

## Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

The ladies have had their Annual meeting where it seems we sat around the table and swapped hats. Thank you to our Life Member Helene Newnham who came along to chair the meeting and give us encouragement. Our new President is Jan Harver, captain Lorraine Robb, Secretary Beryl Cole, Handicapper Elaine Scanlon and Treasurer Kath Jekabsons and unfortunately for you readers I am stuck with this job.

### Results for this month

27<sup>th</sup> October: On a warm sunny day Lorraine Robb (41) won the weekly Stableford competition with 35pts. She was a clear winner with the rest of us struggling in the rough.

3<sup>rd</sup> November: Lorraine who is in good form won the stroke round.

10<sup>th</sup> November: For a pleasant change we played Irish Ambrose. This is a game Lorraine and I learnt about while we were at Riversdale. It was enjoyed by all, even so ladies complained hitting a tennis ball was hard work. We were all winners on the day with much laughter.

17<sup>th</sup> October: Lorraine again won the Stableford with 30pts. (Yes there were others playing.) It is unusual to have casual water on the fairways in mid November.

The men working on the fairways are doing an excellent job keeping the grass cut. Weather permitting they are mowing twice a week and the rough is also being kept under control. Even though the rough is short it is thick and it pays to stay on the fairways. Thank you to the men who are all volunteers for keeping our course in the good condition it is.

Lorraine played in the WGV Silver Spoon final at Riversdale Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of last month. We know why it is called Riversdale. Lorraine was pleased with herself as she didn't go in the water at all. The course was beautiful fairways like carpet and greens like magic, but we couldn't count the ground staff as they appeared to be everywhere.

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Lorraine, Kath and I played in the Lancefield tournament. It was a warm sunny day with a little bit of summer run. While there were some good scores recorded we were not among them. Congratulations to Kaylene Cruise from Lancefield on her hole in one.

15<sup>th</sup> November: Lorraine went to Kilmore (sixth day of golf in a row) for their tournament and had trouble staying on their fast greens, but had an enjoyable company and a nice lunch.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>: November Lorraine and I played the Seymour tournament and everyone knew Romsey was there as we both won our sections. Lorraine C grade 106-42-64 and me B grade 93-28-65. The weather was perfect and the course was the best we have ever seen it. Gone the days of playing on rocks and gravel.

The ladies have had our trip to Numurkah 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November where we had good weather (poured rain in Romsey) and managed to play 18 holes each day. Friday was hot and humid and we played in the afternoon. We found the course to be in the best condition we have seen it with some summer run. It was great to see the ball running after so many wet Wednesdays. Saturday morning we hit off just before 9 played our 18 and after lunch went touring to Cobram and visited the Big Strawberry. The sundaes and strawberries with cream were a treat. Sunday morning it was a slow start but some managed to play

18 holes before heading off to the SPC factory outlet. If the cars weren't full before they were after our shopping. Award night was at dinner on Saturday night. I had procured some beautiful gold cups which were awarded to players for their amazing feats. Jan received the "Gopher Award" for rushing hither and thither in her buggy to get the mosquito repellent and then sharing it around. Sharon received the Fisherwoman award for trawling the water hazards to get balls out. Lorraine the wayward drive award, for taking the scenic route to Numurkah. Kath received the putt putt award as her buggy wouldn't go fast enough. Wendy was awarded the nearest the marker award for hitting a hazard marker and I received the dodgers award as I seemed to be dodging a buggy all Saturday. (I think they were out to get me) A good fun weekend and if we can find a suitable date will probably go again next year.

The Ladies were very proud to see Daniel Gaunt come third in the Australian Masters last weekend. It was inspiring to see him play so well and we wish him good hitting as he continues with his golfing career.

We wish all our readers a Safe Festive season with lots of good cheer. Merry Christmas to all.

### Recipe for this month

#### Chocolate slice.

Crush 250 gm milk arrowroot biscuits and combine with 125gm chopped peanuts.

180gm butter

2 Tablespoons golden syrup

½ tin condensed milk

Bring to boil slowly in a saucepan stirring til caramelised then mix in biscuit mixture.

When cooled ice with 250gm chocolate melted with 30gm copha over hot water.

Beryl Cole  
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## Romsey Golf Club Report October - November

**Saturday November 20th:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2010 Club Championships began on a wonderful, still, sunny, day. The course was in the best condition for over 10 years and both dams were full to overflowing. The conditions were perfect for some good scoring. Players hit off from the 1<sup>st</sup> in groups of three at seven-minute intervals, first away were current stroke leaders, Mat Hall, Mat Thornton and Daniel Wright.

The round's handicap winners were;

A Grade	Nathan Hodge	74/2/72
B grade	Dean Van denHeuval	89/19/70
C Grade	John Freestone	89/20/69

After two rounds the Championship stroke leaders are Daniel Wright 76/75-151 and Nathan Hodge 77/72-151. 2009 Club Champion Mat Thornton is within striking range at 76/77-153. The final round will be played on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Club Presentation Day will now be held on the morning of Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. A 12 hole round of Ambrose will start proceedings.

Ex Romsey member and current professional, Chris Gaunt, had a great result at the Box Hill ProAm during the week. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> day he was equal 11<sup>th</sup> at -1 (The round saw a new course record -7/63 was set by David Branston) Chris had a stunning 2<sup>nd</sup> round, setting a new course record of -9/61 and winning the event by three shots at -10.

**Saturday November 13th:** The fairways were in wonderful condition, the greens were rapidly improving and the bunkers had been filled and raked; it was round two of the 2010 Romsey Golf Club Championships. Everything was right, except the weather. Steady rain on Friday night and well into Saturday morning saw two greens under water and pools on every fairway when greens committee inspected the course and called the day's golf off at 10.15 am. However, like on so many wet Saturdays in Romsey this year, the members were more than happy to enjoy a warm, dry afternoon in front of the TV allowing Daniel Gaunt to again provide the entertainment. This time it was his wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> round, in extremely difficult conditions, at the JBWere 2010 Australian Masters which saw him move to outright 2<sup>nd</sup>. Daniel's final round had it all, some stunning shots, some good luck and some bad luck but in the end the boy from Cohuna, Stuart Appleby, -10, came over the top of everyone to win by one stroke. Daniel finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at -8.

