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Mt Alexander Police District Community Safety Survey

Included in this month's edition of the Romsey Rag is a community safety survey put out by the Mt Alexander Police district. We would urge Romsey residents to take the time to complete this survey and return it to either the police station in Romsey or the address indicated on the form.

This is your opportunity to raise issues of public safety concern in our community so that police have greater awareness of what is important at a local level, and maybe can respond accordingly.

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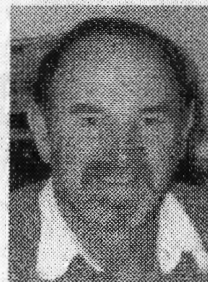
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FROM CR. HENRY BLEECK**Dry argument for road maintenance**

Residents using some of the unmade back roads around the district may be a bit concerned that the Shire is falling behind in its maintenance – and they are right. But the gravel roads maintenance is not on schedule due to limited access to water, and I will be pushing for the program to be ramped up as soon as the weather breaks. Water is required during routine grading maintenance to ensure that the roadbase material is compacted. The Shire has been prevented by Southern Rural Water and Goulburn Murray Water from accessing local waterways due to dry conditions. Priority is given to domestic and stock protection when bans are in place.

I have spoken to Goulburn Murray Water and the bans are expected to continue until there is a break in the weather and streams and water courses flow again. Southern Rural Water told me the restrictions are expected to be lifted after the rains come and the 7-day rolling average (flow) exceeds the trigger point for bans. The first rainfalls are not included as there is a need to protect the environment and the streams and creeks need a first flush. The current dry conditions after years of drought mean that water is still in short supply. The Shire has access to some water – about 30% of what is required to implement the full maintenance grading program.

Normal inspections of gravel roads still being undertaken. Only roads that urgently required grading will be done until water availability improves.

Our development plan

Council is currently working on the preparation of a Romsey Outline Development Plan – a 30-year blueprint for where and how development around the town should occur. The ODP is like a master map, and includes residential development, industry, commercial and community uses, such as schools, kindergartens, childcare and community halls. But it is still only a skeleton framework, and needs to be supplemented with more investigations and policies in the future. It is certainly an improvement on current controls, as it will provide guidance for assessing future subdivision proposals – by outlining preferred densities of development, road linkages, retail development, parks and sports grounds.

The Romsey community will have a say up front, and future developers will benefit by knowing what the Romsey community expects. As a member of the steering committee I urge people interested in the future of Romsey to attend the community meetings, as well as ensuring their contact details are added to the Shire's mailing list. We need to be long-sighted and look at the big picture when developing the plan.

Cr Henry Bleeck.
Mount William Ward.

POKIES VOTE

**Congratulations
to the people of Romsey on your positive
response to the survey on pokies in
Romsey**

2485 surveys were sent out by Macedon Ranges Council, and 1523 surveys came back - a return rate of 61% which is excellent!

OF THE RESPONSES :

1213 FOR NO = 80%

310 FOR YES = 20%.

The Gaming Commission hears the application for pokies in May.

Romsey Against Pokies:
Geoff 5429 5523 Sue 5429 5283 Alan 5429 5351
Kym 5429 5901

St Paul's Anglican Guild Romsey

Invites you to

“MORNING COFFEE”
at the home of Jill Goldsworthy.

88 Graham's Track Lancefield
First turn right after crossing bridge
(Off Lancefield/Kilmore Rd; NOT Graham's Rd)

Wednesday 4th May at 10:30am
Donation \$5 Raffle

Entertainment
“Tales From A Tea Towel”
Bring your tea towel along
and share its story

Enquiries
Doreen 5429 6060
Glenice 5429 6418
Jill 5429 1636



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 has commenced with many activities planned for the weeks ahead. School provide any experiences beyond the basics of Literacy and Numeracy- though these remain at the core of each school day. Some of the following events are included below from the many exciting happenings that make up the school program.

ANZAC Day

It was pleasing to see such a large attendance including so many Romsey Primary School students at the ANZAC ceremony in Romsey. As usual this was a moving experience for all those in attendance. It was very gratifying to see that this traditional observance is alive and well in our community. Many of our students had brought along flowers for the wreaths. These were then made by our Junior School Councillors on Friday prior to the 25th. These wreaths were laid during the ceremony by our school captains Walter Hultgren and Georgia Twining. The school appreciates the inclusion of the schools and students in the annual ANZAC Day ceremony.

Cultural Diversity Day

During the last week of term all classes celebrated our multi-cultural society through Cultural Diversity Day. Students had made banners stressing the understanding of peace, harmony and inclusion. We held a special parade to share this work, with students and staff dressed in the costume of another country or wearing something orange to symbolise harmony. The students donated a gold coin to participate in this event, this money going towards the students' sponsorship of Frederick, a student in Kenya. We receive letters from Frederick and his family from time to time, as these are shared our Romsey children learn to appreciate life in another country, and the responsibility we all have to each other both in Australia and to others beyond our shores.

Bendigo Bank Presentation

During the first week of term the school was presented with a donation cheque from the Romsey Community Bank for \$1000. This money will be spent on classroom sporting equipment for the use of students at recess time. The school appreciates the support of this new venture for the school. We look forward to continuing close links with the bank as it becomes more established in the community in the coming years.

Cross Country

In preparation for the District Cross Country Championships, at Romsey Primary School we hold our own cross country event each year. Held over 2km for 9 and 10 year olds and 3km for 11 and 12 year olds, all our students from years 3 to 6 had the opportunity to walk, jog or run to do their best and record their personal times. The first six placegetters in each age group will go on to represent the school in this event. It was great to see our students cheering each other on, as well as the many parents and grand parents who attended on the day. Congratulations especially to Gabrielle Derrick and Jake Lever (fastest over 2km), and Mairead Whelan and Cameron Blair (fastest over 3km). These students will have their names engraved on our school perpetual trophy.

Indonesian Parent Classes

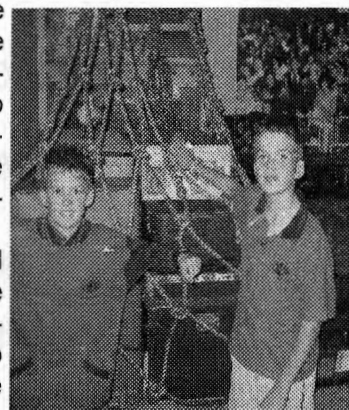
Romsey Primary School students are very fortunate to have a full language other than English program with all classes receiving a lesson in *Indonesian* every week. This places our students well for their years after primary school as Indonesian is common to most of the post-primary choices from Romsey. To support student learning and for the fun of exploring a new language Ibu Little also holds parent classes in Indonesian each week. These classes are well supported and give interested parents a greater insight to the student program and cover common vocab as well as highlighting the cultural aspects of the program.

