

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC.

Golf/Bowls Clubhouse
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Membership Fees: Adults \$230
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Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.00pm.

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****WEDNESDAY COMPETITION****

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Club Championships

Congratulations to this year's winners

A Grade Dean Jones
B Grade Daniel Wright
C Grade Matt Hoyt.

Club Presentation Day

Sunday 21st October – 9.30am for 10.00am shotgun start.

12 holes followed by lunch and presentations.

\$10 per adult (kids free)

It would be good to see the attendance of all members!

Romsey Golf Club - Ladies Report

The HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH. We **WON** the Jean Wallder Bowl. Hilda, Lorraine (filling in for Kath) and I journeyed to Euroa for the replay of the Dalhousie Bowl which had been washed out in July. The weather was fine and sunny. In fact someone was seen sheltering from the sun under her umbrella. This is the only stroke bowl in our district and we were thrilled to all play well on the day. Hilda 97-35-62 Lorraine 108-37-71 and me 89-22-67. CCR on the day was 68. Congratulations to Hilda who also won 'C' grade. She is now on a 32 handicap. Well done and keep up the good play.

Monthly Results

Wed 22nd August Stableford N Sparke 25pts

Wed 29th August Mulligan's H. Caly 68 net

Wed 5th September Stroke J. Harver 78 net (This is Jan's first win so much excitement and the mug is in pride of position in the crystal cabinet)

Wed 12th Stableford L. Robb 31pts

Wed 19th Windy and not much enthusiasm shown only played 10 holes. Hilda is our club winner of the Silver Spoon, which is a WGV competition.

Now for the rest of the month. Saturday 18th August Bruce Robb filled in and played with myself at Trentham in the Foundation Young Australian

district final. We had an enjoyable day, but don't have to worry about the state final.

Thursday 30th saw Lorraine, Hilda, Jan and I play Ambrose at Melton Valley, we all had a fun day and were close to the winners.

Thursday 13th September Hilda, Lorraine and I contested the Broadford Bowl. Today was my turn to win 'B' Grade with 38pts. Some players found the wind difficult.

Thursday 20th September I played in the 27 hole Dalhousie Championships

The ladies had a girl's weekend of golfing at Numurkah in August. Some ladies played more golf than others but all enjoyed the weekend so much they have made a booking for the same time next year. Well done to Lorraine who won a ball in the ladies comp on the Saturday. Lorraine had a net 73 and CCR was 73. Must have been the practice round she played on Friday. She also managed to par the short 18th par 3 times during the weekend.

This was the first time many of the ladies had experienced golf carts, but all managed to come home experts. Who was the lady who made her partner push the cart backwards (much to the amusement of several men in one of the nearby units)? She later found reverse. The same lady accelerated so fast she tipped her partner's clubs off the back of the cart. Now tell me who was in charge of the cart when there were 4 hands on the wheel & one lady had a foot on the brake & the other a foot on the accelerator!! We discovered the green cart went faster than the white cart. Who was the desperado who was dragging the water hazard looking for balls? She found 4 but not hers. She was the person singing rap with the band Friday night. Who hit their brand new ball into the water hazard on the first shot of the day? Who took off their singlet during the round of golf?

The Ladies AGM will be held after golf on the 17th October. Can all lady members please make an effort to attend?

Club Presentation Day is Sunday 21st October. The day will start 9.30am for a 10am hit off playing 12 holes to be followed by lunch. Cost for the day \$10 per head with children free.

Recipe for the month

Meat Slice

Short crust pastry (enough to line and cover 13" x 9" biscuit tray)

2 onions

¾ cup frozen peas

1pkt chicken noodle soup

3 small potatoes

1 large carrot

500gm mince.

Grate vegetables, add other ingredients. Mix well. Line tin with pastry.

Add mixture place pastry on top. Prick with a fork. Brush with milk and

bake in a hot oven ½ hour. Reduce heat to mod for ½ hour.

Beryl Cole

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Energy Rebates

Concession card holders are reminded that energy rebates are available from 1 September, for households who use bottled LPG or non-mains metered power for cooking and heating.

This State Government concession is designed to assist low-income households during the winter months when energy costs are higher.

Commonwealth cardholders such as Centrelink and Department of Veterans' Affairs pensioners, Centrelink Health Care Card holders and Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card holders are eligible for this concession.

The 2007 Non-Mains Winter Energy Concession program runs from 1 September 2007 to 31 January 2008 and also applies to alternative fuel, such as heating oil, and to eligible caravan park and retirement village residents who buy individually metered non-mains electricity from accommodation proprietors between May and October 2007.

In 2007, the annual rebates for concession households will be:

- \$19.50 for households who spend between \$82 and \$122 on LPG (approx cost of an LPG bottle)
- \$97.50 for households who spend between \$123 and \$609 on LPG; and
- \$145 for households who spend more than \$609."

The State Government provides more than \$1 billion a year in concessions. The non-mains winter rebate is just one of a range of concessions to assist low-income households to help them pay for essential services. Other concessions in the program include municipal rates, water and sewerage and public transport concessions.

Application forms are available from LPG distributors, local councils, or contact my office. Application forms need to be lodged with the Department of Human Services before January 31, 2008.

For more information on concessions, contact the DHS Concessions Unit Information Line on 1800 658 521.

Crohn's Disease And Colitis Support Group

If you suffer from Crohn's Disease or Colitis and you are interested in starting a local support group please contact

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Nancy 5429 5087 or
Shirley 5429 5755
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ROMSEY LIONS CLUB SUNDAY MARKET— 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The next Romsey Market will be held on Sunday October 28th
New stall holders are always welcome.
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Romsey Lancefield Guides.

Our first night at Guides for the term is always a planning night. We play a game or two, then have a general discussion to decide what we will do for the term's activities. The Guides love to have a dress-up night, do a lot more out-door activities in the warmer weather and longer daylight hours, and some cooking over fires is also a favourite activity.

