



Romsey Junior Football Club Inc.

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The Romsey Junior Football Club is nearing the start of the season on Sunday April 11th, and our players are keen to kick off season 2010. We played practice matches against Macedon on Sunday the 28th March. We thank all families who attended and the kids really enjoyed the competition.

We are very excited about this coming season with our healthy numbers and committed and eager members. This should ensure we strive towards a strong and successful club.

Our thoughts are with the Lakin Family on their loss of Wendy, she will be sadly missed by the Romsey Junior Football Club.

The committee held a meeting on Friday the 12th of March, with parents and children of the under 12 age group. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the higher than anticipated number of registrations for season 2010. Parents were informed that after much discussion, that the Romsey Junior Football Club would register 2 Under 12 teams for this season. The committee would like to thank all parents who attended and also for their patience and understanding in this very difficult matter.

Our website www.romseyredbacks.org.au, is currently being revised. We apologise for any inconvenience, all members will be notified upon its return.

Sponsorship plays a vital role in the survival and success of our club. We thank all of those businesses who have already sponsored us and welcome any prospective businesses who wish to support the Romsey Junior Football Club. If interested, please contact our Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Peter Newell on 0408 295 976 or romseyautocare@motor.net.au

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So let's all look forward to great 2010 season and go RED-BACKS
Keep kicking goals

Bill Badger
President RJFC
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Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

The golf season has started. Lorraine and I went to the Ladies Opening Day at Trentham on the 1st March. Playing Canadian we hit off the short 13th and were on for one (good start) then and after 4 putts the tone for the remainder of the day was set.

Tuesday March 9th, Lorraine, Wendy and I went to the Irish sixes at Kyneton. We enjoyed the game and had we known there were preferred lies our score would have been better. Next was the Women's Australian Open. March 11th – 14th. No, we weren't playing. Lorraine, Elaine and I answered the call for volunteers. Elaine was a leader board marshal; she became very proficient at the radio and changing scores on the board. (Would you believe they even gave her a quiet sign). Lorraine and I were given the job of hole marshal. Sometimes I became so engrossed watching the players with their setup I forgot to hold my quiet sign up. The crowds were very well behaved and didn't really need us but it was a great experience to be up so close to the top players. We have all decided we will probably volunteer again next year. I think a roving marshal maybe the job to go for next time.

Thursday 18th saw Lorraine and I at Woodend's tournament. After a threat of light rain, all was well and a fine warm day was enjoyed. Lorraine played to her handicap with a net 68. The course was in top condition except for the path by the pulley which had been washed away by the recent heavy rains.

This months results.

Wed 24th Feb Mulligans

L. Beasley 67 net

March 10th Stableford L. Robb 33pts

March 17th Mulligans

K. Jekabsons 71 net.

April 14th we are having another come and try day /bring a friend day. Anyone interested in golf please come along. Meet at the clubrooms 9am for a 9.30 hit off. We will give you lunch after the game and will only be playing 9 holes of Ambrose which is a fun game. No experience or clubs needed - we will share with you but if you are left handed please give me advance notice. The Relay for Life team, the Romsey Birdies would like to thank everyone who sponsored us or helped with our fundraisers. We raised \$4509.00 which is our largest amount to date. One of our team went to extreme measures and "did her back" just so she didn't have to help put the tents up and could

go home to sleep. She was missed as we had to "phone a friend" to work out the frame of the tent. Thank you to Laurie, Ron and Roger for help with erecting and dismantling the tents. It was also good to have some visitors drop in to have a chat with us and help with the trivia questions. Congratulations to Kath J. She has become a grandmother for the first time. Recipe for this month

The Best Brownies

125gm butter
1cup firmly packed brown sugar
125gm dark chocolate
3 eggs
1/3 cup plain flour
1/3 cup cocoa powder (or less if liked)
¼ teaspoon baking powder
1¼ cups walnuts (optional)
Place butter, brown sugar and chocolate in saucepan and stir over medium heat until well combined
Remove from heat and beat in eggs with a wooden spoon
Sift flour cocoa and baking powder and add to chocolate mixture and stir well
Finally stir in walnuts
Pour into 18x28 slice tray and bake for 35-40mins in a mod oven (180)

Beryl Cole
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Fire Danger Period to end on Monday 22 March 2010



Recent heavy rains and cooler weather has prompted CFA Region 14 to declare an early end to the Fire Danger Period ('fire restrictions') for the municipalities of Macedon Ranges, Whittlesea, Moorabool, Nillumbik, Wyndham, Melton, Mitchell and Hume. The Fire Danger Period will end at 0100 hours on Monday 22 March 2010. It was originally scheduled to end 1 May 2010.

Region 14 Operations Manager Rohan Luke said the decision was made in consultation with local councils and brigades and reflected the changed on-ground conditions. "The heavier than expected rains and much cooler weather informed CFAs decision to declare an early end to the Fire Danger Period," Mr Luke said.

"This decision will allow rural landholders to undertake burning off of weeds, grass or undergrowth on their properties without the need for a council permit. This is an early opportunity for them to start cleaning up and preparing their properties for next Summer".

"It's advised, however, that property owners contact their local council in the first instance as local laws on burn-offs do apply, even outside of the declared Fire Danger Period," he said.

Mr Luke said that burn-offs should also be registered with the VicFire Burn-off notification line (**1800 668 511**) and

that property owners should: "notify neighbours of their intention to burn check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards check the fuel moisture conditions; and

ensure there are enough resources on hand to monitor contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively." Mr Luke added the Department of Sustainability and Environment would also be looking to undertake controlled burns in the region in the coming weeks.

"The DSE have indicated there will be several burns in the region to take advantage of the milder weather so we're asking residents to be mindful of that if they see smoke," he said.

DSE burns information: www.dse.vic.gov.au Fire and Other Emergencies Planned Burns

CFA Fire Management information: *On the Land: Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines*. Fire management advice for people living and working on rural properties and for those new to farming. Available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

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On Easter Sunday this year, change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm battery

Easter Sunday (4 April) is the end of daylight saving and along with changing your clock is the perfect time to also change your smoke alarm battery.

CFA Region 14 Manager Community Safety David Allen said house fires occurred more frequently in the cooler months, so "it makes good sense to check your smoke alarm battery at the same time you change your clock". "As we head into autumn and then winter, we tend to stay indoors more, turn on the heating and do more cooking indoors," Mr Allen said.

"This is the time residents should be testing their smoke alarms. Only the sound of a smoke alarm, not the smell of smoke, will wake you in a fire, so it's essential that smoke alarms are tested on a regular basis.

"All smoke alarms, whether hard-wired or wireless, require a battery" added Mr Allen. "Hard-wired alarms use a battery as a back up and the battery needs to be changed as well."

Smoke alarms usually have a lifespan of about 10 years—alarms older than this should be replaced. Some smoke alarms have a printed use-by date, but if an alarm is still "beeping" after its battery has been changed, it should be replaced.

To ensure you have a working smoke alarm:

Test it weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to make sure it beeps.

Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.

Change the battery at least once a year. It's easy to remember if you do it when you adjust your clock for daylight saving.

There are two types of smoke alarms—ionisation alarms

that predominantly detect the presence of extremely small particles of smoke, and newer photo-electric alarms that detect visible smoke.

Research indicates that although both types of alarms give occupants time to escape, photo-electric alarms are consistently more effective at detecting smouldering fires in homes. It's recommended that residents supplement their existing ionisation smoke alarms with photo-electric alarms.

When choosing an alarm for your home, be sure to also select one that meets Australian Standard AS 3786.

