

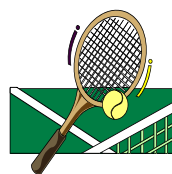
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Tennis racquets are also available for use, when hiring the courts.

Please contact Bev on 5429 6189 or Kaye on 5429 5622, for court hiring or membership enquiries.

Monday Night Social Tennis

We are meeting at the courts from 7.30pm on Mondays, with a cost of \$2.50 per person with lights. If you are looking for a casual and social hit of tennis, after a hard day's work, then come along for a hit. No commitment is needed – just bring along a racquet. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday Morning Social Tennis

Social tennis is growing in numbers at the Romsey courts on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am. Come along for an informal hit, some exercise and fresh air. Just bring a racquet, suitable footwear and please ring Eileen French to express interest or for more information on 5429 3391.

Friday night junior practice hit.

We have re-started our Friday night junior practice hits at the courts from 5pm. This is an informal gathering of kids and families, for a practice hit and social get together. All welcome.

Tennis coach

Andrew Peake, our professional club coach, can provide coaching from 5 years of age and for all ability levels, including social hitters and competition players.

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



Club Contacts

Club coach – Andrew Peake 0412 225 792

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FROM MLA Joanne Duncan

As ANZAC day approaches I invite local residents to join me and members of the Woodend RSL sub-branch in paying homage to the sacrifice and service of Australian servicemen and women.

There is perhaps no more moving and beautiful service than the ANZAC day dawn service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross reserve. To contemplate Australians' collective sacrifice and suffering in wars is an experience that we should never forget.

As well as honouring the memory of those who served, the service plays an important role in educating younger Australians about the experience of service personnel in serving our nation in times of conflict.

Thanks go to the Woodend RSL sub-branch for their annual efforts in the organisation of the ceremony.

If you are unable to attend the dawn service other townships in the Macedon Ranges conduct ANZAC day morning services. Watch your local newspapers or contact your local RSL branch for details.

Governments of all persuasions recognise the sacrifice and service of Australians in war. The State Government's War Memorial fund has helped repair, protect, and restore war memorials and honour boards, including funding last year for the Woodend Clock Town Memorial and the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross.

I hope to see you on Anzac Day as we remember those who have served.

Joanne Duncan

Free Confident Parenting Course:

Orana Family Services invites all parents of children under 6 to join us for a six-session parenting program. Topics covered include being a responsive parent, encouraging positive attachment, managing tantrums and misbehaviour, promoting children's language and development.

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Details and bookings: Linda at 9308 8761 or Nadine at 9302 2700.

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"The next Romsey Market will be held on Sunday march 25th. New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE – APRIL 2007.

Dear Friends

What do bunnies, Easter eggs and a cross have in common? The answer is that they are all symbols of new life. For the Christian church, these symbols show that at Easter, new life is made available as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With new life, there is hope. For the Christian that hope is found in Jesus Christ. But let me start with a brief discussion as to who Jesus is.

Firstly, it has been often debated about who Jesus is. Many people have suggested many things such as Lord, liar or lunatic, prophet or just another man. Unless you are a believer in Jesus Christ, very rarely is the term Saviour or Messiah used. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is seen by the people as one who heals physically, one who heals spiritually and one who heals both. Yes, heals people physically if they trust in him and then ask him to heal in His time not ours but what he most importantly came to heal is our relationship with God. Jesus Christ came to rescue our relationship with God after we rebelled against Him. The consequences for that is death or eternal separation from God. But there is hope for those who have rebelled against God and escape the consequences. That hope comes about because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How does this provide hope?

Jesus' death and resurrection provide for us an opportunity for us to bridge the gap between God and us. Jesus' death took the punishment of sin that should have been ours because we were the rebellious ones and not Jesus. But the fact that he came back to life again showed that he conquered death and gave us an avenue for us to get to God. John 14:6 tells us that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This means that the only way to God and to heaven is by accepting Jesus as the Saviour of one's life. Jesus' death and resurrection opened the way people for people to go to heaven by accepting the gift he has given us of making our relationship right with God, we too can have eternal life. This is why Easter is such a joyous celebration in the Christian Church.

Let us all use this Easter as a time to start a walk with God anew or afresh so that we can truly celebrate the real meaning of Easter.

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

Yours in Christ

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar—Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

Please also find below an invitation to any of our following activities:

Thursday 5th April - Maundy Thursday Service - 8.00pm at Christ Church Lancefield

Friday 6th April - Good Friday remembrance - 9:30am at St. Paul's Romsey followed by the Good Friday Walk.

Sunday 8th April - Please come and join our Easter Celebrations at the following times and locations:

9:00am at St. Paul's Romsey

10:30am at Christ Church Lancefield. (There will also be something for the children as well).

Mums, looking for a time to celebrate being a mum without the children!

Then we invite you to our 2nd annual Mothers' Day Brunch.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 12th May 2007.

Where: The Grange at Cleveland

Shannons Rd

Lancefield

Cost: \$10.00 to be paid by Wednesday 8th May 2007. (including a scrumptious morning tea – sweet and savoury – as well as bottomless tea or coffee)

Time: 10:00am (Baby Sitting is available for those husbands that work on Saturdays).

For your chance to be a part of this celebration of motherhood and for further details, please contact Mrs Jenelle Coote on 5429-1680.

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

At a club dinner held Friday 16th March, **Life Membership** was presented to **Leila Beasley & Jim Freestone** in honour of their work for the club over a period of many years. Our lady President Hilda Caly spoke about Leila and told of her involvement in the club, which included 14 years of being secretary and working with 5 different presidents, and her involvement with junior clinics at the local schools and other schools in the Dalhousie district.

President Bob Preece spoke of the many hours of dedicated work Jim did at the club in maintaining and mowing the fairways; the course and he constructed gardens, painted signs and tee markers. He also maintained the equipment, which was a big saving to the club.

