

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report April / May Results for the month

25th Feb 3 clubs J. Casey 73net

4th March Stableford J. Harver 35pts

11th March 4B aggregate secret partner L. Robb & J. Casey 79pts

18th March Monthly Medal K. Jekabson 67 net.

In March we have had some good results with Jenny breaking her handicap by 7 strokes and Kath, Leila and Hilda have also reduced their handicaps. Well done to these ladies and keep up the good play.

On March 4th Lorraine and Leila went to Trentham for their opening. They played Canadian and enjoyed the day but had a little trouble on the fast greens. Jan and Kath travelled to Broadford for their Gala day (postponed from the 10th to the 17th) and played 4B and had a good score of 42pts. The low light of their day was seeing a snake slithering between them and Kath's ball.

Lorraine and I went to the Woodend tournament on the 12th March. It rained all the way there and several ladies pulled out, after the draw was rigged we headed off to the tees, the rain stopped and we had a perfect day. (Note for Laurie D. The course was in perfect condition and the sealing of the path down the hill was a great help and going up the hill on the pulley wasn't as high this year either.) Kath and Leila played in the Dalhousie Player of the Year presentation Day at Alexander on the 16th of March and had 40pts playing 4BBB. They remarked on the speech by Liz Amos from Marysville, who related her escape from Marysville on Black Saturday. The Romsey Ladies have made a donation to the Marysville club as they lost their machinery sheds as well as all the machinery and had damage to the course.

The clinic we had scheduled for March 14th was cancelled due to the weather but the people who did turn up were able to have some coaching from our ladies. As yet I have been unable to confirm a date with Beau for the next clinic so please watch the shop windows for the posters.

As our regular readers will know the ladies have had a golfing weekend at Numurkah for the last two years and are booked in again for this year. As a thank you to us for our support two ladies were invited to the Mornington Races on Sunday 15th March. Lorraine and Leila went and had a lovely day in the members where they were wined and dined. They also wandered around and studied the horses before having a little flutter. We can recommend the cabins on course at Numurkah and the course is improving each year we visit.

The Relay for Life weekend was enjoyed by the Birdies. We raised \$ 2910.90. This year we wore matching caps and were easily recognised as a golf club team. Thanks to Jenny for her creativity and Greg for making our baton. Not everyone had a talking flashing baton. Our nine and a bit ladies kept the baton going for the 19 hours as well as celebrating a birthday a little late and hearing some interesting golf tales. Sleeping was easier this year as there didn't seem to be as many campers staying overnight. The Rotary Club as usual did a great job with the catering. The Relay for Life Committee are also worthy of a thank you for an event well organised.

Recipe for this month

Tangy Broccoli

Mix blue vein cheese with mayonnaise Leaving some

lumps in the cheese but making it runny enough to pour.

Blanch broccoli

Add small wedges of peaches or nectarines to the drained broccoli

Pour cheese sauce over and gently shake

Serve with steak or preferred meat.

Beryl Cole

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PS. I don't understand cyber space but that is where this article ended up last month. I sent it off in time but it was not received so apologies for the late write up as fortunately I had not deleted it from my computer.

March 25th 4BBB L. Robb & B. Cole 47pts

April 1st Stableford L. Beasley 33pts

April 8th Monthly Medal B. Cole 69 net

April 15th Stroke Stableford H. Biggs 34pts

April 22nd Foursomes. L. Robb & J. Casey 76 net

Travelling to other clubs is still continuing with Lorraine, Hilda & Kath playing in the Kilmore Bowl on March 26th.

April 2nd saw the same 3 ladies play in the Mt William Cup at Lancefield where they were runners up which was a great effort. Kath was also runner up in B grade and Hilda was runner up in C grade. Well done.

April 6th Lorraine participated in the 27 plus handicap day at Broadford.

April 9th saw Lorraine Kath and I travel to Alexandra for their bowl, weather was good but our scores could have been better.

April 21st Hilda, Leila and I went to the Gisborne Bowl. Leila earned 3 Dalhousie points for her 30pts. Some found the bunkers jump up to claim our balls. They are like trees that suddenly jump out from nowhere. We all remarked we had never seen so many kangaroos on the course before.

They were everywhere.

On a social note several ladies went to lunch at Soltan Pepper after golf on the 22nd. As usual we all enjoyed our lunch and the socialising. It was especially good that Olive one of past members was able to join us. It was great to see her keeping good health.

The Romsey birdies are starting our fundraising for next year's Relay for Life by supporting the Ambulance Auxiliary town garage sale on the 30th May. So come along and browse at our goodies and when you buy you will know your money is going to a good cause.

Recipe for the month

Add caster sugar & ginger

Melt butter and cool before adding egg.

Combine all ingredients, mix well

Press into Dutch Ginger Cake Slice.

1¾ cup plain flour. Pinch of salt

1 cup castor sugar

180gm butter

125 gm of glace or crystallised ginger chopped up small

1 egg whisked

60gm flaked almonds

Pre heat oven to mod 180 degree

Line baking tray with baking paper

Sift flour & salt

Baking tray sprinkle with almonds and brush with a little egg white for browning

Cook about 45 mins or until lightly browned.

Cool and cut into slices.

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Thank you volunteers

To celebrate National Volunteer Week held this month, I would like to highlight the amazing work undertaken by volunteers in our community.

Every hour of every day someone in our community is volunteering whether they are a member of the CFA or SES, saving local wildlife, reading the newspaper to an older resident, co-ordinating activities for a local playgroup or serving at the school tuckshop.

It is true to say that without volunteers our community would not be able to function as the tasks performed by volunteers are so essential.

In 2005, 41% of Victorians volunteered according to the *Australian Bureau of Statistics* and the amount of volunteers have increased each year since.

Research shows that not only communities benefit from volunteerism, individuals do too. Many volunteers report that their health has improved and they have more skills and better employment opportunities from volunteering.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the community. People from all walks of life, age groups and cultural backgrounds, volunteer to make their communities more active, confident and resilient.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank the many volunteers in the Macedon Ranges who contribute their time and effort to our community. Your contribution makes our community a very special place to live.

Warm regards

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STATE MEMBER FOR MACEDON

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Lions Club Sunday Market in Romsey

Lions Club conducts a Sunday Market in Romsey every 4th Sunday of the month (excluding June, July and January).

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Romsey & Lancefield District Historical Society Inc.

Jean Clement
President.

Lancefield and District Historical Society
P.O. Box 101, Lancefield 3435.

GUEST SPEAKER – TUESDAY MAY 26TH, 7.30PM.

Members and visitors will be warmly welcomed at the historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, to hear Carole Hamilton Barwick speak on Oral History.

Oral History is the recording of memories; people telling the story of their own life experiences and perceptions. It provides access to undocumented experience, and in particular the "hidden histories" of people who have been on the margins of mainstream history.

Carole has had extensive experience in this field and we are privileged to have her as our Guest Speaker. Supper will be served afterwards, with time to chat and ask questions.

Enquiries to Jean Clement on 5429 6522.

