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We are delighted to announce that work has now commenced on extensions to the Romsey Medical Centre which will dramatically increase the services available to all our patients. extended services will include Dentistry, Full X-Ray and Ultra Sound, Pathology, Physiotherapy, and a wide range of visiting medical and paramedical specialists. In addition there will be a comprehensive Emergency facility to deal with accidents and to stabilise patients prior to transfer to Melbourne.

Centralising this very comprehensive range of services means that we will have to cease consulting at our Lancefield Surgery as from Sunday, 19th March, 1995.

For those patients who are unable to come to the Romsey Medical Centre, we will be offering afternoon surgery appointments on Mondays and Thursdays in our Consulting Room at Karinya. Appointments may be made by phoning the Romsey Medical Centre On (054) 295 254.

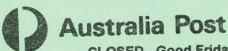
We have made arrangements for Prescriptions to be picked up from Karinya if necessary.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT:

Thankyou to all the volunteers who assisted with our Red Cross Calling Door-Knock in and around Romsey township and to all residents who contributed. If we missed catching you at home and you would like to give a donation, this can be left at Craig Jamieson's Pharmacy and receipts will be issued there. All donations given during Red Cross Calling are used for the assistance of Victorian Residents, in times of Fire, Flood, Unemployment, Illness or to help in any emergency. We thank you all for your continued support.

* A Morning Coffee with a Display and Sale of Danny Blume Australian Made Woollen Fashions will be held on Thursday, 18th May at 10.30am in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall with a donation of \$4.00 to assist Red Cross Funds. Everyone welcome to attend, but for catering purposes please contact Helen Clement 295 317 if you would like to join us. Helen Clement.

Australian Postal Commission



HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER, 1995.

CLOSED - Good Friday; Easter Saturday; Easter Monday.

NOTICE OF WATER RATES PAYMENT:

CHANGE? These days it's a bit like the Demtel ads on TV "but wait, there's more".

Of course you know that in December 1994, Romsey Lancefield Water Board amalgamated with Western Region Water Authority and up until now nothing much has changed except the name. So. What's next to change?

PAYING FOR YOUR WATER RATES.

In April your water bill will come from Western Region Water Authority. That's different, and what's even more important is where you pay your bill.

* You can personally pay your bill ONLY at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank - Romsey branch is close - OR at Western Region Water Authority Office, Macedon Street, Sunbury.

* You can post your cheque ONLY to Western Region Water's Sunbury Office.

One thing that is staying the Hans Ekdahl. If you have any queries about your account, the friendly people in the Romsey office of Macedon Ranges Shire will be happy to help you.

Just remember, you cannot pay your account at the Shire Office.

SPECIAL CUSTOMER SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBER:

There is help available if you need it. Western Region Water's toll free customer service number is :

1800 805 301. You can also talk to Gary Lewis from Western Region Water at Macedon Ranges Shire Romsey Office on Wednesday afternoons 1.00 - 5.00pm. His telephone number on Wednesday afternoon is 295 201.

YOU GUESSED IT. MORE CHANGE IS COMING:

We can not promise the changes are complete. Creating a new water authority is a huge job and we are doing our best to ensure that you get affordable water services and friendly, efficient customer service as cost effectively as possible.. We'll keep in touch regularly via newsletters and this column to let you know what we are doing.

Neil Brennan. Regards,

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL - ROMSEY OFFICE

DOGS & DOG REGISTRATION

Is your dog registered? It not, then are you aware that by the time your dog reaches the age of 6 months - it must be registered. If your dog has not yet reached the age of 6 months you can still register it if you wish. Registering your dog helps to identify it should it wander away from home and be found by someone else. Registered dogs must wear a collar with a registration tag on it.

Dog registrations have a common expiry date of 10th April each year - which is the same date as the final date for payment of Council rates in full. Penalties may apply if dog registration is not received on or before that date.

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be secured or confined at all times. If you allow your dog to be left loose and unsupervised, don't be surprised if you receive a fine.

Are you looking after a dog for someone else? For your own protection ensure the dog is registered and wearing its collar and tag. Anybody caring for a dog is liable if the dog is not registered or if the dog is found wandering or causing other problems.

Some common fines are:	Failure to Register	\$200
	Registration Tag not on dog	\$ 50
	Dog at Large (not secure) day time	\$100
	Dog at Large (not secure) night time	\$200

Remember - Protect your dog and your pocket - register your dog with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council now. Registration forms are available from the Romsey Office and enquiries should be directed to Council's Ranger; Mr. David Bachelor on (054) 295 201

Lancefield/Romsey Uniting Church

Easter.

Eggs, rabbits, chickens. chocolate: holidays, travellong, parties, fun;

Church, a man on a cross, some totally unbelievable story of resurrection just believable enough to dia deep inside, and prompt the "Christmas and Easter" folk

to worship again.

