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"Our Bank has been busy opening new accounts and signing up new business, and Bendigo Bank has enabled us to waive a range of fees associated with this work," Community Bank chair Maureen Wiltshire said. "We want to make sure everyone who wants to transfer business takes the opportunity now to make appointments to see either senior manager Rod Browning or Romsey branch manager Natalie Cullinger."

Mr Browning said the fee moratorium meant a possible saving of up to \$600 on a home loan application for a customer transferring from another bank. "It's a fantastic opportunity for locals and traders to put their support behind Romsey Community Bank and help our town grow its own business," he said. "Significant savings will also be available for the initial period on a broad range of other products, including business loans. Romsey Community Bank provides more than a deposit service for your finances. We also offer lease finance and asset purchase finance at competitive rates to help your business acquire new equipment and tender vehicles."

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A letter from MLA Joanne Duncan

Dear Friends

Physical activity and involvement in sporting organisations is a great way for us all to get fit and become involved in our local communities

To encourage this involvement the Country Action Grants Scheme and Victalent grants are open for 2005. These programs provide an opportunity for rural community sport and recreation organisations to apply for funding to increase their capacity for community sport and active recreation.

There are three categories under the Country Action Grants Scheme that organisations can apply under. They are Improving Organisations, Enhancing Services and Including Everyone.

The Victalent grant provides \$500 for travel assistance to help athletes, coaches, officials and teams with the cost of engaging in training and competition for successful applicants.

Applications for these funding rounds can be accessed at www.dvc.vic.gov.au, or by contacting my office.

Over the years many sporting clubs in our community have come to see me regarding the needs of their clubs, in terms of both their facilities and their desire to attract new people to their clubs.

I am keen to offer any assistance I can to organisations seeking to secure funding so please don't hesitate to contact my office on (03) 5428 2138 if I can offer you any support for your applications.

Good Luck!

Kind Regards
Joanne Duncan MP
State Member for Macedon

Volunteers Needed:

Orana Family Services is looking for volunteers for the new Good Beginnings Parent Support Program available in Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges. The program is a free, parent support program for parents with new babies or children (under 6 years). All parents need support at some time in the challenging job of caring for their children. Not all parents have people around who can help out, and that's where Good Beginnings volunteers can assist.

If you are a parent with some time to spare and live in the area, this is a great opportunity for you to share your knowledge and be more involved in your community.

Training is available for volunteers (known as community parents), to provide support which is planned to suit the individual needs of each family.

For more information contact **Kayti** at Orana Family Services
Telephone 9302 2700 or 9308 8761
Or email to kfranklin@oranafamilyservices.org.au

Good Neighbours put the finger on crime

Sgt John East and his Romsey police have been energetic in recent months in working towards establishing a Neighbourhood Watch program, and I heartily endorse their efforts.

The Neighbourhood Watch program helps police put the finger on crime by giving residents an easy system of reporting suspicious behaviour and incidents, and means that we can collectively increase security and safety by working together. We can each be the eyes and ears of our neighbours and the community.

Police have been sending out questionnaires around Romsey to gauge support for the concept, and I urge everyone to give it their full support. I have spoken to Sgt East, and police still need to get more responses back. Sgt East will shortly be calling a public meeting to take Neighbourhood Watch to the next step, and I encourage everyone to attend. I am a Council representative on the Macedon Ranges Local Safety Committee, and we fully support initiatives to make our communities safer and more secure.

The Macedon Ranges Police 24-hour crime and traffic hotline, 5422 6049, is an excellent initiative to enable people to report illegal activities.

State horse titles coming our way

The prestigious State titles of the Victorian Endurance Riders Association are being run out of Lancefield later this month, and I encourage everyone to do what they can to take advantage and showcase our region. The highlight of the October 22 and 23 titles is the 24-hour, 160km endurance ride, which starts at 3am on the Saturday. The first of the five legs of the race includes a route along Ochiltrees Rd and Black Range Rd to the Cherokee Fire Station and back.

Lancefield Park is the base for the State titles, and around 100 riders and several hundred more support staff will be camped out there over the weekend. The best vantage points for the middle legs of the ride should be the Park, the Seven Roads intersection, Whites Lane and then Bridles Lane, before the route cuts through private property and up into the Cobaw Ranges.

Our local district has a small but hard-working group of VERA members, who are proud to be staging the State titles on home turf. They need more marshals and other helpers for the ride, and anyone who can help with a few hours should ring Wendy Bootle on 5428 6471.

Our Council elections

The ballot papers for the next Council elections will be posted out to residents on November 8, 9 and 10. Residents will be voting to elect three candidates in the Macedon Ranges Shire's East Ward – which is different to past elections, where you voted to elect one representative for Mount William or Monegeetta wards.



Our new ward boundaries stretch as far south as Riddells Creek, and north to Baynton. Everyone will no doubt receive plenty of information from the Council on the new system, and mail from the candidates.

I am standing again to help build on the achievements we have made in the 14 months since I was returned by residents as their representative at the Mount William Ward by-election.

Residents are reminded that their ballot papers have to be returned by Friday, November 25, and the Council will hopefully be in a position to declare the successful candidates by the Sunday.

Good sports at Romsey

Commiserations to the Romsey senior and Reserves footballers on their Grand Final outcomes. But their success in getting so close is bound to encourage more young people in our community to take up sport – and we need to ensure that our facilities are up to scratch.

The Romsey Recreation Reserve, which is on DSE land, is in need of some restoration and remediation work. I have spoken to the staff at the Macedon Ranges Shire about assisting in pushing for government funding for this work, which would benefit both cricket and football.

Cr Henry Bleack.

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Can you help?

Romsey Primary School is looking for some wire mesh that would be suitable for shelving in the school's greenhouse. Anyone who has something suitable should contact the school on 5429 5099 from 3rd October.

Thankyou.

Barney Healy
Principal

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Literacy & Numeracy Week

Romsey Primary School celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week recently with a range of special activities. All classes had access to the Children's Book Council of Australia short listed books and great discussions were held on students' preferred titles. The whole school stopped at the beginning of lunchtime for the week to hear the story "Mr. Noah & The Cats" read over the speaker system. Classes chose a special book and constructed and decorated a "cake" to exemplify their understanding of these pieces of literature. These wonderful models are on display in the school library. Students also participated in a Literacy Week quiz, and had the opportunity to forward entries for numeracy puzzles published in the school newsletter. The week concluded with a special whole school morning tea celebration. Again this year Romsey Rotary Club donated a parcel of books to the school as part of Literacy and Numeracy week. The school is very grateful for the continuing support of Rotary for our students.



Athletics

Towards the end of term with a fine break in the weather we were able to hold our school athletics day for students in years 3-6. Children competed in a variety of track and field events in age groupings. From these events students were selected to make up the school team to compete in the Cobaw inter-school athletics competition. This was held at the Coburg athletics track in the last week of term. Again our students did really well with fourteen qualifying to compete in the zone championships in Bendigo early next term. Not to be left out, students in the junior years participated in Athletics in Schools program facilitated by the Romsey Little Athletics. Students enjoyed these skills sessions focussing on running, jumping and teamwork.