Senior School Excursion



As part of their study theme "Food From Around The World," students from years 4, 5 and 6 went to the Queen Victoria Market and Immigration Museum recently. At the market students had the opportunity to see a wide variety of foods catering to our diverse cultural groups in Australia. Some very exotic foods were purchased and these were shared and tasted afterwards in the Flagstaff Gardens.

At the Immigration Museum the students participated in a fact-finding quiz using a "passport" provided by the museum. Students came to appreciate the vast number of countries from which people have migrated to Australia to make up our multi-cultural society, and the circumstances under which they migrated.



KIDZONE

O.S.H.C.
Before & After School Care



Kidzone Outer School Hours Care Program has been established for 6 years. The program is Government Approved for Child Care Benefit and our utilization has grown from 4 afternoon places in 1999 to our current number of 45 places.

Our aim at Kidzone is to provide the best care and activities, along with nutritious and healthy breakfasts and afternoon teas. All our staff are fully trained and experienced and they encourage the children to participate in the various planned and informal activities on offer each day. We also include indoor and outdoor play as well as many arts and crafts activities and fun with cooking. Our staff are also on hand to help those children who need some assistance with homework. We also offer fun packed pupil free day excursions for the children and these have proved to be very popular and we have some great things planned for this year.

We are very pleased to announce that the Government is also assisting us beginning in Term 2 with the introduction of the Active-After School Communities Program which is sponsored and supervised by the Australian Sports Commission – ‘Helping kids and communities get active’. These sessions will run each Monday and Thursday afternoon between 3:30 – 5:30 pm with all coaches and staff having been fully trained in operating the program. With running a game sense approach to this program it will encourage the development of skills in a realistic and enjoyable environment.

Times: Before School 6:30 – 9:00 am
After School 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Location: 7 Mitchell Court, Romsey
Access through gate at rear of Romsey Primary School



98 Main Street
Corner Palmer Street
Romsey 3434.

Join us!

For children newborn to 5 years

Tuesday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

OR

Thursday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

Corner Main Street and Palmer
Street Romsey

For more details contact Karen on
5429 5391 or 0419 113 216

Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Launches Web Site:

www.mrra.asn.au

Macedon Ranges Residents' Association [MRRRA] has launched its own website (www.mrra.asn.au). The site provides information about issues that affect people in the Macedon Ranges Shire.

While the site is still under construction, it will be updated regularly including “Red Alerts” for breaking news and issues needing fast community action. The site also has the latest news on MRRRA’s “Say NO To Suburbia” campaign, and a direct email link (secretary@mrra.asn.au) so residents can provide feedback on issues, suggestions and community views.

Christine Pruneau, Secretary.

Garage Sale

Saturday 7th May 2005
9am – 1pm

25 William Street Romsey
Clothes, Toys, Household Goods,
New and Ex Display Tupperware

ATTENTION ROMSEY RAG READERS

Support Cancer Research

On Tuesday May 24th a fundraising luncheon will be held at CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey, the proceeds of which will go to cancer research. \$5 admission, soup, tea and coffee supplied. Please bring a small sweet or savoury plate to share.

For more information phone 5429 5848

Also a reminder to buy a raffle ticket for the beautiful original painting by Noel Strawbridge on display in the Romsey Post Office. Tickets cost just \$1 each, and the proceeds from the raffle will also go to The Victorian Cancer Council. The raffle will be drawn at the luncheon on May 24th and the winner notified.

FREEMASONRY RIDDELLS CREEK LODGE

MEETS AT THE
ROMSEY MASONIC CENTRE,
MAIN STREET

1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT

RON JACKSON – 5429 6354
KEN BALDWIN – 5429 6063



Romsey Uniting Church

25 Pohlman Street

Minister: Rev Alan Williams

25 William Street
Romsey 3434

Ph/Fax: 5429 5351
mobile: 0408 380 962

What's News

Unless you happen to have an anniversary, birthday, or other special occasion, the most significant day in May is probably Mother's Day.

Cynics might say that this is simply a commercial remembrance, created to fill a gap in the shopping calendar. After all, without Mother's Day, and Father's Day for that matter, what special shopping occasions are there between Easter and Christmas? The especially cynical would note that Father's Day is in June in the USA, as they have significant celebrations in October (Halloween) and November (Thanksgiving), and school starts in September, so they need to spread things out a bit more.

However, it is worthwhile to remember and give thanks for our mothers. After all, they did bring us into the world! And if we are fortunate, they have cared for us and loved us through our growth and learning. If we are honest, that can't have been easy, especially through puberty!

Some people argue that we don't really need a special day to say 'thank you' to our mothers. In a sense, they are right.

We would be better off saying 'thank you' every day, not just for our mothers, but for everything we have and enjoy.

Whilst Mother's Day is joyful for many, it is also very painful for others. Not everyone has had a good experience of being mothered. Some don't even know who their mother is, having been raised by many people within 'the system'.

For others, Mother's Day is a time of loneliness. Families may be separated due to marriage breakdown, or moving away because of work, or various other reasons.

Perhaps the most difficult is that of death. For those whose mother has died, especially in tragic circumstances, there is no real reason to celebrate Mother's Day. Indeed, the whole emphasis in advertising can be very painful. Sure, it is a time to remember and give thanks for the past, but it also reinforces the loss.