Congratulations to both Leila and Jim.

The ladies are now in the official golf season and have started visiting other clubs and enjoying the experiences. The 2nd of March saw Lorraine and myself going to the inaugural Craigieburn Bowl.

The 3rd & 4th of March was the relay for life and the Romsey Birdies were well represented and kept the baton going for the 19 hours. We all had an exhausting and enjoyable time and have decided to start fund raising earlier next year. We raised \$1869.05, in the short time after we registered. Our team banner and baton was judged the best this year, which prompted us to do a lap of honour after the announcement. We congratulate the Relay for Life Committee and the Rotary Club, the weekend was very well ran and the catering was excellent.

Tuesday 6th Lorraine, Jan and myself went to the Irish 3's Day at Kyneton and combined well and were outstanding winners with 88pts.

Wednesday 7th Lorraine and Myself went to the Captain, Presidents Day at Trentham. We must have missed Jan!! The golf could have been better but the company and lunch was good.

Thursday 9th was the Hidden Valley Bowl and Hilda Lorraine and myself ventured off the try and avoid the water and the bunkers. Hilda played very well and won C grade with a score of 39pts. Congratulations to Hilda who also broke her handicap and is now down to 40.

Wednesday 14th we all played Stableford at home and Lorraine was the winner with 39pts which reduced her handicap by .5 so well done to Lorraine.

Thursday 15th Lorraine and myself went to Woodend. We found (as did the rest of the field) the hills very steep. The weather was hot and windy and it took its toll.

Tuesday 20th Hilda Elaine and myself went to the Goonawarra Bowl. Wow rain for the first time since when? We had casual water on the fairways and the greens and bunkers. We were slipping in the mud and getting buggies bogged in the mud, but no complained (perhaps Anne from Avenel did after she slipped down a small embankment on her bottom) as the weather was warm and there was no wind. Umbrellas were up and down all round. Now for the results, well done to Hilda who won C grade with 28pts. I have always said that if you use an umbrella you need a caddie.

The ladies have had a free clinic on the 24th March and will run more. To find out the dates please ring Hilda on 54296538.

Recipe for this month Mocha Cream Cheese Slice

1½ pkts lattice biscuits (300gm)
2teaspoons gelatine
¼ cup boiling water (60ml)
125 gm unsalted butter chopped
375 gm cream cheese chopped
1 cup castor sugar
¼ cup nutella
1 tablespoon Tia Maria
2 teaspoons dry instant coffee.

Cover base of 23cm square slab cake tin with half the biscuits

Dissolve gelatine in boiling water

Beat butter, cream cheese and castor sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy.

Beat in nutella, and gelatine mixture

Combine coffee and Tia Maria and beat into the mixture.

Spread over biscuits

Top with remaining biscuits and refrigerate until set

Handy Hint --Slice with an electric knife.

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A new Childcare Centre in Lancefield.

**We are opening a 44 place centre at 2 Gwen
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0400928087**

From Cr Henry Bleeck

Hidden drug dangers on country properties

News of more than 80 discoveries of illegal drug laboratories in Victoria in the past 30 months brings one clear message and one sharp question. No region in rural Victoria is protected, with incidents at Ballarat, Benalla, Golden Square, Christmas Hills, Macedon, Cranbourne, Foster, the Grampians, Horsham, Mildura, Moe, Numurkah, Ocean Grove and Robinvale. The worrying question is "How many more secret laboratories are cooking up pills on properties in country towns and in isolated farm sheds?"

The police *Crime Stoppers* program is playing a major role in locating illegal labs, and depends heavily on the community to identify them by reporting suspicious behaviour. If the drug scourge is touching residents – particularly young people – in Romsey and the Macedon Ranges Shire, we all have a duty to help police to stamp it out. The officer in charge of Romsey Police, Sgt John East is keen for help in identifying illegal labs or drug-growing – not just to hit at criminals, but to also help protect our young people – the real victims of drugs.

Pseudoephedrine in cold and flu treatments relieves suffering, but once diverted to create amphetamines is a destructive drug capable of causing far greater misery. *Crime Stoppers* says when drug cooks start to extract pseudoephedrine, a chain of related dangers commences, with a high risk of explosion and fire.

In towns an exploding drug lab obviously endangers neighboring properties and residents. On a remote bush block the summer fire risk is heightened. Chemicals used and produced are highly toxic, caustic, in some cases cancer-causing and dangerous for the environment.

Amphetamines (speed), methylamphetamines (ecstasy) and crystal methamphetamines (ice) stimulate and affect the brain. They may cause collapse, brain haemorrhage, seizure and heart failure.

The primary objective for us to support police and *Crime Stoppers* in their fight must therefore be to identify illegal labs. This can only arise if the wider community is alert for clues. The most obvious is lots of short-stay visitors to a property, mostly at night. Discarded flu treatment packaging, buildings with covered windows and excessive security measures, and anyone carrying in tubing, flasks and glassware are suspicious. A strong and unpleasant smell of chemicals may be noticed. Ammonia has a sharp odour, as does a smell likened to cat urine. Ecstasy production includes the smell of aniseed.

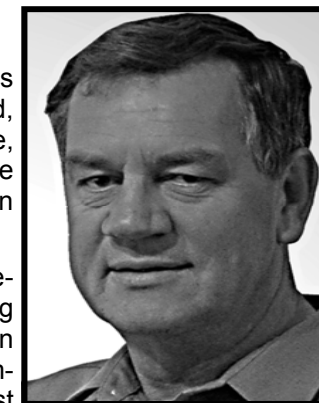
Sgt East warns we should be observant but not too curious. Never confront people associated with a suspicious property. Drug producers are in a dangerous, high-risk business, for high returns. Guns and other weapons may well be in their tool-kit. Having spotted the clues and knowing the dangers they represent, people must also be willing to pass on details of suspicious activity directly to local police or via *Crime Stoppers* **1800 333 000**. Calls to *Crime Stoppers* are not taped. While some of the recent raids on properties have arisen after tip-offs from the public, Sgt East says more community vigilance is essential.