Easter.

All of the above. and more.

At Easter,

many of us chose the ritual - the duty the worship we avoid throughout the year, and we feel that, for a day. we walk with Christ. If it fits. wear it. and Christ will welcome your company again.

But know this. Easter is not so much about our walking with Christ as his walking with us. And not for one day but every day.

> Christ walks with us on the Good Friday road the road of pain, despair and hopelessness. He walks with us the Easter day road of healing and new direction of life and celebration.

Come again to walk with him for a day. but look and see him walking with you, gently, caring and loving, every day.

> May his blessing go with you, Elaine.

This year, again, the people of the Uniting Church will join with our sisters and brothers of the other churches in the "Way of the Cross" - walking around Romsey, on Good Friday - beginning at the Romsey Anglican Church at 10.00 am. In our preparation for this, the Uniting Church has Holy Week services - Palm Sunday - 9.00 am, Romsey, 10.30 am Lancefield;

Monday, 7.30pm - Romsey; Tuesday 7.30pm - Lancefield; Wednesday 7.30 pm - Romsey;

Thursday, 7.00 pm - "Passover" meal and stripping the Church - Lancefield.

Our Easter Sunday services are at Romsey - 9.00 am, and Lancefield- 10.30 am. You are very welcome to join us for any of these services

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Romsey Primary School News:

L.O.T.E. (Language other than English)

The children from Grades 3 to 6 have been actively immersed in the Indonesian language under the enthusiastic guidance of Pak Viney. Children have so far learnt basic greetings, numbers, simple In music the mathematical operations and colours. children are learning simple songs in Indonesian. The children have also made books, played number games and discussed Indonesia as one of our neighbours. Some activities have been sent home as home tasks. At this stage we have not heard when the interactive television will begin but we are hopeful that this will be operational by early 2nd term. Some parents have taken the opportunity to undertake Indonesian during Monday lunchtimes with Ron Viney (Thanks Ron for volunteering your time). Any parents who would like to attend these sessions are very A special thankyou to the Country Women's Association who donated \$50.00 to our Library - this money has been used to purchase three very good books on Indonesia. We have also been pleased this week, that a district Indonesian Support Teacher has been appointed and will be able to provide additional program support on Fridays, commencing next term.

P.A.T.: The Parents as Tutors Program is again being offered to all interested parents with children in the Prep/1/2 area of the school however numbers are strictly limited to the first 20. The P.A.T. Program is a 4 week program aimed at helping parents understand more about reading and writing processes and how children learn. It provides parents with strategies to help work with their children both at home and in the The 4 sessions shall be held weekly classroom. commencing Thursday, 11th May at 7pm to 9pm in the School Library, they will be led by Diane Sherren and Cost: \$5.00 to cover cost of Diane Powell. participant's Booklet and other materials is payable on the first night of the course. If you are interested in enrolling for the P.A.T. Course please contact the school as soon as possible.

T.R.I (Towards Real Independence) This course aimed at parents with children in the upper half of the school, concludes this Thursday evening. Thanks are expressed to Mr John Fryer & Mrs Heather Turnham for conducting the course. Congratulations to all those who were successfully participated.

TAFE Computer Course: Congratulations to all those who were recently presented with their Graduation certificates by the Course Director after completing their 210 hours of evening study at our school.

Royal Children's Hospital Appeal - Sausage Sizzle: In our efforts to raise in excess of \$375 for the RCH, envelopes were sent home some weeks ago and I am pleased that so many parents have participated, contributing \$230.00 so far to the appeal.

On Tuesday, 4th April, the whole school will be invited to have a "Sausage Sizzle lunch" organised specifically for this appeal by the Grade 3/4 pupils. We trust that this effort will help us reach our target.

Kyneton Secondary College Concert Band, Swing Band And Wind Ensemble will again be providing a free performance for all staff, students and parents on Wednesday, 5th April, 11.15am in the School Gym. As part of our interschool transition program, our grade 5/6 pupils enjoyed the activities provided for them during their visit to the college last Friday. Our thanks are extended to the college staff for their courtesy. All of the grade 5/6 pupils were amazed at the memory and love of literature expressed by Mr Laurie Thompson when he paid a visit to the school last Wednesday. The visit was a further enrichment of the children's study of Australian ballads & poems.

ROMSEY VICKICK will begin its 1995 season next term on Friday, April 28th, from 4 - 5pm at Romsey Primary School. Enrolment day - Friday, 31st March from 4pm at Romsey Primary School. Children will still be able to enrol next term.

Following the recent <u>election of School Councillors</u>, the following office bearers have been elected for 1995/6:-

Mr. Ashley Spear : President;

Mr. Stephen Hendy : Vice President.

