

Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 16th September, 2009
 At 7.30pm in the clubrooms.
All welcome.

Summer season team entries

We are calling for all interested people for both junior and open Saturday tennis competition to contact us now. Summer season begins in fourth term—October 10th.

Juniors—The beginner teams in section D will be playing matches on Friday nights for this summer season. Saturday morning competition will be for sections C, B and A.e contact Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622 by Wednesday September 2nd.

Open—these teams play on Saturday afternoons. Please contact Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622 by September 2nd.

Hiring of tennis courts

Free day use by members

- \$10 per hour per court for day hire by non-members
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- \$20 per hour per court for night hire for non-members

Tennis racquets are also available for use when hiring courts. Please contact Bev on 5429 6189 or Kaye on 5429 5622 for court hiring or membership enquiries.

Tennis Coach

Andrew Peake, our professional club coach, can provide coaching from 5 years of age and for all ability levels, including social hitters and competition players. In term 4 Andrew will be conducting a "Mums in Tennis Program".

Contact Andrew on 0412 225 792 or by email at peaketennis@hotmail.com

Club Contacts:

Club coach— Andrew Peake 0412 225 792
Friday morning social tennis at 9.30am—Eileen French 0412787213
Mid-week Tuesday Ladies—Bev Beaumont—5429 6189
Junior and Open Saturday Comp—Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results for this month

22nd July Stroke K. Jekabsons
 29th July Monthly Medal L. Robb
 5th August Stableford K. Jekabsons
 12th August Stroke B. Cole
 19th August Stroke K. Jekabsons

Welcome back to Wendy who has been travelling overseas. We are looking forward to hearing about her travels.

Monday 27th July Lorraine and I travelled to Avenel to play in the district final of the RWH 4BBB. We found the sand scrapes challenging but it was good practise for the Avenel tournament which was August 13th. Kath Lorraine and I went to the Avenel tournament and Kath has pretty much decided she won't play sand scrapes again. A slow dirty exhausting day.

Lorraine and I played in the Dalhousie 36 hole four-somes held at Kilmore on Thursday 20th August. After having steady rain all the way over to Kilmore it was a really good sunny day and Lorraine and I combined well and won the net trophy, with a net 74½ in the AM and a 73½ in the PM.

We would like to welcome any women wishing to play golf or even just to try the game to come along and have a hit with us on a Wednesday morning. We meet at the clubrooms off Park Lane approximately 9am for a 9.30 hit off.

Recipe for this month

Peanut Biscuits

¾ cup sugar
 4ozs butter
 1 cup flour
 1 egg
 Unsalted peanuts
 Mix sugar with melted butter, add egg and then dry ingredients.

Put teaspoon amounts on to a greased tray and bake for ½ hour in a slow oven. Allow a bit of room for the biscuits to spread.

Beryl Cole
 54295411

Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)



Watch this space next month for more information on the Romsey Christmas Decoration competition.....it is closer than what you think.....



THE ROMSEY RAG

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September 2009

THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF THE ROMSEY RAG IS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY
 - B4 Beauti -



Grand Opening Launch

It is with great regret that Sue Nanos has decided to retire from the Beauty Industry and spend her time concentrating on Makeup. A path she has wanted to head down for some time now.

As of **Monday 14th of September**, Suzanne's Totally Natural Beauty Therapy will have a new owner, Bryony Crowder, of Lancefield. Bryony has been in the Beauty Industry for over 5 years now and has a lot of new things to bring to the town of Romsey. Being a fully qualified Beauty Therapist, she is qualified in waxing, manicures, pedicures, acrylic & gel nails, relaxation massage, facials, makeup, eyelash grafting, spray tans and much more.

To help celebrate the grand opening of B4 Beauti, which will be the new name for the salon, Bryony invites all past, present & future clients to join her in a champagne launch night on **Friday 11th September at 7:00pm**. A 15% off gift voucher will be given to you for use on your first treatment, and of course a free glass of champagne if you come join in the fun! Also there will be plenty of specials until the end of October so start booking now.

Bryony will start trading on **Monday 14th September** so call her now to pre book your appointments on **0439 658 975**.

Sue's last day will be **Friday 11th of September** so we ask that you come along to the launch party to say your final goodbyes to Sue and to meet the new owner Bryony. On behalf of all Sue's clients, we wish her all the best!

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All specials are until the end of October only. *15% off voucher is only available to people who attend the launch.

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Grants available for volunteer community organisations

Dear friends

There are many fantastic community groups with highly experienced and passionate volunteers in the Macedon Ranges who work tirelessly to serve our community every day. To assist, the Victorian Government provides *Volunteer Small Grants* of up to \$5,000 to help these groups to attract new volunteers and develop programs to keep their existing volunteers. Many local community groups who have applied for these grants have been successful.

Groups can apply for the *Volunteer Small Grants* at any time. If you are planning to submit an application to this program, please contact my office on 5428 2138 for a letter of support.

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

Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

Notice of Annual General Meeting

**Monday 19th October
At 7.30pm**

**Mt William Room
Romsey Community Hub**

All Welcome and Supper Provided



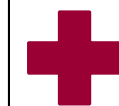
Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary

The 12th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary was held on Tuesday 18th August at the Romsey Ambulance Station. Two new members were welcomed by President Helen Richardson prior to the commencement of the meeting where reports were received from the president & treasurer. Helen reported on a successful year for the auxiliary with their major fundraiser being the town garage sale which was held late May. Helen thanked her small but reliable auxiliary for the hard work they had done throughout the year and following the declaration of all office bearing positions open Tom Dukic the Acting Station Officer oversaw the election of the office bearers for the coming year.

Office bearers elected to the following positions were: President – Helen Richardson, Vice President – Julie Jedwab, Secretary – Kate Christie and Treasurer – Beryl Cole.

