

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Cyberspace ate this article last month. Despite it being sent on the Wednesday it didn't arrive at the Rag office.

So all these results are late

Results for the month

Wed 26th August Stroke Kath Jekabsons (30) 77 net

Wed 3rd September Stroke Monthly Medal K. Jekabsons (30) 70 net

Wed 9th September Stroke B. Cole (24) 73 net (yes Kath was there)

Wed 16th a fun day after all out stroke rounds (Whew)

Kath, while in good form and breaking her handicap, has also had some interesting times like the 5 putts on the 6th and skipping the ball through the dam.

Friday 11th saw two pairs travel to Heathcote to play 4BBB and Ann on her first game away from home was thrilled to win a NTP. Well done Ann.

Wed 16th Lorraine and I went to the Captain, Presidents Day at Gisborne. We had an enjoyable game of Irish sixes. Congratulations to Helen on her 70th, may you have many more happy healthy years. Thanks for having a special birthday as it is always good to have an excuse for a celebration.

Recipe for this month

Cheese and Bacon Puffs

½ cup milk, 1 egg lightly beaten, 250g coarsely grated tasty cheddar cheese,
3 bacon rashers chopped, 2 medium (300g) onions finely chopped,

1 cup SR flour, 1 tspn French mustard.

Combine milk and egg in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients, mix well. Drop large rounded teaspoons of mixture on baking paper lined trays. Bake in oven 200 degrees Celsius

for about 20 mins. Makes about 40. Suitable to freeze. Not suitable to microwave.

May be eaten warm or cold.

Results for this month

28th September Stableford K. Jekabsons (29) 28pts

30th September Stroke Monthly Medal K. Jekabsons (29) 75net

7th October Par K. Jekabsons (29)-4

14th October Stroke L. Beasley (30) 71net

21st October Stableford A. Bainbridge-Robb (45) 39pts.

Congratulations to Ann who has reduced her handicap by 3 and Leila who reduced hers by 1.

We had our count day and winners are

Rose Scanlon Shield: Kath Jekabsons

Medal of Medallist: Leila Beasley

Eclectic Kath Jekabsons

Putting and Singles Knockout: Beryl Cole.

Our golfing weekend at Numurkah was enjoyed by all who went. Friday was wet so we only played nine holes. Saturday after our 18 holes we ventured to the cheese factory at Wunghnu for tastings and buying of the tasty cheeses.

Then on to the highlight of the day at the local cafe at Wunghnu – the vanilla slices. We all enjoyed our afternoon tea. Saturday night was the presentation night for Numurkah to which we were invited. Not to be out done by their championships we also had our presentations.

You all know ducks go to water so we had the "Duck Award" for the two ladies who hit 3 balls each into the water on the first hole. The "Drive Thru Award" went to the lady who finished one hole and intent on moving quickly to the next tee drove the cart through low overhanging branches to get there. (Thank goodness for windscreens on carts) The "Nature Award" went to the lady who stopped playing to take photos of the bird life on the course (we even had to hit her ball for her so she wasn't left too far behind.) The final award was the "Keeping Up Award" to the lady who was almost running to keep up with the cart. Sunday after some playing 9 and others 18 we called at the SPC factory where some of us were limited to buying only goods that would fit between us on the backseat. We have booked Numurkah again for next year.

The WGV have held finals for the events that have been played at club level and winners go on to play in a state final. Lorraine and I went to Amstel Ranfurly to play in the Doris Chambers final. The day was wet with showers and we were overcome by the sight of the thick long rough. The fairways were very wide so no need to visit the rough, but it seemed to be on our minds and the course beat us on the day. Monday 19th Lorraine caddied for me at Kingston Heath while I played in the Silverspoon final. Again I was overwhelmed by the course; work was full on with preparations for the Australian Masters. There were the marquees and stands being erected as well as ground staff working all round the course. I was pleased to end up with a respectable 30pts even after trying a few bunkers. Thanks to Lorraine for caddying for me (a steadying influence) and to Mary for the transport.

The ladies have had our AGM and Thank our Life Member, Helene Newnham for her attendance and chairing the elections. The only major change is that Ann has taken over as Treasurer. Lorraine president Jan Secretary and myself Captain. Unfortunately you are all stuck with me as I continue to be publicity person (no one else would take over). Helene congratulated us on our busy year and the ladies who broke their handicaps throughout the year and wished us all good golfing in the future.

Beryl Cole

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The Guest Speaker at our November meeting is Janelle Jones an ICU Nurse at the Children's Hospital. The outing for November is a Cruise on Corio Bay, Geelong.

Friday Coffee Mornings during November Mad Gallery Lancefield.

Our November meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd at 10am.

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The Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association invites you to join in their Christmas competition simply by decorating your home in a Christmas theme. Local traders are sponsoring the competition and donating some great prizes.

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Winners announced on www.romsey.org.au 20th December.

Macedon Ranges Lodge No. 97 Car Boot Sale

The Macedon Ranges Lodge will be conducting a Car Boot / Garage Sale coinciding with the November Sunday Market, on November 22nd, from 9.00am till 1.00pm at the Romsey Masonic Lodge. Sites cost \$10.

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Wear a White Ribbon this November

Dear friends

The 25th November marks a very important day in our community. It's the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women or better known as White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day was declared by the United Nations in 1999 following a campaign by a group of Canadian men who were encouraging men to speak out against violence against women following the massacre of fourteen women in Montreal.

On White Ribbon Day hundreds of thousands of white ribbons are worn by men and women across Australia to raise awareness of the need to stop violence against women and children. The money raised through the sale of white ribbons goes to the White Ribbon Foundation for education and male leadership programmes aimed at men and boys around Australia.

Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge not to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and children.

If you would like more information about White Ribbon Day or to purchase a white ribbon or make a donation, you can telephone (02) 9453 1811 or visit: www.whiteribbonday.org.au

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This year, CUTTINGS has significantly expanded it's range of practical outdoor furniture, with many new styles and ranges. Several new gorgeous and versatile indoor/outdoor living suites are now in store. These include 2-3 seater sofas with matching side chairs and coffee tables. New outdoor dining sets also complement the look. In addition, several new styles of outdoor benches are just perfect to place in a quiet, relaxing corner of the garden. To complement the furniture, we have also expanded the outdoor lanterns, candles, cushions, and decorative outdoor ranges. Practical and pretty garden stakes, bird feeders, and French Oak wine barrels are always useful as well. There is truly something to freshen up every outdoor area.

As always this time of year, our thoughts tend to wander to the upcoming holiday season. Having just hosted a special Christmas Preview Night to its mailing list, CUTTINGS has now launched it's unique, practical and creative decorations for Christmas season 2009. Beautiful wreaths, special tree ornaments, table decorations, tree skirts, stockings, and much more are now available. Join us early to select and plan a lovely and beautiful look for your home and Christmas table; indoors and out.

Planning for Christmas gift giving is always stress free at CUTTINGS, with so many interesting, unique and practical gift items on offer. Gift Vouchers are available, along with complementary Christmas gift wrap, and local delivery. In addition, we can take care of all your business gift giving needs, with beautiful and practical Gourmet Hampers of any size, made to order. Just give us your list and we will do it all for you!

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



Standard of Living – or Quality of Life?

At first sight it might seem that these are one and the same thing; that they necessarily go together; that you can't have one without the other. But further reflection will show that this is not always so. A high standard of living does not guarantee a good quality of life, and, conversely, a good quality of life does not depend on a high standard of living. For instance, some primitive races enjoy a good quality of life through their own culture and customs and practices, even though their standard of living is quite meagre and mundane. Some indigenous peoples had a very acceptable and appropriate quality of life until they were overtaken by a civilisation that attempted to improve their standard of living, sometimes with unfortunate results.

Of course they can and often do go together, and there are many instances where quality of life can and does live comfortably with a high standard of living. But there are others where the emphasis, the concentration on standard of living has an adverse and sometimes disastrous effect on quality of life.

Perhaps the most valid and valued aspect of the Gospel message is its close, sometimes uncomfortably close, relevance to modern life. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to be anxious about material possessions, but to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and these other things will fall into their rightful place.

This anxiety about material things referred to by Jesus can be related to concentration on standard of living, and seeking first the Kingdom of God to quality of life.

