

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results for this month

Wed 23rd July Stroke & monthly medal L. Beasley
Wed 30th July Stableford J. Casey 33pts
Wed 6th August Stroke L. Beasley
Wed 20th August Stroke L. Beasley
Monday 28th July Hilda & Helen competed in the district final of the RWH 4BBB at Kilmore, they enjoyed the course and had a fun day.

Unfortunately the club winners were unavailable to go to Marysville for the district final of the Young Australian Foundation. From what I have heard of the weather on the day I would say lucky they didn't go. Playing in snow doesn't sound much fun to me.

Wed 13th August Lancefield ladies invited us to play with them. 6 ladies went to Lancefield and played Stableford and all enjoyed the course, some finding it more challenging than others. Congratulations to Tina Baker 43 handicap from Lancefield who won on the day with 43 pts and broke her handicap. Our Hilda won NTP on the 18th and birdied the hole. Lancefield will visit us in September.

Lorraine and I played in the Dalhousie 36 hole Foursomes at Euroa on Thursday 21st August. We headed off with a complete change of clothes after hearing the weather report, but were lucky on the day to not even need the wet weather gear. The fine weather didn't help the standard of our golf but we were out there enjoying ourselves and the sponge cake for afternoon tea was so light it was all worth it. The ladies have started our championships so we hope the weather stays fine on Wednesdays.

New members are always welcome. If you want to try golf please ring and we will arrange to share some clubs with you and help you get started.

Recipe for this month comes from the family of one of our past Life Members.

Phyllis's Bladebone Steak Casserole

2lb bladebone steak cubed
Mix together 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons tomato sauce
¾ cup sugar
3tablespoons vinegar
1 level teaspoon mustard

Marinate steak in mixture overnight.
Next day remove steak, roll it in flour and return to marinade mixture.
Place in saucepan.
Add 2 sliced onions (and sliced carrot if desired).
Pour in 2 cups of boiling water and simmer for 2 hours.
May be cooked in a slow oven for 1½ hours.
Serve with mashed potatoes.

Beryl Cole
54295411

Informed Decision Making and the 70 kmh Zone

To live, work or go to school in the township of Romsey is a true privilege. The town has all of the trappings of a small rural community in the appealing Macedon Ranges whilst being close enough to Melbourne for those who need to travel there.

In all small community groups, whether they are sporting clubs, church groups, schools, kindergartens or entire small towns, "big decision issues" occasionally arise. Some examples of this at present in Romsey would include the debate about the proposed Romsey Hotel redevelopment, discussions relating to the ODP and the management system review of the Romsey Kindergarten. Such issues have the capacity to ignite passionate response from different members of the community for all sorts of reasons as we feel an understandably emotional attachment to the cause or group. However, when big decisions need to be made which have ongoing consequences for possibly many years to come, it is important that those wishing to engage in the decision ensure their contribution to the debate is an informed one.

Imagine if scientists made decisions on, for example, the safety of a medication which were based on purely emotion, "gut instinct", or history alone without doing the research and looking at the facts to decide the appropriate conclusion. The consequences could be devastating. Imagine, too, if our judges and juries made decisions based purely on a whim. We would all like to think they have examined the facts before making decisions of ongoing consequence. As citizens of any community, we all have a right to have a vote on certain issues as they arise. However, we also have a *responsibility* to ensure the vote is an informed one based on logical examination of all of the facts and not based purely on sentiment alone. Such analysis is what makes communities, big or small, great ones. Sometimes, to get the facts, we need to travel *beyond* the 70kmh zone.....

Jenny Stillman

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From The Rag Team

Thank you to the people who responded to our recent call for additional volunteers to help out with the Rag. We look forward to welcoming a number of new people to the crew in various roles—copy setting, printing and collating. We still need more people for the collating team. With just a few it takes many hours, but with lots it is a short and enjoyable task. So give it some thought—if you can spare even an hour on one Thursday morning a month (see dates above) we would love to see you! Just come along to the Romsey Primary School front desk and ask to be directed to the Romsey Rag collating team.

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

The market is back!

The next Romsey Market will be held on Sunday, 28th September
New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245

Grants available for volunteer community organisations

Dear friends

We are very fortunate in the Macedon Ranges to have many fantastic community organisations staffed by highly experienced and passionate volunteers who work tirelessly to serve our community.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available from the Victorian Government through the *Volunteer Small Grants* program to assist these organisations to attract new volunteers, create new volunteering opportunities, and strengthen existing volunteer programs as a way of engaging new volunteers.

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For more information about the program, telephone the Victorian Government's Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 or visit: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au

Warm regards,

JOANNE DUNCAN MP
State Member for Macedon

Welcome and Thanks

We have recently welcomed a new member to the production team of the Romsey Rag—printer extraordinaire Colin Miller. Colin brings many years experience as a printer to our team, and his assistance with this aspect of the Rag production is very much appreciated.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents from Romsey Primary School who assisted with the collating of last month's Rag. We were finished in near record time, and it just shows that the old saying about many hands and light work is true! We hope there will be the same number of willing volunteers each time collating day rolls around.

Ripper Reads For September

Adam Hills: live in the suburbs – DVD

I very rarely review DVDs as I feel that most people watch them anyway, but this one may have escaped general notice and it's a gem. Hands up all those who enjoy watching 'Spicks & Specks'? Well if that's you – rush in to reserve an hour of Adam Hills' quirky stand up comedy routine recorded 'live' from the Cardinia Cultural Centre in swinging, suburban Pakenham. Yes, that's right Pakenham is no longer mainly populated with cows, but now only 45mins from Melbourne's CBD! A joyful celebration of wit and wobbly legs.

