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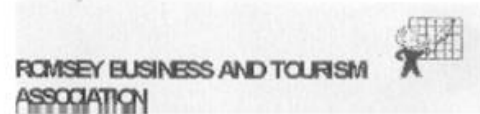
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From the Rag Team:

Welcome to the first Romsey Rag for 2008! It has been a really monumental task putting this edition of the Rag together in a very short space of time, due to some fairly major problems with computers that took a while to resolve. If there are any errors or omissions we apologise—it has been a real rushed job to get this out to you on time.

Collating co-ordinator Joan Sparkes is currently out of action with an injury, and we would like to wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back in the near future. To all the volunteers who do such a terrific job of collating the Rag— a huge thank you, especially in the absence of Joan.

As usual, we would love to hear from anyone who has a little time to spare to assist with one or some of the many tasks associated with producing the Romsey Rag— from gathering articles, to setting the Rag up on the computer, to printing and collating. If you would like to offer your services we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please call Joan on 5429 5848 or ring Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 and speak to Christie or Robyn.

Finally, we need to say a very heartfelt thank you to Barney Healy who has been our editor-in-chief for the past 8 years, and who has left Romsey Primary School to further his career at another school. Barney has made a huge contribution to the Rag as editor and with regular articles to keep the community informed about the happenings at the school. The new acting principal at Romsey Primary School, David Hinton, has taken over Barney's role and we would like to welcome him as part of our team.

ROMSEY LIONS CLUB SUNDAY MARKET— 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The next Romsey Market will be held on
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Romsey Golf Club - Ladies Report

Late last year we were successful in obtaining a grant from the Victorian Golf Foundation for junior coaching clinics and the junior tournament (which is held in October school holidays.) This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage girls and boys to learn and to play golf. At the tournament last year only boys entered and it would be really good to see some girls enter in this year's events. Dates for the junior coaching clinics with a golf pro will be announced later possibly taking place in April. Watch the Rag for more information.

During December the ladies had a display and mini golf activity at "Owning our Lot" held at Hanging Rock. Thank you to the Assembly of God and the Macedon Ranges Shire for the assistance with the mini golf. The golf was the most popular activity on the day. Hopefully, we will also gain some new members from our publicity on the day. As the mini golf was a free activity we sold raffle tickets on the day and thank Soltan Pepper for their generous donation of a dinner voucher.

Our Christmas breakup was at Soltan Pepper where we had a great meal and many laughs. We are so lucky to have such a great restaurant in our town. It is also central enough for over half our members to be able to walk there and home again (even if I was threatened about walking so fast!)

Our golf has resumed after the Christmas break, and it is good to see everyone back all refreshed and ready for the coming year. The first week back we played Ambrose to get us back into the swing again. Then we had 'bring a junior' day to try to introduce golf to some young people. We had 5 juniors come along and they enjoyed the morning and hopefully learnt some basics. Last week we played Canadian and everyone enjoyed the game.

For our working members and any other golfers who may wish to join us we will be starting a Sunday comp on 10th Feb. We will meet at 9.15 in clubrooms for a 9.30 hit off. We will trial this for a month and hopefully improve as we find out the needs of working ladies. The ladies are again this year entering a team in the Relay for Life, so anyone wishing to sponsor us would be most welcome or just come along and give support on the weekend.

A golf clinic has been arranged for Saturday 9th February commencing at 9.30am for a couple of hours or as long as you can stay. This is not to be confused with the junior coaching later; this clinic is for anyone - adults and juniors, beginners and all others. No equipment necessary, we will find a club for you. For more information ring myself or Hilda on 54296538. The morning is free and a cuppa will be offered afterwards.

Children all gone to school, nothing special to do on a Wednesday? Come and join the golf ladies at 8.30am for a social hit and giggle or get your handicap and play competition. The 13th Feb is a "Come and Try" morning with lunch to follow. Ever wondered if you could hit a golf ball or if you would like the game? This is the day to come along and have a go. No experience necessary. No equipment needed we will share clubs with you. (Please ring if you are coming especially if you are left handed.)

As I write this report Hilda & Jan are preparing to be Volunteers at the Australian Women's Open at Kingston Heath, commencing 1st Feb. We will expect a full report for next month's Rag and hopefully any good golfing tips they pick up will be shared with us so we can all reduce our handicaps.

Recipe for this month: Quick Chicken Casserole.

1 Cooked chicken cut into bite size pieces

3 sticks of sliced celery

1 tin of celery soup

Put all ingredients into a casserole and heat through

Serve with rice.

