

Romsey Golf Club—Ladies' Report

It was very disappointing to arrive at golf on the morning of Wednesday 6th April and find our clubrooms had been broken into. The senseless vandalism caused to our refrigerator and smashed glass door all seemed to no purpose as very little was stolen. As we are a small club any money we make is spent on improvements to our course which as a public course it is open to everyone to enjoy. Green fees are affordable and we strive to improve our course for the members and green fee players.

New members are always welcome hit off for the ladies is 9.30 am on a Wednesday so meet at the clubrooms about 9 am .

Results.

16th March. We hosted another Bring a Friend day, pity we seem to be running out of friends. Eight ladies played 9 holes of Ambrose followed by a sweet lunch. Nothing unhealthy about us!! Winners were Kath, Jan, Denise & Beryl. Course was excellent and weather fine and sunny.

23rd March saw the RWH 4BBB being contested. Kath & Leila were winners with 48pts. They will go on to play in the district final at Hidden Valley in July.

30th March we played Par. Leila was the winner with -2. 6th April Leila again won 111-38-73. This time it was the monthly medal. The course was in excellent condition. The day fine and sunny and we had summer run for the first time this year.

13th April a drizzly cool day saw three pairs play the Doris Chambers foursomes. We were kept busy putting the umbrellas up and down and on and off with the wet weather gear and somewhere amongst this Kath and Leila won with 30pts. The summer run from the previous week was gone. On the visiting scene Kath Lorraine and Denise travelled to Hidden Valley on 17th March where Kath won C grade with 43 pts. She appreciated the ball sitting up on the lush wide fairways. The golf cart was also a great help. They all admitted to losing three balls in the water but still enjoyed the day.

Monday 21st Lorraine and I went to Trentham for the Dalhousie 4BBB and player of the year presentations. We thought we had fared pretty well with 50pts but the winners had 58pts which amazed everyone. Weather, course and lunch were all enjoyed. Congratulations to Mary Campbell who was the winner of the player of the year.

Thursday 24th Kath Denise and I played in the Kilmore Bowl. Most of us were finished before the rain came down. I came home with an NTP on the 17th (and got the birdie putt.)

31st April Kath, Leila and Denise played in the Mt William Cup at Lancefield. The day was cold and windy but the course in good nick with some water in the little creek that runs through the course. One lady told me the new dam (which is enormous) is going to have quite an impact on the 8th which is not her favourite hole as it was.

Thursday 7th April Kath and I played in the Euroa tournament. Why is it with a little bit of water in the creek it jumps out and captures my ball. The 2nd at Euroa is not my favourite hole especially when playing stroke. The weather was perfect for golf and there were some really good scores posted. The fairways were spongier than carpet and the ball sat up begging to be hit. Wheeling the buggies was hard work.

Night Golf

The night golf on April 8th was a successful night. We had 32 players. It was interesting to see the glowing balls flying

through the darkness and people appearing out of the shadows. The weather was very kind to us. After a light meal we set out to play the 9 holes, followed by soup and sweets. The winners were the group that laughed the most Kath, Jan, Sharon and Denise. Their laughter could be heard before the glow of the touches was visible. The non golfers was won equally (couldn't be separated on a count back) by the NAB team and our local butchers. An interesting night and hopefully we may run another before daylight savings starts again. Thank you to all who came and supported us.

Recipe for this month

Chicken Pastries

250g chicken breast fillet
2 cups chicken stock
10g butter
80g rindless bacon, coarsely chopped
1/2 brown onion finely chopped
1/4 cup white wine
Pinch of ground nutmeg
2tbs chopped parsley
5 sheets frozen puff pastry, just thawed
1 egg lightly whisked

Place the chicken in saucepan and poach in stock for about 20 mins. Reserve 2 tbsp of liquid. Finely shred the chicken

Heat butter in med non stick fry pan until foaming. Cook the bacon and onion, stirring for 5 mins or until crisp. Add wine and cook for 2 mins. Add chicken and nutmeg. Season with pepper. Stir in parsley add reserved liquid and set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 220 C. Use a 7cm diameter pastry cutter to cut 24 discs and line 2tbsp capacity patty pans. Divide the chicken mixture among pastry cases. Use a 5.5cm pastry cutter to cut tops for pies. Brush tops with egg



Romsey & Lancefield Probud Club

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Probud Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey 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)

Friday Morning Coffee

Musical Afternoons each month.



Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.



Persons interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the



President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our May meeting will be held on
Thursday 26th May 2011.

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Grants available for volunteer community organisations

Dear friends

We are very fortunate in the Macedon Ranges to have many fantastic community organisations staffed by highly experienced and passionate volunteers who work tirelessly to serve our community. Volunteers are the backbone of so many of our non-profit organisations and make a real and lasting difference in the lives of so many people in our community.

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

Many of our local community organisations who have applied for these grants have been successful in the past and I encourage you to apply. If you are intending to submit an application to this program, please contact my office on 5428 2138 and we can assist with your application and provide 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,

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State Member for Macedon

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Welcome to the last Little Athletics roundup for the Lancefield Romsey 2010/11 Season. We have finished the season with the Presentation night at the end of March. We had a great night with our families and competitors. Each of our participants were awarded with an “Achievement Record” that detailed their Personal Best times for each event that they participated in. Our Centre Champion Awards were presented to Nick Zaharakis with 731 points and runners up Matthew Formosa with 698 points. Isabella Simonella won the Girls Centre Champion with 690 points and Tahlia Hartney runner up with 665 points. Trophies were also awarded to each age group girl and boy winner.

On the 12th March we ran our Centre Championship Day. Each of our competitors chose 4 events to participate in. It was a great team day with everyone cheering during each race. There was true competitor and mateship throughout the day, finishing with the presentation of medals on the dais at the end of the day.

On the 19th & 20th March 2011, 13 athletes from Lancefield/Romsey LAC competed at the Northern Metropolitan Regional Championships at Coburg. The results were outstanding for such a small club, with five children qualifying and progressing to the State Championships to be held at Olympic Park on the 19th & 20th March 2011. This is more than 10% of our small club reaching regional level. The following athletes represented Lancefield –Romsey :

Josh Alford, Angus Webb-Ware, Kane Brinkhuis David & Isabella Simonelli, Coral & Pearl Schembri, Madison, Annalea and Georgie Prespakis. Gemma Clayton, Nicholas Zaharakis and Casey Adamson, our regular attendees to Regionals progressed through to State Championships. Madison progressed to State level in Shot Put and Isabella in Discus. What a fantastic effort.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Gemma who won Gold in the 70m sprint and won Silver in the 100m sprint on a count-back. We would also like to say a big thank-you to all the parents who attended and helped out on the day and thanks to our team managers, George Zaharakis and Paul Clayton.

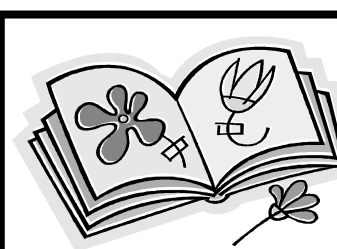
There are a lot of thank-you's at the end of the year. Firstly, to our coach Abe Formosa, thanks for a great job helping our kids every Saturday morning. To all the parents who helped to set up, timekeep, judge and packing up at the end of the day. It helped to make each day run smoothly and in good timing. Thank you to Maree and Samantha who ran the canteen throughout the year. We would also like to thank our sponsors for their support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

This year the council has committed to the upgrade of our track including plans for a new Club House, facilities to store our equipment and canteen. This will be a fantastic improvement to our centre and will allow us to hold inter-club events in the future.