Red Haze: Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam – Leon Davidson

This incredibly informative book tries to introduce the intricacies of the Vietnam War to a younger generation. A well-written, well-researched and well-balanced book, it succeeds admirably. Davidson commences with a graphic description of the Long Tan Battle in which just over 100 Australians held off an attack of over 1500 Viet Cong. He then gives a brief historical background to the conflict, as well as the attitudes and actions of the main players – Viet Cong, South Vietnamese Government, the colonial French, the Americans and the ANZACs. My only comment would be that the publishers recommendation "for readers 10+" is erroneous. The political machinations, along with the descriptions of the battle, "5 soldiers went out in an APC that was shelled and all of them came back in one body bag," are probably better suited to an older, more mature audience – teenagers.

The Penalty – Mal Peet

An interesting book this, set in 21st century soccer mad Brazil in the slums of San Juan. It manages to combine the mystery of an abducted soccer player, a brief look at the African slave trade to South America and the rituals of the occult – voodoo. So many different elements and yet Peet ties them together brilliantly with his short, sharp sentences and effortless transition from one time and place to another. The second in a series, one hopes there will be more titles to come, featuring sports journalist Paul Faustino.

Macedon Ranges Touch Football

Competitions Start Tuesday 21st October, 2008
Divisions

Senior Mixed A Grade Competition

Senior Mixed B Grade Competition

Junior Under 16 Competition

Junior Under 12 Competition

Where: Dixon field

When: Tuesday Nights

Cost Senior Team: \$990.00

Cost Junior Competition (pp): \$70.00

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4.30pm Tuesday 7th Oct

4.30pm Tuesday 14th Oct

Come & Try Seniors

6.00pm Tuesday 14th Oct

Registrations Due: Tuesday 7th October

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Check the website: www.macedonranges.vic.gov.au



Riddells Creek Senior Basketball

Divisions: Senior Mixed & Over 30's Mixed

Where: Riddells Creek Leisure Centre

When: Thursday & Tuesday nights

Cost: \$40.00 per week & \$70.00 Registration.

Registrations Due: 19th September

Competitions Start: Term 4 - October 2008

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Paid referee positions are available.
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Riddells Creek Junior Indoor Soccer

Divisions: Under 16, Under 14, Under 12
& Under 10 Coaching

Where: Riddells Creek Leisure Centre

When: Monday, Wednesday & Friday Nights

Cost: \$95.00 for competitions

\$70.00 for coaching program

Registrations Due: 12th September

Competitions Start: Term 4 - October 2008

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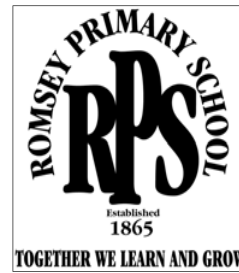
Sporting House Names

This year we have observed the introduction of sporting houses to Romsey Primary School. So far we have only been known by the colours blue, green, yellow and red (now orange). Last week the houses were formally named. The selection and voting process was carried out by the Year 5 and 6 students and was based on local families who have lived in the Romsey district since the pioneering days and made many contributions to the community. Some of these families still have strong connections within the community.



After research by some students, including the house captains, 8 names were short-listed and then voted for by the students. The new names for our sporting houses are Clement for Blue House, McIntyre for Green House, Clarke for Yellow House and Shaw for Orange House.

At our Year 3 to 6 Athletics Sports students enjoyed their allegiance to their house and tried hard to score points. The Year Prep to 2 students competed on Tuesday and the scores will be tallied to find out who has won our first Athletics House Sports.



Learning Together

In August three way Parent / Student / Teacher interviews were held. This was a valuable time for students to share their learning goals with parents and reflect on their progress. A group of teachers have also joined together to improve their professional learning. This is known as a Learning Walk with four teachers walking into four classrooms. On the walk, teachers collected evidence from students' work samples, teacher talk, classroom walls and student conversations and actions. Together teachers have looked at the evidence collected and recommended strategies for teachers to use to support student ownership of learning.



Beauty and the Beast

Recently the whole school enjoyed the wonderfully entertaining production of Beauty and the Beast. This musical performance enhances our Performing Arts program. From prep to year 6, students were enthralled by the very professional show presented by the talented performers at Alpha Shows. Lots of audience participation was encouraged and students enjoyed calling out at Gaston the 'baddie' and cheering on Belle. The traditional story focussed on valuing yourself and believing in yourself for who you are. It also linked beautifully with our Bounceback Program. All classrooms are revisiting each letter of this acronym to strengthen resilience in students. I was delighted to hear the cast comments on the behaviour of our students who were complimented on their refreshing enthusiasm and manners towards our guest performers



Aerobics Success

Recently four teams competing in the State Aeroskools Championship. with two of our teams Short Stuff and Razzle Dazzle both qualifying for the National Championships in Sydney. All teams completed the skills to a high level and have trained hard under the outstanding leadership of two of our teachers, Karren Baker and Katie Buultjens. Most of the competing teams have paid professional coach and we are very proud of everyone achievements and wish our two teams every success in October.

Enrolments for 2009

Parents who are planning for their child to start school at Romsey Primary School in 2009 should enrol now. Enrolment documents are available at your Kindergarten or from the school office. Please bring the enrolment forms, proof of age and record of immunisation..

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Last Sunday of the month

12 – 4 pm

Sun 28 Sept - Bruce Mutard

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Walking Group Register

Are you a walking group that would like new walkers to join?