(An alternative is to use mushrooms and mushroom soup.)

Beryl Cole
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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

A happy New Year to all the readers of this magazine and I hope and pray that 2008 brings many blessings to you all and much rain.

We have just celebrated Australia day, the day our land was founded.

Many of our values, our laws and the ways we operate were not only based on the existing policies that were already set up in England, but were based on the contents of the Bible.

For example, the basis for many of the values of our land was these words of Jesus, "Love your neighbour as yourself." From this, the purpose of how we were to live as a society was based on and, in many cases still is, if we were to look out for another as opposed to ourselves, this principle would be a great guide for living in 2008 especially in these days of high mortgage stress.

On top of this, the church founded many of our schools and other institutions. Ministers of the mainstream denominations set up these in order to provide those who came to Australia with everything they needed in order to live a quality life.

In 2008, the basis of our laws is still the word of God, yet it is selected by few as a life choice, but those who do, have a very healthy perspective of life on earth. Our church believes that living the way the Bible teaches will provide a vibrant society and community, where people know and look out for another. In other words, provides a solid, stable community for all who live in it.

Let us all take on board the principle of caring for one another so that we can have a safer, friendlier and more caring community with a broader care network in the year 2008 thus getting us back to the values that our country was founded upon.

That's this month's view from the vicarage.

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

Regular Services and Coming Events:

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Church hall. Cost \$3.00 to cover dinner. Anyone in Grades 5 – 9 at school welcome. Come along and see what fun activities we do. All welcome and all our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

This recommences on Sunday 3rd February 2008. See our ad further on for the program.

3. Our Op Shop turns 10 this month and we are celebrating Big time.

Here are the details:

Saturday 23rd February 2008 from 10am to 1pm
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BIRTHDAY CAKE.
ALSO, SPECIAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY SALE.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE.

Saturday 24th February 2008 at 10.00am

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4. Please also mark down Saturday 15th March 2008 for our Romsey Easter Fair at St. Paul's from 10.00am to 1.00pm. See advertisement further on in your paper.

For further details on any of our activities, please contact the office on 5429-1380.

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Entry via gold coin donation

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No pets allowed.



Macedon Ranges Walk Together



Commencing March 2008

Macedon Ranges Walk Together is an innovative walking program emphasising fun and togetherness in a supported environment where walkers join with like minded people to become active. All groups will have trained leader facilitation. Involvement is as little or as much as you want, with maybe the chance of a social cuppa at the end.

Discover walking

Suitable for those new to walking and who want to walk **at their own pace.**

Conducted in a hall, with fine days outside in a small circuit.

Individuals who may want to explore this option are those that have deconditioned, the older walker, well walking frame walkers

recovery after an illness, and those with a disability.

The terrain is flat and the circuit is small to encourage progress.

Duration-Up to 30 minutes

Pram Plus- mums, dads, grandparents, carers with littlies.

Puff and Sweat

For walkers who would like a longer walk time to get warm, puffy, and slightly sweaty.

May involve hills and longer local walks.

Duration-30-60 mins.

Walking Group Leaders

- Do you like walking?
- Do you walk and love your local area?
- Would you like to share the benefits of walking with others?
- Can you spare 60 minutes minimum a week?
- Do you like a little responsibility?

Then you may like to be a volunteer walking group leader. (Time, duration and day your preference)

We provide:

- Leader training- February 2008
- First Aid training
- Recognition for a job well done.
- Support

If you are interested

Contact details

1. Karyn-The Romsey Neighbourhood House- 0400755123
2. Phone- Jeannie- Macedon Ranges Walk Together Coordinator- on 5427 1845 and leave a message and/or ring Thursday 10.30-12.30 pm if you would like a chat.
3. Email- wncitreas@vic.chariot.net.au

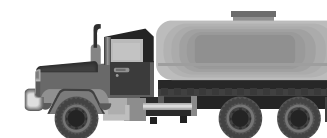
Macedon Ranges Walk Together Project is facilitated by the Neighbourhood Houses in Lancefield, Romsey, Woodend and the Riddells Creek Community Living & Learning Centre in collaboration with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Cobaw Community Health and the Central Victoria health Alliance PCP.

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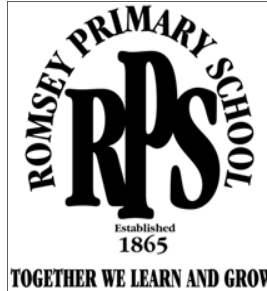
Romsey Primary School News

ACTING PRINCIPAL

My name is David Hinton and I have been appointed as Acting Principal during Term One while the formal Department of Education selection process is undertaken for the appointment of the new Principal for Romsey Primary School. The selection process will be completed towards the end of March and the newly appointed Principal will take up the position at the commencement of Term Two.