Our AGM will be held in August to elect the Committee. We hope that existing families and new families will attend this meeting and offer to assist. As a new Committee this year, we believe the program ran well and we are looking to improve the program in 2011/2012. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Enquiries / Suggestions can be emailed to lrac127@gmail.com.

Thanks again to everyone who has been involved in Little Athletics during the 2010/2011 season. We look forward to another great program commencing in October to promote “Family, Fun and Fitness”.

Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Committee.



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10 Tips for Business Owners – Spend your Choice Time Wisely

Whether you're a single person operation or leading a large corporate entity, the name of the game is constant improvement. The natural state of both your business and the world in general is to grow so unless you are constantly improving you are going backwards relative to your competition. Making improvements to make your business better is a conscious choice and within the control of the business leaders and owners. Business owners and leaders only have a limited amount of "choice time". These 10 tips should help you focus on the areas of business offering the biggest return on the choice time you invest in your business.

Know Yourself: Every successful business owner, even Bill Gates, has a clear idea of their abilities and limitations. By truly discovering yourself, you can deliver on your strengths and find support in areas of weakness.

Master Concise Presentations: A powerful business presentation can help improve your small business by leaps and bounds. Learning the essentials of how to deliver a knockout business presentation in a concise way can reap many rewards.

Keep Score Regularly: The number of small and medium businesses that have no or little idea of the daily, weekly, and monthly numbers and financial trends in the organisation is worrying. Dedicate a regular time keeping up to date on cash flow and business trends. If you lack the financial skills to obtain this information on a regular basis invest in some external or internal support.

Set Goals & Targets: Like keeping score, setting goals and objectives is an essential part of business success. Without the goals it's possible that you're comparing your actual results against the wrong targets.

Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Every industry has its own best practices or ways of doing things that are tried and true. Don't waste money and time reinventing the wheel. Unless you are producing a new innovation to the industry make use of the resources already out there.

Know the External Market: Sadly for business owners, business doesn't operate in a vacuum. The events and changes in the world impact your business. Create a regular review system that allows you to keep up to date with the events beyond your four walls.

Smart Marketing: It's easy to waste money on ineffective or expensive marketing campaigns and programs. Learn how to use cost effective high impact marketing to improve your small business.

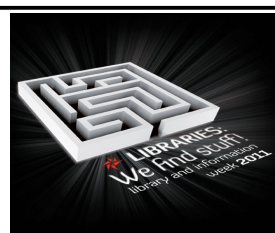
Sharpen Selling Skills: The sales function can be daunting for many business owners who are experts in their service or product but not necessarily selling that service or product. Whether you're selling to big companies or managing a sales team keep looking to improve your selling skills.

Motivate Team: Start by having a team rather than staff. Talented and motivated team members can bring on big improvements in business. Learn what motivates your team and watch them perform at their optimal level.

Sharpen the Saw: Running a small business is hard work – that's one of the key reasons why everyone doesn't jump into their own business. Stephen Covey (author of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People) recognises that the seventh habit is to sharpen the saw. That can be in the form of vacations or development outside your core skills.

If you can master each of these 10 tips you're well on the way to growing your business beyond that of your competition.

If you'd like to learn more about opportunities to improve your business contact the team at McMahon Osborne Group on 03 9744 7144 or via email admin@mcmahonosborne.com.au For up to date information on McMahon Osborne Group events and workshops to improve your business and financial position you can follow Tim McCarthy on twitter via twitter.com/tmccarthy31



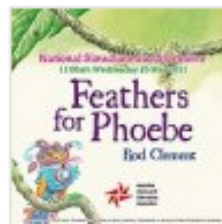
Library and Information Week 23 - 29 May 2011

Visit the Library and find out about all the services and resources we offer. Did you know members can

- download a free Bolinda E-audio book?
- look up family history through databases on our website?
- use free internet access at the Library, including wireless!
- access online resources for kids including Tumble Books, Intrepica, Early World of Learning and World Book Encyclopedia? These are also available to use at home

A special activity to be held on May 25th is **National Simultaneous Storytime**. Families are encouraged to book into a session at one of the Macedon Ranges Libraries. Join Phoebe, a plain, grey bird, as she searches for ways to make new friends, using an array of brightly coloured costumes. We hope you will join thousands of other Australian children for this activity. Contact your local library for further information.

We hope to see you at the Library during May. It's a good time for you to find out about the range of available resources.



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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Website: www.lancefieldcourthouse.org

The next general meeting of the Society will be held on 24 May at 7.30 p.m. the venue is the Romsey Mechanics' Institute. Main Street. Simon Pinnock, President of RMI committee will tell us of the plans of the new committee for the future of the RMI

Seymour Cottage will be open on 15th May 1.30 – 4.30 p.m. Further contact please ring Jean 5429 6522.

Gisborne Vintage Steam Society will hold their annual Rally and Tractor Pull on 15th May at their Gisborne site. The old steam engine that was once in Lancefield Park is housed at Gisborne and is being restored.

We are asking people in Lancefield and Romsey to share the history of your house with us. Street numbering is a more recent happening in small towns and sometimes it is difficult to find who lived in which house 60 years ago.

Histories of the old schools (current ones as well) are being put together with as many old photos and pieces from old papers as can be found. Do you have a memento of your school days that you would allow us to photograph or scan to be added to the collection? If so please contact Robyn on 0418 172 659.

Don't forget we will be having our Winter Lunch on July 26th more later on that.

Any further enquiries please contact Shirley on 0402 248 540 or Robyn on 0414 172 659

Free Workshops by MRSC

Throughout 2011, the Community Projects Team at Macedon Ranges Shire Council will be hosting a series of FREE workshops to enhance and strengthen the skills and abilities of all community groups, clubs & organisations within the Shire. The first of the FREE workshop focuses on Fundraising.

Presented by Our Community, this FREE Fundraising workshop will provide an overview of how to confidently approach the need for funds to better support your local organisation or club. Come along to learn how to develop a practical, workable, integrated & sustainable fundraising strategy to help get you the funds you need.

Date: Monday 2 May 2011
Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm
Venue: Romsey Hub,
96-100 Main Street, ROMSEY

To Register: Please call 03 5422 0333 by 29 April 2011.

Other workshops planned for 2011 include Committees & Constitutions (presented by the CAV), Conflict Resolution (presented by Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria) and Events: Working with Council (presented by Macedon Ranges Shire Council). Check the events calendar at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au for more information.

Romsey Primary School News

An Excellent Term 1

We have had an extremely smooth start to the school year. Credit must go to our dedicated teachers and support staff who have spent many hours ensuring that we have had a smooth term and credit must also go to the children who have settled quickly and industriously to their classes. I have been delighted by the many positive comments the school has received about the school and how the transition to the next level of schooling has been so successful.

Thank you to the staff and the students who have worked extremely hard this term to ensure that we have had a SUCCESSFUL and FUN time. Thank you to the many parents who volunteer their time in a multitude of ways to support our school and its operations: the school councillors, parent club members and the many classroom helpers. You all provide the 'icing on the cake' for our education programs and the children.



During the last week of term, classes enjoyed a range of activities celebrating their term's learning. Year 1 FH and 1GP invited family members to show off their moving toys they had made throughout the term and hosted an afternoon tea. Year 4s learnt about flight and took their kites to the oval to test their designs. The windy day was of great assistance and a few kites floated high in the sky. Buddy classes also joined together to do Easter activities.