At the conclusion of the AGM an ordinary meeting was held to plan the year ahead. The success of any community organisation lies in the strength of its members as well as the support of the local residents. Traditionally small towns and their surrounding districts like Romsey & Lancefield have contributed significantly to support their community assets and without this support groups such as the ambulance auxiliary would cease to exist. Whilst Ambulance Victoria provides the basic vehicles and equipment for the Romsey Ambulance Station any additional equipment that they require is reliant on having funds readily available for such a purpose. Our next planned fundraiser is the very popular and successful sausage sizzle at the Lancefield Farmer's Market on September 26th (Grand Final Day). We will have sausages, coleslaw, onions and chutneys for you to enjoy.

If you are interested in finding out more about the ambulance auxiliary or are looking for a community group to support why not contact us to see what we have to offer. We meet bimonthly on a Tuesday night and would love to see you there. This community fought very hard over many years to get an ambulance station in our community so let's get together to show our continued support. Please contact Helen Richardson on 54296369 to obtain details of meetings or other ways you can assist the auxiliary.



Australian Red Cross Romsey Red Cross Unit

Our special fundraiser for
Red Cross will be on
September 8th
at the Hub
at 2.00pm.

Cherie from the Lancefield Nursery will share her knowledge about Spring Gardening. It will be a fun afternoon. Entry is \$5, and there will be a door prize and a delicious afternoon tea.

New members are always welcome to support the wonderful work of Red Cross. For further information please contact
Isobel Hood
Romsey Red Cross
5429 5502.

Keeping 'Naturally Cool'...

*Developing a Heatwave Plan for
Macedon Ranges Shire*

You are invited to join us at a Heatwave Forum to

- Raise awareness of the impact of heatwaves*
- Workshop strategies to keep 'Naturally Cool'*
- Workshop communication methods to warn of impending heatwaves*

Your thoughts and ideas will inform the

Macedon Ranges Shire Heatwave Plan

Date: Wednesday 2nd September

Time: 10.00am–2.00pm

Venue: Kyneton Town Hall

Lunch provided - Bookings are essential

Please RSVP to Karen Dunstan ph: 5422 0206
email: karendun@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au
by Wednesday 26th August



Romsey Uniting Church Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

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

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480

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



**Evensong Service:
5pm Sunday 27th September, 2009**

An invitation is extended to all who enjoy singing. The Evensong service will take the form of singing favourite hymns, prayers and bible readings and will be at the Romsey Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey. A shared meal will follow at 6pm.

(Reflection by Eddie Askew)

1 John: 1: 1.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

A neighbour of mine took his family for a week's holiday on the canal. They hired a narrow boat. The weather was kind, the landscape on the river banks green and gentle. The pace of life was slow, undemanding, apart from the locks which punctuated the journey with commas rather than full stops on the way.

A few days after their return he and I were both in our drives washing our cars. I asked him about the holiday. "Great", he said, "We relaxed, watched the life around us. One day we noticed butterflies on the river bank, and realised they were travelling faster than we were. It gave us a new perspective."

Life is fast these days. There's little time for anything but the immediate demands of work and daily living. The 'human' things are in danger of being squeezed out.

A poet W.H. Davies wrote:

"What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare..."

He wasn't thinking of an aimless idleness where nothing registers, but of a long look which takes in the world around us. A look which wonders and delights in the intricate beauty of butterflies and all that nature offers. It may renew our perspective and help us understand that life is more than a mad rush from one commitment to another.

St. John links it to our spiritual awareness.

"That which we have looked at" he says, and the word means *gazed at*, taken time over. Whether it is the river bank, butterflies or the revelation of God's love in Jesus Christ, we need to take time to consider it, absorb its beauty and reflect on how it can change our lives.

("Slower than Butterflies")

Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)

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**Church Services during
September, 2009**

6th	9am.	Worship Service led by Brendan Byrne.
13 th	9am.	Worship Service and Communion led by Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
20 th	9am	Worship Service led by The Worship Team
27 th	9am	Worship Service led by Rev Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
	5pm.	Evensong Service followed by shared meal at 6pm.

35m Optus Tower Proposal Still in the Pipe Line

The Romsey Primary School community was saddened to hear that Optus through Aurecon has applied to VCAT to fight the refused permit for a 35m Optus telecommunication tower at the rear of the school. Despite a unanimous vote by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to refuse the permit, and strong community support for the relocation of such a tower away from the school and the middle of town, Optus continues to fight.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council is planning to support its refusal of the original application at VCAT. The school and local residents who lodged original objections to the 35m Tower are also able to submit objections to VCAT and are able to speak at the VCAT hearing. This is expected to be heard in December this year. The premise for the refusal by Council for a 35m Telecommunication Tower was on the basis of aesthetics not in keeping with the regional area in which we live. The location of an industrial estate in the middle of town and at the rear of the school was also described as a "planning anomaly". The school objected and continues to support the refusal of the tower application at 11 Park Lane with the following key objections:

Aesthetic Impact: Romsey is a rural town in a rural environment; trees, space and nature are key lifestyle choices for people choosing to live in Romsey. A telecommunication tower at the rear of the school and in the middle of town does not align with this choice.

Romsey Primary School prides itself on its environmental programs, including the garden program, the student vegetable garden and chook shed, and the native corridors attracting native flora and fauna. The presence of a 35m telecommunication tower negatively impacts on this.

Health Risks - No substantive proof: for or against, on the potential health impacts of a telecommunications tower on the school community immediately beneath it, however World Health Organisation research suggests that these towers should not be placed near children.

Future Developments at Romsey Primary: a post primary and recreational and sporting facility on the north side of school would be directly impacted by the tower in terms of potential health risks and aesthetics.

Choice: By placing a tower in an already populated or built up area removes people's choice about where they live and what they want to live near. Rural environment is not complemented by a 35m telecommunications tower.

If you share these concerns please forward a letter of support to Romsey Primary School, Station Street, Romsey VIC 3434. Your letters of support will assist us to demonstrate the strong community view at the VCAT hearing in December.

