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Sunday	10.00 am—3.200 pm



Double Premiership Success!

Congratulations to the Romsey Redbacks Football team for their premiership success in the Riddells Creek League, and also to the Netball team who completed the double on a great weekend of local sport recently. The build up around town to these two grand finals was fantastic, and local supporters were not let down.

Well done everyone!

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The rains have come!

Good rains have fallen in the district over the last few weeks, whether that means the drought has finally broken is still a matter of opinion. What is obvious is dam water levels that we haven't seen for a number of years. Similarly we are starting to see significant growth that, for many farmers and graziers, is excellent.

Fires Already

Even with the rains there have been a number of fires already this year in Gippsland one getting to around 300 hectares. Fires are currently burning in Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales where there have already been significant losses.

What does that mean to US

There is always good news and bad news.

The good news is that there will be plenty of water around for firefighting and we won't have far to travel. It also means that we won't be using the last few precious litres at the bottom of the dam.

The bad news is that there will be plenty of growth around that, without ongoing rain, will produce higher fuel loadings than we have had in the past.

What does that mean to YOU

Between now and Christmas there will be commentators making predictions on the length and possible severity of the Fire Danger Period.

"It doesn't matter what they say. We will have some days this year that will be extremely dangerous and we will have a major fire somewhere in the state" said Robert Smith, Romsey's Captain. "We all have our bit to do to make sure that it is not our town that is threatened" he added. "If we make preparations now we will be well prepared for that bad day no matter when it happens". He said.

What steps are WE taking?

All brigades in the area will be undertaking a series of Bushfire Blitz meetings. Those of you who have been to similar meetings in the past will still benefit from



attending again; there is always something new to be gained.

Details of meeting locations and times will appear in subsequent issues of the Romsey Rag

What steps can YOU take now?

- 1 Seek information on the best possible measures for your particular circumstances
 - Attend a Bushfire Blitz meeting in your area.
 - Encourage your neighbors to attend.
 - Contact the fire brigade for pamphlets and information.
- 2 Consider forming a Community Fire Guard group in your locality.
 - Contact Glen Cockram, CFA Community Safety on 9746 7570 for information on creating your own Community Fire Guard group.
- 3 Develop a Bushfire Plan and practice what you would do if threatened by fire.
 - Ensure visitors, baby sitters and neighbors are aware of the plan.
- 4 Commence a maintenance regime to ensure the area around the home is free of debris and clutter.
 - Regularly clear guttering
 - Relocate woodheaps away from the house
 - Clear overhanging tree limbs.
 - Block under floor and roof space openings to prevent embers entering

For more information on any of these items please contact Peter Moore on 0409 407 725

COLLATORS NEEDED!

Our fantastic team of Romsey Rag collators would love to hear from anyone who can spare a couple of hours on Thursday morning once a month to assist with collating this community newspaper. If you can help please contact Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848

Edition	Closing Date	Collation Date
November 2003	Tuesday October 21st	Thursday October 30th
December 2003	Friday November 21st	Thursday November 27th

Fire Prevention Works on Roadsides

With fire season approaching again, the community is putting effort into planning or undertaking fire prevention works to protect life and property. For many people, these works may include slashing or clearing vegetation in road reserves.

Often people assume that the best place for a firebreak or fire prevention works is in the road reserve. However road reserves are Crown Land, not the property of landowners and complex regulations surround what can and can't be done in a road reserve.

Stan Wilson, Municipal Fire Prevention Officer with the Macedon Ranges Shire states, "Before undertaking any fire prevention or other works in a road reserve contact the council."

When planning for wildfire focus on what you want to and can protect – usually the lives of you and your family, your home/out buildings and livestock or wildlife.

Existing planning regulations allow residents to clear an area around dwellings for fire prevention purposes (fuel modified zones). This is the best area to fight a fire. You need to plan to leave early or else ensure you have resources to fight a fire and shelter from a fire front. CFA brigades cannot be everywhere at once. It is critical that residents use their limited resources to protect the smallest area possible. Given the nature of the Australian environment it is not possible to prevent all fires.

In wildfire conditions flames will cross bare paddocks as easily as forested areas such as roadsides. The key difference is that forested areas with high fuel loads will burn with more intensity and will throw more embers that create spot-fires.

Generally a fire burning beyond your fuel modified zone will have difficulty causing damage to property and life, if you are prepared to combat spot fires. If spot fires establish or the fire front reaches the fuel modified zone, fire intensity will be reduced due to the lack of fuel and may be easier to fight, depending on conditions.

In extreme conditions even fires with low fuel loads may be difficult or impossible to fight.

CFA research has looked at the effectiveness and appropriate location of fire breaks. Ideally breaks should be located on cleared land and can be achieved by slashing, ploughing, herbicide or control burning.

No firebreak will halt a fire 100% of the time as embers may easily cross a firebreak. Firebreaks don't stop fires, they give time for emergency services to arrive or a landowner to take action.

Within roadsides, firebreaks under trees have very little benefit. Firebreaks are most effective on cleared land adjacent to the road reserve. Most often cleared land is on private property.

Where there is forest on both the road reserve and on adjacent private land, firebreaks have very limited value. As the bush is adapted to fire, these areas are best managed by fuel reduction burning and the maintenance of fuel modified zones around houses or buildings. Cleared fire breaks in forested areas spread weeds and scar the landscape for little or no benefit.

Roadside vegetation is valued for many reasons. It provides wildlife habitat, shelter, a seed source for revegetation work and can make driving on country roads a pleasant experience. Road reserves are critical for provision of services such as telephone, water and electricity. Of course the most obvious value of roads is to provide safe access for vehicles.

