

## Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

**Presentation Day:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Golf: 10am assembly for a 10.30 hit off, playing Ambrose. This will be followed by lunch at the Boyce's at approximately 1pm with presentations at 2pm. Cost for adults \$15 per and drinks at bar prices.

It has been another busy month. As well as golf at Romsey we are clocking up some miles around the country. I went to the Woodend tournament on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October and won a NTP. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan and I played in the 4BBB at Craigieburn and Jan won the C grade longest drive. The 16<sup>th</sup> of October saw Lorraine and I chauffeured by our trusty caddie to Rosebud where we stayed with friends in preparation for the Doris Chambers Foursomes play off at Long Island. The course offered plenty of sand bunkers for us to try out, and we took turns playing in the sand. Thank you to our friend for the accommodation and Bruce for caddying. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Lorraine played in the Silver Spoon final at Medway. The greens were very slick which was good practice for Trentham the next day. Lorraine and I played in the Trentham 4BBB on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and didn't 3 putt too many greens. Boy, the wind was cold!

### Results for the month at Romsey.

24/9/08 Flag L. Robb  
1/11/08 Stroke/ Monthly medal B. Cole 71 net  
8/10/08 Stroke B. Cole  
15/10/08 Stableford L. Robb 36pts.  
22/10/08 Par L. Robb -4

The Ladies AGM was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October and Lorraine Robb was elected President, Jan Harver remains the Secretary and I am the Captain. Lorraine thanked Hilda for her tireless work as President and said she is happy to have Hilda as her Vice President for support. The next clinic will be Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10am. This for any interested people— no experience necessary, we will supply some clubs if you just want to try the game. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November we have a Bring a Friend day where we will be playing 9 holes of Ambrose (which is a fun game) and ladies new to the game can come along and try golf. Golf will be followed by lunch. Anyone who would like to come please turn up at the clubrooms 9am for a 9.30 hit off. We will share clubs so just come and bring your sense of humour.

**The recipe for this month** uses what ever is in the pantry even crushed stale biscuits may be added.

### Gerrie's Biscuits.

1 tin sweetened condensed milk and approx 3 cups of the ingredients below or whatever you like.

Muesli  
Dried fruit  
Oats  
Coconut  
Cornflakes or weetbix

Mix all ingredients together to form a firm mixture the place spoonfuls on to a tray lined with baking paper allowing room for the mixture to spread.

Bake in a 200 oven watching frequently as the biscuits burn easily.

Beryl Cole  
54295411



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## Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club



**President:** Mrs. Pat Shannon 5429 6194  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)

Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

# THE ROMSEY RAG

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## EXPO 2008

The Lions Club of Lancefield-Romsey is conducting an Expo for all interested community groups in the area, to be held at the Romsey Community Hub on **Saturday November 15th between 10.00am and 3.00pm**. Invitations to participate in Expo have been sent to about 50 organizations in the Lancefield and Romsey area.

New residents to the area have the opportunity to find out what the community has to offer in sporting, social and other voluntary organizations. Many long term residents may not be aware of how many clubs etc there are, let alone how to contact them.

This is an excellent opportunity to attract new members and showcase and promote your activities; make up a display, hand out information and generally talk about what you have to offer.

It is also an excellent opportunity to experience first hand the wonderful features of the Romsey Community Hub, if you have not yet had the chance to visit.

A list of organizations and contact details will be compiled and be available on request. It is hoped that this list will be continually updated.

If any group or organisation in the Romsey, Lancefield area has not been contacted and would like to participate in the Expo, or if you would like further information,

please contact Julie Starec on 5429 1990, Ken Colson on 5429 1445 or Ged McLaughlin on 5429 6383. The Lancefield-Romsey Lions Club will be providing a sausage sizzle and cold drinks on the day.

**Come along and see what your local volunteers are doing for your community,**

**The closing date for copy for the December Romsey Rag is Friday, November 21st, 2008.**

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## Romsey Rag Publication Deadlines 2008

Edition	Closing date for copy	Collating date
December 2008	Friday November 21st	Thursday November 27th

**Watch this space in the December edition of the Romsey rag for deadline, publication and collating dates for the 2009 Romsey Rag.**

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

The next Romsey Market will be held on Sunday, 23rd November  
New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245

Please note there is no market in January, June or July.

## Water for the future

With the warmer months just around the corner again, we can look forward to spending more time in the garden, catching up with friends and family for a bbq and enjoying the sunshine.

Living in a regional community, we are all aware of the long lasting affect that low rainfall over many years has had on the environment and our water supplies.

We all continue to do our bit to save water by installing rainwater tanks, water-saving showerheads and fixing leaking taps. It all helps and every drop counts.

For 100 years, Victorians have relied on a system of dams and reservoirs for our water supplies.

The current dry climate and long term rainfall forecasts tells us that we can't continue to rely on rain as our only source of water.

This is why the Victorian Government is building Australia's largest desalination plant, saving water through upgrading irrigation channels, and building a network of pipelines to connect Victoria in a state wide water grid. The Government is also increasing water recycling and water conservation programs.

The Government's plan to provide a variety of water sources is a balanced, affordable and long term investment in Victoria's future.

Warm regards,

**JOANNE DUNCAN MP**  
State Member for Macedon

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Departs Cnr William & Latrobe Sts 5.20pm, arrives back in Romsey 6.20pm & Lancefield 6.25pm Seats currently available.

**For more details ring Muir on 0354 255505**



**Do you have a group that currently meets and would like to use the facilities at the Romsey Community House? Call us to discuss your needs.**

**LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - Monthly Information Session**

### NOVEMBER

**Sex Drugs Rock& Roll Tour for Youth—Having fun while staying safe!**  
Coming soon, see Romsey Rag for details

### Managing Conflict

Preparation for Christmas! Managing conflict to resolution  
Thursday 20th November 08, 7pm – 8.30pm

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - “LEARN TO MAINTAIN A CAR” CLASSES 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: cost \$40 per person, minimum numbers apply.

**Dates: Tuesday November 18th and 25th, 4.30-6.30pm.**

### DECEMBER– HEALTH & WELLBEING

#### Weight Management and Healthy Eating Over the Festive Period

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 7pm - 8.30pm

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM – MANAGING ON A BUDGET

#### Christmas Lunch on a Budget

Talk about it & try it!  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2008 7pm – 9pm Cost: \$25

### Gifts on a Budget

**Date: Tues 18<sup>th</sup> November 08** Time: 7-8.30pm

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO USE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

#### Computer Basics 1

Computer basics for the computer illiterate!  
For people wanting to learn to use a computer in a friendly environment, where you can ask those questions you wanted to ask without fear or embarrassment! Classes will introduce you to the computer, to word processing on Microsoft Word, file management, surfing the Internet, and sending and receiving emails – including those attachments. 2 hours per week for 5 weeks Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30am, 16 October 08 – 13 November Cost: \$100 ACFE Funded: \$55 Bring a notebook and pen

#### Computer Basics 2

So you understand the basics but want to know more. This course takes you through managing your computer desktop & icons, a more detailed look at file management, word processing and improving document presentations using attachments and formatting, emailing, and managing your attachments by resizing, compressing for storage or sending 2 hours per week for 5 weeks Fridays 9.30 – 11.30am, 17 October 08 – 14 November Cost: \$100 ACFE Funded: \$55 Bring a notebook and pen

**Interested in Microsoft Excel, Power point or Publisher or prefer an evening computer Class? Please register your interest with the Romsey Community House and keep an eye on the Romsey Rag for updates.**

**We can also offer horticulture classes—register your interest now!**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting Romsey Community House Inc.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Annual General Meeting for the Romsey Community House has been rescheduled for Wednesday November 19th at 7.00pm at the Hub.

Nominations for between 7 and 11 committee positions will be accepted in writing until Tuesday November 18th. Nomination forms are available from the Community House and the Library at the Hub. A box for nominations is located at the library. Nominees must be financial members of the Community House. Membership can be arranged at the House. The Annual General Meeting will be followed by an ordinary committee meeting at which new office bearers will be elected.

For further information contact the House on 5429 6724

**Program and Course Bookings**  
**Bookings - All payments for programs and courses are required at time of booking**, and should be directed to the Romsey Community House at the address detailed above.

**Minimum numbers** for courses and programs apply. If minimums are not met courses may be cancelled at the discretion of the Community House or Course provider.

**Payment** - Avoid disappointment. People who have not paid in full 1 week prior to commencement will be deemed as not attending and be placed on a waiting list.

**Refunds** may only be given in accordance with the Romsey Community House Refund Policy.



## Romsey Community House Inc.

A Learning and Activity Centre  
P.O.Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434  
Phone 5429 6724  
Email: romseycommunityhouse@yahoo.com.au

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If no answer—leave a message,  
we will get back to you.

