

Romsey Rag

March Edition 1999

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in the Heart of Victoria.

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ROMSEY ART SHOW

The C.F.A. and Romsey Artists wish to thank all who supported them by attending the Art Show, or making a donation. The night was a social success, with Paul Green opening the Show and Marion Spring winning the painting, generously donated by Val Barnett. "Congratulations Marion."
A special thanks to Cope-Williams Winery for their elegant wines. Thanks too, to those who kindly donated a slice and or their time. We would like to thank the Romsey Walking Group for their assistance, it was very much appreciated.



THE HON. NEIL O'KEEFE MHR
MEMBER FOR BURKE
SHADOW MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

February 25th 1999

Mrs Margaret Howatson
Romsey & L'field Districts Historical Society

Re: Federation Community Projects Program


Thank you very much for your application for funding under this program.

I have now been advised by my Electorate Selection Committee that your application for the development of a sealed path between Romsey and Lancefield will be recommended to the Minister for Communication & Arts for funding of \$30,000.

The Electorate Selection Committee for Burke assessed over sixty applications which were both diverse in range and of a very high quality. The Committee met on four occasions to assess applications and arrive at a final set of recommendations.

I will forward a list of the successful applicants in Burke to you once final decisions have been made by the Minister, this should be by mid year.

Congratulations again



Neil O'Keefe (MHR)
Member for Burke

TTYs to the rescue!

Is it a problem hearing on the telephone? It doesn't have to be. A teletypewriter (TTY) allows you to type a conversation back and forth over the telephone line. You don't need to hear a conversation. You read it!

If you have a TTY it doesn't mean you can only ring others with TTYs. Thanks to the National Relay Service you can ring anyone in the world, at whatever time you wish. Would you rather speak than type? The relay service allows you to speak to people, too.

You can rent a TTY from Telstra for a few dollars a month. You may need an audiologist or other professional to certify that you have a hearing impairment. Get full details from Telstra by getting someone to ring 1800 068 424. If you can use a TTY, there is a TTY number as well: 1800 808 981. The operators are very helpful and will tell you what you need to do to rent a TTY.

With a TTY, ring the relay service on 1800 629 863. They will explain how you can use your TTY to chat to anyone. Ask them about 'voice carry-over'. This allows you to speak to the person you called, and read what he or she says in reply!

You will no longer have to depend on anyone else to make calls for you. All the frustration of struggling to work out what people are saying to you on the phone will vanish. Telstra, the relay service, and TTYs are coming to the rescue!

Part of a regular series prepared by Loddon Mallee DeafLink, an information program provided by the Bendigo Health Care Group. Address: P O Box 126, Bendigo, 3552. Voice, TTY, messages: 1800 068 978, 5442 7860; Fax: 5441 1279.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

On Sunday Feb 21st, we were pleased to welcome the RVBA touring party. They arrived in the afternoon while the Men's Triples was in progress and stayed for high tea.

They returned on the following Thursday to play a few ends of bowls before continuing on to Sunbury. The club graciously accepted mementos of their visit.

As we are now bowling in an east-west direction, shelters are to be built. These will be a welcome addition, especially for next season.

The men's second pennant side has a chance to play in the finals. We wish them good bowling. The other pennant sides have not done so well this season but there's always next season.

The golfers versus the bowlers twilight bowls meeting saw the bowlers successful this time. This is an opportunity for non-bowlers to try our wonderful game. Hopefully some of them will consider taking up bowls on a more regular basis.

Till next time all the best and good bowling for 98-99

Leo. Wels (Press Officer)

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

MARCH 21st 10am-5pm

Looking for a great day out with all the family.

Come to Assumption College Harvest Festival in Kilmore. Use the day to look over the school for your future needs.

Festival begins at 10am with a Car Boot Sale of all your trash/treasure (participate for \$10.00 per car/\$15 per trailer).

There is every conceivable type of food for you to enjoy, Harley Rides, Plant Sales, Devonshire Teas, books, games and rides as well as a Battle of the Local Bands and Spinning wheel prizes.

To cap off the day there is a football match on the main oval (free of charge) - Assumption First 18 playing Kilmore Football Club Firsts.

Come along for a great family day out. Information: 54286 590 (AH)

Romsey Primary School News

March 1999

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

I am pleased to announce that as a result of the recently concluded School Council Election process, we have five new school councillors. Special thanks are expressed to previous councillors, David Blicblau, Greg Brown, Leanne Carroll, and Kath Jakabsons, who did not seek re-election.

Throughout this term newsletter items have focussed on the role of the School Council and new councillors have been provided with information kits for their person reference. We have been extremely fortunate in the past to have maintained a very healthy working partnership with our school council and the results are indicated in the parental support received for school programs.

PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISING A Special word of appreciation is expressed to the organisers and those who attended the "Tastings with Safeway" which was held in the Gymnasium, last Thursday. An excess of \$320.00 was raised.

MILK FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM: 154 children are now receiving milk each day as a result of the introduction of this program. Parents are reminded that if your child is absent they may claim their milk to take home or as an extra during the day.

MUSIC CAMP: In order to subsidise the cost of the District Music camp, Icecreams are being sold available on Tuesdays & Thursdays 11.00 - 11.15am at the Canteen, \$1.00 each. The District Music Camp has had a great reputation over the years and has provided a great range of skills and experiences designed to enhance the musical talents of pupils.

SOMERS Camp staff have again arranged an opportunity for children in year 5/6 to attend the 10 camp in October between 5th and the 13th. This opportunity only occurs once every two years and the very low cost should enable schools to send a number of representatives.

SRI CHINMOY - PEACE RUN *Run to the new millennium*

is a global torch relay, covering more than 80,000 kms. Each person runs a few kilometres holding aloft a flaming Peace Torch. Held every two years in Australia since 1987, the Peace Run does not seek to raise money or promote any political cause, but only to create good will among people and nations. In 1999 the Peace Run will visit every nation on earth, with a Peace Run event taking place somewhere in the world each day of the year. Runners in this relay visited Romsey Primary School last Friday afternoon and our pupils were invited to share the torch after making a presentation of songs, art and poetry.

ROMSEY DISTANCE RUN CHAMPIONSHIPS: This year is the 15th Running of the Distance Run Championship. This event is designed for all children in Grades 3/4 and 5/6 to participate in - walk, jog or run all the way. (Year 3/4 children 2km. Year children 5/6 3km) The top 10 place getters in each level go to Hanging Rock to compete in the District Championship. Pupils from Clarkefield are keen to join with us this year and we invite any interested parents to come along and run or just support the children during these activities.

Date: Tuesday, March 30th. 3/4 9.15am. 5/6 10.15am

ROMSEY AUSKICK 1999.

Yes this program is again being offered by Mr Sherren after school on Fridays. An Information Brochure & details of the 1999 program including enrolment forms are available at the

school office. Auskick is a football skills program for boys and girls from prep to Grade 6. Assistance from any interested adults would be greatly appreciated. This program is not limited to pupils of Romsey Primary School

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE : The Minister of Education has been invited to officially open this new facility which has been established (in room 15) at Romsey Primary School this year. The outstanding facilities will save the 15 trainees travelling for more than two hours on the day of their training and enable them to establish close supportive links with one another. It is planned to open the facility on Monday March 22nd at 2pm. Invited guests will meet with state wide Reading Recovery representatives and the new general Manager for our Region Mr Steve Marshall.

PREP PUPIL MEDICAL CHECKS: During the last two weeks Sr. Phillips conducted medical checks on all Prep Children. She will be returning to the school on Friday 12th March to conclude the program. Any parents who may wish to discuss Health or behaviour issues with Sr. Are invited to make an appointment through the school office for March 12th.

EASTER FUNDRAISING: We are asking all families to donate an Easter egg for our raffle this year. This raffle has always been extremely successful. Tickets will be 20c each. All greatly appreciated Easter egg donations can be left in the box in the office

A "Sunicrust" Hot Cross Bun drive has also been organised. Order forms for the half dozen Sunicrust buns (\$2.50) are available at the school office. We expect delivery of the buns on Tuesday 30th March.

Year 5/6 children will be assisting with a sausage sizzle in aid of the **Royal Children's Hospital Appeal** on March 30th (being a Tuesday there is usually no Canteen service on that day). As in previous years we strive to contribute at least \$1 to the appeal for each child attending the school. May be you could help us maintain our record of exceeding that goal. Envelopes for donations will be sent home with pupils next week.

JOINING THE CHORUS Auditions for the **Joining the Chorus Dancers and The Joining the Chorus Singers - Bendigo Ensemble** Auditions for places in these new ensembles to be located in Bendigo will be held on 24th March, 1999. Registrations will be accepted until 22nd March, 1999. Auditions are open to students from Yrs 4 to 12 in Victorian Government schools. Further information call Joining the Chorus on 03 9329 8210.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS: Many children (including some who left the school during the past 3 years) still have overdue library books, despite being given overdue notices and constant reminders. As the first step to recovering these books, could all parents please have a thorough check at home for any books belonging to Romsey primary School library and return them to the school as soon as possible? (This includes parents of older children who may have left the school). Thankyou for your assistance.

CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM This five week program designed to support the work of parents in the classroom. It is an important component of the Keys to Life Early Literacy Program. I thank Mrs Diane Sherren for undertaking the leadership of this important program which commenced last week.