School Aerobics Team

At the time of writing, our school Aerobics Teams are competing in the national championships in Sydney. It is a great achievement to have two of our school teams get through to this elite level representing Victoria. We wish them all the best and will report of their achievements in the next edition of the Romsey Rag. As well as the dedication of the students, teachers Leanne Stewart and Karen Baker have worked tirelessly in training these girls and in fundraising. All costs for the trip to Sydney have now been covered through these great efforts. Well done.

T-Ball State Championships

Our girls T-ball team recently achieved the distinction of becoming the Regional winner in this sport. This placed these students in the top eight teams in the state. Competing in the state championships the girls showed great determination wonderful sportsmanship against some very tough competition. A great achievement for all those involved.

Junior Landcare Grant

The school received this year a Junior Landcare Grant. This has enabled us to install plant signage in the "Frog Pond" gardens. As we develop further curriculum materials for this environmental project on indigenous planting, the signs will enable students (and visitors) to identify specific plants, and so appreciate how we can best enhance our local environment through thoughtful selection of appropriate plants. Romsey community members who have an interest in this project are welcome to visit and see this area for themselves.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

Each year Romsey Primary School Parents' Club organises a special Fathers' Day stall to assist our students in purchasing a special present for their dads. This year our prep dads had a great start to the Father's Day weekend on the Friday prior to Father's Day with a special breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many fathers (and grandfathers) in attendance, as these special people often don't get the opportunity to come along to school and share in their children's achievements first hand. Congratulations to our prep teachers who organised this special event.



Lego Excursion

Our preps have had a very exciting excursion to the Lego Centre in Moonee Ponds. The students enjoyed two fun-packed and interesting hours exploring all types of Lego. They were able to follow instructions and Lego plans to make a "Jack-in-the-Box" and a spinning top, as well as explore a huge range of materials to construct pieces using their own designs. This was a fun filled morning finished with lunch and a play in a nearby park.






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From the Vicar. The Anglican Church.

Laurie McIntyre

The world is in chaos! What with hurricanes, global warming, water crises, droughts, the war in Iraq, threats from and to Iran, terrorist threats, world hunger, poverty and so on, we wonder what is going to happen to us, to our children and grandchildren. It's no wonder we seem to be sliding into chaos.

However, I am still far from becoming a pessimist. I still believe that over-all God is present in the world, and that many people still work towards a better world, believing that they are doing God's will and making a difference. The worst thing we can do is to give up, "turn off" the world, and seek only our own selfish interests.

Recent readings in our church have been from the Old Testament book, Exodus, reminding us of the trials and tribulations of the ancient people of God, of their escape from slavery and their journey to the "promised land". They thought that God had abandoned them on their journey because of the chaos on the way, and they sighed for the "good old days" when, admittedly they lived in slavery but had plenty to eat and drink, forgetting that they were moving towards freedom and their own place.

We have also been reading about St Paul who was awaiting execution for his Christian faith, but continued from prison, encouraging his friends in the infant church to live selfless and faithful lives even though they were in the grip of the Roman Empire sliding into chaos and disintegration.

So it has been for the people of hope and vision throughout the ages. They have lived in their world, have seen the

reality of chaos, but have never given up.

We need to understand the world in which we live; we also need to keep our vision and hope strong for the future. This is the basis of faith, vision and hope! Let us stay optimistic and engaged with the world, trying to be part of the solution.

History reminds us constantly that all progress in the world has been the result of those, who having seen and realized the problems of their age, engaged with the issues, often at great personal cost and discomfort, and made a difference.

I personally know a woman who has given up her comfortable lifestyle and has for many years worked in Afghanistan, caring for children who have been orphaned and abandoned. She has worked in great danger through the Taliban years, through the horrors of the war and the oppression of women, and the careless disregard of human life, maintaining her independence and bringing security and hope to children who would otherwise have perished in the conflict. There are thousands upon thousands of optimistic and hopeful people around the world working in horror and chaos, quietly helping to solve problems and seeking order out of chaos; men and women of God, dedicating their lives to medicine, agriculture, scientific research, education and working for peace and justice. They are carrying the burden, on our behalf, building a better world. They are bearers of faith, hope and love in our troubled world.

Our challenge as Christians is to seek peace and justice in our "place" and to give thanks to God for the beauty and order which we often take so much for granted.

News From Monegetta Ward

The biggest news from Monegetta Ward is that the new mega ward known as East Ward, running from Baynton to Clarkefield, will consume the present ward area on November 26, 2006. Three councillors will represent this new East area.

I do hope that there will be a geographical spread in the location of the elected representatives. It is a very large area to represent and further compounds the number of hours a councillor will need to spend in travel time and phone calls. The universal consensus is that the hours that councillors need to spend to fulfil their council role has expanded considerably since amalgamations. The new ward system will exacerbate this even further.

There has been a broadly-based rise in community and State Government expectations of councillors' performance ranging from fiscal management and accountability to community strengthening and advocacy, (I quote the VLGA report 'What Price Democracy' here).

Many people will be actively discouraged from putting themselves forward to be a councillor because of the increasingly onerous task that this nominally paid job poses. This situation will need to be resolved at some time in the future, or the task of putting oneself in this position for four years, as will be the case from 2009, will be too much for anybody.

On a brighter note, I have had enormous pleasure representing my community in many different ways and at varied forums. From the wonderful Sustainability Forum held in Kyneton recently, to advocating for my community on a great variety of issues, to launching the Walking School Bus Programme and the Environment Strategy, helping promote environmental issues, attending many committee meetings, in and out of the Shire and performing my role as Deputy Mayor.

I have met many wonderful people, learnt many things and on 26 November, some else will take the baton and run.

Heather Gee, Monegetta Ward Councillor



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School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
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Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 pm Lancefield

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month:

8.00 am Lancefield and 10.00 am Romsey

2nd, 4th and 6th Sunday of the month:

8.00 am Romsey and 10.00 am Lancefield

Reconciliation:

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

Baptisms:

February, April, June, August, October, December.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1562 or 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS:

SVOP Drop-in:

First Thursday each month, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance:

Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

HIRE OF CHURCH HALL:

The Romsey Church Hall is available for regular hire on weekdays. The hall is also available for special events eg. Parties (conditions apply). Please contact the Presbytery for further information.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

Faith sharing:

Date: Wednesday 5th October

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Presbytery Meeting Room.

A group of parishioners meeting once a month for faith sharing to reflect upon key Gospel stories. "Jesus: Our Story" by Fr. Frank Andersen is the text used for these reflections. For more information please contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1562.

Children's Mass:

Date: Sunday 9th October

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Lancefield Church.

Years 2 and 3 students from St. Mary's Primary School and their families will take part in the Mass and be involved in the different ministries.

We are having a cake stall at the Romsey and Lancefield Historical Society "Spring Fair".

Date: Sunday 23rd October

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey.

We will also be promoting our Centenary Book, which will be launched on November 6th.

NOVEMBER:

Centenary Book Launch:

Our Centenary Book titled "Celebrations of the Lancefield-Romsey Parish Century 1906—2006" will be launched.

Date: Sunday November 6th

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

The book is a history of the Catholic Parish with many photographs included, some around 100 years old, and includes anecdotes/biographies of old and new parishioners. Books will be on sale on the day. All welcome. Tea and coffee available.

Year of the Eucharist:

A talk by Fr. Capra, Salesian Father, on "Living the Eucharist in our Daily Life".