For more information, visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

www.mfb.vic.gov.au

www.buildingcommission.com.au

Smoke alarms for the hearing impaired

Special smoke alarms are available for the hearing impaired. These may feature a flashing strobe light and/or a vibrating pad that can be placed under the pillow to activate when the alarm sounds.

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Further information for the hearing impaired can be found at:

www.vicdeaf.com.au

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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENTERS A FOURTH DECADE

In 2009 the Historical Society celebrated thirty years and now looks forward to the next decade. The aspirations and achievements of earlier years continue to be a source of ideas and inspiration. The Society is currently redeveloping its constitution, and **Fred Green, Consumer Affairs Victoria**, will speak to a meeting on the subject of:

Good Governance

**2.00pm, Wednesday 31st March,
Mt William Room, The Hub, Romsey**

A recent meeting was addressed by **Graeme Wanden** who was the pharmacist in Romsey for more than thirty years. Graeme came to Australia from Scotland with his wife in 1965. Having worked in a large professional pharmacy in Toronto, he was "keen on taking on a rural practice", and he purchased the very ramshackle shop in which Muriel [Flossie] Robinson "had persevered during the war years". This was sited where the Laundromat is now. Initially the building was well below standard. Graeme recalled, "The veranda was falling, the floor had a distinct slope, there were few shelves and an old sink was fastened to the wall with one old bracket and some baling twine".

The next meeting will be a discussion with afternoon tea to ratify the Constitution:

**2.00pm Sunday 18th April
Lancefield Courthouse**

A series of **Family History Workshops** is planned for April & May 2010 if you are interested please contact the Secretary Shirley Kishere on **0402 248 540**

The heritage records of the district held at the Lancefield Courthouse include district newspapers that go back to 1870. For more information on these and other archive material contact the Society's Archivist Robyn Miller tel. 0418 172 659. The Courthouse is staffed between 10-4 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Arrangements can be made with the Archivist to visit the resources by appointment.

Visitors are welcome at Historic Sydney Seymour Cottage 18 April between the hours of 2-4pm. Arrangements can be made to visit at other times by contacting Jean Clement 5429 6522.



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Car Parking – Some Facts.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council and your local councillors are very supportive of small business and actively encourage and assist in the development of small businesses. Car parking for small businesses has recently been the topic of much discussion and misinformation that warrants clarification. The issue of car parking for new business may be triggered by Clause 52.06 which are the standard state policies for car parking. Clause 52.06 states:

"A new use must not commence or the floor area of an existing use must not be increased until the required car spaces have been provided on the land."

It is important to note that clause 52.06 is state policy and is not specific to Macedon Ranges. We have no ability to circumvent it. However, we can assist a business when the policy is triggered. When triggered there are two options.

A business can apply for a full or partial waiver of car parking. Alternatively, to avoid the time delays and processes associated with a waiver application

some businesses opt to provide a cash contribution towards car parking. The option chosen is a commercial decision for the business.

Council is currently re-evaluating how best to assist when Clause 52.06 is triggered. To date no business has had their application rejected on the grounds of car parking alone.

The important message here is that if you are thinking of starting a business contact the council planning department and discuss your ideas (Phone: 5422 0333). Council cannot circumvent the state process that triggers car parking however we can and will work with you at a local level to ensure you get your business up and running ASAP.

I recently attended a Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) meeting on this topic and heard horror stories of businesses anticipating being asked to contribute tens of thousands of dollars towards car parking. Regrettably none of the examples given on the night had applied to council for a car parking waiver.

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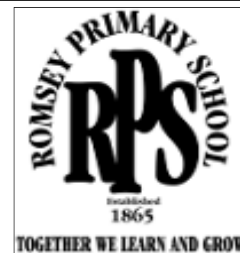
Romsey Primary School News

Bendigo Bank Grant



School Captains Annabel Feehan and Hugh Webb were accepting the cheque from Rod Browning of the Bendigo Bank on behalf of the school, and acknowledging the ongoing community support program from this organization.

We were pleased to welcome visitors Tim McCarthy and Rod Browning from the Romsey Community Bank to our school assembly on the last week of term one. On behalf of the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank Branches of the Bendigo Bank they presented a grant of \$1,000 under the "Building Our Community" initiative. We are grateful for their ongoing support and plan to use this money to purchase flip cameras for making student videos. This new technology is an important part of our senior students' program. The Romsey Community Bank is owned by local shareholders and managed by a volunteer Board. By operating a banking franchise with their partner Bendigo Bank they not only provide competitive banking services, including student banking on a Tuesday morning, they also retain profits to be kept in the community thus benefitting our school. By banking with the Romsey Branch of the Bendigo Bank, you can make a real difference in this community.



Jump Rope for Heart

As part of our Physical Education program and community service we participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The students enthusiastically embraced the skipping and fund raising, leading our school to being the Highest Fundraiser in the Loddon Mallee Region. Romsey Primary School was delighted to be awarded a certificate in recognition of this effort. We raised \$6,796.40 and Mary Lou from the Heart Foundation congratulated our students and presented the certificate at assembly. She mentioned how impressed she was to see the large group of parents at assembly, the speaking ability of our students and the general strong feeling of a supportive community.



New Building Progress

A recent tour of the new 6 flexible learning space indicated that it will be completed early in term 2 and the Year 4/5s, 5s and 6s will be moving into the new facility, enjoying the spacious, well light area for learning. This week the builders are clearing and levelling the site surrounds and internally the joinery is being installed. The one impressive thing is how spacious it seems.

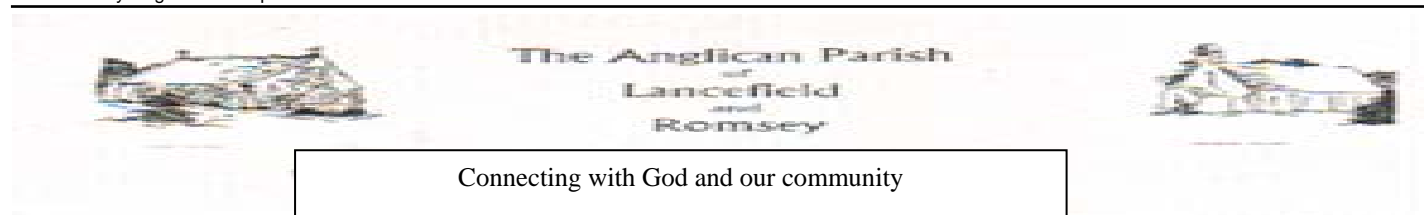
In The Garden

There has been a lot of fun and learning happening in the year 5 garden program this term. The classes were very excited on the first day of the program. They settled very quickly and were very keen to get involved. They were working very hard and really getting their hands dirty. The first day down in the garden, there were some children who thought the grapevine was covered in peas. There has been lots of measuring, problem solving, planning and conversation, but most of all lots of learning. We have used recycled waste paper in our chook house, fed our scraps to the chooks and received lovely eggs in return. The students have decorated some of the eggs for Easter using natural food dyes which have been made using vegies from the garden. We have conserved water by mulching our gardens. To make compost we have used weeds, manure from the chooks, shredded paper and soil. Annie Betts' partner Craig has made us a beautiful wheel barrow to go in the foyer to display and sell our vegies and eggs.



Sporting Success

At the Cobaw District Summer Sports we had 6 teams competing and all were very successful. The boys softball team won their competition and will be competing at a regional level later in the year. Congratulations to all the students who represented their school and displayed excellent sportsmanship during the event.



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends,
I note with interest that Lancefield is turning 150 this year – May the 1st to be precise. This is something that is worth celebrating. Not many 150th birthdays are celebrated.