If you have an interest in the operation of our programs or wish to view the school in operation, please do not hesitate to contact me on 54 295099

Trevor .H. Turnham. Principal.

ROMSEY LIVING WORD

A CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Church Service Times

Sunday Morning 10:AM
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM

For Details, Contact:

Senior Minister
Ps Marilyn Hunter
Office 5429 6327
A.H. 5429 5381
Secretary
Deneice Kidney
Ph. 5429 6327

Romsey Living Word A0034393U
Christian Church
P.O.Box 164
Romsey
Ph. 5429 6327

Children's Co-Ordinator Elsie Parkinson 5429 6196
Youth .. Shaun Hunter 5429 5381
Women .. Deneice Kidney 5429 6737

We welcome all new and not so new residents to Romsey to join us Sunday mornings where you can meet and make new friends. We have many departments to cater to all aspects of our community. *Home meetings, Youth meetings weekly, & outings fortnightly, Children's programs, KidZone, prep to grade 6 weekly, Yong Adventurers monthly, for 8-12 years, Women's special events.*

Sunbury Community Health Centre Inc.

Invites you to the 10th

ONE STOP BODY SHOP

a "top to toe" health check program

Sat. 20th March 10 - 4pm

Sun. 21st March 10 - 4pm

Age 16 yrs +

\$10 entry provides

Healthy Heart Check,

Blood Cholesterol and Blood Glucose

Blood Pressure, Fitness Test,

Pap Test, Breast Exam, Skin Exam,

Testicular Exam

Eye Health, Hearing Test, Foot Exam,

Posture Screen & Lung Function,

No bookings required

Optional tests:

\$8 for P.S.A. blood test for Prostate Cancer
(for men 45yrs +)

\$39 for Bone Density Test for Osteoporosis
for both men and women.

(Bookings only required for Bone Density test)

choose all tests or tests of your choice

Same day consultations, same day results

(Except 3 days for results for Pap Tests & P.S.A.)

Ph. 9744 4455 for more information

Held at Cnr Gap Rd. & Horne St. Sunbury



The program is now very well established and running. Our aim for the care of the children is to encourage them to interact with enjoyment, to promote self esteem, to motivate them to develop the many talents that reside in each and every one. An on going list of projects will be developed to encourage an enthusiasm to come to care. We understand this is a necessary part of their day and our endeavor is to make the transition for parents and children as pleasant as can be.



This is becoming a thriving program! Why not ask those who are already attending?

Hours are: Mon. to Fri 7am to 9.45 3.30 PM to 6.30pm.

Cost: AM session \$4 for 1hr > \$6 for two hrs

PM

\$5 for 1 hr > \$7.50 for two or more

Full Government cash rebate benefits are available to eligible families.

Easy access to care through gate behind the primary school, Children are taken and collected from St Mary's and Romsey Schools each session.

To enquire further or book a place, either casual or permanent the Co-Ordinator Elsie Parkinson can be contacted on 5429 6327 or 5429 6196.

Romsey O.S.H.C. Lot 7 Mitchell Crt Romsey P.O.Box 164 Romsey Ph/Fax 5429 6327

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

Major Raffle Tickets will be sold and donations for Red Cross March Appeal will be collected on Saturday mornings during March near the Romsey Newsagency when we hope the support of local residents will be received.

Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th March at 1.30pm at the home of Mrs Marion Spring, 68 Main Street, Romsey, when new members will be very welcome to join us.

A Display and Sale of Winter Fashions by Danny Blume will be featured at a Morning Coffee, at Romsey Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey on Friday 21st May, 1999, at 10.30am with a donation of \$6.00 to aid Red Cross Funds. Everyone Welcome.

Helen Clement





ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH LANCEFIELD / ROMSEY

Fr. George O'Connor: 5429 2130; Sr. Patricia
(School); 5429 1359,
Sr. Frances (Convent); 5429 1582

Mass Times

Sat.	10am	Romsey	
	7.30pm	Lancefield	
Sundays of the month	1st, 3rd	2nd, 4th, 5th	
	8am	Lancefield	Romsey
	10am	Romsey	Lancefield
Daily Masses: as advertised in the weekly bulletin.			
Reconciliation (Confession): 11am Saturday or by arrangement.			

PRAYER LIFE

- Rosary recited before weekday Masses and Sat. night Mass.
- 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Monday, 7.30pm Romsey Church Hall.
Contact: Merle De Silva 5429 5672. We are a praying community and if you request prayers for family or individual needs please write clearly, no names necessary, to: The Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.
- Christian Meditation (silent prayer) St. Mary's Church, Romsey, Monday. 8-9pm. (side door), or Ph. Stephen 5429 5907

DROP IN CENTRE

The St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey welcomes our community to the Drop In Centre at St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey on the 1st Thursday of every month... (No meeting Holy Thursday,) **transferred** to ...**8th April, 6th May, 3rd June.** 10.30am start.