Vanessa Meredith

President, Romsey Primary School Council

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SHOOL NEWS

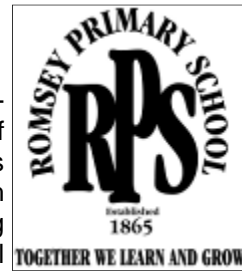


Alice in Wonderland

Recently our community was treated to four brilliant performance of Alice in Wonderland. All students from years 5 and 6 participated with two separate casts, each having two performances. The students all entertained the audience with their excellent singing, dancing and acting. The leading roles all carried off their parts with expertise and along with the colourful costumes, creative face painting the characterisation was excellent. The shows represent months of work for students, staff and some very dedicated parent volunteers. I know the families that treated themselves to the talent on display were impressed with the talent of Romsey Primary School students. They have learnt a great deal from performances such as these and grow

enormously in confidence and self-esteem as they take on the challenge to sing, dance and act before the audience of familiar and not so familiar faces. It's brilliant that our school can give all year 5/6 students a full theatrical experience with sets, lights, sound equipment, costumes and make up. This will be something these students will remember fondly for many years to come.

Congratulations to our director Ira Furfaro who has been working since the beginning of the year selecting the leading roles and rehearsing at lunch times for many weeks. Also I would like to congratulate Robyn Moore for the continuous support she provides with rehearsals, costumes, prompting and overall support for the musical. The painting of the backdrop was primarily completed by our Visual Arts teacher Annie Betts with the help of Clare Pitaro and Erin Moore. I would also like to congratulate the teachers from the 5/6 area, Diana Ellis, Brian Tannenburg, Vanessa Johnston, Andrew McPherson and Georgia Romaszko. Many other staff and parents were involved back stage helping with makeup, face painting and changes of costumes. Thanks also to Ira Furfaro for sound and Andrew McPherson for lighting during the four shows. I would like to convey special thanks to Karyn Gottschling for her outstanding contribution to the costumes. Along with Robyn Moore they worked hard together making this part of the show a highlight.



AEROSKOOLS VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT LAST WE GOT THE GOLD

Two weeks ago our hard working sports aerobics teams competed at the "Aeroskools Victorian Championships" at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. All four teams acquitted themselves extremely well and should be proud of their achievements. What a day of great excitement and excellent performances! Every one of our teams performed their routines to perfection, against some extremely strong competition.

RESULTS

JUNIOR GROUP 4th place - Dakota Barnes, Annalea Prespakis, Karlie Hales and Janelle Spinks.

JUNIOR TRIO – 1st place – Emily Canning, Emily Sharp and Samantha Richardson.

INTERMEDIATE TRIO – 12th place – Cassy Steele, Hayley Townsend and Brodie Carter.

INTERMEDIATE GROUP – 3rd place – Leanne Truill, Paige Nuttall, Samantha Derrick, Lauren Connell and Katy Quinn.

We now look forward to the Australian Championships in October, again at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, where I am sure all three of our teams that have qualified will make us all proud. Congratulations to our fantastic coach, Karren Baker

Chess Tournament

On Thursday 13th August, 7 students from Romsey travelled to Riddells Creeek Primary for a chess tournament involving students from other schools in our district. The students involved were Tom ORMESHER, Hugh WEBB-WARE, Ben TAYLOR, Joshua GOTTSCHLING, Charlie MESON, Jacqui MURRAY, Luke BARTON. Romsey Primary came seventh in the overall school placing. Thanks to Karyn Gottschling and Jenny Stillman for transporting and supervising the students on the day.



Lancefield Romsey Lions Club



The Lancefield Romsey Lions had their Change Over Dinner last month, which was held at the Lancefield Golf Club to see the new President Lion Ged McLaughlin come into his new position along with his officers for the coming year, including 1st Vice President Max McDonald, 2nd Vice President Ken Colson, Secretary Ken Colson and Treasurer Craig Jones.

Over 40 guests were entertained by MC Geoff Neil which included their District Governor Jill Qualtrough, Lions members from Broadford, Riddells Creek, Broadmeadows & Bendigo, their own past members, as well as Cr Henry McLaughlin, Cr Joan Donovan and members from our local Rotary Club.

The out going President, Julie Starec reported on her past year, thanking all the club for their support & highlighted the new achievements made in this period including, giving over \$1500 to the Redesdale Fencing appeal for fire affected locals, entering their first team in the Relay For Life raising approx. \$1000 for cancer, starting an Adopt a Roadside Cleanup group through Keep Australia Beautiful to look after 5kms of roadside south of Romsey, & becoming Santa's helpers through receiving letters & making sure he replies to the children through the Lancefield Post Office. Also mentioned were their ongoing contributions to providing Community Awards to students of \$100 each in Lancefield, Romsey and Clarkefield Primary Schools, & the provisions for Operation Teddy Bear as these teddy bears go the Police, CFA & Ambulance Stations for children who need comfort in all sorts of circumstances. The Romsey Market was also held throughout the year. The club also received a \$1000 donation from the Bendigo Bank that went towards building a shed for the Elderly Citizen Units in Lancefield.

The night also saw a new member, Brian Knight of Romsey, installed into the club by the District Governor Jill Qualtrough & the sponsoring Lion, Julie Starec.

There were presentations made, with many door & raffle prizes making it a great night to be enjoyed by all who attended.

Lions now meet on Tuesday nights the 2nd (business) and the 4th (dinner) of each month. If you would be interested in coming along to one of our meetings or become involved in any of our Lions projects you are more than welcome & can contact Lion Julie Starec on 0411 643 407.

Welcome to Spring

With a
Champagne & Basket Luncheon



At the RSL Club,
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Woodend
On Thursday
3rd September



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15th September at Romsey at 6.30 – 8.30 PM
96 Main Road Romsey (Romsey Hub)

Free and informative with nibbles provided with Leonie and Jess...
Youth Alcohol and other Drugs outreach counsellors at Cobaw Community Health
RSVP Cobaw 54211666

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. held its Change-Over Dinner meeting last month at The Grange Centre Vic Motel in Lancefield.