30th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Members of the Historical Society, past and present, were reminded of the achievements of the past thirty years, at a birthday party at Seymour Cottage on Sunday April 26th. Many hundreds of hours of voluntary work have maintained the history of the district recorded in archives at Lancefield Court House, as well as our to her project of restoring and maintaining Seymour Cottage in Romsey. New members are always warmly welcomed to continue this work. Contact Secretary Shirley on 0402 248 540.



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Pets Haven Animal Shelter would sincerely like to thank IGA Romsey for their continued support. Many of our homeless fur kids have been feed and have been given treats from the generosity of the local community.

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Romsey – The Place To Be



If you ever thought nothing happens in Romsey, think again...

On Tuesday 21st April James Merlino MP, Minister for Sports & Recreation announced funding of \$500,000 for the Romsey Sports Precinct. The proposed development includes the construction of a new sports ground, including an 8-lane grass athletics track, soccer pitch, and a cricket and football ground at the Romsey Primary School, which is located within the sports precinct. The project also includes the provision of a club facility and car park, paths and pedestrian links to Romsey Park.

The State Government's \$500,000 funding commitment towards this project adds to the \$466,662 being provided by Council and \$58,000 from local community organisations.

Construction will be worked in with the seasons & existing users of the ground and is expected to be completed within 12-18 months. These projects take many years to develop and our thanks must be extended to those who worked to make this a reality including both past and present councillors and staff.

Council is currently exhibiting it's 2009-2012 Family & Children's Strategy and seeks your feedback & suggestions (deadline has been extended to mid May). For example I believe that improved public transport is fundamental to families and has not been addressed in the current draft. So please read it, submit your thoughts and lets look after our families & children. The strategy can be viewed both at the Romsey Community Hub or online at: www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=1726

After much uncertainty the Romsey ABC Learning Centre has found a new provider to assume management responsibilities. The new operator will be Amberlee McFarland who is currently the operator of LuLa Mays Child Care in Lancefield

The Romsey Community Hub was recently visited by John Cain whom was highly impressed and surprised that such a high quality facility serviced a population of only 3,500. Additionally the Council recently voted to move it's library services from the current provider Mitchell to Goldfields Library Corporation. This change will increase the available stock from about 15,000 titles to over 277,000.

The Greater Romsey All Abilities Playground project is progressing well and running a logo design competition, get your entries in and be part of it. (see advertisement)

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Gillmay Arts Gallery News.

Photo by Elise Gowe Photography of Stacy featuring a ring by Rivergum Jewellery

Adornments 1 2009.

On the 7th April we had our second Adornments Exhibition featuring 6 local jewellers in the form of a Fashion Parade at Soltan Pepper it was a great night and we raised \$872 for Ovarian & Breast Cancer Research.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved. Make Up: Sue Nanos, Hair: Cheryl Horan, Photography: Brad Gorrie, The Marvelous Models - Bronwyn, Stacy, Joy, Larissa, Marlis and Ruby, Dianne, Shelley and Carly and of course Melanie and Adam from Soltan Pepper who are always there to support local businesses and community groups wherever they can.

The jewellery will be on display at the Gallery until Mother's Day so if you like jewellery it's worth having a look. Jewelers featured are Keryn Wells - Myriad Beads, Robyn Anderson - Rivergum Jewellery, Shelley Finis - Shelly Rose Jewellery, Carmel Buchanan - Divine Treasures, Margaret Jinks and Elinor Mazza. We also have a great selection of other gifts for Mother's Day.

Coming events at the Gallery feature Photography Exhibition Opening 10th May 1pm, Opera in the Gallery at the end of May— dates and times to be confirmed, Workshops by John York, Kay Brabham, Maret Wokadlo and of course Tai Chi, Belly Dancing and much much more.

For further information phone Gillian on 54293996 or 0409801082.

New Opening times effective from the 1st May The Gallery will be open to the public from Thursday to Monday 10am to 5pm



Romsey Primary School News

New Sports Field for Romsey Primary School and the Community



We were privileged to host a visit from the Minister for Recreation and Sport, James Merlino to announce a \$500,000 grant to go towards a second Sports field for Romsey. This will be a unique project between the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Romsey Primary School where the Macedon Ranges Shire Council will develop a facility on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development land. An additional \$466,000 will be funded by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, \$8,000 from user groups with a further \$50,000 to be raised by the community. The sports field will be sited opposite Romsey Park partly on the present Little Athletics track and partly on the 'horse paddock.' The project involves the construction of a new sports ground including an 8 lane grass athletics track, soccer pitch, cricket and football ground. The project will also include the provision of club facilities and associated car parks, paths and pedestrian links to Romsey Park. The major users will be Little Athletics, Junior Cricket and Junior Football Clubs and the primary school. It will also be available for Cobaw District Schools. This investment is estimated to cost \$1.025 million for a quality sports field for Romsey, which is an exciting development for our community.

Year 3 Grandparent and Special Persons Day

Year 3 students enjoyed hosting their grandparents or a special friend in the last week of term. I was the guest of 2 students and they interviewed me about my primary school days, demonstrated how to use the inter-active whiteboard, played a game and served me morning tea. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the class and saw students proudly showing things to their grandparents and enjoying this special time together.

Congratulations to Mrs Baker and Ms Milner for holding this lovely event.



The Equestrian Team is Back

We are please to announce that our school again has an Equestrian Team under the leadership of Ms Georgia Romaszko. Paige Cogger, Abbey Schmitt, Claudia Pearce and Josh Hartney competed in a competition over the holidays and are now preparing for upcoming events. All students are to be commended on the way they represented the school and their responsible handling of their horses.

Sport Report

At the House Sport's Cross Country held at the end of last term, every student from prep to year 6 competed with 3 separate courses varying from 1 to 3 kilometres. Students gained points for their houses and the overall winning house was Clement House. The proud house captains, Hayley Townsend and Jed Richardson were presented with the perpetual shield. Senior students enjoyed the Cobaw Summer Sports Competition with teams competing in cricket, volleyball and softball. The mixed volleyball and mixed softball teams both won their competitions and will proceed to Bendigo to compete at the regional level.



ANZAC Day at the Romsey Cenotaph

A moving service was held in light rain on Saturday morning. Romsey Primary School was well represented by a large group of students. Our School Captains, Tom Green and Sarah Edward laid the two wreaths made by the Student Councillors.



Romsey Medical Centre



The Romsey Medical Centre has recently been successful in obtaining government funding to support the provision of after-hours medical services to the community for the next two years.

Practice Manager Riwka Hagen explained "The 'General Practice After Hours Program' has allowed the centre to extend opening hours to 8pm Monday to Friday and to 1pm on Saturdays. The clinic provides an on-call doctor for any time the clinic is closed, providing a 24-hour access to GP services. Patients who normally attend another practice within the Macedon Ranges area are welcome to use the after-hours service. The practice will forward relevant health details to your usual doctor the next working day."