I am the substantive Principal of Wodonga South Primary School (enrolment 480) and have been given leave from the Hume Region to take up this Acting position. I have been a Principal of 4 previous schools over a period of 14 years, from small rural schools to large urban schools. My wife has secured a position in Bendigo and I am looking at opportunities that will become available in this Region. This is a big move for us as we have done most of our teaching in and around Wodonga. We are, however, looking forward to living closer to family in Bendigo, Geelong and Melbourne.

I am excited by the opportunity to be Acting Principal of Romsey Primary School. I have been impressed by the school's reputation and the warm welcome I have received from the staff and the many parents I have met so far. I am looking forward to meeting more of the school community in the coming weeks.



Romsey Primary School Farewells Mr Barney Healy

At the end of last year Mr Healy accepted an offer to take up the position of principal of Maryborough Education Centre for 2008. This information was communicated to parents during the holidays. Mr Healy was Principal for a little over eight years and very committed to making Romsey Primary School the best possible school.

The School Council are holding a farewell on Thursday 7th February 7:00-9:00pm and everyone is welcome to attend. David Hinton will act as principal for term one. The Region assumed responsibility for his placement. He has a number of years experience as principal and a smooth beginning has been made to the 2008 year.

The School Council invite members of the school community
to attend the farewell of
Mr. Barney Healy.

WHEN Thursday February 7th 2008

WHERE Romsey Primary School Gymnasium

TIME 7:00pm—9:00pm
7:30pm Formal Proceedings Commence

R.S.V.P Monday February 4th 2008

Please phone the
Romsey Primary School Office if you would like to attend on 54295099

We look forward to seeing you on the night

Joan Gibbs
Assistant Principal

Dr Jennifer Stillman
School Council President

Romsey Roundup Country Night

Just a reminder about this great night of country fun to be held on February 22nd. Tickets can be booked through the Romsey Primary School office at just \$26. Full details are on the back page of this edition of the Rag. This is a fundraising event for the school, so you will not only have a fantastic night out, but you will be supporting our school.

World's Longest Lunch

Bush Tucker for Long Lunch at the Rock

In a perfect complement to the bushland setting and heat of summer, the 2008 Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch is taking on a Bush Tucker theme for the 29 February foodie extravaganza at Hanging Rock Reserve.



Friday
29th February,
2008

The World's Longest Lunch is a dining experience like no other. Join the expanse of the single, elegantly laid long table for up to 200 guests as we serve up a delectable four course luncheon with perfectly selected Macedon Ranges Wines.

The table will be set amongst the gums at the Hanging Rock Reserve with stunning views to 'The Rock', visits from all the local wildlife, while feasting on a specially designed menu of gourmet bush tucker.

Dispel from your mind a goanna on the coals and start to imagine the flavours of baked quail with quandong poached in Muscat, polenta and wattle seed squares, salmon with lemon myrtle aioli, kangaroo sausage sautéed in river mint, Kakadu Plum, and wattle seed rigatoni.

Local chef Garry Nish of Bungaree Catering is heading up the team bringing a new slant to an old favourite at the Hanging Rock Reserve, along with Colour of Earth – Makers of Fine Foods, and a selection of medal winning Macedon Ranges Wines.

Garry's passion for Australian native food is long standing.

"What better spot will you find to have a gourmet food experience than Hanging Rock? I love the place. The smell of the Eucalypts on a hot day, the sound of the cicadas, a visit from Snowy the Kangaroo...it all set my mind to thinking about doing a gourmet bush tucker feast for this years Longest Lunch." said Garry.

Get together with a group of friends or work colleagues to indulge in a long lunch in one of the regions most beautiful settings.

Tickets for the 2008 World's Longest Lunch are \$99 each including site entry, transport connections, food, wine, and great company.

Tickets and information is available by calling 54 219 619 during business hours.

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Saturday 1st March 2008
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, 'til late

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Romsey Art and Craft Market

The first Romsey Art and Craft Market supporting the Romsey Community House. Wow what a buzz !!!!!

I know the market was only small and thank you so much to our eight stall holders and the community who supported us on what could have been a disastrous day due to rain, but Sunday's market is our first and a taste of what's to come. The variety and craftsmanship was commendable

Thankyou to Belinda, Carole, Gerri, Carol, Georgina, Cheryl, Natasha, Jane and Hayden



Sunday was the first of 6 markets held each year. The dates for 2008 markets are:

- February 10th
- March the 30th
- May the 4th
- July 27th
- September 28th
- November the 16th

So make sure you put the dates on your calendar and don't miss the next one!!!!