### Programmes and Activities for Term 4 2008 October – December 08

All activities will be conducted at Romsey Community House unless stated otherwise.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER:

Postponed to Wednesday 19 November 2008 at 7.00 pm, at the Romsey Community House.

#### TRAINING & CERTIFICATE COURSES

##### Level 2 First Aid

This is a nationally recognised certificate course suitable for people requiring Level 2 First Aid qualifications for their workplace or sporting club. Course also covers CPR & Level 1 (first Sat). Conducted over 2 Saturdays

Date: Sat 8/11/08 & Sat 15/11/08 Time: 9am-4pm

At Romsey Community House Cost: \$150 includes workbook and textbook

##### Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) \*

This course is a requirement for anyone working in the liquor and licensed hospitality industry.

Date – Tuesday November 18th time to be confirmed. Please phone the Community House to register your interest.

##### Introduction to Coffee Preparation \*

Date: 4 hour session on Friday 21st November 08

9am - 1pm Certificate Course – Register your interest. Cost TBC

**Level 2 Sports Trainer** - Need more modules to complete your qualifications? Call the Romsey Community House to discuss your needs. We have a range of modules run through Sports Medicine Australia that will enable you to gain the skills and qualifications you need locally.

\* Denotes modules that can go towards a certificate qualification in hospitality.

Bookings for all courses and programs are essential. Phone the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724

#### HEALTH & WELLBEING

##### Yoga with Kym Oliver

Wednesday 7.00 -8.30pm, Romsey Community House. After hours access through side door. Cost: \$12/SESSION, \$120 for 10 week term. Casual Rate \$15/session. All enquiries and bookings direct to Kym Oliver on 5429 2134.

##### Walking Together Program

All groups meet Romsey Oval, Tuesday 9.30am – 10.30am,

Enquiries and bookings to Heather ph: 5429 5895

**Are you Interested in.... Kick boxing, Line Dancing or Meditation?** Register your interest with the Romsey Community House ph: 5429 6724

#### SOCIAL INTEREST GROUPS

##### Drop in for a Cuppa weekdays 9.30 – 5.30 – All Welcome

Romsey Community House Drop-in room is waiting for you! Drop in for a Cuppa, by yourself or bring a friend. Open weekdays 9.30am – 5.30pm Tea / Coffee - Gold Coin donation

#### SPECIAL INTERST GROUP

##### Writers Group

First Monday of the month, Romsey Community House at the Hub, 7pm – 8.30pm Convener: Dee White

##### Drop In Craft Mornings

Bring along your own craft every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during the school term. Watch the Romsey Rag for special interest days. Convener – Karyn Gottschling

##### Craft Evening with Natasha

Every Second Thursday 7pm – 9.30pm, Romsey Community House Enquiries to Natasha Dziunka ph: 0438 357 599

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

**Adult & Children's Art Classes** with Gillian ph: 5429 3996

##### Romsey Art & Craft Market

Term Dates: October 12th, November 14th, December 16th.

Counselling Services coming soon

The Romsey Community House craft group is holding a *beginner's quilting class* during November. At the end of this class, we aim to have two quilts to hang on the walls of the craft room. Class members will walk away with a new understanding of quilting and may be able to produce a quilt of their own if desired. Classes are held on Thursday mornings, 10:30am to 12:30 pm through November. Any enquiries to: Karyn Gottschling 54296919



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### Please Sign The "Keep Macedon Ranges Rural" Petition

Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc [MRRA] has started a petition asking State Parliament to keep Planning Policy No. 8 (The Macedon Ranges Policy) in our planning scheme, and to give Macedon Ranges stronger planning controls to help keep this area rural. Planning Policy No. 8 says this is a special place, and protecting the environment and rural character come first. If you agree that Macedon Ranges should stay rural, please sign the petition.

Residents can read and sign the petition online at <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/keep-macedon-ranges-rural.html>, in local shops, or download a petition sheet from [www.mrra.asn.au](http://www.mrra.asn.au). Anyone in Victoria can sign until the end of November. For more information, call MRRA Secretary Christine Pruneau on 5427 1481.

### ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet each Monday.

Come and enjoy lunch, a game of cards, indoor bowls or just a chat with a very friendly group of people.

Bus trips arranged each month.

For details, please ring Rae Hooke on 54291602.

### Bendigo Bank Building our Community Grant

Romsey Primary School has gratefully received a cheque for \$1000, from the Bendigo Bank Building our Community Grants 2008/2009. Mr Rod Browning presented the cheque to our School Captains, Elke Smith and Rieley Pyne. The money is a part contribution of the funding of the new adventure playground.



Rod Browning from Bendigo Bank presents a Community Grants cheque to Romsey Primary School.

### Camps

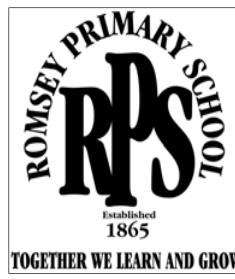
This term the Middle Unit and Senior Unit have both had a wonderful experience at their respective camps. The Middle Unit attended the Lady Northcote Camp at Bacchus Marsh and the Senior Unit travelled to Toolangi. The staff and facilities provided at the venues provided an excellent range of activities to engage and challenge students. Activities included obstacle course, bushwalking, various and cooperative ropes courses, orienteering, archery, camp fire, hut building, the giant swing, flying fox and yabbing. Our Unit Leaders Glenys Petran and Diana Ellis are to be congratulated on their outstanding organisational skills and thanks to the teachers and parent helpers who worked hard throughout the camp to make sure all our students were supported and happy. I would also like to recognise the parent helpers for their invaluable assistance.



Year 5 and 6 students on camp at Toolangi

### Wild Flower Garden

Recently a number of senior students worked to help establish an indigenous wildflower garden near the bus stop. The site was prepared by Kerri Mewett and Peter Vale. Over 300 tubes were planted which will make an excellent display of wildflowers indigenous to the Romsey area. Mulching has been laid to protect the plants from drying out. This will be a model for the community of what the Romsey area was like before settlement.



### Schools Water Efficiency Program

Romsey Primary School has been recognised for completing the School Water Efficiency Program. The School Captains, Rylie Pyne and Elke Smith were presented with the certificate at a ceremony at Sunbury Downs Primary School along with other water wise schools. Presently we have two rainwater tanks, dual flushing toilets on the gym, some spring loaded taps and flow control valves on all our taps. We should all be very conscious of the severe Victorian drought conditions which exist and remember "every drop counts" As a school we will continue to seek ways of reducing our water consumption.



### Parent Club Walkathon

Parent Club and teacher combined to organise a successful walkathon. Not only did the students enjoy the physical activity they had a fun time.

Sponsorship money is being finalised with the amount raised being over \$4000.

### Academic Excellence in English

Students from Romsey Primary School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of New South Wales English Competition. Lisa Mearns and Joshua Gottschling were awarded a high distinction placing them in the top 1 percentile. Luke Kropman received a distinction and 13 students were recognised with a credit.



Some of our students who were high achievers in the recent English Competition.

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### Advent Workshop

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**Where:** Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street, Romsey

**When:** Friday, 5 December 2008

**Time:** 3.45 pm (straight after school) to 6 pm (BBQ from 5.30)

**Cost per family:** \$3 for one child; \$4 for two; \$5 for three.

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**Time:** 9.30am – 12.00noon every Monday

**Date:** From 10th Nov. – 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 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



### "That's not a playground...

### This is a playground"

Around the kindergarten I have recently heard a lot about a fantastic playground in Gisborne. I have been asked by parents and TOLD by their children to both inspect the Gisborne playground and then make it happen in Romsey! The new Gisborne playground it is located behind the aquatic centre, has BBQ facilities and is a great place for a weekend picnic. This playground was not council funded nor was it a council project. It is the result of some very hard work by some very organised and dedicated individuals committed to improving their town.

Helen Gray was instrumental in the establishment of the playground and has advised it took approximately 24 months from concept to completion and cost approximately \$340,000. The processes involved in this project, fundraising, design, council negotiations etc, would differ little between towns. Economies of scale can be achieved if Lancefield, Romsey & Riddells Creek work together. One team, three towns, three playgrounds! After the success of the Gisborne playground a project in Woodend has commenced for which Helen has provided guidance. The Woodend project team have setup the following website which shows they have approached the task very professionally.

[www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark/](http://www.woodendweb.org/childrenspark/)

Helen is willing to assist and guide us with the knowledge gained from her experience so I have booked a meeting for anyone interested in assisting with such a project. Helen has generously agreed to attend, discuss what was involved with the Gisborne playground and answer our questions. If we are serious about improving our towns lets get behind this project and make it happen. We need to get involved and take action to get results.