**Saturday November 6th:** The 2010 Club Championships began on a wonderful spring day. The air was still, the sun was shining and the fairways were lush, however the greens, whilst improving, still had someway to go. All players hit off from the 1<sup>st</sup> in groups of three and whilst the odd golfer put a ball "Out of Bounds" most got away to a good start. The October Monthly Medal was also being contested after it had been washed out the previous Saturday. At the end of the day net leaders were;  
A Grade – exceptional junior Daniel Wright 75/5/71 and evergreen veteran Les Gaunt 80/9/71  
B Grade – Kev Milner 82/13/69 And Rob McLennan 83/12/71  
C Grade – Dave Richardson 97/28/69 and Tony Lakey 98/28/70

Stroke leaders in the Club Championship on 75 are; Dan-

iel Wright, Mat Thornton and Mat Hall. Ron Walker played a great round 86/19/67 to take out the October Monthly Medal (Ron is not able to play all three weeks of the Club Championships.) NTPs went to 1 – D Wright, 15 – Les Gaunt and 16 – Paul Noel

**Saturday October 30th:** Steady rain forced the cancellation of the October Monthly Medal. As the rain continued to fall the hot topic of conversation within the clubrooms was the excellent performance of ex-Romsey player, Daniel Gaunt, in the Apulia, San Domenica Grand Final, at La Puglia, Italy. Daniel's first three rounds of 67, 74, 66 placed him two shots clear at -6 going into the final round. Unfortunately his final round of one under 70 was not quite good enough to win as young Englishman, Matt Haines, stormed home with a 66 to win by one shot at -8. However, Daniel's second placing has moved him up to 7<sup>th</sup> on the 2010 Challenge Tour Rankings and will definitely see him take a place in the European Tour in 2011. The 2010 4BBB Knock-out final will be between J. White/ M. Hall and P. Noel/R. Rea.

The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 2010 Club Championships will be on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Steady rain had fallen during the morning and the players walked on to the course in overcast conditions for the club's Aggregate 4B competition on Saturday. The weather remained calm and slowly improved as the day wore on. Again there was some casual water on a few of the fairways however the greens were much improved.

Winners were A. Clement (10)/R. Rea (17) with 69 pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> were P. Scanlon (27)/K. Hocking (31) with 67 pts. NTPs went to 15 - M. Hall and 16 - K. Hocking. Shield event matches were also recently played. The John Laing Shield where J. White D.J. Freestone 1 up. Jarrad 's next match will be the final against Rob Rea. The 4BBB Knock-out semi finals were also concluded when J. White/M. Hall D R. Walker/J. Freestone on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Gaunt continued his fine season in Europe with a 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the 2010 Egyptian Open. Rounds of 71, 70, 70 and 68 saw him finish four shots behind the winner. This performance moved him up four places to 12<sup>th</sup> in the 2010 Challenge Tour Rankings and should see him regain his full European Tour Card for the 2011 season.

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## **Legal First for Missing Persons Order in Victoria**

**Legal history was made today when the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal ordered** the appointment of an administrator to deal with the affairs of a missing person. **David Rosewall** made the application on behalf of his son **Daniel Rosewall**, who has been missing since January 2010. The application was made possible by **recent Victorian legislative amendments** inspired by the Rosewalls' experience. **Deputy President Anne Coghlan**, who heard the application in **Bendigo** appointed David Rosewall as administrator and congratulated the Rosewall family in their pursuit for legal change.

Prior to the legislative amendments, the Rosewall family had no legal means to take care of Daniel's affairs. **The Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre** assisted the Rosewall family and advocated that the State government change the law.

**Anna Howard**, a solicitor with the Centre stated that **"This order, a Victorian legal first, was made possible today by the fact that the State Government, in particular Attorney-General Rob Hulls, was willing to listen and understood that simple legislative change could make a difference for the Rosewall family and others in similar situations. The legislation was drafted and passed through the Houses very quickly, due to bipartisan support for the reforms."**

The reforms amended the *Guardianship and Administration Act* 1986 (Vic) and are based on similar legislation in the Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.

David Rosewall will now be able to ensure that his son's affairs are kept in order; including the payment of debts, completion of tax returns and redirection of mail.

Ms Howard noted:

**"The Rosewalls still face a sea of unknowns but today's outcome provides them with one certainty and some peace of mind."**

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Thank you to all the generous people of our community who supported our book sale in September. In wet conditions our auxiliary sold left over donated books at our May book fair. Three hundred dollars was raised on this day and combined with over \$1000.00 raised from our earlier sale we are thrilled with our achievements. We would like to thank all those people who generously donated books and those who came to purchase them and also RBATA who supported us by donating carry bags.

As usual our paramedics showed their continued support for the auxiliary and community by turning up in full uniform while on their rest breaks, and with some on leave. You may often see the local crew in the area supporting local businesses when on their down time, always ready to respond to calls. Our aim for the auxiliary is to raise funds so items and equipment that the paramedics and station need can be purchased. Not many people realise that because we are in a rural location some potentially life-saving equipment is not provided by RAV for all vehicles as standard issue. Ambulance membership contributions do not go towards purchases of equipment or infrastructure, so it is with this in mind that we are determined to be able to provide our local station and staff with the most update resources. **YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MAY NEED TO CALL AN AMBULANCE** Without the community support we are not able to raise these funds.

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### Introducing Mrs Ashworth, Assistant Principal for 2011



At assembly on November 22nd we welcomed incoming Assistant Principal Mrs Wendy Ashworth. Wendy was visiting our school to meet with the leadership team and familiarize herself with the school, our programs and to meet staff. Wendy will take up her position at the beginning of the 2011 school year.

