

Romsey Women's Golf Report

We are enjoying playing the new course layout which has recently seen the addition of a new dam and the existing dam increased in size. All we need now is rain to fill them – which means increased potential for more lost balls!

This month we made a donation to the Breast Cancer Foundation of \$91.

Results:

• 28 May: 18 Holes Monthly Medal – Lorraine Robb. 9 Holes – Helen Biggs

• 4 June: 18 Holes – Jenny Casey

• 18 June: 18 Holes – Jan Harver

Congratulations to Jenny Casey for hitting 3 gobblers in 1 competition! (A gobbler is when the ball goes in the hole after being hit before the player is on the green).

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

I am not as an accomplished cook as Beryl – and I am always looking for a quick meal to prepare. During the colder months I love casseroles and this year I am using sausages! In recent times we have seen an 'explosion' in 'gourmet' sausages with a vast variety available. It is interesting to experiment with the different flavours and so far each has been a winner.

Ingredients:

Sausages cut into approx bite size pieces – whatever flavour you choose.

(Beef & Red Wine or Lamb with Rosemary provide a nice gravy)

Potatoes – cut up into 1/4s

Vegetables of choice. Onions & a tin of tomatoes are yummy!

Method:

- Lightly fry the sausages & onion. Add stock.
- Put everything in a casserole or slow cooker and that's it!

Jan Harver (A Romsey Birdie)
Ph: 0402 905982

Gillmay Arts Gallery News

Relocation Sale 25% Off all Art Materials Art Spectrum, oils, pastels watercolours, coloured pencils and much more.

From the 4th of July Gillmay Arts will cease trading at 103 Main Street as the Gallery is relocating to 119 Main Street.

Art Classes will recommence on July 17th.

Gillmay Arts Gallery will recommence trading on the 2nd August.

For further information contact Gillian on 54293996 or 0409801082.

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August 10th

September 14th

October 12th

November 16th

December 14th

At Romsey Mechanics Hall

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WELL DONE ROMSEY...

ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE – The Sandakan Fund Raising Effort.

When a Romsey resident set out to raise funds for the *Romsey Medical Centre* last November, he was not sure whether he had set the bar too high at \$10,000. He wanted to repay the medical centre for their professionalism in diagnosing a rare form of lymphoma that was virtually unknown in Australia. He was subsequently treated successfully by oncologists at the *Royal Melbourne Hospital* and is now in full remission.

"It is thanks to the generosity of Romsey business people and residents that I was able to raise the funds so successfully" said Mike Garnett. "In fact the final amount is in excess of \$14,000, not bad for a small community". Many of the fifty sponsors were on hand at the *Romsey Mechanics Hall* on Friday 27 June, to witness the presentation of the cheque to Dr. Noel Cunningham by local councillor Sandra McGregor on behalf of the sponsors. "The gift will allow the centre to replace its emergency resuscitation equipment with the most up-to-date available," said Dr. Cunningham. "It will assist us to treat the medical emergencies of all our patients more rapidly and effectively."

Mike Garnett said that he could not have reached the target without the core sponsors, however many others generously gave what they could and all deserve the community's sincere thanks.

"It is a credit to the reputation of Dr. Noel Cunningham and his team at the Romsey Medical Centre that we were able to achieve our target", says Mike.

On August 21 Mr. Garnett and his two sons Nick and Andrew will set out to walk the *Sandakan Trek* in North Borneo – 127 kilometres through tropical jungle in nine days. Known as the *Death March*, it is the scene of one of the worst military atrocities of the *Second World War* where 2,400 Australian and British POWs died of malnutrition, maltreatment and disease. Those who did survive this march were massacred at the hands of the Japanese – all except three who hid in local villages and lived to tell the tale. 21 (City of Melbourne) Squadron RAAF, with which Mike Garnett served post war, was based at Balikpapan just south of Sandakan at the time of the Japanese surrender, and so he feels an affinity with North Borneo.

"I wanted to do this to show those involved in this project that I am fully recovered," said Mike, "but more importantly

as a thank-you to the sponsors who supported my fund raising efforts. I could not have gone cap-in-hand for money without doing something substantial in return."

The money goes to the medical centre, and will surely give Romsey residents of all ages added confidence should they ever require the services of the new emergency medical equipment.

"Too often the generosity of sponsors goes unheralded", says Mike, "and so it is only fitting that the *Romsey Rag* has published their names below – and sincere thanks go to the staff of *Romsey Rag* for printing this article."