There are a number of ingredients that go to make up quality of life. For many it is centred in belief in God and his abiding goodness and love and in seeking to live in accordance with his will and purpose.

This subject has so many facets that it is not possible, in a few short paragraphs to do much more than touch the fringes of it. But perhaps it is enough just as a reminder that life can hold something eminently satisfying that does not depend on the attainment of a high standard of living.

Written by Jack Mitchell (deceased).

Church Services during November, 2009

1st	9am.	Worship Service	led by Paul Gilbertson.
8 th	9am.	Worship Service and Communion	led by Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
15 th	9am	Worship Service	led by The Worship Team
22 nd	9am	Worship Service	led by Rev Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
29 th	10.30am	Worship Service at Mt. Macedon Uniting Church.	

Romsey Writer's Group Project Culminates in Book Launch

On Saturday October 24th the Romsey Writer's Group celebrated the culmination a year long project to produce a community anthology entitled "Moving On" with the official launch of the book at the Romsey Hub. Member for Macedon Joanne Duncan performed the official launch, describing the book as a series of stories by ordinary people with extraordinary tales of personal triumph. Ms Duncan talked about how difficult it can be to put personal experiences in writing and sharing this with others, and she congratulated all contributors. Funding for the project was obtained through the Cultural Development Unit of Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Through advertising in local press and newsheets writers from all over the shire were invited to contribute stories that tied in with the theme of "Moving On", and the students from local secondary colleges were invited to submit art works to enhance the anthology. Over 40 local authors (most of whom have not had work published before) submitted personal stories that told of their journeys through loss, adversity, divorce, dislocation, illness and injury and other themes. The anthology was edited and formatted by the members of the Romsey Writers Group and published by a publishing firm in Kilmore. The writers varied in age from 16 years to over 90 years of age. The launch was attended by about 60 people, including many of the contributors and their guests. A copy of the book will shortly be available for loan from the Romsey Library.



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Romsey Primary School News

New Building Progress

The new learning library precinct is making good progress. We were delighted to have a film crew from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development visit to interview me, Mrs Ellis and 2 year 5 students, Taylah Rees and Jackson Partridge. Both students were articulate and confident. When the interviews have been edited they can be downloaded on the Victorian and Australian Government web sites under the Building the Education Revolution link. With the completion of the slab we have a better concept of the size of the new development. It took 48 loads of concrete to complete the slab. This week the steel frame is nearing completion with the carpentry work to follow. Contract Control informed me they are expecting the building to be completed by the end of January.



Australian Champions

Congratulations to our Junior Group of Janelle Spinks, Dakota Barnes, Annalea Prepakis and Karlie Hales who were awarded the gold medal for their division at the Aeroskools National Titles.



Our senior team of Paige Nuttal, Samantha derrick, Lauren Connell, Katy Quin and Leanne Traill have had a very successful year coming third in both the Victorian and National Championships. The trio of Sam Richardson, Emily Sharp and Emily Canning have also had a brilliant year winning the Victorian Championships and coming third in the National Championships. Congratulations to our talented coach Karren Baker for all the hard work she has put in coaching the girls throughout the year.

Art Show

The fifth annual Art Show displayed the creative talent of every student in our school. The show was opened by the middle and senior school choir. A large group of parents enjoyed the colourful displays and many purchased their children's work. The Parent Club raised \$850 for the school. In the open section Eliza Edwards Cairns work was an outstanding piece of work depicting a lion and lioness.



English and Mathematics Excellence

The school is very proud of the results achieved by students in the University of NSW English and Mathematics competitions.

In Mathematics credits were awarded to 11 students:

Thomas Durston, Cameron Stein, Connor Wilson, James Durston, Ashley Smith, Clay Xiriha, Joshua Gottschling, Daniel Reynolds, Jed Richardson, Troy Wilkinson and Luke Kropman.

Distinctions were awarded to 10 students:

Joshua Cox, Abbie Quigley, Bethany Reynolds, Keith Traill, Reagan Wilson, Lachlan Jones, Samantha Richardson, Janelle Spinks, Charlie Meson and Hugh Webb Ware

In English credits were awarded to 19 students:

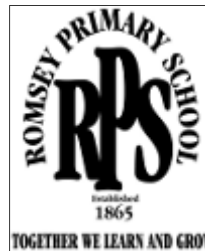
Bethany Reynolds, Cameron Stein, Zari Watson, James Durston, Janelle Spinks, Bailey Clarke, Joshua Gottschling, Lacey Greig, Lachie Kaliszewski, Luke Kropman, Charlie Meson, Daniel Reynolds, Benjamin Taylor, Sam Twining, High Webb Ware, Lauren Connell, Sarah Edward, Katy Quinn and Leanne Traill.

Distinctions were awarded to 2 students:

Abbie Quigley and Keith Traill.

School Gardens Competition

The results of the regional garden judging have been announced with our school receiving an Achievement Award. This is the eighth time we have received an award recognising the significant improvements we have made to the gardens at Romsey PS. Presently the vegetable garden is flourishing and the indigenous gardens at the front of the school are in full bloom. The vegetable garden is providing some beautiful fresh vegetables for the cooking group with a good supply of lettuces, silver beet, broccoli and a range of herbs.



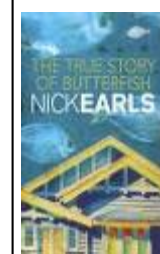
Enrolments for 2010

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Ripper Reads

Book Review – Fiction

The true story of *Butterfish* by Nick Earls

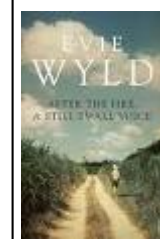


Nick Earls is back with his first adult novel in five years. Curtis Holland lived the clichéd rock dream with his chart-topping band Butterfish. But now he's back in Brisbane, the party is over and Butterfish is no more.

It is a tender, funny tale of a man finally coming to terms with adulthood. This is a book less concerned with what is actually happening - which is, to be honest, not that much - than coming to terms with what has already happened. Filled with acute observation, humour and tenderness, *Butterfish* is Nick Earls at his very best.

Book Review – Fiction

After the fire, a small still voice by Evie Wyld



Interweaving two connected stories set decades apart this is one of the best debut novels I've read in years. Frank, escaping the city to understand a relationship that has soured, settles in an abandoned beachside cottage from his family's past. Forty years earlier, Leon is working in a Sydney bakery, dealing with a father scarred by the war, and looking for his escape. When called to Vietnam himself, he inexplicably finds himself following in his father's footsteps. If you like reading Tim Winton you will enjoy this book.

Book Review – Teenage

Vulture's gate by Kirsty Murray



Vulture's Gate is a gripping, fast-paced adventure set in outback Australia and in post-plague Sydney, several decades from now. A plague has destroyed humans' ability to conceive females, or so Callum thinks until he meets Bo. Bo and Callum go in search of a safe haven, a place to call home. Follow them on their dangerous journey.

Book Review – Junior

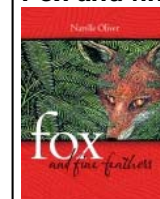
Operation storm city by Joshua Mowll



This is the third book in the Honourable Guild of Specialists trilogy (the earlier volumes are *Operation Red Jericho* and *Operation Typhoon Shore*) and it follows the adventures of Becca and Doug MacKenzie as they travel from India to the desert wastes of Sinkiang, searching for their lost parents. The series has been described as a "Da Vinci code for children" - a swashbuckling adventure story.

Book Review – Picture

Fox and fine feathers by Narelle Oliver



The story is a classic fable but the characters are Australian birds and the villainous imported fox which causes such damage to our local wildlife. There is an environmental message as well as a moral one. Beautiful illustrations accompanied by a lyrical text.

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ALL BRETHREN WELCOME



The 2009/10 season of Little Athletics is now underway, with competition starting on a clear day on the first Saturday in October. Numbers have built steadily since registration day and the club now has almost 100 athletes registered. Each Saturday the children, aged from 5 to 15 years, converge on the athletics track at Park Lane to learn a range of throwing, jumping and running skills.

The Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre caters for children of all ages and abilities, and teaches skills which are useful in a wide range of other sports. The emphasis is not on winning but on setting and then beating personal best times – an aim reflected in the Little Athletics slogan 'Be Your Best'.