### Transition Visits to the Next Level of Schooling

Recently we held a well attended Prep Information session for our preps for 2011. Starting school is the beginning of a wonderful learning journey and we believe it is important that Preps are confident and positive when they start school. Next year we have 2 prep classes and they have commenced their sessions of 3 visits to Romsey Primary School with their 2011 teacher. Already they have had three earlier visits to the prep classes. Consequently at the beginning of 2011 these students eagerly arrive at school knowing their environment, their teacher and the other students in their class. Presently we are also holding our in school transition program. All students go to their next year level with a focus on English, Mathematics and finally with their new teacher. The photo highlights one of the activities the children experienced. The year preps went to the year 1 rooms and were enjoying warm up mathematical activities. When I visited the year 2 classes the children were having fun playing a dice game in pairs and practising quick addition skills. At year 3 the children from year 2 were engaged in an interactive whiteboard game integrating Maths and music and the current year 4s were excited about going to the new building for their classes. The most excitement was in the year 6 rooms where the year 5s were able to borrow the netbooks for the session. They worked in pairs and each had "\$1,000 to spend on a three day holiday". One pair I interviewed had spent more than \$1,400 staying at the Melbourne Hilton, so had to economise by deciding to make their own sandwiches for lunch and to eat them in the lobby! This program helps prepare children for the next stage in their education and means next year they feel confident and ready for 2011.



### Prep Penpals

To provide a meaningful context to letter writing the Preps have been writing to penpals Wedgepark Primary School. Last week they visited our school to meet their new friends and do some fun activities. In the morning after welcoming them, they made 3 dimensional cars and painted them. It was lovely to see the way our Preps looked after the Wedgepark students showing them around and taking turns at a number of activities.



### It's Time To Say Farewell

On Thursday December 9th

you are cordially invited to join us in the Performing Arts Centre at Romsey Primary School to officially farewell retiring **Assistant Principal Doug Scale**, and teacher **Diana Ellis** who is the new Principal at Lancefield Primary School. This celebration will be held between 5.00 and 7.00pm.

For catering purposes, if you are planning to attend please let us know by Monday December 6th.

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### Soiree



Our annual Soiree showcased the talents of the students who participate in our instrumental music program, as well as the school's Choirs and Ensemble. Thanks to our music tutors David Morris, Peter Hagen, Rita Vandervalk and Sue Logan-Morris, as well as Performing Arts teacher Ira Furfaro for all their work with the students, and thank you to those who performed for a wonderful night of entertainment.

Joan Gibbs, Principal.

## Romsey Uniting Church

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Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509

Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480

*You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship*  
*The Congregation at the Romsey Uniting Church wish everyone a very Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.*

**The Combined Ecumenical Carol Service** will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30-8pm in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. The service will be arranged by the Catholic Church Congregation.

### Romsey Uniting Church Services during December 2010 and January 2011.

During December and January the Romsey and Lancefield Uniting Churches have combined services commencing on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

The services are listed below:

#### December 2010.

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9am    | Worship Service<br>led by Rev. Adrian Pegler  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | 9am    | Christmas Nativity Service<br>led by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones                            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10am   | Combined Worship Service at<br>Lancefield Uniting Church<br>led by the Worship Team     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30pm | Christmas Eve Carol Service at<br>Romsey Uniting Church<br>led by the Worship Team      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am | Christmas Day Service at<br>Lancefield Uniting Church<br>led by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones |

26<sup>th</sup> 10am Worship Service at Romsey

#### January 2011.

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10am    | Worship Service at Lancefield  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10am    | Worship Service at Romsey  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | 10am    | Worship Service at Lancefield  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10am    | Worship Service at Romsey  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined Service at<br>Lancefield Uniting Church. |



### Who would have thought?

"....And Mary gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in his swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the house." Luke 2: 7.

I wonder what they were thinking, Lord.

Mary, with her conviction that this her first-born son was born to be someone special...

Joseph, watching fondly, wondering what lay ahead... The shepherds, drawn here by some strange force beyond their understanding...

Who would have thought that this tiny, helpless child would one day command such a following...

That his life would touch the lives of so many others and his death would stir men's minds for ages to come.

Who would have dreamed that Christmas would come to mean so much – and yet so little...

That church bells would ring, only to be drowned out by the jingle of sleighs and a thousand cash registers; as salesmen say, it's the best thing that ever happened, and they go to their parties with never a thought of you.

Who could have known that so long afterwards, Lord, and in such far away places, people would gather glad to be reminded –

That to a world that preaches self-indulgence you came to show concern for the needs of others; that in a world torn by hatred and strife a message of peace and goodwill proclaimed your birth.

Lord, as I seek you out this Christmas time, it is not to pay homage to a helpless babe.

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Wow, another festival come and gone and what a fantastic turn out for the event. Many thanks to Joanne Duncan MP, Member for Macedon and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Henry McLaughlin for taking time out of their extremely busy schedules to assist us and enjoy our festival. To Louise Noel and Helen Barrow on the festival committee, the volunteers and helpers, the businesses who sponsored the event with gifts, prizes and awards, and to the community who helped make the second Romsey Street Festival a successful one, thank you. Without your dedication and support events like this cannot happen.

The Community March was proudly lead by the Clans O' the West Pipe Band with many community groups including the school, scouts and RRBATA marching smartly followed by Crown cabs and the CFA. We thank these people and Santa for their wonderful contribution to the event.

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Winners for uncollected prizes in the raffles and Art competition will be contacted separately. Thank you again to all who contributed

**See you for the next festival – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

Vanessa Meredith, Event Manager, Romsey Festival Organising Committee



If anyone is concerned about the welfare of the pipe band member who collapsed at the Festival, we can confirm that he is safe and recovering.



## Christmas Toy Shop



For the last six years Cobaw Community Health has held a Christmas "Toy Shop", for families living in the Macedon Ranges Shire who are struggling to afford Christmas gifts for their children. The Toy Shop has provided gifts to approximately 100 families or 250 children from across the Macedon Ranges.

In the past the Brotherhood of St Laurence has been the main provider of gifts which they obtained from the Kmart Christmas Appeal. The shop was further supported by the Uniting Church Woodend Target tree appeal, churches from across the shire, Probus and direct donations from the service clubs and members of our community.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence is no longer able to support the Toy Shop as the Kmart toys are now going to the Salvation Army for distribution. Without any toy donations, the Toy Shop was threatened with permanent closure, with many families in our community going without this special program. The local church community has seen that this is an invaluable outlet for many families and has agreed to co-ordinate the toy shop this year with the support of Cobaw Community Health.