The Macedon Ranges Shire works in conjunction with the Country Fire Authority to plan for major and minor fire incidents. The Shire is responsible for creating and maintaining the Municipal Fire Prevention Plan. This plan identifies primary and secondary firebreaks. Vegetation on these road reserves is managed to ensure there is safe access for emergency services vehicles and provides suitable areas for fire fighting. These firebreaks are not designed to halt all fires.

"Fire prevention, weed control and managing roadside native vegetation

forms complex web of legal responsibilities that fall between landowners, the Country Fire Authority, service utilities and state and local government" said Lachlan Milne, Environment Resource Officer with the Macedon Ranges Shire. "If you are planning any works in a road reserve please contact the council to protect yourself and others".

A brief summary of activities that can and can't be undertaken on a road reserve are listed below.

Things you can do on road reserves

- Control regionally controlled weeds, eg gorse, blackberry or broom. (seek advice on techniques)
- Collect fine fuels (material less than 10mm diameter) if the road reserve is very close to your house or other buildings
- Mow or slash areas of non-native vegetation

Things you can't do without a permit

- Use earthmoving equipment/ploughing
- Mow/Slash native vegetation including groundcover plants or grasses (seek advice)
- Collect firewood or other dead wood
- Use herbicides that may damage native vegetation (seek advice)
- Graze road reserves
- Plant trees or other vegetation

The regulations surrounding uses of road reserves have been designed to protect road users, residents and the natural environment. Always seek advice from the council before starting works in a road reserve.

Councillor Joe Morabito

Romsey Primary School News

The past month has again been a very busy time at Romsey Primary School. There has been a number of whole school events that all our students have enjoyed greatly.

Athletics Sports

All students in years 3-6 participated in our sports day recently. There was a really good number of parent volunteers to assist with the variety of running, jumping and throwing events. The



day was organised so that all students were able to compete in all the activities. At the conclusion of the day all our students were recognised for their achievements. The school will use the results of the sports day to assist in selection of the school representative team to compete in the interschool sports day early next term.

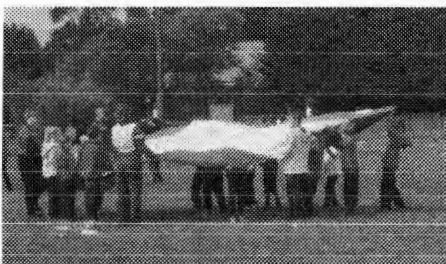
On our sports day all junior classes (prep, year 1 and year 2) competed in an afternoon of fun sport activities.



For all students it was also great to see the return of some of the old favourites of school sports including tunnel ball and captain ball.

Special Tabloid Sports Day

On the Monday following our school sports, we had a whole school tabloid sports day. All students were allocated to multi-age groups and participated in a wide variety of tasks that developed ball, coordination and fitness skills as well as social and cooperation skills with students teaming together.



Above and left: A very busy sporting week at Romsey Primary School with children enjoying athletics and tabloid sports.

Literacy & Numeracy Week

During Literacy and Numeracy week the school celebrated our outstanding literacy and numeracy programs in a number of ways. We held a number of competitions to focus students on books and reading, as well as holding a story writing competition. All classes decorated their rooms with a display on a favourite book. We also held a special numeracy activity morning with students rotating through a number of fun activities in various classrooms with teachers from other classes. A family maths night was held on Thursday with parents and students joining in for many fun maths activities. This again was a well-attended event.

The Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield kindly donated books for our prep students. We're sure that these books will continue to boost our students' interest in reading and will be seen as very special to them. The school very much appreci-

ates the support of Rotary in supporting our school and students.

The Rotary Club makes a presentation of books to the Prep unit.



Dance-a-thon

All class groups recently participated in a school dance-a-thon as a fundraiser for our school organised by our fantastic parent club. The students had been practicing many fun dances in previous weeks as a lead up to this great event. Through the efforts of our students we were able to raise over \$3,500 to support our school programs, and add to our wonderful resources for our students.



Healthy Breakfast

On Thursday 18th September students were given the opportunity of participating in a *Healthy Breakfast*. Arriving early for school was no problem for these students who came hungry ready for cereal, juice and fruit- a great start to the day, reinforcing the need for healthy eating choices, especially at the start of every day.

Bike Education

Our Year 4 students have been participating in an intensive bicycle education program in recent weeks. This program teaches students advanced skills in riding correctly and safely, as well as covering important road safety rules. Students had bikes and helmets checked with the assistance of our local police prior to the commencement of the program. Two of our Bike Ed trained teachers, Mrs Karren Baker and Mrs Margaret Maher then conducted the program.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Romsey Uniting Church
25 Pohlman Street
Minister: Rev Alan Williams



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 Romsey 3434
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What's News

This year's flu seems to have been harder to get over than in other years. I know – I've been battling it for almost three weeks. The recommended treatment of plenty of fluids and plenty of rest can be quite frustrating for active, busy people. But I think that's part of the problem.

Life today is very busy. There are so many more opportunities available to us than in previous generations that we feel like we, or our children, are missing out if we skip something. As a result, we are constantly juggling appointments.

We are also a more mobile society. So even without an extensive public transport system, we are more willing to travel to take advantage of something on offer. Whilst travel times are much less with better roads and cars, a significant amount of time can quickly accumulate going from one activity to the next.

When I was at school, I remember an exercise where we had to plan out our ideal day. For many people, this would include 10-14 hours of sleep. However, I remember allowing only 6 hours for sleeping, thinking that this was the minimum that I could function on. That gave me the most time to enjoy the various things I wanted to do.

Now, I think that many people try to get the minimum amount of sleep and rest that they think they need, simply because life is so busy. Unfortunately, in many cases it probably isn't enough. We get run down, our immune system is weakened, and we get sick, forcing us to rest if we want to get better. In some way, illness may well be our body's way of telling us to look after it.