Churches celebrate birthdays especially Christmas with the celebration of the Lord Jesus. For a town to be 150, that is a great achievement especially given the highs and lows it has had. I'm going to invite to you a celebration at my church commemorating 150 years of Lancefield on the Sunday 2nd May with a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm and celebratory service looking that the theme "Lancefield – this is your life" but also touching on the future of Lancefield. Also, we will thank God for Lancefield.

Let me encourage you to be a part of the special event.

That's this month's view from the Vicarage and I look forward to seeing you on the 2nd May.

Rev. Leroy Coote

Vicar

The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey.

General Advertisements:

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services:
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2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 4pm – 6pm every Sunday Evening in the Lancefield Anglican Church Hall. Cost \$3.00 to cover resource costs and future activities. Anyone in Year 5 and up at school is welcome to come along and see what fun activities we do. All our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

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ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD Inc.

District 9790 of Rotary International

P.O. Box 195 Romsey Vic. 3434 Australia.

President: Rod Frost 54 28 5156 (B) **Secretary:** Rosemary Frost 54 29 1985 (H)
Meets at Soltan Pepper Restaurant, 118 Main Street Romsey 3434

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. again supported the Relay For Life weekend event at Lancefield Park 27th and 28th February through the provision of meals for all participants at the Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Rotary provided these meals (donation in kind) at an estimated cost of \$3000.

Under the Rotary Directorship of Mark Shepherdley, Rotarians, their families and friends and support from the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club the Rotary Club was able to provide well over 500 meals over the two day event.

The Club has been able to support this event since its inception due to the generous donations by Rotary members and major food and drink companies. Our thanks to IGA (Echuca-Mark Shepherdley and Steve Speirs) and IGA (Romsey-Julie and Craig), Mark Shepherdley (Romsey Stockfeeds), TipTop Australia, Rotarian Peter O'Rourke from Macedon Ranges Specialist Meat Supplies, and Keith Rickards – bottled water.

The Rotary Club thanks the Relay for Life Committee (Lancefield), Lancefield Park Committee, Ambulance Service, the Lancefield and Romsey Lions Club, IGA Romsey (Julie and Craig), Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist, Treasurer Dennis Ness and Eleanor Kemp money takings, Keith Rickards for water provided over the two days, Bendigo Community Bank representatives including Peter Leish, Rotarians Diane Powell, (PP) Greg Powell, Rosemary Frost, President Rod Frost and Karen Stevens. Support over the two days from Rick Faulkner, Theo Parks, Bruce Young, Jim and Janice Bell, Wendy and Clare Shepherdley was appreciated. A special thank you to Councillor Joe Morabito whose continued support at these major events is really valued.



This year the Relay For Life Committee (Lancefield) awarded our Club the Spirit of Relay perpetual trophy for our service to the community. Relay For Life President Ken Wiltshire is seen with Karen Watkins presenting the Georgette Watkins Award to Rotary President Rod Frost.



(PP) Greg Powell, Bulletin Editor and Publicity officer Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.

Free Lectures Series on Heritage Houses in the 21st Century

Castlemaine and the surrounding towns of Mount Alexander Shire are justifiably proud and protective of their heritage homes and buildings. They are part of the towns' attraction to tourists and new residents. Many love the idea of buying an older cottage or even a grand house in this lovely area with its great arts community, musical events, the biennial State Festival and wonderful gardens. If you live in an old house or are planning to do so, you will be interested in the **free Lecture Series - Heritage Houses in the 21st Century** held over four weeks on Wednesday evenings (7.15pm - 9.15pm) on 14th, 21st, 28th April and the 5th of May in the Phee Broadway Theatre in Castlemaine. This series, which is a new initiative, will discuss adapting heritage houses to the lifestyles and environmental issues of the 21st century while retaining their heritage values and ambiance.

Mount Alexander Shire Council, the Heritage Council of Victoria and the Department of Planning and Community Development are supporting these lectures with speakers who are experts in their field. The first lecture on April 14 will be given by Jim Gard'ner, Executive Director of Heritage Victoria on **Good Design in a Heritage Context** and will include local examples. In his previous position Jim was Director of Strategy and Policy at Heritage Victoria where he had a special interest and expertise in adaptation of heritage buildings to 21st century use. The second session the following week on April 21 will be on **Caring for Heritage Houses**. A panel of local experts will be looking at practical problems that arise in repairing and maintaining old houses. The speakers will talk about rising damp, cracked walls, repairing plaster and use of appropriate materials and techniques. Ray Tonkin will give the third lecture on April 28. Few people are more knowledgeable about the development of heritage protection legislation, policies and administration. Ray, the former Executive Director of Heritage Victoria will speak on **Planning and Management Objectives to Maintain the Heritage Values of Houses**. In the final lecture on May 5, Brod Street will speak about **Solving Heritage and Planning Issues: Integrating Water and Energy Efficiency into an 1890 House**. Brod has first hand experience to share because he will talk about his family's experiences in altering a brick cottage to be sustainable and adaptable for life in this century, more than a hundred years after the cottage was built!

This promises to be a fun and informative lecture series and **it is free!** If you want to stay on for a light supper afterwards it will be just a gold coin donation. Brochures are available in the Market Building, Castlemaine and other places around the Shire. Those wishing further information can contact mashab@inet.net.au.

Romsey Rag News

An Important Notice to Advertisers:

Due to increased costs associated with the printing of the Romsey Rag and an imminent increase in circulation, it has been necessary to review and adjust advertising rates. The new schedule of advertising charges is set out below:

Front page per edition	\$150
Full page ad	\$200
1/2 Page ad	\$110
1/4 page ad	\$60
Business card ad	\$30
Line ad	\$15

These new charges will come into effect at the start of the new financial year on July 1st 2010. These rates are still lower than other local community newspapers in the Macedon Ranges area.

The cost for placing a business card ad in the **Trade Directory** will increase to \$240 per year (for 11 editions). This increase will come into effect from the end of this year for advertising in 2011.

Collating:

We are always looking for additional people to help with the collating of the Romsey Rag each month. Collating takes place at the Romsey Primary School on Thursday morning once per month, and generally takes about 2 to 3 hours. The Rag supports many local clubs and organizations by providing free advertising and publicity for their activities, and it would be great to see these groups reciprocating that support to the Rag by encouraging their members to assist with collating. Some of our regular contributor organisations are already well represented on the collating team, but it would be great to see the job shared between more groups.

If you would like further information call Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848 or simply turn up on collating day (the dates are advertised on page 2 of the Rag each month. You would be most welcome!

Assistance with Advertising / Invoicing:

We are trying to streamline the service we provide with advertising and invoicing for it. If you have relevant book-keeping skills and could spare up to 5 hours per month, and would like to become involved in the Rag team, please call Robyn Moore or Joan Gibbs on 5429 5099.

Meet The Team

Sometimes it's good to put a face to a name.

This month we would like to introduce you to Colin Miller, our wonderful printer. Colin's an expert when it comes to printing—he worked in the industry for 15 years. Colin has a sharp eye for detail and takes pride in turning out the best product we can. Colin lives in Romsey with his wife



Grace. And his daughter and grandchildren live nearby. When he is not printing the Rag, Colin likes to collect stamps and coins, and make furniture.

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Romsey Youth Space

On 16th March an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed food, drink and a live band at the Romsey Hub. The Wii got a work out with band hero played nice and loud and Wii sports were played on the big screen. The light painting proved popular with very creative results.

The Red Cross with a Bendigo Bank grant donated \$500 towards the Romsey Youth Space. This money will be spent on equipment for young people to use such as sporting gear and a table tennis table.