Grant for Classroom Libraries

We are pleased to announce that we are the recipients of a \$1,000 grant from the Lancefield & Romsey Community banks from their 'Building our Community' grant program. We plan to use this grant to purchase additional books for classroom libraries which form an integral part of our consistent approach to teaching reading. Emily Blades from the Bendigo Bank recently visited classrooms to photograph the libraries and brought along with her the COMMUNITY letters. Students had a lot of fun with these letters.

Parent Representatives

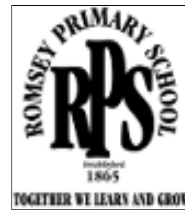
This year we have introduced parent representatives for each class. Mrs Ashworth and I have met with this group to discuss in detail their roles. They will act as a resource person or parent contact person for the class teacher, find helpers for special projects and communicate with parents about special events or information to support classroom program. Their willingness to enhance the children's educational experiences is appreciated by the school and will lead to improved communication links with parents. We look forward to this being an additional positive attribute to Romsey Primary School.

Cross Country

We were fortunate to have fabulous weather for our school cross country. Again the events were closely contested with all students eager to finish and gain points for their house. Clarke House won the shield and congratulations to all students for their good sportsmanship. The first 10 placegetters from each event from years 3-6 now advance to the Interschool Cross Country at Hanging Rock on 17th May. The first 3 placegetters for each event were:

Prep girls	1 st – Tahliah G	2 nd – Grace S	3 rd – Janae C
Prep boys	1 st – Leroy R	2 nd – Owen S	3 rd – Brodee W
Year 1 girls	1 st – Libby Q	2 nd – Jessica D	3 rd – Naomi M
Year 1 boys	1 st – Charlie J	2 nd – Campbell G	3 rd – Harrison R
Year 2 girls	1 st – Tarryn D	2 nd – Stephanie H	3 rd – Indigo S
Year 2 boys	1 st – Liam M	2 nd – Matthew R	3 rd – Jaymie H.T
8/9 girls	1 st – Georgie P	2 nd – Alice Q	3 rd – Keeley R
8/9boys	1 st – Corey J	2 nd – Jack H	3 rd – Jacob B
10 girls	1 st – Gabby S	2 nd – Elizabeth J	3 rd – Chloe P
10 boys	1 st – Zac S	2 nd – Israel C	3 rd – Angus W
11 girls	1 st – Abbie Q	2 nd – Annalea P	3 rd – Karlie H
11 boys	1 st – Lachlan J	2 nd – Jack F	3 rd – Declan B
12/13 girls	1 st – Janelle S	2 nd – Peru L	3 rd – Tilly B
12/13 boys	1 st – Chris J	2 nd – Matt D	3 rd – Brody W

Joan Gibbs
Principal



Romsey Uniting Church

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Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church

Sci-Fi Service at Romsey Uniting Church.

On 10th April at 4pm a special Worship Service was held at the Romsey Uniting Church. This service was in the form of a fantasy and sci-fi friendly church service - a normal Worship Service but with a Contemporary theme. Our minister Rev. Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones conducted this service. Despite the media circus during the week this service was very good. The church was packed including young children, teenagers, Uniting Church Ministers, a large number of people from the local community and the Media. There were a number of people dressed up in clothing worn by the Sci-Fi characters. The theme of the service was – *Love overcomes Hate; Good overcomes Evil; Light overcomes Darkness.* We thank Avril for bringing love, goodness and light into this service which was enjoyed by so many.

Although Easter has passed the following article is appropriate for any time.

"Then the soldiers took Jesus inside the courtyard ... They dressed him in purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, placed it on his head. Then they began to salute him with 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They beat him about the head with a cane and spat upon him, and then knelt and paid mock homage to him... Then they took him out to crucify him... They brought him to the place called Golgotha ... Then they fastened him to the cross ... The passers-by hurled abuse at him. 'Aha!' they cried, wagging their heads, 'you would pull the temple down, would you, and build it in three days? Come down from the cross and save yourself'... Even those who were crucified with him taunted him." Mark 15: 16 – 32.

Where is Calvary

It was all so blatantly unjust. It never should have happened. Another crown you should have had, but not the crown of thorns. The mockery ... the flogging ... the abuse hurled by the crowd who came to see the spectacle ... and finally, the cross. It never should have happened. But it did. And now I look upon your cross. Your cross? No, never yours. It was our cross you bore, our cross on which you died. Not for your own sins did you suffer, Lord. It was for ours. And when I see this cross I see myself for what I am, and I cry out in shame. Was it I betrayed you, Lord? I that cried, "Crucify!"? I that denied you, I that drew back in fear? Did I crucify you, Lord? Do I crucify you still? Where is Calvary today? In a closed book on the shelf? Or is it on a hillside in Afghanistan? Or in a refugee camp near the Jordan? Or in a lonely prison cell in Greece? Our world is full of calvaries. We crucify you still.

Will you always say, "forgive them, for they know not what they do"? It is time we knew. It is time we understood. I look upon the cross again, and now I see you, Lord, for what you are. I see what love can mean. I see forgiveness of a kind I never saw before. I see a love that, loving, suffers even to the end, and suffering, brings redemption. Forgive me, Lord, for all the petty calvaries in which I've had a share. Redeem me, by your love.
Conversations with God by Joy Merritt

As the women drew near to the tomb on Easter morning, ready to give care to a loved one, may we reach out with actions of care and justice and compassion. And as the women left the empty tomb and shared the amazing news of resurrection, may we witness to the life that is rising up within and all around us. Beyond death is abundant life. Beyond the shadows of hatred and isolation is the light that draws us into community. Beyond the stone covered tomb is a dance called resurrection. Christ is risen! Live in the resurrected Spirit of Christ.
Worship resource Seasons of the Spirit.

Church Services during May 2011

1st	9am.	Worship Service
8th	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
15th	9am	Access Sunday Worship Service conducted by Gisborne Chaplain Barbara Davis.
22nd	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
29th	10.30am	5th Sunday Combined Worship at Riddells Creek.



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Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge

Meet 1st Thursday except January
Installation - June

ALL BRETHREN WELCOME

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY REPORT

Hello to everyone from all our auxiliary members. We hope everyone has had a safe start to the year. Congratulations to RRBATA, community groups and helpers who organised the Romsey 150th birthday celebrations. It was a fantastic weekend enjoyed by all.

As usual our auxiliary is looking for ways in which we can help support our local ambulance station paramedics. Following our successful year last year we looking to raise much needed funds again this year.

In 2010 our paramedics have requested assistance in purchasing some equipment for them and the ambulances and we have been able to help them do this. Such items have included a "Whisperflow" machine which aids patients who have serious breathing difficulties. This has been installed in our MICA vehicle and has been in regular use since purchase. Our station officers Olga Barastek, Kate Christie, Rob Lane, Denis Ord, Jess Drummond and MICA paramedic Dave Newman have been instrumental in acquiring this piece of equipment for the branch. Dave has also instigated the purchase of special fridges which are installed in the ambulances and are used to keep I.V fluids and some medicines at a controlled temperature. As with all technical equipment, such items are expensive and "without funds in the bank" we are not able to purchase such things promptly.

WHY DOES THE AUXILIARY HAVE TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT ?

Well the short answer is that RAV does not provide everything. Standard equipment is provided, but sometimes not for all vehicles and if the paramedics feel it necessary to have equipment in all vehicles than we will provide extra items for them. Standard issue does not always cover items that the station needs, for example extra computer monitors, shelving, household items etc.