It may surprise many people to know that the Bible talks about sleep as a gift from God.

"It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eat-

ing the bread of anxious toil; for [God] gives sleep to his beloved." (Psalm 127:2)

I believe that this is an important lesson for us to learn in Western society in the twenty-first century. We may feel technologically advanced. We may feel privileged. We have many advantages over previous generations and other peoples. But we still need to look after ourselves.

No matter how advanced we may be, there has yet to be a medical advance to replace the importance of sleep and rest. This may mean making hard choices and giving some things up.

But in the end, it's about life and the future. And we all want that, don't we?

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable School Holidays.

What's On

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| 5 Oct | 9:00am worship with Holy Communion. |
| 8 Oct | 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies' Guild) meets at the church hall. At 2:00pm, Kerri Mewitt will offer suggestions on Spring garden issues. For advice on what to do (and maybe even what not to do), come along and be a part of it. This has been held over from last month due to illness, so make the most of this extra opportunity. All welcome. |
| 12 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 19 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 26 Oct | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. |
| 2 Nov | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with Holy Communion. |

Advance Notice

Once again, we will be running Advent Workshops for primary and pre-school children. This year they will be held after school on Fridays, 21 & 28 November and 5 & 12 December. There will be a small charge of \$1 per week, or \$3 total if paid on the first day, to help cover the cost of materials. Keep an eye out for more information.

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.

If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

YOUR HOME and OUR SKILLS- A WINNING TEAM

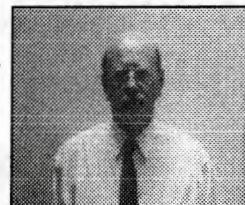
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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Safe Routes To School Program (SRTS), is a joint safety initiative between VicRoads and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. (SRTS), is a local community based road safety program. The program aims to help students travel to and from school safely, and to implement a well targeted traffic safety education program throughout the student's primary and secondary years. It is conducted in municipalities where there is a high incidence of 5 to 16 year old pedestrian and cyclist casualties. SRTS is designed to reduce the incidence and severity of injuries to school age children as pedestrians, bicyclists and passengers from Prep to Year 10.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council, through its Community Development and Infrastructure Units is planning to develop a Safety Kit to assist schools in the Shire. The SRTS program has been in operation in the Shire since May 2002. Four local primary schools, Tylden Primary, Newham Primary, Bullengarook Primary and Darraweit Guim Primary were approached to participate in the first stage of the program.

The overall response of the schools has been very positive. All schools involved their School Council, parents, staff and some students in the program. A number of methods were used to obtain information about the issues that schools faced in regard to road safety. Some issues were specific to only one school, while a number of safety issues were applicable to all the schools. Some issues identified are: parent parking, (e.g. parking illegally, parking in dangerous places, obscuring the view around school crossings), not observing speed limits around the schools, parents not using school crossings, parents not ensuring their children use school crossings, high congestion in car parks, lack of footpaths around schools, lack of signage, etc.

A Working Group, comprising members of school communities, police, council officers and a representative from the Department of Education (Traffic Safety Education), has been set up to address these issues. A survey form has been distributed to all schools in the Macedon Ranges, and once the responses have been collated, a safety kit will be created to distribute to all schools in the Macedon Ranges.

Traffic safety at our schools requires a collaborative effort, it involves four key elements: Engineering, Education, Encouragement and Enforcement, hopefully by bringing all these elements together we can make travelling to and from school safer for our children.

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Romsey Kindergarten's Fundraising Trivia Night

Will be held on
Friday, November 14, at 7.30pm
At the kinder
Door prizes and table prizes
\$10 per person
BYO drinks + nibbles
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Or Leanne on 5429 6583

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Deep Creek Landcare Group

Come and plant trees and shrubs to provide habitat and protect biodiversity along Five Mile Creek and Duck Hole Creek, Romsey.

Site 1 – Five Mile Creek

Where: Glenarm Angus 1727 Romsey Road -Follow the Signs.

When: Sunday October 5 **Time:** 10am to 3pm

Site 2 – Duck Hole Creek

Where: 426 Kerrie Road (or look for signs on Knox Road)

When: Saturday October 25 **Time:** 10am to 3pm

Site 3 – Five Mile Creek

Where: 1811 Romsey Road

When: Sunday October 26 **Time:** 10am to 3pm

Tools and Sausage Sizzle Lunch Provided

You need to bring gardening gloves, warm clothes and wet weather gear.