Coffee/tea morning and afternoons. A table of goods is also offered, plus card games and more. 20c for card game...money distributed among winners! Free lunch. Come to just look...Come to chat and be part of the fun. For transport ph. 5429 2130

OP. SHOP (St Vinny's also)

Open every Thursday at Romsey. 10.30am - 12.30pm. **Great bargains!** No article of clothing over a dollar! For donations of clothing or furniture ph. Rose 5429 5270

CAKE STALL HOLY THURSDAY

St. Mary's Parents & Friends will hold a cake & goods stall at Romsey, 9 am - 2pm. Easter raffle.

MASS OF ANOINTING

A Mass of Anointing will be celebrated at **St. Mary's Church, Lancefield** at 11am on **Friday 19th March.** For transport ph. 5429 2130

MEN'S MASS AND BREAKFAST

The next men's Mass and Breakfast will be on

Saturday 13th March at 8.00am at Lancefield. All men of the parish are invited to this enjoyable get-together with Father George and parishioners.

EARLY MASS

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be an early morning Mass at 6.15am at the Romsey Church.

EASTER SERVICES

SERVICE OF PENANCE

Reconciliation (Confession)
Thursday 18th March 8pm Romsey

WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday 11am Uniting Church. Lancefield

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S

PASSION Good Friday 3pm Romsey

EASTER VIGIL

Sat. 3rd March 7.30pm Romsey

EASTER DAY

8am Lancefield
10am Romsey

Consider this...

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, brought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone - which was very big - had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter.' 'He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.'

(Mark 16: 1 - 7)

The **Season of Easter** is our most important season in the Church's year. At this time we celebrate when Jesus Our Lord was betrayed for us and broke the chains of death. This has profound meaning for us, and for the whole world.

For questions about these meanings and beliefs please ring Fr. George on 5429 2130 and he will be happy to discuss them with you.

*The stone which the
builders rejected
has become the corner
stone.*

*This is the work of the
Lord,
a marvel in our eyes*

Ps 117



OPENING IN ROMSEY

NEW BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT

100 Crooked Road,
ROMSEY 3434
Ph: (03) 5429 5901

Kym & Ray Raverty
Mob Ph: 041 3470221

IN THE
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We offer the community of Romsey accommodation
if you have a big event happening: eg -

Family Reunion
Wedding

Milestone Birthday

If you can't cater for all the extra bodies we are a
family friendly B & B which specialises in personal
service so your guests will feel that your event is
worth the effort. Compare our price & service to a
hotel or caravan park.

SHARON'S SEWING CLASSES

are starting again for 1999

Would you like to sew for yourself or the kids or for
home, don't WORRY its so easy. We could make
cushions, clothes or just learn to understand a pattern by
learning the meaning of the terms used. You'd be
surprised at what YOU can make. Just phone Sharon
King 5429 5743 to book your possie,. Cost is \$6 per
night on Tuesdays starting 7 - 9pm, Tuesday 20th April
1999 for the school term of approximately 10 weeks.

LANCEFIELD HOME & RURAL SERVICE

34 High Street, Lancefield. 3435

Phone: B.H. 5429 1600 A.H. 5429 1471

MARCH DEALS ON ALL FLOOR
STOCK WOOD HEATERS
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(03) 5785 1460

SACRED HEART COLLEGE Parents are informed that
there will be an Open Day/Enrolment Day for prospective
Year 7 - year 2000 students at Sacred Heart College on
Sunday, 14th March, 1999. Any parents unable to attend, are
welcome to telephone Mrs. Susan Young, Principal's
Secretary, on 5422 2111, to request an Enrolment Application
Form and an appointment with the Principal. Enrolment
Applications are due at the College by Friday, 26th March.

OPEN DAY AT "BUNGAWITTA"

Cnr. Main Rd. & Palmer St.

When: Sunday, 14th March, 1999 : 11am - 2pm

* Animal Nursery * Face Painting
* Sausage Sizzle * Helium Balloons
* Devonshire Teas * Drinks Available
Please come and support your playgroup

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54 296 977

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I would like to introduce myself and offer my
professional services.

With 5 years experience delivering professional, caring
and punctual mowing services in Perth, W.A., we have
moved into the community of Romsey to enjoy the
benefits of being with our children and grandchildren.
I guarantee that I will deliver to you the same professional
services that allowed Bob's Mowing to be known by all -
whether its mowing your lawn, brushcutting, pruning
or weeding, I will be there on time every time !

Bob's Mowing - 54 295 505

LANCEFIELD / ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE.