Being in a rural setting which covers a large area, we feel it is essential that our community has access to all up-to-date equipment.

DID YOU KNOW that Romsey paramedics sometimes need to cover neighbouring branches ie : Woodend, Gisborne, Kyneton and Kilmore so they may travel as far as Trentham to the west, Heathcote to the North, Wallan to the East and Sunbury to the south. Many jobs take them to metro Melbourne .

AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that there is a waiting time for membership cover once you join? If you paid your ambulance cover today you would not be covered until 5pm the next day. MEDICARE DOES NOT cover you or your family for ambulance transport. Some health insurance policies DO NOT provide full cover (eg air transport). Ambulance transport is very expensive if you are not covered.

As mentioned in previous articles, Ambulance membership DOES NOT go to your local branch or towards equipment purchasing.

Stay tuned for our exciting fundraising event in July, more details to follow.

The Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary welcomes new members and ideas for fundraising . For enquiries please contact President Helen Richardson on 54296369

Romsey Mowing, Maintenance & Property Care.

*Lawn mowing (including ride on)
Gardening - Edging.
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On Saturday 21st May will be held from 6.30pm
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Mayor's Message

Plans to upgrade facilities at Romsey Park and sports precinct are moving along, with the project and design plans for the new sports oval and car park at the Primary School almost complete. Following the tender process, it is hoped that works will commence in May.

We are still negotiating funding arrangements for the promised \$3.3m grant from the Federal Government to develop the Romsey Park Sports Precinct and hope that these arrangements will be finalised soon. The upgrade is the greatest improvement to sporting facilities in the East of the shire in decades and the importance of this project to the local community cannot be overstated. These new facilities will benefit all ages, especially our children, and will be enjoyed for generations to come. Once Council has control of the project we will work with the community to have these facilities upgraded as a priority.

Prepare Your Properties Now for Winter

It's important that you prepare your properties now for winter to ensure your safety and also to reduce the risk of damage to your home and surrounding properties in the event of storms and extreme weather. Simple things like clearing debris from gutters and drains and ensuring items around the house like outdoor furniture and children's play equipment are secured can help protect you, your family and your property when impacted by storms or flash flooding. The SES has developed an online tool kit that is available at www.ses.vic.gov.au to assist you in preparing your property and it also provides important information about what you can do in the lead up to, during and after a storm.

What's On

During May, the 2011 Café Culture Series will host two live performances in Kyneton and Woodend, ranging from comedy to musical theatre.

On Friday 13 May, *Best of Broadway* will be held at the Kyneton Town Hall from 11.30am-12.45pm and will feature music from **shows such as Cabaret, Chorus Line, Fiddler on the Roof, plus much more.**

Later that evening, *The Fall of the Roman Empire & Edvardo, The Performing Waiter* show will be held at the Woodend Community Centre at 8pm.

Tickets for both shows can be purchased online, just log-on to www.mrsc.vic.gov.au or by calling 1300 88 88 02.

**Mayor, Henry McLaughlin
Macedon Ranges Shire Council**



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You will receive early pregnancy information and learn about the Victorian Maternity Record.

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For further information or to confirm your attendance please call the Primary Care Clinic on 5421 2840.



By Marilyn Hunter – Senior Pastor Living Word Christian Church

A man stopped at a florist to order some flowers to be sent to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home.

She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother."

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, cancelled the order, picked up a flower arrangement and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

This Mother's day, in a world that is growing busier moment by moment and day by day, may those who still have Mothers take the time to acknowledge, appreciate and show that we care.

Who knows what miracles God will do relationally if we give Him the chance to do so?

If you would like to learn more about God and His unconditional love for us feel free to join us at either of our Sunday Services, Midweek Life Groups, or contact us at our Church Office on 5429 6327 we would be happy to be of assistance to you.

Living Word Christian Church - Regular Sunday Service Times:

10am Morning Service - 7 Mitchell Court Romsey

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ROMSEY TAKES OUT JUNIOR TENNIS FINAL

An all-boys Romsey team took out the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association D Grade summer junior tennis competition last Friday night (April 1).

The grand final, played in ideal conditions at the Romsey Tennis Club's all-weather courts, saw Romsey defeat Gisborne 4 sets to 2 (33 games to 18).

The team was made up of Ben Taylor, Adam Frost, Jarod Lepore and Michael Carroll. Team manager Libby Taylor said the boys had played well all season and had been virtually undefeated since October. She said they also looked like winners on the court thanks to team polo tops supplied by the Ferraro family.

Romsey also hosted the D2 section grand final, contested by Lancefield Black and Gisborne/New Gisborne and won in convincing fashion by Lancefield, 4 sets to 2 sets (33 games to 20 games).

All the boys in the Romsey team are coached by the club's resident accredited coach Andrew Peake, who conducts group lessons for juniors on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Private lessons can also be arranged, for details contact Andrew on 0412 225 792.



ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

Weekly Tennis Fixtures

Tuesday morning ladies doubles - 10.00am start
 Wednesday afternoon coaching - 3.50pm start
 Thursday afternoon coaching - 3.50pm start
 Thursday night mixed doubles - 7.30pm start
 Friday morning social tennis - 9.30am start
 Saturday juniors singles:doubles - 9.00am start
 Saturday seniors mixed doubles - 1.30pm start

Competition News - Juniors

Premiers - D1 Junior Team

A great effort by the boys to come back and win the flag after losing the first final. A great season and well deserved to Ben Taylor, Jarod Lepore, Michael Carroll & Adam Frost!



Runners up - C1 Junior Team

Well done to all players as they did very well to make it to the grand final after finishing the home and away season in 4th position. Congratulations to Nick Orritt, Monique Conlan, Erin Ferraro, Daniel Shaw & Kyle Cozens!

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Coaching News

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Club News

Friday morning social tennis - for any retirees or those that have a free morning, come along for a hit of tennis then off to a local eatery for a coffee and a snack. For further information please call Eileen French on 0412-787213

Ladies - Do you want to play tennis?

The club currently has 3 teams competing this season in the Tuesday day competition and is looking to put in 4 teams the following season starting in late July or early August. All playing levels are welcomed. Please call Bev or Louise for further information on how to get started or come down for a hit.

Membership

Membership is available for a 12 month period. Cost for adults is \$115 and \$65 for juniors. This gives you unlimited access to the courts during daylight hours when the courts are playable. A court key can also be purchased with your membership. Contact Bev Beaumont on 5429-6189 or Louise Conlan on 5429-6595.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Worker:	Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	St. Mary's Primary:	5429 1359

MASS TIMES

Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield
 6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.
 For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.
Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Everyone's spiritual journey is unique. RCIA is the Catholic way of welcoming new members and helping to understand the Catholic faith.

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 *Who were baptised in the Catholic tradition but have not received any other sacraments;
 *Are confirmed Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith.

If this is for you or for anyone you know, come to our next information evening and meet our friendly team on **Tuesday 14th June 7.30pm at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey St. Lancefield.**

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Bolinda Primary School News

We had a very smooth start to the school year and welcomed seven new prep students. These children have adjusted very quickly and are very excited to be at school.

New Building

Late in 2010 our new building was completed with two new learning spaces. It is a fantastic facility and provides the opportunity for more flexible approaches to learning and teaching. The opening of the building by Rob Mitchell the Federal Member for McEwan, will be on Friday 20th May. We have converted our old classrooms into a library and a performing arts complex. For a small school we have wonderful facilities as we also have a dedicated art room. Over the Christmas break we had another two electronic whiteboards installed; we now have a board in each of the five learning spaces. We also had some \$7000 of new furniture delivered for the new classrooms as well as \$3000 of library shelving.