Mr. Bob Sherren : Secretary;

Mr. Trevor Turnham : Treasurer, E.O, Principal. Mr. Roger Baker : Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

Mr. Neil Anderton: Grounds Convenor

Mr. Neil Rowley : Education Forum Convenor.

Other members of School Council are:Mr. Wayne Clark Mr. John Fryer
Mrs. Diane Powell Mr. Robert Carroll
Mrs. Karen Hermann
Mrs. Leanne Carroll Mrs. Susan Little

The community is reminded that all:
 School Councillors give up their time on a voluntary basis to serve the school and would welcome

discussion with parents at any time.

School Council and sub committee meetings are open to the public and parents will receive a warm welcome should they wish to attend at any time.

TERM 2:

* Term 2 commences for children on Wednesday morning 26th April. At a special assembly planned to commence at 9.10am we will be highlighting Anzac Day and the positioning of a new plaque in the school grounds that ensures that our young Australians Remember the sacrifices made by men & women in time of war. * We will be acknowledging the generosity of the Country Women's' Association who have donated \$50.00 towards Library books that will enhance our Indonesian program. * At this assembly we will also present our Junior School Councillors with their badges. These young leaders will be elected by their peers this week.

* We extend an open invitation to all residents and

hope you can attend this assembly.

Please note that only Staff commence on Monday, April 24th and in the morning will be involved in a study of our "Assertive Discipline Program" with Mrs. Bernadette Murphy. Parents/volunteer helpers are cordially invited to attend this session which will commence at 9am.

* Term two promises to be another busy period of activity at Romsey. The M.S Readathon commences on the first day and a special speaker will be introducing the program to classes on May 2nd.

* Safety House Awareness week May 1-5 will be highlighted with special craft work organised in conjunction with the Safety House Committee & the Art Teacher. All the junior grades will be making their own Ima House & this project will be completed by the Friday of that week.

* May 6th will see volunteers erecting a new adventure playground. We will need your help so please plan to

assist between 9 & Noon on that day.

* Music Camp, which has become a real feature throughout the district will be conducted from May 22 - 26 and Mrs Rowlands will again by leading our children on this occasion.

* Education Week will be celebrated from May 29th - June 2 and the next edition of the Romsey Rag will outline the activities to be conducted at our school throughout the week.

* We again look torward to your continuing interest & the support you offer your local school

- Trevor Turnham Principal



The Mount Players Inc.

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President:

Andrew Meldrum (H) 054 26 2330 (Mobile) 018 363 828

The Mount Players Theatre Company is shortly to present WHO GOES BARE? at the Mountview Theatre. The company would greatly appreciate you placing the enclosed flyer on your staff notice board and including in your next school newsletter the following promotion of the play. Also included is a sketch to include with the promotion if you consider appropriate.

"The Mount Players Theatre Company is presenting the wickedly funny farce

WHO GOES BARE?

which is a riotously funny theatre experience involving a nude tennis player, a stag at bay, a dizzy maid servant, a mad quick- change artist and two brothers who run a seedy health farm. The show opens at the Mountview Theatre, Macedon, on Friday 21 April with performances on ,Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8.15 pm and Sunday twilights at 5.00pm until Saturday 13 May. Tickets are now available through Finch's of Macedon on telephone (054) 262271 from Tuesday to Sunday,priced at \$16 for adults and \$11 for children and concessions with group concession upon request."



LOCAL STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM KUMON METHODS

Local pre-schoolers, primary and high school students living in the Macedon Ranges and neighbouring areas can now take advantage of an after-school maths tuition programme based on the Kumon method. A new centre, the Gisborne Kumon Study Centre, opened in March and is supervised by Ursina Smale.

Kumon maths is based on an individualised, self paced, daily study programme.

"Once students miss some of the basics, it is easy for them to fall behind. The advantage with Kumon is that students progress at their own rate which helps them build confidence and encourages them to continue because they can see positive results as they progress," Ursina said.

Kumon is an after school tuition programme for students of any age who are either struggling in maths or who want 'more of a challenge' in their work. The Kumon Method not only helps children enjoy their classes and their homework, but develops important side benefits in the form of increased self confidence.

Students starting with Kumon are given a placement test to determine the level at which they are completely confident. Often this is below their current curriculum level at school. "As a result", Ursina stressed "Kumon is a very good supplement for what goes on in the classroom, it is not a replacement for it".

By doing a little Kumon every day and visiting the Kumon centre twice a week, students build a solid foundation and only progress when they are 100 per cent confident at each level.

The Kumon Study Centre in Gisborne is located in the Community Centre. For further information please call Ursina Smale on (054) 272 333.

MATHS MADE EASY

Kumon concentrates on the maths basics. It caters for all age groups by developing an individualised Kumon Maths is now available through the Gisborne Kumon Centre. Please contact Ursina Smale on (054) 272333.