Where: Romsey Community Hub  
When: Thursday 27th November @ 7:30pm  
Henry McLaughlin  
0411 444 363  
henry@incred.com.au  
[www.incred.com.au](http://www.incred.com.au)

## GARAGE SALE

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am to 3.00pm

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**TIME:** 8.00 A.M SHARP

**WHERE:** ROMSEY RECREATION  
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Contact Anthony  
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

MELANIE TRAYNOR

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### KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, "it's all happening", as they say, at Romsey Kindergarten. The approaching winds of change forecast a new Committee, new management system and new early childhood education-focused playground. Despite these "changes", the ongoing commitment by all of the key players at the kindergarten is to a best practice early childhood education for the children of Romsey.

#### Management Review – The Association Votes

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, the Association of Romsey Kindergarten Inc. met to vote on the motion which proposed a change from the current parent committee of management system to management by Try Youth and Community Services. The motion was carried in a secret ballot (47 votes for, 2 votes against). Cr. Geoff Neil, Heather Fagan (National Australia Bank, Romsey), Peter O'Rourke (Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist, Rotary) and Chris Durston (Rochford Lawyers) attended as guests to supervise the ballot. This meeting was the culmination of a 14 month review process conducted by two successive Committees of Management.

The attendance at the meeting was great – this was a subject which obviously resonated with the kindergarten community. The contribution from Association members in this process was a vital contribution to the Kindergarten.

The process that lies ahead is as follows:

- Committee will organize a steering committee for transition and to be briefed by TRY Youth and Community Services as to the schedule of tasks for completion
- Association members will be informed as to progress of transition
- Association members to be surveyed as to committee tasks to be retained when negotiating agreement with TRY
- Annual General Meeting in on 17<sup>th</sup> November to elect a Committee of Management to function as such *until* agreement with TRY negotiated and TRY assume role as licensee (hopefully, early 2009)
- Early 2009 – Constitution amended to allow for reduction in number of Committee members

#### Playground Redevelopment – It's Almost Complete!

The excitement is building for children, staff and parents as the redevelopment of the playground approaches completion. New pathways, tanks, water features, shade tree seating, cubby houses and digging patches are finally emerging from the "construction zone". The children



have already had a "sneak preview" play in part of the playground. This has been a big event at Romsey Kindergarten, made possible by three grants. Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Community Funding Grant last year enabled the commissioning of the architect to design the concept plans. The State Government's Children's Capital Grant Scheme provided the very large sum needed to realize the development in a single stage, and the Bendigo Bank Community Grant Scheme has funded two pumps which will be important infrastructure to the water feature aspects of the development. The official opening ceremony is penciled in for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – not long to go now!

#### Sign Design Competition - Budding Artists Required

The Committee of Management has approved the purchase of a new sign for Romsey Kindergarten, given that the current signage is not very prominent. Committee has decided to run a **COMPETITION** to come up with a design for the artwork on the sign. We would like interested parents, children or community members – there is no age restriction – to submit a design for the new sign. This may or may not include a logo and it does not necessarily need to include the "kinder clown" (the current logo). The Riddells Creek Kindergarten signage, which was inspiration for the concept of a new sign, will be on display in the Romsey Kindergarten foyer. There will be an age appropriate prize for the successful design. Entries should be submitted electronically

([president@romseykindergarten.com.au](mailto:president@romseykindergarten.com.au)) or as a hard copy (drop off or post to President, Committee of Management, Romsey Kindergarten, P.O. Box 84, Romsey, Vic., 3434) by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November with the successful entry to be announced at the Annual General meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

#### Early Childhood Forum – An Insightful Day

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, the Kindergarten hosted the Early Childhood Forum, "Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies", sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council as part of Children's Week. Speakers included Kathy Clarkson (Melbourne Occupational Therapy), Heather Gilbertson (paediatric dietitian) and Melanie Traynor (Traynor Personal Fitness). This was a free event with morning tea and lunch provided. The speakers were fascinating, with obvious links between each subject discussed. One of the highlights (?) of the day was the sight of kinder mums rediscovering their youth with some hula hoop action!



#### Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008. The primary purpose is to elect a new committee for Romsey Kindergarten Inc for 2009/2009. For any enquiries, please contact Jenny Stillman 0412 349849 or Heather Daw 54 296220.

Jenny Stillman (0412 349849)  
Committee of Management

## ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB SUPPORTS MOVEMBER!

Fantastic! was the response to Romsey Cricket Club's season launch at the clubrooms on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. With all junior and senior teams and their families in attendance, the rooms were filled to capacity. President Michael Richardson spoke about the continuing growth of the club and welcomed all players new and old. He said that the philosophy of the Romsey Cricket Club was to develop young players and make sure they, and the older players enjoyed playing and that the club provided a welcoming base for all. He said it was also important for the club to show some initiative and this year announced that Romsey Cricket club would be supporting MOVEMBER. Helen Richardson provided some information regarding MOVEMBER by which funds are raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation and *beyondblue*: The National Depressive Initiative. Volunteers are asked to "grow a mo" during the month of November and a celebration "MO party" will be held in the clubrooms on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm where the winner will win a car stereo system valued at \$500 donated by Clarion and the MOVEMBER Council. When Helen asked for volunteers, the response was overwhelming and to this date 27 men have agreed to grow mo's, beards and side burns! Those generous men are: Matthew Hoyt, Justin Paterson, William Quarrell, James Ritchie-Hayon, Mick Tobin Graeme

Phillips, Mark Weston, Darryl Alexander, Glen Hickey, Donald Stott, John Webb-Ware, Peter Newell, Andrew Clement, Matthew Sharp, Sandy Milne, John East, Don Frost, Graeme White, Michael Richardson, Steve Wilkinson, Steve Smales, Steve Skinner, Tim McCarthy, Conway Bovell, Mick Galea, Bill Badger and Danny Fortune. Romsey Cricket Club asks that if anyone is interested in supporting the club in their endeavours to raise funds for these two foundations please contact Helen Richardson on 54296369. Also on Saturday night was the announcement of a celebratory dinner to be held at the club to honour the award of life membership to Tim McCarthy. This event will be held in the clubrooms on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November and all interested guests can contact Melissa McCarthy on 0438831427 or Michael Richardson 0437240655.

Also on the weekend 40 young Milo cricketers ages 5-12 years old began their program at the Romsey Primary School showing that the club has a fantastic future to look forward to. Thank you to all those family members and friends who in some way helped support the club during this busy weekend.



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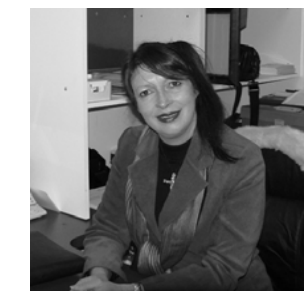
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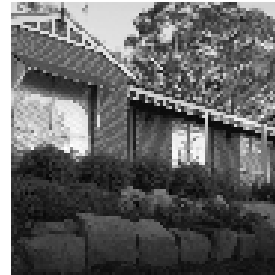
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### Fun Run with Steve Moneghetti

Marathon great Steve Moneghetti will be an inspirational presence at a Family Fun Run/Walk at Lancefield Park on Sunday, November 16.

The event, followed by an afternoon of activities, is a fundraiser for "3 WAYS", a team participating in the Lancefield-Macedon Ranges Relay For Life.

The 7km fun run/walk will start at 11am. Registration is \$20 family, \$10 single and \$5 (16 years & under). Early bird discount of \$2 applies. To register contact Martina on 0409 542 912.

Afternoon activities will cost a gold coin donation. There will be a sausage sizzle, games, fairy, facepainting and a special visit from Mother Claus at 2pm. The 2009 Relay For Life at Lancefield Park will be held over the weekend of February 28 - March 1.

To register for or find out more about the event - which assists cancer research, education, advocacy and support services - visit [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or ring Melissa McCarthy on 0438 831 427 or contact The Cancer Council of Victoria on 1300 65 65 85.



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### CNAV Conference – Castlemaine 2008

The 2008 Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) Conference in Castlemaine was summed up at Sunday's Wrap Up in the Chewton Town Hall as a very positive and rewarding experience. "The conference fosters a sense of belonging to a wider, broader community" and "Well worthwhile, will definitely be back next year," were just two of the many enthusiastic responses received.