Little Aths will run until early April, with a break for the Christmas holidays, from 9am each Saturday at Park Lane.

This season Lancefield/Romsey athletes will be able to travel to the Kilmore and Gisborne tracks for competition against other area clubs. There will be opportunities for athletes aged 9 and over to contest the regional titles early next year, with those successful travelling to the state finals at Olympic Park in Melbourne – always a great experience for all! Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre is run by a small but enthusiastic and friendly bunch of volunteers who aim to provide a fun and supportive learning environment for the children while teaching them the correct techniques. Events taught include discus, shot put, javelin, hurdles, sprinting, distance running, long jump, high jump and triple jump.

It's important to note some talented professional athletes began their careers running around the little grass track at Romsey, including Australian international runner Collis Birmingham, who still holds a record at the track. There's still time to register for this season. Cost is \$85 per athlete, with discounts available for families registering three or

more children. The Centre t-shirt, which must be worn at competitions away from the centre, costs \$15.

Contact treasurer Rick Maloney for more details on 5429 6885 or email rick_mal@hotmail.com

RUSSELL MANTON,
President, Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre Inc. 2009/10
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Right:
Jack Manton and Boo Quigley are enjoying their third Little Athletics season in 2009/10, now competing in the Under 8 section.

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Well Done Dion

Dion Brillanti has finished third in the Australian Jnr Motocross championships. It was in the 250cc 13 – 15 class.



PARENT BUDDY PROGRAM RETURNS TO THE MACEDON RANGES CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND INTERESTED FAMILIES

Cobaw Community Health Services is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to continue its highly successful **Parent Buddies Volunteer Home Visiting Program**. The grant has enabled this valuable project run until the end of next year (Dec 2010).

The **Parent Buddy Program** coordinates volunteers offering practical support to families with children and assistance to connect with their local community. Our volunteers are screened and trained to assist families to feel more confident in parenting by exploring ideas, offering advice on local resources, getting more organised or simply sharing a good chat over a cup of tea. To date the program has assisted families with a broad range of issues from dealing with the daily challenges of caring for young children to managing the move to a new house or suburb.

"The **Parent Buddies Program** offers a unique opportunity for families to get extra support in their own homes and successfully move through some of the challenging times involved in parenting young children," explains Sue Wilson, Parent Buddies Project Worker. "The project has been successful in intervening before situations get on top of parents." With the re-launch of this innovative program, Cobaw now needs additional volunteers to continue and expand the program. Current volunteers say they enjoy their participation in the program and often gain as much from their visiting as the families involved. Parents of young children and older members of the community have much to offer in this role and are encouraged to apply. Cobaw is interested in hearing from anyone wanting to help with this important community service, as well as from any families who would like to take part in the program.

For more information about the **Parent Buddies Program**, please contact Sue Wilson on 54211666, mob. 0448545974 or email susan.wilson@cobaw.vic.gov.au
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If no answer—leave a message, we will get back to you.

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

Health, Fitness & Well-being

Pilates for Beginners Monday's 1.00 - 2.00pm. **Pilates – Intermediate** Monday's 2.00 - 3.00pm. Bookings essential. Expressions of interest for 2010 now being taken.

Yoga - With Kym Oliver.

Wednesday's 7.00 – 8.30pm. Casual rate \$18/ session. Ph: Kym Oliver 5429 2134

Meditation

Expressions of interest for a weekly 1 hour session at \$10 per week. Min. numbers apply.

Intuitive Healing and Reiki:

Contact Lindy 0410 692 700 for more information & bookings.

Responding to Children's Anger:

November 21st. Cost \$25. Bookings essential.

Walk Together Program:

Meets at the Lions Park (near the creek) every Tuesday 9.30am.

Social & Creative Activities

Seniors in Action: Info session as detailed below, \$5 includes lunch

Oct. 30th: Mental Health & Fitness

Nov. 27th: Xmas Party time!

Craft Group: Meets every Thursday 10.30am. Gold coin donation.

Drop in for a Cuppa: Any week day 9.30am—5.00pm. Gold coin.

Education & Technology:

Certificate Course (Non-accredited training): Expressions of interest for Term 1 2010 now being taken:

Computer Basics 1

Computer Basics 2

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

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Microsoft Publisher

Computer Maintenance One 2hr session \$20. Tutor: Michael Bevan. Sessions available November 10 & December 8th.

Learn to Use the Internet 2hr session \$20 Tues 24 November. Bookings essential

Expressions of interest for Cooking classes 2010 now being taken.

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Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Run by CVGT (RTO) on behalf of Liquor Licence Victoria. Saturday November 14th 2009, 9.30—1.30pm. \$90. Bookings essential.

Other courses available:

Red Card—Construction Induction training— mandatory for anyone working on a building or construction site. Saturday Nov. 21st 2009 9.00am—4.00pm. Cost \$150. Bookings essential. Minimum numbers apply.

Food Hygiene Supervisor's course – Term 4 date to be confirmed.

Coffee Barista—Hands on expressions of interest for term 1 2010.

First Aid Level 2. Term 4 late November / early December. Register now.

For information or bookings please contact the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details.

Counselling Workshop

This class is run by well known local psychologist Sam Luxemburg. It is designed for those people wanting to improve their communication skills at home, at work or as a volunteer. It involves practical activities and topics covered include (a) Listening, (b) What makes listening difficult and (c) The difference between sympathy and empathy. Date: Saturday 21st November. Time: 10am - 1.00pm Cost: \$25.00 per head. Bookings essential. Phone Romsey Community House on 5429-6724

Person Centred Counselling

If you are thinking about a counselling career, or perhaps you are a volunteer who works in a community group, then this 6 week course is designed just for you. Sam Luxemburg, a qualified psychologist, has worked as a counsellor for 25 years and is passionate about training for counselling. Sam believes "everyone can be a better communicator". We are now taking bookings for Term 1 2010. Contact Romsey Community House on 5429-6724 for further information.

Wine Is Fun

Making sense of wine is really fun. Presented by international wine author, judge and wine maker Alan Young. Covers topics including viticulture, winemaking and sensory evaluation (tasting). Two day course Sunday Nov.22nd and Sunday Nov. 29th 10am—4pm. \$10 per person, bring a bottle of wine. Bookings essential. Ph. 5429 6724.

Room Hire:

Need a room for a committee meeting, social gathering, training session or function? Call the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Various room sizes available. Rates variable, and negotiable for long term users and not-for-profit organizations.

Free public internet access is now available through the Romsey Community House.

Romsey Community House needs more volunteers to work in the office, assisting with tasks such as answering phones, course bookings and enquiries, showing visitors and participants the facilities. No special skills required, however a friendly and happy smile is essential. If you are interested please contact the house on 5429 6724.

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The reflective person said, "It's logical that someone would fall into the pit."

The aesthetic person said, "I can give you ideas on how to decorate your pit."

The judgmental person said, "Only bad people fall into the pit."

The curious person said, "Tell me how you fell into the pit."

The perfectionist said, "I believe you deserve your pit."

The evaluator said, "Tell me, are you paying taxes on this pit?"

The self-pitying person said, "You should have seen my pit."

The specialist in meditation said, "Just relax and don't think about the pit."

The optimist said, "Cheer up! Things could be worse."

The pessimist said, "Be prepared! Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of

the miserable pit.

The Bible says, "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8-NLT)

Jesus presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway. We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

If you would like to know more about faith in Jesus please contact Pastor Marilyn or our Church office. We would be happy to help you find true peace and a new joy in life.

Love & Blessings,

Ps. Marilyn Hunter

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Program Coordinator
Ph 5429 6327 / 0422 860 486

Romsey & Lancefield District Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 101 Lancefield.

President: Jean Clement 5429 6522

Sunday November 22nd—25th Anniversary

For 25 years the history of the district has been accumulating at Lancefield's former Courthouse, where we store photos, documents and all sorts of archives at our research centre, for the public.

There will be a display on 22nd November to celebrate this anniversary. People with enquiries can contact our Archivist, Robyn Miller on 0418 172 659.

Tues November 24th—A.G.M 7.30pm

Another important date on our calendar is the Annual General Meeting, which this year will be held at historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, from 7.30pm.

