

Romsey Women's Golf Report

In July our Annual Tournament the *Romsey Challenge Bowl* was held. We had teams enter from as far as Marysville and Ivanhoe! Members had their fingers and toes crossed for a fine, warmish weather day – and got it! Congratulations to the winners for the 2nd year running – Trentham Golf Club, namely: Mary Campbell, Shirley Shelton and Elaine Hanson. A special big *THANK YOU* to everybody who assisted with the preparation of the course and the team of helpers on the day. Also our appreciation is expressed to our sponsors: Greg Gibson – Romsey Pharmacy, Bendigo Bank, National Australia Bank and Gillmay Arts Galley. The day was a huge success with some great golf being played. The desserts served on the day were all scrumptious and I have selected one of my favorites to share – it is delicious!

Results:

- 25 June – Canadian: Jan Harver and Helen Biggs
- 2 July – Stableford: Leila Beasley
- 9 July – Stableford: Leila Beasley
- 16 July – Canadian: Leila Beasley and Jenny Casey
- 23 July – Monthly medal & 3rd round Silver Spoon – Leila Beasley.

New members are always welcome – Wednesdays at 9.15am in the club house.

Baked Mocha Walnut Cheesecake with Coffee Cream.

Ingredients:

11/2 x 250gm pkt Chocolate Ripple Biscuits
75gm unsalted butter, melted
100gm pkt walnuts, chopped

Filling:

500gm cream cheese, at room temp
½ cup caster sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
¼ cup plain flour
100gm dark eating chocolate, melted
2tblsps cocoa powder
½ cup Milk Choc Bits

Coffee Cream:

300ml thickened cream
2tblsps icing sugar mixture
2tblsps coffee flavoured liqueur

Method:

- Gease a 24cm springform pan & line base & side with baking paper
- Place biscuits, butter & ½ the walnuts in a food processor. Process until finely crushed.
- Press mixture firmly over base of prepared tin
- Filling: place cream cheese & sugar in a bowl. Beat until smooth. Add eggs, flour, chocolate & cocoa.
- Beat until well mixed. Stir in Choc Bits & liquor
- Pour filling over prepared base. Sprinkle remaining nuts around edge
- Cook in mod slow oven (160c) for 55mins or until set & firm to touch.
- Stand for 30mins before serving.
- To make coffee cream, place cream & sugar in a small bowl. Beat until firm peaks form. Add liquor. Beat to combine. Enjoy!

Jan Harver (a Romsey Birdie)
Ph: 0402 905982



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Thursday 9:30 - 11:30

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Thursday 1:00 - 3:00

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Joanne Warren 5429 5368



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Stephanie Wooster
Dip.R.M

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From The Rag Team

Thank you to the people who responded to our recent call for additional volunteers to help out with the Rag. We look forward to welcoming a number of new people to the crew in various roles—copy setting, printing and collating. We still need more people for the collating team. With just a few it takes many hours, but with lots it is a short and enjoyable task. So give it some thought—if you can spare even an hour on one Thursday morning a month (see dates above) we would love to see you! Just come along to the Romsey Primary School front desk and ask to be directed to the Romsey Rag collating team.

ROMSEY LIONS CLUB SUNDAY MARKET— 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The market is back!

The next Romsey Market will be held on Sunday, 24th August
New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245

From Local Member Joanne Duncan Community Pride in Romsey

Dear friends

It was with great pleasure that I attended the official opening of the Romsey Community Centre last month with the Minister for Local Government, Richard Wynne and The Honourable Fran Bailey MP, Member for McEwan.

The community now has a stunning new \$2.1 million facility that houses a local library and meeting rooms, Romsey Community House, health services and provides local government assistance by Macedon Ranges Shire staff.

The Romsey Community Hub project is a great example of what can be achieved if all levels of government and the community put their heads together to create something special for the community. The Victorian Government contributed \$790,000 along with \$880,370 from Macedon Ranges Shire and \$475,673 from the Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services. I hope many of you take the time to visit the Hub and enjoy the new services and facilities.

In further local news, I recently met with staff at Romsey Kindergarten to announce that the kindergarten had received nearly \$100,000 from the Victorian Government to redevelop their outdoor area.

This grant will enable the kindergarten to create a safe, interactive and environmentally friendly space for the children to play. Congratulations to all involved in the grant application.

These government grants enable Romsey to continue to meet the growing needs of this community.

Warm regards,
JOANNE DUNCAN MP
State Member for Macedon



Minister for Local Government Richard Wynne, Member for Macedon Joanne Duncan and MP Fran Bailey at the Hub opening.

Shame Thief Shame.

To the person/s (either child or adult) who decided to remove and steal the Australian flag from our garden, without permission, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Stealing is a crime, but the fact that you feel it is your right to enter someone else's property and take what is not rightfully yours emulates just how much you don't care for others. Our children have had the flag throughout their childhood and are extremely patriotic.

You have changed their perception of what respecting and believing in others involves. Feeling remorseful? Obviously not. When you next have the urge to inflict your selfish act on someone: remember you will get caught and it is also a fact - the tide turns, which will mean you being dealt a wronged hand one day.

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Roze Batty.



Robert J Batty
April 1946 - March 2008

To my
Husband
For all the thoughtful things you've
done, to make our home a happy one
that's filled with laughter, warmth,
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ways, for the wonderful things you
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Romsey Primary School

Strengthening Student's Coping Skills

For all of us, life is an exciting and often unpredictable journey that provides joys, satisfactions and highlights, but also some difficulties, frustrations, disappointments and hard times. Through meeting life's challenges we grow stronger and gain personal coping skills and a sense of who we are and become more resilient. At Romsey Primary School we use Bounceback to develop these skills in students. Presently all classes are revisiting this program, remembering what each letter stands for and practising these skills. The school finds that not only is this program useful for students it is also valuable for teachers and parents. Students have reported using these coping skills in their lives and some students have taught Bounceback to members of their family. During term three all classes we are also exploring our school values of Learning, Caring, Relationships, Happiness and Inclusion.