This Mother's Day, as you remember, give thanks, and maybe even celebrate, spare a thought for those who are grieving, especially those spending their first Mother's Day alone.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

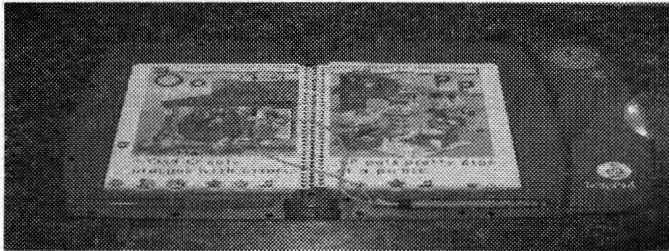
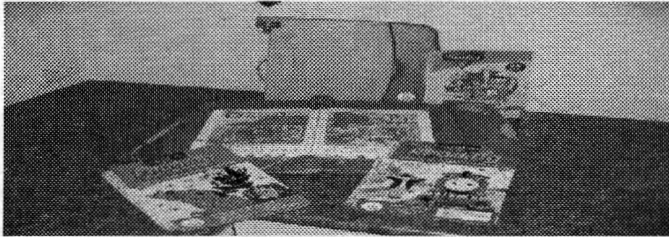
- 1 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 8 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 11 May 1:30pm UCAF meet at the church hall. This will include planning for the annual winter luncheon to be held in June (WATCH THIS SPACE). All welcome.
- 15 May There will NOT be a worship service in Romsey on this day. As we are having a church camp this weekend, we will be sharing worship on the camp, at Tye Estate, Kerrie. Transport will be available for those who aren't attending the camp. Meet at the church at 10:00am.
- 22 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
5:00pm family worship at Lancefield. This is something a little bit different for all the family. Followed by a bring and share meal.
- 29 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 1 June 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.

Romsey Toy Library Inc

Autumn is here and so is the cooler weather. A lot of us will endeavour to still spend as much time out doors as we can but there are times when we just won't be able to get out, especially on those windy wet days. The toy library may have some help for those days to assist with keeping the kids occupied. We have just purchased 2 Leap Pad Learning Systems and some books for our Leap Pad Library. Not only are they educational with helping to teach the fundamental reading skills, but they are also a lot of fun. They are available for borrowing to Romsey Toy Library Members.



We have also purchased some play dough tools, magnifying glass & bug catchers and there is still more to come. The toy library already has a wide variety of resources such as puzzles, games, building blocks and many other toys which will help to make those "stuck indoors" days a lot more fun.

The toy library is also appreciative of any donations of pre loved toys and resources. Items do not need to be complete as sometimes we can make up one complete game out of two incomplete games, or we can see if we can order replacement pieces. For donations, you can either drop them off at the toy library on a Saturday morning between 10.00-11.30 at St.Mary's church hall, or you can contact Lisa Walton on 5429 5913 to make other arrangements.

Cooked Playdough

Ingredients

4 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 small packet cream of tartar
1 tbspn oil
4 cups water
food colouring if required

Directions

Mix flour, salt and cream of tartar.
Add oil and water, stirring.
Cook slowly until mixture thickens, stirring continuously.
Store in an airtight container. This playdough will keep for about 3 months. It has a smoother consistency than the uncooked playdough.

Get the kids to help prepare the ingredients. They can also help knead it **after it has cooled**, when it is still **slightly warm**. This gives them another sensory experience.

For those days that we are able to go out and enjoy the beautiful fresh air, here are some great ideas to utilize and appreciate our changing seasons.

Tumble in the leaves

On a dry day, find or rake up a pile of leaves. Roll in the leaves, throw them, kick them in the air and generally be pretty silly. It's a lot of fun (and even better if you are accompanied by a child!)

Leaf collection

Walk around your neighbourhood and see how many different types, or colours, or shapes of leaves you can collect. Back at home, leaves can be ironed (on a warm setting) between two sheets of paper to be flattened out and can be strung together and hung on the wall, or made into a mobile.

Crayon rubbings

Peel the paper off a crayon, then place a piece of paper over a flattened leaf. Rub the side of the crayon over the paper to reveal an image of the leaf's texture.

I've Been Busy

Did you do a painting?

No. But-

I did a lot of other things,

Almost too many to say.

I talked and laughed and thought and played.

I've had a lovely, busy day.

Did you do a painting?

No. But-

I climbed up and down the trestle

And held on tight at the top.

I talked on the phone, and told my friend

What I wanted at her shop.

Did you do a painting?

No. But-

I found some worms where the soil was wet.

We dug the holes quite deep.

For lunch I ate some tomatoes and rice,

Then I settled down for a sleep.

Did you do a painting?

No. But-

I used five boxes to make a house.

We took the teddy in, too.

I sat on the mat with my legs tucked up

And listened to "Wombat Stew".

Did you do a painting?

No. But-

I watered all the growing plants,

Then I saw you at the gate.

I might do a painting tomorrow-

Or perhaps you'll have to wait!

Joan Waters

FROM THE MITCHELL SHIRE LIBRARY

On Tuesday 29th March, one of our favourite staff members, Helen Macfie, unexpectedly died. Helen was well known to all users of the mobile library as the 'life of the party' librarian who went out of her way to fulfil any requests no matter how obscure or offbeat. She was particularly well-known for organising the housebound delivery service, especially in the Shire of Macedon Ranges, as well as offering a great service to the small rural schools. Helen had only just started working at the two new libraries - Wallan and Romsey - and was thoroughly enjoying herself in these new locations. Her sense of fun and friendship will be sadly missed by all and our deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters - Nicky and Emily.

Don't forget that Australian Library Week is May 23-28! If you haven't been to your local library for a while, drop in and see what is on offer. you may be surprised!!

Ripper Reads

The da Vinci code – Dan Brown

For those few people who haven't yet joined the reserve queue to read Dan Brown's #1 best seller may I suggest that you sign up now, because it is certainly worth the wait. Brown bases his book on the fact that the Priory of Sion, which has been a secret society in Europe since 1099 and has included some rather famous members such as Leonardo da Vinci, is also the guardian of a secret that, if discovered, will rock the Christian religion to its foundations. Enter Robert Langdon, a professor of religious symbology at Harvard University, Sophie Neveu professional cryptologist and a succession of very dead members of the Sion Priory. The pace is fast and tight as Robert and Sophie try to discover the truth behind her grandfather's death, by deciphering a bewildering plethora of clues, anagrams, ciphers and codes. A riveting read.

Royal School of Needlework: Embroidery techniques - Sally Saunders

This is a book for all those wanting to extend their creative brain cells and to discover more about the joys of embroidery. The Royal School of Needlework was founded in 1872 by Queen Victoria's third daughter, Princess Christian, with the aim of preserving hand embroidery as an art form. Over a hundred years later the school enrolls 6 apprentices each year for an intensive 3 year course, as well as conducting courses for external students. This book offers advice and patterns for four distinct types of embroidery - Silk Shading, Crewel Work, Blackwork and Goldwork. What can be achieved with each one of them is amazing. There is an exercise for beginners in each area as well as the same iris pattern that can be undertaken in the four different styles. The photography of the finished articles is exceptional.

