Anders(16) 70; R.Mau(10) 70
2 January G.McDorman(12) 40; C.Simpson(7) 37
8 January K.Ryan(12) 70; B.Woods(24) 71
9 January C.Buttler(16) 38; T.Allen(13) 37
15 January K.Lambert(7) 39; G.Dudderidge(8) 38

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

21 December A.Maloney(19) 39; J.Clough(12) 38
28 December G.Hecker(9) 71; G.McDorman(12) 71
11 January R.Woods(23) 38; S.Draper(16) 36
18 January B.Morris(9) 42; G.Dudderidge(8) 41

The course is in good condition following regular rainfall over December and January. The dam is full ensuring water for the greens and surrounds over summer, unlike

last summer when the dam was virtually empty. A steady flow of green fee players over the holiday period has been good for the club. Green Fees are currently \$15 for 18 holes, \$10 for 9 holes. A special summer rate of \$5 after 5 pm makes golf at Lancefield very affordable.

Enquires for memberships, clinics and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper (5429 2079) or access our website www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

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Tamworth on Tour will take the audience on a journey to Tamworth with a theatrical extravaganza of footage, interviews, and behind the scenes drama and excitement from the 2005 Tamworth Country Music Festival.

And along for the ride will be five of the country's Golden Guitar winners.

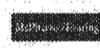
This specially crafted theatrical tour will be led by **James Blundell**, one of Australia's most loved Country Music performers and winner of three Golden Guitars. Joining James Blundell will be Golden Guitar winners **Carter and Carter** who won the 2004 APRA award for most performed Country work and the internationally acclaimed **Feral Swing Katz**, both icons in a music industry that's listened to by over five million people around Australia.

Also performing will be Golden Guitar Winners **Felicity Urquhart** who has recently been named Australian Independent Female Vocalist of the Year and **Dianna Corcoran** who won the Australian Independent Rising Star Award in 2003 and best new talent Golden Guitar in 2004.

Tickets \$32.00 full price & \$25.00 concession rate.

For all booking details please contact:

KYNETON TOWN HALL BOOKINGS LINE : 1300 88 88 02



Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

A few ladies have braved the heat and are back playing after our Christmas break. Wednesday 23rd of February we are having a "Bring a Friend" day for ladies to try out golf. If you have ever wanted to have a hit to see if you can hit the ball come along and try the game, no clubs needed. Meet us at the clubrooms 9am on the 23/2/05 for a fun morning of hit and giggle.

This year again the Romsey Birdies are entering the Relay for Life at Lancefield and are again boking for support with fundraising or sponsorship.

For more information ring.

Beryl Cole
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