On the 13th and 14th of February 12 athletes from the Centre competed in the Little Athletics Regional Championships. It was Albury so it was hot. The track has a good number of shade trees around the perimeter to help keep things cool. Representing the Centre from Romsey were – Kate Carroll who was just off of a place in the 400 metres but ran a massive 'Personal Best', Paul Fabri who was second in javelin, Emma Francis, Michael Francis who earned a silver medal in the 300m hurdles and a bronze in the 100m hurdles, Colleen Graham who came second in the javelin, discus and shotput, Eleni Holgate, Matthew Powell who was second in shotput and just out of a medal in the discus and our youngest competitor Michael Graham who finished fourth in the hurdles final. The pool at the camping ground got a lot of use over the weekend and the late nights wouldn't have done a lot for performances, but a good time was had by all.

The Centre is planning a raffle in the next few weeks. Many excellent prizes are available and tickets can be obtained from any one in Little Athletics. Funds raised will go towards improving our facilities.

On the first two Saturdays in March (6th & 13th) we are running our normal Centre Competition. On Wednesday 17th we have a special Twilight Competition (this enables parents that can't make it on Saturdays to come down to see their kids in action). Representing us at the State Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st will be Chris Laguda, Paul Fabri, Michael Francis, Colleen Graham (in three events) and Matthew Powell at this stage.

Our final competition for the summer season is our Centre Track & Field Championships on Saturday March 27th. Presentation night is on Wednesday 31st. A busy month to finish our season.
Information on Little Athletics 5429 1751.

Lancefield Community Bank

An interim steering committee has been formed to investigate the possibility of setting up a Community Bank Branch with the Bendigo Bank. The initial aim of the committee is to determine the level of support that this concept is likely to receive. Your response will determine whether or not the project proceeds to the next stage of an independent viability study. This study will determine, in business terms, the bank's potential to be successful. Whilst we may want to have a bank it must be shown by an independent business expert to be a viable proposition.

If the viability study shows the branch could be profitable a formal committee/board would be formed to develop the concept through to an operational entity. It would be at this point nominations would be called for members to serve on this committee/board.

A summary of all the information you should have received via a post out, outlines the various aspects of a bank branch in Lancefield. The basic question that will need to be answered is: Are you the residents of the district willing to invest and support a Bank franchise? The gauge of this support will be determined by the amount of pledges received. This committee urges you to consider both the short and longer term benefits associated with this venture.

As you may be aware we are not the first to explore this concept. The towns of Rupanyup and Minyip, Upwey, Lang Lang, Henty, Toora and Avoca have already been successful in opening branches. It should be noted that all these branches are ahead of financial targets set in their business plans. Wentworth and Coleambally are set to open next month. Maldon is planned to open mid April. The West Australian Government has invited the Bendigo Bank to look at a community bank network in their state. Many other districts similar to ours are now going through the same exercise.

The success of this project does not lie with a government, council or bank executive. You, the individual of the district must decide whether you wish to invest and support this initiative. In short our community would own and operate a Bendigo Bank Community Bank branch and receive a guaranteed share of all branch revenue. Effectively we would be investing in a business - not buying a service. Apart from the convenience of having full banking services the re investment of any profits back into the community will make for a better place to live.

If you have any questions at all, regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact one of the persons listed below.

Submitted by Lancefield Community Bank Interim Steering Committee

Contact List

John Chisholm	5429 2202
Ryan Glassy	5429 1613
John Haslett	5429 1754
Ken Notman	5429 2202
Peter O'Rourke	5429 5240
Peg Reaburn	5429 1689
Colin Smith	5429 1035

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE



ALL FIRE CALLS :- DIAL 000

The Romsey Fire Brigade, along with all other Brigades in Region 14, now comes under a centralised Computer Aided Dispatch system (CAD). So by simply dialling 000 contact can be made with whichever emergency service you may require.

The members of the Romsey Fire Brigade are also seeking any photos, newspaper articles, letters, stories, yarns, anecdotes, hearsay or otherwise in relation to the history of the Brigade and its past members and office bearers. Any information you may be able to obtain would be greatly appreciated. Items may be left with Capt Ron Cole at the Post Office, Frank Crossman at the Fuel and Produce in the Main St or contact me at home on 54295649. Naturally all items would be carefully looked after and copied and returned as required.