Mutt Dog – Stephen Michael King

Mutt Dog is representative of all lost dogs who need to find a home. He wanders from place to place searching for both food and shelter until one night he lucks upon a refuge for the homeless and is taken in. The next morning it looks as though it will be back to the street for him, but luckily one of the refuge workers decides to take him home. Here he is given a bath, a name and discovers that the talents he has honed on the street also come in handy at his new home. A feel good book with wonderfully whimsical illustrations by the author, although on closer inspection the plight of homeless people is also understated.



**Mother's
Day
Sunday
8th May**

Special Fun Service For Mothers

10:00am

@ Living Word Christian Church
7 Mitchell Court, Romsey

**Come & be our guest
All Mothers welcome**

Regular Sunday Service Times:

10:00a.m. – Romsey

7:00 p.m. – Woodend Community Centre

(No meeting p.m. 1st Sunday in month)

Midweek meetings, Youth, Children's Ministry etc.

For details—Ph: 54296227



Would you like to study the
"Book of Acts!"

Adult worship, sharing, fun &
A serious Bible study.

Who are we: - **CHAPTER & VERSE**

When: **7.30 pm Tuesday evening**

Finish supper at 9.30 pm

Details: Phone 5429 5523 ask for Pam
(Under covering of Living word Christian Church)

SUCCULENT GARDEN—DONATIONS OF PIECES NEEDED

The Romsey Primary School is planning to develop a succulent garden. Students, together with the parent gardening group plan to propagate cuttings and divisions to plant in spring. Donations of succulent pieces or divisions would be greatly appreciated. Please call Kerri Mewett on 5429 6609 if you can assist.

Lancefield Neighbourhood House

The Colour Of Autumn

Welcome back, we are now in Term 2 at the House and we have plenty of new things on offer, so here's your chance to get out and do something for yourself!

WHAT'S NEW?

NEW - MOSAIC MAKING

This fabulous workshop shows you how to create great pieces of art around your home.

This fun workshop goes for 3 hours 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. Call for more details

NEW – WORKPLACE SKILL TRAINING (HOSPITALITY)

Coffee machine and customer service skills. This course will help you get into the café or restaurant industry.

The sessions also include basic table and customer service skills.

CHECK THIS OUT

We now have Broadband at the house. Super fast internet access available to the public. There is someone at the centre most days and some evenings, so if you need it we have it. Only \$2 gold coin donation.

NEW – JIGSAW ON THE GO

Do you love to do jigsaws? Why not pop in and help finish one of our many fun pieces – or see how its progressing over a friendly coffee. Set up every day except Tuesday. No cost

Remember we always have a term program with plenty more on offer, so if you didn't get one call in, or look for it in several shops around town.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! CAN YOU HELP?

We are always looking for people who can spare a couple of hours or just want to meet other people. We would love to hear from you. Some jobs you may be able to help us with include: Gardening Paving (or helping build a wishing well) Cooking Minor Repairs Office Skills

HANDY HINT OF THE MONTH

We have a great book at the house which you are all welcome to check out. There's some helpful advice for everyday situations. I will include a section once a month.

SIGN LANGUAGE IN SHOPS

Some of the signs displayed by traders are illegal. Remember, though, that if you want a refund or an exchange it must be for a legitimate reason. You can't just change your mind and you should have proof of purchase. Some examples of acceptable and unacceptable signs are:

Acceptable: "Please choose carefully as we do not exchange or refund if you change your mind"

Unacceptable: "No refunds or exchanges"

"We exchange goods but do not refund money"

"No refunds after 7 days"

"No responsibility for loss or damage"

"Goods left for repair at your own risk"

"No refund or exchanges on sale goods"

If you have bought an item and need to take it back, there is a lot of information in the book that covers the right of the consumer.

Well that's all folks

Come join us, make new friends and help our beautiful town blossom

Linda Davies

Publicity

**Are you snowed under
with too much
Typing or Book keeping?**

**THEN CALL ME
Sheila Chapman**

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Email; fax; ABN

For all Typing and Quickbooks

FOR SALE

Girl's 4 piece modular bedroom suite—
caramel/cream colour
Also brass single bed with ceramic inserts
(without mattress).

All very good condition.
\$500 ONO the lot.

Phone 5429 6746

SUNBURY BMX CLUB

COME AND TRY DAY
21ST MAY 2005
12PM
CORNISH STREET SUNBURY

The Sunbury BMX club invites all interested riders to come and try BMX. This even is open to riders of all ages and is FREE of charge, all participants will receive give-aways. Coaches and officials will be on hand to help you with riding tips, questions on bikes and any other questions on BMX.

You will need to bring:

A Bike

BMX or mountain bike in good working condition, bells, lights, reflectors and chain guards must be removed. Handle bar ends must be closed in and pad set should be fitted, (the club may be able to loan you a pad set for the day).

Riding Apparel

Full-face helmet (club does have some to loan for the day), full fingered gloves, long sleeved top and long pants. Shoes (no sandals or thongs) and socks that cover your ankle.

Riders must register on the day, look for the registration tent. Catering will be provided.

Sunbury BMX Club's primary function is to provide organized competition for those riders wishing to participate in BMX racing. The club caters for all age and gender groups with current riders ranging from 5 to over 40 and provides a friendly and supportive atmosphere for all involved.

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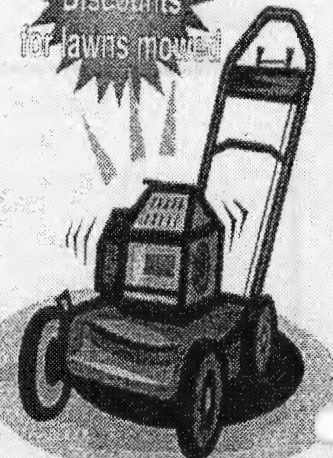
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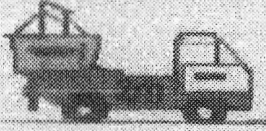


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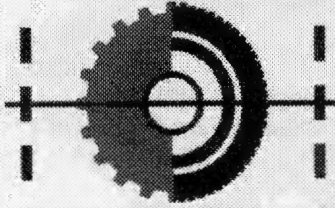
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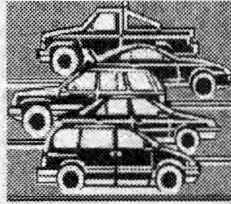
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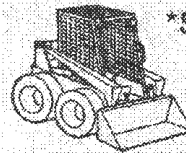
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Bang, then silence, and so it goes on,
Just the wind and the door of the shed.