Date: Tuesday November 15th.

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Coburg Athletics Day:

On Thursday September 13th most of the grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Coburg Athletics Carnival. We left school at 8.30 am and got to the athletics track around 9.30 am. Nathaniel and Paula (our captains) led us in our stretches. Then we warmed up ready to do our events. We left the track around 1.45 to get back to school at 2.45. The day went very well thanks to our parents and teachers who went on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Gale for organising the day and teaching us how to do the events and supporting us. By Nathaniel (captain) and Andrew, Gr.6.



Coming Events:

- Car Rally 23rd October 11.00 am from school. \$20.00 entry.
- Whole school concert 19th October
- School fete: November 26th.

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We all hear the hype on the telly and radio about the excitement of the Royal Melbourne Show, but Romsey Fire Brigade will be present at your local Show – the Lancefield Show.

Romsey Fire Brigade Captain, Robert Smith said "The Romsey Brigade will be at the Show to talk to anybody and everybody about anything they might like to ask."

He added, "We will be there on the Sunday along with all the other brigades that make up the Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group, so people will be able to meet some of the firefighters from our neighboring brigades as well."

Some of the activities arranged by the Romsey Group include a fire truck or two for people to see and touch, a recruiting stand, stove fire demonstrations, an information caravan and kids activities, such as pom-pom fire fighters.

Captain Smith spoke about the recruiting stand. "We would like to talk to people that are interested in joining, but people need to be aware that they don't have to get on the back of a truck. If you would like to help us just keeping the fire station clean during the week, then drop into the stand and we can talk to you."

"Also, those people that do want to go out and fight fire, we can give you the information you need about joining, the training requirements, the gear that you need to wear and talk about how the Brigade operates."

The Rag Editor had one final question - pom-pom firefighters? "What are pom-pom firefighters?????"

Rob just grinned and said, "If you want to find out, you'll have to go to the Show – won't you!"

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Launch of the new bus stop and timetable for Lancefield & Romsey

The first stage in a project aimed at improving transport services in Lancefield and Romsey will be officially launched today in Romsey. Council has installed new bus stops, complete with timetable holders and timetables to inform residents about the two existing bus services available in the towns.

Mt William Councillor, Henry Bleeck said, "Residents in Lancefield and Romsey now have a more accessible transport service available. "I would encourage residents to make use of this service to ensure we can retain it and to demonstrate the need for further transport infrastructure development throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire," he said.

Kyneton Bus Lines operates twice a day to and from Sunbury on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and three times a day on Wednesdays and Fridays. V/Line has a daily service that connects to and from Melbourne Airport and Spencer Street. Over the next couple of weeks Romsey/Lancefield residents will receive convenient credit card-sized timetables in their letterbox.

Bronwen Machin, Getting Around Transport Project Officer said stage one was all about letting people know what services are available to them. "Research has shown that while people want to have better public transport services many are not aware of the services they do have; and those who are aware do not know

where the service stops, how to obtain a timetable and how to book a seat. The next step will involve discussions with the State Government to see what can be done to improve existing services. If service improvements can be funded then there will be further community consultation to find out how the funding can be used to meet needs of the community", she said.

A petition seeking State Government funding to further improve the service is being prepared by members of the Lancefield and Romsey community.

Further information about the two services can be obtained by calling Kyneton Bus Lines on 5422 1634, V/Line on 136 196 or log on to www.vline.com.au

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Fire Hazard on Private Property Checklist

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- Councils aim is to assist landowners achieve a balance between conservation and fire hazard removal. This program is about helping achieve that balance.
- Good fire prevention is really quite simple. There must be **air, fuel, temperature and a chemical reaction** to have a fire. Remove one or more of these and the fire goes out.
- There is not much we can do to alter the air temperature or the amount of air. However we can alter the amount type and quantity of fuels that are available to feed a fire.
- We can remove fire hazards by picking up fine fuel, fallen vegetation, noxious and environmental weeds, and take away any rubbish and debris that is lying around our properties.

What is Fine Fuel?

- "Fine Fuel" is material 6mm in diameter or less that can burn. Think of fine fuel as "kindling" that will help start a fire and keep it going. It's the same process as when you light a fire in a lounge room fireplace or campfire; you put on smaller material first, then add to it as the fire burns. During summer, fine fuels preheat, dry out and ignite quickly.

Where can I find the fine fuels?

- "Fine Fuel" is found on the ground, on tree trunks (e.g. Manna Gum and Candlebark trees) in bushes, or piles of kindling or builders debris.

IT IS REALLY SIMPLE –no fuel, no fire. However it does not mean wholesale clearing of vegetation.

How should I remove the fine fuel?

- Please remove all fine fuel or other fire hazards in an environmentally friendly manner.
- You may like to take the material to the tip, or chip the material into mulch.
- Most fine fuels can be mulched and later returned to the soil to add nutrients.

Noxious and Environmental weeds.

- Please note that there are strict planning laws that prevent vegetation from being removed in many parts of the shire without an appropriate approval to do so. If you wish to remove any vegetation at all please contact council prior to starting any work and check to see if you are able to do so without written consent.
- There are many noxious weeds present in the Macedon Ranges. It is illegal to have some types of weeds on your property.
- There are also environmental weeds. An environmental weed is a plant that is "out of place".
- Council's Customer Service Centres have information booklet, "Central Victorian Weeds" to assist in identifying pest plants.

What do weeds have to do with fire prevention?

Weeds do not help with conservation of our native or indigenous plant species.

- Many noxious or environmental weeds burn fiercely.
- Controlling weeds significantly reduces fuel loads and therefore reduces the intensity and severity of a bushfire.

Council's Local Law No8 restricts the burning of heaps larger than 2m³ and any fire that is likely to cause a nuisance to neighbours or traffic. Burning off is not permitted on smog days and during the Declared Fire Danger Period.

Your Fire Hazard Checklist.

Please check your property for the following:

Have you removed:-

- Fine fuels
- Rubbish and debris
- Noxious and environmental weeds
- Do you have a plan of action for your family in case of fire or other emergency?
- Is your property clearly identified with your property number so it is **highly visible** for emergency services?
- Does your property have the appropriate access for emergency vehicles?

Please remember that it is vitally important not to remove any trees, shrubs or plants unless you are sure there is no legal impediment to do so.

For further fire prevention information please contact our Fire Prevention Officer on 54299671 or for information on noxious or environmental weeds contact our Environmental Project Officer on 54299659. Council offices are located at Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey and Gisborne.

Council's Fire Prevention Inspection program commences in November each year. Properties not meeting the fire prevention standards may be issued a statutory "Fire Prevention Notice" that directs the landowners to clear the fire hazard with a short time to comply.

Council's Fire Prevention Program

Council's fire prevention officers start inspecting private properties in November each year. Any property that is not in the required condition may be issued with a Fire Prevention Notice. A fire prevention notice is a statutory notice issued under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958. A fire prevention notice will detail to the land owner or occupier what work is required to be performed and when the work is to be completed.

Compulsory Clearances

When a land owner or occupier has been issued with a fire prevention notice and the requirements as stated on the notice have not been complied with, Council may engage a contractor to carry out the necessary work, as specified on the original fire prevention notice.