Kumon builds confidence because students go at their own pace from

position of strength.

The programme helps creates good daily study habits.

programme for each student.



Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational church serving the local community. Our Sunday morning services are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 10.00am and include a full children's ministry. We are a spirit filled church, and a place where warm and friendly people gather together to worship the Lord. We love to sing the latest choruses and contempory christian songs, while our meetings emphasize the teaching of God's word.

YOUTH MINISTRY HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS CHILDRENS MINISTRY



BIBLE COLLEGE
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES
SOCIAL EVENTS

At Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship people are important. As a family based and community oriented church, we enjoy being a blessing to other people. Our burden is to present the gospel in a meaningful way, that people can receive Gods greatest gift - a true relationship with Jesus Christ. Your enquiry concerning any of our activities is welcomed by Geoff Holland (minister) on 295673 or Graham Mau on 291488. Geoff Holland is a member of Ministers Fellowship International.

LANCEFIELD - ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

April marks the end of the 94/95 track season, the first at our new venue opposite the Recreation Centre in Romsey. Much has been achieved to change a paddock onto an athletics area. By next season we hope

to get some rain to allow the top-dressed areas of the track to grow some grass!

We have had over 40 children competing regularly since last October. A new event was introduced this year, the Javelin has been a big hit with the older kids. A number of our athletes have travelled to open days at other Centres and also to the Regional Championships in Shepparton. From the Regionals four of our Athletes progressed to the State Championships at Olympic Park. Trenton Jamieson was 7th in the Javelin; Matthew Ogilvie, 16th in the Triple Jump; Meagan Quinn 5th in her heats of the 100 and 200m and Chris Oates ran a personal best to finish 5th in his heat of the 400m. Past members, the Birminghams also competed (each in 3 events) with their best results being silver for Collis in the 800m and bronze for Joel in the 1500m.

The Centre gives an award to the best male and female athlete of the season - based on number of events competed in, placings and personal bests achieved. The inaugural award winners are Matthew Hooke and Kate Carroll. The awards are sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and you will be able to

see them in the Romsey Branch.

Congratulations to all our athletes for both their efforts and achievements over the last six months. We now look forward to the Cross Country season which extends through winter. Once again we have a local competition for all ages on Saturday mornings with Regional and State Championships later in the year.

Contact numbers for Little Athletics 291 751 or 295 968.

EDITORIAL:

This edition of the Romsey Rag has come out a little earlier than usual due to the School Holidays commencing on 7th April and heavy work loads. We apologise if this has caused an inconvenience to anyone. It is always a good idea to get items for the Romsey Rag to either Margaret Howatson or the Romsey Primary School well before the end of the month.

The Romsey Rag committee would like to thank all our volunteers who help produce this monthly community paper. We are always looking for helpers especially with the collating and delivery. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Margaret Howatson at the Book Exchange or Helen Watts 295 250.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Park Lane (P.O. Box 162) Romsey : Telephone: 054 295 637 or 018 356 400

School Holiday Program: Monday 10th - Thursday 13th April, 1995

Plaster Fun: - Plaster painting - fun for all ages.

- Smocks, paints, brushes and glaze provided.

- Cost: Pieces from \$2.50-\$5.00 each : Daily between 9.30am - 12 noon

Fairystories: - Fairy Rainbow from "Myths & Legends" will entertain the children with magical stories! Wednesday, 12th April, 11am - 12 noon.

- Cost: \$3.00 per child. Suitable for children from 3 years old.

Sports Sessions - Supervised games including - Basketball, Netball, Squash, Badminton, Volleyball, Tabletennis, Billiards, Tennis, & more!!!

- Suitable for school age children. Daily sessions at 9.30am till 12 noon.

- Cost: \$3.00 per child

For more information and for bookings - Phone Tom on 295 637 or 018 356400 Today!

ROMSEY GYM:

Gym Hours (as at April 1995)

Mondays	9.30am - 12 noon	*C 9.30am	5.30 - 9.30pm *C 7pm
Tuesdays	8.30am - 12 noon	*Cllam	5.30 -9.30pm *C 8pm
Wednesdays	9.30am - 12 noon	*C 9.30am	5.30 - 9.30pm *C 7pm
Thursdays	9.30am - 12 noon	*C 9.30am	5.30 - 9.00pm *C 8pm
Fridays	9.30am - 12 noon	*C 9.30am	6.30 - 8.30pm
Saturdays	9.30am - 12 noon	*C 9.30am	[NB. *C denotes Circuit Class]
Please note we w			will re-open on Tuesday 18th April.

FOR SALE: Fridge 460L Philips Frost Free \$495; Bed & Base King Coil Queen \$150; 2 Stained Bedside (3-Drawer) Cabinets - \$65/Pair; Computer Desk Grey \$175; Office Chair Gas Lift Adjustable on Coasters - Brown - \$80; Stroller with hood and basket below seat \$30. All in excellent condition - Please phone 296 540.