The Romsey Medical Centre works in conjunction with the Central Highlands After Hours Medical Service. This nurse-triage service based at Kyneton Hospital provides first line medical advice after hours. Should a GP attendance be required, they will contact the on-call doctor. The telephone number for this service is 1300 55 75 12.

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Fran's message for Anzac Day 2009

On Anzac Day, our communities will pause to remember and reflect on the spirit of service and sacrifice that shapes our nation in war, peace and disaster. It is a spirit born on the beaches of Gallipoli on the morning of April 25, 1915, forged in the muddled trenches of the Somme in later years of World War One and reinforced in other conflicts and battles over the last 90 years.

That same spirit is ever present in our everyday lives, not always saluted with gratitude, but often quietly binding together our communities through service to each other and striving to improve the lives of all. Our communities have experienced the strength of the Anzac spirit over the 11 weeks since the Black Saturday fires. People, who had faced and survived the ferocity of nature that left in its wake total and utter destruction not unlike that encountered by Australian men and women in war zones, were comforted by the spirit of volunteers, friends and strangers in beating the menace and beginning the recovery. That demonstration of service is a treasured and valued part of the great Australian character.

Australians have volunteered in time of war to preserve our cherished freedom and protect the principles of democracy from regimes and dictators who attack liberty. They have been ordinary men and women offering to serve.

There have been times, too, when Australians have been conscripted into military service and not always shown the gratitude of the nation for their service and displays of that same spirit carried forward from the fateful day at Gallipoli. All who wear the uniform of the army, navy or air force are bound by that one spirit, of being Australian and helping others. For many, service in the Australian Defense Force is a short, shaping experience in the journey of life, for others a life-long career. But service for these men and women - and today we have ADF personnel on tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq and in peacekeeping operations in the Solomon Islands and other countries - does not end with their discharge. Returned serviceman or woman are in all walks of life, just like you and me, working in our midst applying the Anzac spirit to our communities through sporting clubs, volunteer organisations like the Country Fire Authority and Red Cross. They are, to use the RSL motto, serving still. That spirit of service that has so positively influenced our communities and our nations has never been found wanting as we can testify following February 7 this year. May we always give thanks and gratitude to those original Anzacs and all who uphold their spirit.

Fran Bailey

Editor's Note: although Anzac Day was before the publication of this edition of the Rag, the sentiments contained herein are important, and therefore included in this edition.

Medals of appreciation presented to local ex-servicemen

Member for McEwen Fran Bailey presented Australian Defense Medals to four local ex-servicemen at a special ceremony in Romsey.

Fran said the medal conveyed appreciation of a nation to those who had worn the uniform of the Australian Defense Force.

"We say thank you for having served our country and for having upheld the democratic freedom we so greatly cherish," Fran said.

"This medal recognises your service and commitment to the Australian Defense Force and I hope that it is worn with pride on Anzac Day."

Medals were presented to -

- Neil Coker, of Romsey, who joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1969 and rose to the rank of chief petty officer when discharged in 1989.
- Robert Marshall, of Alexandra, who enlisted in the Australian Army in 1966 and served as a medical assistant until discharge in 1968.
- Tom McGrath, of Macedon, who joined the Australian Army in 1964 and served as a infantryman until discharge in 1967.
- Joe Powell, of Romsey, who served in the Australian Army from 1954 to 1959. Joe also received the National Service Medal.

Assisting Fran in the presentations was Major Greg Sheppard, from the Combined Arms Training Centre.

Fran also thanked president John Lynch and members of the Romsey-Lancefield sub-branch of the RSL for their role in organising the ceremony at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute.

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At present the Rag layout is done almost entirely by one person. The time is coming when she may no longer be available to continue with this job (and will definitely not be available in September) so we need to train another person (or better still, a couple more people) to take over this job.

It would be sad to see the Rag fold because no-one is willing to help—and let's face it, no-one is indispensable.

For further information phone 5429 5099 (school hours) and ask for Robyn.

We need YOU!

URGENT - This is YOUR town!

The Romsey Outline Development Plan will formalise our town's development strategy until 2021 and accordingly it's importance cannot be understated. I believe this document is of interest to all those who work or live in and around Romsey and urge everyone to be aware of where Romsey is going. If you have an opinion and it is not voiced then it will not be considered. The April 09 version of this document is available for public comment for a period of only 30 days so do not delay.

I have made copies available for inspection at the Romsey Community Hub and the offices of Chess Property Consultants & Connallys Real Estate, alternatively you may obtain it online from:

www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=1511

The last round of community consultation raised a number of important issues regarding growth, strategy and direction and from a town of over 3,500 residents regrettably only 31 submissions were received. Many of these submissions took opposing positions, each with it's own pros and cons and it is crucial we understand the implications of the different positions.

Growth vs Hamlet?

Our population and currently proposed growth opportunities will not justify a local high school until at least 2021 and limit the feasibility of additional public transport.

Local employment via successful local businesses?

A modern, integrated, well designed business park located south of the town can be set-back and tree screened so as to complement

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the town entry and keep the heavy traffic out. The business park currently proposed to the east of the golf course on the Wallan Road is projected to increase traffic flows on this road from 600 to 7400 car movements per day in the future!

Do you want a large supermarket or no large supermarket in town?

Should residential growth be a "Romsey Heights" type estate north of Hutchinsons Lane (would

require the sealing of Hutchinsons Lane) or a continuation of Ewing Drive to the south?

The last 31 submissions received cannot be truly representative of a commu-

nity of over 3,500 residents and accordingly I encourage you to have your say and make your preferences known.

It's your town, have your say, encourage your friends and neighbours to take an interest. NOW is the time.

Written submissions to:

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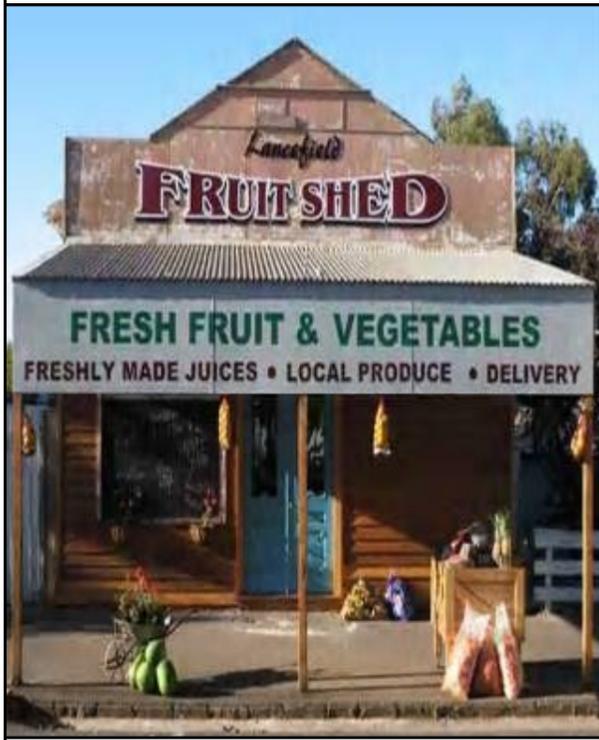
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Prices for May 2009

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club in collaboration with Soltan Pepper Restaurant held a Fun Games Night to promote local businesses and to support Rotary's fund raising for local schools on Friday 3rd April 2009. The evening was also a time to induct two new members into Rotary: Liz Dormontt (Chess Property Real Estate) and Karen Stevens (Property Conveyancer) both bring a wealth of experience to our Club and are prominent members of the local community. Congratulations to Karen and Liz and their partners Keith and Richard.