In the absence of a major donator, this year Cobaw Community Health and the Combined Churches of the Macedon Ranges are really calling on the local community to support this program. To reach out in the spirit of generosity and love to take care of some of the most vulnerable people in our community, we require the donation of approximately 250 -300 toys, each at around \$20 value. The gifts are for boys and girls, ages 0-12.

How to donate:

The Uniting Church and Target are again running "Operation Santa" and have kindly agreed to donate all toys from the Target Woodend Tree to the Toy Shop. Members of the public can donate by locating the Operation Santa Christmas tree in the Target store, taking a gift tag off the tree and buying a gift to leave under the tree. Alternatively, gift cards can be purchased from Target checkouts.

The combined churches of Kyneton are hosting a special Christmas service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm at Kyneton Baptist Church to explore the true meaning of Christmas. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to donate gifts during this special service. All toys donated will go directly to the Toy Shop.

Donations will also be received at Cobaw Community Health in Kyneton and Woodend.

Donations of both gifts and money (to purchase gifts) will be gratefully received. Gifts need to be received by 10<sup>th</sup> December, to allow time for sorting and setting up of the Toy Shop.

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## Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) *UPDATE*

### RRBATA AGM Roundup

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, RRBATA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Community Hub. A new Committee of Management (COM) was elected as follows:

President-	Jenny Stillman (Newmarket Equine Centre)
Vice President-	<i>Vacant</i>
Secretary-	Joanne Hagen (Hollywell Cottage Pty Ltd)
Treasurer-	Wendie McLaughlin (McLaughlin CB Pty Ltd)
General Committee-	Benny Dyer (BRD Excavations, Romsey Self Storage) Ged McLaughlin (McLaughlin CB Pty Ltd) Peter Newell (Romsey Auto) Fran McLaughlin (FM Rural Consulting)

Cr. Henry McLaughlin and Cr. Joan Donovan were in attendance, with Cr. Henry McLaughlin conducting the election of COM positions. The President, Jenny Stillman, thanked all of the dedicated COM members who had served in the following year, as well as thanking Tracey Newnham and Greg Powell for their hard work with Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)).

### The Year in Review:

**AGM 2010** – Less than ideal interest in COM positions with no applications for critical role of secretary. This was covered for the year by another executive member at, probably, a lower level to that which had taken place the previous year when a dedicated member developed the position. Being a RRBATA COM is a potentially fulfilling position which is not onerous if sufficient local business and tourism owners are prepared to share the responsibility of advancing the RRBATA cause.

**Christmas Lights Competition** – This was revived in 2009, largely due to the enthusiasm of Tracey Newnham. It received only limited support from Romsey businesses re prize donation but was widely promoted in the community. MRSC East Ward councillors judged the competition and prizes were awarded early in the New Year. This has not yet been promoted for 2010 and will depend on COM/RRBATA personnel numbers available.

**Christmas Display** – RRBATA erected an illuminated Christmas tree display in the Community Hub facilitated by MRSC funds.

**Christmas Flags** – MRSC funding to RRBATA provided the opportunity to supply Christmas "Bali-style" flags for local businesses to display leading up to Christmas.

**Key issue advocacy** – RRBATA provided a forum for discussion on issues of interest and concern to members. One such key issue was that related to parking costs for prospective new businesses in Romsey. In addition to an active discussion, RRBATA lobbied MRSC on this issue in order to promote the prospects for new business establishment in the town.

**Involvement of Romsey in MRSC Economic Development and Tourism** – Very close links have been forged with this MRSC unit which has facilitated dialogue with MRSC on business and tourism matters related to the town as well as special projects considered by the COM. The relationship developed by RRBATA over the last 2-3 years was key in MRSC choosing Romsey as a host town for one of its business networking evenings this year. RRBATA Executive members have participated in two BATA workshops and also a recent business leaders' forum.

**Tourism Macedon Ranges (TMR)** – RRBATA has been represented in this association and, with Lancefield BATA, has been a strong advocate for tourism promotion of the East Ward of the Shire. RRBATA subscribed to a TMR prospectus for a Tourism Victoria allied project to promote the "villages" of the Macedon Ranges.

**Romsey Online** – The Romsey website established last year has been managed with the generous input of Greg Powell and Tracey Newnham. Some improvements have recently been made to make it more user friendly ahead of a second wave promotion campaign to begin over the next week.

**Membership** – There is still seemingly considerable work in convincing businesses of the value of membership in their local BATA. This appears to be a shire-wide problem (except for some standout examples such as the Piper Street Traders Association). The subscription of \$50 will not be reconsidered until just ahead of the 2011-2012 year.

**RRBATA Business Breakfast** – This was held in August with great guest speakers and an enthusiastic large crowd at Soltan Pepper restaurant. There was no charge to attendees at this event. COM recently decided to schedule another such event next year, but perhaps with some sort of nominal charge (more for non RRBATA members).

**Tree Lighting Project** – RRBATA COM has committed funds to the illumination of the large eucalypt near Lions Reserve. MRSC is facilitating RRBATA in this project with the lights to be hopefully switched on in the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (Romsey's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday).

**Lone Pine Development** – The Lone Pine at the north end of town has become a little obscured and neglected in recent times. RRBATA, in conjunction with the RSL, plans to landscape and feature light this area in time for Anzac Day 2011.

**Romsey 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala Community Dinner** – RRBATA has a subcommittee organizing this very special event to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Romsey being gazetted as a town. It is hoped that some funds can be raised at this event for the Historical Society to develop some projects (such as historical building plaques). Local sponsorships are being sought to support the fixed costs of this event which will feature a culinary team comprising The Bay Tree, Soltan Pepper and Sicilian Vespers working together for a very special night.