Contrary to popular opinion, ordinary people are not powerless in the fight against drugs. Awareness and willingness to report are what backyard drug makers fear most. I join with John East in urging all concerned residents of Romsey and the Shire to help by being an extra set of eyes and ears for the police.

Henry Bleeck.

Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.

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Romsey Primary School News

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The Leaping Loonies - The Crate Show - Family

Friday 21st of April 2007 7.00pm

Tickets: \$20/\$15 (inc U15) Family 2A 2C \$55

A cross between Evil Knievel and Crusty the Clown, The Leaping Loonies draw on the great international traditions of popular physical performance, vaudeville and the silent movie era. Topping their high level of physical accomplishment these acrobats make the rehearsed look accidental and the difficult seem easy. The Crate Show incorporates the varied disciplines of acrobatics and vaudeville (balancing, tumbling, vault, teeter board, clowning, juggling and knockabout slapstick) with their uniquely Australian sense of larrikinism while paying homage to a bygone era of theatre performers.

Australia's premiere acrobat comedy troupe, the Leaping Loonies have performed in the UK, Europe, Asia and throughout Australia. In May 2005 the Loonies won the "People's Choice Award" at the Valladolid Street Theatre Festival (Spain) playing to 5,000 people daily. In addition, The Loonies have been awarded a Mo Award for "Best Specialty Act" and the Frater Award twice for "Excellence in Schools Performances".

Ginger Mick at Gallipoli – Morning Dramas

Friday 27th of April 07 10.30am & 1.30pm (schools session)

\$15 Group 10 + \$13.50 Package of 4 shows \$13

A tribute to "the boys who took the count" in the Great War. *Ginger Mick at Gallipoli* is an original dramatisation of C.J Dennis' tale of Ginger Mick and the Anzacs in Turkey. Presented by the multi award-winning Petty Traffickers and an exceptional all male cast, *Ginger Mick at Gallipoli* is a cracking yarn in which the classic verse poetry of C.J. Dennis is brought vibrantly to life.

"The energy and adrenaline levels are exhilarating and the choreography is remarkable, achieving miracles of suggestive physical narrative in a very small space." The Age

Shoe-Horn Sonata - Entertainment

Saturday 5th of May 2007 8.00pm

Tickets: \$35/\$28

The Shoe-Horn Sonata is a powerful and poignant play about triumph, friendship and survival. Sheila and Bridie first met after their ships were sunk while fleeing from Singapore in 1942 and formed a friendship which survived three and a half years of captivity as prisoners of the Japanese. The two friends are reunited for the first time, 50 years after the end of the War, for the filming of a television documentary. The two relive the past and through it come to terms with the present and take courage to plan the future.

"A wonderfully terrible, inspiring, life affirming and often very funny tale.... The performers are superb.... Together they reaffirm faith in Humanity." The Bulletin

Ross Noble – Fizzy Logic - Comedy

Wednesday 9th of May 2007 8.00pm

Tickets; \$34.90/\$31.90 Group 10 + \$31.90

Ross Noble is without doubt one of the quickest, smartest and wildest comics in the known universe. Ross is infamous for his stream of conscience ramblings and his unpredictable banter. After a sell out show with *Randomist* last year, Ross is bringing his latest show *Fizzy Logic* to the Town Hall, Kyneton. Be quick to book your tickets early or risk disappointment.

"Refreshing, original, and bloody funny." The Age

Arts Ball – Mikelangelo and the Blacksea Gentleman - Entertainment

Saturday 19th of May 2007 7.30pm

All tickets: \$25

Lush, exotic, cabaret with passion, desire and pleasure; all with a hint of darkness.

Come and join us to celebrate art and culture in the Macedon Ranges. Frock up and celebrate the ardour of cabaret with the crème de la crème of the local arts world.

Internationally acclaimed and immaculately dressed, Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen bring their visceral and intoxicating Kabaret Noir to the Arts Ball. The group have played to packed houses and received awards and accolades from the Sydney Opera House to Budapest and back. Come and join us to celebrate art and culture in the Macedon Ranges.

Oklahoma - Morning Musical

Friday 25th of May 2007 11.30am

Tickets: \$15 Group 10 + \$13.50 MM Package of 4 shows \$13

In the era of Great Musicals, there is none more popular than this classic which catapulted Rodgers & Hammerstein to fame. Memorable songs like "People will say we're in love" "All or nothing", "Beautiful Morning" "Surrey with the fringe" "Out of my dreams" – to name just a few. Combined with great dancing, cowboy comedy, and the dramatics of spurned love, Oklahoma is the complete entertainment.

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 Juniors \$ 35

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10 Feb	Singles Knockout S'ford Rnd 2 James Menzies (24) 40 pts
17 Feb	Matchplay K Hocking 7/6
24 Feb	Monthly Medal A Lakey 63 pts
3 March	Par T Ellis (25) +5
10 Mar	Stroke T Ellis (22) 38 pts
17 Mar	Stroke (Altered layout Par 71) B Klaaysen (27) 66

Congratulations to Jim Freestone & Leila Beasley who were recently awarded Life Memberships to the Club. Many thanks to all who were involved in a great night.

Pennant season is underway and good luck to all players including our great list of Juniors.

Fungi Workshop
About this time of year, as Autumn closes in, some of you may have noticed strange creatures appearing in our local forests and gardens. The mushrooms and toadstools of our childhood books, otherwise known as fungi, are a fascinating and often maligned group of organisms.

Fungi have provided enormous intrigue to people throughout history. Their remarkable qualities of being poisonous, hallucinogenic, edible and mysterious have resulted in extremes of attitudes toward them worldwide. Due to their habit of appearing suddenly and then supposedly vanishing into thin air, they were regarded suspiciously with some believing that they were the result of mysterious actions between the earth and supernatural powers.