I am trying to get together a register of walking groups across the Macedon Ranges Shire.

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Lancefield Romsey Lions Club of District 201V1-4

Lancefield Romsey Lions Club was started on 16th August 1973 and has been serving the community for 35 years, as well as supporting other Lions Foundation Projects, both here and internationally, such as Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, Lions Hear Dogs and Lions Cancer Research Program to name but a few.

Lancefield Romsey Lions Club had its Changeover Dinner 2008/09 at the Grange in Lancefield, on Saturday 2nd August.

There were around 40 people in attendance. Among the guests were Joanne Duncan MP and her husband Steve, Councillor Geoff Neil and his wife Pam and Lions District 201V1-4 Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Ross Wood and his wife Levellese. Also in attendance were Romsey Lancefield Rotarians, including President Greg Powell, Romsey CFA President Robert Smith, Lions members and their partners and residents of both Lancefield and Romsey.

Master of Ceremonies on the night was Don Grey, a resident of Romsey, who added a little panache to the night and made everyone feel welcome. Councillor Geoff Neil proposed a toast to Lions International for their service to the community. This was responded by IPDG Ross Wood, who then spoke about Lions Club activities and in particular Lions Children of Courage Awards and Lions Children's Mobility Foundation.

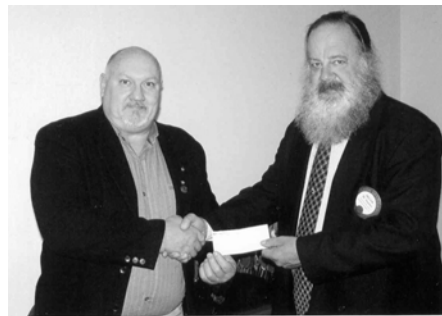


Lion Ged McLaughlin introduced the Installing Officer Lion, Joanne Duncan. Ms Duncan has been a member of Lions since 2004. Her role on the night was to install new office bearers into their new positions for the year 2008/09.



Outgoing President, Milos Starec gave an outgoing report on his year as President. Incoming President is Lion Julie Starec.

During the evening, IPDG Ross Wood presented a banner patch to Lion Milos Starec for membership growth of the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club. Also in the night, Lion Milos Starec presented a cheque to Robert Smith for the Romsey CFA, of \$1000.00.



The evening was enjoyed by all and was a great night, with many raffle tickets and a door prize. Jokes were told by the new Tail Twister, Lion Max McDonald.

Further presentations on the night were flowers given to Lion Julie Starec for her support to Lion Milos Starec, as President for the last year. Flowers were also presented to Jenny Colson for her support to her husband, Ron Colson, as Club Secretary. Wine was presented to our MC Don Grey and flowers were presented to Lion Joanne Duncan for her official duties on the night.

As well as working for the community, Lionism is about friendship, enjoying being part of the community and having fun.

Lancefield Romsey Meetings

We hold our meetings twice a month—2nd Monday of the month (business) and 4th Monday of the month (dinner meeting). Dinner meetings are just that, we have a guest speaker and our Tail Twister tells a few jokes, so it is always fun. Coupled with enjoying the company of fellow Lions members and their partners, and of course, a great meal.

If you are interested in attending a business or dinner meeting or wish to find out more about Lions, don't hesitate to call President Lion Julie Starec on 5429 1990 or mobile 0411 643 407.

A Long Road for Romsey Residents

All roads lead to Melbourne – or at least the majority of them do – for Romsey residents, new Shire research shows. The study has found that 55 per cent of all workers who live in Romsey work in Melbourne. That's 872 local residents who head to Melbourne each day. And the study has further found that 68 per cent of the Romsey residents who go out of town for their work are driving a car. That doesn't leave too many who travel as passengers or use public transport. From the main towns in the east of the Shire – Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek – that's more than 1200 cars each day on the road, day in, day out – down to Melbourne and back again. That's a lot of cars, a lot of mileage, and a lot of fuel.

This heavy dependence also throws up the capacity of the Romsey-Melbourne Rd to handle the volume of traffic heading up and back each day. The excellent study by the Shire's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Lorraine Beyer, throws up some very interesting issues for us all. In these times of high fuel prices, we all need to think about what can be done to reduce the impact on our community.

One of the obvious measures is to look at sharing rides to Melbourne. Given the critical mass of motorists – some 68% of the Romsey workers hit the road to get to work – there have to be a significant number of cases where residents have similar travel patterns to ensure it's convenient and feasible to share a ride. I'll be calling on our Shire officers to investigate the feasibility of setting up a ride-sharing register

so that residents can check out the advantages and connect with each other.

One of the key problems with the Romsey-Melbourne Rd is the problems of overtaking slower traffic when the road is busy. I've previously called on VicRoads to look at the feasibility of installing some overtaking lanes and climbing lanes in key bottleneck areas, and will be calling on the Council to again push for this as a matter of urgency.

Another area we need to further explore is the creation of local jobs so that our residents don't have to travel out of the area for their work. Staff in the Council's Economic Development Department work hard to attract business and growth to the area, and the more local jobs created the better it is for our community. The Council study also shows that the Calder Highway is also well populated by commuters from the western part of Macedon Ranges. Around 1965 cars per day head down the highway to Melbourne from Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton, Macedon and Mount Macedon.

If we can help encourage more local jobs and promote car-pooling, we will all be doing our bit.

Henry Bleeck.
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A Great Day's Entertainment!