Members are urged to attend and help plan our activities for 2010 and perhaps help at our Farmers Market Sausage Sizzle when we are on duty at Lancefield on Saturday November 28th. Contact Secretary Shirley Kishere on 0402 248 540 if you are available to do a stint!

Draft Heritage Review (Stage One) - on Exhibition

Council is seeking public comment on its Draft Heritage Review, which recommends heritage overlays for Lancefield, Romsey and Woodend town centres and ten individual places. All landowners directly affected by this project have been notified by mail. The Stage One Heritage Review, once finalised, will form the basis of a future amendment to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme to incorporate the outcomes of the Review. The draft report is available to download at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au. Copies are also on display at the Gisborne, Kyneton, Woodend and Romsey Service Centres.

Submissions in writing should be made by **27 November 2009** and addressed to: Manger Planning and Development Macedon Ranges Shire Council PO Box 151 Kyneton Vic 3444

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To The Macedon Ranges Shire Council

From the SAY NO Campaign

Macedon Ranges Shire Council: 51% of THE RATE PAYERS in the town of Romsey "SAY NO" to the Main Street extension past the Mitre 10.

Macedon Ranges Council: You spent \$656,000 STOPPING POKIES in Romsey. WHY won't you even listen to the 51% OF RATE PAYERS who do not want the Romsey main street extension. It will cost you \$0.

Macedon Ranges Council: You listened to 165 submissions regarding another supermarket in Romsey but you will NOT LISTEN to 1000 people who do not want the Main Street extension.

The Romsey "SAY NO" retailers and ratepayers are NOT AGAINST COMPETITION, all we want is a FAIR GO and to not split the town in two like Kilmore where you have to drive from one end of town to the other. Keep the Romsey shopping precinct like a VILLAGE.

Macedon Ranges Council: You spent 4 YEARS and hundreds of thousands of dollars of RATE PAYERS MONEY on employees and consultants getting the Romsey ODP correct. You had it correct in APRIL 2009. Do you want to start again? WHO wants to change and WHY?

The opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the editorial committee

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2009 Gary Watts Shield

3rd Annual Romsey Junior Golf Tournament.

Last Friday, sixteen junior golfers from five Dalhousie District clubs assembled at Romsey Golf Club to compete in the 3rd Gary Watts Shield. The competition was well supported by local businesses and a wide variety of good quality prizes were available for the stroke and handicap awards.

There was a cold wind and slight drizzle as the boys began to arrive at around 9.00 am; play began at 9.30 am. With par for the 12 holes being 45 the morning's stand-out performance was a 51 by Woodend golfer, Connor Whelan. Hugh Parks (Lancefield) 55 and Shannon Wright (Romsey) and Daniel Rebbechi (Lancefield) both 56.

Despite strong winds and an overcast sky the afternoon's 12 holes saw some excellent golf. Both Shannon and Daniel shot 49, Connor again shot 51, Seamus Whelan (Woodend) 53, Hugh and Troy Linehan (Lancefield) shot 54. In the end it was Connor's consistency, two rounds of 51, that saw him come away with his first Gary Watts Shield

Awards for the day were;

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| AM handicap winner | Robert Cini (Lancefield) |
| PM handicap winner | Dean Van Den Heuvel (Romsey) |
| 14U stroke | Hugh Parks (Lancefield) |
| 14U handicap | Zachary Pell (Yea) |
| 16U stroke | Connor Whelan (Woodend) |
| 16U handicap (Romsey) | Shannon Wright |

18U stroke

Daniel Rebbechi (Lancefield)
Myles Dorman (Lancefield)

18U handicap

There were also NTP and Longest Drive prizes for each age group.

The winner of the Chris Gaunt Cup, for best overall net from the Lancefield and Romsey Junior Tournaments was Jarrad White (Romsey) Jarrad's combined net score was 159 2/3. John Rebbechi, junior co-ordinator at Lancefield GC, presented the award.

Gary Watts presented the shield to Connor. Gary spoke of his joy at seeing so many young golfers who had struggled just a few years ago but who were now showing rapid improvement. He closed his comments with, "You will only improve if you play against the best."



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Barefoot Bowls:

Following the success of the past two seasons Barefoot Bowls competition, Romsey Bowling Club has decided to extend the season to encompass the full daylight saving period.

Barefoot Bowls each Friday through until Friday 2nd April 2010. Start time is 6.00 p.m. 'til finish. Entry Fee is \$5.00. All welcome. BBQ dinner available at a small cost.

For more detail contact Joanne Bovell on 0410 667 591



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News From The House

Co-ordinator Funding

We have just received news that the Department of Planning and Community Development (State government) has allocated 10 hours per week of funding to employ a Co-ordinator for the Romsey Community House. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work and lobbying and support from our local community, the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, local member Joanne Duncan, Neil Chandler from the Regional DPCD Office in Bendigo and David Perry from RANCH. We sincerely thank these people in particular, and everyone who has helped us to achieve this milestone in the history of the Romsey Community House. We hope that we will have a co-ordinator employed ready for 2010.

Annual General Meeting

The Romsey Community House Inc. held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday October 27th. The outgoing president Chris Durston reflected on a year of significant growth and achievement for the House, with many innovative programs and opportunities being offered for the first time. Of particular interest has been the growth in certificate courses now available locally, as well as the development of activities and programs that cover a wide range of health, leisure, well-being and educational themes for all age groups. Retiring committee members were thanked for their invaluable contribution to the House, and the current volunteers who keep the House running were also acknowledged for their untiring and dedicated efforts.

Gaynor Atkin from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council conducted an election for a new committee of management, with the following members appointed to the committee: President—Simon Pinnock; Vice President—John Russell; Secretary—Robyn Moore; Treasurer—Lee Evans; committee members—John Evans, Ann Cappler and Amanda Summers.

Annual Sports Awards Night cont.



Emily Canning, Emily Sharp and Samantha Richardson (Romsey PS Sports Aerobics) with their awards, gifts and cheques. Wayne Schwass and (PP) Diane Powell, Director of Rotary Vocational Services congratulate these young sportspersons.



Accepting the award for Luke Rebbechi (Lancefield Golf Club) is local golfing identity Ken Lambert with Diane Powell and Wayne Schwass.



Diane Powell, Director of Rotary Vocational Services and Wayne Schwass congratulate Toby Clement (Romsey Cricket Club).

Left: Mrs Morgan accepts the award on behalf of her son John from the Lancefield Junior Football Club together with Diane Powell and Wayne Schwass.



(PP) Diane Powell, Director of Rotary Vocational Services and Wayne Schwass congratulate Clare Shepherdley (Melbourne Runabout and Speed Boat Club) on her award.



Ethan Bray (Romsey Football/Netball Club) accepting his award with (PP) Diane Powell, Director of Rotary Vocational Services and Wayne Schwass.

Modern cloth nappies – the environmentally friendly nappy choice.

Many parents are now choosing to use cloth nappies over disposable ones because they are a safer, more economical and more environmentally friendly alternative. Modern cloth nappies have evolved well beyond the traditional terry flats; they are shaped like a disposable, they do not require pinning or folding and they are certainly a lot less time consuming than the original cloth nappies. For starters you do not soak them in harsh chemicals; in fact you do not soak them at all. According to a survey of parents looking after modern cloth nappies only takes an extra seven minutes per day compared to the time dedicated to disposable nappies.

You may be concerned about the impact of washing nappies on water supplies; however, far more water is consumed during the manufacturing phase of disposable nappies than will ever be used to wash modern cloth nappies. Advances in washing machine technology mean today's machines use significantly less water and take the hard work out of washing cloth nappies. There are many water wise strategies you can adopt around your home to offset any increase in water consumption you may experience. Bamboo is a new and exciting fabric that is used to make most modern cloth nappies. It is sixty percent more absorbent than cotton and has inherent anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties, which makes it ideal for delicate baby skin. One of the most important reasons bamboo is now widely used is that it has serious eco credentials. Bamboo

production is much kinder to the environment than cotton production. Bamboo is a very fast growing crop that regenerates itself once it has been harvested and does not require pesticides. The versatile bamboo plant can tolerate both drought and floods. Another benefit for the environment is that the bamboo plant produces large volumes of oxygen - more than trees! The pandas are safe too: the species of bamboo used to produce fabric is not the species that pandas eat.