A sigh of relief and I go back to bed,
Until, tinkle, then breaking glass.
Reality dawns, it's our resident mouse,
Sounds like it broke mother's vase.

Temper takes over and I stride to the lounge,
Until a monster bites off my toe.
Screaming in pain, I lunge at my foot,
But my predator just will not let go.

I hop to the wall in terrible pain,
And frantically snap on the light.
But still it bites hard, its jaws shut firm,
As the mousetrap grips on so tight.

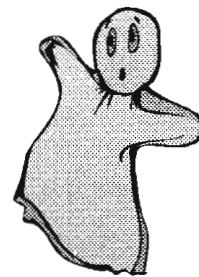
In mortified anguish, my toe turning black,
I lob the trap and storm back to bed.
The tiniest squeal and I turn on my heel,
The rodent killed by a blow to the head.

Snuggling deep in my feathery cover,
Into sleep I easily fall.
Until drip, plop, drip, a leaking tap
From the bathroom way down the hall.

But the tap's turned tight, no water escapes.
And in despair I stand in a huddle.
In the depths of winter, the roof's caved in.
My feet ankle deep in a puddle

Bucket in place beneath the drips,
I return to my slumber once more.
Until greuff, snzzzz, snort, my father retorts
And his snoring breaks down the door.

Desperate for rest, to the lounge room I creep.
But the sofa's definitely no go.
For my hobbling ghost is already asleep,
A mousetrap pinned to his toe.



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YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST:

JUNE

This year, our Church is focusing on the weekly gathering of faith communities for Eucharist. There will be a special talk on the History of the Eucharist through the ages by Fr. Frank O'Loughlin on **Tuesday, 21st June** at 7.30 p.m. at Romsey (venue to be announced).

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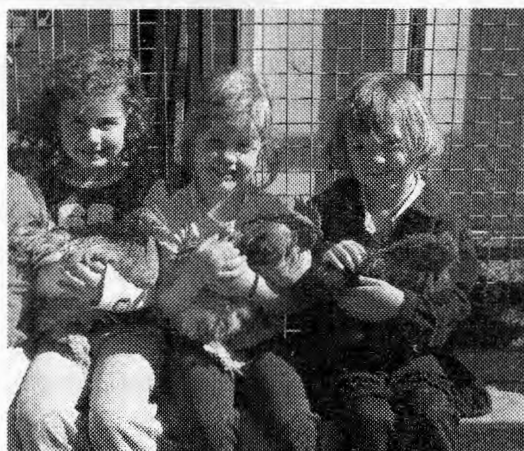
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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!
Farm fun



Term two at the kinder began with a fun activity for the children – the visit of a mobile farm, complete with chickens, pigs, calves, lambs, ducks and an alpaca.

The visit was great fun for the children, who enjoyed petting the animals and also learned about taking care of them from Farmer Paul.

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The talk is FREE and child minding will be provided at the kinder for those who need it.

Don't miss this chance to hear from the teachers & talk with them on how you can ensure your child is ready for school.

In the swing

Over the holidays new swing frames were erected at the kinder.

Fundraising efforts in the last 12 months paid for the swings, which are made of white cypress and match the kinder's near-new play units.

Thanks to Russell Manton for his hard work in removing the old swings and preparing the area for the new ones, which have proved to be a big hit with the children.

AGM

The kindergarten held its annual general meeting recently, which was chaired by Romsey Primary School principal Barney Healy.

The 2004/05 president and vice-president will continue in their roles for 2005/06, assisted by an enthusiastic committee made up of current and new officebearers.

In the President's Report to the AGM, I noted that the 2004/05 committee had raised about \$9000, which was a tremendous effort.

Improvements to the kindergarten brought about by the committee included better technology resources for teachers and volunteer committee members, improved security in and around the building, better communication procedures and quality control.

I am extremely proud of the effort put in by the outgoing committee and would like to publicly thank them for their hard work and determination.

Also a great deal of thanks to the kinder parent and wider community for their support of their local kinder and its initiatives.

Fundraising underway

Each year the kinder undertakes fundraising to help improve the kindergarten environment and buy outdoor and indoor equipment.

Major items which are likely to be purchased in coming years include shade sails for the playgrounds and permanent synthetic ground covering.

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, Amanda Burley, on 5429 6936.

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

Anglican Church, Parish of Lancefield / Romsey.

From the Vicar:

Congratulations to the members of the Catholic Church on the election of their new Pope. There has been huge interest, not just in the *process* of election but also in the *person* chosen and the direction that he will take in leadership. From all accounts some worry that he will be too traditional and hard-line and others worry that he will not uphold the same conservative position as his predecessor. We wish him well and pray that he will have strength and wisdom for an incredibly difficult and responsible "job".

The extensive media coverage of the election process and discussion about the person of a new Pope prompted me to think about many current discussions about religion in the media. (The 8.30am program "Religion Report" on Radio National on Wednesdays is an excellent one). I heard one "expert" from Britain being interviewed recently, saying that he had heard that Australia was a non-religious country. He then went on to say that after some time here, he believed that Australia was very religious. He gave as "evidence" the intense interest in "new age" religions and world faiths other than Christianity. It was a very fascinating interview. His main point was that Australians seem to have lost faith in traditional churches and their "outdated" doctrines. He suggested that it was the belief in "super-natural" things like "resurrection", "miracles", "heaven" and so on which made people turn away from these traditional churches. Yet, anyone who listens in depth to some of the beliefs of other religions, must be equally fazed by them!

Some will argue that it doesn't matter what you believe so long as you *do* believe it, but there must surely be some way of checking what you believe against some common standards of truth, or rationality or whatever else we use as a guide in such matters.