Once the work has been completed, Council may then recover costs of the work with an administration fee issue from the land owner or occupier that the notice was served on. In addition to recover the costs for Council having the fire hazard removed, a "Fire Prevention Infringement Notice" may also be issued for non-compliance with the Fire Prevention Notice.

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A Fire Prevention Infringement Notice is a notice served pursuant to the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, when a land owner or occupier does not comply with the directions and requirements on a Fire Prevention Notice for the removal of fire hazards.

Five Mile Creek News

Planting along the creek

Saturday 17 September saw a small band of residents, clad in gumboots and rain gear, at the first planting of flood grasses and local vegetation around the old swimming pool.

Now we've found more of the swimming pool wall –broken down by willow roots. It is uncovered, like stepping stones over to the swimming pool wall which remains across the creek

We found how good the soil was ... no difficulty in planting, into rich soil

Where you cross to Wrixon St, grasses and vegetation will be planted in place of the four cypresses that collapsed in the February storms. Thanks to the Landcare members and Council Landcare for advice on the right plants to put in this area.

For your diary

Sunday October 30th. Will be the next planting, probably at the noticeboard next to Robb Drive.

If you are able to help with planting please ring Kerry Stott on 5429 6160.

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Lancefield will celebrate the 21st anniversary of it's ever growing Agricultural Show on Sunday 16th October at the Lancefield Showgrounds. (Chauncey Street, Lancefield)

Run under the strict guidance of the Australian Professional Rodeo Association, the Rodeo is again set to be one of the Newest, Biggest and Richest Rodeos in Victoria with prizes totaling \$7,500. The Rodeo is professionally organized, monitored by veterinarians it ensures both human and animal needs are considered.

The Show will continue to offer all the usual favourites that make the Lancefield Show a truly rural day out for all the family. Dog High Jump and Fox Terrier Races offering prizes totaling in excess of \$1,000 are on again. PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE STARTING EARLIER THIS YEAR. Hoof & Hook, Cattle, Sheep, Chooks, Apacas are all on hand.

Due to the growth of the Show the main Horse Events will again be held on Saturday, 15th October. Heavy Horses and Horse Drawn Vehicles will be with the main Show on the Sunday. (16th) CUB will be displaying their wonderful 4 horse Draft Horse Team which is a popular part of the Royal Melbourne Show.

The Lancefield Farmers Market will be there and this year there will be an increased number of wineries offering tastings and sales. The wines will be enhanced by 'tapas' style foods throughout the day.

Sideshow Alley, Showbags, 'Kids Komer' with free petting zoo, pony rides and other entertainment will be on hand. 'Beaute-ute', Harley Bikes, Helicopter Rides all add to the attractions.

Homecrafts, Vintage Tractor Pull, 'Home Brew' are all available for entry. Once again the 'Snake Man' will be giving everyone the opportunity to get a close look at many venomous, non-venomous snakes and reptiles.

The Country Womens Association, Lancefield Drop in Centre will be there. The ever popular 'Walk for Life' stall will be available for people to register their interest in this worthwhile event 'Kids under Cover' will again be selling a wide variety of plants and shrubs to raise money for a truly worthy cause. Many stalls will be offering their wares on the day with a variety of food outlets offering traditional and varied fare. There will be many refreshment outlets as well as the 'Beer Tent' from which all profits go into the community.

For more information, contact Ken Notman on 5429

FARMERS MARKETS A GREAT OUTLET FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO GROW, TRADE AND REAP THE PROFITS.

To shelter from the strong winds, the potato shed at Hunt Bros - Lancefield was a likely spot for a group of 10 stallholders from the Lancefield and District Farmers Market to gather to hear a presentation on diversification of crops and increasing profitability at farmers markets.

Byron Gray - a primary producer of Murray Grey cattle, hay and vegetables met market coordinator, Meggs Hannes-Paterson at the recent Australian Farmers Markets Conference in Lake Hume. There they had agreed that it may be beneficial for producers in the Macedon Ranges to hear about the things he was doing with his farm and how participating at the Hume-Murray Food Bowl Farmers Market had changed his business. He told the group about how he used to grow a small variety of vegetables for the supermarkets but had decided to grow more varieties of many vegetables and supply his local farmers market. "The supermarkets just squeeze you," he said. "I had to look at something else if I was to keep the vegetable production side of my business profitable."

It took the organizer of the Hume Murray Food Bowl Farmers Market, Noelle Quinn, almost three years to convince Byron to come along and trade in the market. He hasn't looked

back. "It has made the farm exciting. My 78 year old father now has a sense of purpose on the farm he worked for his whole life." Byron's father weighs the veggies and packages accordingly, with his son and one local girl also employed for the business.

Lancefield and District Farmers Market coordinator, Meggs Hannes-Paterson said that it was great to have the turn out for the afternoon. "We really have a severe lack of fresh, mixed vegetables in the market since we evicted the wholesalers." "I hope to see people inspired to fill this niche in the market, and Byron has shown us today just how profitable this kind of enterprise can be."

People who wish to talk to Meggs about this can contact her on: 0407 860 320.



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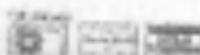
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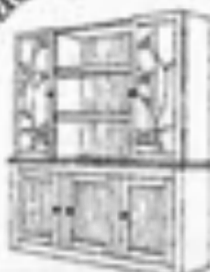
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TIME OF EVENT	EVENT	WHERE
6:00AM	Horse Parking Cattle wash starts	
7:30	Horse Secretary's Office opens	New Pavillion
8:00	Show Secretary's Office opens	New Pavillion
8:30	Horse Judging begins	Main Oval
9:00	Cattle Judging begins	Park Rd side
9:30	'Farm Birds/Eggs' Judging commences 'Fun Birds' Judging commences	O/S Changing Rooms New Pavilion
10:00	Vintage Tractor Pull starts Sheep Judging commences Home Brew winners announced 'Kids Korner' open –Face Painting, Petting Zoo, Magician, Pony Rides, Story Telling, etc. (All Free) Homecrafts Open Wineries open for tastings/sales	Park Rd side New Pavillion Main Oval New Pavillion
10:30	Hoof & Hook Judging begins Snake/Reptile display/talks Fox Terrier Races Beaut-ute Judging Commences	Park Rd side of park Main Oval Main Oval Main Oval
11:00	Beer Tent opens.	Near Rodeo
11:30	Hoof & Hook Auction Dog High Jump	Park Rd side of park Main Oval
12:45	Wheel Barrow Novelty Race Best Dressed Cowboy/girl Judging	Kids Korner on Main Oval
1:00	CFA Juniors Competition	Small Oval
1:30		
2:00	Rodeo Commences	Millers Road Side
5:00	Lancefield Show Raffle Results	Beer Tent
6:00	Show starts to shutdown,	

Food Outlets: Spit Roast (Beef) from 11:00am (In Beer Tent) School BBQ/Sausage Sizzle from 11:00am (Old Social Rooms) Footy Club: Breakfasts from 06:30am and BBQ from 11:00am (Pavillion)
Around the Park will be various outlets supplying Tea/Coffee, Hot Dogs, Chips, Potatoes, Sandwiches, Vegetarian etc.

First Aid: Will again be on the east side of the New Pavillion

Petting Zoo/Animal Farm will be in the 'Kids Korner' and will be free entry. Horse Pony Rides will be free. The Snake Man display will be free. (There will be an 'Artists Demonstration' next to the Snake Man with an appropriate 'theme')

Kinder Korner

News from the Romney Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

Bingo!