### Thank you to COM Members and FOBs:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the COM for their support and hard work: **Benny Dyer, Peter Newell, Wendie McLaughlin and Ged McLaughlin.**

### Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.  
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets  
Of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me  
And one to my Lord.  
When the last scene of my life shot before me  
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And saddest times of my life.  
This always bothered me  
And I questioned the Lord  
About my dilemma.  
"Lord, you told me when I decided to follow You,  
You would walk and talk with me all the way.  
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome  
Times of my life there is only one set of footprints.  
I just don't understand why, when I needed You most,  
You leave me."  
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### New Young Achievers in Romsey

Brother and sister Tyler and Kiralee Collings, who have recently moved to Romsey, are both young achievers. Tyler, who is in year 3 at Romsey Primary School, is a promising young swimmer with particular talent in butterfly. He is already competing at a Regional level.

Sister Kiralee, a year 1 student, is an accomplished dancer who recently competed in the 2010 Melbourne City Dance Challenge. She achieved great results in all her solo routines, coming first in the Under 6 Solo Jazz, Solo Song and Dance and Solo Tap. She also placed first in the Troupe category, in Theatrical Ballet. She also won the aggregate trophy—and outstanding result! Along with Kiralee and her family, dance coaches Lainey and Estelle from Flash Dance in Sunbury we understandably delighted with Kiralee's results.



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9:00 am Christmas Day  
Christ Church, Lancefield

Also we would like to welcome our Locum (interim minister) the **Rev. Bill Carroll** and his wife from Safety Beach NSW who started with us on Sunday 14th November. Bill was born in Melbourne, spent much of his time as a minister on the north coast of NSW as well as a prison chaplain at Grafton for 6 years, chaplain to the NSW police force, and minister at Deniliquin for 6 years.

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### **Macedon Ranges Health Services** **Ecumenical Memorial Service**

In 2009 the first memorial service was held to provide an opportunity for residents, families, friends, staff and volunteers to come together and remember and honor those residents who have passed away. Local clergy participated in this multi denominational service. Current residents were able to reflect and celebrate the special time spent with friends. For many families and friends the memorial service was the first opportunity to return to the aged care service after the death of their loved ones. The response to the memorial service was overwhelming. The 2010 memorial service was held in October with a gathering of over forty family members, residents, friends, staff and volunteers. The service included a mixture of prayer, music and songs, lighting of remembrance candles and featured a visual presentation of each person with his/her name displayed, often capturing candid photos of the people as we remember them best.

As residents, families, friends, staff and volunteers have benefited from this experience the ecumenical memorial service has now become a greatly anticipated annual event.

It is so very important to remember to care for everyone's spiritual and emotional needs, often forgotten, not just their physical and social needs. Due to the positive benefits for everyone of this annual celebration of the lives of our loved ones, it is now being planned to hold the memorial services more regularly.

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It was a small but tight group which, I believe, has done an excellent job particularly given our shortage of human resources.

I also want to extend special thanks to the *FOBs* ("Friends of BATA") who have taken on projects in the interests of Romsey business and tourism. As mentioned previously, **Tracey Newnham** and **Greg Powell** have been of wonderful assistance with maintaining Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)). **Beryl Marquette** has managed the distribution of the Romsey bags which has been a great help. With the upcoming Romsey 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, **Joanne Hagen** and **Anna Quigley** put their hands up to drive the RRBATA organization of the Gala Community Dinner. Finally, **Kerrie Mewitt** has offered to contribute her horticultural expertise to the Lone Pine beautification project.

### **The Year Ahead**

The Gala Community Dinner and Tree Lighting Event for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, ongoing advocacy for local businesses to government bodies and promotion of Romsey's business and tourism attractions will make for an anticipated busy but exciting year ahead in 2011!

### **Romsey Online Update**

At the risk of sounding repetitive, Romsey Online ([www.romsey.org.au](http://www.romsey.org.au)) is Romsey's own resource for both local residents and visitors to our region. Advertising for businesses is very affordable, and community groups can

list their contact details or events and news at no cost. Following recent upgrades of the web site to enhance its user friendliness, new website packs will be delivered to businesses throughout December. Don't forget, *ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!* Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the web-site is waiting for your "news". Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at [info@romsey.org.au](mailto:info@romsey.org.au).

### **Thinking About Membership?**

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. Consider being a beneficiary of the exciting initiatives planned ahead by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!!

#### **Membership Enquiries:**

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### **Next RRBATA Meeting:**

#### **General Meeting**

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As this edition goes to print, *Waking Eve* will be coming to an end and Mount Players Youth Theatre will be putting the finishing touches to their end of year production. This will be your last chance to watch their multi award winning production *Tracy*. They will also be performing numbers from *Seussical*, *Spamalot* and Michael Jackson hits as well as a self-written fairytale. Book your tickets now as there will only be two performances. The Mount Players are now taking bookings on-line, just go to our website [www.themountplayers.com](http://www.themountplayers.com) for details. You can also book by phoning 1300 463 224 Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm.

Our 2011 Season Brochure is now out and we are very excited with the line up. First up is the thrilling ghost story *The Woman In Black* – 11 Mar – 2 April.

*Hello Dolly* the very popular musical – 13 May – 4 June  
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*God of Carnage* – Award winning comedy 26 Aug – 17 Sept.

*Moonlight and Magnolias* – Award winning comedy 11 Nov – 3 Dec.

To finish off the year, Mount Players Youth Theatre will be performing Terry Pratchett's *Capre Jugulum* – 9 Dec – 18 Dec.

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Welcome to the first Little Athletics roundup for the Lancefield Romsey 2010/11 Season. We have started the season with a new Committee and 80 registered participants. It is great to see the return of many families and a big welcome to the new families who have joined this important program that promotes "Family, Fun and Fitness". We are pleased to have Abe Formosa continue his role as our Athletics Coach. Thank-you to all the families that assisted with the grounds preparation prior to competition and to all the parents that help out on Saturday mornings.

Warm-up commences at 8.45am, followed by a quick coaching session on a selected event to ensure parents have the required understanding of the events prior to competition starting. Each child then participates in 3 running events and 3 field events. We have already seen course records broken and the kids are enjoying the satisfaction of achieving their "Personal Best" times.

William McBeath has been nominated for our first "Good Sport Award", always congratulating his team mates and for checking on his friend who was injured. He also listens well to instructions and is eager to try new events. Special mention also goes to Pearl Schembri for her efforts. "Pearl tried really hard, particularly with a broken arm. She did her very best".