**To reserve your place please contact - Lachlan Milne
Environment Resource Officer Macedon Ranges Shire**

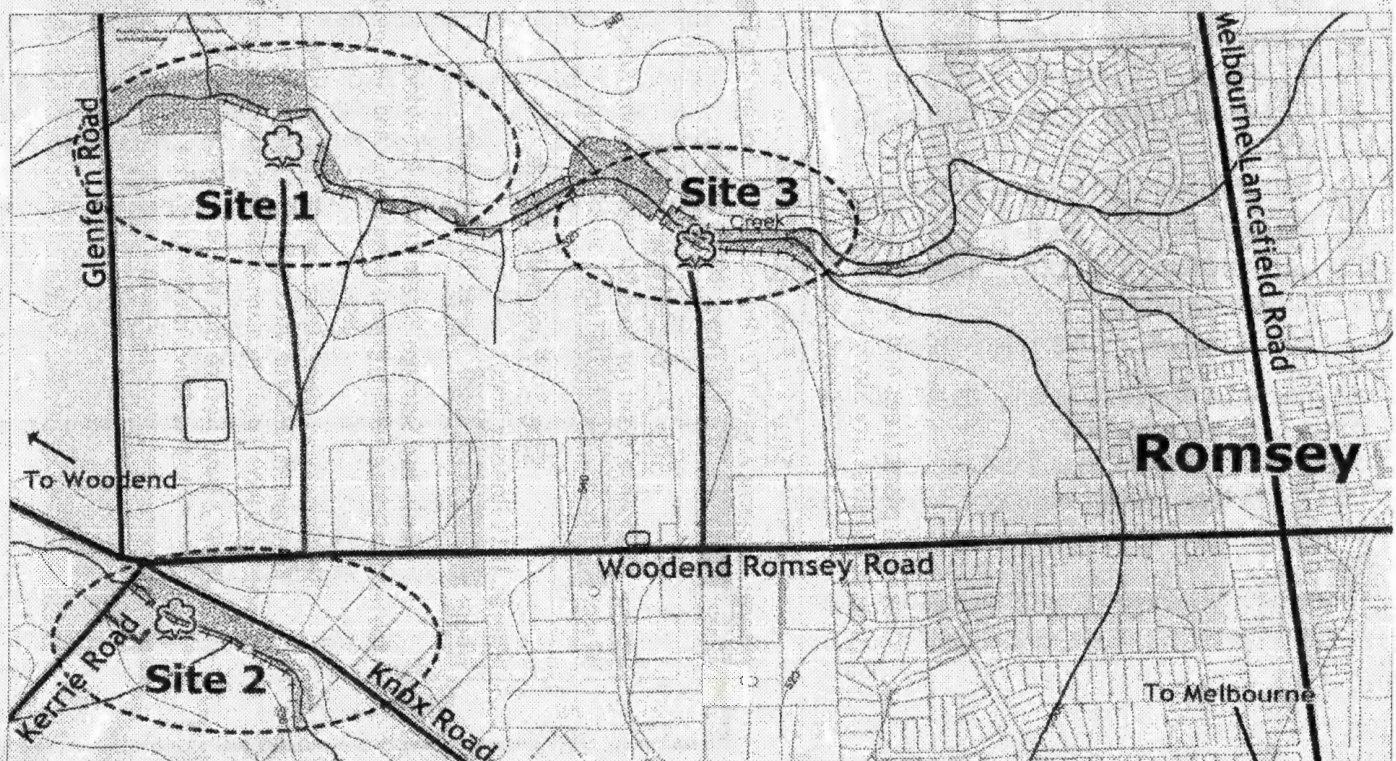
Phone: 5429 9659 **Email:** lachlanm@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

RSVP 2 Days before the event to get Lunch!!!

Rain or Shine, the Planting's Fine

This project would not be possible without the support of
The Natural Heritage Trust Envirofund Program

How to Get There



Community/Ward Meetings (September/October 2003)

You are invited to attend a local community/ward meeting to talk about issues affecting your local community and to help identify ideas and solutions that Council and your community can pursue.

These meetings will give you an opportunity to;

- Identify the strengths of your township and community
- Agree on issues that need to be addressed and prioritise these
- Start developing solutions and responses

Your local Councillors will be in attendance and at each session there will be an overview of your community, including its demographics and key initiatives being pursued this year

All ideas and input received from these meetings will assist Council as it develops its Community Plan 2003-2006

- **Kyneton Town Hall**
23 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Romsey Mechanics Institute**
25 September, 7.00 – 9.00pm
- **Woodend Community Centre**
30 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Gisborne (Western Water Offices)**
2 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Malmsbury Town Hall**
6 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Lancefield Mechanics Institute**
9 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Riddells Creek Senior Citizens Rooms**
13 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Macedon CWA Hall**
15 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **Newham Hall**
16 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

All residents are welcome to attend one or more of these sessions.

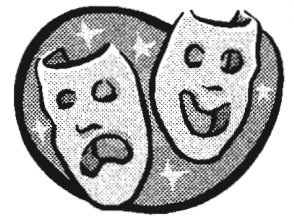
Please RSVP if possible to Stephen Mahon on 54 220 352 or e-mail stephen@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Come along and have your say about your community.

ACTORS WANTED

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For details contact

Principal

Leonnie Zahra on 9331 7722.

Brochures are available at the office at Romsey Primary School

"TIME FOR ME" WOMEN'S DAY

The Riddells Creek branch of the Country women Association, with the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, will be holding a "Time for Me" Women's Day on Sunday October 25th from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm in the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Main Road, Riddells Creek.

The program for the day will include demonstrations of various crafts and female and general health practitioner guest speakers.

All adult females, young and old, are welcome. You will be able to sit back and join in the creative activities, and /or learn more about the best way to look after you body throughout the milestones of a woman's life—from youth to mature age.

Entry fee is a gold coin donation and refreshments will be available.

Contact Sandra on 5428 6858, Lyn on 5428 7863 or Lorna on 5428 7010 for further enquiries or times for the guest speakers. These times will be advertised publicly shortly.

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Romsey and District Netball Association**Good Luck**

Stacey and Mickala

Two of our local girls have had the opportunity to try out for the Zone Academy run by Netball Victoria.

Stacey's invitation was on August 3rd at the State Netball Hockey centre and Mickala's was on September 7th at Shepparton Sports stadium.

They trained for over five hours with Netball Victoria coaches watching their every move. They will not know if they made the final selection until late November.

Romsey District Netball Association, committee and players wish Stacey and Mickala all the best for this selection and for their future in netball.



Stacey Parks



Mickala Thomas

DID YOU KNOW? ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Central Highlands Pleasure Harness Club Inc. has been based in the Macedon area for over fifteen years. The club caters for all driving disciplines from pleasure, showing, and competition driving. Tuition / instruction is given on a regular basis for the beginner to the more advanced driver. The club meets on every second Sunday of the month.