Not only are cloth nappies much kinder to our environment, you will also find them much kinder to your budget. The cost of having your child in full time disposable nappies is estimated to be anywhere between \$2500 and \$4000, and these figures do not take into account the additional costs of plastic nappy bags and wipes. As these figures are per child, the costs really do add up quickly. The cost of using full time cloth nappies varies between \$600 and \$1,500 which also takes into account the cost of laundering the nappies. Cloth nappies can be used for multiple children, so over the napping lifetime of your children modern cloth nappies have the potential to save you thousands of dollars.

For more information on modern cloth nappies and to see some of the gorgeous nappies available visit the following sites:

Oz cloth nappies www.ozclothnappies.org
Australian Nappy Network www.nappynetwork.org.au
Alipants www.alipants.com.au

Annual Sports Awards Night

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. held their second Annual Sports Awards Night on Saturday 10th October 2009 at the St Mary's Church Hall in Romsey. The MC for the evening was Rotarian Keith Rickards ably supported by the Director of Rotary Community Service, (PP) Diane Powell.

Last year local and international Golf Player Chris Gaunt inspired all those present with his speech. This year's guest speakers for the evening were: **Wayne Schwass** former Australian Rules football player in the VFL/AFL and now CEO of the Sunrise Foundation and **Anne Phelan** (AOM) actor and author.

The year eight young sportspersons honoured with awards, certificates and cheques were: Emily Canning, Emily Sharp, and Samantha Richardson (Romsey PS Sports Aerobics), Toby Clement (Romsey Cricket Club), John (Jack) Morgan (Lancefield Junior Football Club), Clare Shepherdley (Melbourne Run About and Speed Boat Club), Ethan Bray (Romsey Football/Netball Club) and Luke Rebbchi (Lancefield Golf Club).

The Junior Trio of Emily Canning, Emily Sharp, and Samantha Richardson (Romsey PS Sports Aerobics) in only their second year of competitions placed first in the Victorian Championships this year and third in the National Titles. Toby Clement (Romsey Cricket Club) has won both bowling and batting awards and never misses a training session. At the moment he is trialling for the Central Highland Under 14 squad to represent the region. John (Jack) Morgan (Lancefield Junior Football Club) is the captain of the Under 14 Team and is an inspiration to all others in the manner in which he conducts himself around the Club. He finished runner up Best and Fairest at Club level and third Best and fairest in the RDFL completion. Clare Shepherdley (Melbourne Run About and Speed Boat Club) is an active participant in all events over the past twelve months and provides assistance to other junior club members through her encouragement. She is improving her boat racing skills and has come to learn the highs of victory and lows of defeat. Ethan Bray (Romsey Football/Netball Club) has improved his football skills to such an extent that he has progressed to playing Senior matches and in the final series. He is well mannered and a potential leader who mixes well with all and assists his peers at the Football Club. Luke Rebbchi (Lancefield Golf Club) recently returned to golf after a near fatal sporting injury. Since his return he has reduced his handicap and recently won the Junior HCP Section of this year's Club Championships. Luke assists each fortnight with the Junior Coaching Program run by the Lancefield Golf Club.



Guest presenter for the evening, Wayne Schwass is notable as one of few New Zealand born players of Māori heritage in the history of the VFL/AFL. At North Melbourne he won the Best and Fairest award over two years 1994-1995 and when he played for the Sydney Swans he was their Best and Fairest in 1999. Wayne also played in the Kangaroos' 1996 premiership side. Wayne is a member of 1116 SENs Foot-

ball Coverage Team as well as hosting Telstra Bigpond Sports Weekend Program. Since his retirement he has set up The Sunrise Foundation to help other athletes who suffer from depression (<http://www.sunrisefoundation.org.au/>).

Wayne Schwass gave an inspirational speech to all those present. He stressed the importance of hard work, perseverance, following one's dreams and the role of family and friends. He reiterated stories from his past (growing up in Warrnambool) and his passion for the game of football that enabled him to play at the elite level. He told the young sportspersons not to be put off by negative comments and to follow their dreams. He reminded parents of the importance of supporting and guiding their sons/daughters rather than seeing the 'ugly parent syndrome' that at times spoils sport. Parents were not to live their own sporting endeavours through their children. "Young kids go out there to play the game; to enjoy themselves" he said. They don't want to be left feeling embarrassed or ashamed by the behaviour of parents standing on the sidelines. "Children should be encourage to participate in a whole range of sports and through perseverance over many year they may be able to achieve success; even at the elite level". He told the gathering of the benefits of playing sport of any code and the wonderful people one meets through such associations.



Wayne congratulated the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club and the MC Keith Rickards for their support of such a wonderful event and asked all present to make next year's Awards Night, "Bigger and better. Let's book out the Mechanics Hall next year!" he said. Anne Phelan (AOM) is the winner of 8 Best Actress Awards and has worked in all aspects of the industry for the past 39 years including TV, stage, film, theatre restaurant and radio. Check out this website for Anne's host of awards and work over these years: <http://www.bgmagency.com.au/uploaded/cv/PHELAN%20Anne.pdf>. One of the latest films she has appeared in is, **Charlie and Boots** (with Paul Hogan and Shane Jacobson); Anne plays a female truckie. At the end of the evening Anne Phelan gave a soliloquy and read a poem that inspires in all of us the love of the game. Anne is a devoted Collingwood supporter following in the footsteps of her father.



The night would not have been possible without the financial support of the Bendigo Community Bank (through last year's community grant), IGA Echuca/Moama (Mark Shepherdley and Steve Speirs) for the provision of all foods and drinks on the night, Far-

rwell Wines (Lancefield) and the able assistance of the members of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club. At the end of the evening Anne Phelan was presented with flowers and Wayne Schwass was presented with Farrarwell Wines and Rotary glasses as a thank you for evening by current President Rod Frost.

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Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

The year has just flown, and already it is time for the toy library's Annual General Meeting.

Members and anyone interested in joining our wonderful local toy library is invited to attend the AGM at the toy library in the Romsey Community Hub on Tuesday, November 24, at 2pm.

Treasurer Marg Redmond and I have been at the helm of the toy library for four years now, so we really need 'new blood' with enthusiasm and energy - so if you can help, please come along, you will be most welcome.

For those who are not familiar with the hub, the toy library is located behind double doors at the back of the children's book section. The library operates on a 'self-serve' basis - if the hub is open, the toy library is accessible (for members only, of course!).

There is no longer any duty roster required of members. We have a great range of toys for children from birth to 12 years, with the greatest range available for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

That's not to say we don't have items for the older kids or for the whole family - we have board games, sports equipment and Nintendo DS games for borrowing, and shortly we will have a DS console available to members.

The committee is busy cataloguing new toys and more will go on display in coming months. We aim to improve our board game area and our music collection very soon.

The toy library is most grateful to the Shire of Macedon Ranges for this year's \$800 grant, which will help us to acquire new toys and replace old or broken ones and basically keep us going!

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

Borrowing toys is a great way to have a constant new source of amusement for children. Membership costs just \$25 for the whole of 2010. If you join now, you will get the remainder of 2009 for free!

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 on 5429 6583.

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!

Call Leanne Manton on 5429 6583 anytime and we'll come to you to pick up if you wish.

I look forward to seeing you at the library!

LEANNE MANTON,
President, Romsey
Toy Library Inc.
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SCOUTING IS STILL ALIVE IN ROMSEY

It has taken us sometime but we are letting you know that after 50 years in the town, Cub Scouts and Scouts are still happening. The Cub Scouts meet on a Tuesday night and Scouts meet Thursday nights in the Scout Hall in the Park.

However numbers are down especially in the Cub Scout Section and you may be new to town and may be looking for something else for your child to do. Cub Scouts are for those aged 7 years 8 months to 10 years 6 months and their fun is based around the Jungle Book. Under the guidance of Hedi Carroll, who has been a Leader for 19 years and Craig Martin who has been with them for such a short time also need your help. We are always looking for adults wishing to fulfil the role of a Leader. This might be the

time for you to make your own statement on the development of the youth in this town and to join them at Romsey by becoming a Leader. You will need to commit to some training, but with support you could earn recognized Leadership qualifications.