In Bounceback we have so far covered

B – Bad times don't last, things always get better, stay optimistic

O – Other people can help if you talk to them

U – Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset



In the playground these younger students are playing cooperatively with recently purchased sandpit equipment.

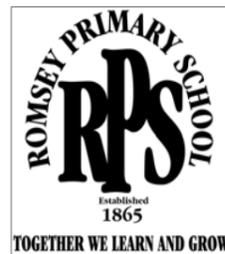
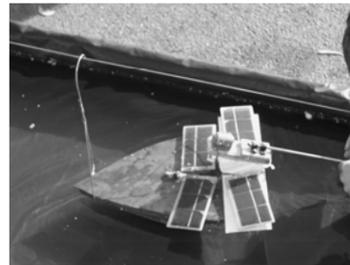
Waterwatch

Recently an aquatic scientist from Melbourne Water visited the Senior Unit to explain the Waterwatch Program. He showed the students how water quality is tested for salinity, temperature and acidity. He also brought a tub of water from Deep Creek to search for bugs and fish. During the rest of the year students will be visiting Deep Creek to test the water. Our local creeks and rivers feed the waterway which has the rare Yarra Pygmy Perch, a fish that is nearly extinct. We are pleased to be involved in this important local environmental project and to be supported by the Deep Creek Landcare Group in this project.



Solar Boats

Another exciting project the Senior Unit are participating in presently is The Solar Boat Challenge. This involves groups of students designing, building and time trialling a solar boat. They also have to produce a poster explaining their design ideas and methodology. At the end of last term an engineering student advising students with the wiring of the solar panels and motors. Adjustments are being made to improve speed and alignment of their boats for the Solar Challenge in September.



Staffing

We congratulate Mr John Fryer who has taken up the position of Acting Principal of Darraweit Guim for term 3. We have replaced him with LOTE teacher. Mrs Sue Little for the senior students. All other class will have a basic program taken by their classroom teachers. We have also employed 2 part time Physical Education teachers, Mrs Leanne Stewart and Mrs Melinda Giles for the years prep to 4 students. We are pleased Mrs Jill McQueen will continue teaching Year 1/2DS for term 3 and Mrs Pam Lenders will be taking the class for term 4. Mr Scale will continue to support the teachers and be involved in some class activities.

Enrolments for 2009

Any parents who are planning for their child to start school at Romsey Primary School in 2009 should enrol now. Enrolment documents are available at your Kindergarten or from the school office. You need to bring the enrolment forms, proof of age and record of immunisation. If you have not yet obtained documentation for immunisation, please enrol your child at this time and forward the immunisation certificate when this is available.

Joan Gibbs
Principal

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Ripper Reads

The Book of Fame – Lloyd Jones

The Age called this book, "starkly beautiful" and even though it is about the 1905 All Blacks tour of Britain I would have to agree that the description fits perfectly. I must also admit that although I have tried to understand the rules of Rugby, even borrowed a basic book about it once, it still strikes me as a fairly brutal and uninspiring game. However Jones has written about the tour, and the Kiwi boys who played in it, with love and awe and the simplicity of the text only enhances the melding of history and imagination. "People stopped them in the streets. 'Mr Gallaher, Mr Gallaher, sir. How does it feel to be famous?'" "The pyramids are famous, son." Understated and original - like the team who scored 830 points and conceded just 39. A great read.

My Story – Schapelle Corby with Kathryn Bonella

Schapelle Corby continues to protest her innocence of trying to smuggle 4.2kgs of marijuana into Bali two years ago in the form of a 300 page book co-written with journalist Kathryn Bonella. Her story is starting to fade in the Australian public's consciousness so maybe this book is a timely reminder to us that not every legal system operates on the "innocent until proven guilty" premise. No matter what your opinion of Corby's guilt or innocence, and the lack of forensic process argues most favourably in her defence, this book highlights the stark differences between judicial systems and the fact that if the trial had been conducted in Australia a jury would have probably decided in her favour due to a lack of substantial evidence. A very illuminating read.

Warriors of Alavna & Warriors of Camlann – N.M. Browne

Time shift books are definitely in vogue at the moment, but some authors write this genre better than others. N.M. Browne is one of these. Both of these titles deal with the same main characters – Ursula and Dan - who find themselves transported from the present day back to Roman Britain and King Arthur's Britain respectively. The narrative is lively and believable and the strength of the characters is the highlight of the books. No doubt there will be a third title soon.

Walking Group Register

Are you a walking group that would like new walkers to join?

I am trying to get together a register of walking groups across the Macedon Ranges Shire. Please send a contact name, phone number, base e.g. (Gisborne), and for how long you walk (e.g. approx 1 hour) or ring and leave a number and I will contact you.

Jeannie
Coordinator Macedon Ranges Walk Together
C/- Woodend Neighborhood Centre
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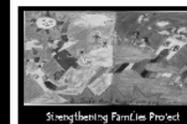
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SANDAKAN VIDEO

Letter to the Editor

The publicity generated by the Romsey/Medical/Sandakan project has resulted in an interesting development. A local resident who served in North Borneo during the war with the Royal Australian Air Force, loaned me a video featuring original film of the plight of the Australian prisoners of war at Sandakan. It includes interviews with two of the survivors (since deceased) and footage of the war trials that followed the massacres. It is a horror film of incredible cruelty and courage.

With the permission of the owner of the video, I have had it transcribed to DVD. Those who have gained an interest in Sandakan through the publicity generated by the *Romsey Medical Fundraiser*, may care to borrow this DVD which is now available from the Librarian at the Romsey Hub. It is titled 'Sandakan Death March'.

Mike Garnett, Romsey



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From Cr Henry Bleeck

Romsey funding for early childhood services

Macedon Ranges Shire is receiving a \$50,000 State Government grant to help progress planning for early years infrastructure. We're one of five councils across the State to get a grant, which will help us plan our future needs for young children.