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Additionally we much appreciate the efforts of those who donated refreshments for the occasion:

Trish Thomas; Meryl Diprose; Pat Badger; Norma Sullivan; Becky Day; Carolyn Garnett; Jean Clement; Carolyn Young; Sue Kirkegard; Flo Meyer; Riwka Hagen; Romsey IGA Supermarket; - **THANK YOU..**

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From The Rag Team

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

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

The market is now in winter recess,
and the next Romsey Market will be held in August
New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245

From Local Member Joanne Duncan

Nurse-On-Call – At your service

Dear Friend

I thought it timely to remind residents of the free 24 hour telephone service for healthcare advice called *Nurse-On-Call*. Celebrating its second year of operation this month, *Nurse-On-Call* has become a vital resource for families in the Macedon Ranges with over 3,000 calls made to the service from our area since it began.

Nurse-On-Call is staffed by highly-trained professionals who can help residents decide if they need to attend hospital or see a doctor straight away, or whether their illness or condition could be treated by their GP the next day.

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Throughout Victoria, *Nurse-On-Call* has taken more than 740,000 calls since the service began, which is 1000 calls a day, or about one call every 90 seconds. To contact *Nurse-On-Call*, telephone 1300 60 60 24 for free any time of the day or night.

If you require emergency assistance, please telephone 000 for an ambulance.

Warm regards

JOANNE DUNCAN MP

State Member for Macedon

Discover Walking has a new name. It is now Exploring Mobility. Why?

As I have spoken with people to promote the Up to 30 Minutes Walks (Discover Walking now called Exploring Mobility) I have noticed that people always follow the comment with "I can't walk". This is surprising as they often have walked into the hall, or room.

It is then followed with "I can't walk your type of walking". I have tried to explain our type of walking particularly with the Up to 30 mins walk is for people who do not feel they can walk far or fast for a variety of reasons. I think the term "walking" has the image of people charging along covering many kilometres. I think the term walking may have negative vibes to it and puts people off.

So.....

Exploring Mobility is a non judgemental group that allows people in the group to move:

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The aim is to move the body safely (our bodies have been made to perform a combination lying down, sitting, and movement) regardless of age, sex, gender, and weight. The aim is to do the movement with other people, so you can chat, have company, do it easy, but most importantly have FUN.

So why the name change?

It describes what I hope you will be able to feel when you move your body. The positive feedback you get will then makes you want to explore moving even more. Remember you only need 2 feet and a heart beat and the desire to move and have fun.

Happy Moving

Jeannie

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Romsey Primary School News

Extra-Curriculum Activities

Recently I have been reflecting on some of the extra programs offered at Romsey Primary School. Over the past month our Specialist Team have held evening presentations to celebrate their programs. Their work centred on the 'Environmental Footprint' study they have had as their focus over the past term. The musical performances included singing, dancing and instrumental items. In Visual Arts students presented PowerPoint presentations and plays using dioramas, clay models and other things they had created. In LOTE students used PowerPoint to present a deep understanding of some of the environmental issues faced by Indonesia. I was impressed with the student's thinking and their suggestions to address these issues. I would like to congratulate Mrs Furfaro, Mrs Green and Mr Fryer on the outstanding learning our students displayed from this project.



A group presentation using PowerPoint on the impact of forest burning in Indonesia



Indonesian animals created by Year 5/6 to highlight the environmental impact of habitat loss.

A few other activities include the Prep Concert and excursion to Bendigo Chinese Museum for Year 3/4. In the sporting area students have been busy with Winter Sports Carnival, an Aerobics competition with our teams coming 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th. In Athletics we had a team compete at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Bendigo with Lauren Connell winning her event. She is now competing at the state level.



Dance performance by Year 5/6 DE In the Rainforest

Prep Concert

Another highlight was our Prep Concert. One performance is part of our transition program for local pre-school children and the other for parents. Their items all linked with their theme on Health and Sport. The Performing Arts Centre was filled to capacity with parents and grandparents enjoying the variety of singing performances. Prep students confidently introduced each item speaking clearly. Our prep teachers, Jo Emond, Karren Baker and Kim Elliot did an excellent job training the students and joined them in the finale with "We are the Champions of Romsey Primary School".



Preps performing for Romsey Pre-school and Kindergarten children, as part of our transition program.

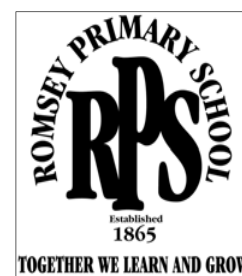
Learning about China

Recently our Year 3/4 students visited The Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo to extend their learning about this country. This resulted in students writing interesting stories about their visit. Now they are making models of dragons, reading Chinese folk tales and enjoying a range of other activities.