Open Days

Bolinda Primary School has a friendly, welcoming environment. We like to see happy, interested learners who enjoy coming to school and who want to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available to them. Parents are welcomed, and are welcomed, at our school. In partnership with the staff, they make

an enormous, appreciated contribution to the learning journey.

We welcome parents of prospective prep 2012 children to our school and invite you to a tour on our open days on Wednesday 11th or 18th May 10.00 am—12.00 or by appointment at a mutually convenient time. Contact the Principal, John Mackintosh on 54 285 317 for more information or to make an appointment for a tour of the school.

Athletics Sports

The annual athletics sports were held in March at Bolinda Primary School with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim primary schools. We had fantastic weather and a great time was had by all. We also had four footballers from the Essendon Football Club conduct a footy clinic recently. The students remarked how tall they were!



Family Fun Night

The weather for our Family Fun Night was not as kind but we still managed to have a barbecue and play some games organised by the year 4 – 6 students. Clearly our parents need more practice in some games as they were no match for the match hardened students.

Fundraising

We recently had a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Sunbury. Staff and parents volunteered to man the booth for the day and were kept extremely busy. We raised just over \$800.



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Sunday, 22nd May



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Romsey Golf Club Report

Saturday March 19th: The course was in wonderful condition, the day was sunny and there was almost no wind as players hit off in a round of handicap match-play. It was a good opportunity for everyone to practice this form of the game with the Dalhousie Pennant competition beginning on Sunday the 20th of March.

Two groups played the second round of the club's "Algie Mitchell Singles Knock-out" competition. Results were Andrew Clement D Les Gaunt 6/5 while Anthony Lahey D Chris VanderVliet 4/3. NTPs went to 1 – Kev Milner, 15-Mat Hall and 16 – Ben Noel The club's three pennant captains were named **Scratch** – Mat Thornton & Mat Hall, **1st handicap** team - Tyson Ellis and **2nd handicap** team – John Freestone.

Sunday March 20th 2011 Pennant Round one: The scratch got the defence of their 2010 title off to a great start with a 5/2 win over Euroa at Mt Macedon. The 2nd handicap team played Lancefield at Euroa and was also able to record a good 6/1 win. The 1st handicap team had the bye and hosted Kilmore, Trentham, Mt Macedon and Hidden Valley at home.

Saturday March 26th; Monthly Medal – Stroke and Putts. John Freestone again triumphed in the March Monthly Medal at Romsey. John's fine round of 86/20/66 saw him a clear winner over Dean van denHeuval 89/18/71 and Bob McLennan 86/15/71. Longest Drive went to outstanding junior Ben Noel. NTPs went to 15 - Mat Hall and 16 - Ben Noel.

Sunday March 27th: 2011 Pennant , Round two. All three Romsey teams suffered narrow losses over the weekend. The scratch team went down 4/3 to Alexandria at Woodend, the 1st handicap team went down 4/3 to Kilmore at Trentham and the 2nd handicap team went down 4/3 to Woodend at Hidden Valley.

Saturday April 2nd: Players hit off in the club's stableford competition in fine, clear conditions however gusting winds made some holes very tricky.

The day's winner was Andrew Laing with 38 points, runner up was Bob McLennan with 37 point. NTPs went to 16 - Paul Noel and 16 Mat Thornton

Sunday April 3rd. Pennant Round three; Romsey's scratch and 2nd handicap teams both had byes. The 1st handicap team played Trentham at Hidden Valley and were able to return to the winner's circle with a strong 5/2 victory.

Friday April 8th – Night Golf; Players began arriving at 6.15 for the nine-hole Ambrose night golf competition. In all 34 players hit off. The course looked quite spectacular as fluorescent golf balls whizzed through the air (interesting to see exactly what happens when a golf ball hits a tree!) and the stationary distance and green lights sent out their ghostly glow. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal of tacos before the round and home made pumpkin soup and sweets after the round. The evening was a great success and there are plans for a similar event in early/mid spring later in the year.



The Firefighter's Recipe Book Returns

In 2008 "B platoon" at the Bendigo Fire Station, initiated by Bryan 'Brizza' Suckling, produced the very popular Firefighter's Recipe Book. Due to an overwhelming response these have now returned and are once again available for purchase.

There are plenty of recipes to choose, ranging from Mains, Dessert and Smoko such as Michelle's Little Aussie Nuggets, Quazza's Cherry Berry or Brizza's Biscuits.

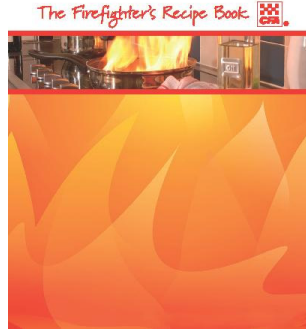
Leading Fire Fighter Bryan Suckling from Bendigo Fire Station took the lead and initiative in developing the book seeing it as a way of combining a fundraising activity with CFA community education messages. The idea was to create another way of reaching the community.

As well as easy to follow recipes, the book contains key messages relating to the CFA Early Fire Safe and Fire Ready Victoria programs.

All proceeds from the sale of the recipe book will be donated to Relay for Life and the Bendigo Health Care Group.

The Recipe Book costs \$11.00 (inc. GST) plus postage.

To order your copy please contact CFA District 02 HQ on 03 54302200



Look Who's Turning 60! 3 May 2011



Happy Birthday Chris!
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etc will be available

The Romsey Branch of the Country Women's Association enjoyed a wonderful day on April 7th with Guest Speaker, Mr Pete Smith of Channel 9. Peter spoke on his days of working with Bert Newton, Graham Kennedy and other Channel 9 personalities. It was delightful to have also in attendance Pete's father. Mr Les Smith who is a sprightly 96 years of age who enjoys playing golf 2 days a week. Our ladies served lunch for members' husbands, Pete and his dad, as well as our members. Our afternoon tea tables were overloaded with wonderful home cooking provided by the CWA ladies of Romsey. It was delightful to have quite a number of locals join us on this day.

Several ladies indicated they would like to join our Branch and contact will be made with these ladies and we hope they come along to our meetings, as well as all the fun days we enjoy.

Our next venture is our Mother's Day Cake and Craft stall on May 7th, outside IGA supermarket. Your support would be very much appreciated.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Mechanics Hall Supper Room at 10 am and our meetings are followed with Craft where we can learn the finer points of sewing, crochet and knitting. If none of these crafts are your scene, these afternoons can be a time to socialise and have fun. Sewing, knitting and cooking are just one part of CWA, and not a necessity to be a member.

Craft days for supporting our local Kindergarten, schools and the Kilmore Aged Care facility are held on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am, also at the Mechanics Hall. BYO lunch on these days, tea and coffee provided by our Branch. We are presently making art smocks for the Kinder, as well as new dolls' clothes and items for dollies' corner (quilts, mattresses, etc.)

A quarter of this year has passed,
Here it is, the month of May,
We all have been so very busy,
Not a spare minute in the day.

Please come along and join us,
It's no good being home and cold,
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COME AND SAY "HELLO, DOLLY!"

Friday May 13 is a lucky day for people who love theatre, especially musicals. It is the date "Hello, Dolly!" opens. Bookings open 26 April online through www.themountplayers.com.au or by telephone 1300 463 224.