The 60 people attending included Joe Morabito (local councillor), the Past District Rotary Governor (Petyer Gilbert) and Assistant Governor (Peter Gibson) and their partners (Barbara and Sam), representatives from the Sunbury Rotary Club including PDG Mani Seneviratne and his wife Sherwani, the Lancefield and Romsey Lions Club President Julie and Milos Starec, incoming President Ged McLaughlin and partner Wendy McLaughlin, the President of Relay for Life (Ken Wiltshire), the President of The Bendigo Community Bank (Maureen Wiltshire), and board members of the Bank Stella Giles, Trevor, Doug Newnham, Trevor Turnham and their partners Chris, Evelyn, Carol and Heather.

The outgoing President Greg Powell spoke about the Club's achievements over the past year and the success of the Rotary Raffle which was also drawn at the end of the evening. Presentations were made to individual businesses for their ongoing contributions to the life of the Lancefield and Romsey communities: Daily Juice: Keith Rickards, Romsey Meat Specialist: Peter O'Rourke, Romsey Stock Feed: Mark Shepherdley, Soltan Pepper Restaurant: Mel and Adam Soltan and Staff, Frosts Sawmill: Rod Frost, Echuca/Moama IGA: Mark Shepherdley and Steve Speirs. Special mention was made of the financial support given to the Club by the Bendigo Community Bank as well as ongoing support from the IGA Romsey Supermarket.

Wendy Shepherdley (RN) was presented with an award for her Waist Busters Program weighing and measuring the male members of our Club as part of support for Men's Health and Diabetes Education. Two other special award certificates were also handed out the Clare Shepherdley and Alex Shepherdley for their work for Rotary at most major events throughout the calendar year.

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc achieved its targets during the year with support from the local community and all Rotary members. Some of the Projects and Fund Raisers that have been sponsored this year include:

- Wheel Chairs For Kids (WA Rotary and Christian Bros)
- Romsey Red Cross donation \$450 for Bush Fire Relief
- Relay For Life Annual 24 Hour Walk in Lancefield Park donated value over \$3500.00 in food/drinks and service
- Romsey Rodeo money car park collection for victims of Bush Fire: \$450
- Romsey Play Group \$1000.00 donated to beautify the outside play area at the Romsey Hub
- Books to every Prep child in all local schools: \$5000.00
- Rotary International PolioPlus \$1000.00 donated
- Romsey Play Group books for children's library: \$400
- Sponsorship of Casey Schneeberger's trip to African school as well as books and stationery for the children: \$500
- Youth Sports Awards Night with donations of \$100 cheques and 100th Rotary Year Commemorative Australian Minted Silver coins to all awardees.
- Two Highway Clean Ups between Romsey and Lancefield
- Calcutta Night (Romsey Hub)
- Men's Health with Diabetes Educator Wendy Shepherdley
- Sponsorship and support for Mini Field of Women
- Major Raffle to fund ongoing educational projects
- Participation in Community Expo to promote Rotary/Probuss Fun Night Soltan Pepper Restaurant

The Winner of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club's raffle is:

Carole Hamilton Barwick (of Romsey) with ticket number 1620. Tickets were sold as far away as Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Tasmania and Queensland. There was only one prize for the \$2 ticket: a 6x4 trailer, a ride on mower, a push mower and a brush cutter.

The raffle draw was made at the Rotary Change-Over Dinner by Assistant Governor of Rotary District 9790 Peter Gibson. The raffle scrutineer for the evening was Ghislaine Coghill who watched over 6000 tickets go into the Rotary barrel.

Special thanks to all the hundreds of locals who purchased one or more raffle tickets. The Rotary Club specifically thanks Rotarians Keith Rickards and Karen Stevens who gave of their time visiting local markets over the past 6 months in all types of weather. Funds raised will go to support our work in all local schools with books and Year 6 scholarships. Special thanks to Mick and Jodie Bannon from Romsey Mowers for the provision of the mowing equipment

The incoming for 2009-2010 is President Rod Frost and he spoke about the Club's continuing support for the Avenue of Honour Project that is being progressed with support from the Romsey RSL and its President John Lynch and his vision for the Club with various local projects in his year as President.



Peter O'Rourke presents the International Toast about the humanitarian work done by Rotary worldwide to eradicate Polio and the support by the Bill and



The induction of incoming President Rod Frost (left) by outgoing president Greg Powell and PDG Peter Gilbert

Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. meets every Thursday Night at SOLTAN PEPPER RESTAURANT 118 Main Street ROMSEY at 7 pm for 7.30 pm. Enquiries and bookings please phone (PP) Peter O'Rourke: 5429 5240 or Soltan Pepper Restaurant: 5429 3190. New MEMBERS are most WELCOME

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FRIENDSHIP RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH TURISCAI:

Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor have now cemented a Friendship relationship with the community of Turiscai in East Timor. Committee members Vicki Cronin and Barbara Fletcher have just returned from a very busy trip to East Timor. They attended a national conference, "Transforming East Timor", where they met with representatives from other Friendship groups. A highlight of the trip was a Dinner and meeting with President Jose Ramos Horta.

Vicki travelled to Turiscai with Mr. Ego Lemos, the CEO of a Permaculture NGO who are working in the region. Mr. Lemos was instrumental in introducing Vicki to local community leaders and supplementing her embryonic Tetum language skills. Vicki spent two weeks living as a local and touring the district. She identified many local issues and areas of need and realized that we, in the Macedon Ranges, are well placed to form partnerships and help in many ways.

Macedon Ranges Friends of East Timor is looking for anyone who is willing to donate a bit of time and some clever ideas to our cause. We are forging links with all facets of the community including mums and babies, schools, agriculture, the youth and sporting groups. Maybe you can help. Vicki Cronin 0409434101 vickicronin@westnet.com.au

Background re the District of Turiscai:

Turiscai is a very picturesque district. It is at least a 5 hour drive across very rugged terrain into the mountains south of the capital Dili. The major crop grown is coffee.

Speakers are available to speak to community organizations about MRFoET and they can arrange a viewing of some of the beautiful products made by the women of East Timor. Some of these products are for sale.

To keep you informed of the many ways in which you can get involved, MRFoET will soon be publishing a regular newsletter.