Last term, as part of our Year of the Outdoors activities we learned some golf skills at the Romsey Golf Club. And this term we are going back to learn a few more skills. It is a sport most children don't think to try but the Guides had lots of fun last month.

October is Wildlife Awareness month and we are hoping to have a guest at Guides one night to tell us about the Macedon Ranges Wildlife Network. These volunteer people do a wonderful job rescuing injured animals in many circumstances, especially those injured on the roads. It will be an opportunity for the Guides to learn about what they do and what is involved in hand rearing an orphaned or injured animal or bird.

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Romsey Kindergarten leads the way on Universal Children's Day.

Romsey Kindergarten is again leading the way, joining forces with the Macedon Ranges Shire to initiate a Universal Children's Day event on Wednesday the 24th of October at 7:30 pm. Heather Gilbertson, guest speaker and dietician shall talk on healthy eating and lifestyle for young children.

Universal Children's week will run from the 20th -28th of October with Universal Children's day as the central celebration. This world wide cause celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood and recognise their rights, skills and abilities. According to Romsey Kindergarten President Jenny Stillman 'We are thrilled to be collaborating with the Shire to celebrate Universal Children's Day and fostering our future.'

Ms Gilbertson has extensive knowledge in paediatric eating and nutrition. Heather's work has had particular focus on the Royal Children's Hospital healthy lifestyle program, an innovative program for children of all ages run by Royal Children's Hospital dietitians.

Entry to the event shall be a gold coin donation with refreshments provided. Parents and friends are encouraged to come along. The Romsey Kindergarten aims to provide an audience from the local community as well as interested parents and carers throughout the district.

The event shall be held at the Romsey Kindergarten, Main St Romsey. Seating shall be from 7:00 pm onwards and the welcoming address shall commence thereafter.

For further information please contact:
Kathryn Brundell
37 Metcalfe Dve,
Romsey, 3434
PH: 54293137

Romsey Community House Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Community House Inc will be held on
Tuesday October 30th at 7.00pm
At Romsey Primary School (in the library).

An election of office bearers and committee members for the next 12 months will take place at this meeting.

All members of the Romsey community are invited to attend and become involved in this important community group.

For further information please contact Robyn on 0412 275 152 or 5429 6445

From Cr Henry Bleeck

Support the call to drought-proof our sports

Sport is a vital part of our community and the development of our young people into good citizens, so the push by councils and peak sporting associations to ensure it can continue must be supported. The Municipal Association of Victoria – of which the Macedon Ranges Shire is a member – has joined forces with 10 peak sporting and industry bodies to form a new Alliance to combat the ongoing challenges caused by drought. A new report by the group showed the vital contribution of sport to the health, vitality and cohesion of our communities, and highlighted the need for more efficient long-term water use strategies to maintain facilities and ensure the continuation of sports competitions.



I support the push by the Alliance to get the State Government on board with funding to take the vital initial steps to prepare our sporting fields for the continued dry. I'll be talking to our Council staff to ensure we monitor the playing fields at Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek and liaise with the bowling clubs and other local clubs that play on grass surfaces. The Alliance has pointed out that the cost of transitioning the State's 2000 grassed sports surfaces to cope in a drier climate is far beyond the financial capacity of voluntary sporting bodies and local councils. If we can't get onto the grounds, there are potentially devastating social consequences including reduced physical and mental health levels, increased obesity and anti-social behaviour, as well as financial impacts and job losses.

The Alliance is seeking exemptions from water restrictions for three months so we councils can establish drought-tolerant grasses on sports facilities; establishment of a water offset scheme for councils to re-use water savings on other sports facilities; and a tiered pricing structure to link water use, supply and demand. It's also seeking an \$80 million State Government funding program over eight years to help share the cost of drought-proofing sports facilities, plus an immediate \$2 million towards the cost of municipal sports facility water audits to inform the long-term strategies that are needed.

The Victorian Community Sports Surfaces Sustainability Alliance includes Cricket Victoria, the MAV, Tennis Victoria, Royal Victorian Bowls Association, AFL Victoria, Football Federation of Victoria, Victorian Golf Association, VicSport, Aquatics & Recreation Victoria, Parks & Leisure Australia and City West Water. The Alliance believes sports facilities can survive and achieve a 50% reduction in water use, but it required co-operation and support from the State Government and water authorities. Councils and sporting organisations are calling on a more co-operative whole-of-Government, industry and community effort to tackle the threat of drought and ensure the future of sport in Victoria.

I encourage our local sporting groups and clubs to ensure that their voices are also heard in this vital area.

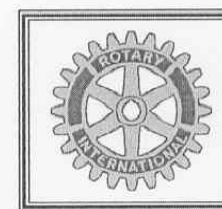
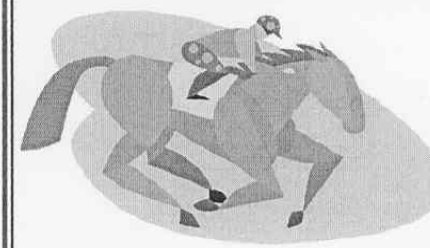
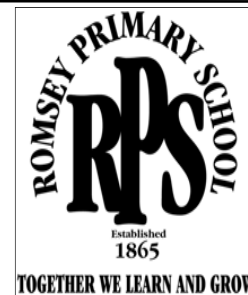
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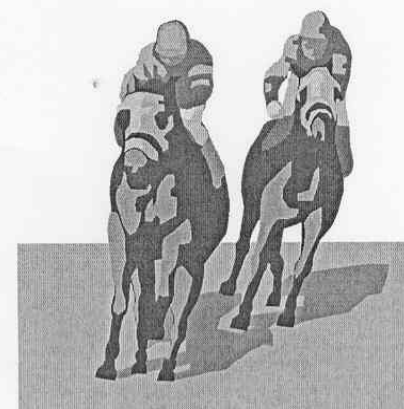
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Guest Speaker, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists. He works at the Albert Road Centre for Health in Melbourne, and specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. Michael is entertaining, meticulously prepared and his presentations are always full of clear, easy to implement strategies for improving the quality of your life and your personal and professional relationships.