The Mountview Theatre is a hive of activity with finalisation of the New York set and period costumes. The orchestral score provides a brilliant soundscape.

The effervescent *Dolly* is played by Gisborne's Maria Cooney-Powell, who was 'discovered' at an open mic afternoon at The Vines in Gisborne. Producer Chris Finch noted, "Maria sang *Danny Boy*, which delighted a lot of people. When it came time to find a *Dolly*, she sprang to mind."

The grumpy Horace Vandergelder is played by Macedon's Adrian Munro, whilst the little lady with the big voice, Michelle Farrugia, plays widowed milliner, Mrs Molloy.

Gisborne's talented Cocklin family is heavily represented. Mother and daughter Christine and Rosie are on stage, with father Peter and daughter Georgie playing in the orchestra.

The twelve-piece orchestra features brass, woodwind and strings, with experienced musicians tackling the intricate score.

Musicals staged by The Mount Players often sell out. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Threatened closure of employment rights service will hurt regional Victoria

The Bendigo based Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre is extremely concerned about recent reports that Victoria's employment rights specialist community legal centre Jobwatch is facing closure due to funding cuts by the Victorian Government. Details attached.

Peter Noble, principal solicitor at the Centre said:

"Jobwatch is a critical service, assisting thousands of Victorian's every year with employment rights issues. Jobwatch also provides specialist support to workers at welfare organizations and Community Legal Centres across the state, helping them to deliver access to justice for rural and regional Victorians.

Loddon Campaspe CLC routinely refers clients to Jobwatch or assists clients with specialist support from Jobwatch – Joanne's story below is one such case.

It is not acceptable for the Victorian Government to refer agencies like Jobwatch to Victoria Legal Aid (the funding administrator for Community Legal Centres) as if Legal Aid print money and can suddenly find in excess of \$850,000 by 1 July 2011 to keep this critical service going. All parties must reach a consensus about who and how to fund this service on a recurrent basis from 1 July."

For more information contact Peter Noble on 0400 870 210.

Joanne's story – Pregnancy and Work (not her real name)

Joanne was a young woman working as an administrator at a rural hospital. She became pregnant, discussed taking unpaid maternity leave with her employer and gave appropriate notice. When Joanne was ready to return to work she was told that her position was no longer available and she would either have to work fewer or more hours than she previously did. Joanne was gutted. Fewer hours would not provide adequate income and more hours meant more pressure at home and less time with the children. Joanne felt that she was being discriminated against and

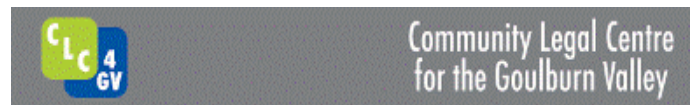
felt torn. Joanne couldn't afford a private lawyer and wasn't a member of a union, so she consulted her local generalist community legal centre for legal advice.

The Bendigo based Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre assisted Joanne with specialist support from Victoria's employment rights specialist JobWatch. Solicitors at the two centres worked hand-in-hand to deliver a specialist service in a rural location.

Joanne was advised by the solicitors that when returning from unpaid parental leave she was entitled to the position that she held immediately before going on leave – unless that position genuinely no longer existed – or such other role that was most like the pre-leave position. Joanne also had the right to request flexible work arrangements. Joanne was supported to negotiate a new contract that offered more favourable terms. By reaching a negotiated outcome all parties avoided the cost and stress of going to Court.

Steve Womersley
Communications Worker

I support the CLC4GV Campaign.



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Romsey Community House News

New Coordinator

At the beginning of April, and after a long search, we welcomed new House Coordinator Amanda Beecham to our friendly team. Amanda comes to the House with a wide range of experience in the fields of community and welfare services, and brings fresh enthusiasm and ideas to us. We hope you will take some time to call and say hello to Amanda, and share your thoughts and ideas about what the House can do for you. In the coming weeks Amanda will be making herself familiar with the Neighbourhood House scene in the Macedon Ranges, as well as getting to know the local groups, organisations and individuals with whom we can work for the benefit of Romsey.

Activities at The House

We are always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions about the kinds of programs you would like to see, and we are always on the lookout for people to run courses. So if you have a passion that you would like to share as a participant or a presenter, please make yourself known!

Office Hours

Our current office hours at the House are between 10.00am and 1.00pm weekdays, but you are always welcome to drop in for a cuppa whenever the Hub is open, and also to use the free internet access program at the House,



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

RRBATA Presents Donation to Historical Society

As previously reported, RRBATA had committed to donate any funds surplus to the 150th Birthday Gala Community Dinner to the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society. Recently, RRBATA recently attended a meeting of the Historical Society at Seymour Cottage to present a cheque for \$2000 which will support a project to provide plaques for the historical sites around town. RRBATA is most supportive of this initiative which will compliment the presentation of our town's rich history to visitors and local community members. *Wendie McLaughlin (RRBATA Treasurer) is pictured presenting the cheque to Wendie Macdonald (President, Historical Society).*



RRBATA and Romsey Business

RRBATA Committee of Management recently decided to review the membership package for businesses. RRBATA is committed to promoting business and tourism in the Romsey region, as well as facilitating communication between businesses and between business and government bodies. Businesses take many forms – shop front traders, industrial, tradesmen, home based etc. In order to assist a larger body of local businesses, RRBATA intends to soon conduct a survey of member and non-member businesses to ascertain how our membership package can be of optimal value. We look forward to reviewing these results and being able to provide meaningful representation for Romsey business and tourism.

TMR Update

Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR) is currently considering a re-structure with the aim of being better equipped to dovetail with the regional tourism authority, Daylesford Macedon Ranges. At a recent TMR meeting to discuss the possible restructure, RRBATA – represented by Joanne Hagan – expressed its support of the restructure so long as the eastern corridor's interests were still well represented and advocated under the new structure. At the time of writing this, RRBATA was preparing to attend a tourism strategy workshop organized by Macedon Ranges Shire Council. More on this will be reported in the next edition of the Romsey Rag.

Romsey Online Update

RRBATA is currently undertaking a review of Romsey Online to ascertain whether its appearance and function can be further improved. The website is an important resource for both local residents and potential visitors to our town as well so it is important that a fresh appearance is maintained. Feedback regarding the website is welcome so please email your comments to info@romsey.org.au.

Remember - advertising for businesses is very affordable, and community groups can list their contact details or events and news at no cost.

And don't forget, *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!* Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at info@romsey.org.au.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

Membership Enquiries:

Joanne Hagan (Secretary)

Phone: 0432 320553

Email: hages10@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Meeting:

General Meeting

Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm

Romsey Community Hub

Supper Provided.

ALL WELCOME



Amendment C66 - Retaining Romsey's Rural Character

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has prepared Amendment C66 to allow for the continued growth and development of Romsey, while protecting the town's character.

Planning Scheme Amendment C66 will incorporate into the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme the previously completed Romsey Outline Development Plan (ODP) and Romsey Residential Character Study. Council's Director Planning and Environment, Sophie Segafredo said there has been substantial public consultation over a number of years in preparing the Romsey ODP and the Residential Character Study.

"We are now changing the Planning Scheme to deliver on those plans," she said.

The proposed plans will see a new 21-hectare business and industrial area developed on the corner of Melbourne-Lancefield Road and Greens Lane, to the south of the town. A change in zoning on the western side of Main Street - between the garden centre and Barry Street - will also open up new opportunities for business, including potential for another supermarket.