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter, please confirm your details with us via email at mrfoet@bigpond.com. If you do not have an email address, please call us and we can post the newsletter to you.

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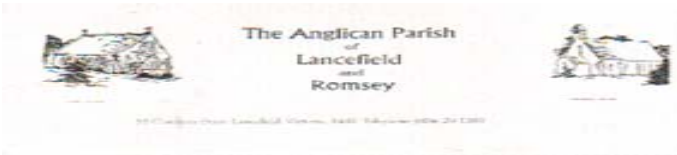
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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

Commandment number six says "Do not murder."

Moses intended this command to mean that no human being, on his own initiative, should ever take the life of another person. God gave life and only God may take it. It did not refer to war or capital punishment inflicted by the state for murder.

Jesus extended the application of this law, telling his followers not to be angry with another human being. He did not pronounce explicitly on war or capital punishment, but a number of his sayings place a very big question mark over killing another human being under any circumstances. The inference in this is that even if we think about murder, it is murder.

One of the key things about the last six commandments is that they are about relationships with one another. However, this also applies to both the way we think **and** the way we act. Living God's way is about thinking, feeling and doing the things of God. Good works are based on God's standards and we need God's help to do this.

For us today, we have to constantly ask how the commandment applies beyond the clear and explicit command not to take violently another person's life. Could this apply to war, capital punishment, dangerous driving, abortion etc., etc.?

That's this month's view from the vicarage as we continue to seek the divine in 2009.

Rev. Leroy Coote

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Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

Announcements

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."
2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Church hall. Cost \$3.00 to cover dinner. Anyone in Grades 5 – 9 at school welcome. Come along and see what fun activities we do. All welcome and all our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".
3. Mark down Saturday 14th November for the "Fete of the Century" at St. Paul's Romsey.
4. What's missing from this – ch ch? Ur. See you for **Back to church Sunday** on Sunday 13th September at both Romsey and Lancefield.
5. Our next Sunday @ six is on Sunday 13th September at 6pm with a free BBQ at 5:30pm.

For further details on any of our activities, please contact the office on 5429-1680.

Romsey & Lancefield District Historical Society Inc.

The next meeting of the Romsey and Lancefield Historical Society will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7.30pm at the Courthouse, Lancefield. The topic for the evening will be Questions & answers on Local History. If you have anything you would like answered about local history, please contact Archivist Robyn Miller beforehand, so that she has the opportunity to research your question and provide the information you require. She can be contacted on 0418 172 659.

Historic Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street, Romsey is open on Sunday September 20th between 1.30 and 4.30pm and is well worth a visit.

Romsey Primary School

80's Night

Is coming up
on Friday September 4th from 7.00 pm
in the Gym.

Come along in your best 80's gear and celebrate
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BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles.
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Tickets are \$15 each and now on sale at the office at
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Romsey Community House Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc. will be held on Tuesday October 27th at 7.00pm, at the Romsey Hub.

An election will be held for a new Committee of Management, and the AGM will be immediately followed by a normal committee meeting to elect Office Bearers.

To be eligible for nomination for the Committee, you need to be a financial member, which costs \$1 per year. Membership can be organized by visiting the Community House any week morning.

Nomination forms for the Committee of Management are available from the House. Nominations may be lodged from September 29th and will close at 4.00pm on October 26th.

We would encourage all existing members to renew their membership and consider nominating for the Committee of Management, and for non-members to consider joining the house and supporting its efforts.

All enquiries to 5429 6724.

'9: The Expo' Macedon Ranges only Business and Lifestyle Expo Returns



Kyneton has been announced as host town for 9: The Expo, to be held from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October. Entry is Free. 9: The Expo will be held at Sacred Heart College in Kyneton and is the only business- to- consumer exhibition in the Macedon Ranges. It aims to connect local people with local business and promote a 'buy local' message. At last year's Expo in Gisborne, over 40 local businesses exhibited and generated sales and business in excess of \$350,000.

'The 9' is the brand name created by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to support economic development activities. 'The 9' represents the nine major towns and smaller villages in the Macedon Ranges: Gisborne, Kyneton, Lancefield, Macedon, Malmsbury, Mount Macedon, Riddells Creek, Romsey and Woodend.

Manager, Economic Development and Tourism Kylie Lethbridge said 9: The Expo is an opportunity for residents to discover the range of businesses in their backyard.

"Save money, time and the environment by shopping close to home. The best part of all is that you will be supporting your local economy," she said. "For one big weekend and in one easy to find location, explore the vast range of local products and services available to you: environmentally friendly products; education; finance and lending; health and wellbeing; community organisations; shopping and home wares; outdoor equipment and machinery and much, much more."

New features for 2009 include health and wellbeing workshops including gentle yoga stretching and Tai chi classes as well as workshops on health, wellbeing and spirituality. For mums and dads there is also a range of activities for the kids.

Park and Ride – take advantage of the free parking available in and around Sacred Heart College and the free shuttle bus service through the retail and tourism offerings of the town with drop-off and pick-up points along the way.

For businesses, each exhibitor will have their own custom built site for the weekend.

For further information and bookings, contact the Economic Development Unit on 54219616 or email ecodevadmin@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

The Expo is produced in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and the business community of Kyneton.

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Macedon Ranges Touch Football

Touch Football will be played again this summer with games starting again this October. Matches are played on Tuesday nights at the Dixon Field Reserve, Gisborne. Touch Football is a non-contact sport which is suitable for the whole family, with players young as 12 permitted in the senior competition. Younger players can also join our junior competitions. New and experienced players are welcome, and players can enter their own team or register individually.

Junior Competitions

Grades: Under 12 Mixed
Under 16 Mixed
Times: Tuesdays from 4.30pm
Fees: \$75.00pp
Come & Try Day: October 6th, 2009
Registration Day: October 13th, 2009 (incorporates a come & try day)
Start Date: October 20th, 2009

Senior Competitions

Grade: A Grade Mixed
B Grade Mixed
Times: Tuesdays from 6.20pm
Fees: \$1030 per team (approx 10-12 players per team)
Registration Forms Due: October 13th, 2009 (incorporates a come & try day)
Start Date: October 20th, 2009

Interest can be registered at the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre (03) 5428 7155
Or email us at rclc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au for a registration form.