If you are interested in harness and would like to come along for a day or would just like more information please phone Sandra Fleming after 6.00 pm on 5422 3279.

Upcoming Dates:**11th and 12th October:**

Short course events at Romsey

15th November:

Instructional day at Lancefield

13th December:

Rally, Christmas Santa / Club Challenge.

Dates may change—so if you are interested, please contact the secretary on the above number.

Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Items

GISBORNE SECONDARY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE' PRESENTS

A TRIVIA NIGHT**Saturday 25th October**

The date for a little competition and lots of fun and prizes

College Drama Room for 7.30pm
\$10 per person (up to 8 per table)

BYO nibbles and drinks
(tea, coffee & cordial provided)

Book early, tables being taken up NOW

Contact Chris 5428 6526

Chaplaincy Theatre Night Westgarth Theatre Northcote

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Public release early October
Keep **Friday 14th November** free
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Contact Linda 5428 6425 or
Chris 5428 6526



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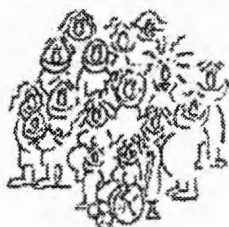
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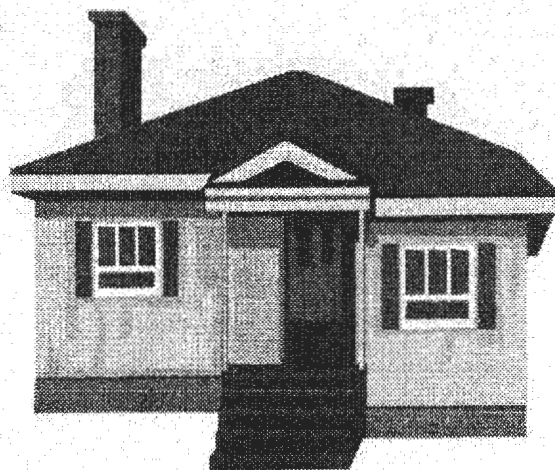
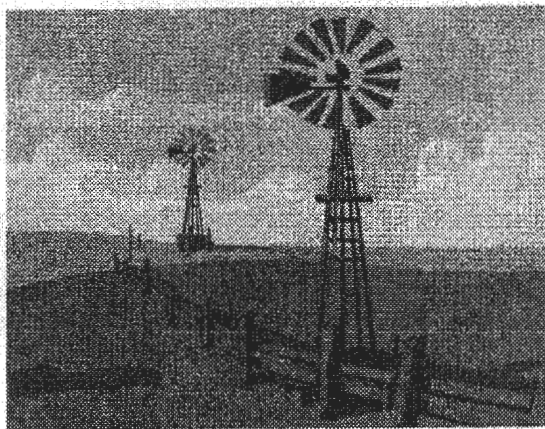
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The secondary school which has the most runners taking part (provided it is more than 10) regardless of the size of the roll, will win a special plaque and also receive a \$200 cash prize towards sports equipment.

Entry fees are \$15 adults and \$10 student. And for primary schools, please note that runners under 12 are free.

All information (including discount early bird registration details) is contained on a web site at www.coolcountryclassic.com

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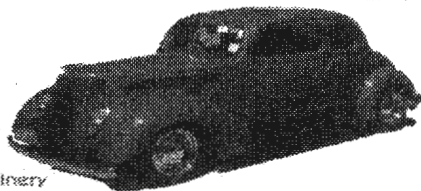
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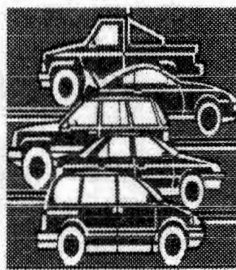
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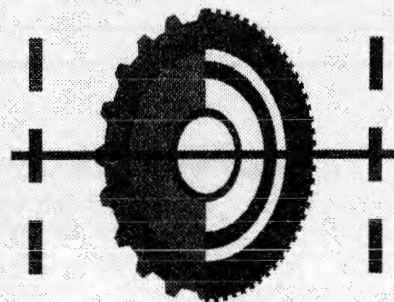
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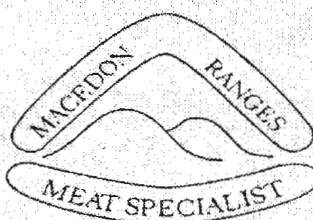
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- When: Friday, October 10th 2003

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Romsey Ladies Golf Report

Results for August / September

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1 st L. Beasley	F. Meyer & M. Campbell
2 nd S. Shelton	
3 rd B. Cole	

10/9/03 Stapleford	17/10/03 Canadian
1 st M. Campbell	L. Jeffery & M. Campbell
2 nd L. Jeffery	
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Congratulations to Mary who won the Silver Spoon Play-off and will be going to Southern Golf Course later to playoff for a case of spoons.

The AGM was held 17/9/03 and saw no change to the office bearers for the coming year. Shirley President, Leila Secretary, Beryl Captain, Leanne Handicapper. Thankyou to all for carrying on another year and best wishes for another successful year.

Our winter 18-hole competition is still in progress, but some ladies are choosing to play only 9 holes, if you would like to join us for 18 or 9 holes of golf please do. Just come to the clubrooms at 9am on a Wednesday and you will be made most welcome.

Fashion Parade

Friday night 17th October 7.30pm \$10.00.