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Please note that this is your last chance to purchase tickets!

ALL tickets Sold or unsold must be returned to Mrs Sue O'Brien by April 7th

1st Romsey Scout Group Committee wish to thank all those who have assisted us and those who have purchased tickets.

St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield / Romsey

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291359; Sr. Frances (Convent): 291582.

7.30pm Lancefield Mass times: Sat.

2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays Sun. for each month 1st & 3rd Sundays 8.00am Lancefield Romsey 10.00am Romsey Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 A.M.Saturday. or by arrangement.

* Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.

* Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295672.

Special events / programs:

* Scripture Journey: A gentle look at the Holy Scriptures. Come and join us for coffee, and an informal chat. Feel free to ask questions or just listen. Play area available for toddlers. Everyone welcome. Tuesdays 1.30-2.30 Romsey Church Hall. Enquiries: Margaret Holgate: 295907.

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Romsey 8.00p.m. 6 April RECONCILIATION Lancefield. 7.30p.m. PALM SUNDAY Vigil Romsey 8.00a.m. Lancefield 10.00a.m. (Please note: procession begins in front

of presbytery)

Lancefield ...followed by 7.30p.m. 13 April HOLY THURSDAY quiet prayer/ Exposition at Romsey.

14 April GOOD FRIDAY Way of the Cross (details to be advised)

Celebration of the Passion

3.00.p m.

Romsey

HOLY SATURDAY

15 April

7.30p.m.

Romsey (Vigil begins outside the Church with the Service of Light)

EASTER SUNDAY

16 April

8,00p.m. 10.00a.m. Lancefield Romsey

Holy Thursday street stall

Lancefield

10.a.m. onwards

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PLEASE DROP IN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT ANY TIME!

ROMSEY COMPUTER CLUB

TIME FOR A CHANGE!

he Romsey Computer Club had it's first meeting in Romsey during October 1994 and for the past 3 months has been operating from Riddells Creek. Due to the central position of Riddell, within the Macedon Ranges shire, it is intended that the Romsey Computer Club be renamed the Macedon Ranges Computer Club. It is hoped this will better describe the clubs district and central locale to future members.

Member attendance has wained somewhat and we are always looking for new attendees as well as retaining our established members. Any person interested in coming to a meeting can contact Deb Burge on (054) 286 977.

What happens at a computer club? We sit and chat about problems experienced on our computers, some

advice on problem solving is offered by more knowledgable members and we view new software releases with demos on PC. Cheap purchases may be made, through the club, without any sales pressure. Shareware programs and games are swapped, at no cost, so bring along some blank diskettes for a 3.5" drive.

Age is no barrier and we are open to all groups, including families. For a preview of what's new and a good chin wag bring yourselves along to the next meeting of the Macedon Ranges Computer Club, formerly the Romsey Computer Club. Meetings are held in a comfortable, warm home atmosphere.

We will preview Norton Desktop for Windows, both educational and entertainment value childrens programs and Cyberia the new DOS game.

Next Meeting
Sunday, April 23rd
at 3.00 pm
For details call
Deb Burge on 286 977

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COMPUTER MEMORY

If the following sounds familiar, this article is a must for you to read. My game won't run, this program is too slow, I just don't have enough conventional memory available on my computer.

To get the best out of memory for games and programs is easy. QUEMM version 7.5 can manage your memory and give as much as 631k (out of 640k) on a standard configuration.

This means the end of multiple bootdisks etc. Any one who has ever had their favourite game freeze on them should consider purchasing this program, which only takes up 3 MB of HDD space.

St. Mary's Primary School (Lancefield) - 291359

If you are thinking of sending your child to St. Mary's primary school, please fill in a pre-enrolment form, which can be obtained from the school office or from the church after Mass.

TRIENNIAL MEETING

PUBLIC PARK

Notice is hereby given, on behalf of the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources that a public meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 4th May, 1995 at the Bowls/Golf Clubrooms, Park Lane, Romsey to receive Office Bearer's reports on the operations of the Romsey Public Park Committee of management and to receive nominations for the appointment of up to 9 persons to the Committee of Management to serve a term of 3 years.

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL - ROMSEY OFFICE

PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

Those ratepayers who intend to pay Council Rates and Charges and the State Deficit Levy in full are reminded that the final date for payment without incurring any interest is Monday 10th April, 1995.