We are still calling for market stall holders so if you know of anyone or a friend who lives in the Macedon Ranges Shire, Sunbury or Kilmore please pass this information on and contact Gillian at the Gillmay Arts Gallery 103 Main Street Romsey or phone 54293996 and leave your details. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you yours sincerely Gillian Gorrie

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Annual Picnic—Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club
The Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club will be staging its 21st Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock on Sunday 10th February 2008.

The event is open to all veteran, vintage, classic and 'special interest' cars, motorcycles and pedal power vehicles as well as to persons who wish to view the vehicles on display.

The 20th Annual Picnic in February 2007 attracted more than 2500 entrants as well as more than 10,000 people.

The Picnic includes a number of free displays and attractions suitable for all ages, including miniature steam train rides, Rocker Cover Races, games for children, an animal farm as well as a range of presentations from our sponsors. The major sponsor for the 2008 event is Lumley Special Vehicles.

The event takes place at the world famous Hanging Rock Reserve near Woodend, approximately 50 minutes north of Melbourne. Apart from the excellent display of vehicles, visitors are able to climb the 'Rock', as well as enjoy a family picnic and great day out.

This year one of the club member's cars – a 1928 Graham-Paige – has been selected as the Event Presentation Vehicle and will be on display near the main stage.

Entry to the reserve for this event is \$20 per car, \$5 for motorcycles and \$50 for busses – entry fees are payable at the gates. Entry for display cars is via the North or South gates, with spectator parking via the East gate. Traffic Wardens and road signs are in place to assist with directions. Gates open from 8am.

For more information please contact the Club's Hanging Rock Coordinator on 0419 393 023 or email grham.williams00@gmail.com. The latest information and updates are available at the club's website <http://www.mradmc.com.au>.

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

Mrs Pat Shannon (President) on 5429 6194 or Mrs Jeni Clampit (Secretary) on 5429 5480



Macedon Ranges BaBs Group 2008

Are you pregnant? Are you a parent with a new baby? Does your day consist of ABC Kids, endless feeding and nappy changes? Then we NEED you! Macedon Ranges Babs is back for 2008 and looking for parents to join our sessions. The group will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month during school term to discuss relevant topics and offer peer support to mums and dads on the parenting journey. In the months of April, July and October 2008 BaBs will run informative weekend workshops sessions. The first topic to be held in April will be "The early months – Coping with your new baby". If you are interested in coming along and want more information please take a look at our website

www.woodendweb.org/babs or email us babs@woodendweb.org for more session updates for 2008.

SPORT AND LEISURE IN ROMSEY – 2008 PROGRAMS

Register now for these great programs at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Contact the centre on (03) 5428 7155 or rrc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au.

For information on the website visit www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au click on A-Z index and look up Romsey Recreation Centre

JUNIOR PROGRAMS

Junior Soccer
Under 12, under14 and under 16 competitions
Monday and Friday nights
\$85 per season
Starts February

Junior Basketball
Under 12, under14 competitions
Tuesday Nights
\$85 per season
Starts February

Aussie Hoops
Basketball junior development
10 years and under
Tuesday nights
\$65 for 10 weeks

Goal kick
Soccer junior development
10 years and under
Friday Nights
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firmed.
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SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Mixed Netball

Thursday Nights
Starts February

Pilates
Monday Afternoons (2pm)
Intermediate and beginner classes available
Starts February

Daytime Ladies Netball

Starts term 2
Team or individual entries available
Morning to be confirmed
Childcare Available
Aerobics Classes
Monday Night 7.30pm
Thursday Morning 9.30pm
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Senior Mixed Volleyball
Friday Nights
Team or individual Entries
Starts Term 2

Other programs available
Senior Mixed Squash
Senior Badminton
Senior Men's Soccer
Senior Mixed Soccer
Junior Netball
Senior Ladies Netball

ITS TIME TO THINK, ITS TIME TO DO

Ms. Bev Brock from the Rotary Club of Melbourne wrote in the Probus Magazine: "Why is it that we humans are so stubborn that we refuse to address issues that are of vital importance to us until it is too late". I believe: "That us humans try hard not to know and in doing so us humans can sit back, forget an issue and do nothing".

I am 80 years old, community minded, interested in what happens to youth, mid range ages and of older range of community members. I attend public meetings, forums and listen to issues presented. Those in attendance quoted lots of matters but when the session is over it was all to be forgotten. The thought seems to be that someone will fix an issue. But who is that someone?