The Scout section under the guidance of their Leaders are getting ready for Jamboree in Sydney during the January school holidays. They have camped and still camping, completed badge work and fundraised to get there. Have fun in Sydney.

We would love to see you and your family at Romsey. So if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

Jan Perez
District Leader Cub Scouts
Macedon Ranges District
Mobile: 0400 644 800 – please leave a message if I don't answer
or drop me an email with the subject line Romsey to
Email: jl.perez@bigpond.com

+ Australian Red Cross

On behalf of the Romsey Red Cross Unit I would like to thank the people who supported our Fashion Parade. It was most successful and the money raised will go to the Samoan tsunami aid. Our final meeting for the year will be at The Hub on Tuesday November 10th at 9.30am. We would welcome any new members. Thank you for your support. Isobel Hood.

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Along with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council we would also like to thank everyone that participated in the Shire-wide Koala Survey.

Now that the weather is mild it's time to look at Wildlife Friendly Gardens.

More and more of our natural ecosystems are being lost to housing estates, new developments and vegetation clearing for fire protection.

Once the variety of life is reduced in our local areas, local biodiversity is reduced and the animals and birds that relied upon these natural habitats for food and shelter are forced to look elsewhere for resources to service.

In the Macedon Ranges and surrounding areas we are lucky to have many forest areas and reserves, and landholders that appreciate the benefits of retaining natural habitat areas on their properties. But with the increasing numbers of people moving to the area and new housing developments much habitat is either disturbed or destroyed.

We often feel helpless in stopping the destruction of natural ecosystems. Yet through creating your own wildlife friendly garden, you can make a difference!

Even an average sized house block (or even better, several local house blocks) is capable of supporting a wide array of plants and animal species. You can increase the biodiversity of your local area by providing native plants

and attractive structures in your own garden. Mimic a natural ecosystem, planting native flowering trees and shrubs, use a few hollow logs and bird boxes and include a fresh source of water in a shaded area away from pets and children.

Visit your local nursery and ask for plants local to your area, and varieties that will attract various types of wildlife to your garden. Native plants are also more drought tolerant.

Local Landcare groups and other environmental groups could also offer suggestions. Look on the Macedon Ranges Shire Council website for contact details.

By helping your environment you're helping local wildlife. Your garden could become a living habitat or part of a habitat corridor.

If you are looking at updating or mending fences look at our website www.mrwn.org.au for some wildlife friendly fencing ideas for home gardens or property.

If you see any injured or sick wildlife, please call the Wildlife Victoria 24 hour emergency number 13000 94535.

Did you know that dead wildlife along roads etc that have been marked with a cross painted on the body have been checked by local wildlife rescuers, to ensure that they are dead (and euthanized if necessary) and checked for live pouch young?

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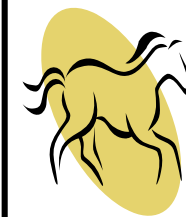
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Closing date 30th November 2009

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- Must have a dedicated work ethic
- Off the job (TAFE) training blocks in Tullamarine

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Romsey Artists



Annual Art Show

OPENING NIGHT—FRI. 20TH NOV.

7.00PM—FREE ENTRY

Gillmay Arts Gallery

119 Main Street

Romsey

All Proceeds to Romsey CFA

Open Thurs.— Mon. 10am-5pm

Show Concludes 21st Dec.

Enq. Gillian Gorrie— 54 283996

Gillmay Arts Lifestyle + News

Gillmay Arts Gallery has changed its name. No longer just an Art Gallery – we offer so much more.

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Say 'yes' to balance in your life. Don't leave it too long. Christmas is closing in on us and over the next month we are getting in all our new stock for Christmas.

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On Saturday November 28th

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As part of the
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Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS BENEFIT FROM BANK SUPPORT

Supporting our Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches is paying dividends for local community groups. Announcing the availability of up to \$42,000 in 'Building Our Community' grants, Community Bank chair Doug Newnham said they demonstrated the commitment of our Bank to local groups and organisations.

He said letters were now being sent to 50 local community groups advising them of the availability of 'Building Our Community' grants – with offers worth either \$1000 or \$500.

"Part of our commitment when members of our community banded together 10 years ago to work towards our vision of securing our financial future with locally-owned Community Bank branches of the Bendigo Bank was that everyone had a chance to benefit," Mr Newnham said.

"Part of our pledge was to direct a significant proportion of our funds back into the community in support of local groups or projects of local community benefit."

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

"The clubs and groups have been selected in recognition of the contribution they have made and continue to make to the local community, and their support for our Community Bank," Mr Newnham said.

"Our 'Building Our Community' grants are an ongoing program, and come on top of more than \$40,000 distributed to local groups earlier this year.

"We intend to support and reward local groups that are making a contribution to the community – in the same way that our Banks are a key part of the Lancefield and Romsey communities."

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Media inquiries:

Graeme Walker. Community Banks Board member 0409 237 543.

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Romsey Recreation Centre Sport and Leisure Update

Romsey Junior Soccer

U10's Soccer Competition

The first season of the Under 10 soccer competition has kicked off on Monday nights. This competition incorporates 20 minutes of coaching and a 30 minute game each week. We still have space for 1 child to join the fun – if you are interested please call the Rec Centre ASAP, because this spot will go fast. The cost for the season which will run through until December is \$85.00.

U10's Goal Kick / Soccer Coaching

This 10 week program is great for children who want to learn and develop the skills and rules of the sport, clinics this incorporates drills and games to teach the basics of soccer. Perfect for new players. Ages 6 – 10 years. \$75.00 for 10 weeks, once payment is received children will receive a pair of shin guards and a junior size soccer ball.

U13's and U17's Competitions

Now is your last chance to sign up for the Under 13's and Under 17's Soccer Competitions, we have very limited space left so please contact the centre if you are interested in playing.

If you are unable to play soccer on Mondays or Fridays, the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre is about to commence their indoor junior soccer season on Wednesday nights. Contact the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre if you are interested, Phone 54 287 155

Romsey Senior Mixed Soccer

We are hoping to start Senior Mixed Soccer at the centre on Wednesday nights, we are planning to get underway in November/December 2009. If you are interested now is your last chance to get this competition up and running. You can enter a whole team or register your interest to join a team, contact the centre by mid November on Phone : 54 29 56 37.

Romsey Senior Mixed Netball and Daytime Ladies Netball

We are just around the corner from grand finals; stay tuned for grand final results in the next edition of the sport and leisure update. If you are interested in joining our next netball competition, please contact the centre on, Phone 54 29 56 37.

You can register a whole team or just as an individual and we'll find a team for you. Please see details of the competitions below :
Ladies Daytime Netball : Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am
Senior Mixed Netball : Thursdays 7.30pm – 10.00pm

Current Senior Mixed Netball Ladder:

Team	For	Against	%	Games	Win	Loss	Draw	Points
Team Name	272	175	155.43	14	11	1		49
No Idea	307	248	123.79	14	8	4	1	42
Connect	153	226	67.70	14	3	8	2	28
FUBAR	202	267	75.66	14	4	9	1	27

The current highest point getters in the run to the grand final, for the season most valuable player is: Breno James, Carly Gardner, Chris Jame, Dean Lavars and Mairead Whelan

Current Ladies Daytime Netball:

Team	For	Against	%	Games	Wins	Loss	Draw	Points
Miracles	315	144	218.75	12	10	0		40
000'	193	159	121.38	12	5	4		24
Wizzies	181	213	84.98	12	3	6	1	20
Mixtures	179	246	72.76	12	3	6	1	20
Antiques	156	235	66.38	12	2	7	3	15

The current highest point getters in the run to the grand final, for the season most valuable player is: Barb Ryan, Donna Cogger, Rachael Goodwin, Helen Williams and Kirsten Muller

Junior Squash Clinics at the Romsey Rec Centre

Are you interested in learning how to play squash ?? The Romsey Rec Centre is looking at putting together a Junior Squash Program with Clinics held weekly, all run by Steven Lawler, a national level player and also a qualified squash coach. The clinics would be held on Thursday nights. Primary school sessions (8-12) years at 4.00pm. Secondary school sessions at 5.00pm. Cost only \$40 for 8 weeks which includes equipment hire and coaching fees. Contact the Romsey Rec Centre on, Phone 54 295 637

Romsey Junior Basketball

Aussie Hoops

We are currently taking enrolments for Term 4, 2009 and Term 1, 2010 for our U10's Basketball Development Program "Aussie Hoops", this program is designed to teach children the basics of basketball including dribbling, shooting, defending and is a great general fitness workout for them. The session is lots of fun and is filled with games and basketball drills.