Come along to the Romney Kindergarten Bingo Night on Friday, October 14, for the chance to win CASH PRIZES. The Bingo Night will be held at the kinder in Main Street, Romney, and doors will open at 7pm, with eyes down at 7.30pm. There will be three sessions of bingo, all with prizes, and culminating in a major jackpot for the last game. Entry cost is \$2 and this includes a light supper. Come along for a fun night and support your local kindergarten in its quest to raise much-needed funds. Enquiries to Amanda Burley on 5429 6936.

Get your enrolments in!

If you have not yet enrolled your child for the 2006 kinder year, time is quickly running out. Enrolments for three-year-old and four-year-old groups at Romney Kindergarten in 2006 close on September 30. You can obtain an enrolment form by popping into the kinder or by contacting our Enrolment Officer, Amanda Burley, on 5429 6936. Please note your enrolment must be accompanied by a proof of age (i.e. a copy of your child's birth certificate) and a \$5 fee. Enrolling early is always a good idea as it ensures you will avoid a potential waiting list.

Vacancies

There are several vacancies for fourth term at Romney Kinder in the four year old groups. If you would like to enrol your child, please contact Amanda Burley on 5429 6936.



Father's Day Night

Each year the kinder holds special sessions of 4YO kinder groups in the evening just prior to Father's Day, called Father's Day Night. Lots of dads

work shifts or full time and find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend kinder with their children and do 'milk and fruit' duty. The evening sessions of Father's Day Night allow fathers to come along to the kinder with their children and take part in their kinder activities. This year's event was held on September 1 and was a great success, with almost all fathers attending.



Art Week

The kinder held its inaugural Art Week during September and it was a terrific event which was extremely well received. One artwork from each child was chosen by teachers and especially framed and laminated for display in the kinder foyer during Art Week. All artworks were offered for sale for just \$5, and most were sold. The artworks could easily be framed or used as placemats and wall decorations. Art Week coincided with Special Persons' Day for all groups, so lots of grandparents and friends also took the opportunity to buy artworks. Art Week showcased the many and varied works the kinder children undertake as part of the kinder program. It also showed the skills which the children have acquired since the beginning of the year and some of the skills they have learned with scissors, etc. Art Week was such a success, the kinder committee has decided it will now become an annual event. Thanks to those members of the committee who helped set up the display, especially laminator extraordinaire Loretta Credland, and for all parents and friends of the kinder for their support. All proceeds of Art Week will be used for new equipment for the children.

New shade sails

Thanks to all those kinder parents who attended the working bee in the last week of term to remove the old sandpit covers. During the Term 3 holidays new shade sails will be erected over the sandpit by local firm Re-Hart. Thanks to all those kinder parents, past and present, and for the community support of kinder events which has helped the committee raise the thousands of dollars required for this major purchase. The colourful new shade sails will also help give the kinder playgrounds a bright new look. Fundraising is continuing for other kinder needs, which are likely to include permanent synthetic ground covering for the playgrounds. We hope the Romney/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.

Any questions?

Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6583. The Romney 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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Community Safety Month

October 2005



Schedule of Events

- **SPEED TABLES** - will be moved around the shire throughout the month of October.
- **3 - 14 October - '50 in My Street'** Romney, Lanchfield & Woodend Campaign to reduce the risk of excessive speed in the community.
- **Thursday 6 October - Fit to Drive Workshop** For 11 students of St David's College, Kyneton. 9.00am - 1.00pm. A behavioural program which aims to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours conducive to safer road use.
- **Saturday 8 October - Community Safety Launch/Expo** Kyneton Showgrounds. 10.00am - 1.00pm. Featuring: Police, CFA, SES, Rural Ambulance, St John's, VicRoads, Cobaw Community Health, Falls Prevention display, Murrumbidgee Shire Council - Community Support (Planning) and Community Development units, ORQ, and much more! FREE for all the family.
- **Sunday 9 October - Community Walk** Mansbury Gardens. 1.45pm registration. Choose how far you walk from 200m to 5km, with cost being a gold coin donation - safe and accessible walk for all. For further information contact Megan Selinger, Cobaw, tel. 5421 1600.
- **Tuesday 18 October - FREE Child Resilience Course** Romney. 12.00pm - 2.00pm. Outside the MCH Romney and Romney Kinder garden, Main Street, Romney. Supported by Skipton-Murray.
- **Tuesday 25 October - Occupational Health & Safety Forum** Kyneton Town Hall - 15.00am - 18.00pm. 10.00am - 1.00pm. Will include presentations on Health & Safety in the Workplace, Workplace culture projects and initiatives, Job Safety Analysis, Practical session. For further information contact Tom Mullen, MHSU, tel. 5427 8245.
- **Wednesday 26 October - Starting Out Safety Program** 2.00pm at Murrumbidgee Kindergarten. Introductory session conducted by VicRoads for pre-school staff, Family Day Care staff and Maternal Child Health nurses.
- **Thursday 27 October - Road Safety System with Murrumbidgee Kindergarten** 10.00am - 11.00am. Kyneton Kindergarten, Grant Avenue. 11.00am and Murrumbidgee Kindergarten. 1.00pm.
- **Saturday 29 October - Free Safety Expo** 10.00am - 1.00pm Kyneton Agricultural Show, Kyneton. Practical demonstrations of farm safety, health checks available, food display, information available. Supported by Kyneton Agricultural Society, Murrumbidgee Shire Council, Loddon Community Health Service, Worksafe, FarmSafe & Dept of Primary Industry.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4	5	6 Fit to Drive Workshop (Kyneton)	7	8 FREE Community Safety Launch/Expo (Kyneton)	9 Community Walk Mansbury
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 FREE Child Resilience Course (Romney)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Occupational Health & Safety Forum (Kyneton)	26 Starting Out Safety Program (Woodend)	27 Road Safety Session for pre-schoolers (Kyneton)	28	29	30
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For further information call:
Arnie Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8247

Wu Lin Martial and Healing Centre at Lancefield as a part of the Cherry Blossom season are hosting a spectacular Performance Art Musical on Saturday November 5th starting at 7pm sharp. Local musicians featured are Joan Drago Soprano/Vocal Guitarist and Carmel Lertz Pianist/Accompanist, they will thrill you with Classic, Jazz and Popular tunes.

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WINDOWS XP TIPS:

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We have loads of helpful tips such as: stop using an administrator account without a password because it's courting trouble. Ask us why. Use 'Control Panel/User Accounts' to see how your account is setup. The words Limited or Administrator will appear next to the picture icon, under the username. You **MUST** have at least one Administrator account on the PC so you can install software/drivers when you want to, but you **DON'T** have to use it for surfing the net.

Did you know that most new CD/DVD drives don't need to be attached to the sound card, or onboard sound, in order for the sound to work? Use the system 'Device Manager' option and tick the box 'Enable digital CD Audio for this CD-ROM device'. Voila! This will free up your sound port so you can add a TV card!

Come along to a meeting of the minds at Macedon Ranges Computer Club where the experienced love to show off and the inexperienced love to learn. We've got all the information you could ever possibly need to keep your PC in tip top condition.