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Recipe for this month

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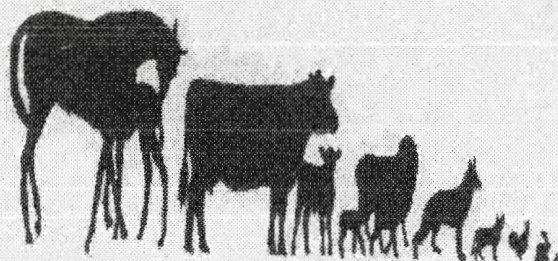
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September	Friday August 20th	Thursday August 26th
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November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

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Season start date: Competition for season 2003-2004 will commence on Saturday October 4th, 2003. Our usual competition days are Saturday mornings, with the occasional "Twilight" meet. Twilight meets are held on weekdays and usually start at 5.15pm during daylight savings only.

Competition day/s: Parents registering children who are new to our Centre should bring along the child's proof of age as we need to sight this as part of processing new registrations.

- SATURDAY 04th October Starts at 9am
- SATURDAY 11th October Starts at 9am
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What equipment or clothing do you need? Most children already have suitable clothing to compete in such as shorts, t-shirt, runners, and a tracksuit for cooler days. We do like to encourage our athletes to wear a hat and sun-screen and carry a drink-bottle to all events.

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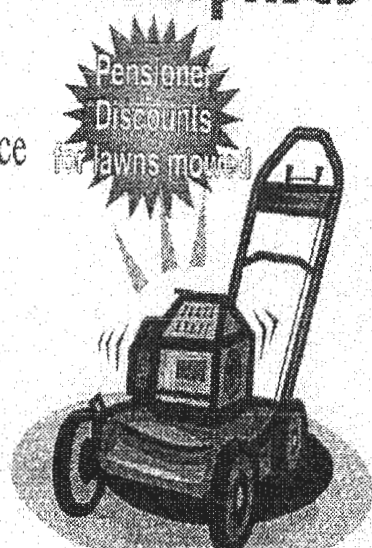
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The panel comprises:

Mr Roland Ball, Chairperson
Mr Graeme Day
Mr Michael Kirsch

As part of its consideration of submissions, the Panel will conduct a public hearing to give people an opportunity to speak in support of their submission. The panel has been provided with a copy of all written submissions and will take all these into consideration when preparing its report, whether or not the submitter appears at the hearing.

The public hearing will commence on Monday 22 September 2003 in the Richardson Room, Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street, Kyneton 3444.

All submitters will be welcome to sit in on any part of the hearing, which will be open to the public.

For further information about any matter connected with the hearing, please contact Diana Michetti on (03) 9655 8744. For any other matters relating to this amendment, please contact Council's Director, Sustainable Development, Gerard Holwell on 5422 0365.

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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

My name is Amanda and I am the president of the Romsey Kindergarten parents' committee of management. Many of you will already be familiar with the kindergarten, which is located in Main Street beside the skate park and in a building which incorporates the maternal and child health centre.

The Romsey kinder is a non-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee. We keep the kinder operating and manage to pay all of our staff and running costs out of kinder fees.

This year the kinder is hard at work fundraising to raise money to replace the children's outdated play equipment, which will cost in excess of \$11,000.

As you can imagine, this is a huge amount of money for the kinder to raise, so we have planned a few activities and hope the community will support us by attending our events and/or help us out with donations for raffles etc. Any businesses or service groups who are able to help can contact me on 5429 6936 and their assistance would be most appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

1 – Romsey Kinder Market Stall Day, Saturday, October 18, 10am-1pm. Entry is free and there will be lots of stalls, a sausage sizzle and jumping castle. Stalls are free, and if you would like to book one, please call Narelle on 5429-1855.

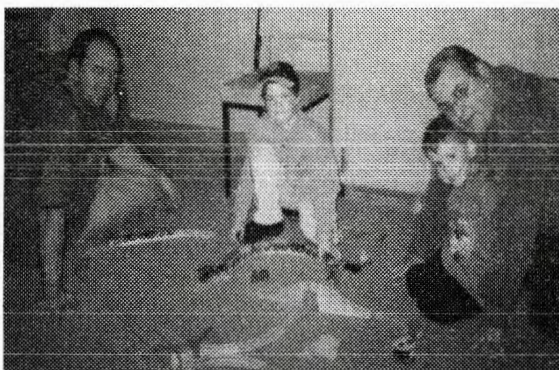
2 – Romsey Kinder Trivia Night, Friday, November 14, 7.30pm. This should be a great night of fun and will be held at the kinder, BYO drinks and supper. The cost is just \$10 a head, and this includes door prizes and table prizes. There will be a wine tasting as well. Come along and join in the fun! Bookings to Amanda on 5429 6936 or Leanne on 5429 6583.

Recent events:

These are just some of the recent highlights of activities at the kinder:

School visits

The children in the 4-year-old kinder groups recently visited Romsey Primary School to familiarise themselves with "big school". Many of the children will be students at Romsey Primary next year, and the transition from kinder to school is made just a bit easier with these familiarisation visits. And this week the Romsey Primary school council students will visit the kinder.



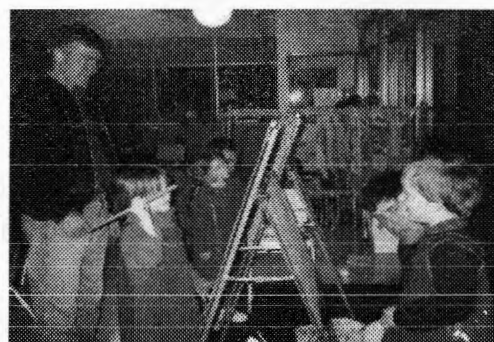
Father's Day

As a special treat for Father's Day, dads were invited to come to the kinder with their sons or daughters for a special hour of activities one night during the week. A great time was held by all and the children made their dads special presents for Father's Day.