The Romsey Youth Space would also like to thank the Tully family from Lancefield for their generous donation of a big television, Rendezvous for their yummy pizza and Anne Cappler and Donna and Mark Wilkinson for their help on the night.

The Romsey Youth Space is open at the Romsey Hub every Tuesday 4.30 – 6.30 during school term and special events will be held on school holidays. All activities are supervised and include bbq's, sports, DVD's, Wii on the big screen, table tennis, music, cooking, crafts, computers and much, much more. A gold coin donation per youth group session would be appreciated to help run the activities. There will also be some food items for sale at minimal cost, in addition to the free snacks offered each week.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 30th March – Dinner and night out at the movies. Leaving Romsey Hub at 4.00 and arriving home around 9.30 (drop off will be at your home). We are going to Water Gardens for a look around, dinner and the movie Alice in Wonderland in 3d. Cost is \$15 plus spending money.

Wednesday 7th April – Rampfest – Indoor Skate Park. Leaving Romsey Hub at 9am arriving home around 4.30pm. \$15 per person and bring your own money for food. Bring your skateboard, scooter and helmet.

Permission forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian to attend these events. Permission forms available at the Romsey Hub reception or the Youth Space. Limited spaces for these activities so get in quick and payment is required at time of the booking.

New Service From The Romsey Rag

The Romsey Rag is considering a pamphlet insert service for local organisations. This would mean you would be able to pay to have an A4 (or smaller) size advertising pamphlet inserted into the Rag at the time of collating.

We would also be able to negotiate printing of such pamphlets, with the options of colour or black and white printing. The cost of printing would vary according to your needs.

If anyone would be interested in this service please let us know so that we can develop a schedule of costs and gauge how much interest there would be in such a service.

A Plea To Main Road Drivers

As a resident of Digby Drive, I make this plea to those of you who regularly reach 100kph or more before you reach the speed de-restriction sign beyond Digby Drive travelling south, or fail to slow down when you reach the 70 sign going north. The speed on that section of road is 70kph, and your speeding makes it difficult to safely turn out of Digby Drive. Please—in the interests of safety—slow down!

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In the classrooms

Staff and children are concentrating on recycling as part of our sustainability program, Autumn and Easter.

Sustainability Program

I'm sure a number of parents have been told by their child not to put snacks in plastic bags and to use containers! Unit 1 has purchased a rose arbour to establish a sensory garden. Along with our new Sustainability Project Officer, Adam, staff are looking into climbing plants and creepers for planting against trellises.

We are waiting to here the outcome of a grant application which will allow us to install slow flow tap regulators and change the water usage of the toilets.

Autumn

Autumn artwork is starting to decorate the classrooms and foyer, which looks great.

Easter

Can you remember the Little Peter Rabbit song? Unit 1 are singing it at the moment, actions included. Both units are making and decorating egg baskets, which look great. Unit 2 are calling for blown eggs from the par-

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ents so that the children can decorate them for the Easter egg tree.

Then the term is over, where has the time gone?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Sue Hayes, President, 0416 06 347.

Romsey Kindergarten

2011 Enrolments are Now Open

Pre-enrolment forms are available in the foyer of the kindergarten and from the kindergarten website: www.romseykindergarten.com.au

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Macedon Ranges Junior Golf Tournament

This week's 1st Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament (MRJT) attracted a large number of low markers, with almost half the field of 30 off single figure handicaps, and it was expected that the event would be a tightly contested affair.

The event was sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire, Clubtech and MTM Golf Clubs. These sponsors both made the tournament possible and ensured high quality prizes for the various winners.

The first round at Woodend saw the competitors play in mixed age groups. A good number of parents and friends accompanied the players around the picturesque course. Many golfers were at or slightly below par when thunder heralded the arrival of a very violent storm. At 2.50pm play was suspended. The organising committee inspected the course at 3.30pm, 4.00pm and again at 4.30pm before deciding to call the event to a halt; the continual rain and lightning had made it unsafe to play. After much discussion it was decided to make the 1st round of the MRJT a six-hole event as all groups had played those holes. At the end of Day One **James Cooper** (3 Sanctuary Lakes), Daniel Wright (4 Romsey) Connor Whelan (8 Woodend), Sam Mitchell (5 Huntingdale) Thomas Perkins (5 Gisborne) and Daniel Nugent (11 Trentham) were at the top of the leader board. Winners on the day were; 18 & Under – Stroke – James Cooper Handicap – Thomas Perkins 16 & Under – Stroke – Sam Mitchell (Portarlington) Handicap - Connor Whelan

14 & Under – Stroke – Thammasack Bouahom (S/Lakes) Handicap – Seamus Whelan (W/end)

Round two was held at Romsey and after a good lunch the competitors played in age groups. Following the heavy rain on Saturday the course was damp and some of the greens were quite wet so relief was given through the green. The tight fairways and small greens made every player work hard for a good score. The day was slightly overcast but the rain held off and there were some good scores. Top markers James Cooper (3) shot two over par and Daniel Wright (4) shot three over. The Romsey leg of the tournament was also the 4th Romsey Junior Tournament; The Gary Watts Shield. Winners on the day were;

18 & Under – Stroke – James Cooper, Handicap – Jarryd McGill (L/field) 16 & Under – Stroke – Daniel Wright Handicap - Mathew Wilson 14 & Under - Stroke – Seamus Whelan, Handicap – Hugh Parks ((L/field) Gary Watts Shield – James Cooper

Round three, at Lancefield saw the groups organised according to their scores. Players met at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am hit off. The sky was slightly overcast and it looked as if the weather might hold however at 11.40 am heavy rain began to fall, play was restarted at 12.20 pm. Leaders James Cooper Daniel Wright and Sam Mitchell (5, Huntingdale) were off in the first group and whilst all players struck the ball well James soon picked up a lead of three shots before Daniel pegged him back with some good attacking golf. Both players bogied the 9th hole to leave them one over for the day, James continued in the lead for the overall trophy.

Daniel played a great back nine quickly picking up two shots but James was able to hold him off and win the first Macedon Ranges Junior Tournament. Mathew Wilson played another good round to easily hold off the field to win the Chris Gaunt Cup and become the 1st Macedon Ranges Junior Championship handicap winner. Winners on the day were

18 & Under – Stroke – James Cooper, Handicap – Jarryd McGill 16 & Under - Stroke – Brad Kimivets (W/end) Handicap – Daniel Nugent 14 & Under - Stroke – Thammasack Bouahom, Handicap – Seamus Whelan MRJT Champion – James Cooper (Sanctuary Lakes) MRJT Handicap Winner (Chris Gaunt Cup) – Mathew Wilson (Port Arlington)

Trophies were presented by the organising committee; Tony Lakey (Romsey), John Rebbechi (Lancefield), Beau Warrener (Woodend) and Peter McLaughlin, the president of Lancefield Golf Club

By the end of the tournament a great camaraderie had developed amongst the players; the event was characterised by the good-natured support and ribbing and much laughter out on the courses and in the clubrooms. Once again the organising committee would like to thank the three golf clubs for their support; each day the players and parents/friends were treated to a wonderful meal and friendly clubrooms. The courses held up well after the heavy rain and hail providing all players with many challenging situations. All competitors and parents/friends were both impressed by the success of the 1st running of a new competition and how well the three clubs involved had **conducted** their rounds of the event.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor
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School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

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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

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVPD Drop-In: First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 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, Counsellor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

YEAR OF THE PRIESTHOOD

To help us realise the value of priesthood, there will be 3 people talking at the **10am Mass on Sunday 18th April in Romsey**; a seminarian, a priest and a parishioner. Following the Mass, there will be a light luncheon to celebrate the day. All Welcome.