Congratulations to the following people for breaking Centre Records this year.

Jemma Clayton – U/12 100m 15.36seconds

## Youth Health Expo

Macedon Ranges Health Services hosted a 'Youth Health Expo' for Year 9 students from the Gisborne Secondary College recently. Youth Health Workers, who work in the Shire, met with the local young people to inform them of a range of services that are available to them to assist in promoting positive mental health.

Workers participating in the Youth Health Expo were:

Alison Bailey, General Practitioner, Central Highlands Division of General Practice and The EYES Youth Clinic

Louise Beer, Community Health Nurse MRHS

Ian Huke, Youth Worker MRHS

Pauline Neil, Coordinator, Youth Unit, Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Paul Ross, Centre Manager, Gisborne Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

Joe Grbac, Youth Resource Officer, Victoria Police

Teresa Perri, Student Welfare Coordinator, Gisborne Secondary College.

The Youth Health Expo commenced in 2001 and since then approximately 2000 young people have participated and benefited from this annual event.

Georgie Prespakis – U/8 400m 1.30.26

Isabella Simonelli – U/11 Discuss 18.56m

Thank-you to our sponsors, it is greatly appreciated. Participants will be rewarded with Gift Vouchers and Prize Medals during our competition days to acknowledge individual achievements.

Competition is on Saturday mornings, 8.45am – 11.30am, closing over the school holiday period. We welcome new families to join our centre, please email enquiries at [lrac127@gmail.com](mailto:lrac127@gmail.com) or visit our next competition day. We look forward to seeing you at the track, Park Lane, Romsey (lower oval behind Romsey Primary School).

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On weekdays the earliest bus to Kyneton leaves Romsey 9.20am and Lancefield 9.30 and arrives in Kyneton at 9.55am. The second bus leaves Romsey at 11.40am and Lancefield at 11.55 arriving in Kyneton at 12.15pm. On Saturdays the departure time for the early bus to Kyneton is the same but the second bus leaves Romsey at 12 noon, Lancefield, 12.10 and arrives in Kyneton at 12.35pm.

The earliest Lancefield/Romsey bus out of Kyneton departs at 10.05am Mon-Fri arriving in Lancefield at 10.30 and Romsey 10.40. The later weekday bus out of Kyneton departs at 1.35pm reaching Lancefield at 2.10 and Romsey at 2.15.

On Saturdays the buses leave Kyneton at 10.20am and 1.20pm. In Kyneton, passengers can board and alight the service at the Kyneton Hospital stop, the railway station and the Jennings Street terminus. The service will also set passengers down at the stop at the Mechanics Institute in Mollison St upon request.

Tickets purchased on the new services are integrated with the Kyneton Town Service. That is, someone travelling to Kyneton on the bus will be able to use their ticket to get around Kyneton on the Kyneton Town Service at no extra cost.

The bus stop at Carlsruhe is behind the old weighbridge and Newham's stops are near the primary school. There are 3 sets of bus stops in Romsey that service both ends of the town and the centre of town. In Lancefield, the service utilises the existing 3 stops and there is an additional stop on the Woodend-Lancefield Road near Foy St.

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Parents of children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grade 3 or above) or Confirmation (grade 6) in 2011 are asked to contact the Parish Secretary on 54292130. As the program commences very early in Term 1 2011, you are asked to indicate your intentions before school starts.

## ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PRAYER SERVICE

The carols will this year be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. This will be a combine service of our Christian church's; Uniting, Anglican & Assemblies of God. A light supper will be provided afterwards.

## POOL/GARDEN FENCE FOR SALE

Aluminium picket top fence  
Approx 30metres  
Light weight, powder coated, won't rust  
Complies to pool fence standards  
\$1200 O.N.O  
Contact Anna 0417 035 078 (Romsey)



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Advent Reconciliation:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Romsey

### Christmas Eve:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Lancefield  
Midnight Romsey

### Christmas Day:

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Romsey  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:*  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 8.00am Romsey  
10.00am Lancefield

## BINGO!! BINGO!! BIN- GO!!

Every Thursday evening  
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**Light Pierced the Darkness** "...and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him." Matthew 2:9-11

The world that Jesus entered was cruel and inhumane. Slaves composed one half of the Roman Empire's population. Thousands of gladiators were murdered every year in the Roman Colosseum simply as a spectator sport. Infanticide was a commonly accepted practice throughout the ancient world. Children were the property of the fathers, and they could be killed with impunity. Hospitals were unknown. The Romans considered helping a sick person as a sign of human weakness. The Irish sacrificed prisoners of war to the war gods and sacrificed newborns to the harvest gods. The Aztecs and Mayans practiced daily human sacrifices on a massive scale. They frequently tortured their victims before sacrificing them on altars to their sun and war gods. The Prussians, Lithuanians, Chinese, Mongolians, and others also practised human sacrifice. Cannibalism was rampant throughout Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Life was cheap. The world was dark.

But a light pierced the darkness at the birth of the babe in Bethlehem. He illuminated the night. He said: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**." His life and teachings transformed whole societies. The individual's worth was elevated. Life was no longer cheap.

Instead of killing and sacrificing one's enemies, Jesus said, "Love your enemies."

Instead of disposing of unwanted babies and children, Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me for such is the kingdom of heaven."

Instead of ignoring the sick and wounded, Jesus said, "Heal the sick" and "Blessed are the merciful." However, He came not just to transform societies but to transform individual hearts. He wanted to reconcile man to God, but He requires a life yielded to Him so that man might gain eternal life. As He said in John 3:16:

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."* A light led wise men to Jesus, and Jesus led wise men to the light. He still does!

If you would like to learn more about God and His unconditional love for us feel free to join us at either of our Sunday services or any one of our Mid week Life groups. Or contact us at our Church office on 5429 6327 to speak to someone. We would be happy to be of assistance to you.