After CNAV President Liz Hart welcomed the 80 delegates in the historic setting of the Old Castlemaine Gaol, Mount Alexander Shire Mayor Alan Elliot opened the conference. He gave an introduction to the community newspaper scene in the shire. With about half of the shire's 17,000 population living outside Castlemaine, community newspapers play important roles in terms of being a social conscience and recording the histories of the districts they serve. They are also a window to the district and its attractions, and as such council is supportive of them. Council was also very supportive of CNAV in the staging of this conference in Castlemaine. In closing Alan re-emphasised the importance of community newspapers by foreshadowing the birth of the *Faraday Farrago!* Alliteration is alive and well in Community Newspaperland.

ABC Centralvic's Station Manager Jonathan Ridnell gave the keynote address. He explained how the community newspaper scene fitted beautifully into the operations of a major regional radio station. As Breakfast Announcer, Jonathan has supported communities and community newspapers for many years with a daily segment called Talking Towns. This segment is so popular that podcasts of them are now available on [www.abc.net.au/centralvic](http://www.abc.net.au/centralvic) - and the podcast of the 14<sup>th</sup> of October is Berni Campbell of Mia Mia/Redesdale's *Bridge Connection* talking, amongst local news, about her experience at the CNAV conference! It is worth a check. Questions fielded by Jonathan after his address indicated that community newspapers from other parts of Victoria would love to have the same support that ABC Centralvic offers those in this region.

The continued growth of the community newspaper movement and CNAV

was outlined by CNAV Secretary Mary Jo Fortuna (*Waranga News*) before an Open Forum which saw free-flowing lively discussion on topics of mutual interest - legal situations and government advertising among them.

After a superb lunch Jim Mynard (*Sister Cities News*) spoke on the role of community newspapers in recording the history of communities. He emphasised that in 50 years time they will be major research tools for people trying to piece together clues about the past. This responsibility emphasises the need for accuracy and careful reporting.

A mini-Expo followed with emphasis placed on starting out and small newspapers, setting up a website, production issues with several techniques demonstrated, finance issues and legal issues. A quick overview of the Expo topics by the participants was followed by the CNAV AGM. Four new committee members were elected to join the on-going members - Berni Campbell (*Bridge Connection*), Tim Huggans (Kinglake district's *Mountain Monthly*), Daniel Allen (*Around Altona*) and Karen Bradfield (*Churchill & District News*). With all committee positions filled CNAV can look forward to the future with confidence.

A very busy and successful day at the Old Castlemaine Gaol came to an end - and yet Brenda, a staff member at the Gaol, still found time to conduct a guided tour, and about 90% of the attendees found time to follow!

The scene shifted to the Theatre Royal for the Annual Awards Dinner. The big screen featured a slide show of photos taken during proceedings at the Old Gaol during the meal, and the MC and CNAV Vice-President Jo Vondra (*Lorne Independent*) took the stage to announce the winners. Ten categories, each with a winner and two other finalists, ensured the presentations were a lively event. Highlights included the *Loch Express* assuring us succession planning is possible if you are patient, the *Carisbrook Mercury* dedicating their win to the late Daryl McLeish, and the *Blackwood News* explaining how the Silly Old Goat is spawning a succession of Silly Old Others!

Sunday morning at Chewton saw the conference reviewed. Many delegates spoke of the strong historical flavour lent to this conference by the choice of

locality and venues, and felt that it added a special something. That it was an excellent opportunity for networking, discussion and exchanges of ideas was mentioned by many others. The last word on the weekend comes from *Around Altona's* Petronella Boonen, "It's been a wonderful experience - meeting other people with a similar passion for the communities we are part of. I enjoyed listening to the perspectives of the speakers and listening to other member's experiences. Overall I was impressed by the acceptance that while we are alike in some ways - our differences are respected also. That was refreshing. This was our first year of involvement.... I'm looking forward to a closer



*Earlier this year the Romsey Rag received an invitation from CNAV to become a member of this recently-formed organization, and the editorial team could see many advantages to accepting this invitation. CNAV is now in its fourth year of existence, and has about 57 member community newspapers and newsheets, out of an estimated 190 in Victoria. Its objectives are to promote, foster and support the development of local community newspapers, and recognize the important role that they play in providing a forum for local communities to be informed and comment upon the issues relevant to them at a very local level. They also provide information and guidelines about issues common to the many people (volunteers and otherwise) who are the backbone of community newspapers.*

*The Romsey Rag was represented at the CNAV Conference on the Saturday by Anne Cappler and Robyn Moore. From our perspective, it was great to meet and talk to others who share the same problems, frustrations, achievements and aspirations that we do, and to feel comforted that we are not alone. We picked up some great ideas on overcoming some of our production frustrations, and there was plenty of food for thought on "where to from here?"*

Robyn Moore

## Romsey Uniting Church

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There will be a combined church service at Mt. Macedon on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. followed by lunch. (This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month).

### Christmas Services:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Advent Workshop for primary school children, Romsey Uniting Church, 3.45pm, BBQ starting at 5.30pm.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Romsey/Lancefield Churches Joint Carol Service (this year organised by the Uniting Church) 6pm BBQ, 7pm service.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December: Blue Christmas Service, Romsey Uniting Church, 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm Riddells Creek Carol Service; 9 for 9.30pm Mt. Macedon Carol Service

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> December: 9am Mt. Macedon Service; 10.30am, Lancefield Service.

### Meditation

#### Matthew 10: 26-31.

*'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.'* (Matthew 10: 29-31). Visiting a parish church on Sunday morning, we were handed a hymn book and a sheet of notices. I read through the notices. They were details of the coming week's events, but at the bottom of the page was a short list of items for prayer. First came "Pray for world leaders in Geneva, talking about nuclear disarmament". Next, "Pray for Maggie Smith and her housing problem."

It seemed a bit incongruous. First the subject of earth-shattering nuclear weapons and their control. The tensions of world problems. And, next to it, Maggie Smith and her house. It was important to her, I was sure, but it was a small local problem that would never hit the headlines.

On second thoughts, it wasn't incongruous at all. That's what God is like. He's concerned about every aspect of life, everyone's life. Yours and mine. God tells the prophet Haggai, "I will shake the nations..." And Jesus assures us, "Not a sparrow will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father". And that's all the same God. Nothing too large for him, nothing too small. He's as concerned about my small problems and needs as he is about the great political issues. As concerned about my future as about the world's. Whatever con-

cerns us today, he's there with us, lovingly involved and we can take comfort.

*A tall order, Lord. Expecting you to be concerned about the lot. Nothing too large, nothing too small. Yet that's exactly what he said. Jesus, I mean, "Your heavenly Father knows," he said.*

*It's reassuring, once my scepticism goes to sleep. I must admit to lingering doubts at times. There are bits of me that wonder if it's really true. Perhaps because there are bits of me I wish you didn't know or care about. Parts of my life I'd rather hide away. Lock up and throw away the key.*

*I'm doing it again, Lord. Making you in my own image. Fashioning a god I can control, predict, be comfortable with. Not worth the effort though. A god made in my image wouldn't work.*

*Who wants a god who doesn't care? Or, just as bad, a god who doesn't know? What strength or joy can flow from flawed divinity? If I could gain your love only but putting on a mask, pretending other than I am, there'd be no point.*

*Your love is love because you know precisely who I am, and what I do, yet love me still. And value me beyond the sparrow fall.*

*And not just me. I'm not the centre of your world, although I think I am at times. Your love encompasses creation's struggle, music of planets, cosmic cries. The pain and heartbreak of a world in conflict with itself.*

*Lord of the great, it's difficult to understand quite how, but all the world's concerns that scare me so, are somehow in your hands. And taking that to heart, I find my courage a little greater than it was before.*

*Facing the Storm – Eddie Askew(deceased)*

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### Church Services during

**November, 2008**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am.	Worship Service and Sunday school.
9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Communion Service and Sunday School Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones.
16 <sup>th</sup>	9am.	Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by the Worship Team
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am.	Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones.
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Combined Service at Mt. Macedon.

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Copies of an excellent publication, *Dogs, Cats, Neighbours & You*, produced by the Victoria Law Foundation, set out our rights and responsibilities. Copies are available from our Council. The law about dogs and cats is set out in the *Domestic (Feral & Nuisance) Animals Act*, which sets out our responsibilities. We have to register our cats and dogs, and keep dogs confined to our property or under control at all times. There is a requirement that dogs don't bark persistently, ensure they don't chase or attack people or other animals, including livestock, and we need to clean up after them if we take them out in public. There are penalties for breaches of the Act, but the best thing is if people are aware of their responsibili-

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The presentation will be facilitated by Joe Grbac, Youth Resources Officer from Victoria Police, Amanda Summers, Counsellor from Romsey Community House and Pauline Neil, Team Leader Youth Development Unit, Macedon Ranges Shire Council.