At a forum organised by the shire, which was poorly attended (badly advertised I suppose), brought up two issues which I thought were really first to be dealt with.

- A young mother said: "There has to be a place where mothers with children afoot can come together. There was the Court Yard café, which had a playroom, and this allowed us to have a cuppa in peace with the children in the playroom. That café has closed down. Where do we meet now?" The solution would come when the HUB is finished. *This will only work if someone is going to fix it so it will work.* See statistics *** below
- A couple expressed: "We have a property which is now too big for us to look after. We do not want to leave Romsey, but where can we go?" I am in the same situation and ask that question too. I decided to find out and approached the club I belong to and gave out 30 questionnaires. I got three responses. It seems to me that even in a club with older people that they do not believe that they will get older and most likely get into a situation *that they cannot do what they used to be able to do.* As I said at the beginning of this article that we do not want to know. If we do not know we do not have to worry about it. It is so much easier. **But if the time comes, where do you go?** See statistics below ****

Let us look at some statistical figures. I got hold of Statistics by the Macedon Ranges Shire offices and searched the net for more information from the Australian Bureau of statistics. When my wife and I decided to come to Romsey back in 1990/1 the town of Romsey advertised the total population to be 1735 people.

Years:	1990	2001	2005	2010	2015	2020	2031
Total population	1735	2938	3949	5181	6010	6501	7024

Children 0-4 ***	156	275	315*	414 *	420*	410*	401
			* are calculated by %				

Older 65-80 ****	69*	179	266	407	562	721	1064
	*calculated %						

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN until YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN

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J.Van Arkel

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Contact Program Coordinator: Elsie Parkinson Ph. (03) 5429 6327 Mob. 0422 860 486

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351 Mobile: 0408 380 962

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship...

The Romsey Uniting Church Mission Group has commenced its first mission outreach project for 2008 – **"Pack Backpacks for Kid's backs"**. School backpacks have previously been sent to East Timor and Tonga where there is still a need for this support as well as other Pacific Partner Churches. Our aim is to fill and send 10 backpacks with equipment for children to use in schools.

Ephesians 2: 8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

It was a bitterly cold day. The stems of long grass were etched pale gold against the dark browns and purples of the bare trees. I'd been sketching down by the river, until my fingers were too cold to hold a pencil. I watched an angler packing up. He'd been there four hours, he said, sitting among the reeds, huddled against the wind.

Stowing his rods and other gear away, the last thing he did was take his net out of the river. As he lifted it clear of the water, it almost exploded with energy. There must have been a dozen fish in it, several a respectable size.

He looked at them with quiet satisfaction for a few seconds, then gently released them into the water, giving them their freedom.

As a parable, the story isn't accurate in all its details – parables are often like that – but it made me think of Paul's words to the Christians at Ephesus. "By grace you are saved," he said. When they were caught up in never-ending tangles of selfishness, thrashing around without purpose or hope, God gave them a way out.

He opened the net, restored them to the freedom he'd created them for, but which they'd lost. He gave them freely, graciously, what they had no power to achieve for themselves.

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew to follow him, he told them, "I'll make you fishers of men". In a way, that's almost an image of captivity but, down by the river, I saw it in a new light. We're caught in his net, not to be confined, but to be released to a freedom we could never earn. It's God's gift of grace, free and undeserved.

Lord, I know the feeling. Netted, like a fish.

Caught up in the pressures that surround me every day.

I thrash around, gasping for air, fighting for space, the urgency allowing no concern for others.

Each struggle weakens me a little more.

Each movement encroaches on another's freedom.

The net of my own egotism – and others' expectations – holds me prisoner.

The mesh restricts me. And the harder I push the more it hurts. I see no way out.

Then comes release. Your hand reaches down.

Lifts me. Breathes new life. Offers new freedom.

And as the mesh falls away I see the struggle was of my own making. And poorly made at that.

A do-it-yourself job, if ever there was one.

But this new freedom is yours.

Purpose-made by a craftsman.

And it's a gift.

I get weary of all the promises that drop through my letterbox, glossy, but empty.

New life by mail order, allow 28 days for delivery.

Yet, somehow, the prize they say I've won already never comes.

Yours, Lord, unlike the others, is a gift of grace.

No catch, the small print honest and to the point.

And in the freedom of your love I swim with confidence.