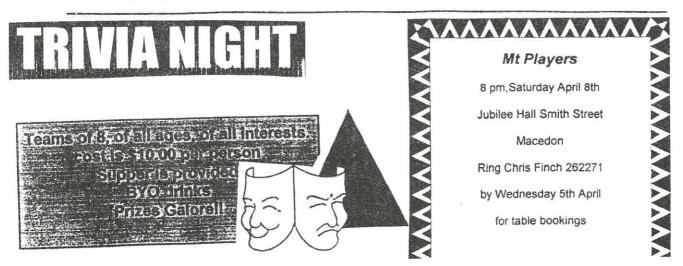
Local Government restructure does not affect the payment of rates and charges. Therefore rates and charges must still be paid as shown on the 1994/95 rate notice for the former Shire of Romsey. Payments must be made at the Shire Office, 98 Main Street, Romsey during normal office hours or sent by mail to P.O. Box 14, Romsey, 3434.

Remember payment must be made as shown on your rate notice by no later than 10th April, 1995.

PENSION CONCESSION

If you believe that you are eligible to receive a pension concession on your Rates Levy and Charges and have not been granted a concession as shown on the front of your rate notice then you should contact the Rates Officer AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

ROMSEY SECRETARIAL SERVICES, 106 Main Street, Romsey. Fax/Tel: (054) 296 090. Wordprocessing facility/Copying A4/A3 Reduction/Expansion. Fax outgoing \$3 first page/\$1.50 thereafter. World Wide \$3 per page. Incoming \$2 per page - just ensure your telephone number is shown on the fax and I will ring you to come to the shop to collect) 24 Hour Service 7 Days per week. Dictaphone typing and bookkeeping can be arranged. Margaret Howatson, Proprietor.



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On Easter Sunday we celebrate, we sing with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts for the One sho died for us. He did not stay on that cross, He was resurrected by the power of God and is now seated in Heaven with His Heavenly Father. His victory is now our victory and that is why we celebrate and love our Savour because, while we were sinners He first loved us.

Come celebrate, give thanks this Easter Sunday for this gift of life. Our service begins at 10am. upstairs 109 Main Road, Romsey. For our evening service check the Living Word Book Shop for place and time.

The Woodend A.O.G. Church will also be having their first Easter Sunday service. For details phone Pastors Sean and Rachel Greenwood on (054) 29 6264.

For all Enquiries contact our church office and book shop on (054) 29 6327, or (054) 29 538.

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF: Results for March, 1995

Wednesday 1st March - Stroke 8th March - Stroke

1st. Darlene Baker nett 65 - count back from
2nd. Carol Daniels nett 65
2nd. Shirley Shelton nett 69
3rd. Leila Beasley nett 67
3rd. Beryl Cole nett 73

15th March - Stroke: Monthly Medal 22nd March - Canadian Event

1st. Darlene Baker nett 65

1st. Beryl Cole & Pam Bray nett 62

2nd. Mary Campbell nett 67

2nd. Darlene Baker-Cheryl Crozier net 62.5

3rd. Leila Beasley nett 72

29th March - Match Play: President V Captain Victory to the Captain's team.

Twilight Golf.

With the end of daylight saving the Twilight competition has finished. It was a wonderful time for some social golf as well as some very serious play with Danny Gaunt having a terrific sub-par round of 58 strokes for 18 holes!! Well done Danny.

Romsey Challenge Bowl:

On Monday, March 27th, we hosted the third annual Romsey Bowl. There was a full field of ladies from 14 different clubs. We wish to thank our sponsors whose generous contributions have allowed this day to be so successful. A big thankyou to:-

Phil & Virginia Newell, Electrical Contractors - Bowl Sponsors and

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The Bowl was won by the Broadford team on a countback from Mt. Alexander.

The Strawberry Patch

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Saturday 29th. Folk Art Watch Faces.

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From the Vicar.

Many of you will have heard by now the news of my departure from this Parish to the Parish of Mt.Waverley. This will be a new and exciting move for me and as you can imagine a complete contrast to 'country ministry'. I was invited to put my name forward for interview along with eight others, and I must say thought at the time that there would be little chance of such a move. However despite the little chance of such an appointment it has happened.

Let me take this opportunity to say thankyou to this community for nearly 4years of fruitful and happy ministry, for the opportunities of coming to know so many of you and for the warm hospitality I have received in many of your homes. I remain here until the 7th of May, and will begin work at Mt.Waverley on June the 5th- with a brief holiday in-between.

My final services will be on May 7th. 9.30am Eucharist at St.Pauls Romsey, followed by a Parish Lunch and an Ecumenical service at Christ Church Lancefield at 5.00pm on the same day. Holy Week and Easter services are listed below.