Topics for discussion include:

- Effective Communication with young people
- Cyber use & abuse
- Alcohol/drugs/parties
- Boundary setting
- Age appropriate behaviour
- Productive interaction between parents & schools

In 1985, Michael founded the world's first national teenage cancer patients support group, Canteen - The Australian Teenage Cancer Patient's Society. He is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying and an official ambassador for *beyondblue* and *Mindmatters*, one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government. Michael has extensive experience in the media with regular appearances on television and radio.

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Please register your name with Macedon Ranges Health Services if you wish to attend this FREE forum.
Phone 5428 0300 or email healthcare@mrhs.com.au

RIPPER READS

Greetings all,
Herewith are the winners of the Australian Children's Book Awards for 2007.
An interesting collection of titles and a good selection of quality Australian Children's Literature.
Regards, Pauline

Book of the Year - Older Readers

Winner - Red Spikes - Margo Lanagan

Honour - Monster Blood Tattoo: Book one - Foundling - D.M.Cornish
The Red Shoe - Ursula Dubosarsky

Book of the Year - Younger Readers

Winner - Being Bee - Catherine Bateson

Honour - The Tuckshop Kid - Pat Flynn
Bird & Sugar Boy - Sofie Laguna

Book of the Year - Early Childhood

Winner - Amy & Louis - Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood

Honour - Doodledum Dancing - Meredith Costain & Pamela Allen

Chatterbox - Margaret Wild & Deborah Niland

Picture Book of the Year

Winner - The Arrival - Shaun Tan

Honour - The Rainbirds - David Metzenthen & Sally Rippon

Woolvs in the Sitee - Margaret Wild & Anne Spudvilas

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books

Winner - The Penguin Book: Birds in Suits - Mark Norman

Honour - Red Haze: Australians & New Zealanders in Vietnam - Leon Davidson

Queenie: One elephant's story - Corinne Fenton & Peter Gouldthorpe

Probus Club—Romsey/Lancefield

Our August self-drive outing was to The Mountain View Restaurant at Macedon.

About twenty of us attended where the views across the ranges were quite stunning and the meal to follow one of the best meals we have had in our self drive outings. All those who attended the luncheon thoroughly enjoyed their meal.

Up and coming events for Probus:

October 17th

Another self -drive to Rupertswood Mansion in Sunbury and lunch.

November 21

Lunch at the Victoria Hotel in Woodend.

December 19th

End of Year break up at The Australiana in Wandong.

Any inquiries please phone Jenni Clampit on54295480

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An invitation to Universal Children's Day

Guest speaker event

A council funded Kindergarten initiative.

Topic: Healthy eating and lifestyle for young children.

Speaker: Heather Gilbertson, Paediatric Dietician.

**To be held at the
The Romsey Kindergarten.
October 24th, 7:00pm
Free entry.**

Heather Gilbertson has extensive knowledge in paediatric eating and nutrition. Heather's work has had particular focus on the RCH healthy lifestyle program, an innovative program for children of all ages run by the Royal Children's Hospital dieticians. Topics discussed by Heather shall be food effecting weight, school lunches and snacks, shopping and meal preparation, family influences on eating, behaviour and its effect on eating, activity and lifestyle.

For further details, please contact Kath Brundell 54293137.

BUNGAWITTA PLAYGROUP NEWS

Well, hopefully we have most of the cold weather out of the way and Term 4 at Bungawitta Playgroup will be back busier and better than ever!

For those who haven't yet joined us, it is not too late! There is still time for you and your children to come and enjoy our facilities and equipment and meet some new friends! Playgroup Victoria offer ½ price insurance for term 4 (\$13) and the term costs \$30 or \$3 per session. Grandparents and carers, we would love to see you too. Feel free to join us when you have the kids and pay per session.

A NEW HOME

At the moment, Committee is preparing for our move into the Romsey Hub, which is currently under construction. There, we will have our own purpose built room and outdoor area. We received a \$500 grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council in their Community Grants Scheme and we intend to spend it on lots of storage boxes, a labelling machine and some new equipment to ensure a smooth transition to our new home. This will be an exciting time for all of our members as we enjoy our brand new facilities. It will be sad to leave our current home as it has served us well for many years.

TERM 4

Our last term for the year is our biggest. We keep busy with our indoor/outdoor activities such as arts and crafts, water play, sand play, pretend play, parachute play, and

using our great equipment such as bikes, swings, mini tramps, slides, and much more! As Christmas creeps closer, we have fun planning our end of year party and Christmas activities.

COME AND JOIN US!

So if you are new to town or have been thinking of joining us, don't put it off any longer. Come and visit us in term 4. We start back on Tuesday 9th October or Thursday 11th October from 9:30am. We are on the corner of Main Rd and Palmer St, Romsey or contact Anna on 5429 6171 or Joanne on 5429 5368 for more details.

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Programs at the Romsey Recreation Centre

Competitions starting in October

We are now taking enrolments for the following competitions.

Men's indoor Soccer

Wednesday Nights
Team entry

Senior Mixed Squash

Wednesday Nights
Individual Entry

Senior Mixed Badminton

Tuesday Nights
Individual Entry

Exercise Classes

These classes are now available. Contact us for session times.

Pilates

Beginner and Intermediate Classes
Monday Afternoons

Boxing Fitness

Tuesday & Thursday Nights
Thursday Mornings

Circuit Class

Wednesday Mornings
Child Minding Available

Expressions of Interest

We are taking expressions of interest for the following programs. All programs must meet minimum target numbers before they will be started.

Yoga Classes

Women's Indoor Soccer

Daytime Ladies Netball

Contact us on (03) 5429 5637 for more information on any of these programs.

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

Minister Avril Hannah-Jones: 5429 5351 Mobile: 0408 380 962

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship...