Romsey services are getting two Government grants worth more than \$100,000. They are among three local children's services to have received minor capital funding. More than 900 kindergartens, childcare centres, neighbourhood houses and schools are sharing \$10.7 million in State Government grants.

Romsey Kindergarten has received \$98,610 to redevelop its outdoor area to provide a safe, interactive and friendly play space, and Romsey Primary School's after hours care program has received \$2970.

Riddells Creek Primary School's outside school hours care program has been awarded \$2970 in minor capital funding.

Pushing for an Early Years Centre

Your Council is pushing for Federal funding for local Early Years Centres. Council has been informed that the Federal Government will be making funding available for the construction of early years centres across Australia. There is

Probus Club

Romsey – Lancefield

Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am.

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

Contact

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

Join us for regular social events, companionship and friendship. New members are always welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday August 28th.

At our June meeting we had a friendship day where Probus members bought along a friend and we also had Probus members from other clubs in the area.

We had a lovely luncheon after the meeting of soup, sandwiches and slices.

A very nice day was had by all.

We also had a trip to the township of Talbot in June, which was very interesting, seeing the museum and a cacti / succulent garden and also the old school building, books and memorabilia.

Our mini bus trip there and back was great.



\$1.7 million per 50-place centre, catering for up to 80 children. Alternately, the option of achieving an increase of 50 places in a locality may also be through adding rooms to one or more existing centres. We will be submitting expressions of interest for the construction of centres in Lancefield, Riddells Creek, Gisborne and Kyneton.

The Commonwealth has advised that the roll out of the centres in Victoria will be through the State Office for Children, which is very positive from the local government perspective in terms of integrated planning. The Federal Government will be funding up to 260 new centres, so we're hopeful that we will get on the list for funding. The Commonwealth has advised that the criteria for priority locations will be determined in conjunction with the State and identification of locations negotiated with local government.

Henry Bleeck.

Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.
5422 7027



Voluntary Environmental Resource Inventory – Feedback and Evaluation Survey

In May 2008, Macedon Ranges Shire Council sent out 5166 land management information packs to residents on rural land, greater than or equal to 2 hectares.

The Packs included different information depending on the size of the land owner's property and whether the property had changed hands in the past three years. The packs could include a copy of Caring for Country (CC), a Voluntary Environmental Resource Inventory (VERI) Flier or an invitation to request a Department of Primary Industries New Landowners Kit (DPI).

All landowners in the Shire on land greater than or equal to 2 hectares should have received a copy of the VERI flier.

The Packs were Distributed as follows:

Total Mailout – 5166 packs

The VERI is a check list that can be used by land vendors or purchasers as a tool to exchange relevant land management information at the time of sale.

Caring for Country is a full colour magazine style book that details a broad range of sustainable land management issues.

Council is seeking feedback on the VERI and Landcare Communications in General.

Please follow the link below to complete a brief survey on the VERI

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uDr6knNILsDpscrshf9Gpg_3d_3d

Comments or suggestions are welcome in any format.

The VERI can be downloaded from:

http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_id=1538&h=0

Bolinda P.S.

Principal: Mr. John Mackintosh Tel: 5428 5317

Bolinda Primary News

Flag Pole Opening

We recently had an opening for our two new flagpoles. Joanne Duncan the Victorian Government Member for Macedon Ranges attended and presented us with a Victorian flag. As you now pass the school you will see them flying daily.



Excursion to the MCG

Our students recently travelled to the Melbourne Cricket Ground as part of our Olympics theme. We had a conducted tour of the ground including the history of the ground, player change rooms, the long room, media centre and many other sites and facts. This culminated

with a talk by an Olympic athlete Adrian Costi about his experiences at the Olympics. We then browsed through the new national Sports Museum. This was a wonderful experience showcasing many sports and the interactive exhibits were really enjoyed by our students.

Solar Boat Challenge

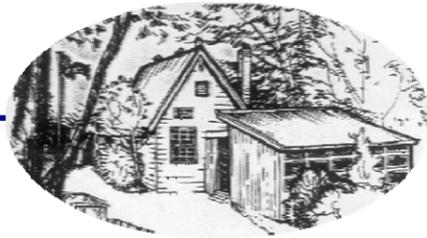
The Year 4 – 6 students are busy constructing, wiring and testing their solar boats ready for the Solar Boat Challenge against other schools in the cluster. Race day is early next month so we don't have much time to perfect our designs. We are all hoping for a sunny day, but we are confident our parallel circuits will provide the extra thrust we need if there is cloudy conditions.



Prep enrolments for 2009

We are now taking Prep enrolments for the 2009 school year. If you missed the recent open days, please call the school to make arrangements for a tour or ask for an information package.

John Mackintosh



Drums Performance

Our small hall was pulsing with African Drums last Friday when Darraweit Guim and Clarkefield Primary Schools joined us for a cultural experience. The Team Beat performers entertained us with their fantastic drumming and dancing. We learnt about different African life, types of instruments and dance. The students enjoyed having a turn on their own drum while the others were dancing. Even the teachers and parents joined in. It was a great experience.



Rebound Wall

The school was successful in gaining a \$6000 grant through the Victorian Governments 'Go for Your Life' program for a new rebound wall. This program encourages young people to be active and eat well. This new piece of equipment has proved extremely popular with our students; another addition to our fitness program and an activity for students at recess and lunch times.



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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Romsey Kindergarten Committee members had the great pleasure of attending the recent official opening of the Romsey Community Hub. It was a wonderful demonstration of a project that brought many community groups together in a celebration of what is sure to be a great community asset. Kindergarten has already utilized one of the small meeting rooms in the Community House part of the Hub which was great. The teaching staff members have discussed utilising the library facility in their programs. This is another example of the "out of little things, big things can grow" scenario.