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thanks to all the Churches of Lancefield and Romsey for a prayerful gathering on 5th March last, and to all who brought a plate to share. Thanks, too to Theo Mackaay, The General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches who spoke of the role and struggle of women in Cameroon and in our society. This prayer day on the first Friday of March each year is a valuable contribution to our community.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 is flying past us at a rapid pace. The new buildings are starting to really take shape. The staff room and first aid room have been completed and are in use. They look great. We have so much room to move now. The brick work on the hall and the classrooms is well underway. We can't wait to move in to our new facilities, around mid year. Each classroom will have 2 walls that are movable. This will allow the teachers to open up the areas and utilize the corridors for group work and across the grade levels, in line with our approach to contemporary learning for the 21st Century.

In 1885 the Catholic Church established St Mary's School in Romsey in a small building behind the Church. The teacher, Miss Mackie, rode a horse from Lancefield to Romsey to conduct the classes. In the years that followed the Josephite Sisters along with lay teachers, were responsible for the Catholic education of children in Lancefield/ Romsey and the surrounding districts. *This means that in 2010 we will celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education at St Mary's Parish.* Stay tuned for further infor-

mation about how we are going to celebrate this exciting event. With Blessed Mary MacKillop, a Josephite, becoming the first Australian Saint in October and the opening of the new school, we will be doing a lot of celebrating this year.

The Grade 3 children are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They have been participating in classroom activities as well as evening workshops. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their sacramental journey.

The grade prep children are now at school full time. They have settled in really well and are doing some exciting things in their classroom.

On Friday the 19th Emily, Sophie, Joel, Aaron and Brock competed in the COBAW tennis tournament at Woodend. Joel and Aaron played doubles, Emily and Sophie also played doubles, and Brock played singles. Joel and Aaron won 2 and lost 2. Sophie and Emily won 4 games and got into the final and lost the final. Brock won 1 and lost 2. Congratulations to all involved. The students will compete in the Volleyball and Cricket competition on the 18th March.

We welcome new members to our Student Representative Council this year. The following children have been elected to the S.R.C of St Mary's for 2010.

Prep: Madeleine Smith, Oliver Nuttall
One: Chloe Dyer, Abbey McCalman
Two: Ethan Beer, Imogen O'Shaughnessy
Three: Emily Phillips, Luke Weber
Four: Caitlin Mitchell, John Doria
Five: Victoria Credland, Lachlan Johnston-Bailey (absent from photo)
Six: Chloe Hewat, Dylan Tirpkos



The role of the S.R.C. members is to discuss issues on a regular basis with their grade and then present these ideas at the fortnightly meeting with the Principal or Deputy Principal. The aim is to work together to make St Mary's a safe and happy school.

St Mary's Care group.

The St. Mary's Care Group involves parents who are willing to help families in the school by cooking a meal for those in need. We freeze these at school and then distribute them as the need arises. Please contact the school office if you are willing to be placed on the register.

BINGO!! BINGO!! BINGO!!

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ANZAC Day holds a special place for so many Victorians, each year providing the opportunity for us all to remember and learn more about the sacrifices made by our veterans and to keep their memory alive in our community.

This one day in the year continues to involve the whole of Australia in solemn ceremonies of remembrance, gratitude and national pride for all our men and women who have fought and died in all wars.

It has been a pleasure over the past years to attend the Dawn Service at Mt Macedon and around Macedon electorate. Each year the attendances at these services grows and I would urge anyone that hasn't yet been to an Anzac Day memorial service to show your appreciation of the contribution of Australian men and women to maintaining the principles of freedom and democracy by attending either the Dawn Service or a service in your town this year.

Joanne Duncan

ANZAC Day Service – Sunday April 25th 2010

The Romsey-Lancefield R.S.L. Sub Branch wishes to advise that the 2010 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service will be conducted in High Street, Lancefield on Sunday April 25th. Marchers are requested to assemble in front of the Bread Shop at 0820hrs ready to commence the march at 0830, prior to the service. All families and individuals are invited to attend this most important day in Australia's history, particularly the school children. Your attendance will be most appreciated. If you have any queries please ring John Lynch on 0417 393 396.

Winter Preparation Cooking Class

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A Sharing of Information Carer's Lunch for Mental Health Carers.

Mental Illness is usually a traumatic experience for not only the person who experiences it, but also every other person who cares for them. Parents, siblings, partners and friends can struggle to know where they can find information and resources to support the person that they care for. Navigating mental health and community services available can be difficult and daunting particularly when carers are dealing with their own feelings around mental illness. Caring for someone with a mental illness can often come at the expense of carers' own emotional and physical health needs.

Bendigo Health - Carer Support Services and St Lukes - Anglicare are running a free lunch for mental health carers from the shires of Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander. The lunch will have guest speakers on what carer supports are already available in these shires and give carers an opportunity to let services know what their needs are.

**The lunch is being held in
the Richardson Room
at the Kyneton Town Hall,
between 11am—3pm
on Saturday the 17th of April, 2010.
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For further information about the event please call
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Q. Is Easter just a story to you or have you discovered the reality of the One who was raised from the dead?

Let this story give us all a "check-up" My daughter was four years old and about to see her first Easter play. Like most little girls at Easter, she was all decked out in her favourite outfit, patent leather shoes, and to top it all off – her beautiful Easter hat.

As the play started, she saw the actors come on stage and screamed with excitement, "THERE'S JESUS!" He was playing with the children on the stage and she wanted to know why she couldn't go up and play with Jesus too. My response to her was, "Honey, this is only a play. He's only an actor. This isn't real." "Okay," she said, "but will you pick me up so that Jesus can see my hat?"

During a scene of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, soldiers came barging in yelling and screaming. My daughter became so frightened that she turned her face away, buried it into my chest and began to cry. Again I tried to rationalize with her, "It's okay, honey. This is only a play. These are only actors. It's not real." So she agreed to watch some more.

Then came that dreaded scene. Down the isle of the church came Jesus dragging His cross – people yelling and cursing him. This was too much. She could not bear to watch. I held her tightly and tried to comfort her. "It's okay, honey. This is only a play. These are only actors. It isn't real."

Next, the soldiers grabbed Jesus, threw him against the cross, picked up their hammers and ---SLAM!--- She screamed at the top of her lungs, "NOOOOO! THEY'RE KILLING MY JESUS!" She cried so loud and so long that I had to rush her out of the auditorium. I took her outside where she could finish watching the play on the outside TV screens and told her Jesus was going to come back to life if she would watch. But she would not be consoled until she could see Jesus alive again. At the end of the play, she was determined to go up and see Jesus and have him hold her in his arms to ensure he was alive.

Many people were in that auditorium that day. Like me, they had all gone to see a play – only actors – it wasn't real. But when we saw the story of Easter through the eyes of a child, it became real once again.

The truth is this is NOT 'just' a story. It is an historical FACT. **Jesus did die on the Cross for you and me.** All of our sins and shortcomings were placed upon Him and **He paid for them in FULL!** He did rise again and now lives forever more in the hearts of those who are trusting in His liberation. The events of Easter cannot be reduced to a creed or philosophy. We are not asked to believe the doctrine of the resurrection. We are asked to meet this person raised from the dead. In faith, we move from belief in a doctrine to the knowledge of a person. Ultimate truth is a person. We met him. He is alive! Has Easter become to you just another story? Has it lost its appeal? Its richness? Its life? Then maybe you need a good dose of child-like faith this Easter.