Advance Notice:

Advent Activity Day – Friday December 7th. This one day will commence at 3.45pm and will include stories and activities for primary school children and then will finish with a BBQ at 5.30pm for everyone. Contact Sandra Strack 5427 0472. More information at a later date.

Matthew 6: 25-27

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

Reflection from Eddie Askew.

It was cold, down at the nature reserve. The sky was steel grey, clouds torn by an almost gale-force wind. It ripped through the trees, scattering the last leaves. The water was grey and ruffled. A great armada of Canada geese was in the water, together with dozens of other waterbirds. They all floated there, facing into the storm. Their environment had suddenly become hostile, threatening. They didn't protest, or run for cover. They didn't use up precious energy flying into it, or fighting it. They faced into the wind, paddling quietly. They paddled just enough to keep their direction and position in the water. Maybe we can learn from the birds. Jesus thought so. They tell us of God's concern, he said, and remind us that we achieve little by worrying. When the going gets tough, the tough gets going, says the Cliché. I'm not sure that's always the best way. We're not all as aggressive as that suggests. Another way is just to face the storm, and keep position. Not scream and shout, not protest and ask what have I done to deserve this, but just hold on to faith and wait for the wind to blow itself out. It will, because the creator of the winds is stronger than the wind.

It may take time, but it works, and I don't remember ever seeing a Canada goose with acute depression.

Look at the birds.
That's what you said, Lord.
And there they are,
just getting on
with the business of living.
Being birds. Facing the storm.
That's part of my problem, I reckon.
Not content to be me,
wanting something different.
Creating my own tensions.
Piling up the building blocks of discontent.
Making my own high-rise apartments of unhappiness.
Isolating myself in anxiety.
Made worse when the hand of reality gives it all a push,
and I sit, a child in the ruins, howling.
Help me understand, Lord,
that wherever I'm at, you're there.
That you have something for me.
That you care.
As a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,
you said.
Nice picture, that.
Safe from the world, warm, secure.
But chicks grow up, and so must I
Get out into the cold wind of the world out there.
But knowing that your wings are stronger than the storm
I think I can live with that.

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Church services conducted during October 2007

7th	9am	Worship service and Sunday School
14th	9am	Communion service and Sunday School Conducted by Dr Avril Hannah Jones
	4pm	Singing together in Song with D'Arcy Wood Followed by a "bring a plate" shared tea
21st	9am	Worship service and Sunday School Conducted by the Worship team.
28th	9am	Worship service and Sunday School Conducted by Dr Avril Hannah Jones

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VISIT MCEWEN ONLINE

News from our Macedon Ranges region is now easier to access with the revamped 'McEwen Online' website, Local Federal Member Fran Bailey said today.

"My website, www.franbaileymp.com has just had a facelift and the new design makes it even easier for local residents to get online and find out exactly what is going on in our local area," Fran said. "Our Macedon Ranges region has its own section with latest news announcements, newsletters and photographs. The rest of the site has some really handy links to Federal Government and other sites, including services for our senior residents, family services and my own portfolios – Small Business and Tourism."

"There's also a great link to all of our Federal Government grants that local community groups, including schools and sporting clubs, can apply for."

Fran said the site was also a quick and easy way for locals to contact her at the touch of a button.

"There's a feedback form and an issues survey on the site – our residents can email me directly with either form, to let me know of any problems they would like help with, or to let me know the issues that are a priority to them," Fran said.

"And if you can think of anything which should be on the site, or anything you'd like to see – let me know!" The new-look McEwen Online can be viewed at www.franbaileymp.com.

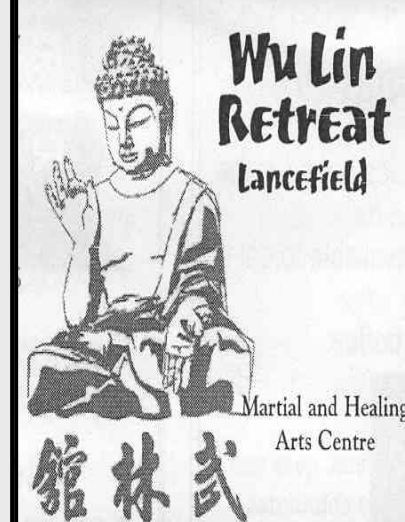
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The program provides an opportunity for participants to develop their leadership skills, discover their personal potential, explore issues across the north central region of Victoria and participate in study tours to Canberra and Melbourne.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has for the last four years sponsored two residents of the Shire or employees to participate in the program – as a way of promoting the development of leadership skills in the community.

The aim of the nine month course is to develop creative, courageous and confident community leaders. This goal is achieved by building on the participant's existing personal and community leadership skills and increasing their understanding of regional issues while establishing a leadership network across the region.

For more information about the program and/or to obtain an application form, log-on to www.lmclp.org.au or contact Kerry Anderson on 0418 553 719.

For details of Council's sponsorship opportunities contact Stephen Mahon – Manager Council & Customer Services on 5422 0352.

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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Spring has sprung and, with it, a flurry of activity as a very busy Term 3 at Kindergarten finishes. The activities at the Kindergarten this term and, what is planned ahead, emphasise the commitment of Romsey Kindergarten to service a broad canvass of needs, which ultimately reflect in the development of our children. The programs delivered in the classroom, the delivery of educational presentations to assist parents, the commitment to stimulating professional development for the teaching staff or the forging and maintenance of the Kindergarten's relationships with the broader community all potentially influence our very young community members.



Open Day

Our 2nd Annual Open day was held on Saturday 8th September, and proved to be a great success with many visitors to the Kindergarten throughout the day. Joanne Duncan (State Member of Parliament)

and Cr. Sandra McGregor (Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor) were present to launch proceedings. Renee Silbermann, early childhood consultant with Kathy Walker and Associates, was our Guest Speaker who stimulated much discussion on the topics of "Building Resilience" and "Effective Parenting". Our Unit 1 teacher, Jane Whelan, discussed the interesting issue of "Rushing Our Children". Our Teaching Assistants, Catherine and Kay, were also present to speak to parents and conduct impromptu "Kinder mat sessions" for children. The Kinder Clown handed out free balloons and showbags, whilst the free jumping castle and sausage sizzle was popular. A sumptuous morning/afternoon tea was eagerly tucked into, and a cake stall allowed patrons to take home some of the great local home-baked items! First Prize in the raffle was won by Jane Rodwell.