Left: Karen Stevens (Licenced Conveyancer) and Liz Dormontt (Chess Property Consultant) with President Greg Powell

Over 80 people attended the night and the local businesses that supported the event through donations of prizes and/or discounts to customers included the following:

Soltan Pepper Restaurant (Adam and Mel Soltan), Romsey Mowers (Michael Bannon), Daily Juice (Keith Rickards), Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist (Peter O'Rourke), Romsey Stockfeeds (Mark Shepherdley), IGA Supa - Romsey (Craig and Julie), Frosts Saw Mills (Rod Frost), IGA Echuca/Moama (Mark Shepherdley/Steve Speirs), Farrowell Wines, Florence Myer Massage-Lancefield, Romsey Charcoal Chicken, Lancefield Milk Bar, Gillmay Art Gallery (Romsey), Forbes Automotive Romsey (Bob Forbes), Romsey Hair Design (Joe and Lena Morabito), O'Deas Auto Spares (Tom O'Dea), Dennis Ness and the pharmaceutical company (INova Pty Ltd), Brendan Myer/Nestle, and the Powell Family.

Activities included: Spin the Wheel, Toss a Washer in the Gum Boot, Hoops Are Fun, Quoits Toss, Easter Egg Blindfold, Find-a-Word, Wrap the Mummy, Swing Your Balls, Change Tyres on Mower whilst blindfolded.

Special thanks to Mel and Adam Soltan and all the staff who gave so generously of their time. Thanks to all Rotarians and their families who worked tirelessly behind the scenes as well as all night to bring this event to fruition. The feedback from the public has been excellent and many want us to run another one next year.

Greg Powell
(President-Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc)



Rotary Games Night At Soltan Pepper



Cassie East looks on as Rotarians Diane Powell, Keith Rickards joke with winners



Rotarian Rosemary Frost running the Easter egg blind fold event



Adam and Mel Soltan (Soltan Pepper Restaurant) with their hard working Staff



Joy shows off her winning "Mummy Wrap"

National Disability Awards: nominations are now open

Local people have been encouraged to nominate for the 2009 National Disability Awards. Member for McEwen Fran Bailey said nomination close on May 22 and recipients would be announced during International Day of People with Disability on December 3.

"These awards were inaugurated three years ago and bring together people with disability, non-government organisations and businesses to celebrate and raise awareness of the unique skills of people with disability," Fran said. "Across our local communities, we appreciate the skills and contributions of these people and organisations."

Categories in the awards are -

- * Lifelong achievement award for a person over 25, with or without disability, who has demonstrated a sustained and extraordinary personal commitment to improving and/or reshaping the lives of people with disability.

- * Disability Rights Young Leader Award for a young person, 12-25 years of age, with disability who has raised awareness and shown outstanding leadership in improving the lives of people with disability.

- * Business Award for a person with or without disability who has displayed an innovative approach and achieved substantial outcomes, in advancing the lives of people with disability in areas such as transport, housing, communication and technology. No age limit.

- * Local Government Award for a person who has challenged or lobbied, and has succeeded in implementing substantial change by breaking down barriers faced by people with disability. No age limit.

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Celebrate Neighbourhood House Week!

On Saturday May 23rd between 9.00am and 12.00 noon, come along to the Romsey Community House and find out what's on offer for you!

Maybe you don't know much about our House or maybe you want to share your ideas about what the House can do for you and your community.

The Romsey Community House is located in the Romsey Hub along with the library, Toy Library and Playgroup.

So take this opportunity to have a look and find out more about your neighbourhood.

There will be a sausage sizzle and people available to answer your questions.

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister: Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351 Mobile: 0408 380 962
 Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
 Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

Luke 24: 13-16

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Reflection:

He was a prophet "mighty in deed and word", said the disciples to the stranger on the Emmaus road. Perhaps it was the shock of radical change which prevented them from recognising Jesus, or the fact that they were still using the past tense about Him.. "was a prophet". Their failure to recognise their Lord is something we need to think about and relate to our own circumstances. Their experience of Jesus was in the past, and they thought they were alone. The cross had taken Him from them, and their minds had not made sense of the changed situation, or adjusted to it. In this change Jesus was somehow out of context; they couldn't fit Him into the picture.

But do we always recognise Him, beside us? Hard work, routine, tiredness, ill health, can so grind us down that we carry on mechanically, never lifting our eyes – or minds – from the dust of the road, unaware of the glory and strength of His presence with us. Life gets thin and weak, the meaning drains out, leaving us with the dry washed-out dregs. Yet He is still there, as the "stranger", walking with us, talking to us, listening when we speak. As the two disciples spoke of the cross, He took hold of their bewilderment and sorrow, and "beginning with Moses and the prophets" helped them to make sense of it. Sharing their problem with Him brought them towards a solution.

There is a more profound truth in it too – Christ isn't there beside us simply to help us find solutions, He is often in the problem itself.

The problem for two disciples was how to make sense of the cross, how to accept it. Jesus helped them to do that, but He also showed them that the cross itself was the creative act of God, and that he was in the problem, as well as in the solution.

There are times when a problem looks as though it was sent to break us, but it ends by building us up – Christ in the problem itself, and Christ with us, helping us towards honest thinking; supporting and guiding us to the point where He wants us. "Tried in the fire".

Does it help you to look for the presence of Christ IN your problems? Try it; one day you may be able to thank Him for them, although that's harder!

*They felt alone, Lord, as they walked towards Emmaus.
 The stony ground, the dust, the road, rutted and rough,*

meant nothing.

Neither did the stranger, coming from nowhere, breaking in on their grief.

There was nothing left but memories and they were still harsh and painful.

Time had no chance to smooth the rough edges.

Their emotions were raw and bleeding.

Lord, I don't want to dramatise, but I know how they felt.

I've stood in the wreckage of my plans, seeing nothing but disappointment.

Shrugging my shoulders, trying to pretend I didn't care.

Turned Off.

Then you appeared.

Unexpected.

And the world was good again.

Not like Cinderella and the fairy godmother, rags to riches, pumpkin to coach, mice into horses.

Not like that.

The pain didn't suddenly disappear.

Outwardly there was little change, but the air smelled fresher, the knots relaxed.

I began to function again, to respond to other people, and to see you.

Lord it is good to know you are with me, in all the strains life brings.

In the disappointments and difficulties let me feel your presence.

And, Lord, help me to share this with others.

Make my presence with them your presence.

May your Spirit in me encourage and strengthen.

And as I recognise Jesus walking beside me, may others see something of him in me.

Lord, thankyou, because you are always here.