Judging from the laughter and the tears of the audience members, the one-woman show "The First Step on the Tram is Hell" which was recently presented on a Saturday morning at the Romsey Mechanics Hall, was a huge success. Castlemaine performer Sue Ingleton's hilarious and touching insights into the journey that is old age struck a chord with every person in the auditorium. Her observations throughout the show, as three different characters with their own perspectives on ageing, were at time uncomfortably confronting, but instantly recognizable in someone old we all know and love (or not, as the case may be). Her skill in making the transition from one character to another was amazing.

It was a real treat not to have to travel to Melbourne or another larger country centre to enjoy this show. It left plenty of time for a leisurely lunch at a local venue, in the company of a group of friends. Let's hope there is more on offer in Romsey in the future along these lines!

New Electronic Gaming Machine (Pokies) Community Policy

Council has developed an *Electronic Gaming Machine (Pokies) Community Policy* to replace its 2002 *Responsible Gambling Policy*.

Council's vision for pokie gambling in the Shire is to ensure pokie gaming is positioned appropriately. The new policy is designed to provide a balance between the recreational potential of pokie gaming in the Shire and Council's broader town planning, health, wellbeing and community representation responsibilities.

Public comment on the new policy is being sought. The policy is available for view in hard copy at libraries and in Council's service centres as well as electronically on Council's website: www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au home page under 'For Your Comment'. Alternatively you can email or ring to request a copy on the contact details below.

Please email or post responses to Council by Friday 29 August 2008 including your full name, address and contact numbers to:

Dr Lorraine Beyer
Social Planning Coordinator
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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 Monday
Date: From 10th November – 1st of December 2008 (4 weeks)
Place: Romsey Community Hub (Romsey Library)
Cost: No cost for program
\$2.00 contribution to tea and coffee costs per week will be required

The course will be facilitated by Leonie Farrugia Social Worker, Grant Young Accommodation Support Worker, from Cobaw Community Health Service and Amanda Summers Counsellor, Romsey Community House.

Bookings essential

Contact Romsey Community House 54 296 724



Cricketers Wanted

The Gisborne District Cricket Association wants to introduce a H Grade to the competition and Romsey wants to be a part of it. This would give the club 4 senior teams, the highest grade McIntyre, plus D, F and hopefully H grade. This would give the Romsey Cricket Club a great balance of serious and social cricket. It would also provide senior exposure to our junior players coming through.

Pre-season training is on Sunday mornings at 10.00am onwards from August 17th, and also Wednesday nights from September 3rd at 6.30pm. During the season we train on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The competition has a 7 x 2 day format, and a 7 x 1 day format, so it does not matter if you can't play every week. We hope to attract both serious and social cricketers. If you are interested please phone Michael Richardson on 0437 240 655.

Last year we fielded 5 junior teams successfully and this year we may have 6 junior sides, so to book a place in a team you must register on registration day on Wednesday 27.8.08 at the Romsey clubrooms between 5.15 and 6.45pm. We will definitely have 1 under 16, 2 under 14 and 2 under 12 teams. Any enquiries please call Michael Richardson on 0437 240 655.

The Milo Cricket Program will run from October 19th 2008 to December 7th 2008 on Sunday mornings at the Romsey Primary School. This caters for 6 to 10 year olds and is a great fun experience. More details about registering for this program will appear in next month's edition of the Romsey Rag.



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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

As we head towards the end of term 3, Romsey Kindergarten has much to be proud of and a lot to look forward to! The year has been a busy one for all elements of the kindergarten community – teaching staff members, children, parents and committee of management members. As it heads into the “pointy end”, the transition to school program begins in earnest, with visits to Romsey Primary School increasing in frequency. Orientation for next year’s classes will soon be underway and then there is Christmas to occupy the minds of everyone.

Open Day in September, the new playground beginning construction before the end of term, the Early Childhood Forum in October and the Annual General Meeting in November makes for a busy time. As in many other community institutions, the work of volunteers cannot be underestimated when it comes to pulling much of the “extracurricular” activity together. Whether it be producing the fortnightly newsletter, helping children to do picture plate gifts, selling raffle tickets on a cold winter’s day, providing morning tea for Mother’s Day celebrations, processing enrolments, reviewing policy or liaising with the Shire Council of Macedon Ranges (the landlord!), these and many other roles are undertaken by volunteers who commit their time and enthusiasm to the job at hand. The pool of volunteers at kindergarten and elsewhere is not an infinite one when everyone seems to have such busy lives. It must be nurtured and supported to encourage ongoing valuable assistance, whether it is at kindergarten or elsewhere in our community.

Mini Olympics

Despite cold, wintery conditions, Olympics fever came to Romsey Kindergarten on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd August when the “Mini Olympics” were held. Green and gold attire was widespread as the children enthusiastically played their “Olympic” sports. Even the Olympic torch relay was conducted! The national anthem was played, and medals ceremonies were conducted involving every participating child. It was great fun for all children and adults involved.



A Love of Books

Bridget from the Romsey Library recently visited the kindergarten to read to the children. It is also hoped that an excursion to the library may also be organised later in the year. The “flying Bookworm” will also be making a visit to the kindergarten soon – watch out for a report in the next Romsey Rag.

Playground Redevelopment Update

Construction work on this large and exciting project is scheduled to begin by mid September with a total construction time estimated to be four weeks. A contractor has been appointed and Bruce Grillmeier from the Mary Jeavons Landscape Architect group will be, in conjunction with the Committee of Management, partially administering the project. Bruce was responsible for developing the original concept plans and is looking forward, as is the kindergarten community, to seeing the plans come to fruition.