We would like to thank the Bendigo Bank and National Australia Bank (Romsey Branches) for their generous support of our Open Day. Many thanks to all of our volunteer helpers, including Matt Brundell (our Clown).

Art Week

Open Day was the culmination of Art Week at the Kindergarten. A wide selection of visual artwork had been carefully selected from the children by the teachers for laminating and mounting in a great visual display in the foyer. We would like to thank Gillian Gorrie (Gillmay Gallery) for her kind support of this special kinder display.

Grandparents/Special Persons Day

This was also held during Art Week so it was a very busy time! Committee provided morning and afternoon teas to these special visitors to Kindergarten. They were able to participate in the children's kinder activities and were treated to a performance from each group of children. The attendance at this event was fantastic, demonstrating the interest and support by all family connections of the Kindergarten experience.

Transition Is Underway!

The 4-year-old groups are in the midst of their transition to school program. This involves periodic visits to the Romsey Primary School with their Kindergarten teachers. In Term 4, children will visit in their 2008 class groups to the classroom they will be allocated to in Prep. Other local schools also undertake Transition Programs that will involve some of the Romsey Kindergarten children in Term 4.

Universal Children's Week Special Event

To celebrate Universal Children's Week, Romsey Kindergarten (supported by the Shire of Macedon Ranges) is hosting Dietician Heather Gilbertson from the Royal Children's Hospital. All are welcome to hear Heather speak on "Healthy Eating and Lifestyle For Young Children", which is a very topical subject for many of us. Romsey Kindergarten is committed to educating and informing parents (as well as children!) on issues relating to early childhood development. The event will take place at the Romsey Kindergarten on Wednesday 24th October at 7pm. Supper will be provided. Please contact **Kath Brundell on 54 293137** if you have any queries.







More 4-Year-Old Classes In 2008

The Kindergarten is pleased to announce that it will be running three 4-year-old classes in 2008. This means we can offer positions to all who have enrolled with class sizes that will not be too large, thereby assisting the teachers in their provision of a quality program. There are still some vacancies left for those who have not yet enrolled. Please contact **Tracey Newnham (54 296269)** if you have any enrolment queries.

Jenny Stillman (0412-349849)
Committee of Management

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Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

OUR BANK'S SECOND HOLE IN THE WALL

Our Community Bank company now has a second 24-hour automatic teller facility, with a new ATM installed in late September at the Lancefield branch. Natalie Cullinger, a branch manager at our local Community Banks, said the ATM would benefit the Bank's customers at both Lancefield and Romsey, and would also be a major convenience for other residents and visitors who were not yet Community Bank clients. The chair of the Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks company, Maureen Wiltshire, said the decision to install the ATM was made because of an identified need by customers.

"A major survey of our customers earlier this year identified that many people wanted the convenience of a second 24-hour automatic teller machine for the company, based in Lancefield to complement the ATM installed when our Romsey branch opened," Mrs Wiltshire said. "One of the key reasons why we have established Community Bank branches in Romsey and Lancefield is to provide banking services which our communities want and need. The community has told us it wants a second ATM, installed in Lancefield, and we have delivered."

Ms Cullinger said many Lancefield residents previously had to drive to Romsey to access 24-hour cash, at the ATM at the Romsey branch. "Lancefield's commercial centre is growing, and the Bank saw the installation of an ATM as an important move to support the local business community and encourage residents to do their shopping locally," she said. "Lancefield and Romsey are also part of a growing and vibrant tourism community based on accommodation, our wineries and the other tourist attractions in a beautiful region around an hour's drive from Melbourne. With an influx of tourists into our towns and region, it was seen as important that automatic banking facilities were available."

Ms Cullinger said the Lancefield Community Bank would continue to pride itself on the face-to-face service and support provided by its staff, and installation of the ATM was not designed to divert any customers who still wanted to use the branch – as has always been the case at Romsey. However, it would be a major support for customers and residents who could not regularly attend during banking hours.

Romsey tickled pink

Breast Cancer Network Australia hosts hundreds of Mini-Fields across Australia

The Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield will host a gathering to highlight the human reality of Australian breast cancer statistics and to give survivors, carers and the Romsey and Lancefield communities the opportunity to participate in a public display of support for those affected by breast cancer.

Mini-Fields of Women involves the display of 100 pink lady silhouettes representing the 13,000 Australians diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007. This amazing visual display will take place at The Bay Tree Cafe, Romsey, on Saturday 27th October.

The Romsey *Mini-Field of Women* gathering is one of hundreds that community groups are hosting to raise awareness of Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) as the peak national organisation for Australians personally affected by breast cancer. BCNA works to ensure that women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families receive the very best information, treatment, care and support possible – no matter who they are or where they live.

The *Mini-Field of women* convenor and local resident, Kate Christie, organised the event so that the local community can show its support for those in the area affected by breast cancer, and comments "Our community has been impacted by breast cancer. It is an issue that is close to the hearts of women in our community. Everyday 36 women will be told that they have breast cancer a statistic which means breast cancer affects everyone in the community."

Mini-Fields of Women will ensure that BCNA can inform the local community about its important program the *My Journey Kit*. The Kit is a comprehensive free resource for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer and has been developed by women who have had breast cancer. BCNA offers the Kit to all Australia for free. Since its launch in 2005, BCNA has distributed over 25,000 *My Journey Kits* to Australian women.

During proceedings at the Romsey *Mini-Field of Women*, attendees will be encouraged to leave a message by sponsoring a silhouette. These poignant messages of hope, encouragement and remembrance are powerful reminders of the very personal impact of the disease.