Members of MRCC often receive calls from various computer users who need their assistance over the phone and this is given freely (literally FREE of charge). In order for the club to continue it's good work within the community we need people like you to come along to a meeting and participate by simply being there.

MEETINGS ARE FREE!!!!

On the third Sunday of each month, you can find us at the rear of MRFEC (Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre) building, near the library in Gisborne, corner Aitken and Hamilton St's. Look for our pointer board on the nature strip next to the driveway and follow it down to the last door on the left. Meetings start at 2:00 pm and go until about 4:30 or 5:00. If you bring a plate of food for afternoon tea you'll become famous and be warmly welcomed. A gold coin donation to the club will get you a cuppa and help us to cover costs.

For more information phone: Deb 5426 6977 or Stuart 5427 0626



Singing in the Ranges

The Cantorion Cymreig Victoria Welsh Choir has performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London, they have toured overseas several times, performed on both BBC and ABC radio ... and now they are bringing their unique sound to perform in the Macedon Ranges.

Single Performance in Kyneton

This special performance will include a choir of more than 60 wonderful voices and will include Woodend CFA member Keith Beman, who toured with them to Great Britain in 2004.

The entertaining 2 hour show can include Welsh hymns, folk and traditional songs from around the world, spirituals, classical songs and opera choruses, and songs from 'the Shows', with informative introductions to each item. There will also be local support acts featuring Huw Jones on Harp and the choir 'Beata Lumina'.

The show is proudly supported by Keatings Real Estate, Firebird Motors and Collier Office Supplies with **proceeds to support the Woodend CFA**

For more information bookings call Woodend CFA members Keith Beman 5427 1463.

Kyneton Town Hall, Sunday October 23 at 2pm

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A world class choir

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They toured Wales in 1995, and again in 1999 when they became the first Australian Welsh male choir to compete in the Welsh National Eisteddfod. In 2004, they again made history when by winning 3rd prize at Newport.

You can find out more information about this wonderful group by visiting the website: www.vicwelsh.asn.au - the site also includes several songs performed by the choir.





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PROGRAMME FOR TERM 4

Introduction To Landscape Design:

Are you about to establish a new garden and don't know where to start? Do you want ideas to renovate your existing garden beds and change the look of your property? Introduction to Landscape Design will be held over 4 sessions, weekly during term 3. The instructor, Kerri Mewett is a qualified horticulturalist and lecturer at Kangan TAFE. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this short course.

Dates: October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Day: Thursday evenings

Time: 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey

Materials: Bring pens and paper

Cost: \$50 for 4 sessions

Number of participants limited to 10 - bookings essential.

Introduction to Horticulture : Gardening and Plant Selection

Week 1. Waterwise plants and gardening

Week 2. Creating Hedging, Screening and Windbreaks

Week 3. Cottage plants, Perennial borders, Herb gardens and Vege Gardens

Week 4. Architectural style plants, Feature plants, Trees

Week 5. Planting, dividing, pruning, non-chemical pest and disease Control

Dates: November 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st and 8th.

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey

Materials: Bring pen and paper.

Cost: \$60 for 5 sessions.

Course tutor: Kerri Mewett

Numbers limited—bookings essential.

Writer's group - Day time

If you've always wanted to write but weren't sure where to start, the Romsey Writer's group is the place for you! Join a group of like minded people for fun, informative sessions. We welcome people of all ages and levels of experience. Sessions will be run fortnightly. All sessions will be informal and friendly and will offer a brief introduction to a particular topic. Suggested topics include getting ideas, writing your family history, writing for children, writing short articles, writing short stories. Your own ideas will also be explored at the first session. This course will be conducted by local professional writer Dee White.

Dates: October 12th, 26th, November 9th, 23rd and December 7th.

Day: Wednesday morning 9.30 – 11.30 am

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey

Materials: Bring pens and paper

Cost: \$50 for 5 sessions

Number of participants limited so bookings essential.

Writer's Group - evening

An additional evening group will commence on Thursday October 27th to run fortnightly, commencing at 7.00 pm. Details as above.

Bookings essential, positions limited.

5 sessions - \$50

Scrapbooking

Photos are precious. Learn how to preserve and present those important photographic memories in a way limited only by your imagination. This course will teach you the techniques of scrapbooking, a hobby/craft enjoyed the world over. Once you start you can just about guarantee to be "hooked". All skill levels welcome.

Day: Wednesday evenings

Dates: Fortnightly commencing October 5th

Time: 7.30 – 10.30pm

Venue: 25 William Street, Romsey - **note change of venue**

Tutor: Sharon Williams

Cost: \$15 per session (includes use of equipment)

Materials: BYO or available to purchase at each session, bring your photos

Finish That Project—Drop In Craft Mornings

How many unfinished craft projects do you have waiting to be picked up again? Here is your opportunity to join a friendly, relaxed group to enjoy some social contact while you finish those projects that deserve your attention.

Dates: Fortnightly commencing Thursday October 6th.

Day: Thursday mornings

Time: 10.30 am - 12.30 (approx)

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey

Materials: Whatever you need to finish your projects.

Facilitator: Karyn Gottschling

Bookings not needed—just drop in.

Cost: \$2 per session

Self Defence For Women

Find out what you need to know about being safe wherever you go. Develop more awareness of your surroundings and what dangers may exist. Learn how to use whatever you have with you to defend yourself against attack. Find out about pressure points and techniques for self defence. Explore some of the philosophies of martial arts. Andrew Cecati, who has black belts in 3 different martial arts, will run this course on Friday mornings for women over 18 years of age.

Dates: Commencing Friday October 7th on a weekly basis

Day: Friday mornings

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey.

Cost: \$7 per session—pay as you go

Bookings: Not necessary

Wear comfortable clothing (eg tracksuit, runners).

Certificate awarded at the end of the course.

Workplace Safety: Practical Solutions for Sole Traders and Small Businesses

Find out what your obligations and responsibilities with regard to work place safety and how Occupational health and Safety legislation relates to your business.

Presenter David Muller has several qualifications on Occ. Health and Safety .

Dates: 4 sessions commencing Saturday October 10th

Day: Saturday mornings 10.30 for approx. 1 hour

Venue: The Old Courthouse, Stawell Street, Romsey

Materials: Bring a pen and paper

Cost: Gold coin donation

Presenter: David Muller

Bookings preferred but not essential.

For bookings contact Karyn Gottschling on 5429 6919

Waiting lists will apply where positions are limited

Payment is expected prior to the commencement of the first session for booked programs. Refunds are not automatic but may be negotiated under some circumstances.

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Romsey Community House Inc.

For our programs for Term 4, 2006, please see page 20 of this edition of the Romsey Rag. As well as some of our original programs being reoffered, we have added Occupational Health and Safety for Small Businesses, Self Defence for Women and a morning craft group.

If you have ideas for programs or something you could share with others, get in touch with us so that we can start planning for next year.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House was held in August, with the following office bearers and committee elected:

President: Mr Barney Healy
Secretary: Mrs Karyn Gottschling
Treasurer: Mr John Russell
Public Officer: Mrs Robyn Moore

Committee members: Ms Karen Ruggieri, Mrs Lisa Weston, Mr Nick Watkins, Mr Tony O'Dwyer, Mr Andrew Cicati and Mr John Van Arkel. We welcome John and Andrew onto our committee. Our next meeting is on October 5th at Romsey Primary School at 7.00 pm.