Special Persons Day

Grandparents, cousins, dads and mums were among the many people who joined in activities at the kinder at the recent Special Persons' Day.

Special Persons' Day enables children to invite people who would not normally visit the kinder to come along and help out with the activities for one session. Dozens of people took up the invitation and helped the children at kinder on the day with drawing, pasting, reading, games, singing and other activities before enjoying a cuppa and a chat before the end of the session.



The Romsey Kindergarten runs classes for three-year-olds (two sessions a week) and four-year-olds (four sessions a week) and enrolments for 2004 close on September 30.

Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6936.

If you have a question about enrolments, contact our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, 5429 6243. Orientation days for 2004 students will be on Wednesday, November 12, and Thursday, November 13.

Until next time,

AMANDA BURLEY

President

Romsey Kindergarten Committee.

Lancefield Golf Club Inc

34 Heddle Road, Lancefield Vic 3435

Correspondence to PO Box 89 Lancefield Vic. 3435

Clubhouse Phone: 5429 1922

Secretary Phone: 5429 2079

Email: lancefieldgolfclub@hotmail

Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

17 August R. Mau (9) 34 R/U P. Gorrie (12) 34

23 August B. Lockens (7) 69 R/U G. Dudderidge (8) 70

30 August P. Gorrie (12) 36 R/U C. Daniel (15) 32

Monthly Medal T. Passlow (17) 69 R/U B. Renfree (14) 71

13 September 4BBB S. Hyndes / A. Hyndes R/U B. Lockens / C. Daniel

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results

26 August Bob Woods (22) 70 R/U K. Lambert (6) 73

2 September B. Lockens (6) 37 R/U P. McGill (10) 35

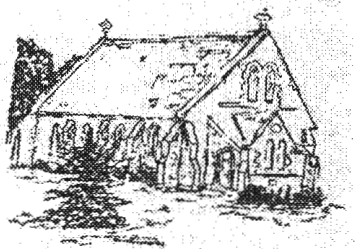
9 September G. Dudderidge (7) 34 R/U R. Mau (9) 33

Ladies Golf Clinics are being held at the course on successive Sundays from 9.00am on **19 and 26 October**.

These clinics will be given at a cost of \$10 per person by the Kyneton Professional, Paul Powell. **Bookings are essential** as numbers will be limited to 5 or 6 per group.

A free golf day is being held for residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire on Sunday 26th October. Hit-off will commence from 10.00am. Residents of the area are asked to supply proof of residence, eg., a recent rates notice. The Golf Club is putting on a **free Sausage Sizzle** for all participants, with drinks available at bar prices.

Enquiries for memberships, clinics and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper (5429 2079).



The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey

33 Chauncey Street Lancefield, Victoria, 3435 Telephone 5429 1380

Acting Vicar: Rev. Tom Morgan

5 Jinker Way

Romsey.

Phone: 5429 6060

SUNDAY SERVICES:

St. Paul's Romsey 9.00am

Christ Church Lancefield 10.30am

Sunday School at Lancefield each Sunday during term time.

Wednesday: Christ Church Lancefield 10.00am

Romsey Guild: Meets 2nd Thursday each month 1.30pm. Contact No. 5429 6060.

Lancefield Guild: Meets 2nd Wednesday each month after 10am Church Service at Church Hall Lancefield.

Men's Club: Men are invited to St. Paul's branch of the Anglican Men's Society (AMS) on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm, 5 Jinker Way, Romsey.

Hon. Sec. Mr. John Whiteman, Phone 5429 6900.

Op Shop at St. Paul's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

Open – Friday 12.30 – 4.30pm. Saturday 10am – 1pm.

Sunday 26th October, 2003 10.30am – Pioneers' Service at Christ Church Lancefield and Pilgrimage to MacCullagh grave.



LANCEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Don't forget the Lancefield Farmer's Market is on the fourth Saturday morning of each month.

There is a huge range of fresh local produce and lots more available!





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This will be followed by a Bon Fire and Fire Works
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Fun & Entertainment for all the family.

Rides BBQ hot & cold drinks extra

Admission \$15 per car (2 adults & 3 kids)

\$10 per adult or \$5 per child under 16 years

Where: Quayles Road, Darraweit Guim (follow the signs)

When: Saturday October 11th (starting time 5pm)

All Enquiries – please contact

Matthew Puddicombe 5789 1216

Rodney Bird 5789 1338

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Session times:

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Tuesday and Thursday: 9.30am—2.00 pm (ish)
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- Group outings.
- Term break up parties
- Group morning tea (everyone brings a treat to share). More
than welcome to stay for lunch if you wish
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Julie 5429 5442 or Belinda 5429 1936

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What's On At The Lancefield Drop In Centre this month

Junior Nights

Primary School Age

Times: 6.30 – 8.30pm

\$2. Entry, NO Pass outs, Cheap snacks, Adult supervision, prompt parental pick-up appreciated. Kids under 8 to be accompanied by a parent

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Committee Meetings held 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Youth Centre.

October:

Friday 3rd is Competition Night, we are holding Pool and Table Tennis comps. So if you're feeling lucky, come along and give it a try. Great prizes to be won.

The Drop in Centre is sponsoring Battle of the Bands at the Lancefield Show, Sunday 19th October, so if you're in a band or know someone who is Contact Michelle 5429 1189 for more information.

Lancefield Drop In Centre supporting local youth.

PIONEERS' SUNDAY

AT

Christ Church Lancefield

Remembering those who have gone before and

A welcoming all New-Comers to the district

'Looking Forward – Looking Back'

on

Sunday 26th October, 2003 10.30am

A Pilgrimage to the MacCullagh grave will follow –
Lancefield Cemetery.

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Enquiries 5429 6060

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Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

Contact

Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194

Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225

What is on at...