With my good wishes to you all at this Easter time



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Friday Way of the Cross 10.00am from the Uniting
Church, Romsey, Street March

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quick. Other activities that are always available are:- Knitting and Craft Group: with winter coming, drag out your knitting and come along on Tuesdays at 1.00p.m. Tai Chi on Monday nights at 7.00p.m. Walking Group - every Thursday at 9.15, meet at the House. Weigh In Group: Also Thursdays at 9.15a.m. Book Discussion Group: meets monthly. Anyone wishing to form an evening group is asked to contact the ouse. Literacy and Numeracy Class - this is a free class to help

brush up on reading, writing and maths skills. Bus Trips - held every third Friday to shopping centres in Melbourne. The next one will be 12th May to Northland. Cost is \$6, please ring the Hose to book a seat. TOY LIBRARY: Open Tuesdays 2pm to 3pm at the House. Cost \$20 per year or \$25 for 2 or more children. Contact Julie

Sexton on 237 242 for details. We have a range of educational toys for loan to suit pre-school children. The toy library will open during the evening also if there is sufficient demand.

Rural Women's Group - Stuck at home while the kids are at school and husband at work? Come along on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.30 and have a cuppa and a chat!

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REDBACK NEWS Romsey Football Club

Six weeks into the pre-season slog and things are looking positive for the forthcoming season. An intra-club practice match on Thursday 23rd March gave us an insight as to how our preparation for the forthcoming season was progressing and I'm sure coach Darren Weavell was reasonably happy with our first hit-out. recruits strutted their stuff for the first time and most were impressive.

Not so good off the field though. We are desperately seeking trainers and strappers to assist us in getting the boys on the ground. So if you have basic first aid training or are willing to learn any help would be greatly appreciated. Just call in any Tuesday or Thursday. A small remuneration may be paid depending on

experience.

Don't forget our licenced Club Rooms are open on Thursday and Friday nights and a courtesy car is available to drive you home on Friday nights if you don't want to play 'Beat the Booze Bus'! UPCOMING EVENTS: Practice Matches - 1st April -vs- Broady United. 3 games. U18's at 10.00a.m. Reserves and Seniors to follow. $8t\bar{h}$ April -vs- Creswick - 3 games as above. Both practice games are at Romsey and full bar and canteen facilities are The season starts in earnest on 22nd April and we want available. community support.

SOCIAL NIGHTS: Saturday 22nd April KAREOKE night with D.J. at rooms Saturday 6th May at Mechanics starts at 7.30pm \$5.00 per head. Hall - top Melbourne cover bankd "Back 2 Back" - Over 18's only. Bar facilities available \$6.00 cover charge - all welcome! Best wishes to Steve Wilson for a speedy recovery after a hernia operation last week. His wife Rebecca is due soon and if it is a caesarean birth they will have matching scars - good luck!

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If you have singlets that belong to the RDBA could you please return them as soon as possible. They are expensive to replace and we need them for the next season., Players will be sent their team name and fixture when teams have been finalised.

Results of Grand Finals SENIORS

Rite-way Sonics Def Worst In Comp. 55:45 MVP - Richard Slimmon

MVP-R/UP - Rohan Keats Craig Holland

MVP-Fem - Belinda Hunter

JUNIORS

Under 10s Giants Def Devils 15:10 Coaches Liz Clarkso Mr Walker

MVP - Matt Little

MVP - Christopher Bordin

Encouragement Award - Rachael Clarkson

Under 12 - Magic Def Homets - 32:29

Coach J.Godbolt/ I Wilkins

MVP-Peter Godbolt

MVP - R/UP- Shane Jones

MVP- Fem - Jennifer Campbell

Under 14 Spectres Def Hawks 41:39

Coaches: A&J Barnes D. Ryan

MVP Nicholas Dyer

MVP R/Up Phillip Conway

MVP Fem. Adele Odering

16&Under - Bulls Def Pistons 40:31 Coaches: J. Barnes/ P

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MVP - Aaron Barnes

MVP - R/UP Matthew Bennett

MVP Fem. - Jane Nunn

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The long week-end of 12th/13th March saw the Mixed 4's being played on the Sunday with Helene and Ken Newnham and Marj and Norm Davis combining to be the winning team - well done! Monday is our annual Men's Four's tournament and after a long play-off Wayne Turner's team from Kyneton were the winners. Followed by great celebrating in the Football Club's bar which they had kindly loaned to the bowling club for the day!

The Men's Triples were won by the team of Bruce Robb, Ken Newnham and Norm Thompson. The 100Up was won by Mike Dobson and the runner-up was Peter Mitchell. Well done Dobbo!!

President's Day was held on Sunday, 26th March with a good turnout of bowlers. We all had a real fun day with the team of Mike Dobson, Barry Ireland and Rena Moore winning on the day! Sam's

Dobson, Barry Ireland and Rena Moore winning on the day! Sam's speach had us all listening very intently - as always - but always good for a laugh! We were all very, very, happy to have Doug and Amy green spectate and Sam and Jean presented Doug with his own special wee award for BEING WITH US!! Keep well Doug.