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ties and act accordingly before it gets to that.

Most breaches can be dealt with by an on-the-spot penalty, but if pet owners comply with their basic responsibilities they don't have too much to worry about. Having a microchip implant for your animal which can be electronically scanned as a permanent identification is a good idea. Macedon Ranges, like other Councils, offers pensioners a 50% concession on their animal registration fees. We also provide concessions for animals which are desexed, microchipped or over 10 years old.

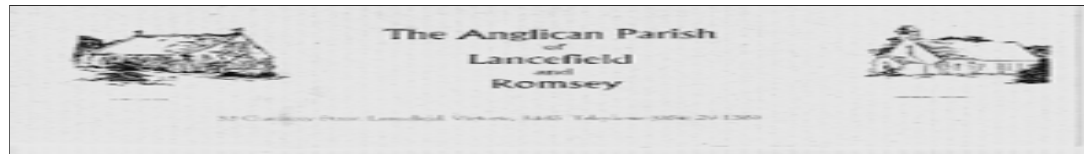
If your dog or cat is lost or picked up as a stray, you will be notified that it is being held by Council provided that it can be identified from an ID tag or microchip.

People need to be mindful of the need to prevent their dog barking excessively or wandering.

So while owning a cat or dog is extremely satisfying, we just need to make sure that we follow the legal requirements to ensure that our enjoyment is not at the expense of the amenity of our neighbors or others.

For more information ring the Council's John Petraro on 5421 9670.





### Connecting with God and our Community.

#### VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

Our water shortages continue and rain is a fair way off. What can we do?

Pray for the end to this drought and it is a need that is more so evident in this area as well as others on the land in the state of Victoria. In world and biblical history this is not a new problem. Look at these words from the Old Testament Book of Haggai.

"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops."

The house that is referred to here is our own relationship with God, the God who creates the materials and resources that we have today. Implied in what is written in these words from the Book of Haggai is that whilst our own relationship is strong, then blessings will be abundant. A sign of strong church relationships is full church buildings regardless of denominations of people who want to worship the Lord Jesus.

What's the solution to the drought? ALL of us need to constantly pray to God for relief to our current water shortage and no one in this town is exempt from this. We do this at our church and the restoration of water supplies is permanently in our church newsletter.

Let me encourage us to be people who seek God through prayer so that we can have the water supply that we used to have.

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

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

#### Special events

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 16<sup>TH</sup> November with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with a six piece music group from Blackburn North Anglican Church Church.

**The topic next month is: Christmas Shopping – the best present we can buy!**

**Look elsewhere for the ad about our Gala fete in Romsey on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November. A car boot sale will be held as well on the day.**

#### Regular events:

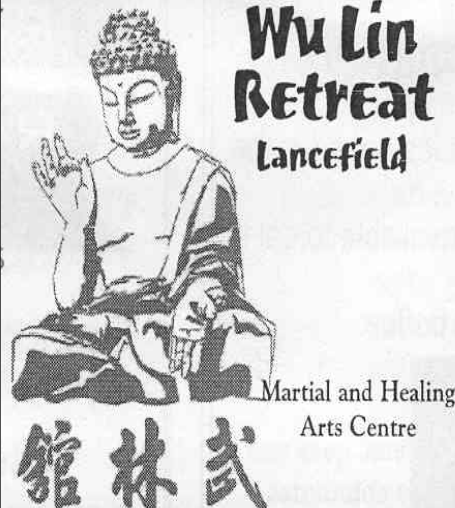
1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Church hall. Cost \$4.00 to cover dinner and future activities. Anyone in Grades 4 – 9 at school is welcome this term. Come along and see what fun activities we do. All welcome and all our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

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### **Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.**

P.O. Box 11  
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#### NEW VENUE FOR A.G.M.

This year's Annual general meeting will be held at the Lancefield Court House on Tuesday 25th of November from 7.30pm.

Don't be afraid of being elected! (unless you are willing!) But take the opportunity to visit the Courthouse Museum and register any research enquiries that you may have been thinking about. Visitors are most welcome and there will be a cuppa and a chat after the meeting.

#### LIONS EXPO—November 15th at the Romsey Hub.

The Historical society will be amongst the community groups displaying their activities at the Lions Club EXPO from 10.00am - to 3.00pm. On Saturday, November 15th. This will be a great opportunity to come along and maybe choose a new hobby or activity that you find interesting.

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Counsellor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for  
more information.

### NOTICES

**Adult Education:** During October there has been a series  
of talks organised by the Office for Evangelisation to be  
held at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kyneton. Four  
Wednesday evenings, **8<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 p.m. to  
9.15 p.m.** The talks will be on *Jesus in the World of His  
Time*.

#### Renewal Campaign

Over these weeks our Parish is inviting Parishioners to  
renew their pledge to the Sacrificial Giving. With your help  
we can all continue to grow strong in faith and meet the  
spiritual and pastoral care of Parishioners. Stephen Little-  
ton is our Campaign Director from Catholic Fundraising.

### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a very big month at St Mary's.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 fifteen of our students travelled to the Bendigo Regional Athletics Centre to represent the Cobaw District at the Loddon Campaspe/Opperman Region Athletics Championships. All of the St. Mary's School children competed with honour, commitment and did their school and their district proud.

We had a number of high achieving children we can be proud of. On the track, the 10 year old Girl's 4 x 100m team of Amy Frost, Emma Farrelly, Breanna DiPietro and Jemma Clayton ran extremely well, winning their heat and a place in the final where they finished **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the zone. Luke Nikolic easily won his heat of the 11 year old Boy's

100m sprint and qualified second fastest for the final where he finished third over the line, earning himself a ribbon for **2<sup>nd</sup>** in the zone and **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the region. Jack Coburn ran well in his heat and qualified for the final of the 10 year old Boy's 100m Sprint. In one of the final events of the day, Jack O'Sullivan ran in the Boy's 10 year old 1500m race. He was **1<sup>st</sup>** across the line, in a time of 5 min 48.10, booking himself a spot in the state finals. The long jump was another good event for us with James Wooster jumping into **2<sup>nd</sup>** spot in the zone in the 12/13 year old boy's event and Casey Adamson jumping into the state finals by placing **1<sup>st</sup>** in her event, the Girl's 11 year old Long Jump. She continued her good form over at the Girl's 11 year old High Jump where after setting a new personal best and securing another **1<sup>st</sup>** and state finals berth, she proceeded to set a new record for the zone before breaking the regional record when she successfully jumped 1.44m.

In the Boy's 10 year old Shot Put, Jack Coon also set a new personal best and in doing so won a ribbon for **2<sup>nd</sup>** in the zone and a medal for **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the region. Congratulations must also go to Emily Consiglio, Mitchell Adamson, Abbey Chafer, Eden Alford and Fiona Redmond for making it this far and giving their best efforts on the day. The state finals are to be held on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bendigo Regional Athletics Centre. Our best wishes for the day go to Casey Adamson and Jack O'Sullivan. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October was Ride To Work day. We had 62 children, 6 staff and many parents riding to school. It is great to see so many active members of our community. If you have a child starting in Prep at St Mary's next year you will have received dates and times for orientation.

We look forward to welcoming siblings and new families into our school.

We have changed the opening and closing times of the boom gates. The gates in Raglan Street are now closed at 8:30am and are reopened at 3:30pm. This is a move to improve student safety around the school. Thankyou to all residents for their understanding and support.



### BINGO BINGO BINGO

Every Thursday evening at St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

Doors Open 7.00 p.m. EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.  
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### Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Bendigo Bank, the toy library has been able to extend its multimedia collection to include NINTENDO DS games! Nintendo DS is the most popular handheld console game in Australia and you cannot borrow games anywhere else in the Romsey area, so the toy library committee is confident this will be a great and popular addition to our range! If you are a member of the library you will be able to borrow any game in the DS range for one week. The games will be available for borrowing from December – the only cost is your toy library membership, which is \$25 per year or \$15 for six months. This also means you can borrow other toys from the extensive range of toy library materials, from ride-ons to board games to train sets. We hope to have more than 20 DS games for toy library members to choose from, so you can see this is great value as the average game costs \$50-60 to buy. Games have been selected to appeal to a range of ages, sexes and abilities. Some of the titles available will be:

Speed Racer, Cooking Mama, TMNT (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles), Happy Feet, Bratz Diamondz, Sonic Rush Adventure, Spyro: Shadow Legacy, Star Wars Lethal Alliance, Dora Saves The Mermaids, Hannah Montana, My Horse & Me, High School Musical.

Many have wi-fi capability so you can play with your friends as long as they have a DS – only one copy of the game is required. Come along to the Romsey Expo at the hub next month and see our range at the toy library!