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THANKYOU

I wish to thank all who contributed to our Garden Party on 23rd Feb. with scones, jams, slices, plants, special effort prizes etc. To the hard workers who helped set up and later washed and cleaned up I can't thank you enough. Happily we made over \$270 for the Cancer Council Relay For Life.

Leonie Armistead.

Romsey & Lancefield Probus Club

President: Mrs. Alice Long 5429 6567

Secretary: Mrs. Jeni Clampit 5429 5480

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

Probus 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).

Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

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

Our next meeting will be
on Thursday, 22nd April, 2010 at 10am.



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) UPDATE

Parking – A Hot Topic.....And Getting Hotter!

The issue of parking costs for new businesses was the hot topic for discussion at the very well attended RRBATA meeting held on Monday 15th March. Rick Traficante from MRSC's Town Planning Unit attended to brief the audience on the current situation and answer questions. Crs. Donovan, Morabito, McLaughlin and Letchford were also in attendance as were representatives from the Lancefield BATA.

Mr. Traficante explained that the Planning Scheme (under State Government jurisdiction) sets out the parking provisions for new businesses or premises where there is a change of use. If a business is unable to provide car parking off street, then they are to make a cash-in-lieu payment to contribute to future parking provision. Currently, a restaurant-type of business must provide 0.6 spaces per customer and a retail business must provide 8 spaces per 100 square metres of premises area. Each car space is valued at \$5000 per space. Therefore, theoretically, a small cafe could be facing tens of thousands of dollars as a cash-in-lieu payment to Council in order to be allowed to trade. The money collected from Romsey would be put aside for Romsey use, he said. It would be used to acquire land in the future as car parking needs arose.

Mr. Traficante did explain that potential new traders could apply for a waiver which would be considered after a traffic survey was conducted (at the trader's expense). He said that full or partial waivers have been implemented elsewhere. He also explained that, although the Planning Scheme provision is implemented state-wide, the way it is exercised varies between municipalities. For example, the City of Bendigo does not impose such payments on restaurants, but would certainly do so on businesses such as large supermarkets.

Mr Traficante indicated that MRSC is currently investigating car parking practices and reviewing associated policies. When asked about what the timeline for this review would be, Cr. Letchford indicated 6 to 12 months.

Cr. Letchford floated the idea to the audience of a shire wide *parking levy for all rate-payers* to cover parking provisions.

The key issues and concerns expressed very clearly to MRSC by attendees at the meeting included the following:

- Small businesses are being discouraged and frightened off from investing in Romsey by these potential car parking contribution fees.

- Perhaps the land holders/land developers, rather than the tenant business people, should be paying the parking contribution fees.

- Whilst car parking in Romsey *may* be a problem in the future, business people feel there should be some flexibility with how the provisions are implemented at this time so as to encourage business development in this town.

- Any review of the current policy needs to be completed as soon as possible.

RRBATA is aware that this issue is simmering in other towns and is high on the agenda of other BATAs for discussion with

MRSC. We look forward to working with MRSC to actively contribute to a positive outcome from the current review process.

Macedon Ranges Shire Business Networking Night Is Coming To Romsey

The MRSC's Economic Development and Tourism Unit will be holding the next business networking evening in Romsey on *Thursday 29th April at Glenfern Romsey*. The evening, to be held between 6.30pm and 9.30pm will feature a guest speaker (to be advised) and will include finger food and a glass of wine for \$25.00 per head.

These evenings attract businesses from across the shire and are very well attended. They are an opportunity for businesses to network and chat about common current issues with each other. They have been favourably reviewed by Romsey businesses who have attended in the past.

MRSC's Economic Development and Tourism Unit has held the last three major events and networking nights on the "other" side of the Shire, and have decided it was Romsey's turn to play host! RRBATA hopes this makes it easier for local businesses to attend.

Prior to Networking Night, a BATA Forum with Executive members from each BATA from across the Shire will commence at 4.30 p.m.

Attention Community Groups - Don't Forget to Feed The Website!

Romsey Online (the Romsey website, www.romsey.org.au), keeps ticking along. It is a great resource for local businesses and community groups to list their details. However, it is also a wonderful forum to post news items and publicise upcoming events. Anything submitted to the Romsey Rag can also be emailed to Romsey Online. **ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER!** Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website 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.

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: Jenny Stillman (President)
Phone: 0412 349849
Email: jennystillman@optusnet.com.au

Next RRBATA Meeting:

Monday 17th May 2009 at 7.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
Supper Provided.

ALL WELCOME



Little Athletics is nearly over for the year, and what a successful season it has been for the Lancefield Romsey centre.

In March our athletes who had qualified at the regional championships in Albury went to the State Track and Field Championships in Melbourne to compete and two won medals – Casey Adamson (gold, U/12 high jump) and Jemma Clayton (bronze, U/10 70m). There were also lots of personal bests and great individual performances. Congratulations to Casey, Jemma and their fellow state representatives Nathan Blair, Matthew Formosa, Mitchell Adamson and Madeleine Manton.

Lots of our athletes have been competing in open days in the metropolitan area throughout the season, most recently at the Coburg track. Well done to Georgie Prespakis, Mad-dy Prespakis, Nicholas Zaharakis, Isabella Simonelli and David Simonelli, who all competed at Coburg and brought home medals.

The final event for the season is our 2009/10 presentation day at the Romsey Mechanic's Institute on March 27. Full details will be in the next Rag.

Congratulations also to our long-serving member Nathan Blair, who also recently competed in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships (U/14-U/20) in Sydney.

Little Athletics sees about 100 young athletes converge on the Park Lane track each Saturday morning for competition, aiming to set and break personal bests and perhaps even centre records.

Athletes are aged from 5 to 15 years and compete in a range of age-specific events which cover a range of throwing, jumping and running skills. Anyone can join, regardless of athletic ability, as long as they have passed their 5th birthday by September 30, 2010. The next season begins on the Saturday, October 2, so put that date in your diary now! Registration Day will be two weeks prior at the Park Lane track.

If you would like more information on the club, contact treasurer Rick Maloney for more details on 5429 6885 or email mal_rick@hotmail.com
RUSSELL MANTON,
President, Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics Centre Inc.
2009/10
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The Romsey Red Cross Unit wishes to thank you for supporting Red Cross Calling.

As you are possibly aware, the demands on Red Cross helping are never ending.

We are having a fundraiser on Thursday May 6th at the Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey.

The entrance fee is \$10, for a delicious late morning tea. The parade will start at 11am, with a special presentation of Kay's Classic Fashions. Please join us!
Isobel Hood.

The Mount Players

Pies will be baking and the barber will be cutting... but not just hair and whiskers.

The Mount Players are very proud and excited to present *Sweeney Todd* which opens Fri 30 April and will be playing until 29 May.

Sweeney Todd is a fictional character who first appeared in the serial titled *The String Of Pearls* (1846-1847). It is written that Sweeney Todd was an historical person but it is more feasible that the origin of this character was the collaboration of legendary prototypes, making the story of *Sweeney Todd* an early example of an urban legend. Stephen Sondheim's 1979 stage musical, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, was based on the 1973 play by Christopher Bond and Todd was reinvented as a tragic character driven by revenge rather than greed. The 1979 production was nominated for 5 Tony Awards including Best Original Score and won in three of its categories. *Sweeney Todd* showcases Sondheim's renowned talent for writing lyrics with ambiguity and wit. Don't miss our production of *Sweeney Todd*, which boasts a strong cast, an amazing set, costumes, make-up and the haunting music of Sondheim. Let us transport you back in time for an evening of pure theatrical indulgence. Beware there may be just one question put to you, "Would you like sauce with your pie?"