Open Day

Just a reminder that Open Day is to be held on Saturday 6th September between 10am and 1pm. The official opening will be conducted at 10.30am. Jane Maeland from the Kathy Walker Early Childhood Consultancy group will be presenting on “Promoting numeracy and literacy through play” and “All behaviour has consequences”. Our teaching staff will be present, and we will have the usual free festivities including a sausage sizzle, morning tea, kindergarten activities, colouring competition, show bags and helium balloons. A cake stall and raffle draw will also occur. Our Open Day has become an opportunity for celebration at Romsey Kindergarten, so feel free to drop in for a visit.

The Cookbooks Are Here

The famous Romsey Kindergarten cookbooks (2008 edition) are now available for sale at \$10 each. The recipes are geared towards busy people who want to cook with minimal hassle and maximum result! Each cookbook has an individually decorated cover done by our kindergarten children. Please contact Raelene Mottram (54 296272) or Heather Daw (54 296220) if you wish to view or purchase one.

Father’s Night Is Coming

Father’s Night will be held in early September for the four year old groups to show their dads/granddads/uncles their kindergarten. A full report of this special evening will be in next month’s Romsey Rag.

Jenny Stillman (0412 349849)
Committee of Management

Living Word Christian Church



Business breakfast

Date: Saturday morning 20th September 2008
Venue: Living Word Christian Church Hall
7 Mitchell Court Romsey
Time: 7:00am – 8:30am
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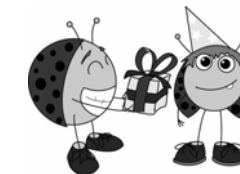
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Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



*You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services
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Combined Service at St.Mary's Catholic Church, Romsey.

On Sunday 14th September, 10am. a combined service for all churches in the area will be held at St.Mary's Catholic Church in Romsey.

Meditation

Confessing Christ as Lord.

Matthew 16: 13-20.

"Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

'Some say John the Baptist,' they answered. 'Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet.'

'What about you?' he asked them. 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' (verses 13-16)

To say the right thing at the right time can be very important.

Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister during World War II, will always be remembered for some of his sayings. They were timely, well put and delivered in an unforgettable manner. He was good with words.

Peter is also remembered for saying the right thing at the right time. But even though God had spoken through him, he had to learn that to confess Christ as Lord was more than just a matter of good talk.

For his confession of faith to be true, he would have to walk with his Saviour down a horrible road that led to the cross.

That's the way it is with you too. Your confession of faith in Christ becomes real when you own him as your Saviour and walk with him wherever he takes you. That's not easy. Peter stumbled. But it doesn't have to end there. Your Lord is always ready to forgive you, to lift you up and set you on your path again.

Lord Jesus, you are indeed the Christ. May my confession always be a mirror of my relationship with you. You are my loving Lord. Amen.

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Church Services during September 2008

7 th .	9am.	Worship Service and Sunday school.
14 th .	10am	Combined worship for all churches in the area at St.Mary's Catholic Church, Romsey.
21 st	9am.	Worship service and Sunday School conducted by the Worship Team
28 th	9am.	Worship service and Sunday school conducted by Avril Hannah-Jones.

Probud Club
Romsey – Lancefield
President: Mrs. Pat Shannon
5429 6194
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit
5429 5480

Probud Meetings are held at St.Mary's Hall,
Main Street, Romsey.
10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

The September meeting guest speaker will be from 'Envisage Travel Company', speaking about Tours around the World, geared to people over 55 years.

Our Guest Speaker at the October meeting will be a member of the 'Hearing Dogs Society'.

Persons interested in this club and hearing our guest speakers are invited to come along to our meetings.

Pink Ribbon Breakfast for Breast Cancer Research

Host a breakfast during October's Breast Cancer Month (1-31 October 2008) and help raise vital funds for breast cancer research.

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Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks BANK SUPPORT PAYS DIVIDENDS FOR COMMUNITY

Supporting our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches is paying dividends for local community groups, Bank chair Maureen Wiltshire said today. Announcing the availability of more than \$40,000 in 'Building Our Community' grants, Mrs Wiltshire said they were tangible evidence of the commitment of our Bank to the local community. The funding comes on top of more than \$90,000 put back into the local community by the Bank in recent years to local community groups, clubs and our shareholders. Mrs Wiltshire said letters were now being sent more than 50 local community groups advising them of the availability of 'Building Our Community' grants – with offers worth either \$1000 or \$500.

"Part of our charter when members of our community banded together almost 10 years ago to plan and see through our vision of securing our financial future with locally-owned Community Bank branches of the Bendigo Bank was that everyone had a chance to benefit," she said. "Part of our pledge was to direct a significant proportion of our profits back into the community in support of local groups or projects of local community benefit. The launch of our 'Building Our Community' grants is tangible evidence of honoring this commitment."

Mrs Wiltshire said the community groups that had been identified as being eligible for a 'Building Our Community' grant this year would need to meet the Bank's criteria, including allocating the funding to a particular project of benefit to members.

"Early next year we will be holding a 'Building Our Community' grants gala night to celebrate how the numerous local clubs and groups have been able to use the funding," she said. "The clubs and groups this year were selected in recognition of the contribution they have made and continue to make to the local community, and their support for our Community Bank. Our Community Bank Board intends our 'Building Our Community' grants to be an ongoing program. We want to support and reward local groups that are making a contribution to the community – in the same way that our Banks are a key part of the Lancefield and Romsey communities. The opening of our branches has enabled us to 'bank-proof' our towns with Banks that are owned and operated by the local community, and which exist to provide a firm financial future for Romsey and Lancefield. We are also helping secure the future for our community groups."