That brings me to the Romsey Expo, which will be held at the hub on Saturday, November 15, from 10-3pm. The Toy Library's doors will be open, we will hopefully have FREE FACE PAINTING going on as well, so come along and see what we have to offer!

Not only is the toy library committee very grateful for the local Bendigo Bank branch's wonderful \$500 grant, we have to thank the Shire of Macedon Ranges too for its fabulous \$400 grant! The shire grant will be spent mainly on our new party pack of tables, chairs, games and rollercoaster car and track, which will be available for hire from the toy library from January.

For the remainder of the year, the Toy Library operates on a 'self-serve' basis – if the Hub is open, the Toy Library will be accessible (to members only, of course!). The committee hopes this arrangement will be more convenient for members than the old system, which saw the library open once a week, for an hour and a half on Saturday mornings, when it was staffed by volunteer members. The new system is a recognition that people need access to the Toy Library at times which suit their individual needs. If it is not abused, the system is likely to continue next year. This system will be re-

viewed at the toy library's AGM.

Speaking of the Annual General Meeting, it will be held on Thursday, November 20, at the Toy Library at 2pm. All Toy Library members are welcome to come along, have some input and perhaps join the committee.

The Toy Library has already attracted several new members since its move to the Hub, which is terrific news. The committee is busy cataloguing new toys and more will go on display in coming weeks. Anyone who is interested in joining the toy library should contact me (Leanne Manton) on 5429 6583. Membership costs just \$15 per family (for the remainder of 2008) and \$25 for the whole of 2009. Toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and four toys can be taken out in any one borrowing trip. Anyone who has any queries is welcome to contact me anytime. Information sheets are available at the hub entrance on the low table by the computers.

Don't forget, if you have any board games, educational toys or good quality large toys (i.e. Little Tikes cars) which your children have no further use for, please think of your local toy library! We especially need new board games, so if you have any tucked away in your cupboards which are hardly ever used or that you children have grown out of, we would love to receive them. The toy library's board games range desperately needs replenishing but we do not currently have the funds to buy new ones. Call Leanne Manton on 5429 6583 anytime and we'll come to you to pick up if you wish. Educational board games such as Junior Monopoly, Junior Scrabble, Boggle or strategy games such as Connect 4, Battleship or Trouble would be especially welcome Don't worry if your set is missing a dice or a few bits – the Toy Library already has board games so your incomplete set could help us update our current collection if pieces are missing or worn. Interested in joining our Toy Library?

All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library.

All toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and this is a great way for parents, grandparents and carers to have a constant new source of amusement for children. Give me a call anytime for more details on 5429 6583. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Yours sincerely

LEANNE MANTON,  
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Romsey Toy Library Inc. 2008

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**ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY CLUB SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club in association with Soltan Pepper Restaurant and International Golfer Chris Gaunt held their annual Awards Night at the Romsey Hub on Saturday night (18<sup>th</sup> October 2008). This year the theme was Youth and Sport. In previous years this awards night has targeted VCE – The Arts and individual Community Service Awards. As this year's Rotary theme is 'Make Dreams Real' the Rotary Board decided to invite all local sporting groups to nominate a member of their club under the age of 18 years for an Excellence in Sport Award. The MC for the evening was the Director of Community Service at the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club, Brendan Meyer.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club was disappointed in the overall response from local clubs however the Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Club, The Lancefield Football/Netball Club and the Romsey Cricket Club nominated three aspiring youths for the awards.

The Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Club nominated 13 year old Nathan Blair for his outstanding contribution through representing his club at local, regional and state levels. He was recently elevated to run at the Australian All Schools Championships in Canberra this year. He is the current Male Athlete of the Year which he has won on three occasions now. The Club nominated Nathan because of his dedication to training, his athletics ability and his sportsmanship.



Nathan Blair from the Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics receiving his awards from golfer Chris Gaunt with Rotary Director of Community Services Brendan Meyer.

The Lancefield Football/Netball Club nominated 16 year old Myles Dorman for the Rotary Excellence in Sport Award. Myles is in the 2008 Under 18 RDFL Team of the Year, was the third RDFL under 18s for goal kicking, was the Best Player in senior representative East Team, was nominated as the 2008 Rising Star, Lancefield's under 18s Best and Fairest player for 2008 and

was the best First Year player in the seniors LFNC for 2008. Myles shows commitment and passion for the game and is an integral part of the Lancefield Football/Netball Club.



The Lancefield Football/Netball Club Myles Dorman receives his awards from Chris Gaunt with Rotarian Brendan Meyer looking on.

The Romsey Cricket Club nominated Robert Moore for the Rotary Excellence in Sport Award as their captain of the under 14s who is always encouraging of his fellow team mates. His statistics would be envied by most world class cricketers. He was not out up to Christmas. He has a batting average of over 200 (with retiring on 50, 50, 50, 40, 30, 50). He has won both Club and Competition Batting Averages. He finished the season with an average in the 150s. He also manages to play Hockey in winter. He is an outstanding young talented cricketer with a very bright future.



Robert Moore from the Romsey Cricket Club is presented with his awards from Chris Gaunt with the Rotary Director of Community Services Brendan Meyer looking on.

The guest speaker for the evening was local identity and internationally acclaimed golfer Chris Gaunt. Chris spoke to the audience about his rise from being a local farming boy who practised his golf every night after school to now playing golf on the international circuits. He fondly remembered smashing a golf ball towards his house one evening years ago and was unable to find it until he discovered it lying on his bed. It had gone through his bedroom window!

Chris talked about the passion, commitment, disappointments and highs of working towards a dream of playing golf as a professional. He walked away from golf for

five years and has now returned with a renewed passion and commitment. He is committed to the European Circuit at the moment and flies out in the next couple of weeks for the next round.

His talk on the evening was inspirational for all present as he emphasised the importance of not forgetting 'where one comes from', the commitment to practice in one's chosen sporting field and the passion to want to succeed despite the lows at times that confront every sportsman. Chris asked the young sports nominees present to dream, to practice hard in their chosen fields and remember the support from your local community clubs as well as family.

Chris Gaunt and the Director of Community Service at the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club, Brendan Meyer presented each nominee with a cheque for \$100, a special Rotary commemorative Silver Coin minted for the 100 Anniversary of Rotary World wide and a Certificate of Recognition for their sport.

The President of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club, Greg Powell, thanked the Romsey Gymnastics Club Inc. for their donation of funds to support the Rotary Excellence in Sport Awards Night enabling each nominee to receive a cheque.

Vouchers of \$50 and \$30 from Keith Rickards (Daily Juice-Romsey), Peter O'Rourke (Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist), Rod Frost (Frost Saw Mills-Monegeetta), Mark Shepherdley (Romsey Stock Feeds) and wine donated by Brendan Meyer and Diane Powell were won by members of the audience at the end of the night.

Overall it was a very successful evening at the Romsey Hub. The Rotary President thanked Tyson Ellis from Soltan Pepper Restaurant who served meals and drinks all night as well as members of the Rotary Club who made the evening memorable. In particular he thanked the guest presenter golfer, Chris Gaunt for his inspirational talk and his commitment to supporting youth across a range of sports.

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD Inc.**  
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**BOOTCAMP** - commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please note we have an enrolment cut off of 16 people for the 12 week challenge. Sessions commence at 8.00 a.m., (& run between 70 to 90 minutes) from Romsey Recreation Reserve (behind the cricket oval). Every Saturday morning for 12 weeks & costs \$18 per session (no casual sessions) Bootcamp is designed to cater for all fitness levels, so no matter what condition you are in you will benefit. Most importantly IT'S FUN. For those of you thinking you'd love to participate but can't because of the kids.....you're in luck. WE HAVE FREE CHILD MINDING!

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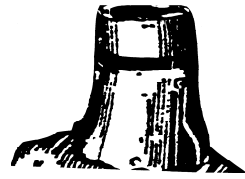


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## Rangers News

Dear Romsey Community,

I write this letter to you to inform you of the proposal ahead of us. The Rangers as we know it is proposed to split into the Romsey Junior Football club and the Lancefield Junior Football club. As I am sure you will all agree, this is an exciting and historic time.

This is not about the "us and them" with Lancefield pushing hard into our community to encourage as many young players as possible to join their club but more about expanding our club and moving forward into the future. Perhaps not next year or the year after but into the next five ten years plus. Now more than ever there could not be a more important time to get behind our Romsey Junior Football Club and encourage every family member and friends to join up as a member and help this mighty junior club move well into the future.