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Applications open for volunteer grants

Applications have opened for this year's round funding under the Volunteer Grants Program. Member for McEwen Fran Bailey said local community organisations were encouraged to apply for a share of funding. "The program has been helping our local volunteer groups for many years, supporting their outstanding work in our communities," Fran said. Groups can apply for funding to purchase equipment, to reimburse volunteers for the cost of fuel and other activities. The program has also been extended to including training and background checks that are often required for volunteers in our community groups. Fran said this year's \$21 million program also aimed to encourage more people to join voluntary organisations. "The program allows us to celebrate being part of our local communities." Applications close on April 26. The application form is available from www.fahcsia.gov.au or by telephoning 1800 183 374.



Fairy Lights, Grief and Funding.....

Around 15 years ago, when living in Melbourne, I responded to a newspaper article calling for volunteers for a service known as GriefLine, a telephone support service for the myriad of people in our community confronted by the wide range of grief in life experience. Coincidentally, I completed the training course just prior to my own father's death which gave me an insightful appreciation of the service I was involved with providing. The telephone support line, GriefLine, utilises 100 trained voluntary staff and receives approximately 40,000 calls per year. It is referred to by other help lines including SANE, Lifeline, Nurse-On-Call and Cancer Council. GriefLine also currently receives referrals through its existing relationships with organizations including Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement, MS Society, The Royal Children's Hospital, Coroner's Court, Emergency Services (including police and SES workers), Mental Illness Fellowship, National Association for Loss & Grief (NALAG), psychologists and counsellors in private practice, Community Houses, general practitioners, other health specialists and rural support services.

It is part of a suite of services offered by GriefLine Services Inc. which includes on-line counselling and community education.

Although I am no longer a volunteer on the line, my current role as a voluntary board member of GriefLine Services Inc. has made me patently aware of the hard cold

fact that, despite the load of community demand for the service, GriefLine receives **no** government funding. Despite the number of callers who GriefLine volunteers "sit with" 365 days per year between 12 noon and 3 am, GriefLine depends totally on donations.

In a time when awareness of mental health issues, loneliness, bereavement, family breakdowns, suicide and the difficulties of 21st century life is at an all time high, is it more than a little ironic that \$20 million can be allocated at State Government level for Westgate Bridge fairy lights whilst GriefLine has to "run on the smell of an oily rag."

GriefLine Services Inc. Ambassador, Father Bob McGuire (Open Family Foundation) has recently stated, in reference to GriefLine, "Real grief needs a REAL response." GriefLine needs support to continue providing its "real response".

For further information, please contact GriefLine Services office on 03 95329980 or www.griefline.org.au

Jenny Stillman

ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet each Monday.

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You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship...

Easter Services:

1st April Maundy Thursday – 7.30pm at Riddells Creek.

2nd April – Good Friday – 9.15am at Lancefield Uniting Church followed by Stations of the Cross at 10am, starting from the Lancefield Catholic Church.

4th April – Easter Day – 9am Rev. David Anderson – Eucharist.

There is also an Easter Sunday Dawn Service at 7-8am at the Mt. Macedon Cross.

Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones is preaching at this service.

Easter Meditation

In my imagination . . .

Lord, I sit by the roadside and see the excited crowd waving branches as you ride majestically into the city.

My heart leaps for joy for you are my King.

I join in the crowd's hosannas and follow to the temple.

Lord, I sit in the temple.

I watch you and listen to you.

Your words touch me where it hurts.

It is as if you speak to me alone.

You judge me in the very House of God.

You accuse me rightly.

You reveal my meanness.

You sketch my meagre prayer life.

You expose my paltry giving.

Yet, you point me to the better way –

I can go with you.

So I follow to Bethany.

Lord, I sit at Bethany and share the sheer joy of quietness with you; the peace that this world cannot give.

I begin to understand what it is to wait on the Lord and renew my strength; for I can see you draw strength for the task ahead, quietly trusting in the Father.

I am caught up in what you are doing.

I am convinced about your purpose.

So I follow back to Jerusalem and the upper room.

Lord, I sit at your Table.

I have been here countless times before.

You always welcome and feed me here.

It is bread and wine and body and blood.

It is death and life, peace and joy.

It is memory and hope.

In its simplicity I savour the sacrament and comprehend your love more fully.

So I follow to Gethsemane.

Lord, I sit in the darkness of Gethsemane.

I watch and wait and hear you pray:

"Not my will but yours be done."

What agony, I cannot fully know.

Yet here I better comprehend my own Gethsemanes.

But oh what weakness of the flesh comes on me even now, for though I follow thus far I find the limits of my love.

You go on alone to stand alone before your judges, your accusers, your tormentors, your murderers.

And I?

Sheer horror! I stand with those who make your death.

How So? Did I betray you? Did I deny you?

Did I accuse you? Did I judge you? Did I scorn you?

Did I torture you? Did I?

I did! Heavy of heart I follow to Golgotha.

Lord, I stand at the foot of the cross and look up, tearful, ashamed, guilty of your death.

I have sinned but you have suffered.

I hear you pray, "Father forgive..."

Our eyes meet.

I see you take my place and faith is forever forged.

My guilt is absorbed in your love.

I follow to the garden and the grave.

Lord, I await your victory; the power of a love that cannot die.

Sinner by Saviour justified.

Hallelujah! 'Tis Easter day!

Lord I behold the bursting of the barrier.

Christ triumphant!

My Lord and my God.

All glorious, my risen Redeemer.

My hope in life and eternity.

Lord, this is not imagination.

This is reality.

Your resurrection assures me I am released.

I, too, am raised, death to life, doubt to faith, despair to hope, darkness to light, dishonour to glory.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Written by Bill Ives.

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(Daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary)

Church Services during April 2010

4 th	9am	Worship Service led by Rev. David Anderson – Easter Eucharist
11 th	9am	Worship Service led by Janet Wood
18 th	9am	Worship Service led by The Worship Team
25 th	9am	Worship Service led by Rev Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones

Youth School Holiday Program

Indigenous Mask Making

Students will use various indigenous masks as a starting while exploring various aspects of mask making. The processes will include:

- paper mache
- surface embellishment
- individual detailing

On completion, students will take home with them a finished unique handmade mask.

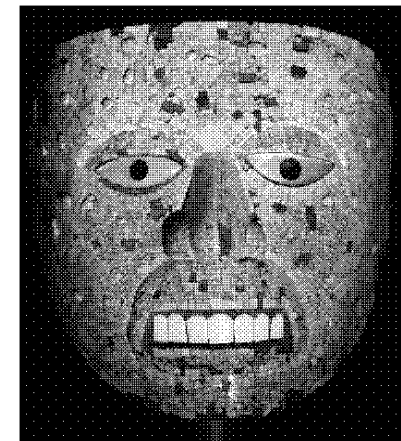
2 X 2hr sessions across two days

Single child \$45 (price includes all materials)

Two or more siblings \$40 each **OR** two or more sessions \$40 (price includes all materials)

Session One: Monday 29th March 10am – 12pm Session Two: Tuesday 30th March 10am – 12pm

Image: Aztec mask



Unisex Handmade Beads and Jewellery Making

Students will create their very own handmade beads using a variety of techniques and materials. They will then construct their very own pieces of jewellery which will include:

- wrist bands
- necklaces
- bracelets
- anklets

On completion, students will take home with them a set of at least two jewellery items.

1 x 3hr session

Single child \$40 (price includes all materials)

Two or more siblings \$35 each (price includes all materials) **OR** two or more sessions \$35 (price includes all materials)

Monday 29th March 1pm – 4pm

Animal Themed Collage

Students will create and construct an animal themed collage using a variety of materials and techniques which will include:

- cutting
- layering
- drawing
- painting
- construction

On completion, students will take home a mounted artwork.