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Media inquiries:

Graeme Walker. Community Banks Board member 0409 237 543.

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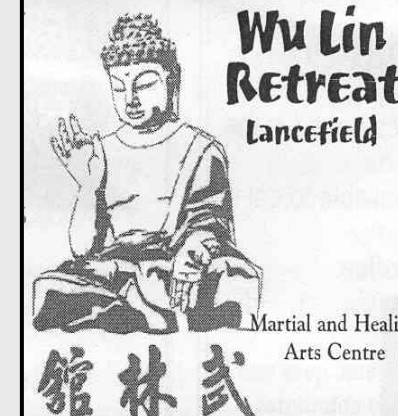
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Maria is a regular favourite at venues and festivals around Australia, as well as numerous television and radio appearances. Based in Melbourne, Maria has a strong connection to her Irish ancestry, she has regularly toured the Emerald Isle to perform, write and record. In 2001 Maria performed the national anthem to the stadium and an international television audience at Football Park Adelaide, for the Australia vs Ireland 'International Rules' football match. Maria has been awarded nationally and internationally for her songwriting. Her strength lies in her ability to write timeless material that connects with people's lives.

In 1994 Maria's debut album "Will You Dance With Me?" immediately attained high rotation on Melbourne radio. The title track, featured in the Channel 9 show 'Weddings', has become enormously popular as a wedding song all over Australia. A decade later this album's popularity has endured. With four more recordings to her name, Maria has firmly established herself as a dynamic artist with longevity and substance.

As well as Maria, musicians from all over the State including "Ricketty Bridge", "Knot of the Gate", "Raggety Band", Steve Varga Group, Camerons Ceiledh and many more will perform.

Poets Galore!!!

John Peel, who won the prestigious Golden Dampier Award of the Tamworth Bush Poets' Original Work and Performance division, will be one of the marvelous poets attending the Paramoor Farm Fayre this year.

The Ballarat Courier writes that "The competition puts Australia's best bush poets against each other as part of the Tamworth Country Music Festival".

John Peel's poem "The Fence Off" tells the story of a farmer who discovers fencing is a sport and winds up locked in a duel with an Olympic fencer – who came equipped with a sword.

John Peel will be joined by other bush poets such as Ken Porto, Eddie Dalton, Colin "Mulga Bill" Carrington, Carol Reffold, Bill Peyton and Dean Padgham. All combining to make it to make "Poets Corner" a place not to miss at the Paramoor Farm Fayre.

Macedon Region's Paramoor Farm Fayre

A WINNER

This year's Paramoor Farm Fayre on Father's Day, Sunday September 7 will feature around 50 stalls, folk music, poetry, Morris dancers and carry the theme of Henry Lawson.

The event that started several years ago, has now become one of the Macedon Region's major annual attractions and attracts visitors from not only the region, but also Melbourne and other parts of Victoria.

The beneficiary of the Fayre is the Carlsruhe Fire Brigade, which - largely because of the Fayre and the money it raises - has been described as one of Victoria's best-equipped small units.

This year's event will be no exception. Following in the tradition of last year, which had Banjo Patterson as its theme, the 2008 Fayre will feature poetry, verse and songs from the works of Henry Lawson.

A highlight of this year's Fayre will be the presence of TV personality and doyen of craftwork, Tonia Todman – who will also host a demonstration. Tonia operates a school for cooking, craft, interior design and gardening at Lauriston near Kyneton and is widely known for her exceptional craft work.

Daylesford Macedon Produce (DMP) was established in 2002 to nurture, develop and market the growers, winemakers and food producers of the region. There will be a wide selection of DMP produce including meat, vegetables, fruit and herbs, chutneys and preserves, while for the sweet-tooths, there will locally produced biscuits, cakes, and honey.

A wide range of excellent food will be available. Paramoor Winery, whose 2006 "The Fraser" Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot has just been ranked by James Halliday among the best wines in Australia, will offer its full range of fine wines.

Special marquees will host, throughout the day, continuous folk music performances, lead by Maria Forde and poetry readings, lead by John Peel. The live music, poetry reading, Morris Dancers and jugglers all add to the movement, colour and general excitement of the Fayre.

Another highlight will be a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing by Dean Lewis of Coimadai Forge. Dean is the current World Champion Creative Blacksmith.

There will be a great variety of activities for children including face painting and story telling, a quiz following clues around the Fayre, treasure hunt, drawing and painting and plenty more.

Paramoor Farm Fayre is associated with the annual Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival.

Paramoor Farm and Winery is located at 439 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe (off the Calder Highway between Woodend and Kyneton). (Melways Ref: Map 609 G9, VicRoads Ref: Map 60 A6).

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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.

NOTICES

Parish Feast Day

On the Sunday nearest the Feast of the birthday of Our Lady, (8th September), we remember our parish community by coming together. On Sunday, 7th September after the 10.00 a.m. Mass at Romsey, there will be a sausage sizzle for all Parishioners.

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ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Garden Group: Thank you to Michelle and Vince at "Ruralistic" Garden and Rural Supplies for donating the sand used for the personal paving project at the front of the school.

The children at St. Mary's have celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist. The Masses were held on the 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st of August. Part of the children's preparation was a reflection day held at school on the 22nd August. The St. Mary's community have been praying for these children and we ask that you join in our prayers. We wish the children God's blessings.