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)
 from 'A Silence and a Shouting')

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Church Services during May, 2009

3 rd	9am.	Worship Service – conducted by Jay Brooks
10 th	9am	Worship Service and Communion conducted by Rev Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
17 th	9am	Worship Service – conducted by the Worship Team
24 th	9am	Worship service conducted by Rev Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
31 st	10.30am	Combined service at Riddells Creek Uniting Church followed by lunch.

A Subtle change of seasons....

As the weather cools in the Macedon Ranges, our homes become a source of gentle warmth, pleasure and comfort. As the days grow crisper and the nights longer, our thoughts turn from BBQs and outdoor activities, to slow cooked meals and evenings by the fire. The change of season brings a change of lifestyle, and CUTTINGS in Romsey is ready with all sorts of new items which will make the cooler months much more enjoyable in your home.

CUTTINGS Outdoor area is now featuring a brand new line of portable Corrugated Iron Firewood Storage and Raised Vegetable/Herb Beds. The Firewood Storage item is freestanding and can be placed anywhere around the home, indoors or out. Designed to keep firewood dry, tidy and convenient, it's a very practical design, and also looks very stylish when filled with wood. It would enhance any veranda, and offers a great solution to the old "wood wheelbarrow" parked at the door! The Raised Veggie Beds can be placed anywhere as well, and offer a convenient, compact and comfortable solution to growing herbs and veggies during the cooler months. One is planted out in CUTTINGS courtyard for display, and it looks fantastic; not to mention the raised height being easy on the back (no bending over!)

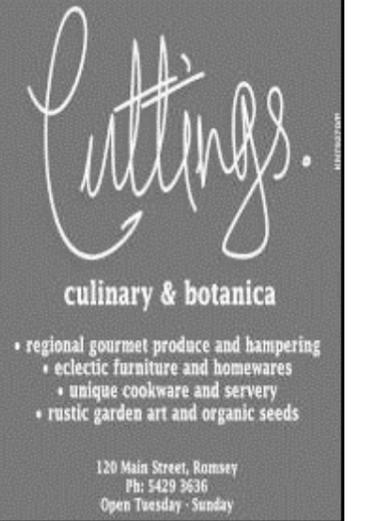
Meal preparation can become a most enjoyable part of the cooler months, with the scent of low cooked roasts, stews and shanks a true pleasure. CUTTINGS has Cast iron Cookware now in stock, and lots of gorgeous cookbooks in to inspire even the most reluctant, time-poor cook. Our extensive gourmet food range can assist with meal preparation, and add some tantalizing new twists to your favourite old recipes. In addition, our chocolate honeycomb sauce drizzled over your favourite dessert is the perfect way to end a cold winter's evening. Why not accompany that dessert with a steaming cup of tea, hot cocoa, or organic coffee? All are available at CUTTINGS, along with a Non-

stick Bakeware range and several styles of Stovetop Espresso Preparation. CUTTINGS also stocks French-inspired table linen, with tablecloth sizes to suit any table. Three new prints are now in stock for winter, and these complement the original selection beautifully.

As the cold sets in, it is lovely to accessorise the home with some of our new, gorgeous throws, quilts and scatter cushions. The shades of the season (coffee, sienna, wheat, cranberry and sage) are highlighted beautifully in these new designs. Additionally, CUTTINGS has some stunning new furniture in stock, and is now carrying a selection of unique and practical children's furniture. The range of floor and table lamps has also been increased, as lamps are very useful and comforting during those dark evenings of winter.

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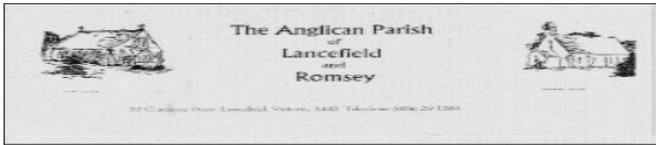
- Advertise the event
- Provide buyers with a map of garage addresses.
- Ensure no nuisance early birders, as all buyers will have to start at the Romsey Ambulance Station.

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- Pay \$10 Registration fee to cover advertising & administration cost.

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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

Commandment number 2 says, "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.."

God so far has displayed his love in blessings to his people by giving them more than what they need already. He is therefore saying to the people in this second commandment that there is no need to put anything else first other than me. In ancient times, by worshipping an idol what people were doing was reducing God to a thing that was small and material. We cannot reduce God at all. He is always going to be bigger than we think and do more amazing things that we can ever imagine. God was all powerful and in all places.

Jesus reiterated this teaching when he said, "God is Spirit, and only by the power of the Spirit, can people worship him as he really is." (John 4:24)

The making of an idol of the true God would squeeze him into a mould too small. Hopefully, we are not tempted to make idols of wood or stone today, but we are constantly tempted to think of God in human terms – to have a limited picture of him and to worship material things.

Let me encourage you to look out for the big God that is spelt out in the Bible and in the world today because God does love each one of us.

That's this month's view from the Vicarage in a year where I hope and pray we

"Seek the Divine in 2009."

Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar
The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey.

Special Events

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 17th May 2009 with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with loud, lively music.

The topic next month is: Let's celebrate school chaplaincy.

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

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

Then have we got both for you.

The "Unfinished Symphony Group" is starting soon.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 16th May 2009.

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation.

Bring along your unfinished "symphony" and friends. For further details, please contact Mrs Jenelle Coote on 5429-1680."

Four week course commencing Tuesday 5th May 2009 from 7:30pm – 9:30pm

"How to drugproof your kids or Making good parents better."

Where: Lancefield Anglican Church Hall

Cost: \$20.00 (to cover cost of material).

This course will make parenting your child a lot easier.

You will need to enrol by Monday 27th April and if you wish to enrol, please contact the course convenor –

Rev. Leroy Coote on 0417-679-682.

Mothers Day Brunch

The Mother's Day brunch is back!!!

Date: 9th May 2009.

Time: 10:00am – 12 noon.

Where: Soltan Pepper.

Cost: \$15.00 including special Mother's day Gift.

Tickets are to be pre-purchased and are available now.

For Further details – please contact 5429-1680

Do you want your garden bushfire safe and beautiful at the same time?

Then have we got something for you.

Details are as follows: Date – Sunday 3rd May 2009.

Time – 2:00pm

Where – Lancefield Anglican Church Hall.

Speaker: Cherie from the Lancefield Garden Centre whose articles appear regularly in the Free Press.

Cost: Gold Coin donation.

Afternoon tea to follow.

If interested, then please ring Rev. Leroy Coote on 0417679682.

Regular events

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

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening – now in two locations. Grades 5 and 6 meets in the Lancefield Anglican Church Hall.

Years 7 and up meets in the Lancefield Uniting Church Hall.

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

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

Planting for Success in the West: Planting Technique Training Days

These training days will provide participants with some simple rules and techniques, which if followed, will ensure successful native tree planting, including the achievement of good growth and survival rates. They are designed for landholders who want to improve their planting techniques and also for beginner planters who want to learn how to plant native vegetation in the areas to the west and north of Melbourne.