In our current format as the Rangers, we handicap ourselves as a club within the RDJFL to expand and have our own home base and identity for the ones who matter most, the players, our children who deserve to grow up with a football club they all love and want to play for. Over the last twenty years the Rangers Junior Football club has been great and it has been an absolute honour to those who have worked hard to make it become what it has, but times move on and times change, the Rangers has grown just about as far as it could and has out grown the piggyback connection that Lancefield has with us. It is time to cut the umbilical cord so that both clubs can grow and stand on their own two feet "so to say".

With the both towns growing in population it is time to take the next step and get behind all the kids that may have always wanted to play but feared they would never get a chance because of the large numbers and unfamiliar faces, it is time to get behind 'our community' junior football club and all have a go for the ones who matter most to us all, our children. As a committee we will work hard for our club to make it a very family orientated and fun club to be a part of as well as be as successful as we possibly can.

With your help we can all do this together so we ask every one who has been involved in the past football club and all new members who want to play football for an historic club and the town of Romsey to get behind this initiative and help build it into the strong and mighty sporting club it deserves to be.

Bill Badger  
Committee RLJFC.

The **Annual General Meeting** for the Romsey Lancefield Junior Football club will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm at the Romsey Football club rooms.

**Registration Day** for new and present members will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at Romsey Park at 11am kicking off the day with a free sausage sizzle. Registration forms will be forwarded to you prior to the day. Please contact Melinda Skinner 5429-5893 mob 0437 464 252 for more information

Greetings all,

As promised, the final instalment from yours truly for the December edition of all your fantastic monthly mags. Many thanks once again for publishing these blurbs over the last decade, it's been a blast!! Best wishes for a safe and festive season and a have a welcome break over the summer holidays.

Cheers, Pauline

### **Santa's Stocking Stuffers 2008:**

#### *Fiction:*

Change of Heart—Jodie Picoult  
A Most Wanted Man—John le Carre  
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The Pyramid—Henning Mankell  
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#### *Non-Fiction / Biography:*

Before Your Kids drive You Crazy—Nigel Latta  
A Thousand Splendid Suns—Khaled Hossenini  
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Real Dirt—James Woodford  
Dear Fatty—Dawn French  
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Flip Flop Girl—Katherine Paterson  
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#### *From the Editors:*

*Thank you Pauline for your many many book reviews over the years. Our readers will miss them and we hope that a new reviewer comes along soon!*



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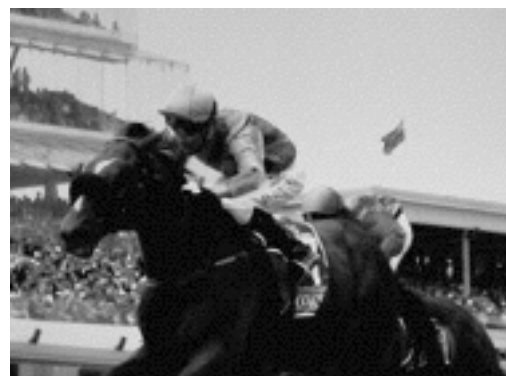
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The new Director will be asked to be a member of the Board's Finance Panel and play a key role in the financial governance of the company.

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Some topics you might consider writing on are:

- ✦ bereavement
- ✦ physical or mental illness
- ✦ divorce
- ✦ losing a child or sibling
- ✦ accidents
- ✦ natural disasters
- ✦ drug/alcohol abuse
- ✦ losing a job
- ✦ losing a home
- ✦ retirement
- ✦ caring for a child or loved one with special needs
- ✦ pets and their ability to change lives
- ✦ domestic violence
- ✦ financial difficulties
- ✦ winning the lottery
- ✦ having children
- ✦ changing careers
- ✦ cross-cultural relationships
- ✦ bureaucratic bungles
- ✦ wills

- ✦ sea change
- ✦ tree change
- ✦ near death experience
- ✦ getting lost
- ✦ moving house
- ✦ changing countries
- ✦ being in a car accident
- ✦ witnessing something terrible

confronting your fears  
**These are only some suggestions to give people an idea of the sorts of stories and poems we are seeking. Feel free to choose a different issue/topic that relates to the theme.**

We are happy to work with people who have a story to tell but are unable to write it down.

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The following criteria will apply for any works accepted for publication:

- ✦ Poems must be no more than 2 pages in length.
- ✦ Short Stories must be 500 to 3000 words.
- ✦ Works must not contain swearing or inappropriate language.
- ✦ Works must fit into the theme of 'Moving On'.
- ✦ No inappropriate or offensive content will be accepted.
- ✦ Romsey Writer's Group reserves the right to refuse publication of works considered inappropriate or unacceptable.

All submissions should include address and phone number for contact.  
✦ Materials should be typed and printed, and submitted with a disc containing the piece/pieces. Materials can be dropped at the Romsey Neighbourhood House (Shire Offices, Main street Romsey) or emailed to romseycommunityhouse@yahoo.com.au. Alternatively, they can be posted to Romsey Neighbourhood House PO Box 418 Romsey VIC 3434.

✦ All materials MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

✦ More than one piece of work may be submitted.

✦ This project is subject to funding however, in the event this is unsuccessful, we will publish a selection of stories in the Romsey Rag.

This is a not-for-profit project and NO PAYMENT is provided for works submitted.

If you are unable to write your story down, one of our writers will be happy to work with you to get it down on paper. For assistance, phone Dee White on 54 285 365 or Robyn Moore on 54 29 6445 or 0412 275 152.

So get writing, and send your story or poem in to us. We'd love to see it - and check your Romsey Rag next month for more information.

## **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.

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Dear Romsey Rag

Invasive species from other countries spreading across Australia are the most immediate threat to Australia's own flora and fauna, according to CRC for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC) scientist and President of the Council of Australasian Weed Societies Dr John Virtue. With the historical period of large-scale land clearing for agriculture now over, invasive weed species continue to expand in cleared country and bushland remnants, Dr Virtue said, threatening the survival of native plants and animals already stressed by severe habitat loss and changing rainfall and temperature patterns.

'Much of the current focus is on establishing biodiversity corridors to enable native plants and animals to migrate in the future, to more suitable climates. Yet this won't happen if exotic weeds destroy the remnants of natural habitat we still have left. We need to actively manage weed threats now as a fundamental part of our response to climate change', he said.

Launching a new series of weed management guides for Australian landholders and bushland managers by the Weeds CRC, at the inaugural SA Weeds Conference in Adelaide today, Dr Virtue said the plight of Australia's native plants and animals under these pressures is poorly recognised.

'Research by the Weeds CRC shows that invasive foreign weeds now threaten the survival of almost half the 945 native plants and animals on the threatened species list for NSW alone', he said. 'We think this pattern of threat to native biodiversity by invasive weeds is likely to be widespread across Australia, especially for patches of remnant vegetation near cities, towns and farmhouses where ex-garden plants have jumped the fence.'

Dr Virtue said the weeds chosen for these new management guides were selected after a survey of Australia's

NRM regions. 'They are high impact environmental weeds, seen as a priority by a significant number of regional bodies. The perennial grasses, shrubs and vines all have the capacity to out-compete our native plants and deny food and shelter to our native animals. Some also pose fire risks. Dr Virtue said that for the first time plainly written yet detailed colour brochures suitable for use by local weed managers and community groups had been brought together for this important but overlooked suite of problem weeds.

The eight species covered in the series are:

1. Lycium ferocissimum (African boxthorn)
2. Hyparrhenia hirta (Coolatai grass)
3. Cenchrus ciliaris (buffel grass)
4. Vinca major (periwinkle)
5. Erica lusitanica and other Erica spp. (Spanish heath etc.)
6. Cytisus scoparius, Genista monspessulana and related species (brooms)
7. Macfadyena unguis-cati (cat's claw creeper)
8. Pennisetum spp. (some foxtails and fountain grasses)

Printed copies of the management guides will be distributed at the SA Weeds Conference this week.

They are available online at: [http://www.weedscrc.org.au/publications/weed\\_man\\_guides.html#biodiversity](http://www.weedscrc.org.au/publications/weed_man_guides.html#biodiversity)

Contact:

Dr John Virtue  
Weeds CRC & President of the Council of Australasian Weed Societies  
0428 112 943

For a selection of weed images visit: <http://www.weedscrc.org.au/publications/media.html>

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Market Dates 2008  
Second Sunday of the month  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 14<sup>th</sup>

Romsey Mechanics Hall 10-3pm

Supported by Romsey Community House and Macedon Ranges Shire the Market will feature locally hand made arts and crafts, music and food and collectables. Please come along and support our local artists and crafts people ,

our community and the Community House. Okay, so you have missed the first few. We want the market to be bigger and better next time and you have time to get arty and crafty for Christmas.

We are still calling for market stall holders. We and the stall holders want the market to continue and we need your help!