Local ecologist and photographer, Alison Pouliot, is running a workshop on fungi ecology, to both inspire interest in these fascinating organisms and dispel some of the myths. Alison has recently been working alongside the “Pilzkontrolle” in Switzerland. As one might expect in Switzerland, these things are very well organized to the point that every town has Pilzkontrolle, or “mushroom police” – people employed to make positive identifications for foragers to ensure they don’t brew up a deadly soup! To qualify for the post of Pilzkontrolle, candidates must engage in a lengthy training process, identifying 70 different wild mushrooms, including the 12 most poisonous. 100% accuracy is required in the final exam, as one misidentifacation could be lethal.

Back home in Australia, Alison spends hours crawling around on the forest floor with her camera in attempt to capture the many fascinating and beautiful forms of fungi. The local surrounding forests are home to an enormous diversity of fungi, many of which will be displayed and discussed in the workshop.

The health of our forests is very much dependent on their relationships with fungi. Their important role is often overlooked as it mostly occurs underground. Fungi play an essential role in nature by decomposing complex organic compounds and returning their minerals to the soil and gases to the air, thus making them available for the next generation of plants and animals and ensuring the continuous natural cycle of life. Australia is estimated to have at least 100,000 species of which only about ten per cent have been described.

Alison says that many people who have attended her workshops over the years are very interested in the culinary aspects of fungi. Most of those she meets foraging in the forests have a European heritage along with the knowledge of which species are edible. Those species which you can eat and those which will give you an almighty stomach ache (or worse!) are carefully described in the workshop.

There is a saying that goes, “There are old mushroom hunters. There are bold mushroom hunters. But there are no old, bold mushroom hunters!” Whether you’re old, bold or just interested in fungi, you can join the workshop by contacting Lorri on 5427 0696 or 0407 818 463. For further information email Alison directly at info@alisonpouliot.com

The workshop is on Sunday 29th of April from 10.30-4.00 and costs \$25.

A second fungi workshop will be held at the Woodend Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 2nd June. For further information contact Sarah Campbell on 5427 1845.

Ripper Reads

Greetings all,

With the school holidays fast approaching it's time to discover a good book or two for relaxation. Don't forget that Baby Rhyme time is now held at both Broadford and Kilmore library Branches at 1.30 - 2 on Tuesdays and 10 -10.30 on Thursdays respectively. Also a great new Kids' Book Group for 8-14 year olds happens at Wallan Library on the 4th Monday each month from 4-5pm. Be there!

Bachelor Brothers' Bed & Breakfast – Bill Richardson

It's amazing the books people recommend to you especially if you are intending to travel to the place where a particular story is set. Such was the case with BBBB x 4 as the location of this business is 'somewhere' on an island in the Strait of Georgia between Vancouver Is and the mainland part of British Columbia, Canada.

A gently moving tale comprising the musings of the twin brothers of the title – Virgil & Hector – comments from their Guest Book, some poetry and even the odd recipe. The brothers are slightly eccentric and some of their guests also, while others are seeking a place of solace and healing. All of them however, hosts and guests, are bibliophiles. This is one of the attractions of the book, along with Richardson's turn of phrase and the lilting cadences of some of his sentences. I don't normally recommend a book for how it reads, but this one is a gem. Best of all the only copy the library has is in Large Print – great for reading late at night!

The Travel Book: A Journey through every country in the world.

A truly stunning coffee table book in the true sense of that phrase ie: you would need a coffee table to support it on! The luscious photos are just superb and the brief factual information about each country compliments the pictorial feast across each double page spread. If you enjoy the Lonely Planet travel guides with their quirky, offbeat humour then this is a step up in quality and presentation. Bring a bag to carry it home in. And don't forget its companion volume ...

The Cities Book: A Journey through the best cities in the world. Two absolutely stunning coffee table books have recently been added to the collection. Their topics are totally unrelated but they have in common the clarity of the photography and the succinct and quirky nature of the brief narrative for each entry. The Cities Book is Lonely Planet's next folio of the world, but this time each double page spread highlights one of 200 favourite cities, nominated by Lonely Planet travellers and staff.

On the Jellicoe Road – Melina Marchetta

Melina Marchetta has written two outstanding novels for young adults and both have won the Australian Book of the Year Award for Older Readers. I have a feeling that her latest novel may make it a hat trick in 2007. There are three separate narratives throughout the story, which really don't coalesce until at least a third of the way into the book. That aside it is certainly worth persevering with as the characters of Taylor, Jonah, Santangelo, Raffaella and Ben confront and consort with each other to keep the boundaries safe in the territory wars between the boarders, the townies and the cadets. As well as facing the future both Taylor and Jonah need to delve into their hidden pasts to discover themselves. A compelling read.

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT -

Dear Romsey Rag

The Whittlesea Agricultural Society, WACMAC Landcare & VFF (Whittlesea Branch) invite you to The Practical Farming & Land Management Expo on SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2007, 9:30AM – 4:30P at Whittlesea Agricultural Society Admin. Building, McPhees Rd, Whittlesea (Melway Ref 246 H7).

Presentations:

10.00am - Small Farming Enterprises

Choosing enterprises for small farms ... the benefits & pit-falls of diversification. Presented by small farm enterprise consultant & author Greg Cahill. Greg has provided small farm advice for over 20 years & is author of: "Don't Dream It - Do It" and "Making money from New Farm Ideas".

12.00pm - It Doesn't Rain Grass'- Post Drought Issues

Pasture renovation, restocking strategies, beating weeds, benefits of resting the land. Presented by a panel of 'well experienced' local people.

2.00pm - Land Management Skills

Hear how a local landholder is using whole farm planning to improve property health & productivity & how you can do likewise. Presented by Donald Sanderson & Tim O'Donnell).

(Note: all presentations are 30 minutes plus question time)

Plus Practical Demonstrations on products, skills & services throughout the day.