Referee and junior coaching positions are also available.

Riddells Creek Junior Indoor Soccer

Riddells Creek Junior Indoor Soccer is starting again this summer. We are currently taking enrolments for Under 10 development program, under 13 Mixed Competition & Under 16 mixed competition.

Where: Riddells Creek Leisure Centre
When: Terms 4, 2009 & Term 1, 2010
Day: Wednesday & Monday Nights
Cost: Development Program - \$75.00; Competitions - \$95.00
Contact: RCLC (03) 5428 7155



Local Teens Selected for State Touch Teams

9 junior touch football players from Sunbury and the Macedon Ranges have been selected to compete in the under 15 Victorian State teams. The players, who all played at the Macedon Ranges Touch Competition in Gisborne, were seen by talent scouts while playing for the Macedon Panthers at the Victorian Schools Championships earlier this year.

Matt Boyd (Sunbury), Scott Boyd (Sunbury), Tom Anderson (Sunbury), Even Bouwmeester (Gisborne), Patrick Bouwmeester (Gisborne), Matt Goss (Gisborne) and Zac Pain (Macedon) have all been selected for the final under 15 boys team, while Megan Lorkin (Gisborne) and Mykayla Pain (Macedon) have been selected for the under 15 girls team.

The Macedon Ranges Touch Football is the only competition in country Victoria to offer a junior program, and this is evident in the number of participants representing from this area. The boy's under 15 team is made up of 14 players; 7 players from Sunbury & the Macedon Ranges, 2 from the Latrobe Valley and 5 players from Metro Melbourne.

The National Touch Championships will be played in Adelaide, from 18th - 23rd of October. All Australian States and territories will be represented. All teams will play two games per day, with finals on the Friday. All players competition have the potential for national team selection at the completion of this tournament.

Macedon Ranges Touch will be starting again in October 2009. Junior mixed under 12's and junior mixed under 16's are played from 4.30pm on Tuesday nights. The senior mixed A & B grade competitions are played from 6.20pm on Tuesday nights. All games are played at Dixon Field Reserve, Robertsons Road Gisborne. Macedon Ranges Touch is ran by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Dates to Remember for Macedon Ranges Touch
Junior Come & Try Day: Tuesday 6th October - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Junior Come & Try and Registration Night: Tuesday 13th October - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Senior Come & Try and Registration Night: Tuesday 13th October - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Competitions Start: Tuesday 20th October

To Register Contact Us
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BOLINDA DAFFODIL SHOW

Sunday 13th September 2009

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After a long and particularly chilly winter in the Macedon Ranges, Spring has finally arrived! The subtle signs are everywhere, from budburst on the local vineyards' vines to localised daffodils waving their cheery blooms. So it is at CUTTINGS Kitchen and Garden in Romsey as well. The shop is simply bursting at the seams with many BRAND NEW selections of Kitchen, Garden, and Homewares. All is renewed in spring, and why should your home be any different? Throw open the doors and let Spring introduce gorgeous, vibrant colour into your home! With classic neutrals as a base, colour offers a refined, relaxed simplicity, ideally suited to the way we live today. Let your home turn over a new leaf for Spring; starting with the Kitchen. A beautiful cherry red kitchen scale, new canisters, and bright tea towels will quickly do the trick! Many families are rediscovering the joy of home cooking, and the selection of useful and practical Kitchenware at CUTTINGS has been increased. English ceramic mixing bowls, brilliant utensil ranges, and creative cooking accessories are all available. The selection of new Pantry food items has also been expanded, from lovely Victorian Tapanades and Pestos, W.A. handmade lollies, and French Lemonades to Spanish Tortas. All is in stock to inspire even the most "time poor" cook!

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President: Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567

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at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probud is a mixed club for men and women. There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

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

We also have Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

Anyone who is interested in this club and wanting more information is asked to please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

The Guest Speaker at our September meeting is
Mr. Frank Muddyman speaking on Endurance Riding.

The outing for September is
a lunch at the Galli Restaurant at Rockbank

Friday Coffee Mornings during September will be at
Aspy Café, Lancefield.

Our September meeting will take place on
Thursday 24th at 10am.

Important Notice to Romsey Rag Contributors for the October Edition:

We would appreciate it if all contributions for the October edition could be forwarded to the Romsey Rag team by Wednesday September 15th. The regular compiler of the Rag will be away during the production of the October Rag and would like to get as much work done as possible prior to going.

If anything is inadvertently omitted or any errors are made, please accept our apologies. The great people who have volunteered to put the next edition together will do their absolute best, but this is new to them and we are sure our readers will understand and appreciate their effort.

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This is the fourth of a series of relaxed information sessions focusing on individual, family and community health and well being which have been held at the Old Kerrie School.

The school is located at 7 Cherokee Road (diagonally opposite the Kerrie Hall and 50m up the hill from the junction of Cherokee Road and the Kerrie Valley Road.)

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Term 4 2009 & Term 1 2010

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Thank you

Thank you from the Romsey Community House to Cr Henry McLaughlin, Cr Joan Donovan and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their recent allocation of discretionary funds for the purchase of a data projector. This equipment will be available on a hire basis to individuals and organizations wanting to make presentations at the Hub in Romsey. It will also greatly enhance the House's ability to offer state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for professional presentations and sessions.

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The Mount Players

The Mount Players held their annual One Act Play Festival on the 18th & 19th July. It was an extremely successful weekend with nine theatre companies competing with fifteen productions.

Best Production was won by Essendon Theatre Company for *What Ever Happened to Mary Jane?*
Runner-up Production went to Encore Theatre for *A Dog's Life*.

The Mount Players did very well with David Runnalls winning Best Male In a Lead Role for his performance in *The Fitting Room*. Tanya Rich received the Special Adjudicator's Award for her script *The Fitting Room*. Tanya also received a Best Female in a Lead Role nomination for *The Fitting Room*.