When/Where:

Saturday 2 May – Sunbury (meet at the gazebo on Ligar St, near corner Ligar St & Riddell Rd, Sunbury - Melway 382 D3)

Sunday 3 May – Darraweit Guim (meet at Darraweit Guim Primary School car park, Darraweit Valley Rd, Darraweit Guim - VicRoads 60 G8)

Time: 10am-12noon (both days)

Cost: FREE (BBQ lunch included, planting technique notes and DVD "Planting for Success in the West" produced by Melbourne Water)

Details: these training days are a unique opportunity to learn both planting techniques theory and the practical steps required for a successful revegetation project.

Presenters:

Saturday – Jason Summers (Hume City Council)

Sunday – Ian Taylor (Western Plains Flora nursery)

What will be covered:

Site preparation - weed control
When - timing of planting
How - technique for successful planting
What - tools do you need
Where - planting in riparian zones
Maintenance of plantings

RSVPs: for catering purposes please RSVP by Thursday 30 April to Brenton McMahon (Melbourne Water) via phone 9235 7231 or email brenton.mcmahon@melbournewater.com.au If you have special dietary requirements please indicate these when you RSVP.

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Time: 10:00 am – 2pm

Where: Old Bridge Reserve
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Riddells Creek Montessori Preschool term 1 news

Where has term 1 gone!

The Montessori Pre-school at Riddells Creek has certainly made the most of this term with a program based on "Children as individuals" with a focus on their changing abilities as they grow.

Congratulations to the winner of our Easter Raffle, Georgie Cheetham, on claiming the fantastic prize of a Hot Air Balloon Flight over Melbourne. Georgie has recently moved back into the area after the Ash Wednesday fires forced her to move into Melbourne. What a great welcome back to the area.

Our fundraising activities are essential for us to invest in updating and improving the facilities and building for our children, so a big thank you to all those who have supported us this term. There are various fundraising activities planned throughout the year, so please do take the opportunity to get involved and support us.

The pre-school is still taking enrolments and offers a kindergarten program for 3 to 5 year olds during 3 morning sessions per week on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Sessions start at 9.15am.

The good news is that a **limited number of scholarships are still available** to 4 year olds and over. The scholarship offers free enrolment* for successful applicants demonstrating financial or other hardship or offering an ability to make a positive contribution through their involvement with the pre-school.

Term 2 starts on Tuesday 21st April, and from the start of the new term we will be offering an extended session on a Friday (9.15am to 2.15pm).

To arrange a tour of the pre-school or receive a Scholarship Application form please phone 5428 6376 or email macedon.ranges.montessori.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or visit our new website www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au

(*a small standard contribution towards maintenance costs will be required each term)

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RRBATA April Meeting Sponsor's Night



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Age Well, Live Better

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1.00pm-3.30pm

- 24th April**
Kyneton Shire Offices, Campbell Room
- 5th May**
Gisborne Shire Offices, Executive Room
- 8th May**
Woodend Neighbourhood Centre
- 11th May**
Romsey Shire Offices, Mt William Room
- 15th May**
Riddells Creek Senior Citizens
- 18th May**
Malmsbury Town Hall
- 22nd May**
Macedon Jubilee Hall

RSVP to Nikki 5422 0250 or n.pante@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

We all know someone who is growing older and wants to live and age well in their local community. Older people have strengths that can be developed to lead to better and healthier lifestyles. We need your help to assist us to know what to do to provide such opportunities for older people in your community.

Please give us a couple hours of your time to tell us what you think works and what more needs to be done to age well in our community.

Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

RRBATA Supports a Web Site for Romsey

Members who attended the April RRBATA gathering were privy to a sneak preview of the design for the upcoming Romsey web site which is a RRBATA initiative. This website is for all of Romsey with the opportunity for all businesses, community groups, children's services etc to have a free listing. Businesses will also have the opportunity to have more extensive paid advertising if they wish to do so. Elise Gow (Elise Gow Photography) showed some photographs she has already prepared of Romsey in its Autumn glory for inclusion on the site. Any groups wishing to receive information about the website should contact Tracey Newnham (newlec@bigpond.com, phone 0409 511439) ASAP. A big web site launch night is planned for July.

April Meeting-An insight on Business Success

The April meeting of RRBATA (Monday, 20th April at the Community Hub) was privileged to have as special guest, Mr. Bruce Thomas who was the co founder of Beacon Lighting. Bruce's presentation relating to the establishment and marketing of this incredibly successful business was most insightful. RRBATA was most grateful for Bruce to have been so generous with his time given that he was due to fly overseas the next day.

Rodeo Sponsors' Night

This very well attended function was held on Monday 23rd March to thank all of those businesses who had supported the Romsey Roundup 2009. A rolling slide show of the Rodeo was a backdrop to a superb finger food function provided by our hosts, Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Peter Newell (Rodeo Subcommittee convenor and member RRBATA Committee of Management) spoke to the guests about the Rodeo and expressed RRBATA's gratitude for their support.

RRBATA Support for Local Events

RRBATA has decided to lend its assistance to two very important local events. Local businesses will facilitate the marketing of and selling of tickets to a fundraiser for a seriously ill local child. In addition, RRBATA is keen to support the proposed CFA Torchlight Parade which is hoped to be held later this year.

New RRBATA Logo – The Little Man with the Whiteboard has Retired!

Astute readers will notice that the little man with the whiteboard and pointer who featured at the head of the previous RRBATA Romsey Rag articles has been replaced with a new look! Members at the April meeting gave input on several options for a new RRBATA logo. The new logo features a very fresh look incorporating a distinctly Romsey "feel". The final colour scheme is still being determined, but the design you see heading this article is a compilation of the features discussed at the meeting. We hope you like it!

Romsey Businesses Feature in the Business Excellence Awards

A number of Romsey businesses have featured in the final nominations for the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards. Sapphire Hairdressing, Soltan Pepper, Kidzone Outside School Hours Care, Traynor Personal Fitness, Romsey Auto Care, James Kelleher Solicitors, Romsey Vet Clinic, Elice Gow Photography, Romsey Pharmacy, O'Dea Auto Spares, Cuttings Culinary and Botanica, S&K Hammond Constructions, Unique Homes, Dance Station and CJ Bromley Electrical Contractor all feature in at least one of a number of different categories. Romsey should be proud of the prominence of final nominations from this town in these awards.

Thinking About Membership?

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

Membership Enquiries: Tracey Newnham (Secretary)

0409 511439
newlec@bigpond.com

Next RRBATA Meeting: Monday 18th May 2009 at 7.30pm

Romsey Community Hub

Members and non members welcome.

Enquiries/RSVP (for catering): Tracey Newnham 0409 511439
newlec@bigpond.com



Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567
Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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

Probus 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)

Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

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

During April we visited the MCG for a tour and lunch.

Guest Speaker at our April meeting was from the RACV – a very interesting and informative presentation.