The year Prep, 1 and 2 families celebrated Mass at the Romsey church on Sunday, 17th August. This was also Grandparents Day and nanas and grandpas were invited to join in the celebration, as well as being presented with special bookmarks.

Book week was held the week beginning the 18th August. The theme was **Fuel the Mind**. The students have been reading the books over the past few weeks in Library lessons and voting on their favourite books.

The school community celebrated the Feast of The Assumption of the Virgin Mary on the 15th August in the church. This is one of only two Holy Days of Obligation left in the Catholic Church.



The year 3 and 4 students have worked together to create a friendship wall under the walk way. They have shared their ideas about what it means to be a great friend. It looks fantastic.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Kent (Prep) who has recently been Baptised.

We are all looking forward to some warmer weather, although the local rain has been much appreciated. Stay tuned for some exciting upcoming events.

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Walking Together Program Tuesday 9.30am – 10.30am Macedon Ranges Walk Together + Romsey Community House = Fun, Local, Easy, Free and Social. Combined Walk (in your own time at your pace) - Pram Plus, Puff N Sweat, Discover Walking Meets at Romsey Oval
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Morning Tea Morning:Bring a friend and a plate to share Tea & Coffee Wednesdays 10-11am Cost- Gold Coin donation

Writers Group First Monday of month (Recommencing September) 7pm – 8.30pm. Led by Dee White .

Drop in Craft Morning:Every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during school term

Watch the Romsey Rag for special interest days including: Smocking, patchwork, Knitting, Appliqué and UFO (Unfinished Objects). Convener – Karyn Gottschling. Gold coin donation.

Crop Till You Drop Scrap Booking 3rd Saturday of the month at the Hub from 5pm. Cost: \$15 per session. Contact Belinda Williams 0458 200 173

Adult & Children's Art Classes Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays

Knitting Group is Back ! Wednesdays 2-3pm. Come and learn to knit, share your skills or just come and work with other who share the interest. Suits all levels, beginners to experienced. Contact: Heather ph: 5429 5895

SEPTEMBER – Health & Wellbeing Managing Stress - When things get tough what do I do? Identifying and managing stress.

Day session - Friday 12 September 08, 10.30am -12 noon
Evening - Thursday 18 September 08, 7pm – 8.30pm

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO COOK CLASSES

Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget Series Introduces the inexperienced cook to the art of preparing healthy meals for individuals or a family on a budget.

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LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO USE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Computer Basics Computer basics for the computer illiterate! For people wanting to learn to use a computer in a friendly environment, where you can ask questions without fear or embarrassment! Classes will introduce you to the computer (which bits are which and go where!), introduction to word processing on Microsoft Word, the Internet, email, and downloading photos from digital cameras. One hour per week dur-

ing Term 3, 17 July – 18 Sept 08 on Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am Cost: \$5 per class (\$50 for 10 weeks) Bring a notebook and pen

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - "LEARN TO MAINTAIN A CAR" CLASSES

Basic Car Maintenance Essentials – For beginners!

Got your first car and want to look after it, or had one for a life time and think you should be doing a better job of looking after it? These classes will introduce you to BASIC car health – what to check, how to check it, and how often it needs to be done e.g. Battery, oil, water, tyres, gauges etc. Practical and theory. Bookings essential.

Dates: Sept 2, 9 & 16th Time: 9.30-11.30am
Cost: \$15 per session (\$45 for all 3 sessions)

Please note: All courses, dates and details are accurate at time of printing however may be subject to change. Confirmation of all course details can be made prior to booking.

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Available at the Romsey Community House at the Hub, Main Street, Romsey
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Or By Appointment Contact - Chris Durston 0403 313 977

Look out for Term 4 Learn to Classes - Gifts on a budget, Christmas Lunch on a Budget! And many more

Expressions of interest are sought for a series of classes in Microsoft Publisher for term 4. This would be an evening or Saturday morning class over 5 or 6 weeks. If we have enough interest we will offer this course from late October.

How to Book:

Booking forms are available from the Community House (or the library service desk if the House is unattended). You can also phone to express your interest and we will send you an booking form. **Payment is required at the time of booking.** Courses may be cancelled and moneys refunded if there are insufficient numbers to run the course.

Privacy Statement - Any personal information provided by course participants remains confidential. For further information please call us or refer to our Confidentiality Policy.

We want to hear from you:

What we need most at the moment is your input into your Community House. We need to know the programs and activities that will be of interest and benefit to you.

We need you to become a member of the Romsey Community House Inc. Membership is open to all adults aged over 18 years, and costs just \$1 per year. This entitles you to attend committee meetings (once monthly) and to have your say on how the Community House will be run. It also supports us in our negotiations with council and other government bodies to secure funding and other resources for the House.

Our target is 1000 members by the end of 2008.

We need to hear from people willing to share skills and interests to help establish our activity programs.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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YOUTH DAY

Insight to World Youth Day by Mrs. Joanne Reuther, Pastoral Associate

World Youth Day is a gathering of Catholic young people from around the world. Held every two to three years, it has been hosted all over the world, including Rome, Buenos Aires and Manila. The Manila event attracted more than five million pilgrims.

It was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1984 "to consolidate the ordinary youth ministry by offering new encouragement for commitment, objectives which foster ever greater involvement and participation" (Letter from Pope John Paul II - Seminar on W.Y.D. 1996). The Bishops at the time were not as keen and felt it would fail.

It is also celebrated on a diocesan level annually and is a major part of the upsurge in Catholic Youth Work over recent years.