1 x 3hr session

Single child \$40 (price includes all materials)

Two or more siblings \$35 each (price includes all materials) **OR** two or more sessions \$35 (price includes all materials)

Tuesday 30th March 1pm – 4pm

Teacher: Kathryn Bowden

I have taught Art as both a Primary and a Secondary Art teacher for seven years throughout Melbourne and Africa. For the past four years I have worked as a State Assessor for the VCE Art Exam. I have also been employed to assess for Studio Arts.

I am a practising artist and my work has been exhibited throughout Australia and in the United Kingdom. I look forward to sharing my experience and passion with you.

All bookings and enquiries to Romsey Community House ph: 5429 6724



Image: Marine life collage



Program for Term 2, 2010 Phone 5429 6724 for bookings

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All courses and programs are subject to minimum numbers and bookings are essential.

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing *Pilates Intermediate*

Monday's 1.00 - 2.00pm starts 12th April 2010, 9 week program \$108 (\$12/class Bookings and enquiries to April on mobile 0427 150 976. Payment required up front. Beginners classes also available

Yoga

Yoga with Yute Kylstra. Wednesdays 7- 8.30pm. Cost \$140 (Per 10 week Term). Casual rate \$18/ session. Bookings and enquiries phone Yute Kylstra ph: 5429 2026

Meditation at Romsey Community House

Daytime class with Lindy - 1hour/ week at \$10/ week. Tuesdays 10-11am. Commencing Tuesday 20th April 2010

Evening Class with Vicki Chandler – 1hr/week at \$10 p/wk. Wednesdays 7-8pm. Commences Wednesday 21st April 2010

Bookings essential as minimum numbers apply. Bookings to: Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Remedial Massage now available at Romsey Community House by Stephanie Wooster of Body Tunes. For all enquiries and bookings call Stephanie on ph: 5429 1988 or mobile: 0407 367 840

Intuitive Healing and Reiki:

One-on-one sessions. For more info & bookings contact Lindy on 0410 692 700

Energy Healing; Relaxation and Stress Management

One-on-one sessions. For more info contact Vicky ph: 0402 334 282

Walk Together Program:

Tuesdays 9.30am. Meet at the Lions Park, near the creek.

Person Centred Counselling

Course: Are you thinking of a counselling career or perhaps you are a volunteer who works in a community group? This 6 week course is designed for you. Sam Luxemburg is a qualified psychologist, has worked as a counsellor for 25 years and is pas-

sionate about training for counselling. Sam believes "everyone can be a better communicator". Limited places available so enrol now for Term 2, 2010 .

Course dates: Thursdays only, 22/4/2010 - 27/5/2010 Time: 12.30 - 3pm 6 Week Course Cost: \$120 All enquires and bookings, contact Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Social & Creative Activities *Over 50's Information and Activity Group*

Held on the last Friday of each month, this group is designed to bring people together in an informal and fun environment. Includes an information session with guest speaker, tea/ coffee and light lunch. Cost generally \$5 per session. **30 April, 28 May, 25 June.** Bookings required for catering purposes, contact Romsey Community House Ph: 5429 6724 for details.

Art Classes On Now

Kathryn Bowden, experienced VCE teacher and state exam assessor in Art and Studio arts. Tutoring also available.

Term 2 Classes start 22 April 2010.

Children's Art Class 6-12yo Thursdays 4-5pm during term time. \$150/10 wk term (\$15/session). All materials supplied.

Teen Art Classes 13—18 years Thursdays 5—6.30pm Starts Term 2 Cost \$220/10 week term (\$22/ session). All materials supplied. Bookings essential for all childrens' courses

Adult Art Classes – Drawing classes Thursdays 7-8.30pm. Starts Term 2 Cost \$220 per 10 week term (\$22/ session). Bookings are now being taken for all classes to commence in Term 2, 2010. Ph: Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Writers Group – Starts 8 April 2010.

Meets second Thursday of month 9.30 – 11.30am at Romsey Community House. After a short break, the writer's group is keen to begin holding classes again and are looking for

people interested in writing to come along. Cost is a gold coin donation

Craft Group: Meets every Thursday, 10.30am – 12.30pm. We are an enthusiastic group of women who meet each week to practise a variety of different crafts (quilting, card making, knitting, smocking and embroidery ...). If you have something that is half done, or something you have always wanted to learn, join us for a cuppa and a chat whilst we craft. A gold coin donation is all it costs.

Drop in for a Cuppa with friends:

Any week day 9.30am—5.00pm. Gold coin.

Parent Buddies Program

Participants and volunteers needed to support this fantastic program providing parental support for families with children 0-6years. Managed by Cobaw Community Health Services. Anyone interested in the program as a participant or volunteer, please contact Sue Wilson on 5421 1666 or mobile: 0448 545 974 email: susan.wilson@cobaw.vic.gov.au

Cooking Classes

Healthy Meals on a Budget

Cooking on a budget. Practical 3 hour class ideal for family meal preparation or small households. Thursday 10am-1pm Cost \$20. Date to be confirmed. Bookings essential as minimum and maximum numbers apply.

Cooking Desserts

Learn to cook simple family desserts, made easy with Judy. Thursday 10am—1pm. \$10 per person. Date to be confirmed. Bookings essential. Maximum 6.

Learn to Cook

The cooking class with a difference - You let us know what you would like to learn and then we'll set up a program for you! All enquiries to Romsey Community House

Education & Technology Certificate Courses

Level 2 First Aid— Expressions of interest now being taken at Romsey Community House.

Construction Induction—formerly Red Card

Mandatory for anyone working on a building or construction site. Tuesday 20th April 2010 9.30am—4pm. Cost \$150 Bookings Essential. Minimum numbers apply.

Food Hygiene Course -

Sat 1 May 2010 9.30am -4pm

Food Hygiene Supervisor's Course -

Sat 8 May 2010

Barista Course—

Sat 19 June 2010

Certificate Courses

(Non-accredited training):

Quickbooks Basics

Need business book keeping skills in Quickbooks. Basic course 12hours, 6 Weeks, Wednesdays 6.30pm—8.30pm. Starts Term 2. Bookings essential, Min numbers apply. Cost \$160 no concession

N.B. Payroll covered in Quickbooks adv.

Computer Basics 1 Intro

Tuesdays 1-3pm during school term. Learn the basics. Computer terminology, file management, word processing in Microsoft Office Word 2007, internet, email basics and more. A 6 week course. Cost \$120. Bookings essential. Minimum numbers required. Day and night classes available. Phone Romsey Community House on 5429 6724

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge. Pre-requisite Computer Basics 1 or some experience using **Microsoft Office Word.** A 6 wk course commencing Term 2, Wednesday 21 April 2010. Cost \$120. Bookings essential

Introduction to Microsoft Excel:

A 6 week course commencing Term 2. Cost \$120. Bookings essential as minimum numbers required. Ph: 5429 6724.

Computer Maintenance

Ideal for home computer. Covering topics such as general housekeeping, backups, disk maintenance, improving computer efficiency, updates, anti-

virus software and free tools. One 2 hour session. Evenings from 7pm-9pm. Cost: \$20. Bookings essential. Sessions also available April & May. Min numbers apply.

Non Accredited – Special Interest

Learn to Use the Internet

2hr session \$20. Expressions of interest now being taken.

Learn to Use the Internet - Children's Class

2hr session covering the how to's and pitfalls of using the internet, including identifying downloads, internet identity security. Cost \$20. Bookings essential.

Enquiries

For information or bookings please contact the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details.

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