These demonstrations will be advertised at the Expo on posters, hand-outs & via public announcements!

Also, a large range of exhibits, information & advice on:

Farm supplies, machinery and equipment displays (including farm safety advice).

Stock management (including horses, cattle & sheep).

Small farm enterprises

Pasture management and how to enhance soil fertility.

Fence design and construction (electric & standard).

Native plants and planting equipment for your property – info and sales.

Weed identification and control advice (bring samples to have identified).

Display& sale of books on farming, land management and other related topics.

Fire safety advice from the CFA (Country Fire Authority).

Government and non-government assistance and education programs.

A large range of general property planning& management advice.

Local community and Landcare groups

REGISTRATION is possible on the day, BUT a special door prize will be drawn for those registered by April 17.

For more information & registration Contact

Tim O'Donnell – WACMAC Landcare Coordinator,

Ph: (03) 5962 5778 (has message bank),

E-mail: tim@mooramoora.org.au , Website: www.wacmac.org.au

Romsey Uniting Church Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Supply Minister Marion Latham Mobile: 0408 380 962
Marion is available for Pastoral Care on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

During the last year the Romsey Church has conducted Mission Projects – School Back Packs; Take a Break; and Fundraising for the purchase of a Cow. The money raised for all was approximately \$600.00. This money has been sent to the appropriate Mission outlets for distribution.
After Easter we will take a look at other Mission Projects in which we can be involved.

The following article is taken from a booklet called “Chasing the Leaves”. Written by Eddie Askew and published by the Leprosy Mission International in the United Kingdom.

Genesis 1:27, 31 (New International Bible)
So God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Scientists have been comparing the genetic Code – DNA – of chimpanzees and humans. We’re told they’re nearly the same. Estimates vary but they’re between 95% and 99% identical. In one sense it’s not surprising – every living thing on Planet Earth, animal, vegetable or human, has to use the same basic elements for its make-up.
But if it concerns you to be associated so closely with chimpanzees, I suggest that, looking at the way some human beings behave these days, it should worry the chimps even more to

be linked closely with us. And I reckon the most important thing isn’t the similarity, but the 5% or 1% difference.
The little extras that make us human. I’m thinking of the good and positive things. The sense of justice that makes us protest at unfairness and inequality. The goodwill that makes people respond so generously when disaster strikes. The love and understanding that motivate so many of our relationships.
We can look at it all negatively when we see some people reverting to the jungle in their behaviour, but the great thing is that goodness survives, and tends to break out when it’s most needed.

Lord of all goodness, I’m only human, but that is all you want of me; to walk with you and grow in grace.

Church Services conducted during	
April 2007	
1st	9am. Worship service and Sunday School Conducted by Bruce Palamountain.
8th	9am Communion Service and Sunday School Service conducted by Marion Latham.
15th	9am Worship Service and Sunday School Service conducted by the Worship Team.
22nd	9am Worship Service and Sunday School Service conducted by Marion Latham.
29th	9am Worship Service and Sunday School

Landcare-related Events, Training, & Grants Calendar March-May 2007

Events

How to Win Friends & Satisfy People (workshop) - Carlton

When: Saturday 14 April 2007

Time: 9am-4pm

Where: The Green Building, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton

Bookings: numbers are limited. For bookings contact Thelma Christensen tel: 9770 0996, email: christensent15@yahoo.com.au

Over the Garden Fence & Far Away - Communities' Action on Weeds (seminar) - Upwey

When: Thursday 19 April 2007

Time: 9am-12:30pm (lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm)

Where: Burringja Community Centre and Gallery, Matson Road, Upwey (Melway 75 B12)

Speakers include: Daniel Joubert (DPI); David Blair (Shire of Yarra Ranges); Trevor McIntosh (Parks Victoria); Graham Peterson (EcoRepair); John Weiss (DPI); Darcy Duggan (Consultant); & Trish Grant (DPI).

Cost of registration: students-\$35, WSV members-\$40, Community Group members-\$40, all others-\$50. Fees include lunch, teas & proceedings, and the optional field trip to Dr Ken Leversha Reserve, Montrose (2pm-4:30pm).

Information & registration: visit http://www.wsvic.org.au/w_functions.php#five or contact Ros Shepherd (Secretary - Weed Society of Victoria), tel/fax: 9576 2949, email: secwssv@surf.net.au

Practical Farming & Land Management Expo - Whittlesea

When: Saturday 21 April 2007

Time: 10am-2:30pm

Where: Whittlesea Agricultural Show Grounds Administration Building, McPhees Road, Whittlesea (Melway 246 H7)

Cost: FREE. Register by April 17 and you will be in the draw for one of the fantastic lucky door prizes.

More information: Tim O'Donnell (WACMAC) tel: 5962 5778, email: tim@mooramoora.org.au or visit www.wacmac.org.au

Attracting Birds to Your Garden Workshop - Eltham

When: Sunday 29 April 2007

Time: 9am-12noon

Where: Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Facilitator: Judy Allen

Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea), each partici-

pant will get an indigenous plant to take home.

Bookings: Living & Learning Nillumbik tel: 9430 1313

Managing a Bush Block (informal walking tour) - Cottlesbridge

When: Sunday 6 May 2007

Time: 10:30am-4pm

Where: 100 Barreenong Road, Cottlesbridge (Melway 263 C1)

What to bring: a backpack with lunch and water, wear a hat and sturdy walking shoes.