Welcome to Kim Bates

The Kindergarten community has this term welcomed Kim Bates to Unit 1 to replace Jane Whelan whilst she is on extended leave. Kim has done some occasional relief work at Romsey Kindergarten, but has been a permanent early childhood employee for the Shire of Macedon Ranges at, particularly, Lady Brooks Kindergarten. Kim already has a glowing review of the wonderful 4 year old children she is teaching and is looking forward to the rest of her time at Romsey.

Playground Redevelopment Update

A subcommittee has been formed by the Committee of Management to assist implementation of the playground redevelopment. A decision on the contractor to be involved will be made soon. The detailed colour plans are currently on display in the foyer of the Kindergarten and, hopefully, will soon be on display at the Hub.

Management Review Update

In the final week of term 2, Committee had a special meeting to discuss the issue of Management Review in the context of a questionnaire distributed to the parent community and other submissions. It was recognized there was a definite mood in the kindergarten community for a change away from the parent-based committee of management system. However, before making a recommendation to the kindergarten association (that is, the parent body and other paid up members), it was felt that Committee wanted more information regarding the two cluster management models being considered (Council and TRY Youth and Community Services). As a result, Committee members will visit kindergartens in both these systems this term,

speaking with staff, parents and management representatives before making a recommendation to the Association (kindergarten community). If you have any queries, please contact Jenny Stillman (0412 349849).

Open Day

Romsey Kindergarten will be holding its Open Day on **Saturday 6th September** between 10 am and 1pm – mark it in the calendar now! In addition to a sausage sizzle, face painting, jumping castle, balloons and show bags, a guest speaker from Kathy Walker and Associates Early Childhood Consultancy will be giving presentations on "Promoting Numeracy and Literacy" and "Behaviour". Teaching staff members will also be in attendance and the famous Romsey Kindergarten Cookbooks (2008 edition) will be on sale! Raffle tickets will be on sale around town shortly. Please contact Kirsteen Grumont (54 295216) for further information.

Enrolment Information

Even though enrolments officially close on 31st July, please contact the Enrolment Officer (Tracey Newnham 54 296269) or Assistant Enrolment Officer (Samantha Ball 54 296472) if you have any queries.

Jenny Stillman (0412-349849)
Committee of Management



1st Romsey Scout Group Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the 1st Romsey Scout Group will be Thursday August 21st at 7.30pm at the Romsey Scout Hall.
All positions will be vacated and elections held for a new committee.

Everyone welcome.

A Message from the Romsey Post Office:

- New private boxes are now available for lease.
- We have a number of local telephone directories to hand out over the counter.

If you are interested in either of these, please call in and see us at the Post Office.

Flashing Can Kill You and Others !

As secretary of the Romsey Business and Tourism Association I have the benefit of receiving publications that I would normally not have received as a resident or may not have even known about.

One such notable document received recently was the Macedon Ranges Draft Road Safety Strategy. With most residents being a road user in one way or another this document should interest everyone and is available at the Shire's Gisborne office or online at (www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au), comments are invited but must be submitted by August 15th 2008.

Some key points include:

- * annual fatalities have halved since 1991
- * currently there is one fatality every seven weeks
- * 95% of fatalities are male
- * three quarters of fatalities were on dry roads with clear conditions in 100km/h speed zones

In light of such statistics it's disappointing to still see drivers flashing their lights warning one another of speed cameras and breath testing stations. A simple flash today could cost someone their life tomorrow, maybe yours.

With three young children and a fourth soon there often aren't enough hours in a day to accommodate work, kindergarten, shopping, doctors appointment etc however when running late and tempted to speed I always remember a road safety billboard in Scotland that read "Better to be late, than to arrive dead on time".

Reviewing the Macedon Ranges Draft Road Safety Strategy is just one of the many interesting aspects of participating in the Romsey Business and Tourism Association. Other projects include the Romsey Outline Development Plan which is Romsey's development blueprint for the next 30 years (anyone want a high school?) and the next Romsey Rodeo, which was a huge success in February 2007 (www.rodeophotos.com.au). Get motivated, get involved and help mould Romsey. It's your town.

The next meeting is on 25th August at 7:30pm at the Romsey Primary School.
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Combined Service at Romsey Uniting Church.

On Sunday 31st August, at 10.30am., there will be a combined service at Romsey Uniting Church. This service will include the four Uniting Churches in this area. Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek & Mt.Macedon. You are welcome at the Romsey Uniting Church on this day as you are welcome on any Sunday.

Meditation

Micah 6:8
"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

When Micah the prophet began to tear strips off his people for their bad behaviour they turned to the traditional – animal sacrifice, burning oil on the altars, even offering their children. In passing have you noticed how much easier it is to sacrifice other people, rather than oneself? A British politician's actions were once described as "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his friends for his life!" Micah wouldn't let his people get away with that. He asked, "And what is it that the Lord asks of you? Only to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah asserts that God demands not tokens, but radically changed lifestyle. We are too often content with the possible. We hide behind the "sacrifice", even though we know God really wants ourselves, our egos. True sacrifice involves respecting the rights and living space of others. Taking no more than our fair share, or less – justice. Accepting others in love, substituting understanding for prejudice – mercy. It is tough. And as for walking humbly – well that really is going over the top. Isn't it just a bit too much to expect, Lord? Micah didn't think so.