In closing, I would just like to supply you with some information regarding Brigade membership and hopefully clear up a few misconceptions. ALL the members of the Romsey Fire Brigade are unpaid volunteers. The reality is, that so are all the members of our adjoining Brigades and the Brigades adjoining them. Even the townships of Sunbury and Melton are supported solely by volunteer firefighters of the CFA. In fact there is in the vicinity of 73,000 CFA volunteers in the state of Victoria supporting their local and adjoining communities alike. But firefighting and attending road accidents etc, is not everyone's cup of tea and this is why many Brigades are now offering alternate types of membership for people who want to assist their local brigade with their expertise in other areas, ie computer skills, fire equipment maintenance ("we can even train you in this"), building and grounds maintenance, planning and logistics and many others, so if you want to be involved in any way or maybe just want to have a look around or make a few enquires do not hesitate to drop in to the Fire Station on a Sunday morning from about 9am or contact Ron or myself.

Editorial Assistance Please !

Since the inception of the Romsey Rag as a community news bulletin in 1994 when the late Val Lobb, & Jeni Clampit typed the first editions on waxed stencils and duplicated with teperamental ink machines that seemed to have a mind of their own, the Romsey rag has continued to be published every month except January. It is solely the product of voluntary labour and the minimal costs of advertising cover the cost of materials used in production. Since that first edition I have been involved as editor and have watched as many different typists, word processors, publishers, collators, staplers and deliverers have given many hours each month to produce this bulletin. In the main I have tried to print material as it is provided and have always tried to emphasise the positive and pass on encouragement and the feeling of community pride when a local celebrates success. After 158 editions, I am asking for additional assistance from someone out there who can assist in composition, publication and some word processing skills in the three days prior to the Romsey Rag being produced each month. If you have time on your hands, are willing to learn and would like to assist with no financial benefits, please contact me at school on 54 295 099

Thankyou ! - Trevor Turnham - Editor.

"catch you later"

Tony Barnes Sec RFB.

HUME NETBALL REGION
TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM
SCREENING DAY
SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 1999
BROADFORD STADIUM
VENUE BROADFORD STADIUM
PINNIGER STREET
BROADFORD.

THE REGION WILL HOLD A SCREENING DAY ON SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 1999

THE PURPOSE IS TO SELECT TALENTED PLAYERS FOR THE NORTH EAST ZONE TALENT PROGRAM

PLAYERS AGE GROUPS ARE: 15/U BORN 1985
17/U BORN 1983, 84

PLAYERS MUST BE 15/U AND 17/U IN THE YEAR 2000.

SELECTION TIMES ARE 1PM TO 3PM.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ATTACHED FORM IS COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO ZONE MANAGER BY CLOSING DATE.

THE ZONE TALENT CAMP WILL BE HELD IN JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF YOUR PLAYERS ARE SELECTED THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CAMP.

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship.

Know God.

"Let not the wise *man*
glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man*
glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory
in his riches;
But let him who glories
glory in this,
That he understands and
knows Me,
That I am the Lord,
exercising
lovingkindness,
judgment, and
righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,"
Says the Lord.

Jeremiah Chapter 9 verses 23 and 24.

As a fellowship of Christians our desire is to know Jesus and to pass on the Good News, that salvation comes only through Jesus.

Sunday morning meetings are held at the Romsey Mechanics Hall starting at 10am.

Youth group meets every Friday fortnight at the Lancefield Neighbourhood House and includes a bible study for those who are interested, along with various activities and excursions.

Enquiries can be forwarded to Graham and Julie Mau of Lancefield. 54291488.

"We pray that you will come to know
Jesus".

"May God richly bless you".

COUNCIL NEWS - MONEGETTA WARD

Consultants have been engaged to formulate an Open Space Strategy Plan for the Shire. 'Open Space' includes parks, reserves, playgrounds, footpaths, trails (bicycle, walking and equestrian), creek valleys etc. Built sporting and recreation facilities e.g. pools sports pavilions, courts etc are not included as they are considered in the Leisure Strategy Plan. Many organisations will receive a survey in the mail. Individuals can pick up a copy from the Romsey Office. I urge you to complete and return this survey. Council has received a request to allow the Minister to re-zone a property in Cherokee to allow a 'health resort' type facility to be built. Council has agreed to the request on the proviso that residents are fully informed of the development and further substantial information regarding environmental factors are provided.

The quarterly report on the performance of Bencon indicated that they are on the improve. One of the major hurdles for improved local roads is the lack of water. It is acknowledged that we have had 'drought conditions' since 1996. The contract is due to be re-tendered later this year. I am hoping that competitively priced submissions, particularly from Macedon Ranges contractors, are presented for Council consideration. When the loan restructuring report went to Council some months ago the estimates of interest rates and penalty payments indicated that we may be carrying a deficit forward to the 1999/2000 year of \$335,000. As at December, through appropriate financial management, the deficit has been cut back to \$14,500. A further report will be made in April. If we can continue this trend, I am exceedingly hopeful that may even end up with a surplus!

Council's Corporate Plan is its predominate planning and vision setting tool. We are soon to commence the process of developing this Plan for the 1999/2000 period. It will involve substantial community input. Please do so.