Tessa Thorpe and Johanna Longmuir took out the Youth Encouragement Award for their powerful performances in *They Come...* which was written by Tessa Thorpe and directed by Johanna Longmuir.

Robert Wallace received a Best Director nomination for *The Fitting Room* and Julie Wade received a Best Female in a Supporting Role nomination for her performance in *The Fat Lady Sings In Little Grimley*.

Our current production, *Minefields & Miniskirts* opened on Fri Aug 28th and has received rave reviews. Don't miss this critically acclaimed play, with music, based on true stories as told by Australian women who served in the Vietnam War: nurses, volunteers, journalists and entertainers. Vietnam Veterans' wives are also represented and we are given an insight to the challenges and ordeals faced by them and their changed men. Don't be the one to just hear about it, show must close September 19th. BOOK NOW! 0403 834 759 or Roomba's Restaurant Booking Office in Gisborne.

Next Month...The Mount Players Youth Group present *A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That*. Details in next month's issue or go to our website www.themountplayers.com.

By Sonja Prater - Publicity Officer



Above: Tanya Rich and David Runnalls

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REFLECTIONS. (5)

Is IMAGINATION more important than KNOWLEDGE?
If you have No imagination, how do you apply knowledge?

I was asked to set up the 'Pastoral classes', a program to settle year seven students into the secondary system. The main tasks were to find out their expectations, their participation in school activities, how they saw themselves and eliminating fears. How to get confidence in the teachers. Some of the students still consulted the Pastoral teachers in future years.

This again was a whole different task than class and subject teaching. Teachers needed to be trained but as usual in the department it costs money and is not available. **More to learn...**

I was then asked to work with an American teacher specialist who I am convinced came here to finish a thesis for a masters degree or higher, in the remedial section of the school. We were to study the remedial problem and to report on findings. **Again a different field and again more to learn.**

Not all pupils sent to remedial classes were remedial at all. Some were sent out of classes as they were bored, frustrated and became hard to handle. Actually they were smart youngsters. We talked to them and asked if they were prepared to help us with the real remedial youngsters.. Once they said yes then they took charge of one or more students and the truth is they were good at it. It gave them a sense of self-value. These non-remedials began to see themselves as assistant teachers. They discussed successes and failures with the two of us.

I set up a St John Ambulance Cadet group and used the same manner of allocating responsibility. I organised leadership training. The shyest most withdrawn when in Year seven, now 15 became the cadet leader, and two boys who did not think to belong anywhere became sergeants. They took command of the cadets, organised duty rosters, training schedules. What did I do? I taught first aid and theories, the cadet leader took the practical classes. Interesting to note that teachers reported that the cadets class room performance also improved.

I was often asked to help those fresh from teachers' college start the new task as a teacher. I did not believe in just sitting in to supervise their teaching. I always spend time to talk to them first to find out more about their personality, their aims and expectations. Just sitting in class watching is scary, and on these occasions the new teachers would worry more about what the supervisor thought and as a consequence lose track of what they were attempting to teach. I can still remember my first days, and I was an older, mature and experienced person and I was scared.

I have seen new teachers, bright and full of enthusiasm give up in sheer despair. That amounts to a frightful waste of talent.

On the matter of subjects I was very puzzled. Subjects were changed at short notice whilst authorities in Mel-

bourne, without prior discussion, dropped others seemingly. The subject 'Clear thinking' was dropped, yet I believe it was one very important subject as it not only taught how to read and the ability to analyse and understand what you read, but it also taught the students to separate truth from fiction. The students were given an article, any type of article, including advertisements to analyse and debate the contents.

Today we read newspapers and accept what is written is the gospel truth.

Schools, primary, secondary, TAFE and universities can only bring a student to a certain level. After that achieved level, any further knowledge only comes with peoples' own efforts.

To be continued in REFLECTIONS 6.

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Romsey Rag is Now Online!

From the August edition, the Romsey Rag is now available online at the RRBATA website.

Check out the Rag in colour—it really comes alive!

A huge thanks goes to Tracey and the RRBATA team for their generous offer to host the Rag.

Romsey Festival
Saturday November 28th, 4-8pm.

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

**RRBATA Welcomes its New Members**

RRBATA has recently welcomed a number of new members:

Peter O'Rourke-	Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist
Sherrie Moore-	Romsey Bargains
Anna D'Roza-	On Eagles Wings
Tim McCarthy-	Laundrette
Jenny Hansford-	Romsey Beauty Spot
Carmel Roda-	Bay Tree Cafe
Greg Gibson-	Romsey Pharmacy

With our membership growing and our profile developing within the Shire, RRBATA is looking forward to enhancing Romsey's business and tourism prospects. This is facilitated by networking with each other as businesses, other Romsey community groups as well as with relevant bodies in the broader Shire community.

A New Committee Member

Recently, **Melanie Traynor** (Traynor personal Fitness) was appointed to the RRBATA Committee of Management. Melanie was a key driver of the Romsey website project and is sure to continue making a fantastic contribution in the interest of business and tourism in Romsey.

Friends of RRBATA

In addition to new business members, a number of community members have offered their services to assist RRBATA in the workload associated with various projects/activities. **Jean Newell, Leigh Eeles and Beryl Market** are sincerely welcomed as Friends of RRBATA and, with several initiatives in the pipeline, we look forward to utilising their services!

Tourism Victoria Campaign – Daylesford Macedon Ranges

RRBATA is now a member of the Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) Association (chaired by Athol Guy) which is hoping to have input into the recently launched \$7.3 million Tourism Victoria 3 year campaign to promote Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges. This promotion is, predominantly, targeted interstate with Daylesford being what is referred to as the "hero" town. TMR will engage with the process to help ensure that the Macedon Ranges' villages feature. The first television advertisements have already begun to screen interstate. RRBATA will be watching closely to see how this unfolds to attempt to capitalise on this potentially large opportunity for tourism and business in Romsey.