All money raised from the sponsorship (\$20 each) will be donated to BCNA to continue its important work to empower, information, represent and link together people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

If you would like to sponsor a silhouette prior to the day, or for further information about the *Romsey Mini-Field of Women*, please contact Kate Christie ph. 0408510475

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Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Joanne Reuther

School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

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MASS TIMES
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1st, & 3rd Sunday of the month:
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REGULAR EVENTS
SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
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All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.
Spiritual Guidance: Last Wednesday of each month
at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.
John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130
for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Women's Retreat Day:
After the successful day last year, we are again offering a Women's Retreat Day. The day will be facilitated by Helen Barnes, a Josephite Sister who has wide experience in leading days of reflection and meditation.
Date: Thursday, 4th October
Venue: Lancefield Golf Club Rooms
Time: 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx.)
Cost: \$20 (morning tea and lunch provided)
Bookings are essential ... please phone the Presbytery on 5429 2130 or Florence on 5429 1399.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME
Saturday evening Mass commences at 7.00 p.m. (summer time) from the 6th October and will remain at this time until the end of daylight savings.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS
As Term 3 nears an end, the children and teachers are looking forward to a well-earned rest. We have enjoyed glimpses of warmer weather and celebrated any rainfall we have received. As we look back at a very busy term, there are many special occasions on which we can reflect.
The Grade 3 children celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist. They were able to receive the body and blood of Jesus for the first time. The children can now participate at a different level during the Mass, when they experience the Eucharist. We have continued to implement the "Bounce Back" program to raise the children's ability to be resistant and to 'Bounce Back' when something happens to them. This term the main focus was on bullying and how to recognise and respond to bullying behaviours. The parents were invited to an information evening early in the term so that they could gain a clearer understanding of what the program is about.

Bad times don't last. Things always get better.
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.
Nobody is perfect – not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
Everybody experiences sadness, changes, hurt, failure, rejection, and setbacks sometimes.
Blame fairly – how much of what happened was because of you, because of others and because of bad luck or circumstances?
Accept the things you can change (but try to change what you can first).
Catastrophising makes things worse. Don't believe the worst possible picture.
Keep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.
As a school, we helped Father George celebrate his birthday on the 1st August. The children made him cards and the staff invited him to share morning tea. We also celebrated the Feast of the Blessed Mary Mackillop as well as the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Many parents assisted in a working bee, helping to make the school cleaner, safer and aesthetically pleasing for the school community and its visitors. The garden along the front fence is blooming with daffodils and jonquils and reminds us of the warmer weather that lies ahead.
Many of the Grade 3-6 children participated in the COBAW athletics carnival on the 14th September. The carnival was held in Bendigo and the children represented the school with enthusiasm and fantastic sportsmanship. Many received ribbons and some children will go on to the next level of competition next term.



Congratulations to the whole team.
We look forward to an exciting term, full of learning, fun and friendship.

BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey
Doors Open 7.00 p.m. EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.
30 games (2 sessions of 15 games) finishing around 9.45 p.m.
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HOUSE NEWS

Programs for Term 4:
Art Classes: For Children and Adults:
Contact Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0409 801 082 / 5429 3996

Art & Craft Market for Romsey
Expressions of interest are sought from local arts and crafts people to start a regular art and craft market in Romsey It is anticipated that the first market will be held in November.
For information phone Gillian on 5429 5448 / 0411579906

Yoga With Kym Oliver Wednesdays 7.00 pm at Romsey Primary School.
Cost: \$12 per session or \$100 per 10 week term.
For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

Writer's Group with Dee White—new members welcome. Please contact 0412 275 152 if you are interested in joining. Meets once per month on the first Monday night at 7.00pm at Romsey Primary School.

Crop till you drop: Each third Saturday of the month for all you Memory Makers and Scrapbookers. Starts at 5.00pm, cost is \$15 per session and includes pizza or fish'n'chips for dinner. For further information contact Belinda Williams 54291693/ 0407 203 826

Drop In Craft Morning is back every Thursday from 10.30 at CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey. Gold coin donation. Bring along an unfinished craft item, or a skill to share and enjoy the relaxed friendly atmosphere with a group of like-minded people. Or just come for a cuppa and a chat!

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

For information, to express interest or suggest new activities please contact Robyn on 0412 275 152

What's happening at the Hub?
The Romsey Community House Committee is very excited about progress on the redevelopment of the old shire offices and post office, which will eventually be our "home". While it looks like there is more *destruction* than *construction* going on at the moment, work is apparently on target for a completion date in February or March of next year.
While work continues on the physical side of creating our Community House, the committee is also working very hard on a number of other levels. We are awaiting the outcome of a recent application to the Department of Victorian Communities for two separate funding programs—one for a grant to train volunteers interested in participating in the running of the Community House, and the other for on-going funding to employ a paid co-ordinator for the House.
The committee organised a public forum in August to raise community awareness of the purpose of the Community House, and to let community groups and individuals know what facilities will be available when the hub opens. We had a very encouraging response to the forum, and lots of ideas and suggestions were put forward about the future direction of programs and activities under the auspice of the Community House. Thank you to all those people who attended and contributed.
At our most recent committee meeting, these ideas were further discussed, and it was agreed that the committee needs to be aggressive in its advertising and raising of public awareness of the Community House.
The committee is also represented on the group looking at management structures and strategies for the day-to-day running of the Hub, and this group meets regularly to develop guidelines and policy for management of the resource.
The date for our Annual General Meeting has been set for Tuesday October 30th at 7.00 pm at Romsey Primary School in the library. All members of the community are encouraged to attend and become involved in this important community group, especially at this exciting time in its history and development!