Perfect for new players. Ages 5–10 years. Bookings are Essential, and 1 FREE trial is welcome.

\$75.00 for 10 weeks, once payment is received children will receive a basketball and drink bottle.

Under 13's and Under 17's Junior Basketball Competition

We are gearing up for our junior basketball grand finals, so with this season coming to an end we are now taking enrolments for our next seasons of both competitions. Junior basketball runs on Tuesday nights from 4.50pm – 9.30pm. If you and your mates are interested in playing please contact the centre over the next couple of weeks.

Current Under 13's Junior Basketball Ladder :

Team	For	Against	%	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	Points
WHITE	188	51	368.63	5			1	23
GREEN	117	61	191.80	3	1		2	18
NAVY	47	89	52.81	2	1	1	2	16
YEL-LOW	89	79	112.66	2	2		2	14
BLUE	88	100	88.00	2	2		2	14
MA-ROON	43	101	42.57		3	1	2	8
RED	57	148	38.51		5		1	3

Current Under 17's Junior Basketball Ladder

Team	For	Against	%	Wins	Loss	Draw	Points
YELLOW	308	220	140.00	6	1	0	25
NAVY	232	227	102.20	3	3	1	17
BLUE	246	274	89.78	3	4	0	16
RED	207	272	76.10	1	5	1	11

The Romsey Recreation Centre is also home to the following associations:

Romsey Netball Association

Play: Monday's from 7.00pm, Wednesday's from 5.30pm & Thursday's from 4.30pm
Contact: Chris Dickson – 5429 5582

Romsey Tennis Club

Play: Midweek & Weekend Competitions; Court Hire
Contact: Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189

If you have any questions relating to the sports, facility or programs that are run at the Romsey Recreation Centre, please contact Brooke

Thanks

Thank you to Phillip Durston and his brothers for their assistance with collating the Romsey Rag last month. Thanks also to Anne Cappler and Sue Hayes for their extra assistance in ensuring that the Rag got out on time, and to Doug Scale and Colin Miller for undertaking task of printing the Rag while Robyn Moore was on leave.

Skateboard Coaching Clinic during the Romsey Festival, Saturday 28th of November 2009:



Want to learn some new skillz? Macedon Ranges Youth Services will be running a FREE Skateboard Coaching Clinic in the service road, Stawell St end between 4pm and 6pm on Saturday 28th November as part of the Romsey Festival. Catering for beginners through to intermediates, the clinic aims to teach young sk8ers the fundamentals. Come and learn how to skate safely and build your confidence. For the more advanced, come and practice some new tricks with your mates and learn what you need to refine your skateboarding techniques. BYO skateboard and helmet (limited helmets will be supplied).

For more information, contact:
Merinda Richards
Youth Development Officer
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
M: 0438 589 390
E: mrichards@mrsc.vic.gov.au

GRAAP Inc Update

Greater Romsey All Abilities Park Incorporated is a Not for Profit organization working for the community to provide a park that meets the wide range of people and their abilities in Romsey.

This month we changed our name from Playground to Park to better reflect these needs. We are currently working through existing sites and reviewing various playground and park designs. Additionally the committee are working to a schedule of fundraising and sponsorship activities, and applying for grants to assist with the project.

Next month GRAAP Inc will be holding its official launch at the Romsey Festival, Saturday 28th November 2009 from 4– 8pm. We are also supporting the CFA torchlight parade that follows the festival on dark from around 8pm. Come join us on the eastern service lane on Main Street Romsey and join in the fun. Loads of market stalls, food and activities for everyone. GRAAP Inc. would like to thank the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their dedication and support of the Romsey Festival.

If you would like to join our committee or one of the sub committees in the development of the Greater Romsey All Abilities Park, please contact us at email: graap@exemail.com.au or by phoning either Raelene Mottram on ph: 0409 148 708 or Jo Cooper on ph: 0409 389 697

Notice to Trade Directory Advertisers:

Invoices for advertising for next year will be sent out in late November / early December. If you wish to renew your Trade Directory advertising for 2010 please do so by the end of January (before the February edition) otherwise we will assume you do not require advertising for the year and your ad will not be included in the February edition. (This applies to all advertisers who paid at the start of the year).

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GRAAP Inc and Macedon Ranges Shire Council present

Romsey Street Festival

Saturday 28th November 2009

4pm~8pm

Followed by CFA Torchlight Parade down Main Street from ~8pm

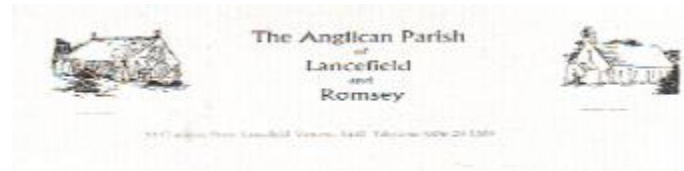
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Can you help us ?

Volunteers needed to assist with set up, pack up and assisting with festival on the day. Please call Vanessa Meredith ph: 0429 313 977 or Terry Moore ph: 0439 559 587 to register your availability



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends
Commandment number 8 says, "You shall not steal." This one is simple to understand. The meaning is the same today as in the day of Moses, "Don't take anything". Jesus reiterated this by saying that even thinking about stealing is as bad because it ensures that we are not as pure in heart as God would like.

Commandment number 9 says, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour."
In a day when there were no policemen or courts with juries as we know them, the word of a witness could result in a person being put to death for an offence. This commandment refers mainly to that situation. No one must ever give false testimony against another. In Leviticus, this was extended to cover passing on untrue gossip and slander. Jesus lists giving false witness as a sign of an evil heart in Matthew's gospel and affirms the importance of always telling the truth. Present day application includes telling lies in court, but also it is a solemn warning not to slander others by telling exaggerated stories about their failures and mistakes.

That's this month's view from the Vicarage in a year where I hope and pray we "**Seek the Divine in 2009**"

Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar

Specific Advertisements.

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 15th November 2009 with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with loud, lively music.

This is located at Christ Church Lancefield – 33 Chauncey St, Lancefield.

"Does anybody have those unfinished craft projects sitting around?"

Don't have a time or place to finish them?

Then have we got both for you.

The "Unfinished Symphony Group" is starting soon. Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 21st November 2009.

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation.

Bring along your unfinished "symphony" and friends.

For further details, please contact Mrs Jenelle Coote on 5429-1680."

Saturday 14th November – Fete of the Century at St. Paul's Romsey. 9:00am – 2:00pm. All welcome and fun for all ages.

General Advertisements:

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 Anglican Church Hall. *Grade 4's welcome this term. Youth group resumes Sunday 11th October.*

Cost \$4.00 to cover dinner and future activities. Anyone in Grades 5 and up at school is welcome to come along and see what fun activities we do. All our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

For further details on any of our activities or a copy of our program, please contact Rev. Leroy Coote on 0417-679-682.

Macedon Ranges Montessori Pre-School, Riddells Creek

This final term for 2009 will be a very busy term, with some of our children now starting their transition to primary school and others just starting with our new Monday session.

After spending last term learning all about Australia, this term we are looking at other continents and learning of the similarities and differences of other countries. As part of this program any parents or grandparents who grew up in another country (or have spent time abroad) are invited to come in to share some of their experiences. We will also be having an **International Dress Up Day** on Friday 30th October to coincide with International Children's Week, when children may dress up in any traditional dress of any nation.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Open Day Fair in October. It was a great success and continues to be our most important fund raising event. A special thank you goes to all the parents and local businesses who donated time and prizes/equipment.