Romsey Website Goes from Strength to Strength

Following on from its enormous launch, the Romsey website (www.romsey.org.au) continues to go from strength to strength. In the week preceding 5th August, there were 10283 hits on the site, with 1906 unique visitors which means that many people were using the site more than once! Listings are increasing, and groups are starting to become conditioned to feed information for listing events and news to info@romsey.org.au. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it. Don't forget

that you can register your business or community group on-line!

Christmas in Romsey....It's not that far away!!

RRBATA has received funding from the MRSC's Economic Development and Tourism Unit to organise Christmas decorations in the heart of town. The committee is currently seeking feedback from its membership regarding ideas for this. It is anticipated the decorations will be installed prior to the CFA Torchlight Parade day of 28th November. RRBATA will also be conducting a Christmas light competition this year. More information will follow in next month's Romsey Rag and on www.romsey.org.au soon.

August Meeting – Brett's GFC Vision Delivered

Brett Hartnett from Merrill Lynch attended the August RRBATA meeting to discuss his insight into the so-called global financial crisis and to put the ebbs and flows of the situation into perspective. His presentation was a fascinating one and RRBATA was most grateful for his time.

Romsey Bags Are Out and About!

By now, you may have noticed the "Romsey Bags" out and about in the town and beyond. There are two types featuring the Romsey Region logo: the red grocery-type of bag for "everyday" use and the "stylish" off-white/cream canvas bag. They are available through several local businesses. For further enquiries or if you wish to purchase some for distribution through your business, please phone Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com). Please note that RRBATA is passing these on "at cost" to those purchasing them—no profit is being made. RRBATA supports the use of these bags as part of our "Shop Local Shop Romsey" and "Romsey Pride" philosophy.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. The Committee is considering a number of exciting initiatives for the year ahead – consider being a part of these by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Tracey Newnham (Secretary) 0409 511439
newlec@bigpond.com

Next RRBATA Meeting:

Monday 14th September 2009 at 7.30pm

Romsey Community Hub
Business and Other BATA Networking Night

RRBATA Annual General Meeting:

Monday 12th October 2009 at 7.30pm

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Date: Saturday 10th October 2009

Time: 7pm – 9.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Church Hall

Main Street ROMSEY (off street parking available)

Cost: \$10 per person with drinks at bar prices

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children - \$30)

Dress: Neat Casuals



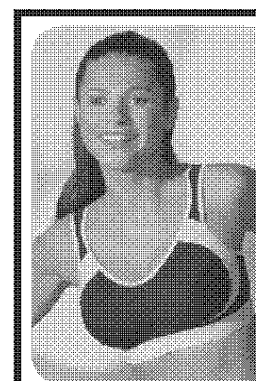
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Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield
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1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
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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.

PARISH FEAST DAY

Our Parish Feast Day is on September 13th with 10am Mass in Lancefield followed by BBQ and games. Parishioners are encouraged to bring sweets/drinks to share.

Women's Spirituality Reflection Day

"Women's Spirituality - My Spirit's Dance".

This day of reflection will focus on important aspects of women's spirituality and help us to understand the gifts we bring to life, to relationships and to the world around us. Through reflection on our own experience and drawing upon the experience and inspiration of women who have gone before us, we will deepen and broaden our appreciation of how our spirituality unfolds throughout our lives and what it can become if we are faithful to the journey.

Presenter: Sr Madeline Duckett rsm
Madeline is a Sister of Mercy, Teacher and Spiritual Director. She has a background in education, theology and spirituality.

Date: Saturday, 31st October **Time:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

Venue: St Mary's Parish Hall, Main St, Romsey (next door to Catholic Church)

Cost: \$5.00. BYO lunch to share. Tea, coffee and morning Tea provided.

RSVP: Joanne Reuther at St Mary's Presbytery 54292130 by Wednesday 28th October.

All Women Welcome

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Congratulations to the Basketball teams who competed at the COBAW district competition. The students were great sports and competed at their very best.

We are excited that Dr Paul Carter will be talking to the community about mental health and how we can help our children and ourselves. Sometimes our children don't have anyone to talk to because life gets so busy. This will take place at school on Tuesday 25th August at 7pm.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office for 2010. If you have already enrolled we are looking forward to having you at St Mary's. If you haven't completed your enrolment please do so as soon as possible so we can finalise our numbers.



Romsey Community House Inc.

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Romsey Community House is located at the Romsey Hub, 96 Main Street, Romsey.

Our regular programs:

Yoga - With Kym Oliver.
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A qualified Diabetes Educator will provide information about all aspects of Diabetes including education, care, lifestyle and diet at a minimal fee. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details

Walk Together Program:

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Counselling services available from Amanda Summers.
Phone 54296724 for further details.

Social & Creative Activities

SIA (Seniors Info & Activities Group)
Last Friday of the month. Check the House for details.

Knitting Group

Every Wednesday 4-5pm. Adults \$5.00, Child 12 under \$2.50 Art & Craft Room. Bookings essential.

Craft Group meets every Thursday from 10.30am.

Drop on for a cuppa any week day 9.30 -5pm. Gold coin donation.

Watch your mail box in mid-September for the term 4 brochure of programs at the House. Or call in at the House. for information.

Romsey Community House Inc now has its own website.

Visit romseyhouse.org.au to find out current information about activities and programs at the House. Our activities will also be regularly advertised in the Free Press newspaper.

Public Internet Access at the House

Following a successful application to the Victorian State Government, the Romsey Community House is pleased to announce that free public internet access will be available at the Romsey Community House from Tuesday September 1st, between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday. Please call in at the House for further information. Proudly supported by the Sate Library of Victoria.

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In term 4 we will be offering Food Hygiene and responsible Serving of Alcohol—relevant to job seekers, employers and clubs and other organizations so register your interest now!

Volunteering at the House

We are always interested to hear from people who might have an hour or two a week to spare. The House relies very heavily on volunteers to keep the office open and to take bookings for programs. Helen, Judy, Robyn, Heather and Sam all do a fantastic job but more manpower would make a huge difference to what can be achieved. If you are interested, please contact 54296724.



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