Are You Interested / Can You Help?
At the public forum to discuss the future of the Romsey Neighbourhood House many ideas were put forward for programs and activities to be conducted by the House. Some of them were:
Men's Group
Choir
Outings / Travel Club
Men's Shed
Computers

FRAN WELCOMES 'SAFETY FIRST' ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Local Federal Member Fran Bailey welcomed today's announcement that the Australian Government will provide \$40 million over the next four years to increase the number of school buses equipped with seat belts for students in rural and regional areas.

"The safety of our students is a top priority for rural and regional areas like ours, where school buses travel long distances," Fran said.

"The value of seat belts to improve the safety of journeys to and from school will be welcomed by parents."

Fran said our electorate had played a major role in achieving this outcome.

"The results of our McEwen campaign for seatbelts provided important information and my thanks to our local bus operators for helping us achieve a good result," Fran said.

"This funding will be used to provide subsidies of up to \$25,000 a bus, and will be paid directly to private rural and regional bus operators."

This new initiative will see seat belts installed in at least 375 school buses in non-metropolitan areas each year, with the Commonwealth ultimately funding seat belts in at least 1500 regional school buses.

"Through this initiative, seat belts would be provided for 7.5 million school student bus trips a year, resulting in a far safer traveling environment for our school children and providing peace of mind for our regional and rural families," Fran said.

"This is yet another area of State Government responsibility where the Commonwealth has had to step in to ensure action is taken on safety."

Melbourne Show Success For Local Craftswoman

Romsey resident and needleworker of considerable talent, Karryn Gottschling, has been very successful in the craft competition at this year's Royal Melbourne Show.

Karryn entered three of her handmade baby garments in the show, and won first prize with two of them—for embroidery and smocking. This follows on from success at the Sunbury Show last year, and winning at the regional level as well. Congratulations Karryn!



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Contact

Mrs Pat Shannon (President) on 5429 6194 or Mrs Jeni Clampit (Secretary) on 5429 5480



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Programs at the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre

Basketball Competitions starting in October

We are now taking enrolments for the following competitions.

Senior Mixed Basketball

Tuesday Nights
Team entry

Over 30's Mixed Basketball

Thursday Nights
Team Entry

**Contact the Riddells Creek
Leisure Centre on (03) 5429 7155**

Email: rclc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

FRAN WELCOMES \$330 MILLION PACKAGE TO BENEFIT OUR LOCAL VETERANS

Local Federal Member Fran Bailey has welcomed the announcement of an increase in payments for hundreds of Veterans' Affairs disability pensioners in our electorate of McEwen.

As part of a comprehensive \$330 million veterans' support package, all veterans' affairs disability pensions will be indexed more beneficially with reference to both the Consumer Price Index and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings from March 2008.

"This increase is about recognising our returned veterans and their families, and the commitment they gave to our country, so that we can enjoy the wonderful opportunities and lifestyle we have today," Fran said.

Fran said the significant indexation measure will benefit more than 880 disability pensioners, including those receiving the Special Rate, Intermediate Rate and the Extreme Disability Adjustment.

"In addition, about 85 veterans who receive the Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA) will also receive a fortnightly increase of \$15, from March 2008, to the Above General Rate component of their disability pension," Fran said.

The Australian Government also recognises that the General Rate Table for 'non economic loss' compensation for the pain, suffering and loss of function, resulting from an accepted service-related condition, has not been reviewed for some time, other than to be adjusted inline with movements in the CPI.

"As a result, the entire General Rate Table will be increased by 5 per cent from March 2008. This initiative will deliver all General Rate recipients a fortnightly boost of \$20 from March 2008, also adjusted by the more beneficial indexation method. EDA veterans will receive a total increase of more than \$35," Fran said.

"These commitments respect and honour the long established principles of our world-class repatriation system, and again demonstrate, in a practical and meaningful way, our special duty to those who have served our nation," Fran said.

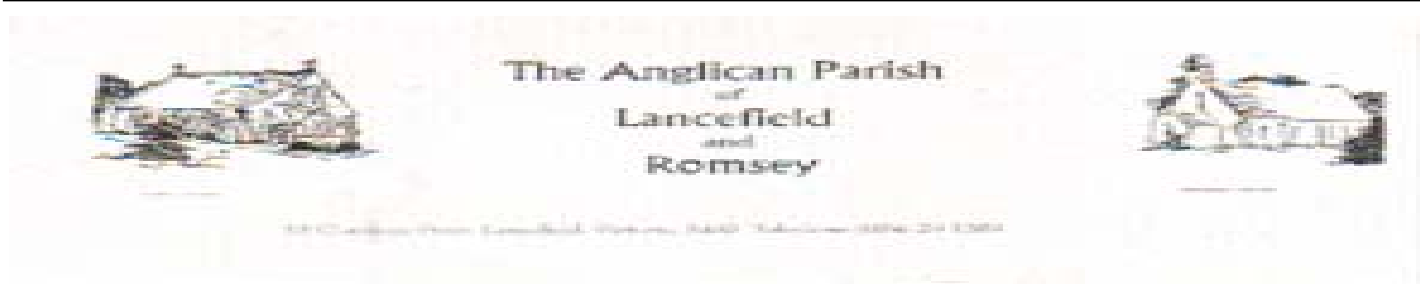
"The disability pension enhancement package is in addition to fortnightly increases of \$50 for the Special Rate pension and \$25 for the Intermediate Rate pension which took effect in July under a \$159.6 million Howard Government measure."

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VIEW FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

I sadly missed writing to you for the last month as things have been a little busy around here. So, it's great to find time to write again in order to maintain the church's connection with the community and communicate what is happening in and around our churches.

Jesus was a master at meeting the needs of the community he lived in. No! I'm not trying to be Jesus but I believe all churches should be founded upon the model of Jesus. Jesus identified the basic needs of people to be fed and clothed and loved. Something we try and do as a church. Over the last month of sickness especially in Lancefield, when we have known about it, we have fed and loved people that we have known that are unwell during this time – and that's only within our church community.