Pastor Marilyn Hunter – Senior Pastor - The "Living Word" Christian Church

*Living Word Christian Church wishes everyone a happy, joyous & peaceful Christmas & New Year*

**You are welcome to join us at our Special Christmas Service**  
**Sunday 26th December - 10am 7 Mitchell Court Romsey**

Living Word Christian Church - Regular Sunday Service Times

10am Morning Service 7 Mitchell Court Romsey

6pm Evening Service Woodend Community Centre High Street Woodend

Mid-Week Life Groups: Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry & Men's Ministry

**For more information**

Ph: 5429 6327; Email: [livingword@iprimus.com.au](mailto:livingword@iprimus.com.au)

Web: [www.livingwordcc.com.au](http://www.livingwordcc.com.au)

*Australian Christian Churches*

**KidZone Program Before & After School Care Program**

### Romsey Red Cross Unit

Romsey Red Cross unit is having a bit of a break for the holidays.

Our next meeting will be held on 8th February 2011 at 1.30pm. Our new venue is the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street).

Wishing all Romsey residents a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Any queries please contact

Julie Reynolds,

PH: 54293161.

### A Christmas treat:

#### Home Made Irish Cream recipe

2 eggs

1 can condensed milk

600ml bottle of cream

200ml whisky

3 tsp vanilla essence

3 tsp coconut essence

3-4 dessertspoons chocolate essence.

Combine all ingredients. Will make approx. 700ml plus a small bottle. If using an empty whisky bottle do not wash it before putting Irish Cream in. Keep refrigerated.

# Romsey Beauty Spot

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## KinderMoves for Term 4

KinderMoves is a fun themed physical activity session specifically designed for 3 - 5 year olds. Sessions last up to 45 minutes incorporating activities designed to develop children's social skills, hand eye coordination, balance, gross motor skills and confidence.

### TUESDAY MORNINGS

Time: 9.30am - 10.15am

When: 6 week program - running  
5<sup>th</sup> NOV to 10<sup>th</sup> DEC

Cost: \$52.00

### FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Time: 1.00pm - 1.45pm

When: 6 week program - running  
9<sup>th</sup> NOV to 14<sup>th</sup> DEC

Cost: \$52.00

Romsey Rec Centre 5429 5637 [rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au](mailto:rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au)



## Romsey & Lancefield Probud Club

**President:** Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

Probud Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

Probud is a mixed club for men and women

There is a guest speaker at each meeting.

We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)

Friday Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

If you are interested in this club and wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our Christmas Breakup will be held at the 'Australiana' at Wandong on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 12noon. This is our final get together for the year.

## Romsey Library News

Romsey Library will be closed from 3 pm Friday, 24 December 2010, re-opening Tuesday, 4 January 2011. Please be aware that as the overnight returns chute is also closed, loan periods are to be extended so that items will be due back the second week of January.

Merry Christmas and safe holidaying to all of our library patrons; we look forward to seeing you back in the New Year.

Thank you to Robyn Moore and the amazing band of helpers who produce the Romsey Rag each month, you are providing a community avenue of communication which is appreciated by so many groups. The Romsey Library staff trust you all enjoy your well deserved break.



Current sessions are:

Mon	8.45am-12.45pm	0-5year olds
Wed	8am-1pm	0-5 year olds
Fri	9am-2pm	3-5year olds

Register your interest for 2011 Sessions.  
**PHONE :** Rebecca 0409407696  
**EMAIL :** [romseyoccasional-care@hotmail.com](mailto:romseyoccasional-care@hotmail.com)

# Victorian landholders have a legal responsibility to treat locust hoppers on their land. Here's what to do:

If you had locust activity in your area in autumn by now you should have purchased or at least identified the appropriate chemical for your situation. If you are yet to do this, your local chemical reseller, the DPI website

and the DPI Locust Hotline (1300 135 559) can assist you with this decision. You need to be prepared to spray locust 'hoppers' around 14 days after they hatch. At this stage they will be forming bands or groups and are

easiest to treat. A 100% rebate is available on chemicals used in the treatment of locusts by eligible landholders in worst affected areas. Visit [dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts](http://dpi.vic.gov.au/locusts), or call the DPI Locust Hotline on 1300 135 559.



**Locust control starts at your place.**



**Romsey Community House Inc.**

**House News**

*Merry Christmas to everyone in Romsey from the team at the Romsey Community House*

### Whole Town Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone in Romsey who supported the recent Whole Town Garage Sale. We had a huge number of households register their garage sales—27 in all! - and what a perfect day it was for "garage saling". Sales of maps exceeded \$300, funds that will go towards future activities and equipment at the House. We hope there were many happy shoppers who grabbed some great bargains. Special thanks goes to Terry Moore from Macedon Ranges Shire Council who coordinated the whole project, produced maps, organized advertising and a host of other "behind the scenes" activities. Thanks also to Helen Clarke, Judy Nicholson, Robyn Moore, Anne Cappler and House Coordinator Caroline Buckley who sold maps from 8.00am on the day.

### Social Club Book Sale

The Book Sale held at the House also helped to raise funds for future activities. There was a fabulous range of bargain-priced books for everyone from babies to adults, all at hugely discounted prices—some great early Christmas shopping! Thanks goes to everyone at the House who helped set up and man the sale, which we ran over a one week period, and especially to Robyn Moore, Judy Nicholson, Lee Evans and John Evans who set up and ran the stall at the Romsey Street Festival for the day.

### Towards 2011

Although we are winding down now for Christmas, keep watching the Rag and the windows of the House for information on programs and activities for next year. And don't forget—if you have an idea for a program, or a skill you would like to share, or a few hours a week to help out at the House, we would love to hear from you. Phone 5429 6724, email [romseyhouse@bigpond.com](mailto:romseyhouse@bigpond.com) or simply call in any weekday morning.

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## Program Term 4 2010

### Romsey Community House Inc.

A Learning and Activity Centre

PO Box 418, Romsey, Vic 3434

Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com

Ph/fax: 03 5429 6724

#### Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

**Yoga** - Courses are being run at Yoga Tevana studio this term in Mt Macedon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Judith on 54264086. Expressions of Interest being taken for a daytime course in Romsey on Wednesdays. please call the Community House on 5429 6724 to register

#### Pilates

Monday's 2.00 - 3.00pm. For bookings and enquiries phone Trish on 0411 447 392. \$12/class for 1st class, term enrolment at end of 1st class.