Finally, approved smoke alarms MUST be fitted to all residential dwellings. This became law as of the 1st February. Owners who do not comply face fines up to \$500. Information brochures on installation etc. are available from the Romsey office. If you are yet to comply, please buy local. Support our towns businesses.

Till next time.

(Cr.) Geoff NEIL

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Liz Wynne 5427 8247 (or 0413127377)

Or

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YOUTH COFFEE SHOP

The Romsey youth group is opening a coffee shop at Buggawitta on the corner of Main and Palmer st. Romsey. The coffee shop opens on Friday the fifth of March and is open every Friday night until the twenty sixth of March. The coffee shop opens at 6.30pm and closes at 11.30-12.00pm. Please note that the younger children will be leaving at 9.00-9.00pm. We will have video games, pool table, table tennis, hot food, snacks, drinks (tea, coffee, and soft drink) drug and alcohol free.

Thanks for your support.
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WANTED

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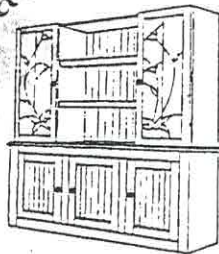
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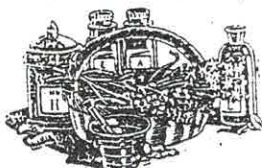
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(both services have Sunday School during term time)

Wednesday 10am Communion Christ Church, Lancefield.

Wednesday 6pm - 7:30pm CEBS/GFS kids club in Romsey church hall..

LENT - HOLY WEEK - EASTER

28th March 10am Palm Sunday a CEBS/GFS Parade at Lancefield.

1st April 7pm Maundy Thursday Middle Eastern Supper Romsey

April 2nd 10am? Good Friday Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

April 4th 6am Easter Sunday Lighting the new fire & reaffirmation of Baptism Vows
followed by breakfast together Lancefield.

10am Easter Sunday family Eucharist at Romsey

11th April 10am Confirmations at St Paul's Romsey followed by a morning tea in the hall.

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always made welcome at any of our services or events.

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Just a quick update on what is happening with our bid for an ambulance.

We have been busy writing to every Member of Parliament and anyone else we think may be able to help our cause in the forthcoming budget. We should have some indication as to the outcome of the budget talks probably in April or May so think positive and keep your fingers crossed! We will never give up!

We thank all the Romsey, Lancefield and surrounding district residents for giving so generously to the collection tins scattered among the shops. Thanks also to all those who buy our hamburgers, etc. at the Sunday Markets - it all adds up and we will be well-prepared when we do eventually get our ambulance and station!

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Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

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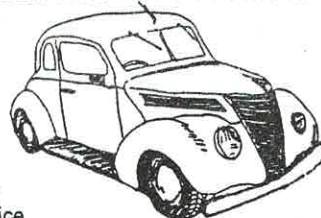
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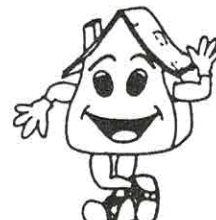
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Office bearers for 1999, elected at the A.G.M. held at Seymour Cottage on Tuesday, 23rd February, are:

President:	Tom Morgan	Seymour Cottage:	John Clement
Secretary:	Jean Clement	Museum:	Jim & Mary Hall
Treasurer:	Helen Broad	Newsletter:	Bronwyn Wilson

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GETWELL MESSAGES to the following people:

- * Pam Horyna who has been in hospital and is now recovering after an accident at work.
- * Carol Daniel who has been unwell for some time.
- * Gavin MacDonald, Principal at Gisborne Secondary College, we are pleased to know he is recovering well.

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March News

We are all back at school after a lovely break, and it is just wonderful to see 10 new Preps all very wide eyed and eager to start their school life. A warm 'welcome back' to Mrs. Lorraine Lee who has been on leave for two years, it is great to have her talents back at Bolinda. We would also like to welcome to our school, Miss Angele Jonemann from France, who will be assisting our French teacher, Mrs. Smyrk every second week. We do hope that she has a terrific time both in Australia and more particularly at Bolinda helping with our children. Mrs. Cooke is responsible for introducing Reading Recovery this year, so that we are able to provide intensive one to one instruction to those children who require extra assistance with reading in their early years. Mrs. Batty is preparing the children for our Annual Athletic Sports day with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim, to be held in a few weeks time. So if you see more children than ever running the parks and ovals, you will know what they are doing!!

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to establish a potting shed greenhouse facility at school. Ms. Linda Keen, based at Bacchus Marsh D.N.R. will be assisting us with the establishment and propagation of plants. We were invited by Mr. Ian Taylor of the Western Plains Nursery at South Gisborne to visit his nursery. We were able to see how he collects native indigenous seeds, the germination, propagating, tube preparation and established pot planting that he does there. This gave the children an excellent insight as to what we will be undertaking in our own hothouse when established. We thank Mr. Taylor very sincerely for his time and generosity.