Self Defence for Women (over 18 years of age) starts on Friday October 7th at 9.30 am with martial arts expert Andrew Cicati, at the Uniting Church Hall. Cost is \$7 per session - pay as you go. This is a great opportunity for women to develop some self defence and personal safety skills.

For details of this and any other programs please contact secretary Karyn Gottschling on 5429 6919

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Time: 1pm - 3.30pm every Wednesday
Date: From 5th October - 26th October (4 weeks)
Place: Cobaw Community Health Service
47 High St, Kyneton
Cost: No cost for program.

To book contact Cobaw Community Health Service on 54211666
or for further information contact Emily on 54211639 or 0409 418
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Romsey Uniting Church

25 Pohiman Street

Church Council:

Chairman: Noel Shaw Phone: 5429 5509
Secretary: Jeni Clampit Phone: 5429 5480

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship (UCAF)

The U.C.A.F. is an adult fellowship group under the umbrella of the Uniting Church in Australia. Our meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our main aim is to support the Church in prayer and care. We raise funds for comforts for the Church - eg., Carpet throughout, cushions for the pews, money towards a new organ, support for the purchase of worship resources to be used by members of the congregation.

The fellowship also supports Overseas Aid and local aid, Kyneton and Gisborne Secondary School Chaplaincy, Book funds for Theological students, Uniting Care Broadmeadows, Offering of the Least Coin and Crana Family Services, etc.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 12th at 1.30pm in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall. Any one is welcome to come to our meetings. Further information - please contact Mrs. Hazel Allen 5429 5395 or Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567.

Supply Minister, Marion Latham will conduct services on 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month. Communion service being conducted on 2nd Sunday. Marion is also available for Pastoral Care Wednesday & Thursday of each week. Contact No. 0408 380 962.

What's on in October

- 2nd 9am Worship
Service conducted by the Worship Committee
- 5th 8am Pastoral Care/Hospitality Committee
- 9th 9am worship and Sunday School
including Holy Communion.
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 12th 1.30pm. UCAF meeting
- 16th 9am Worship and Sunday School
Service conducted by Rev. Adrian Pegler
- 23rd 9am Worship and Sunday School
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 30th 9am Worship and Sunday School
Service conducted by Marion Latham.

You are most welcome to come to our Church Services and share in our worship. If you have any questions or wish to know more about our worship, please contact either - Noel Shaw 5429 5509 or Jeni Clampit 5429 5480.

"Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to pray, it is the greatest power on earth."

PAULINE'S BOOK REVIEWS

Don't look back –
Karin Fossum

A quote on the front cover of this book made me look twice – "Karin Fossum is Norway's new Queen of Crime". Now forgive me here but I wouldn't have thought that Norway, with its relatively small population, would have exactly been inundated with candidates for that regal title. I was intrigued and decided to see if I agreed with the glowing praise. I have previously enjoyed Swedish writer Henning Mankell's police murder stories, as they have a quiet understated feel to them, and I must admit that Fossum's Inspector Sejer approaches his cases in a similar manner. The suspense is skilfully crafted and the characters realistically drawn. Sejer is a welcome addition to the growing list

of crime investigators who speak a language other than English – thank goodness for literary translators so that we can enjoy them too.

The Cruellest Miles –
Gay & Laney Salisbury

This book is a mesmerising account of several things. One the harsh climatic conditions to be found in Alaska, particularly in winter, two the incredible bond formed between sled dogs and their mushers and three the combination of both in a desperate death-defying race against time. In the winter of 1925 the isolated township of Nome, Alaska found itself in the grip of a diphtheria epidemic, with its vulnerable children succumbing to this insidious disease and no viable antitoxin available. No roads lead to Nome (they still don't), the pack ice puts a stop to shipping at the end of autumn and flight into such an inhospitable, isolated area in the depths of winter was not feasible. The only op-

son was to use a relay of dog sleds to travel night and day through 674 miles in blizzards raging at -33°C! A riveting read.

Oscar's Half Birthday –
Bob Graham

Yet another gem of a book from Bob Graham. Oscar's family love him so much that they can't wait for his first full birthday to occur but celebrate the first six months of life with a picnic at the local hilltop park. Off they toddle complete with Boris, their sausage dog, the 'Heathrow holding pattern' and big sister Millie, who is a fairy at one end and a dinosaur at the other. All the people on the hillside ensure that neither Oscar, or his family, will ever forget his very first 'Happy Birthday to You...' Bob continues to write gentle family stories that appeal to all.

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Madame Butterfly

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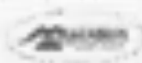
Kyrenston Town Hall - Saturday 15th October - 8pm

The Cultural Development Unit are very pleased to welcome back Co-Opera to the Professional Touring Season in 2005 to present this wonderful performance of Madame Butterfly. For the past ten years, Co-Opera have toured professional opera performances to all states and territories within Australia and specialize in presenting affordable opera, fully costumed, and dramatized and sung in English.

The Kyrenston Town Hall presents this opera in cabaret style setting. Table patrons are encouraged to bring along supper, drinks can be purchased at the bar. What a perfect chance to experience opera for the first time or the fifteenth time - in the beautifully restored Kyrenston Town Hall under candle light with friends and family.

Tickets are now on sale for Madame Butterfly at all Customer Service Centres of the Macedon Ranges Shire, or by calling 1300 68 68 02 during business hours.

Tickets are \$35 full price and \$28 concessions for seating on adjacent tables or in the balcony. Tables can accommodate 10 people and group bookings are welcome.



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The Gain Project (Growing An Inclusive And Innovative Neighbourhood)

Orana Family Services has recently received funding to implement the GAIN Project into the Macedon Ranges. The GAIN Project has arisen from solid evidence that environment and life experiences in the early years have a powerful, long lasting influence on a child's development. Parenting young children involves stress and change, and mothers in particular face many challenges. The GAIN Project promotes holistic support to all families and seeks new ways to strengthen links within local communities and improve families' access to services.

The GAIN Project's highly integrated approach supports children in the early years of their development by addressing some of the factors that may prevent them from reaching their full potential. The GAIN Project utilizes several strategies including, parent education, group development and volunteer home visiting (including the training of volunteers).

The Confident Parenting Program is a six week, free service for the Macedon Ranges Community. Topics that will be

addressed include "Being a Responsive Parent", "Encouraging Positive Attachment", "Promoting Children's Language and Development", "Helping Children Appreciate Rules" and "Managing Tantrums, Misbehaviour and Problems".

The next course runs from Tuesday 11th October until Tuesday 15th October and will be held at Gisborne Primary School.

The Parent's Plus Program assists individual families if a child is experiencing social, emotional or behavioural problems that may prevent them reaching their full potential. A behavioural management specialist is available to visit families in their home or in the educational setting.

The Good Beginnings Program is a parent support program using trained volunteers (known as community parents) to provide social and parenting support to families for one or two hours a week. Support is planned to suit the individual needs of each family and coordinated by a social worker.