*Lord, what do your want?
Another hour at work?
A bit more in the collection plate?
A smile, a cheque when the Oxfam man comes round?
I reckon I can manage that, if it's clear that's what you ask.
And in the giving I'll get a bonus too.
I'll feel good, having made the effort.
Feel more than good, as I stand warming my hands at the fire of self-satisfaction.*

*Can we leave it that way. Lord?
I'll do my bit and you'll do yours.
My little world secure, unshaken.
The even progress of my life undisturbed by earth tremors of*

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*real commitment.
Many do less.
But as I'm tempted to relax, I feel uneasy.
I'm only playing games.
Hiding the face of my selfishness behind gestures of good will.
Counting to a hundred and hoping I'll not be found.
Your words cut deep.
Slice through the skin of my hypocrisy.
Lay bare the truth inside.
Your loving hands reach down to take,
not the small things I offer in the hope they'll be enough, but me.
No less.*

*My world rocks in the earthquake of your approach, the impossibility of your demands.
But as I let go, surrender, I find a new stability, as I stand, hands empty, in your presence.
Your love seeps in through the cracks in my ego.
Fills the empty spaces with your grace.*

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased) 'No Strange Land'. Used by permission - Leprosy Mission International).

| Church Services during August, 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 3 rd . 9am. | Worship Service and Sunday school. |
| 10 th . 9am | Worship and Communion Service Conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones |
| 17 th . 9am. | Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by the Worship Team |
| 24 th . 9am. | Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by David Noble. |
| 31 st . 10.30am. | Combined Service at Romsey Conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones. |

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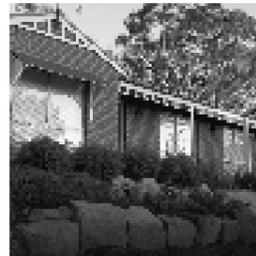
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Letter to the Editor

I was contacted by Jean Tom AO on Saturday evening, concerned about a telephone survey that had asked her opinion about details of hotel improvements, and then asked if she would support the pokies to get these. She said it had included details about a children's area, an outdoor area, money to local community etc.

I had heard that Council might do another survey, so I checked. The information is:

There are 2 telephone surveys. If in doubt, ask the interviewer who they are doing the survey for.

1. Ballarat University is undertaking a telephone survey based on the Supreme Court decision. It is an independent academic body doing this for the Macedon Ranges Council.
2. DBN Consultants of Melbourne, are doing a telephone survey, it seems for pokies interests. They are interested in whether you support improvements at the hotel, and if you will support pokies in order to have these. That is the survey that Jean Tom had rung me about.

There is a web site if you are interested in further information about poker machines - www.pokiewatch.org It reports on what happens after pokies get approved, for example, have hotel applicants done the improvements they promised? You use the search button, and type in a name eg. Brown or a place eg. Wallan

Name and address supplied.

An Interesting Statistic on the Impact of Poker Machines:

The VCGR (Vic Commission for Gaming Regulation) has reported that an average of \$647 for every adult in Victoria was lost on poker machines in 2007-2008. (*The Age*, 26/7) If Romsey is an 'average' area, on the 2006 Census, that equals \$1.97million that would be lost in the Romsey area in a year. (\$1.97m from local adult residents, money that is not then spent on other things).

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Unfortunately, authorities are not always able to take action against scammers, even when it appears that laws have been broken. While it's not easy to recover money lost in scams, there are ways to reduce the damage. This is best achieved by reporting the scam to authorities and warning friends. This at least reduces the opportunities of further scamming. If the scammer is located in Australia, there is a reasonable chance of a "cooling - off" period and a chance to negotiate a refund. Security software is essential and it's worth remembering that scammers are able to get access to online passwords so these need to be changed using a secure computer. Help is available through SCAMwatch.gov.au where information is readily available on the different types of scams and tips on how to avoid them.

For media enquiries contact Fran Bailey 1300 131 186

New Honour Roll for Army Tank Museum

THE RAAC Memorial and Army Tank Museum at Puckpapunyal would receive a \$3000 grant to help honour defence personnel who had died during service since 1939, said the member for McEwen, Fran Bailey.

Fran said the Saluting Their Service grant would assist with publication of a biographical honour roll. The roll, Green Fields Beyond, would identify and record all members of the Australian Light Horse and Australian Armoured Corps who had died during service since the beginning of World War Two.

"Saluting Their Service" grants were introduced by the Howard Government to assist ex-service organisations and local communities in recording and honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian men and women," Fran said. "They promote wider appreciation and understanding of the role played by Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations."

Fran said the Puckpapunyal museum now had more than 70 armoured fighting vehicles on display in Hopkins Barracks. "The museum's Army History Unit performs a vital role in preserving, exhibiting and interpreting armoured vehicles, artefacts, icons and memorabilia to help promote and commemorate Australia's Light Horse and Armoured heritage," she said. "The publication of Green Fields Beyond will add to the tremendously important work of the museum."

Fran congratulated the many people who had worked tirelessly over the years to build the museum into the outstanding collection it is today.

Media Contact: Chris Earl 0419 549 743 Email: chris.earl@aph.gov.au

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Community Banks

With Bendigo Bank recently celebrating its 150th year of operation as well as 10 years of Community Banking, some of you maybe wondering what is a community bank, and how does it work?

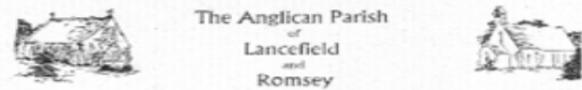
The 90's brought with it some hard times for the banks which saw many branch's close in rural communities. This is when Rob Hunt (managing director of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank) saw the need to not only return banking to

these areas, but to help become a part of the community by feeding back into it. This is when the community bank model was developed.

The concept of how a community bank starts is quite simple. Firstly, pledges are raised by members of a community to open a branch in that area. A feasibility study is then completed to ensure that a bank would be sustainable in that area. If successful, the pledges are then called upon to raise the capital to get the branch up and running.

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With Romsey Community Bank branch celebrating its own three year anniversary in early August, and Lancefield Community Bank branch reaching 7 years of operation last May, why not call in to see what they can do for you, as well as the community you belong to. Lancefield - 5429 1977 Romsey - 5429 5526



Connecting with God and our Community.

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

As we head towards spring (you might not feel like it at the moment given the cold weather), it is often good to look at the reason why people look forward to spring so much. It is a sign that things are starting to warm up. It is a sign of newness both in our gardens with fresh flowers beginning to bloom and the smell of those new flowers in the atmosphere.

From this, the reality is that things start to freshen up. In each of our lives there are things that always need freshening up. That is why we end up doing spring cleaning.

God gave up the seasons so that he could demonstrate the vast diversity of his creation. The mixture of hot and cold, cool and warm, wet and dry show us that he has a plan for the way things operate. As we are created in His image, one of his plans is to have us be people who live in His image.