Applications are now being taken for 2010. We offer:
2-3 year old Playgroup
Wednesday 9.30am – 11am

Pre-school for 3 to 5 year olds
Monday 9.15am -12.45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
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Scholarships (for children aged 4 year and over)
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To arrange a tour of the Pre-school or receive a scholarship application form get in touch:
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macedon.ranges.montessori.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
or visit our new website:
www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE



AGM Roundup

The RRBATA Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 19th October 2009 with guests Cr. Henry McLaughlin and Mr. Andrew Carcelli (MRSC Economic Development and Tourism Unit) present in addition to a good attendance from RRBATA members.

The Financial Report demonstrated a healthy financial status for RRBATA. The President's report (*see excerpt below*) the achievements but also the "areas for development" for our Association to work on in the coming year. Andrew Carcelli spoke about the importance (both direct and indirect) of networking and representation of the BATA groups in the context of business and tourism.

The main business attended to was that of the election of the new Committee of Management with the election conducted by Allan Joynson. The results were as follows:

President	-	Jenny Stillman
Vice President	-	Gillian Gorrie
Secretary	-	No Nominations
Treasurer	-	No Nominations
General Committee	-	Peter Newell
General Committee	-	Benny Dyer
General Committee	-	Keri Lawler
General Committee	-	Ged McLaughlin

As you can see, we do not have a Secretary or Treasurer at this point in time. Keri Lawler kindly agreed to be an "Acting Treasurer" for a short term until such time as somebody is appointed to the position. If any members or prospective new members are interested in these positions, please contact Jenny Stillman (0412-349849) for further information.

The AGM evening finished with supper – thanks to Benny Dyer who did a great job organizing the kitchen!!!

RRBATA President's Report

What a year?!!! This time last October, Henry McLaughlin was elected President of this Association and, for reasons we are all aware of, I have ended up in his position, and he has ended up on Council. The jury is still out on who got the best deal! Firstly, I want to thank our COM members Tracey Newnham, Keri Lawler, Peter Newell, Benny Dyer and ADAM De Jong for their work over the last year.

2009 has been a big year on many fronts – RRBATA has, on Henry's instigation, followed a protocol which fully respects our obligations as an Incorporated Association. We run a Committee of Management which aims to do the business of the Association and represent the members in the public arena. We have maintained a forum for member interaction and discussion re our regular monthly general meetings and the marvel of email. We keep the general Romsey public informed of our activities via our Romsey Rag contributions.

We have some so-called "Friends of RRBATA" who are non members - those non members who are interested in what we do and wish to help. Beryl Marquette, for one, is here tonight! Greg Powell from Rotary is another who has given assistance to COM for which we are grateful.

The **Romsey website** (www.romsey.org.au) was a large investment both in a capital sense and certainly in a time sense

– the research, design, marketing and organizing of the project was an enormous task designed to facilitate communication of services to both the Romsey region and to those beyond who may consider a shift or visit to the area. Such was the efficacy of the selling of this project that MRSC Councillors pledged financial support to the website's cost. Although this has been said before, Tracey Newnham and Melanie Traynor were the drivers behind that project which certainly aimed to give Romsey some sense of identity in cyberspace. We believe it has achieved that aim albeit with more development/potential on the horizon.....

Part of the website project was the development of a **RRBATA logo** which has, by default, become a Romsey logo. This was well received beyond the tow, especially at forums where RRBATA is represented by committee such as Council and TMR Inc.

The **Romsey Bags** were another Romsey business and tourism marketing initiative, aimed at promoting Romsey as a place to shop and do business. I have to say that Tracey, again, deserves many thanks for getting this big job off the ground ("The bags have landed!")

RRBATA made **submissions to MRSC regarding the ODP** – difficult given the variable opinion amongst our diverse membership. Just when things looked quiet on that front, the ODP issue came to life again recently – whilst not "solving any disputes", RRBATA gave a forum for membership discussion on the matter (last month's meeting).

The **Christmas light competition** is back – RRBATA supported, designed to get people out and about in the town. **Christmas decorations**, sponsored by MRSC's Economic Development and Tourism Unit, will be facilitated by RRBATA to enhance the streetscape at that time of year. RRBATA has given support to the **Romsey Festival and the CFA Torchlight parade**.

But there have been some **serious difficulties for the Committee**, relating to engagement of our membership..... For ongoing representation of RRBATA and, therefore, Romsey Business and Tourism in this town, a professional approach must be adopted in our engagement with those "beyond the 70km/hour zone" – i.e. MRSC, TMR, other BATAs etc. We need people prepared to give some time and expertise to these representations whilst promoting the Romsey brand. For those who wonder, "What is the point?" be reminded of the potential income from tourism and perceived desirability of the town as a place to live..... We must be on board with these other groups so as we can work together and, by default, Romsey reap reward from such networking. The DMR Tourism Victoria Campaign is a classic case in point.

So, the **challenge ahead** for all of us as RRBATA members, starting tonight, is to really think long and hard about what we want from our membership. How can members, even in a small way, be supportive of the COM so as it can continue to facilitate its statement of purpose - to promote Romsey region business and tourism- and therefore serve its membership and the town admirably.

A Robust ODP Discussion at Last Month's RRBATA Meeting

Last month, the RRBATA meeting featured a discussion focussed on the latest ODP developments. This was held two days before the MRSC meeting at which this matter was to be

featured. All perspectives were given an opportunity for discussion at this very well attended meeting. As you can imagine, there were some polarized viewpoints. However, whilst it is not anticipated that such a meeting never can resolve such differences, the opportunity for all members to be heard was appreciated by all who attended. Facilitating such discussions is an important RRBATA role.

Website Traffic Report

Our website designer, Ben Jarris from Sharp Design, is updating us with "traffic reports" for the Romsey website which reveals some pleasing figures. Below is a recent such report from Ben: website traffic report as described in our website's recent email to Tracey:

"The site is going pretty well. By the look of the last week, you had 240 unique visitors, and 6,180 hits. This means that the same people are using the site regularly which is good. The unique visitors mean per IP address, so for example people from the same business or household are all counted as 1 session/visitor. Especially in Romsey, whole streets of people might be counted as 1 IP depending on how the internet connections are setup by Telstra so Hits and Page views are a good indication. Page views are only counted once so if 1 person/household visits the home page to do a search 5 times over a week in one session, it is only recorded once.

To give you an indication of how good it is, during the Beijing Olympics Steve Hookers site, a gold medal pole vaulter, received roughly 5000 hits a week, so about 20,000 for the month. Other stores and sites we run get between 1000-2000 hits a week depending on how popular they are and what time of the year this is.

Based on this week's stats you are getting rough-

ly 25,000 hits a month which is pretty good. You could also make a guess that between 2000 and 2500 people are using the site regularly in your community.

Last week was a pretty uninteresting week, a pretty average week, so it show that you are getting consistent and repeat traffic as well as new traffic from the search engines. Most of the people are typing the address straight in, so it looks like the site has been embraced by the community which is good. Stats will keep growing as more people find the site when searching for other things, and as more people link to your website.

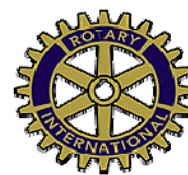
*Cheers
Ben"*

Don't Forget - Keep Feeding The Website!

The Romsey website (www.romsey.org.au) keeps ticking along. New listings are being received and the community is gradually being conditioned to feeding information about Events and News. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au. Don't forget that you can register your business or community group online!

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



Community Fundraising Day

The Sinclair family has been part of the community for the last 15 years generously donating their time and efforts into various community activities. Four years ago Alan Sinclair (Snr) was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, this is a form of bone marrow cancer that affects the plasma cells that are part of the immune system. Unfortunately Alan lost his battle with this disease in June this year, leaving behind a wife and young family.

On November 22 a fundraising day is being held at Lancefield Park. The aim is to bring together the community with entertainment, rides, an auction and other activities. All proceeds from this day will be directed to Alan's family.

If you able to help out on the day or with donations of goods or services to auction please contact Di Fitzgerald on 54295206.

Community Fundraising Family Day

All Proceeds going to the Sinclair family

free entry

Supported by

ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD Inc.

Lancefield Park

22nd November 2009

11:00am – 4:00pm

*** Auction – Memorabilia, Goods and Services ***

*** Silent Auction * * Rides and Activities * * Entertainment * * Drinks * * Food Stalls ***

*** BBQ / Food Sales ***

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