Anglicans have a "guide" of sorts which encourages us to check our personal beliefs against the *Bible*, *traditional church teaching*, (in the widest sense, not just *Anglican church teaching*) and *reason* to enable us to come to an individual faith position. This implies some *challenge* in finding a way forward and it also implies that we engage with others in discovering how to approach issues facing church and society today. This is not an easy process because it takes time to listen, to read, and to engage with another point of view. We are too inclined to say something like, "I think religion is a personal matter so I make up my own mind about it." This often means, "Don't bother me!"

In other words we have become incredibly individualistic and do *not really want to engage* with another point of view, or to investigate social or community aspects of our personal beliefs. We are quick to criticize those who *tell* us what to believe but we are slow to give a reason for what *we do believe*. We are often as dogmatic as those whom we reject as being dogmatic and bigoted! I, personally, welcome and enjoy discussions with those of a different perspective and find that this encourages me to reflect on my own "inherited" beliefs and their relevance in my life.

I like to encourage others to question their own inherited beliefs and attitudes, to discover what others might think about them and to seek an informed and relevant position on the increasingly inter-active world in which we live.

The search for truth is an eternal search for human beings, and we are always finding new challenges to our idea of what truth is.

Laurie McIntyre (Vicar).



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Ring Rae Hooke (Sec)
on 5429 1602.

Romsey Community Bank

'JR BANK – KEEP THE SHARE CHEQUES COMING

The residents and businesses who pledged over the past two years to support a Romsey Community Bank branch now need to send in their share applications and cheques to help take the final step. Romsey Steering Committee chair Maureen Wiltshire said the share applications were progressing steadily, and now exceeded 30 per cent of the \$530,000 target. Residents and businesses made pledge commitments of \$430,000, which the Bank now needs to be converted into shares. Mrs Wiltshire said half of the \$100,000 difference between the pledges and the target had already been realised – with just over \$50,000 coming in from residents who had not previously committed, or in extra shares from people who had pledged.

"There is still some way to go to realising the target – which will activate the green light and enable us to take the final steps to open the Romsey Community Bank branch," she said. "However, our funds are building steadily towards the target. We are confident that the people who pledged to buy shares will do so. But this is also an opportunity for the residents and businesses who did not make a commitment at the time, but who still want to be a part of helping secure Romsey's financial future. Both our local Board and the Bendigo Bank are keen to have as wide a cross-section of the community as possible as shareholders, so I invite all residents to be part of the Bank."

Mrs Wiltshire said the \$1 shares (minimum of 500) could be bought in multiples of 100. She said the initial share raising which enabled the Lancefield Community Bank branch to open included a number of residents who bought shares for their children, and she invited Romsey residents to consider the same approach.

"Our own Community Bank branch will be a key part of the future of Romsey – and what better group of people to be involved in our future than our children," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Children are the future in any community – and what better opportunity could you find for local youngsters to also be part of our financial future. At Lancefield we had people signing up their children to become shareholders as well, and older residents taking out shares as an investment for their grandchildren. We are confident that as the Romsey Community Bank will grow and play a key role in the future of the town, so will the children and their investment."

Copies of the prospectus – the formal legal document outlining the project and inviting the community to invest in shares – are available from Mrs Wiltshire at the James Kelleher solicitors' office at 75 Main St Romsey, or the Lancefield Community Bank at 20 High St.

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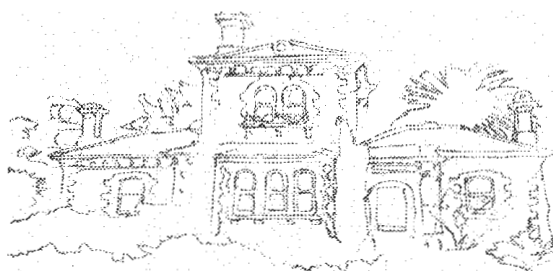
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Celebrating National Volunteer Week May 9th—15th 2005.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recognises the important role that volunteers play in our community and would like to invite all volunteers to attend an evening of celebration, information and training as part of National Volunteer Week.

The event will be held on **Tuesday May 10th from 6.00 pm—9.00 pm at the Richardson Room in the Kyneton Town Hall.**

The night will provide volunteers with an opportunity to meet other volunteers, look at support resources, speak with Councillors and Council Officers about particular projects and share information. Light refreshment will be provided.

At 7.00 pm a workshop about **Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grants will commence.** The workshop will provide practical advice on fundraising, attracting sponsors and accessing grants. This will be relevant to all community groups who seek to boost their funds through any of these means. The cost of the workshop per organisation be **\$5.00** which includes a resource.

The evening is open to any volunteers from any community group in the Macedon Ranges Shire but participants must register to attend. Volunteers would be more than welcome to only attend the workshop if they cannot make the information session.

Please R.S.V.P. by contacting Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8274

or email alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Registrations close on Friday May 6th.

LANCEFIELD AND DISTRICT FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES ITS SECOND BIRTHDAY

Over the Easter weekend, Saturday, March 26th, the Lancefield and District Farmers Market celebrated its second birthday - generating its biggest market yet, with 45 stalls present and massive crowds flocking to the historic centre plantation in High Street yet again, to see, taste and buy some of the freshest local produce around.

To add to the festive nature of the Easter market, stallholders were encouraged to decorate a hat with a 'Harvest/Easter' theme, with produce being used to create hat-wear for the day. Local musician, Cedric le Meledo, who also entertained with some wonderful traditional and modern gypsy/folk/rock music for the day, judged the hat competition with the winners being: June and Bronwyn Dawson from Dawson's Honey, Kyneton alongside Anna and Julia Derossi from Derossi's Fresh Pasta, Romsey. Runners up were: Lyn Murchison, Portree Wines - Lancefield, Melinda Curson, Brimar Park Poultry-Lancefield, Penny Krstev, Macedon Park Emus - Gisborne South, Trish, Lavender Hill Farm on Ponds Creek - Broadford, Elizabeth Murfitt, T's Treats - Heathcote, Jenny Spyker, Jenny's Jams and Jellies - Kilmore, Margaret Fry, Romney Park, Stepping Stone Stud - Seymour.