"It is important that Romsey residents have more opportunities to work and shop locally," she said.

Amendment C66 will limit subdivisions in existing neighbourhoods. It also includes provisions for controlled residential expansion, allowing for the development of approximately 410 new houses to be built in new neighbourhoods on the southern edge of the town over 15 year period.

"A consistent theme of community feedback has been that residents want Romsey to retain a rural town character," she said. "We have taken that on board by introducing new planning scheme controls to protect the character of existing neighbourhoods. We have also undertaken detailed planning of the new residential areas to ensure that they reflect a rural town character," she said. "On average, lots will be 1000m² or a quarter of an acre and houses will have to be set back from the street and from each other. Wide road reserves and controls on building will ensure a sense of spaciousness with plenty of room for gardens, "The new residential areas will be very different from typical developments in suburban Melbourne," she said.

Details of consultation

amendment C66 and supporting documents will be on public exhibition until Tuesday, 31 May 2011. Copies of the documents are available at Council offices and libraries or can be viewed online at www.mrsc.vic.gov.au from Tuesday, 19 April. Council officers will also be available to explain and discuss the amendment at the Romsey Community Hub, at the following times:

- Wednesday, 4 May from 9.30am-12.30pm.
- Tuesday, 10 May from 5pm-7.30pm.

To attend these sessions, RSVP to Duane Burt at dburt@mrsc.vic.gov.au or phone 5421 9684. Submissions must be sent to the Director Planning and Environment, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, PO Box 151, Kyneton Vic 3444 or emailed to strategicplanning@mrsc.vic.gov.au

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Romsey Playgroup Inc.

Romsey Community Hub,
Main Street, Romsey

Thank You to our Community Bank®

Romsey Playgroup has had a wonderful start to the year with Family Memberships very strong. We welcome our new Playgroup members and wish the children that commenced Kindergarten and their families all the very best for the future. Term 1 concluded with a fun filled Easter egg hunt. Children were able to take home their decorated Easter Baskets full of eggs and an Easter Bon Bon. Term 2 commenced on Wednesday 27th April with all the children very energetic & excited about the new equipment that had been purchased over the Easter Holidays.

We are thrilled to be the recipient of a 2011 'Building Our Community' Grant from the Lancefield & Romsey **Community Bank**®. This Grant has enabled the Playgroup committee to purchase the following items which the children enjoy every week together:

Sand & Picnic Table



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We are excited by the progress that the **Community Bank**® has made during the past five years. We are very grateful for the work that the **Community Bank**® and its volunteer board has done, and continues to do, for the townships of Romsey and Lancefield – there is no doubt you are leaders in this community.

2011 Playgroup Major Raffle - Tickets Still Available

- 1st Prize - Myer Shopping Spree Valued at \$10,000
- 2nd Prize - Myer Shopping Spree valued at \$2,000
- 3rd Prize - Take a Break Holiday valued at \$1,000
- 4th Prize - 2 nights at Silverwater Resort, Phillip Island valued at \$700
- 5th Prize – Melbourne Aquarium Family Pass, valued at \$100

Tickets are only \$2 and will be available at Romsey Playgroup during sessions and from 2011 Romsey Playgroup Members

For further information about any playgroup matters or to join, please contact Melissa on 0438 831 427 or Emily on 0405 125 156 or email romseyplaygroup@gmail.com

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet each Monday.

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A new equine clinic in the Lancefield area offers a full range of services to all horse owners. The **Lancefield Equine Clinic** has opened its doors. The owner and principal of the practice Dr Miesja Reynolds is a long time resident of Lancefield, having lived in the area since 1979. Miesja is a member of the Lancefield Equestrian Group and has been a regular equestrian competitor since being in the Lancefield Pony Club at the age of 7. More recently competing in dressage and horse trials with her two stallions.

The establishment of the Lancefield Equine Clinic is a result of a lot of hard work and dedication. What started as a boutique Irish Draught and Irish Sport Horse stud, with one sporthorse stallion and a few mares, grew into a very busy breeding establishment. In 2006 Miesja graduated from Melbourne University with a degree in Veterinary Science. As the breeding practice grew those clients also wanted all their day to day issues associated with horse ownership attended to as well. The clinic happily caters for the pony club pony to the top competition horse.

The clinic boasts a new purpose built barn, with indoor crush, laboratory, stables and stallion semen collection facility. Horses can be stabled and cared for intensively on site, or ambulatory visits can be arranged. Services include digital xrays, ultrasound, endoscopy, surgery, reproduction, medicine, treatment and prevention. Rewards have been many, highlighted by being a finalist in the 2009, Macedon Ranges Business Excellence awards in the Young Business Person of the Year category. Miesja is assisted by an equine veterinary nurse who also lives in Lancefield and other local staff.

Contact 03 5429 1609 for appointments, or Dr Miesja Reynolds directly on 0409 229 408 or email lancefeldequine-clinic@bigpond.com

The clinic is located at the stud, on Whalans Track north west of Lancefield, off Baynton Road.

Icarus Park Stud
63 Whalans Track, (off Baynton Road)
Lancefield 3435 VIC



BUSINESS PANEL ON 2ND MAY – REGISTER NOW

Wednesday 4th May 2011 at the Woodend Community Centre – AM and PM sessions available!

The Business Panel is an exciting new initiative for local businesses – this is your chance to meet with local professionals in marketing, web site development and graphic design, financial planning, management and accounting. The Business Panel is a “one stop shop” to help YOU grow your business.

I was amazed at how much information was available. I learnt a number of relevant and specific marketing techniques which I can put into practice with only a little cost and effort. These are things which are, in hindsight, fundamental and effective. The night was very valuable to me, and I am sure everyone who attended would agree on its value to their business. Please keep me informed of future Business Panel presentations, I will be first in line to go.

For more information and bookings, please visit <http://4thmaybusinesspanel.eventbrite.com/>

Review

Haydn's Creation – The Gisborne Singers – 10 April 2011

The performance opened with the orchestra's swirling, moody Representation of Chaos. This young group had the occasional less-than-perfect start in Part 1 but quickly made the most of the glorious writing. Amongst many accolades that could be given, the woodwinds stood out in particular. Choir pianist Alan Grinton played an unobtrusive harpsichord accompaniment.

The Singers were in fine form. The group was the largest it has been in recent years. More importantly, they were confident and clearly enjoying the music they were making. As an audience member it was contagious and difficult not to break into applause after the “Awake the harp” chorus! Perhaps the men were slightly disadvantaged in terms of projection by being placed in the apse, a quirk of the venue – and the size of the choir.

Regular soloists Catherine Pendelich (soprano), Peter Mander (tenor) and Manfred Pohlenz (bass) were delightful as usual. The gorgeous Duet between Adam and Eve with the Chorus sounded for all the world like a love song, which is exactly what it is.

This was a great achievement by all concerned, no doubt shaped by the good-humoured and enthusiastic direction of Stephen Brockman.

SAVE OUR PUBLIC SPACE

Romsey has the largest projected population growth in the Macedon Ranges. The town is growing yet the community or public space is diminishing.

**Help GRAAP Inc to
Save our public land from sale
for residential use.**



The Old School Site in Romsey on the corner of Main Road and Palmer Street, Romsey is managed by the Department of Education. The Department have placed the site on the disposal list to be sold. The Site gets "offered" to other departments before being offered to local council. If no department or the local council do not buy the site, **the land will be sold for private sale or developers**

Without full community support Romsey will lose more public space. There will be less space and opportunity for our community to come together within the town centre.