We have had a very successful 'Mums' Night Out' held at Howard's in Riddells Creek, where over 20 Mums got together to enjoy a meal and social evening without the usual interruptions!!!!!! We have started our Romsey Recreation Centre visits and thank Deanne and the Centre staff for their help and interest in our children. Our Fundraising Team for 1999 have met and planned out our years activities to help support the school. Look out for our cake stalls, pizza drives, hot cross buns, trivia night, country dance. Spring Fair and shopping trip all to come.

Some very exciting news for all of us is that our favourite media personality and long time penfriend, Jackie French, is coming to see us later in the year. We are all looking forward to this extra special visit.

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5. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but 9 died. How many did he have left?

6. How many animals of each species did Moses take on the Ark?

7. Take 2 apples from three apples. What do you have?

Your score out of 7 =

ANSWERS: The square, not the rectangle. Yes; same as every month. All. 1 hr. It was Noah, not Moses. 2 apples.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Mrs. Lorraine Saultry continues as our Lay parish Assistant and leads our worship services and provides pastoral care as required. She is currently leading a series of Lenten Studies on the theme "The Spirit of Life" on Wednesday evenings at the Manse, 25 William Street, at 7.30pm.

A Maundy Thursday "Agape" meal will be shared at 6pm in the Sunday School Hall on Thursday 1st April and this is to be a special family sharing time. Please bring a plate of food to share.

It is the turn of Romsey Uniting Church this year to host the Good Friday Morning walk for local Romsey and Lancefield residents. We will meet at 10am at Romsey Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey on Friday, 2nd April. We will walk "The Way of the Cross" along the Main Street with participants from local church congregations sharing readings of The Stations of the Cross at several locations en route, back to the Uniting Church for shared fellowship over Morning Tea.

An Easter Workshop will be held for Kindergarten and Primary School aged children in the Sunday School Hall on Thursday, 25th March from 3.45pm - 5pm and interested parents should contact Sandra Strack on 5427 0472 to enrol their children. We hope also to establish a Junior Youth Club. Worship Services and Sunday School Classes continue to be held at 9am each Sunday.

Helen Clement.

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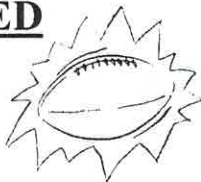
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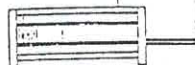
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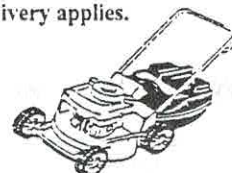
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WILLS: SUFFICIENT MENTAL CAPACITY TO MAKE A WILL

Following on from the Wills article that appeared in the December issue of the Romsey Rag, this month I have written on the mental capacity of a person to make a will.

The onset of senility, old age or infirmity does not necessarily negate mental capacity, nor does the fact that the testator was an alcoholic, suicidal or subject to a protection order.

In order to have testamentary capacity, the testator must have sound mind, memory and understanding. The executors of an estate must show that at the time of making the will, the testator understood the nature and effect of what he or she was doing, knew in general terms what property he or she owned and could dispose of, and was capable of weighing the competing claims which could be made on the estate.

Whether a person had sufficient capacity at the time of signing a will is a question of fact. If a deceased suffered from delusions but made a will during a lucid period (at a time when he or she was not affected by a delusion) the will may be valid.

A person with a mental illness or intellectual disability may still have the requisite testamentary capacity to make a will providing there is sufficient mental capacity to understand and appreciate the effect of making a will.

If a deceased dies within 2 or 3 days of signing a will, the Registrar of Probates automatically requires medical evidence of testamentary capacity. Similarly, if the death certificate refers to dementia or Alzheimer's disease, it may be necessary to obtain medical evidence to prove testamentary capacity.

Solicitors obtaining instructions for a person whose testamentary capacity is in doubt will generally interview the willmaker alone to establish whether the willmaker is clear in his or her mind as to the extent of his or her estate and the manner in which he or she wishes to deal with it. If necessary, advice from a medical practitioner can be obtained. The solicitor's instruction notes can be called upon in case there is challenge to a will by a claim of lack of testamentary capacity.

Under the new Wills Act 1997, the Supreme Court has the power to authorise a will to be made in specific terms for a person who does not have testamentary capacity.

The legislation provides for a number of factors to be considered before a will can be approved including the reasons for making the application, an estimate of the size of the estate, a draft of the proposed will, evidence of the persons wishes and evidence of the likelihood of any claim being made against the Estate.

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