This has got me thinking! How best can we, as a community (one that is still founded upon Christian principles and values), care for one another? There are many options available to us such as each person having a spare meal in the freezer just in case we hear of someone in need. There could also be a central freezer for the community so that a prepared meal could be pulled out as needed. I'm sure there are other suggestions around. However, it is something worth giving some thought to so that all in our community can be cared for in a loving way,

and as we approach Christmas, this becomes very important.

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

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

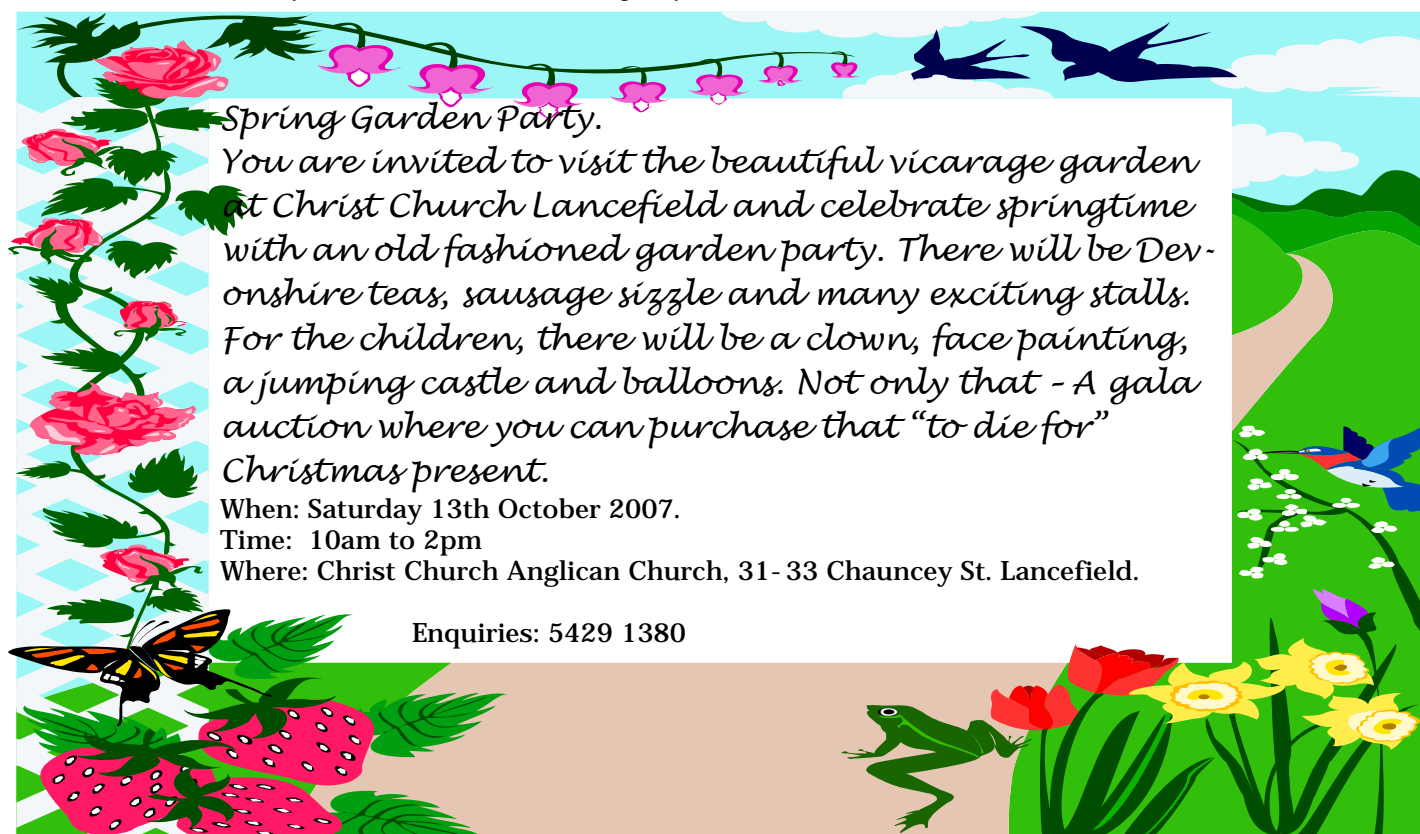
Coming Events:

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

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Church hall. Cost \$3.00 to cover dinner. Anyone in Grades 5 – 9 at school welcome. Come along and see what fun activities we do. All welcome and all our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

This youth group recommences on Sunday 14th October 2007 with all grade 4's welcome.

For further details on any of our activities, please contact the office on 5429-1380.



Spring Garden Party.

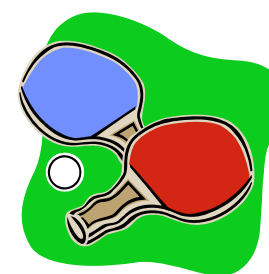
You are invited to visit the beautiful vicarage garden at Christ Church Lancefield and celebrate springtime with an old fashioned garden party. There will be Devonshire teas, sausage sizzle and many exciting stalls. For the children, there will be a clown, face painting, a jumping castle and balloons. Not only that - A gala auction where you can purchase that "to die for" Christmas present.

When: Saturday 13th October 2007.

Time: 10am to 2pm

Where: Christ Church Anglican Church, 31-33 Chauncey St. Lancefield.

Enquiries: 5429 1380



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Are you between 12 -18 years old?

Come to the Lancefield Youth Space to make heaps of new friends and have loads of fun!!

When & What

Oct 12th – Table Tennis/Games Night

Oct 26th – Bus it to MITS Gig in Romsey

Nov 9th – Trivia Night

Nov 23rd – Open Mic/Singstar Night

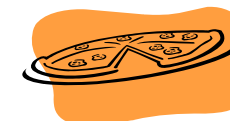
Dec 7th – Club Night

Where: The Crescent (rear of Mechanics Hall)

For more information or to register your participation contact Annie Rowland 54278242 or 0417327277

All participants must register and complete Indemnity Forms

All activities = gold coin donation! (Unless otherwise stated)



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