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)
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Church Services During February 2008

February 3rd:	9.00 am	Worship Service and Sunday School
February 10th:	9.00 am	Worship and Communion Service conducted by Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
February 17th:	9.00 am	Worship Service and Sunday School conducted by the Worship team.
February 24th:	9.00 am	Worship Service and Sunday School conducted by Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

LANCEFIELD ANGLICAN YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM –Term 1

- 3/2 Crazy games night.
- 10/2 Paddock exploration.
- 17/2 Orienteering followed by a loud musical surprise.
- 24/2 Swimming at Lancefield Pool
- 1/3 and 2/3 Relay for life fundraiser and sleepover (more details on the first night but there is a cost of \$15.00).
- 9/3 Kids' choice.
- 16/3 One big Easter Egg hunt and find out why we have Easter eggs with the help of some loud music and visual aids.

The Cost of each night is \$3.00 to cover the cost of dinner and all leaders actively involved with the children hold valid Working with Children checks.]

All nights go from 5pm to 7pm unless otherwise advised.

For further information, please contact 5429-1380

Parenting for success Enjoying my Teenager

This program is for parents of teenagers and will explore adolescent

- Development
- Communication
- Challenging behavior
- Conflict resolution
- Relationships and understanding mood changes



Time: 9.30am – 12.00noon every Tuesday
Date: From 26th February – 18th March 2008 (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 Leonie on 54 211 607



Karate Success

Wu Lin Retreat hosted a special Black Belt Grading for 30 enthusiasts over the weekend of December 1st & 2nd.

James Sumarac 7th Degree Black in Traditional Goju Ryu Karate oversaw the standard along with a panel of several high ranking Teachers.

Results of local participants included:

1st Dan Black Belt

Philip Bass, Shyning Chookoon, Lazar Sumarac, Hanelle Monds, Asanka, Silva, Lusas Kong, Vanessa Ulpiano, (TullamarineDojo)Ling Parente, Tegan Berezny, Tarika Lucas Frank Dellevoet, Harrison Vermont, Scott Ilgoutz

2nd Dan Black Belt Vicki Katte, Kyran Barber, Jake Trotman, Billy Trotman Julian To

3rd Dan Black Belt Bill Demetrtzidis, Shou Mei Sumarac

5th Dan Black Belt Les Potter, Graeme McConnell- Brown

COMMENCEMENT OF NEW LANCEFIELD/ ROMSEY BUS SERVICE

The long awaited improvements to the Lancefield/Romsey bus service have finally arrived with the extended service commencing Monday 17th December 2007.

New elements of the service include:

A morning commuter service that connects to the early train to Bendigo

A morning commuter service to Sunbury via Riddells Creek arriving Sunbury station at 7.15am

Services to Gisborne 4 days a week

A Friday evening service to Sunbury (departing Lancefield at 6pm and returning at 10.55pm)

More weekday services

A Saturday service

Services on most public holidays

Further changes foreshadowed in 2008 are:

Operation of a bus with a wheelchair hoist on the route

Introduction of a single ticket for bus and train travel

Inclusion of the route as a V/Line service and painting of the bus in V/Line colours

NEW TIMETABLES

are available at

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES

LOCAL SHOPS, SERVICE STATIONS and NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES

in the towns on the bus route

Some services were omitted from the timetable despite strong support from the community. These include a late night return bus service from Sunbury on Saturday night and a Sunday service. Efforts will continue to be made to have these added to the timetable during the 18 months trial period.

Community feedback and comment on the timetable and other aspects of the service is encouraged.

IF THE BUS SERVICE IS NOT USED, OR SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED AS TO HOW IT COULD BE IMPROVED, THE SERVICE COULD BE LOST AT THE END OF THE TRIAL

For any further information, contact

Jenny Sitlington

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Rave Reviews—Your February reading recommendations

Chain of Evidence – Garry Disher

The fourth title in Disher's Hal Challis series and unquestionably the best so far. To quote Peter Corris on the front cover, "Disher is delivering the best crime fiction around." The characterisation is spot on, even with the minor players, and the regular staff at Waterloo Police Station just keep developing more and more facets to their personalities and lives. Having dealt with drug dealers, murderers and other seedy aspects of police work in previous titles Disher carefully weaves his plot around the possibility of a paedophile ring operating on the Peninsula. Surprisingly Challis is absent from all this entails, caught up with his father's imminent demise in outback S.A. It is left to Sgt Ellen Destry to try and connect the chain of evidence that she painstakingly uncovers and the results are both surprising and shocking.