Because we are people who are made in God's image, every Sunday from October 12th until Sunday 30th November from 2:30pm to 4:30pm (***baby sitting available if needed***) The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey will be running a course in our Lancefield Hall designed to put a **spring** into your connection with God called **Introducing God.**

What you will hear through DVD's and discussion is a fresh presentation about who God is. It is open to all regardless of denomination.

Please consider coming and if you are interested in talking further, then please contact me (Rev. Leroy Coote) on 0417-679-682 and I guarantee you won't regret it.

That's this month's view from the vicarage.
Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar
Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

Coming Events

Our next **Sunday @ Six** on Sunday 17th August with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with a six piece music group from Essendon Baptist Church.

The topic next month is: The motive for the community care bank.

Our 3rd Annual Vicarage Garden Party will be held on **Saturday 20th September 2008 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.**

This year we will be having a silent auction in the church as well as over the property **a car boot sale where you get to sell your junk** and make some money yourself not to mention our regular activities such as Devonshire tea on the lawn, plants for sale, bric-a-brac, activities for the kids and the obligatory sausage sizzle.

So please, mark this date down in your diary to come along for a lot of fun and financial reward.

Mark down **Sunday 14th September** as an occasion of unity where all the church in the Lancefield and Romsey area will be getting together for ONE SERVICE on Sunday 14th September 2008 at 10:00am in St. Mary's Catholic Church Romsey. All are welcome for this very special occasion where all who worship God will be united as ONE!!!!

Regular Events and Services

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 \$4.00 to cover dinner and future activities. 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".

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Funds from the sale of this book will be used within our community, on projects like the Avenue of Honor between Lancefield and Romsey.

If you would like more information on the mechanics of this booklet please contact the club via romstock@bigpond.net.au or Peter O'Rourke on 0354295240.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield

6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

RECONCILIATION

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For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

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.

NOTICES

World Youth Day Commissioning Mass

The Commissioning Mass held at Telstra Dome on Friday,
11th July was a great success. We hope and pray that the
World Youth Day pilgrims will take back the joy and peace
they experienced while in Australia.

Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on Sunday,
7th September with a sausage sizzle following the 10.00
a.m. Mass at Romsey.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 is back in full swing. Prep interviews for 2009 are
being held and there many excited kindergarten children
looking forward to coming to St. Mary's next year.

Last term finished with a wonderful Art Show at St. Mary's
Church Hall in Romsey. Parents were able to enjoy some
lovely wine and cheese while they viewed the children's
art. It was a great night and we certainly have some bud-
ding future Monets and Picassos.

Our students will be investigating ways of staying healthy
this term. They will examine the components of wellbeing
and discover how to be the best person they can be.

The Grade 3 children are preparing to receive the Sacra-
ment of Eucharist. They are learning about the im-
portance of the Mass and receiving the body and blood of
Jesus Christ. The Eucharist dates are the 23rd, 24th, 30th

and 31st of August. Please keep all of these children in
your prayers.

Some of our Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in
the Tournament of Minds in Bendigo on the 23rd August.
Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a
passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate
their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant, and public
way. It provides for the ever increasing demand for so-
phisticated, educational opportunities. The Tournament's
aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing
diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the disci-
pline to work collaboratively within a challenging and com-
petitive environment. Teams are required to work together
on a **Long Term Challenge** for six weeks without assis-
tance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encour-
aged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as
they endeavour to produce their best possible solution.
They develop a creative and original way to communicate
this solution to others, working within predefined param-
eters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria
and the deadline of Tournament Day. Students present
the product of their ideas - their challenge solution - to a
panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day.
They have ten minutes in which to present and must do so
within a 3 m x 3 m performance area. The teams must
also participate in an unseen **Spontaneous Challenge** on
Tournament Day. This challenge requires rapid inter-
change of ideas, the ability to think creatively, and well
developed group cooperation skills. We wish our students
the best of luck. This month's photo shows
the students involved.



The St. Mary's Primary
School Garden Club
has been working hard
to continue to maintain
the grounds of the
school. With the re-
moval of the hedge at the front of the school, some new
shrubs have been planted. The Garden Club would like to
thank 'Ruralistic' in Lancefield for their great garden sup-
plies.

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ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE TERM 3 PROGRAM

Romsey Community House at the Romsey Community Hub
This program may be added to during the term so please watch out for further
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*With increasing travel cost, why go out of town when there is so much on offer right here
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All courses are subject to minimum numbers enrolled to run. Bookings essential.

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Yoga with Kim Oliver Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm Cost: \$12 per session or \$120
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Walking Together Program Tuesday 9.30am – 10.30am Macedon Ranges Walk
Together + Romsey Community House = Fun, Local, Easy, Free and Social. Combined
Walk (in your own time at your pace) - Pram Plus, Puff N Sweat, Discover Walking Meets
at Romsey Oval Contact: Heather ph: 5429 5895

**(Fruit) Tree Pruning has just been added to our program for Saturday 23rd
August 9.00am—3.00pm with a break for lunch. Theory and hands on
experience will be covered in this session. Bookings essential. Minimum
participant numbers required for this session to run. Cost—\$75 per per-
son. Our course presenter has a horticulture qualification.**

SOCIAL INTEREST, LEISURE & HOBBYGROUPS

Drop in Room Romsey Community House Drop-in room is waiting for you!

Drop in for a Cuppa, by yourself or bring a friend. Open weekdays 9.30am – 5.00pm
Tea / Coffee - Gold Coin donation.

Morning Tea Morning: Bring a friend and a plate to share Tea & Coffee Wednesdays 10-
11am Cost: Gold Coin donation

Writers Group First Monday of month (Recommencing September) 7pm – 8.30pm. Led
by Dee White .

Drop in Craft Morning: Every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during school term
Watch the Romsey Rag for special interest days including: Smocking, patchwork, Knitting,
Appliqué and UFO (Unfinished Objects). Convener – Karyn Gottschling. Gold coin dona-
tion.