Facilitator: Dunmoochin Landcarers and Nillumbik Council's Land Management Officer
Cost: Free

Bookings: Megan Frye (Environment & Strategic Planning - Nillumbik Shire) **tel:** 9433 3210

Seeds & Weeds Workshop - South Morang

When: Saturday 12 May 2007

Times: 10am-3pm

Where: meet at park gate, corner of Skyline Drive & Topaz Grove, South Morang (Melway 183 D5)

Bookings: essential please contact Sustainability Planning Unit (Whittlesea Shire) tel: 9217 2195 email: sustainability@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Fungi Ecology Workshops - Daylesford

When: Monday 19 May & Tuesday 20 May 2007

Time: 10:30am-4:30pm

Where: Daylesford Learning Centre, 13 Camp Street, Daylesford

Cost: \$40 & \$45

Bookings: contact Daylesford Learning Centre tel: 5348 3569, email: info@dnc.com.au

More information: Alison Pouliot mob: 0439 764 344, email: info@alisonpouliot.com

Planning a Frog Bog for Your Backyard (workshop) - Eltham

When: Sunday 20 May 2007

Time: 9am-12noon

Where: Edendale Farm Community Environment Centre, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Facilitator: Dylan Osler

Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea)

Bookings: essential, contact Living & Learning Nillumbik tel: 9430 1313

Training/Courses

Healthy Pastures & Healthy Horses Course - Bulla

When: Saturday 28 April 2007

Time: 9am-3pm (lunch provided)

Where: location: Bulla (location to be confirmed)

Cost: FREE. Preference given to landholders within Hume Council's area. Residents from

other local government areas should contact

Andrew Dawson (Hume Council) tel: 9205

2465, email: AndrewDa@hume.vic.gov.au

Bookings: essential phone 9205 2473

Whole Farm Planning (two-day course) - Yan Yean

When: Sunday 27 May & Sunday 24 June 2007

Time: 9am-4:30pm each day

Where: NMIT Yan Yean Farm, 2005 Plenty Road, Yan Yean

Cost: \$100 per property

Bookings: essential WACMAC Landcare tel: 5962 5778, email: tim@mooramoora.org.au

Community Input Sought - Noxious Weeds Review (PPW region) - nominations of species by 30 March 2007

Completed nomination forms: return to Trevor Hunt, Primary Industries Research Victoria, PO Box 48 Frankston, VIC 3199 or by email to trevor.hunt@dpi.vic.gov.au

Further information & for copies of nomination form: please contact Robert Walker (DPI Catchment Coordinator PPW) tel: 5366 0029, email: Robert.Walker@dpi.vic.gov.au

Submissions should be returned by: 30

March 2007

Awards

National Thiess River Prizes - nominations close 30 March 2007

Nominations are sought for the National Thiess Riverprizes from organisations and community groups from across Australia that are engaged in best practice river and catchments management and environmental repair. National Thiess Riverprize of AUD\$75,000 is funded by the International Riverfoundation, established to advocate the protection and restoration of the world rivers and waterways for future generations. The awards winners will be announced at an awards ceremony held during the International Riversymposium in Brisbane on 3-6 September 2007).

Nominations: open for both the International and National awards. Entry forms, guidelines, and judging criteria available from the following website <http://www.riversymposium.com/index.php?page=ThiessRiverprize>

Nominations close: 30 March 2007

Enquiries: contact Emily Smigrod (email: emily@riverfestival.com.au tel 07 3034 8230)

2007 Banksia Environmental Awards - entries close 8 May 2007

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More informaiton: contact the Banksia Foundation tel: 9684 4667, email: info@banksiafdn.com

Current Grant Opportunities

Financial Assistance for Establishing Stock Containment Areas

Program details: as part of the Victorian Government's Drought Package, financial assistance is being offered to farmers to help with the establishment of stock containment areas through the *Saving the Soil: Improving Soil Stability and Conservation Through Stock Containment Areas* project. This project is being delivered as joint initiative between DPI/DSE, in partnership with CMAs.

Financial assistance available: up to \$1,500 is available for each stock containment area established for upto \$5,000 per farmer. The \$1,500 is to be used to purchase items such as fencing, gates, troughs, piping, tanks and pumps and stock feeders etc.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Stock containment areas must be designed and constructed in accordance with Landcare Notes LC0075 (Stock containment areas) & LC0077 (Water supply for stock containment areas).
- The DPI Drought Soil Health Officer, prior to construction must approve the location and layout of stock containment areas.
- Stock containment areas are to be set up as permanent facilities with strong stock proof fencing, adequate gates and feed troughs and a reliable water supply.
- Stock containment areas should only be used for used for emergency or supplementary feeding operations.
- Payment will be made upon final inspection by the DPI Drought Soil Health officer.

Project timelines: projects will need to completed by mid-June 2007.

More information: contact Bruce Gardner - DPI (email: bruce.gardner@dpi.vic.gov.au tel: 9785 0157) as soon as possible to discuss your project.

Environmental Managment Systems (EMS) Pathways to Sustainable Agriculture Funding - closes 5 April 2007

Project timelines: funding will be available from 1 July 2007 and project activities will need to be completed by 30 May 2008.

Applications close: 5 April 2007

More information & application forms: www.daff.gov.au/emsfunding

Envirofund Round 9 - closes Friday 27 April 2007

Applicant eligibility: applicants must be a legal entity, eg an incorporated association; a body corporate; a company; a trust; a partnership; a school (under certain circumstances); an

for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems

- Monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will have a clear local benefit for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource management
- Purchase of small equipment by community groups where such equipment is a legitimate part of the larger Envirofund project

Ineligible activities: activities ineligible for Round 9 include, but are not limited to:

- Applications that seek more than \$50,000
- Devolved grants
- Projects for beautification or amenity purposes
- Boundary fencing, or fencing for the purpose of paddock subdivision or cell grazing, or yards for stock management

More information: go to Envirofund website <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html> for information about how to apply and copies of the guide and application form. Questions - call the Envirofund hotline on freecall: 1800 303 863 or email: envirofund@daff.gov.au

Application form & guide: Download - applicants can download the guide and application form as a **Word document** or a **PDF** from the website link <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html> Hard copy: a registration form requesting postage of a hard copy of the guide and application form is available on the website. If access to the internet is a problem, potential applicants may request information be sent to them by contacting Natural Heritage Trust on freecall: 1800 065 823 or email: ciu@deh.gov.au

27. Australia Post Landcare Community Development Grants - closes 30 April & 14 September 2007

Who can apply: any Landcare/community or youth group undertaking projects to care for the environment. If your group is not incorporated, then you will need to form a partnership with an organisation that will accept responsibility for administering the financial aspects of your grant.