Marley and me – John Grogan

For all dog lovers this delightful book is a must read. Grogan tells the life story of his beloved Labrador retriever, Marley, probably the worst behaved dog ever to join a family. Through the trials and tribulations and in moments of elation Marley is in turn loyal and manic, adorable and manic, slobbering and manic, affectionate and manic... Anyone who has ever owned a dog will rejoice and despair at Marley's escapades. It is a funny, poignant and beautifully written book.

Don't call me Ishmael! – Michael Gerard Bauer

This is Bauer's second book for teenagers, the first 'The Running Man' won the CBC Book of the Year for Older Readers in 2005, and this one was shortlisted for the same award in 2007. Unlike that first book 'Ishmael' is full of humour as the antics of four teenage boys help them discover their self-confidence, girls the power of language and how to defeat the school bully. Ishmael, as the narrator, is by turns witty, perceptive, dismayed and hopelessly in love. The brilliant description of the debating semi-final and its aftermath are just gems. and...

Ishmael & the return of the Dugongs – Michael Gerard Bauer

I'm usually the first person to bemoan the fact that sequels aren't as good as their predecessors...well this one breaks the mould. Every bit as good as, possibly even better than, 'Don't call me Ishmael' this is yet another laugh aloud masterpiece from Bauer. Ishmael is back with his crazy circle of friends, in Year 10, and even more embarrassing, cringing moments pursue him inside and outside the classroom. Bauer has perfected the art of translating teenage turmoil into type and his observations are a joy. Once again one particular scene stands out – the Razzman reading Goldilocks and the 3 Bears to his would be girlfriend's younger siblings, or in Razza's words, "Awesome – the break and enter chick!"

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

LOCAL RAILWAYS EXHIBITION

On Saturday and Sunday (February 2nd and 3rd) at Lancefield Court House—11.am to 4.00pm, the Historical Society will hold an exhibition entitled "The History of Local Railways".

Some locals may not know that trains ran through Romsey and Lancefield until 1956, and for a short while there was even a train line between Lancefield and Kilmore. However, both these lines became uneconomical and road transport took over.

Lots more details will be available at the exhibition, plus information about lines further afield. Light refreshments will be available at reasonable cost, and a gold coin donation for the exhibition applies.

Enquiries to Archivist Robyn Miller— phone 0418 172 659.

GENERAL MEETING AT SEYMOUR COTTAGE

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday February 26th from 7.30pm. The topic will be "Show and Tell". Members and visitors are invited to bring along an item, preferably of historical interest, or nostalgic family interest. The meetings are always followed by a cuppa and a chat.

Enquiries to Secretary Jean Clement—phone 5429 6522.

Thank you

Local resident Jean Clement must be recognized for her efforts in keeping our environment tidy. Most times when you see Jean in the shopping area she is picking up rubbish carelessly thrown down by other people. I have seen her on many, many occasions doing this, and I think she should be congratulated and praised for the obvious pride she takes in keeping Romsey and attractive place to be. Thank you, Jean.

Name and address supplied


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For bushfire planning, near enough not good enough

More than half of households in high bushfire risk areas of metropolitan Melbourne are not adequately prepared for fire. That's one of the major findings from a recent CFA survey of over 1,000 households and is a worrying sign that residents seem to believe that near enough is good enough when thinking about how to survive a bushfire.

"While 90% of people surveyed say they have a bushfire plan, more detailed questioning showed that the majority are missing important details such as what to do if the mains power fails, and when exactly they expect to leave their homes," says CFA Region 14 Manager Community Safety, James Fox. "It appears that many residents believe they've done enough planning but it's clear they have not thought through all the details."

Some aspects of bushfire preparedness are very familiar and have been incorporated well into people's plans, such as discussing action plans with family members and having specific items organised and on hand. However, others such as covering gaps and underfloor spaces to reduce the risk of sparks entering are less likely to be considered.

A lack of comprehensive planning means properties may be vulnerable if a bushfire does break out.

"What if you missed a critical aspect of staying and defending your home? A bit of time spent thinking and planning can make defending your home easier to deal with under very stressful conditions," Mr Fox said.

Bushfire Action Plans are available from the Romsey Fire Station during the week. If you wish to talk to someone about preparing a bushfire plan, feel free to drop past, or call Michelle on 0419 381 008.

CFA provides support to residents in preparing their bushfire plans through community street meetings and information sessions. More information is available from your local fire station, from the CFA web site (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or by phoning the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (1800 240 667).



AUSTRALIAN OPEN GARDENS SCHEME PLANT FAIR AT BOLOBEK

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 March. 10am-4.30pm.