If you don't have anything to sell please come and support the market anyway. All proceeds go to the Romsey Community House. You and your community know how important the work is that these people do for all of us.

For more information please contact Gillian at the Gillmay Arts Gallery 119 Main Street Romsey or phone 54293996 and leave your details. We will get back to you as soon as possible .

Thank you  
Gillian Gorrie

Gisborne Secondary College Car-boot Sale

Gisborne Secondary College is holding a car boot sale on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Melton Road, Gisborne, from 9.00am to 1:00pm to raise funds for the upgrade of the food technology area. The school is looking to raise money at the local level to cover the expense of refurbishment of features and fixtures which includes purchasing new ovens to replace worn ovens. Sellers can book pre-paid sites at College: car \$15, car/trailer \$20, car/tandem trailer \$25. Contact Annette Clark or Michelle Croxford: 54 28 3691, Kathy Gossip 54 27 4117(AH). Donations to the college are also welcome.

Thank you,  
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Time: 7.30pm (for 8.0pm start)  
Venue: The Kindergarten Room  
16 Dunsford Street  
Lancefield

All positions on the committee will become vacant at the AGM

Any queries—please contact the Kindergarten on 5429 1388.

Macedon Ranges Writers Group

(formerly Woodend Writers Group) meet monthly at various locations around the Macedon Ranges from 2pm to 5pm on a Saturday. As well as sharing a piece of writing, the group do a short writing exercise. So for for old writers and new, come along for a wonderful afternoon of stories and sharing. It is encouraging, motivating and instructive For further details contact Sue Yardley on 5427 2236

Romsey Primary School  
Christmas Market Day—  
Friday November 21st, 2008.  
From 2.00-7.00pm at the school.

A great chance to do some early Christmas shopping from a range of local businesses and party plan people. Support your school, support your local businesses!

There are still spaces available for stall holders. If you are interested in having your own stall please contact Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 for further information and registration form.



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*Kind regards Gillian*

### Program for Term 4 2008

#### **Exhibitions:**

**October, November** June Deakin, Chinese Painting

**Heirloom quilts** Long awaited unveiling, lovingly created by Darlene, Elaine & Joy **One night** only Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm-7.30pm

**November December** Beverly McClean and Joan Vanot

**14<sup>th</sup> December** Exhibition Opening Sunday the 1pm -5pm

**Peter Little** Sandstone Sculptures as well as **Gillmay Arts Students** December, January

#### **Term 4 Classes**

**Monday** Papertole (monthly)

**Tuesday** Tai Chi, Adult afternoon and Evening Art Class

**Wednesday** Yoga and Meditation, Adult Art Classes afternoon and evening & Primary Art Class.

**Thursday** Adult Beginners Art Class, afternoon and figure drawing.

**Friday:** Messy monkeys,

**Consultations:** Massage available with Lynda Rooth on

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday,

Consultations with Lindy Stratford available on Thursdays

Counseling with Amanda Summers available by appointment.

#### **Workshops**

**October:**

**16th & 18th** Creative writing

**18th & 19 Oct** Reiki 1 with Lindy Stratford

**24th Oct** Friday Pastels with Lyn Ellis

**23rd & 25th Oct** Creative writing

**2 9th Oct** Pastel for beginners for 4 weeks with Helen Miles.

**November:**

**Chinese Painting** with June Deakin

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Felting with Maret Wocadlo

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Nov** Psychic Development with Lindy Stratford.

**12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Christmas Card Making Wed night 7.30pm.

**15th Nov Oils** with Richard Chemerski

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov** Christmas Jewellery and Ornaments Class 5 week3

**29th Nov Intuitive Art** with Merle Tait

**29<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Jewellery and Ornaments** one day workshop.

**30th Nov Watercolor** with John York

**Other:**

**November:** visit our Christmas Display at the Gallery all goods for sale.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas At the Gallery** Food wine and music.

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# VOTE 1

## JOAN DONOVAN



### Candidate for East Ward in Macedon Ranges Election - 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Many of you will know me as a long term resident and employee within the Macedon Ranges Shire, having lived and worked in the area for over 31 years. Over this time I have been actively involved in a number of community initiatives, including the establishment of the Romsey Kindergarten, Cobaw Community Health Service and the Riddells Creek Maternal and Child Health Centre.

Through my regular contact with members of our local communities, I have gained a broad understanding of the many social issues and other concerns currently being expressed by residents, including:

A strong desire to protect our rural lifestyle and heritage

Keeping Shire debt low, and rates fair and manageable

A need to advocate for a Secondary School in East Ward

Prioritising and improving our aged care services

Continuous upgrading and maintaining footpaths and roads to allow for safe and efficient use by **all** residents, especially our children, senior citizens and disabled

Improvement of recreation and green reserves to provide quality facilities for residents of **all** ages

Quality improvement and fine tuning of our existing services and facilities before the development of new projects.

We all agree that we live in a unique area. As more people elect to make this region their home, we must ensure that we act appropriately to protect the rural lifestyle and heritage that we value so highly.

I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible over the next few weeks to discuss your ideas, issues and concerns.

### WITH YOUR VOTE I WILL BE YOUR COMMUNITY VOICE

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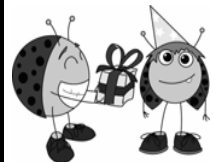
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**LIVE IN THE EAST WARD? VOTE 1 FOR ERIC NOTHARD**

**THE MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION – 2008 WILL BE HELD BY POSTAL VOTING COMMENCING ON 11 NOVEMBER 2008 AND ALL POSTAL VOTES WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY 28 NOVEMBER 2008**

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A COUNCIL THAT REALLY WORKS FOR THE RATEPAYERS?**

If you believe that a Council should be there to support the best interests of every ratepayer then may I, Eric Nothard an Independent Candidate for the **East Ward** of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, offer my services to help to achieve that aim? I have a real work ethic, a wealth of experience, a strong and proven record in, personnel management, managing large organizations and dealing with Government Departments. I (along with many others) have not been overly impressed by the performance of the existing Council and I have therefore made the decision to come out of my retirement and contest the 2008 Council Election. Reasonable rates for Macedon Ranges Ratepayers. During the past three years rates have increased by nearly 21%, that's around three times higher than the CPI which is the suggested guideline for Councils. Sadly, this guideline seems to have been ignored and local people have been subjected to excessive rate increases and have been forced to pay even more in Council fees and charges – all approved by the current Council. I believe local people are being "ripped off" and if elected, I will oppose all excessive rate rises above CPI. I will demand careful responsible budgeting and will closely examine any proposal to increase Council charges. Every ratepayer deserves to know how and where their money is being spent. I promise to use my skills to deliver 'open door' accountability and give better value for local people. I also promise that I will work tirelessly to address your issues with the Shire Council. From my perspective I believe that the Council, who have the responsibility of managing an annual budget of plus \$45,000,000, should be open and transparent in the manner in which they spend the ratepayers (your) dollar(s). Ratepayers should be involved in the process and Councillors have an obligation to ensure the agenda for the Council is set by the needs of the ratepayers!

I live in Romsey and have a belief that local people should determine their own future i.e. **LOCAL PEOPLE – LOCAL DECISIONS**. Like to know more? Please feel free to ring me on 5429 3355 and discuss what matters to you and what you expect from your local Council.

**LIVE IN THE EAST WARD? VOTE 1 FOR ERIC NOTHARD**

Authorised by Eric Nothard, 12 Jinker Way, Romsey 3434. Phone 5429 3355.



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# GRAHAM HACKETT

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### for EAST WARD

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I know that the 2008-2009 budget to be spent by Councillors is in excess of \$45.6 million of which we (the rate payers) contribute a minimum of \$31.6 million

A few topics of consideration when spending your money:

- Do we need better roads and foot paths?
- Can we do more for our aging population?
- Could we better cater for our children and youth?
- Do our sporting and recreational facilities need upgrading, improving or expansion?
- Do we care when our Rates increase at a greater percentage than the CPI?

I say YES to all of these, what about you? The list goes on and on... I know that the \$45.6 million can cater for all of the above – properly managed!

- I have lived within the Shire for over 20 years and run a small farm on the outskirts of Riddell Creek
- I am the President and life member of the Gisborne and Districts Obedience Dog Club, based at the Riddell Recreation Reserve.
- I am an active member of the Rotary Club of Riddells Creek
- I am interested in land care and alternate energy. I have joined the solar neighbourhood recently formed in Riddells Creek.

Feel free to call me to discuss issues and ideas Ph **5428 7788**

Together we can work towards "open door accountability and a plan to make every one of our Dollars' work better"

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**7.30pm**

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