Romsey Recreation Centre

Currently the Romsey Recreation Centre is looking for teams and players for the following summer competitions.

Junior Indoor Soccer (summer season) Starting Tuesday evenings in term 4
Senior Mixed Basketball - Starting Wednesday evenings in October.

New: **Aerobics** Thursday's 9.30am to 10.30am
 Tuesday's 5.30pm to 6.30pm
 \$5.50 per session

Also offering: Volleyball Netball
 Basketball Squash Indoor Soccer

The Romsey Recreation Centre is also available for casual bookings 7 days a week. Birthday parties/ activity days/ corporate sport sessions etc.
 For a team registration form or for further information please contact Daniel Trevillian - Facilities Coordinator, Romsey Recreation Centre on 0417 123 631 or 54 295 637

THE AUSTRALIAN ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY

Registration forms from the Romsey Medical Centre

or

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Freecall on 1800 777 203

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Romsey Lancefield Guides.

Well here we are starting another term of activities in Guiding, and with the days growing longer there is more opportunity for outdoor activities, this being an important part of the guide program.

Last term the Wombat Guides spent quite some time learning how to look after themselves. They learned to do hand, neck and foot massages on each other, how to look after their hair, faces and hands, and also had a hairdresser along one night to demonstrate some new hair styles.

This term there is a bush camp to look forward to for Guides of secondary school age. This will be a challenging weekend in the bush out near Blackwood.

The Platypus Guides are planning a sleep-over one Friday night during the term. This will give the younger guides the chance to take part in a number of outdoor activities without being away from home too long. They will have the opportunity to cook their own tea on a small fire, which is always a fun activity.

Several of the Platypus Guides were successful at the Lancefield Spring Flower Show with their entries. They all made a Home-Made-Christmas-Card and Beth won first prize for hers. She also won first prize for 6 Home-made biscuits. Belinda came first with her Floral Saucer and also for Any other Handicraft. The Guides are planning to put entries in the Lancefield Show too.

Have you seen us on Lancefield online - www.lancefield.org.au

The Platypus Guides (7-11 year olds) meet at 5.00 - 6.30pm.

The Wombat Guides (10 - 16 year olds) meet at 6.45- 8.45pm.

Both at the Youth Centre/Mechanics Hall, The Crescent, Lancefield.

For any information regarding Guiding please contact:
 Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996 or Carolyn Atkinson 5781 0728



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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES

By the time you read this, our opening day will be over on 28th September, 2003

Dates to Remember are the

Newnham/Mustey Shield match at Lancefield 1.30 pm on Saturday October 4th and the Bob Shaw Fours on Sunday 5th October at 10 am.

Tuesday's Pennant begins on September 30th, with Saturday's beginning on October 11th.

We are still very short on members.

As an incentive for people to join, we are offering a new membership special of \$30.00 for the first year. So if you are thinking about it, now is the time to start, as this is a very good offer—too good to refuse.

Doss Keating – 5429 6277.

Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

PO Box 288 Romsey Vic 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871

Saturday Morning Juniors

Congratulations to our Section 2 team who won the winter Grand Final on Saturday the 20th of September, defeating a keen team from New Gisborne. Well done Tim and Kieran McNamara, Keiran Dockley and Elisha Ireland. This team has worked hard throughout the season, competing with only four players and no emergency players. Twice they have had to forfeit sets because a player was missing due to illness, but they still battled on to end up narrowly on top of the ladder after the home and away season and won two finals matches to receive their pennant. This win will see them upgraded to Section 1. We'd love a fifth or sixth player for the summer, so if you are out there, under 17 years old and a capable tennis player, please give us a call. Bev Davis is our Junior Coordinator and can be contacted on 5429 5954.



Congratulations also must go to our Section 8 team who also fought their way into the Grand Final, but finished as runners up to Gisborne. Well done Luke Green, Aimee Ireland, Sean McNamara, Cameron Baker, Tim Krstic and Kirsty Dockley. Their Finals appearance will very likely see them upgraded to Section 7.

With the wonderful coaching being offered at Romsey Tennis Club by Brett Rees, our junior numbers have flourished, and we are fielding **five** teams this summer. It is thrilling to see our club grow so strongly at the junior level. Good luck to all our youngsters, the summer home and away competition commences early in October.

Mid-week Ladies Competition

The summer competition has commenced and our three teams are playing well, enjoying the social side as well as the competition of tennis.

Saturday Afternoon Seniors

Our senior team finished 3rd after the home and away matches, and made it to the finals in their first season, well done folks!

The seniors summer competition also commences in October, and we have one team entered. Melissa and Bev Davis -5429 5954 -are the team contacts if you want to get involved.

Thursday Morning Social Tennis

Starting time is 10am, and anyone is most welcome to join in for an enjoyable social hit. Bring along a friend too if you wish. Please phone 5429 5525 for more information.

Update on our Courts

We are pursuing the replacement of our drought ravaged courts through affiliating with Tennis Victoria, who will assist in the works, and help in securing loans and grants. We have written to the Macedon Ranges Shire seeking assistance, and we have also contacted our two local councillors, Heather Gee and Joe Morabito. We have also highlighted our plight to Joanne Duncan, our local member of parliament.

The process of this major project is likely to take at least two years, so we will again be relying on the generosity of Romsey Primary School as a home base for one of our junior teams, and with the 5th team playing, St Mary's Lancefield have been kind enough to allow their courts to be used as a home base. Thank you indeed to these two schools for your community support, we really appreciate it.

SOCIAL TENNIS AT THE ROMSEY TENNIS COURTS

Have fun - get fit!

Come for a hit or a set or two....

Beginners welcome!

10.00 am THURSDAYS

More information ring: 5429 5525