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Over this one special weekend, Australia's Open Garden Scheme is once again bringing together around **40 exhibitors** from Victoria and interstate. It is an ideal opportunity for gardeners to meet and talk with expert growers of the most interesting and unusual plants, and to find something out of the ordinary.

The Fair will feature choice perennials, rare trees and shrubs, Australian natives, bulbs and succulents, as well as sculpture and specialist tools.

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Presbytery: 5429 2130
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School: 5429 1359

Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

MASS TIMES

Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield

6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

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

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

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

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

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

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,

10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey.

All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Wednesday of each month

at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Raffle:

1st prize: A. Todd

2nd prize: Z. & J. Kolodziej

3rd prize: L. Adamso

2008 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (Grade 3) or Confirmation

(Grade 6) in 2008 are asked to contact St Mary's Parish Secretary on 5429 2130 or Cheryl Walker at St Mary's School on 5429 1359. As the program is commencing very early in Term 1 2008 you are asked to indicate your intentions as soon as possible. There is a Sacramental meeting on **Thursday, 7th February 2008 at 7.00 p.m.** in St Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey. All children are required to attend this meeting with their parents, as enrolments will be taken, dates will be given out and arrangements for Catechist lessons will be made. This will be the final date to enrol in St Mary's Sacramental Program.

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Romsey

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CLEARING SALE

On **Saturday, 1st March 2008**

at the Romsey Church grounds, Main Street, Romsey

commencing at 10.00 a.m.

If you have any unwanted goods you would like to sell (big or small),
why not sell it at our Clearing Sale.

We are asking for 10% commission on all goods sold.

For anyone who would like to sell crafts, bric-a-brac, etc.,

sites inside the hall for a market are available for hire at \$15 each.

For bookings or information please contact Barbara at the Presbytery on 5429 2130.



Romsey Community House Inc.
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HOUSE NEWS

Programs for Term 4:

Art Classes: For Children and Adults:

Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays

Art & Craft Market for Romsey

Expressions of interest are sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey. It is anticipated that the first market will be held on November 18th. For information phone Gillian on 5429 3996

Yoga With Kym Oliver

Wednesdays 7.00 pm at Romsey Primary School.
Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.
For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

Writer's Group with Dee White—new members welcome. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on the first Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School.

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month for all you Memory Makers and Scrapbookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session and includes pizza or fish'n'chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826

Drop In Craft Morning is back every Thursday from 10.30 at CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey. Gold coin donation. Bring along an unfinished craft item, or a skill to share and enjoy the relaxed friendly atmosphere with a group of like-minded people. Or just come for a cuppa and a chat!

Payments for classes booked through the Community House need to be made at Romsey Primary School or mailed to Romsey Community House, P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

For information, to express interest or suggest new activities please contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

What's happening at the Hub?

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc. late last year, a new committee was elected with Wendy McLaughlan as president. A much expanded committee including old and new members was elected, with a great range of expertise and interest represented among the members. Outgoing president Barney Healy was thanked for his tireless work and commitment in helping to get the community house off the ground right from the very first public meeting when this project was initially proposed, and for his representation of the community house on the Romsey Hub committee. Barney has subsequently resigned from his position as principal at Romsey Primary School, and as a result of his new work commitments has also resigned from the Community House committee. We would like to wish him well, and look forward to enjoying his company as a special guest at the opening this year of the new Romsey Hub.

Most people in Romsey are probably watching as keenly as we are the progress on the buildings that constitute the Hub, with the official opening (hopefully) less than 4 or 5 months away. With this will be the opportunity for the Community House to significantly expand the range of programs and activities on offer to the members of our community. So please let us know what your thoughts are and what programs you would like to see operating in this fabulous new facility. It would be a shame to have come this far with limited resources and lots of good will, only to have it dwindle because of lack of interest from our community members. Our term 1 program remains largely unchanged from the end of last year, but hopefully in term 2 there will be some great new initiatives. Keep watching for more information.

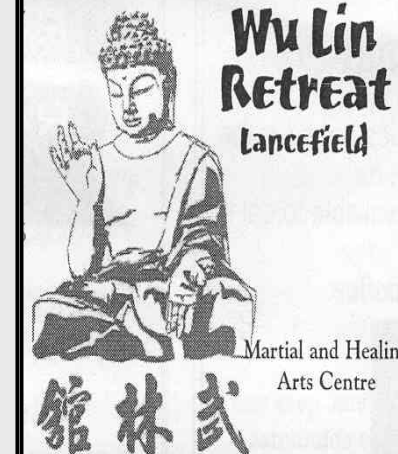
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