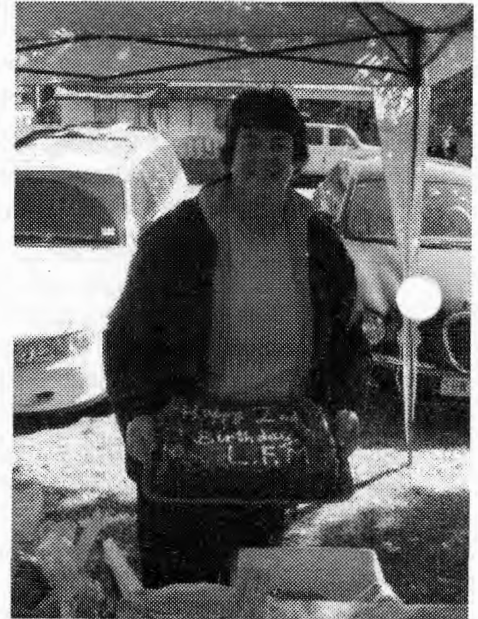
A scarecrow making competition was also held with three entries being submitted. Prize donations were made by the following...

- A bag of daffodil bulbs (Riddells Creek Daffodil Farm) and puzzle (Lancefield Neighbourhood House)
- A book voucher (Aesops Attic, Kyneton) and stencil farm book (Lancefield Neighbourhood House)
- A gardening kit (Lyn Parks, Bendigo)

A delicious birthday cake was made by Rosemary of Tyldwood Fine Foods, Tylden, and stallholders enjoyed a piece whilst trading their produce to the crowds.

(Rosemary seen here, pictured with the birthday cake.)

The Juice Joint enjoyed its best day of trading yet, with large queues found for most of the day, waiting for freshly squeezed juices, with kids walking over to get their faces painted for the duration.



The Lancefield and District Farmers Market committee wishes to thank all those who have continued to support the market over the last two years.

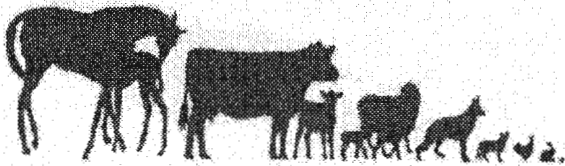
For more information on how you can get involved with the organisation of the market, or to apply for a stall, please call Meggs Hannes-Paterson - Coordinator, on 54 272 280.

(N.B. Winners of the scarecrow making comp are not listed, due to the misplacement of the registration forms that included the names of the children. Apologies from the committee...)

Vandalism in Romsey

Unfortunately vandalism is becoming all too common in our town, occurring both on private and public property. The bar-b-cue in the rotunda at the skate park has just been repaired, but one must wonder how long it will be before it is targeted again. Properties in the same vicinity have been damaged, with spray painting of business signs, and the vandalism of a number of letter boxes over a short period of time. (One resident has had to replace his letter box at least 7 times).

We have a great community, as was demonstrated by the level of support for the Sterling family at the recent Family Day fund raiser, and yet we also have this small element of people with a destructive streak. We should be asking ourselves what we can do to encourage these kids—and one has to assume that it is kids responsible for these acts—to come around to a more constructive way of thinking. If only they could understand that there is as much pleasure—if not more—to be gained from being helpful in the community.



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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD GUIDES

If you were thinking of joining guides, but haven't yet done so, you missed a great event at the end of last term. The Trentham Guides hosted a "Making History Day" to which many of our Guides and Leaders went. There were things to make and activities to take part in that were from past times. WE started by making a scarecrow, then cooked some apple crumble and ate it whilst it was lovely and warm. The Guides then made chalk in lots of different colours and played hopscotch. A coconut shy was a source of amusement to many of the girls, and the apple bob left them with wet faces but often nothing to eat! There was a short scavenger hunt around Trentham on foot that included leaving a finger print at the police station, jewellery making using rolled paper threaded onto leather, and candle making with bees wax. It was a really fantastic day and the girls brought home many articles they had made themselves.



Guides Victoria has organized a big event in Melbourne for all Guides to take part in called "Race Around Melbourne". Guides can travel on foot or catch trains and trams to as many check points as possible to get their passport stamped on the one day. The event concludes with hundreds of Guides finishing at the Museum with travel tales to tell and lots of stamps and weary feet. This is one of those fun and zany get together activities that Guide Leaders sometimes think up!

There have been some Leader changes to the Units recently, and the Wombat Unit has gone into recess for the time being until we can find some new Leaders. The Bilby Guides are currently meeting with the Platypus Guides as their numbers are small at the moment but there is a membership drive happening this month so they will soon be meeting at their own time again of 4:15pm to 5:15pm Monday evening. Their Leaders are Eileen French and Michelle Lynch. The Platypus Guides continue to meet from 5:15pm to 6:45pm and their leaders are Rita Vandervalk and Amanda Sparkes. Girls in the Platypus Guides who would have gone onto Wombat Guides are staying with the Platypus Guides for the time being.

If you want to join in with our activities and learn more about us you can see us online at www.lancefield.org.au or ring one of the Leaders:

Eileen French 5429 6413

Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had such a busy start to the term but when you are working with children, you are always busy, life is never dull and how time flies !!!

Tuesday morning Assembly always sees a student read out our Statement of Commitment after the National Anthem. This is followed by the presentation of weekly Principal's Awards, and any news that has to be passed on to the whole school. It is always nice to see a good attendance of parents at Assembly as well.

Every morning (weather permitting) we all walk our "K a Day", which means we walk a kilometre or more around the Bolinda Reserve. Apart from working on our fitness we are also attempting to walk 6500 kilometres, being the distance to Banda Aceh in Indonesia, to raise money for the Tsunami Appeal. We are almost half way, a great effort.

We were the recipients of a magnificent cheque for \$1000 from the Lancefield Community Bank - Bendigo Bank as part of a sporting equipment sponsorship for the children of Bolinda. We are exceptionally grateful for this donation as are the other five local school recipients and thank the Lancefield Community Bank - Bendigo Bank most sincerely.

This is truly a wonderful example of community supporting community.

Correspondence continues between the Grade 5-6 children and our very dear, long time pen friend, Jackie French. When Bolinda children first wrote to Jackie in 1995, Jackie had only written 2-3 books, she has now taken that total to over 100, with three books dedicated to the children of Bolinda. Jackie still hand writes letters to every child from the school who writes to her. She truly is our "special friend".