**Walk Together Program:** Tuesday's 9.30am. Meet at the Lions Park, near the creek.

#### Social & Creative Activities

##### Art Classes

The Romsey Community House is proud to announce a series of *subsidised* age specific art classes. Through the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

In Term 4 we have presented: **Introduction to Drawing a 5 Week Course.** In Term 1 2011, we will be offering 10 week subsidised age specific courses, registrations are now being taken at Romsey Community House

##### Course Dates/ Times:

**Adults:** Thursdays 10/02/11 - 14/04/11, Time: 1:30 - 3:00pm or 7:00 - 8:30pm Cost: TBC

**9 - 12yrs:** Thursdays 10/02/11 - 14/04/11, Time: 5- 6.30pm Cost: TBC for 10 week course

**6 - 8yrs:** Thursdays 10/02/11 - 14/04/11, Time: 3.45-4.45pm Cost TBC for 10 week course

**13 -18yrs:** enquire for Term 1 11/02/11 - 15/04/11 : 4:30 - 6:00pm Cost: TBC for 10 week course

For all bookings and enquiries please call the Romsey Community House on ph: 5429 6724. Class sizes are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

##### Over 50's Information and Activity Group

Last Friday of each month, informal and fun environment. Information session with guest speaker, tea/coffee and a light lunch. Talk begins at 11am followed by lunch at 12pm

Friday November 26th Please call 54296724

November's Talk is on Exercise for the Over 50's Cost \$6 Bookings essential.

**Writers Group** - Meets second Friday of each month 9.45-11.45am. Gold Coin contribution.

**Craft Group** - Every Thursday 10.30am - 12.30pm to practise a variety of crafts; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

**Drop in for a Cuppa** - Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

**Parent Buddies Program** - managed by Cobaw Community Health Services coordinator. Contact Sue Wilson ph:54211666 or 0448 545 974, susan.wilson@cobaw.vic.gov.au

##### Hey-dee Ho Classes

for children 6mths - 4 yrs call Erin 0417 137 003

#### Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

**Computer Basics 1** - This 8 week daytime class will teach you the basics in Microsoft Office Word 2007. This course is running until the 14th December 12.30 - 3pm. Cost \$185 Conc \$60. Expressions of Pls call 5429 6724 to register for 2011

**Introduction to Quickbooks** ( For those wanting to go on to advanced) Nov 30th & Dec 7th 6pm - 9pm

##### Certificate Courses (Non-accredited training):

**Quickbooks Advanced** - Once the Introduction is complete, the detail to make it work for you is in this course. An 8 week course 7pm-9.30pm. Cost \$165 Concession \$60.

Feb 9th-Mar 29th 2011

##### Expressions of interest now being taken for the following

**please call 5429 6724 to register**

**RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol**— Tuesday 1st Feb 2011.

Designed for individuals who currently work in a licensed venue or are seeking employment in the hospitality industry. \$120.00 9.30 - 1.30pm

**Workplace Hygiene** (Follow workplace hygiene procedures)

Tuesday 8th Feb 2011 Cost \$110 9.30 - 4.30pm

**Food Supervisors Courses** ( Run as individual course or combined over 2 days with workplace hygiene)

**Construction Induction**—formerly Red Card Tuesday 15th Feb 2011 Cost \$180.00 9.30 -4.30pm

**First Aid Certificate** - run over two days , 9.30 - 5.00pm both days (CPR update on first day only) \$195.00 for both days

**Over 50's Exercise group**

**Customer Service workshops**

**Doll/Toy making workshops**

**Computer Maintenance** - Ideal for home computer. One 2hr session. Held on Wednesday Evenings from 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20.

Book Early

**Learn to Use the Internet** 2hr session \$20. Expressions of interest now being taken. Call 5429 6724

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel** A 6 week evening course, at 2hrs per week. Cost \$150. No conc.

**Accredited Aged Care courses**

**Writing Workshops with Dee White** (Including "how to create great characters" Where do I start and finish?"Story Ideas and other necessary attributes for authors of all ages)

**Volunteer Induction courses with workshops in customer service and telephone skills**

**Drink Driver course** - EOI now being taken

Please call the house and register your interest in :

- Certificate I Hospitality (3 weeks - March 2011)

- Certificate I Work Preparation (3 weeks May 2011)

- Certificate II Retail (7 weeks July/Aug 2011)

- Certificate II Business (6 weeks September /Oct 2011)

For any of the above, please call Romsey Community House on 5429 6724 with all enquiries



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For more information please contact:

Kidzone Co-ordinator: Elsie Parkinson (03) 5429 6327 or 0422 860 486

#### Romsey Branch CWA

Romsey Branch of CWA meet at the Mechanics Hall Supper Room on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10.00 am, with Craft Days on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our first meeting for 2011 will be held at the Bay Tree Coffee Shop at 10.30 am followed by lunch. This will be a relatively informal meeting and we hope you can be there. Our programme for 2011 will be discussed, but we do have a couple of things on our agenda - a visit by Pete Smith from Channel 9 who will be our Guest Speaker, a display of Lavender items (but not ones which will give you hayfever!!), and hopefully a "Petless" Pet Show sometime in the cold winter months, when you don't want to home alone by the fire.

2010 saw the Romsey Branch support the Nursing Homes in Kilmore with knee rugs, cushions, toiletry items and goods for their trade table and trolley. We also supplied the Woodend Aged Care facility with a copious amount of knee rugs. Romsey had a wonderful cake stall outside IGA Supermarket on November 20th, with loads of cakes, craft items and a wonderful Christmas Hamper Raffle which was won by Marg Davies. Do hope Marj enjoyed all the goodies, some of which were donated by IGA for which we say a big "thank you". Our recent Christmas break-up at the Riddells Creek Hotel was enjoyed by all members and husbands/partners who were able to attend. A wonderful end to a very busy year.

Our new Committee for 2011 welcomes you to attend our informative and enjoyable meetings.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Val Jordan, Branch Secretary, 5429 2311.

## Community Christmas Fun Day Saturday 4 December 12.00 - 4.30 pm

Macedon Ranges Lodge  
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