For more information on any of these services please contact Kayti Franklin on 9308 8761 or 9302 2700 or write to kfranklin@oranafamilyservices.org.au

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Probus Club Romsey - Lancefield



Meetings of the Romsey - Lancefield
Probus Club are held on the 4th Thurs-
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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

Geoff Long (President) on 5429 6567

WOODEND PONY CLUB

Woodend Pony Club is located in Racecourse reserve,
Woodend. The Pony Club has recently moved into new
rooms and had fifty riders. The Woodend Pony Club has
come a long way with new facilities, new kitchen, ménage,
yards and sand jumping arena. The Pony Club is now trying
to raise money to build a cross country course and fencing
for safety for riders. The club caters for age groups from 5 to
25 years of age, and is a great facility for the Macedon
Ranges.

On Sunday October 23rd the Club will hold its annual OPEN
HORSE SHOW. This Show is the Club's major fundraiser for
the year and enables the Club to operate and put money into
new facilities. At the Show there will be three Open Rings,
two Breed Rings, Miniature Ring, HRCV, Junior and Senior
Pony Club Rings and a Novice Ring for beginners to experi-
ence showing and the ever popular Topsy Ring for young
riders. The Topsy Ring encourages all riders to have a go
and you do not need to be a member of any pony club to
come along and have some fun.

Woodend Pony Club would like to welcome along riders to
support the Club's Show and have a good time. The Show is
affiliated with the E.F.A. and is also a Horse Scene Club.
For programs call 5427 4565 and leave your name and ad-
dress. Come along and participate in a Macedon Ranges
Local Horse Show.

Romsey Football and Netball Club

The Romsey Football and Netball Clubs had four teams in
the finals but were unable to obtain a Grand Final flag. De-
spite this fact both clubs had a successful year, both on and
off the field.

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank all of the players,
members, sponsors and supporters who helped make and/or
followed the fortunes of the clubs during season 2005. How-
ever now we must move on.

It is now time to start thinking about season 2006 and what
you can do to contribute to the clubs.

We have two more events to complete the year:

The Presentation Night at 7.00 pm on Saturday October 1st
at the Romsey Hotel.

The Annual General Meeting at 2.00 pm on October 9th at
the clubrooms. All are invited. There are vacancies for new
committee members.

On a personal note, due to business commitments, I will not
be standing for the position of Secretary in season 2006. I
wish to thank the players and members for their support.

John Lynch

Secretary

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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

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Secretary Phone: 5429 2079

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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

20 August J & A Riley Amrose: C. Butler, P. Daly, P. Reid 61.5

27 August D. Ryan (6) 69; M. Monaghan (7) 71

Club Championships (3 weeks)

3 September Monthly Medal L. Hunter (15) 67; D. Brown (8) 68

10 September B. Brennan (14) 71; R. Sparke (28) 71

17 September K. Anders (17) 35; K. Ryan (12) 32

18 September P. Daly (22) 70

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

16 August D. Ryan (6) 38; A. Maloney (19) 34

6 September A. Maloney (19) 70; T. Passlow (16) 75

13 September T. Allen (13) 32; S. Dickie (32) 31

Despite a lot of rain in recent weeks the course remains in very good condition. There are a few wet spots but overall the fairways have a good cover of green grass and the greens are good.

With the increasing daylight, the \$5 green fee for golf after 5 pm is good value. Locals are encouraged to avail themselves of this cheap rate. Otherwise green fees remain at \$15 for 18 holes, and \$10 for 9 holes. Club Memberships are due for renewal on the 1st October and these too remained unchanged.

Full Membership:	\$365
Midweek:	\$295
Family (2 adults)	\$548
Student:	\$125
Junior:	\$45
All the above fees include GST	

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

The Lancefield Golf Club Championships were held over 3 weeks culminating in a clear winner of A grade, Darren Ryan with rounds of 75, 75, 80 for a total of 230 from M. Monaghan with 239. B grade was won decisively by Club Captain Barry Brennan with 255 from Tony Potts with 263. He also collected the Blomberg Trophy for the best net score (21.0) in the field. The C grade winner was new member Ray Schultz with a total of 299.

The next big event on the calendar is our Gala Day on Saturday 22nd October, the same day as the Cox Plate. For just \$30 each competitor has the chance to win a full Club Membership for the best stroke round plus a Barbeque Lunch followed by a Last Man Standing Draw and the chance to win \$1000 if your ticket is the last one drawn. Tickets are limited. Enquiries to Carole Mee on 5429 1026.



Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

Our few ladies are enjoying their golf and social activities. The main golfing season is nearing the end and we welcome any ladies to come and join in our less formal golf days – Wednesdays at about 9.00 am.

The Doris Chambers Foursome event was won by Lorraine and Leila who will play in the final at Northern on 14th October.

Lorraine and Hilda enjoyed playing in the President's and Captain's Day on Thursday 22nd September at Northern.

The ladies' AGM is to be held on 12th October after golf.

Our recipe for this month uses lemons that are plentiful at this time.

LEMON BUTTER

½ cup of sugar
1 dessertspoon butter
1 egg
Juice of 1 lemon
Some lemon rind if desired

Beat egg well and add to the other ingredients in a double saucepan. Boil lightly until the mixture resembles thick cream, stirring occasionally. Increase this recipe by 4 times and have a jar to eat and a jar to give away.

Leila
5429 5525

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB INC.

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Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Louise Conlan 5429 6595



Congratulations

What an achievement!!

Our combined Junior Section 1 team comprising of players from

Romsey, Woodend and Hanging Rock has won the winter pennant in 2005!

After a nail-biting semi-final to beat Macedon by 2 games, it was an easy preliminary win against Sunbury Wilson by 28 games. The grand final was close all morning, but the team held out to win by 12 games against Sunbury Yonex. Congratulations to Luke Green, Keiran Dockley, Tim McNamara, Kieran McNamara & Zak Kranjcec-Caravidas



(Woodend). Also to Catherine Elliott from Hanging Rock, who would have played if she could, and many thanks to the Hanging Rock club for the use of their courts once again.

Congratulations also goes to the Section 3 team, who valiantly won the first semi-final, but narrowly lost in the pre-lim.

Our 2 other junior teams also enjoyed their season, and gained lots of tennis experience, skill improvement, social interaction and had fun running around whacking balls.

Upgrading of Tennis Courts Project and Lighting

Soil tests have been carried out, and we are still hoping for an end of December completion of the re-surfacing of our 3 courts.

As you know "We are very keen as a club to pursue all possible funding avenues to be able to install lights to 3 courts at the same time as the re-surfacing project.

This would be a fantastic achievement for the **Romsey Community.**"

We are very grateful to the National Bank in Romsey, who have made a fantastic donation to our club, to enable us to embark on a significant raffle in the near future.

We are hoping for the community's support of this raffle when you see us out and about selling tickets.

Summer season

The Summer season will begin in third term, early October, and we wish our 6 junior teams and 1 seniors team all the best for the up-coming season

Club Contacts

Club coach - Brett Rees - 5429 6716.

Social Tennis - Thursday Morning at 10.30am - phone 5429 5525

Family Social Tennis - Friday from 4.30pm (re-starting 4th term)

Mid-week Ladies - Bev Beaumont - 5429 6189

Senior Saturday Tennis - Darlene - 5429 5188 or Bev Davis - 5429 5954

Junior Saturday Tennis - Mandy Green - 5429 5191

Social Twilight Tennis - Mondays from 6.30pm (daylight saving only) Kaye - 5429 5622

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