Applications close: 30 April & 14 September 2007

Funding: grants of **up to \$3,300** (inc. GST) are available for local community-based projects

Purpose: to enhance the capacity of community groups to undertake Landcare and other environmental projects

What can the funding support: environmental projects such as those that meet a direct environmental need (eg erosion, water quality, or weed issue), field days, tools and equipment, promotion to encourage volunteer involvement, propagation and care of indigenous plants etc. Grants can also cover costs related to group development such as newsletters or training needs.

Examples of possible project types: newsletter printing/postage, rehabilitation/restoration

remaining grant rounds in 2007 (see above dates).

2. Melbourne Water Young Watercare Grants: schools and youth organisations in the greater Melbourne area are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2000 (including GST) for **river health care** projects. **Note: applications for these annual grants close on 17 May 2007.**

3. BI-LO Junior Landcare Land Grants: schools and youth organisations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$500 (including GST) for **land-based** environmental projects. Three remaining grant rounds in 2007 (see above dates).

4. Australia Post Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grants: schools and youth organisations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$500 (plus GST) for **biodiversity** projects. Three remaining grant rounds in 2007 (see above dates).

Guidelines & application forms: Rebecca Millard (Landcare Australia tel: 9662 9977, email: rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au)

29. Dilmah Water Quality Grants - closes 25 May 2007

Who can apply: any Landcare/community group or school undertaking projects to improve water quality in their local area.

Applications close: 25 May 2007

Funding: grants of **up to \$1650** (inc. GST) for Landcare/community groups and schools.

What can the funding support?

- water quality testing kits for Landcare & community groups, schools
- water quality testing training
- water quality testing kit consumables/additions

Length of projects: grant funds must be spent within six months from date funding is received.

Application forms & guidelines: visit http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=10

Planning your project: contact your local Waterwatch Coordinator for help with planning your water monitoring activities. In Maribyrnong Catchment contact Rhys Collins Waterwatch Coordinator Maribyrnong tel: 9235 2640 or email: rhys.collins@melbournewater.com.au

More information: contact Pamela Jones (Landcare Australia tel: (02) 9412 1040 or 1800 151 105, email: pam@landcareaustralia.com.au)

30. Melbourne Water 'Go For Green' Program – no closing date

Who can apply: Golf courses in the Port Phillip and Western Port region with river or stream frontages

Funding available: grants of up to \$20,000 (ex. GST) are available to golf courses to support the implementation of projects that will enhance the quality and quantity of indigenous vegetation along creeks and rivers.

Projects may include: activities such as weed



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
Convent: 5429 1582
School: 5429 1359

Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Mrs. Reuther on 5429 1582 or 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAKE STALL

Date: Thursday, 5th April

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: in front of IGA Supermarket, Romsey.

Get all your homemade cakes, biscuits and slices for Easter. Don't forget to buy a ticket in our Easter Raffle. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and the raffle will be drawn around 1.00 p.m. at the cake stall.

EASTER CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday: Sunday, 1st April

* 8.00 a.m., Lancefield

* 10.00 a.m., Romsey

Holy Thursday: Thursday, 5th April

7.30 p.m., Lancefield

Good Friday: Friday, 6th April

* morning, Way of the Cross, Romsey Uniting Church

* 3.00 p.m., Ceremonies, Romsey

Easter Vigil: Saturday, 7th April

7.00 p.m., Romsey

Easter Sunday: Sunday, 8th April

* 8.00 a.m., Romsey

* 10.00 a.m., Lancefield

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 1 is in full swing now and all the grades have been doing some wonderful things in and out of their classrooms.

The Grade Preps and their teachers and parents had an exciting evening at school on the 6th March called "Preps in Pyjamas". Our guest speaker, Barbara Bretherton helped the parents and children explore prayer and meditation and the children also learnt more about Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The Grade 3/4s celebrated multiculturalism with a colourful day filled with games and food. They dressed up in national costumes from around the globe. Several parents visited the children and talked about life in their country of birth.



The Grade 5/6s have been learning about our Indigenous people and travelled to Melbourne to learn more at the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Melbourne Museum. The activities they participated in included making paint using ochre and they caught a glimpse of what Melbourne would have looked like before European settlement. At the museum they explored the Bunjilaka Gallery.

The school is buzzing with the children and their teachers and St Mary's in Lancefield is a wonderful place to be.



BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening

St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

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7.00 p.m.

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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It is difficult to believe that the end of first term is already upon us as children, parents and teachers contemplate a well-earned rest after the frenzy of beginning a new year. Familiar routines have been established to set up a satisfying year ahead. Busy teachers, busy parents, busy children, busy Committee – some things don't change!!

Final Round-up of the Rodeo

The Romsey Rodeo was a most successful day for Romsey, generally, and the community groups involved. The Kindergarten was no exception, with great returns from its Fairy Floss, Face Painting and Temporary Tattoo stalls. The Kindergarten would like to acknowledge the assistance of Romsey Primary School which facilitated the Kindergarten's involvement. This activity set up the year's fundraising on a positive note. Despite the occupational hazards of wind-blown floss sticking to every exposed body part or clothing, the volunteer parents on the stall enthusiastically did a great job. There was a genuine "buzz" in the air on Rodeo morning as community groups set up their stalls and the crowds rolled in. An annual event such as this, where everyone mobilises in the same direction, is good for Romsey.