The May meeting will be on Thursday, 28th May, 2009

The Guest Speaker will be Mike Ringham – Test Cricket Scorer MCG

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB ROMSEY LANCEFIELD INC - BALLINA TRIP

In March, the Club undertook a trip to Ballina, which is situated on the far north coast of New South Wales at the mouth of the Richmond River. The surrounding countryside is very picturesque and green and lush when compared with our poor old drought affected area.

After a 2 hour flight, we were met at Ballina Airport and transferred to our motel which is owned and operated by Ballina-Byron Tours. All guests at the motel were participating in the week's tour programme, almost fifty people. The rooms were most comfortable and a swimming pool was available for those who wished to clear the cobwebs. The dining area was very large and all meals were excellent - a large cooked breakfast and a three course dinner. Most evenings after dinner, live entertainment was provided by local singers etc. Unfortunately none of us possessed a movie camera to capture one of our members, who shall remain nameless, doing the "Chicken Dance", or was it the Macarena? The Karaoke night produced some wonderful whistling, as well, of course, as some singing!

Each morning (except Sunday which was free) we boarded the large coach and spent the day touring fascinating and scenic areas. Too numerous to detail, but North to Lennox Head, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, Tweed Heads and the Gold Coast - South to Evans Head and the new Italy Museum - Inland to Lismore and the "hippie" town of Nimbin. Another of our members, who shall also remain nameless, was seen chatting up a very young and handsome surfer!!!

After returning from each day's outing, our group sat outdoors for a "happy hour" before dinner to discuss the day's activities over a glass or two (or three) of something nice.

All voted the trip "**THE BEST YET**".

Many thanks to member **DAVID STRACK**, for taking our group to and from Tullamarine in his bus.

Orienteering Event 'Macedon'

Sunday Series- 3rd May 2009

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KINDER CORNER - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Easter Celebrations

The children enjoyed making and decorating items for Easter. Whilst they were out playing, the Easter Bunny made a visit and left some eggs in the baskets they had made. No one saw him but it was a great surprise.

Special Association Meeting

The Association met recently to discuss and approve the revised Constitution. The Constitution has been changed to reflect the change in management structure.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Sue Hayes
President
Romsey Kindergarten Committee of Management
Ph: 0416 066 347

ENROL NOW FOR 2010

Romsey Kindergarten is currently taking enrolments now for 3 year old and 4 year old groups. Current 3 year olds need to re-enrol.

Pre-enrolment forms are available on the kindergarten website:
Romseykindergarten.com.au
or from the kindergarten noticeboard.

\$10.00 booking fee and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required with the form.

Closing Date: 31 July 2009

Any further information required please contact:
Gill Reid, Try Youth and Community Services,
on 9347 2655
or
Heather Daw, Enrolment Liaison Officer,
on 54296220

Romsey Kindergarten Committee of Management invites you to attend a Kindergarten and School Readiness Information Session

Christine Murphy, Preschool Field Officer, St Lukes, has been invited to speak about this topic as parents prepare to make decisions about enrolment for next year, either for kinder or moving from kinder to school.

Christine will cover commonly asked questions such as "how do I know if my child is ready?" and "what if my child is enrolled and is then not coping?"

Christine will also discuss common developmental and emotional areas to be observant about.

When: Wednesday 6 May, 7.00pm at the Kinder

RSVP: Kylie Newnham on: 5429 6211
Or email:

Where has the year gone?

Romsey Kindergarten children are all very excited to be back at kinder and have settled in well for term 2. At the time of writing this column, they are preparing very creative Mother's Day gifts and a little concert for Mother's Day Morning Tea, so happy Mother's Day to our mums, grandmothers and other special people.

Farewell to Jane Whelan

Late last term we held a farewell function for Jane, our Unit 1 teacher. Our Events Sub-Committee put together a great afternoon with a slide show of memorable photos from Jane's time at the kinder,



over the last 20 years. Past and present families attended and enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea. Jane was presented with a plaque to commemorate this occasion.

Camp Quality

Camp Quality puppets visited recently to educate the children on the effects of cancer and how to interact with those that are effected by the illness, when returning to the classroom. The puppets teach the children tolerance, compassion and accepting differences amongst each other. The puppet and 2 of our children were featured on the front page of the local newspaper.



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Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com

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

Programmes and Activities for Term 2 2009

April to June

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

Yoga with Kym Oliver. Wednesday 7.00 -8.30pm, access through side door. Cost: \$140 for 10 week term. Casual Rate \$18/session. All enquiries and bookings direct to Kym Oliver on 5429 2134.

Walking Together Program All groups meet Romsey Lion's Park (Near the creek), Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 10.30am, Enquiries and bookings to Heather ph: 5429 5895

Drop in for a Cuppa weekdays 9.30 – 5.30 – All Welcome
Tea / Coffee - Gold Coin donation

Writers Group

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

Drop In Craft Mornings

Bring along your own craft every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during the school term. Convener – Karyn Gottschling

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

Crop till you drop – 3rd Saturday of the month. Details from Belinda 54291963.

Counselling – Counselling, information and referral service by appointment. Phone Amanda Summers 0411627204. Sessions are 1 hour and cost \$25.

Knitting Group – Every Wed 2 -3pm. Cost \$5 session.

House News

At the March meeting of the Committee of Management we welcomed three new committee member, Simon Pinnock, Chris Durston and Anne Cappler, who have brought great experience and commitment to the team. Chris Durston, who has served on the committee before, was elected as President. At our April meeting John Russell was co-opted onto the committee and Simon Pinnock was elected Vice President.

In mid-April we had informal talks with local MLA Joanne Duncan about state government funded coordinator hours. This is something we have fought for since the inception of the House 5 years ago, and it is becoming increasingly important that we secure the support of the government for the sustainability and future growth of the House. Currently we rely on the efforts of a small group of wonderful volunteers and committee members to carry out all of the day-to-day operational tasks associated with the House. But the manpower we have is simply not enough, and as with all volunteers, there are other priorities in their busy lives. At the time this goes to print we are putting the finishing touches to yet another submission for our cause. **The support of our community is vital in this endeavour, so we would encourage all businesses, organisations and individuals in Romsey to write letters to back up our presentation. Letters should be sent to Joanne Duncan, Peter Batchelor (Minister for Community Development) or to us, and we will forward them.**

If **you** would like to volunteer at the House, simply call in any morning and have a chat with Helen, Heather or Judy. We would love to hear from you.

Keep watching the Rag and other local advertising for an announcement about our Public Internet Access Program. Thanks to a grant that we successfully secured last year (due to the expert efforts of our Projects Officer Vanessa Meredith) we will shortly be purchasing up to 6 PCs for our computer lab, and making the internet available to members of the Romsey community for free. This will also expand our capability to deliver computer courses. This grant came from the State Government of Victoria.

DESIGN A LOGO!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DESIGN THE LOGO
TO BE USED FOR THE NEW GREATER ROMSEY
ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE?