The Ladies have been busy too, attending the various tournaments in

the district. The 21Up was played off between Jean Cropley and Rena Moore with Rena the victor after a very good game of bowls. Good on you Rena!!! Bob would be very happy for you and we all send our very best wishes to Bob up in Kilmore.

Presentation Night is on Friday, April 7th at 7.00p.m. and we are all looking forward to that. The season has been very busy and with both Association Finals of the men's and ladies' sections being played on our Synthetic green for the first time we are very pleased to be recognised at long last!

Because of our synthetic green we are able to have WINTER BOWLS and the Ladies will play on Tuesdays (commencing April 25th) with a 10.30a.m. start - BYO lunch. 2 games of 10 ends weather permitting. Neat casual dress is allowed - no need to wear whites and we would make new bowlers who would like to try the game under casual circumstances most welcome! Please phone President Jean Cropley on 295 538 or Secretary Dorothy Thompson on 295 421 for

The Men will also have Winter Bowls on Thursdays (commencing April 20th) 11.00a.m. start - 8 Ends then lunch provided - then two more games of 8 ends. Neat casual dress also. We would always welcome any bowlers or non-bowlers to these days and if you want any more details on the men's game please ring Norm Thompson on 295 421. Good Bowling, Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer.

more information.

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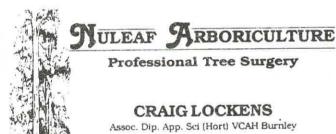
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"BUNGAWITTA" NEWS

"Bungawitta" (Place of little Possums) is the name for our new Playgroup home of our own, The Old Primary School.

Playgroup Street Festival.

A little belated but I would like to thank all those who worked behind the scenes ,sold raffle tickets or were just there to make the Festival a success .

A special thankyou goes to Marie Hall and Anne and Michael Goldsworthy as without their help and support the festival would not have taken place. Also a big thankyou to Dean Jones for the donation of the autographed cricket bat to raffle this was also very successful.

Raffle and competition winners.

Cricket Bat Raffle. 1st Prize.. Mrs T Gleeson Romsey,2nd Prize Mr Thomlinson Hoppers Crossing, 3rd Prize S Thompson Hoppers Crossing.

Who belongs to Who Competition. was won by Mrs B Large Romsey.

Jelly bean Jar. There was 805 beans in the jar. The winner was Mrs Saddler with a a guess of 800.

Dress Up Competition. The winners were ,0-2 Jacki Ashley 2 years old ,2-4 Elyse 3 years , 4-6 Arron Goldsworthy 6 years.

Our New Home.

Transformation of the old School has started to take place. In the last couple of weeks work has commenced on the grounds, the old fence has been taken down and rebuilt along our boundary. A new fence will replace it to fence of our new playground. And the lawn has been sown. Other projects in hand are as follows a) A ramp up to glass doors will be built to provide wheelchair and pusher access.

- b) The construction of an enclosed environmental playground suitable for preschoolers.
- c) The restoration of exterior of building to former appearance.

d) To create a natural parkland with community amenities.ie BBQ picnic tables etc in our

grounds.

We have at this stage approached the LEAP program to assist us in our works . LEAP is a Commonwealth Government initiative ,funded by the Department of Employment Education and Training.LEAP aims to provide training for Local unemployed or disadvantaged young people in a wide range of practical and vocational skills associated with conservation ,environment and heritage protection projects.

If successful in our application with LEAP it would benefit us in many ways . However at this point the application needs your support . Letters from potential users of the building ,and those who see it as a worthwhile project would be appreciated . For further information please contact Gillian Gorrie pH 295448 or Jan Mc Minn pH 295563. Our application deadline is the 19th April.

We find this project exciting as it is a lovely old building of Historical significance and it will be nice to see it used and cared for . as well as providing a pleasant meeting place for all.

1st Romsey Scout Group News.

Please note that this is your last chance to purchase tickets!

ALL tickets Sold or unsold must be returned to Mrs Sue O'Brien by April 7th

1st Romsey Scout Group Committee wish to thank all those who have assisted us and those who have purchased tickets in the Great Great Scout raffle, however we are still urgently in need of leaders. At the recent AGM it was noted that there are vacant positions for Group Leader, Joey Scout Leader and Assistant Scout Leader. All sections now cater for both boys and girls and althought there are female leaders in each section, due to personal or work commitments all leaders need support. Please consider whether you could assist us. training is provided and there is no need for any previous experience. We genuinely need you assistance. At the AGM we were also unable to find a President for the committee. Although Mr Neil Andertoin has served in this capacity over the past two years he no longer has a youth member as part of the Group and due to work commitments will be leaving Romsey. Neil has agreed to stay on the committee but not in his previous position as president. Sincere thanks were expressed to Neil, the leaders and the small group of helpers who provide invaluable support to the whole group. We were fortunate in gaining extra assistance for committee but the President's role is vacant.

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