Crop Till You Drop Scrap Booking 3rd Saturday of the month at the Hub from 5pm.
Cost: \$15 per session. Contact Belinda Williams 0458 200 173

Adult & Children's Art Classes Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays
Knitting Group is Back! Wednesdays 2-3pm. Come and learn to knit, share your skills
or just come and work with other who share the interest. Suits all levels, beginners to
experienced. Contact: Heather ph: 5429 5895

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - Monthly Information Session

AUGUST: Preparing or Updating Your Will? Information you need to know before
preparing or updating your Will.

Day session - Friday 8 August 08, 10.30am -12 noon

Evening - Thursday 28 August 08, 7pm – 8.30pm

Session Conducted by Chris Durston of Rochford Lawyers Contact ph: 0403 313 977

SEPTEMBER - Health & Wellbeing Managing Stress - When things get tough what
do I do? Identifying and managing stress.

Day session - Friday 12 September 08, 10.30am -12 noon

Evening - Thursday 18 September 08, 7pm – 8.30pm

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO COOK CLASSES

Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget Series Introduces the inexperienced cook to the art
of preparing healthy meals for individuals or a family on a budget.

Cooking for Special Needs—Gluten, Wheat & Dairy Free

26 August 08 9.30-12.30 Cost- \$15

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO USE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Computer Basics Computer basics for the computer illiterate! For people wanting to
learn to use a computer in a friendly environment, where you can ask questions without
fear or embarrassment! Classes will introduce you to the computer (which bits are which
and go where!), introduction to word processing on Microsoft Word, the Internet, email,
and downloading photos from digital cameras. One hour per week during Term 3, 17 July
– 18 Sept 08 on Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30am Cost: \$5 per class (\$50 for 10 weeks) Bring
a notebook and pen

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO SEW CLASSES

Learn to Sew Classes introduce you to the basic skills of sewing needed to mend and
repair clothing. Classes will cover hand sewing techniques for fixing hems, replacing
buttons and patching. This is a practical class, so bring along your own garments which
you wish to repair.

Learn to Sew (1) – Mending Clothes by hand

Tuesday 5 Aug 08 2pm – 3pm Cost - \$5

Learn to Sew (2) – Mending Clothes by hand

Tuesday 12 Aug 08 2pm – 3pm Cost - \$5

Learn to Sew (3) – Mending Clothes with a sewing machine (Introduction)

Date: Tuesday 19 Aug 08 Time: 2pm – 3pm Cost: \$5

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - "LEARN TO MAINTAIN A CAR" CLASSES

Basic Car Maintenance Essentials – For beginners!

Got your first car and want to look after it, or had one for a life time and think you should
be doing a better job of looking after it? These classes will introduce you to BASIC car
health – what to check, how to check it, and how often it needs to be done e.g. Battery,
oil, water, tyres, gauges etc. Practical and theory. Bookings essential.
Dates: Sept 2, 9 & 16th Time: 9.30-11.30am
Cost: \$15 per session (\$45 for all 3 sessions)

*Please note: All courses, dates and details are accurate at time of printing however
may be subject to change. Confirmation of all course details can be made prior to
booking.*

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Available at the Romsey Community House at the Hub, Main Street, Romsey

Thursday evening 5pm -7.30pm Saturday 9.30-11.30am

Or By Appointment Contact - Chris Durston 0403 313 977

*Look out for Term 4 Learn to Classes - Gifts on a budget, Christmas Lunch on a
Budget! And many more*

*Expressions of interest are sought for a series of classes in Microsoft Publisher for
term 4. This would be an evening or Saturday morning class over 5 or 6 weeks. If
we have enough interest we will offer this course from late October.*

How to Book:

Booking forms are available from the Community House (or the library service desk if the
House is unattended). You can also phone to express your interest and we will send you
an booking form. **Payment is required at the time of booking.**

Courses may be cancelled and moneys refunded if there are insufficient numbers to run
the course.

Privacy Statement - Any personal information provided by course participants remains
confidential. For further information please call us or refer to our Confidentiality Policy.

We want to hear from you:

What we need most at the moment is your input into your Community House. We need to
know the programs and activities that will be of interest and benefit to you.

We need you to become a member of the Romsey Community House Inc. Membership is
open to all adults aged over 18 years, and costs just \$1 per year. This entitles you to
attend committee meetings (once monthly) and to have your say on how the Community
House will be run.

It also supports us in our negotiations with council and other government bodies to secure
funding and other resources for the House.

Our target is 1000 members by the end of 2008.

We need to hear from people willing to share skills and interests to help establish our
activity programs.

Who's in charge at your house?



Three Choices Parent Program

(Incorporating 1-2-3 Magic & emotion coaching)
To help parents manage children's difficult behaviour.

A three session program beginning on **Wednesday 20th August 2008**

Meeting times run from **7:30-9:30pm**

At the **Romsey Hub, Main Rd. Romsey**

Parents & caregivers from schools & pre-schools welcome!

Registration fee:

One parent \$50 (includes 3 Choices workbook)

Two parents (or you & a friend) \$95

Who's running it?

The trainers are Jean Barnes Psychologist, counsellor, lecturer & parent, & John Eddy, Primary school teacher & parent.

LifEd.

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Enquires: ring Jean Barnes on- 54295832 or 0408 589023

Greetings from the Romsey Toy Library!

The library is now open for business in the wonderful new Romsey Community Hub. You'll find us behind the double doors at the back of the children's book section. We have more room than ever before to display our toys, thanks to this great new facility. For the remainder of the year, the toy library operate on a 'self-serve' basis – if the hub is open, the toy library will be accessible (to members only, of course!). The committee hopes this arrangement will be more convenient for members than the old system, which saw the library open once a week, for an hour and a half on Saturday mornings, when it was staffed by volunteer members. The new system is a recognition that people need access to the toy library at times which suit their individual needs. If it proves successful, the system will continue next year.