GRAAP (Greater Romsey All Abilities Playground) is a community group. We are trying to get funding and support to enable us to build and create a facility with enough fun and creativity for all of the residents of the Greater Romsey Area to enjoy - this includes areas for;

FAMILIES CHILDREN THE DISABLED TEENAGERS SENIOR CITIZENS

We are looking for a logo that will represent this idea well and would like to invite anyone with a great idea to participate and be part of this great project.

The winner will have their photo taken with their winning logo & will have the pleasure of seeing their name on the logo as long as it is being used.

SO GET CREATIVE ROMSEY, WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- * All entries must include the designer's name, age, address and phone number.
- * All entrants under 18 years of age must include a signed parental consent.
- * The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- * All entrants sign over all rights not to the exclusion of: design, intellectual property and use to GRAAP indefinitely.
- * All entries become the property of GRAAP Inc.
- * Winner agrees to have their name included in all promotion and advertising and deemed necessary by the committee.
- * All submissions must be in by 25th May 2009.
- * Winner will be announced at 4pm on Monday June 1 at the Romsey Community Hub.
- * Entries to be no larger than A4 and submitted into the entry box at the Romsey Community Hub, 96-100 Main Road, Romsey or electronically in jpeg format to GRAAP Inc at email: joc21@exemail.com.au
- * All information forms part of the conditions of entry.

Community Funding Scheme - Applications Open



Applications for the 2009-10 Community Funding Scheme are now being accepted. The Community Funding Scheme provides assistance to locally based community groups wishing to develop and provide programs, services or activities for residents of the Shire. The scheme also aims to assist Council facility user groups to upgrade and improve their facilities.

The scheme is divided into four grant categories:
Recreation and Facilities Grants
Community Wellbeing Grants
Cultural Development Grants
Community & Tourism Event Grants

Application forms and an outline of Council's funding guidelines and policy are available to download from www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au or can be collected from Council Service Centres in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend. Alternatively, you can request a copy be mailed by telephoning 5422 0333.

For further information or if you have any questions about the scheme, contact Garry Holmes on 5422 0320, Kate Strahan on 5422 0345 or the relevant evaluating officer for the grant that you are applying for (refer to the guidelines for details).

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 22 May 2009.

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**Romsey Writer's Group
"Moving On" Project**

A huge amount of work has gone in to our community book, "Moving On", due for publication in September. We received in excess of 40 submissions, and the final list of authors and their works that will be included in the book are listed below. Thank you to everyone who submitted work, for their willingness to share their personal experiences. We received items from a wide range of community members, and a huge range of age groups including residents of nursing homes and hostels in the region.

The Writer's Group is now completing the task of editing and formatting the copy ready to go to the printers. This has been a very exciting and interesting project for us all, and we are anxious to see how the final product looks. Thank you once again to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for its sponsorship of this project.

Students from senior art classes at local secondary schools have been invited to submit designs for the front cover of the book.

The authors and their stories:

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| Kylie Fletcher - | Beating Cervical Cancer, Never Give Up |
| Mark Lever - | Make Time To Smell The Roses |
| Joy Barton - | The Clinging Type |
| Jessica Collins - | Aunt Mim |
| Carolyn Jeffrey - | Growing Back |
| Julie Murphy - | Coming Home |
| Goldie Alexander - | Anxiety |
| Rachael Ireland - | My New Gown, Rachael's Dance |
| Dee White - | The Big Climb, Power Headlines, Aquaplane, Aperture |

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| LED Creative Writing Group - | Ash Wednesday Fires, Maturity |
| Doreen Dalrymple - | The Rite Ritual |
| Ali Ashley- | A Seat On The Future, Leaving The Past Behind |

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| Noelle Quinton - | The Dragon Was St. George |
| Kathryn Ambrose - | The Trouble With School |
| Lila Carlton-Doney - | Edwin, My Time, Strangers On The Train |

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| Chris McDonald - | Marita, Roger, Freedom |
| Marie Teichel - | Life Must Go On |
| Jacinta Carrel - | Jacinta's Story |
| Betty Doolan - | In The Blink Of An Eye |
| Camilla Orr-Thomson | Divorce Ever After |
| Charlie Fricker - | The Little Silver Brooch |
| Jack Newman - | Leaving, Growing Up, Getting Away |
| Robyn Moore - | Alice |
| Karyn Gottschling - | Apron Strings, Karyn's Story |

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REFLECTIONS

People, some of them, think ahead and try to work out what the future will be, or hope to be. Fewer will think about getting older, or when you can no longer do what you could do once. People will only think about now, but later when old age strikes, illness becomes a problem. Very little thought is given to the time that no doubt comes to all of us.

I have been reflecting on my life. I have a happy family life, a good family indeed, but what about my working life? I often reflect and being a person born with an enormous curiosity, and the words 'Why, What and How' were my key words but rarely gave me all the answers.

My greatest love is my wife and children. I also loved animals, plants and flowers. My baboo (my Indonesian nanny, a Hindu by upbringing, always taught me to respect life, all life." Only kill to eat" was her motto.

When I came to Australia in 1950 my English was poor. I started to look for a job in the then Forestry Commission. As I was too old at twenty-three for an apprenticeship and I could not get the job.

Instead I started work as a builder's labourer and a little later joined the Australian Jam Company as a floor worker. It was the people I met there, Italian, Greek, German, Spanish, English migrants and the odd Australian I became interested in and found their life stories fascinating.

I lunched with them and they started to talk about personal issues. I became a trusted person. **I learned to listen.** I learned about their hopes and dreams.

I took some of them to the YMCA with me. This organisation I believe was the forerunner of what became the Community Houses of the future.

It took many years before all migrants were accepted into the community. Now in the years 2000 onwards, we find the people from the Middle East and African nations to be something to wary of. **It is time to learn about other races and their religions and cultures for peace and harmony.**

Since the early migration program started, Australia began to change, not only in population mix, but also in the array of food and services. In the early fifties Australia was a

land full of opportunities. There were plenty of jobs vacant for those willing to work. It was easy to save for a block of land and build your own home.

For a while I worked at a gladioli farm, which was owned by what was then called a "Collins Street farmer". Here I learned two principles. **Do not argue with the manager you appointed. Give the manager the responsibility and the authority to do the job.**

My wife arrived from Holland and joined me in Kalorama. Our living arrangements were rather primitive. Two weeks later she had a job in a bank in Melbourne. She had worked in banks in Holland as a secretary and had qualifications in English shorthand. A bus took her from Kalorama to Croydon to catch the train to Melbourne. On the platform in Croydon she met a couple who worked in the same bank. Travelling together daily, they soon became good friends of ours. They are still our friends fifty-five years later.

Good friends are for life. Treasure them.

Learn to **understand** using the ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE
To be continued in REFLECTIONS 2.



Editor's note:

This article, and the ones to follow in coming months, was submitted by Romsey resident and founding committee member of the Romsey Community House, Jan Van Arkel. Now in his 80's, and forced to retire from a lifetime of community service as a volunteer due to ill-health, Jan is using his time to reflect on and record memories of a way of life very foreign to most of us—as an immigrant to Australia many years ago, a teacher, a mentor and a devoted community worker. We feel sure there is something we can all learn from his words.

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