Big Night Out at Kinder

Last Monday evening, the Kindergarten hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was very well attended. The Kindergarten welcomed back former long-time bookkeeper Viki Spedding as its Guest Chair for the evening. For the first time, the AGM featured a Guest Speaker. This year, Mr. John Marsden, author and educator, kindly agreed to speak on "Language Development And Its Implications For Children." The presentation was most entertaining, with an interesting discussion afterwards. Elections for a new Committee of Management resulted in many new faces on Committee, which is an exciting prospect for the year ahead. There was also a tinge of sadness as some very longstanding Committee members retired from the Committee - Amanda Burley, Leanne Manton and Loretta Credland had close to 15 years of fantastic service between them!! The evening concluded with a truly sumptuous supper provided by the Committee.

Paint Job Coming Soon

Next time you drive past the Romsey Kindergarten building, take a long hard look at the brown and tan paint work because it will not be there for much longer!! The Macedon Ranges Shire Council, with the assistance of Suzie Taylor in Family and Children's Services, has kindly agreed to provide funding to paint the exterior of the entire building. It is safe to say that by mid April (weather permitting) there will have been a "face lift" that will be most welcome. We are most grateful to the Shire Council's assistance in this project.



Outdoor Development

As part of our aim to provide a stimulating environment for the children at Kindergarten, the Committee has decided to investigate the prospect of a staged outdoor development. This would involve evaluation of all aspects of the outdoor play area, including the play surfaces. A very preliminary meeting was held recently between teachers, committee members and a consultant in children's play areas to discuss the issues relating to such a large (and expensive!) capital development. Any local benefactors wishing to get involved are most welcome!!!

Jenny Stillman
Committee of Management

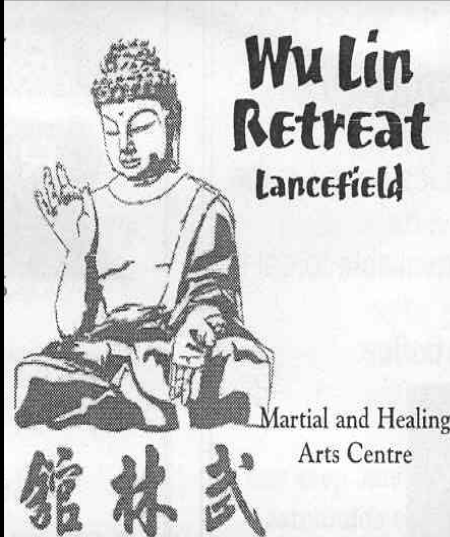
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Macedon Ranges Shire Council Coming Events

7 April 2007

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21 & 22 April 2007

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Monthly Markets:

1st Sunday of the month
Gisborne All Seasons Market
Gisborne Village Shopping Centre
9 am – 3 pm
Ph: 5426 2448

Gisborne Olde Time Market

(October to May)
Hamilton & Aitken Street
9 am – 3 pm
Ph: 5428 3043

2nd Saturday of the month

Kyneton Farmers Market

St Paul's Park, Piper Street
8 am – 1 pm
Ph: 5422 1025

3rd Sunday of the month

Woodend Market (September to

May)
High Street
9 am – 3 pm
Ph: 5427 2255

4th Saturday of the month

Lancefield Farmers Market

High Street
9 am – 1 pm
Ph: 0407 860 320

Macedon Ranges Art and Craft Co-Operative

Lancefield Museum/Courthouse
9am – 2.30pm
Ph: 0418 172 659

4th Sunday of the month

Romsey Market

Main Street
9 am – 2 pm
Ph: 0438 414 245

Trentham Market

Victoria Street
9 am – 2 pm
Ph: 5424 1037

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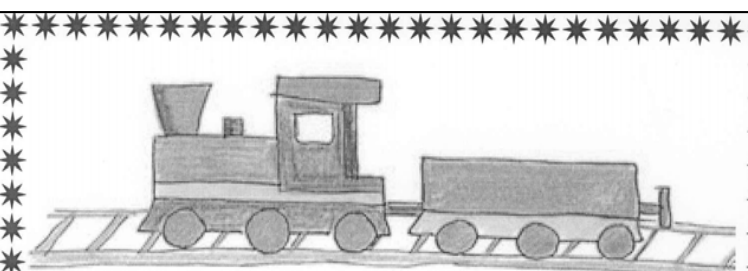
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A Learning and Activity Centre
P.O.Box 418
Romsey, Vic 3434

HOUSE NEWS

For term 1 we are offering the following programs:

Drop In Craft Morning with Karyn:

Every Thursday 10.30 am—12.30 pm
CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey. Bring along those unfinished craft projects., enjoy some company and a cuppa, and meet new people. (Venue may change at short notice with the fire season on).Gold coin donation.

Yoga With Kym Oliver

Wednesdays 7.45—9.00pm at Romsey Primary School.
Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.
For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

Learn To Knit with Heather—weekly

All levels of knitters meet on Monday nights Mondays 7—8 pm at Romsey Primary School. \$10 for 5 lessons.
Contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

Writer’s Group with Dee White—new members needed for a project we are planning. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on a Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School.

Relaxation / Meditation with Karen Ruggieri—gold coin donation. Each Thursday night in term 1. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining this group.

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month beginning Feb. 18th for all you Memory Makers and Scrap-bookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session and includes pizza or fish’n’chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826 or Lesley Ashley 54295259 / 0409 419 119.
Venue - Romsey
Primary School.

Learn Smocking with Karyn Gottschling

5 weeks commencing Wednesday 28th February 10.00am—12 noon. Cost \$50 per person. Venue—CFA Headquar-
ters.

Watch the Romsey Rag for details of these and other program ideas including:

Drought and Your Garden—1 session

Hair Magic—professional tricks to make your hair look great (1 session)

For details of these or to express interest contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

Payments for classes booked through the Community House need to be made at Romsey Primary School or mailed to Romsey Community House, P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

For information please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 (BH) or 0412 275 152 (AH).
If you have any suggestions for activities or programmes please contact the above numbers or write to us at P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