WORLD YOUTH DAY HAS COME AND GONE

There was no denying the excitement I felt in April this year as the journey of the W.Y.D. Cross and Icon touched down in Melbourne. The Cross and Icon's message of hope, peace and reconciliation provided a strong sense of togetherness and solidarity.

The Cross and Icon not only served to remind people that Christ walks with us in life, but also that we are not alone on earth - we are all one family called to a common faith. But to be truly honest, I wasn't quite sure how this event, the largest youth event on the planet was going to spiritually spark our youth and us oldies. I had the opportunity to attend the Commissioning Mass at Telstra Dome on the 11th July. It was a huge Mass, 30,000 plus young and old attended. If I had any doubts of the success of this event it was eradicated that evening. It was intensely joyful and thought-provoking; prayerful and vibrant, richly colourful and above all spiritual. I and a few of our parishioners sat near a young group of PNGs; what a wonderful group of young men and women. We had a good chat with them; their enthusiasm to be on this pilgrimage was for them a journey of the heart, the mind and soul. This group came from a very small village of only a few hundred. Their village and parish had gone to extraordinary lengths to get them to Australia.

I would like to write about the other events over the week but this article would go on forever. But I would like to mention the opening Mass in Sydney and in particular Archbishop George Pell's homily on the reading of Matthew's Gospel of 'the lost sheep'. Archbishop George Pell did not begin his homily on the 99 healthy sheep but on the 'one lost sheep' he singled out anyone, anywhere, "who regards himself or herself as lost, in deep distress. Speaking to all of faith but "especially to those without religion", he said Christ's call was to all who are suffering, offering love healing and community. He urged everyone

present and the millions watching on around the world not to spend life "sitting on the fence", keeping your options open, because only commitments bring fulfilment". This was a challenge for all of us, to meet our obligations, doing our duty, and to love and care for all peoples not just our own.

W.Y.D. I believe was a success. People generally, not just Catholics, recognised that Pope Benedict was a kindly holy man, with a strong and attractive message for the old as well as the young. I was not just pleasantly surprised, I was overwhelmed. The fervour and devotion of the young pilgrims impressed me and gave me so much hope that our Church is going to be in very capable hands in the future if not already. These children of the Y Gen showed so much enthusiasm, and openly expressed the love and spiritual depth of their faith that will last in my memories for a very long time.



St Paul's Anglican Guild Romsey

Invites you to *An Afternoon With Mrs Joy Freier Telling "Her Story".*

From western Queensland and the Northern Territory to "Bishopscourt" East Melbourne
(Joy is the wife of DR Philip Freier, the Archbishop of Melbourne).

When? *Thursday, September 18th at 1.30pm*

Where? *Christ Church Hall, Chauncey Street, Lancefield.*

Donation: \$6. Door prizes and Trading Table.

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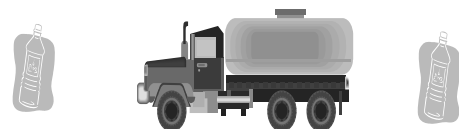
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Saturday 4th October 2008, 8.00pm

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2 Course lunch, entertainment and complimentary beverage on arrival

\$27.50 per person

Sunday 5th October 2008, 12.00pm

Pre Spring Carnival

Fashion Parade

2 course dinner & sparkling wine on arrival
\$50.00 per person

Monday 6th October 2008 6.30pm

Bookings and enquiries 5429 5428

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Romsey Community House News

Programs are well under way at the Romsey Community House in the Romsey Hub, Main Street, Romsey. Since we moved to the Hub we have had some very successful sessions including Computer Basics, our regular craft mornings on Thursdays, 2 free information sessions on "All You Need to Know About Wills (presented by barrister Chris Durston), Knockout Chicks Fitness For Women and the Food Handlers Certificate Course, which was fully subscribed.

We were very pleased to be offered a community grant from the Bendigo Bank in Romsey, which will be used to further extend our programs and resources at the House. We thank Rod Browning and the board members of the Bendigo Bank for this generous grant. We also have an application in with the state government for a grant to provide free internet access at the Community House for the people of Romsey. We should know the outcome of this application very soon. The only way our programs will suit our community is for you to let us know what you want so please tell us your thoughts on what you want at the House. Our phone number is 5429 6724.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc. will be held on Monday October 15th at 7.00pm at the Romsey Community House, Main Street, Romsey. Please come along to our meeting and consider joining our committee to ensure that it accurately represents the people of Romsey. New office bearers will be elected at this meeting.

Romsey Primary School

Trivia Night

Friday November 7th

At the school in the Gymnasium

7.00pm for 7.30 sharp start

Pick a theme for your table—let your imagination run wild!

Prizes for the best dressed.

Lots of fun and activities on the night including:

- *Silent Auction—heaps of great prizes*
- *Live auction of sports memorabilia*
 - *Door prizes*
 - *Raffles*

Book a table of 8 -10 people by contacting

Sam Kaliszewski on 5429 6858 or the school on 5429 5099

\$15 per person includes light supper, tea and coffee

B.Y.O. Drinks, nibbles and glasses

THANK YOU

We would sincerely like to thank Bev and Mark for stopping to help our beautiful pet dog Bonnie who was hit by a car and killed on Main Road early on Monday morning, 4th August. A very cruel, uncaring person hit her and didn't stop but Bonnie was lucky to have such wonderful, caring people take care of her until we could be there to say goodbye. We cannot thank you enough and we will never forget what you did. Kind Regards
The Warren Family

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