We certainly have been and continue to be very busy at Bolinda. All classes have been working very hard with their teachers on their own projects. The Prep-1-2 children did a wonderful theme on Toys which finished with a terrific Grandparents and Friends Day where the visitors brought along toys from their childhood and spoke to the children. This year's Chess Team is off to Bendigo for the Regional Championships where we hope to continue the great work of last years team who went through to the State Finals. We learnt a lot from a visit by Motorcycle Victoria about motorbike safety and this was really worthwhile for the children. Our ANZAC Day service was held with all grade 5-6 children taking part in the proceedings with readings or explanations about the ANZAC story. A pine tree was planted that is a direct relative from the original seeds brought back from Lone Pine in Gallipoli in 1918.

Our 7 new Preps are thriving after a term with all the exciting activities of their new classroom and school. How quickly they learn to mix with the older children in the different playground activities. One of the really wonderful things about a rural school is seeing children of all ages mixing in together and learning to get along with each other.

All schools have many hard workers behind the scenes

that help the school in ways that everyone does not often see and don't necessarily know about. This is often the case during school holidays just passed. People who water gardens, feed the school cat, clean out chook pens, sweep pathways, check out water pumps, cut grass, check spouting and a lot of other little jobs that just have to be done. In a small school like ours, people just tend to jump in and help where and when they can.

A very big 'Thank You' to all the helpers.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month - drop in and see us sometime - cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317



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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

26 March L.Hunter (17) 65; R.Mau (9) 69

27 March T.Allen (13) 34

2 April **Monthly Medal** B.Woods (21) 70; B.
Brennan (15) 70

9 April B.Brennan (15) 41; S.Goodwin (23) 41

16 April G.Mau (16) 65; C.Davenport (30) 67

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

22 March P.Brackley (20) 39; R.Woods (21) 33

29 March D.Jones (5) 69; R.Mau (8) 70

5 April P.Barchnult (30) 42; A.Renfree (19) 40

The 3rd and final round of the 4BBB Matchplay was eventually played after several postponements. Lindsay Hunter and Gavin Winwood were victors over Captain Barry Brennan and Green keeper David Brown. The match was won on the 17th hole with Gavin and Lindsay two holes up with only one to play. Apologies to Lindsay Hunter for the error in last month's report.

The Men's Pennant Competition has commenced. Three rounds have been played as this goes to press. The A grade side has found the competition tough being in the 1st division this year following their premiership last year. They have scored one win and two losses. The B grade side has recorded one win and one loss. Both Handicap sides have been undefeated and are in a good position with only two rounds remaining, to make the finals on 15th May.

The popular Lancefield Open is scheduled for Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May. The Saturday Events are a Mixed and a Men's 4BBB Stableford competition and the Sunday is the Men's 27 hole Stroke Event. Those interested are invited to enter, with forms available from the Club or phone Captain Barry Brennan on 5429 2254. A **special offer** is being made to any golfer wishing to become a full member in the near future. Join in June and receive a bonus **free 3 months** on your yearly membership. This is part of our membership drive aimed at significantly increasing the Club's Membership. Any member introducing a new member is also being rewarded by a discount on their next year's membership.

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



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Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

This has been a busier month March 22 Leila and Beryl went to Mt Macedon Gala Day. The weather was fine and we didn't lose any balls in the creek so were happy with our game. The Golf Ladies catered supper for the successful Bendigo Bank launch of their prospectus and received many compliments on the supper.

April 6th was our Captain & Presidents Day and it was great to welcome visiting clubs to Romsey. It was also the afternoon the greens were cored and sanded, so we played four-somes and were off the course in time for the work to begin. Winners on the day were the ladies from Goonawarra Bev Kilkenny and Dot Echardt with a net 76.5. Dot Echardt also won NTP on the 1st. And to top off their winning day Bev won the raffle. Runners up were one of our pairs, Leila Beasley & Kath Jekabson who had a net 77.

On April 19th Hilda and Beryl attended the Goonawarra Captain & Presidents Day, and Durelle also went to play with Joan Haines from Goonawarra. Romsey made our presence known. Hilda & Beryl were runners up guest pair having 46pts in 4BBB and Durelle and her partner won the members 4BBB with 45pts. Well done to Durelle as this was her first time playing away from Romsey. Beryl also won NTP on the 16th.

We are enjoying being spoilt by the great weather. If anyone wishes to join us it really is a good time now while the weather is being so kind to us. The fairways at Romsey have good grass cover and the greens are responding well to the treatment. A bit of rain at night would really help.

Recipe for this month

Caramel Fudge Slice

Melt together in a saucepan

4 ozs butter

4 ozs sugar

1 Tablespoon golden syrup.

Allow to cool

Put 1cup SR flour 1 cup mixed fruit in a basin

Add 1 beaten egg to cooled butter mixture and mix into flour & fruit

Spread into well greased slice tin

Bake moderate oven 23-30 mins

Ice with lemon icing.

Beryl Cole
54295411

ROMSEY FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUBS

The Romsey Football and Netball Clubs started the season with several wins with great support from our followers. The details have been adequately covered by the local press. We still need more players to ensure the long term viability of the Under 18 Football team and officials to assist on match days—the jobs are easy and require no particular skills or training. New members, players and officials will be warmly welcomed to the club.

The Thursday night get-together for a drink and a bite, is proving most popular, with the teams being read out at the end of training. ALL ARE WELCOME

John Lynch, Secretary
0417 393 396

Romsey Bowling Club Notes

Romsey Bowling Club completed its season on Saturday 9th April, when approximately 30 attended the annual residents' and presentation day. In ideal conditions a triples game of 10 ends was played with Marj Davies (skipper), Brian Scanlon and Rob Hummel winning trophies.

During the afternoon tea, Allan Dingey of the RVBA Coaching Board, presented Doss Keating with her coaches badge, as she had passed her coaches examination. Congratulations were also made to Dorothy and Norm Thompson for celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Club trophies were presented as follows

Men's Section

Champion Geoff Keating

Runner Up Neill Coker

21 Up Neill Cocker

100 Up Graeme Cuthbert

Pairs Tony Chambers & Barry Ireland

Triples Tony Chambers, Laurie Armistead & Rob Hummel

Ladies Section

Champion Doss Keating

Runner Up Helene Newnham

Pairs Helene Newnham & Doss Keating

Ladies annual meeting, as previously advertised is on Friday 14th at 10am. However there is a correction to the date I advertised in last months issue for the men's annual meeting. It is on Wednesday May 18th at 8pm. All members and intending members are invited to attend.

Doss Keating
5429 6277

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~~ *Dee-Ann Long* 5429 6567,
~~Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194~~ *Dee-Ann Long*.
Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225