The toy library has already attracted several new members since its move to the hub, which is terrific news. The committee is busy cataloguing new toys and more will go on display in coming weeks.

Anyone who is interested in joining the toy library should contact me (Leanne Manton) on 5429 6583.

Membership costs just \$15 per family (for the remainder of 2008) and \$25 for the whole of 2009. Toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and four toys can be taken out in any one borrowing trip.

Anyone who has any queries is welcome to contact me anytime.

I will be opening the toy library several mornings a week in August, so feel free to pop by and peruse the range and have a chat if you see the sign out and doors open. Thanks to the St Mary's parish for their support over the years. Since its inception in 1999, the toy library has operated from St Mary's Hall behind the church. The com-

mittee appreciates the parish's help in setting up the toy library and helping it to keep operating in the years since that time.

Don't forget, if you have any board games, educational toys or good quality large toys (i.e. Little Tikes cars) which your children have no further use for, please think of your local toy library! We especially need new board games, so if you have any tucked away in your cupboards which are hardly ever used or that your children have grown out of, we would love to receive them. Educational board games such as Junior Monopoly, Junior Scrabble, Boggle or strategy games such as Connect 4, Battleship or Trouble would be especially welcome. The toy library's board games range desperately needs replenishing but we do not currently have the funds to buy new ones. Don't worry if your set is missing a dice or a few bits – the toy library already has board games so your incomplete set could help us update our current collection if pieces are missing or worn.

Call Leanne Manton on 5429 6583 anytime and we'll come to you to pick up if you wish.

Interested in joining our toy library?

All residents of the Romsey and also the Lancefield area, whether carers, parents or grandparents, are most welcome to join the library. All toys can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and this is a great way for parents, grandparents and carers to have a constant new source of amusement for children.

Give me a call anytime for more details on 5429 6583. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

LEANNE MANTON,
President,
Romsey Toy Library Inc. 2007/08

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Would you like company when you walk?

Would you feel safer walking with others?

Do you fancy having a cuppa at the end?

Join Macedon Ranges Walk Together

Each group has a volunteer trained group leader

Discover walking

Up to 30 minutes

This walk is a circuit that means you walk till tired, sit, catch your breath, start again or chat with the other walkers.

Designed for people of any age

- Low level fitness
- Use walking aids,
- Recovering from illnesses,
- People with disabilities
- Just want to go slow.

You are not pushed to walk, but left to walk in your own time and at your own pace with in a social environment.

Puff n Sweat

30-45 minutes

You do not have to puff and you do not have to sweat but this is the group for you if you want to stride out.

Pram Plus

This is a social group for mums, dads, carers, bubs and pram toddlers.

The emphasis is on social interaction and fun.

Romsey Walk Together is outdoors and a combined Discover Walking, Puff n Sweat and Pram Plus.

This is fantastic if you have a partner, friend, mum, dad, that is faster or slower than you but you still want to get out and walk together.

Please Contact

Heather- 5429 5895

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"Girl Guides is the Premier Leadership Experience for Girls."

The management of a Guide Unit involves organising the girls into groups called patrols with a Patrol Leader, a more experienced girl, as the leader. She has a number of responsibilities to her patrol, including helping new girls to learn what guiding is about, helping to run activities each meeting night, and providing peer support for the girls in her patrol. The girls enjoy fun and friendship as well as the challenges of leadership in the unit.

Girl Guides Victoria is currently running an Advocacy Project that highlights aspects of what advocacy means in terms of leadership, building confidence, speaking up and telling others. This project, with an activity night for each month, aims to provide learning experiences as leaders, standing up and passing on the message.

There are many opportunities to experience leadership at all levels of the Girl Guide organisation. Girl Guides Australia has announced there will be a Youth Forum in 2009, having been awarded a grant from the Australian Government, Office of Women - Women's Leadership and Development Program. This will give 40 - 50 young women the opportunity to speak up about the direction that Girl Guides is taking in Australia. Giving young women a voice enables them to build a better world and encourages more young women to participate and contribute at more events.

At an international level, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts will launch an advocacy module in the Leadership Development Program in July this year. This initiative, at the world level, indicates the global commitment to building leadership skills.

These leadership opportunities are not just for girls but also for their leaders. It is the positive, enthusiastic and skilful Guide Leaders running the Guide Units that keep the girls inspired to learn, develop and grow in a positive, fun and friendly atmosphere.

The Platypus Guides have planned their activities for term 3 and these include a night of shared games and activities with girls from the Gisborne Guide Unit, a night of "warm fuzzy" activities, and some "year of the potato" activities. They are also planning to help plant trees for Landcare as a service activity.

Would you like to join us? We meet on Monday evenings, 5.00pm to 6.30pm, at the Lancefield Park. For more information ring Rita on 5429 1996. New members will be warmly welcomed.



GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
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Romsey Primary School Trivia Night

Friday November 7th

At the school in the Gymnasium

7.00pm for 7.30 sharp start

Pick a theme for your table—let your imagination run wild!

Prizes for the best dressed.

Lots of fun and activities on the night including:

- *Silent Auction—heaps of great prizes*
- *Live auction of sports memorabilia*
 - *Door prizes*
 - *Raffles*

Book a table of 8 -10 people by contacting

Sam Kaliszewski on 5429 6858 or the school on 5429 5099

\$15 per person includes light supper, tea and coffee

B.YO. Drinks, nibbles and glasses

Lancefield Kindergarten's 30th Birthday Celebration

The kindergarten would like to invite the community of Lancefield and surrounding towns to its 30th birthday celebration on Saturday **August 23rd** from **11am to 1pm**. We would especially like to invite past and present students and staff of the kindergarten to come and share some food and drink with us. Come and share your memories of the kindergarten and take a look at the kindergarten now and our wonderful plans for the future!

We will be cutting the birthday cake and having a tree planting ceremony at **12:30pm** to commemorate this great milestone.

For more information contact the kindergarten on 54291388.

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