**SAY NO TO THE SALE OF OUR PUBLIC SPACE.
SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF THE LAND FOR
A COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE.**

Act Now!

Write to GRAAP Inc and show your support.

Send your letter to the **Minister for Education** and to your local member. Support GRAAP and your local Community

GRAAP Inc

PO Box 53, Romsey VIC 3434

E: graap@exemail.com.au

Minister for Education –

Hon Martin Dixon

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**ROMSEY
COMMUNITY HUB
Monday 16th MAY
2011**

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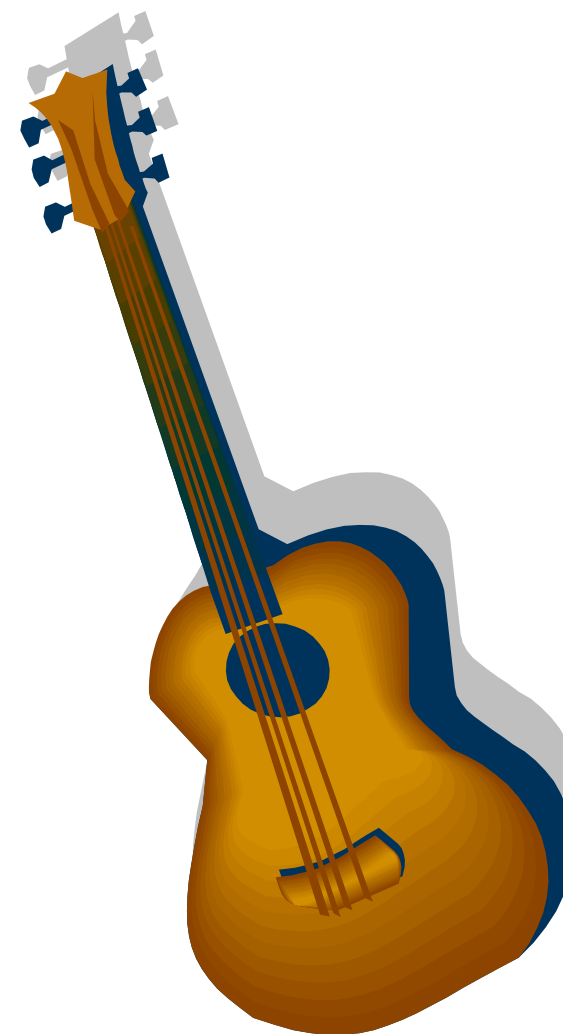
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Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

Pilates

Wednesday's 12.00 - 1.00pm. For bookings/enquiries phone April on 0427 150 976. \$12 per class, term enrolment at end of 1st class. Term 2 commences 27/04/11. Casuals welcome once minimum class numbers are met \$14 per class.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets every **Tuesday** at Romsey Community House **1.30 - 2.30pm**. All enquiries please contact Debbie on 0403807739.

Walk Together Program

Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek. **Tuesday's 9.30am**.

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's - \$5 per class

Monday's 10am-11am. Commencing 2nd May 2011. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Includes Balance, Mobility, Bladder Control and Joint pain. Chair based exercises also available. Register now. Minimum numbers apply.

Social & Creative Activities

Craft Group

Every Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm. Come and practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes - Working With Watercolours

Through the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, The Romsey Community House is running a series of **subsidised** age specific art classes. In Term 2, 2011 we will run a 10 week Working with Watercolours course commencing on Thursday 28th April.

Adult (Daytime): Time: 1:00 - 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

6 - 8yrs: Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60

9 - 15yrs: Time: 5.00 - 6.30pm. Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening): Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100

For all bookings/enquiries call the Romsey Community House. Class sizes are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Art Class Exhibition Starts 28/03/11
Watch our windows**

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month **9.45 - 11.45am**. We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732.

Writing Workshops with Dee White

Includes How to create great characters, Where do I start & Finish, Story Ideas Plus other necessary attributes for authors of all ages.

Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

Come and join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs. Term 2 classes commence Friday 6th May 2011. For bookings ph: Erin 0417 137 003 or

email: erin.kalinski@heydeeho.com

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Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

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Food Supervisors Course

Level 2 First Aid and CPR Refresher

The above courses will run in term 3, 2011. Register now to avoid disappointment. Ph: 5429 6724.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

8 week course on the basics in Microsoft Office Word 2007. Commences 10th May, 2011. **12.30 - 3pm.** Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word.

This 8 week course will be held on Tuesdays in Term 3. **12.30 - 3.00pm** Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00. Call 5429 6724 to register.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

This 5 week course will be held on Tuesday evenings **6.00 - 8.30pm** commencing on 17th May 2011. Cost \$150.00. Call 5429 6724 to enrol.

Quickbooks Advanced

Expressions of interest are now being taken for this 8 week course When: May 2011. Time: 6.30 - 9pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Non-Accredited Training Courses

Computer Maintenance

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics in file and hard drive clean-up. **Wednesday 13th April, 2011.** Time: 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20.00

Learn to Use the Internet

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics of internet safety and usage. **Wednesday 6th April, 2011.** Time: 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20.00

Register now for these Term 3 Courses

Introduction to Quickbooks

Internet Safety for Kids

Volunteer Induction Courses

Customer Service & Telephone Skills Workshops

For All Bookings & Enquiries

Phone: 5429 6724

Office Hours: 10am - 1pm

Monday - Friday

Chess Club

We are looking to start up an all ages chess club. If you are interested in either joining or running this group. Contact Helen at the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Kyneton Theatre Company presents

All aboard HMS Pinafore!



Theatre buffs will be treated to a riotous musical when Kyneton Theatre Company presents Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* this month. *HMS Pinafore* or "The Lass Who Loved a Sailor" is a much-loved comic opera in two acts, full of infectious songs and great humour. KTC artistic director Peter Kelly says audiences can expect a terrific night of theatre.

"We have assembled a great cast," he said. "The singing, the orchestra, the comedy are all extremely good in this production and everyone who comes to see it will have a thoroughly enjoyable night."

Mr Kelly said *HMS Pinafore* had certainly stood the test of time and remained one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular shows. "It opened at the Opera Comique in London, England, on May 25, 1878 and ran for 571 performances, which was the second-longest run of any musical theatre piece up to that time."

The storyline follows the tale of the Captain's daughter, Josephine, and her love for the lower class sailor, Ralph Rackstraw. As a lady of stature, Josephine has been betrothed to the bumbling, much older nit wit, Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty. Against her father's wishes, Josephine declares her love for Ralph and they plan to elope during the night. However, an astonishing disclosure towards the end of the story leads to a surprise ending.

HMS Pinafore stars Tony Morton, Sara Green, Tim Francis, Maggie Mottram, Andrew Zylinski, Pam Lenders and Phylip McConnon. The show is directed by Fran Kelly, with musical direction by Peter Weerts, choreography by Melanie Burlak and costumes by Sheryl Neill. Mr Kelly said the highlight of the show was a classic scene/song involving Sir Joseph Porter, the Captain and Josephine in the second act.

"It usually gets about three encores and I am sure this one will too - it's extremely good."

HMS Pinafore opens at the Bluestone Theatre, Hutton Street, Kyneton, on April 29 and runs until May 21.

Tickets are now on sale - \$20 adult, \$15 concession, \$12 groups of 10 or more - at InstrAmental Music Shop, 33 High Street, Kyneton on 5422 0831.

A gala night will be held on Saturday, May 21 and tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 concession - includes champagne and supper with the cast and crew.

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