Student Council News

Over the past few years we have sponsored Fredrick, a boy who lives in Kenya. To fund this sponsorship the Student Council organised a Bad Hair Day. It was great to see a huge number of students and staff alike showing off a range of hairdos, from the unusual to the bizarre. A whole school parade in the gym was enjoyed by students and parents alike. The Student Councillors were rewarded by raising \$403.60.

Joan Gibbs
Principal



Energy Conservation: Home & Transport Seminar

- Home energy conservation, cost saving and comfort.
- What are my appliances costing to run?
- What to do to decrease bills and increase comfort.
- Solar energy.
- Peak Oil explained— conservation of transport fuels at home and on farm.
- What is the future for petroleum prices and transport fuels?

When: Friday 11th July

Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm

Where: Newham Mechanics Hall

Cost: \$20 (proceeds to Newham Mechanics Hall restoration) Hot soup & Roll provided.

Speaker: Bob Evans, Energy & Water Auditor

- Expert in alternative energy
- 1991-2007 Owner/manager Evantech Research P/L, energy & solar consultant.
- Previously Lead Research Engineer for SECV.

RSVP Fran Spain 54270661

Romsey Business & Traders Association

The Romsey Business & Traders Association meets monthly with the following aims:

1. To provide an effective conduit for local businesses in the Romsey region and a forum for discussion for the mutual benefit to all business operators in the region.
2. To provide a means of exchange of ideas between businesses.
3. To provide an environment to encourage the local community to use local businesses and to assist in the growth and development of businesses in the region.

The association is open to and welcomes ALL businesses from the smallest home businesses to medium sized and larger enterprises.

The next meeting is a social meeting at the Romsey Hotel on 21st July at 7:30pm. Come along and see who else operates a business in Romsey, you may be surprised...

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This is an opportunity for residents and other interested people to discuss activities within their local area and for Councillors to seek resident views and input on particular issues.

The meeting will commence at 7pm and aim to finish at 9pm.

Members of the public may list items for discussion by contacting Stephen Mahon on 5422 0352 or email stephen@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international students arriving in July 2008 for stays of 5 and 10 months.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Italy, France, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Holland, and Brazil. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world.

We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaust@scce.com.au

Kind regards and thank you

Robert Lindsay
National Business Development Manager

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From Cr Henry Bleeck Romsey by numbers

Romsey is the third-largest town in the Macedon Ranges Shire, having overtaken Woodend in the five years up to 2006. Recent population growth shows that Kyneton's position in second spot is within sight. An excellent analysis of the 2006 census results by the Council's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Dr Lorraine Beyer, has thrown some insight on what makes Romsey and the Shire 'tick'. For example, the top towns by population in the Shire are Gisborne with 6398, Kyneton with 4286, Romsey with 3527, Woodend with 3170 and Riddells Creek with 2627, with daylight to Macedon next on 1439 and Lancefield on 1184. But Romsey has grown by 3.2% per year from 2001 to 2006 while Kyneton has grown by just 0.3% - so there's every chance that the growth spurt will continue. The overall annual growth of 1.2% for the Macedon Ranges Shire makes us the 11th-fastest growing local government area in regional Victoria.

Overall we're a younger population as well, with 11% of the Shire's residents being aged over 65 compared to a State-wide average of 14%. The youth focus in Romsey also reflects in the family constellations, as 55% of the households in the town are couples with children. This compares with the level for top-of-the-table Riddells Creek (60%) and Gisborne (58%). This carries over into the average household size – 3.0 people in Romsey, compared to a Shire-wide average of 2.8. These important statistics showing our younger profile show that we need to ensure we retain a focus on developing and providing services for our young people – they're our future, and the figures confirm that we need to ensure we are catering for their needs.

Lorraine Beyer tells us that the Shire's population on census night was 38,360. While our annual population growth is 1.2%, we've tapered off from the 2.1% annual growth from 1996 to 2001, which at that stage

had us the fourth-fastest growing regional LGA. Some 95% of the Shire's growth since 2001 has been in Romsey, Riddells Creek and Gisborne.

Our middle-aged guys across the Shire have a window of opportunity – the analysis shows an apparent shortage of males compared to females in the 35 to 44 years age group. However, we've got slightly more males than females in the age groups up to 24.

Home ownership in the Macedon Ranges Shire is higher than Victoria as a whole, with 83% of our residents buying or owning their own home, compared with a State-wide average of 74%. However, just 16% of our households are renters compared with 25% for Victoria as a whole – primarily because there is a shortage of rental properties available locally.

These figures give us as a Council and as a community plenty to think about, and we need to closely analyse them to ensure that our services and priorities match the needs of our residents. Anyone wanting more information on the census results can phone Lorraine Beyer on 5427 8237.

Lions Park Roadworks

Work is being carried out on the reconstruction of the service road and car park adjacent to the Lions Park, with the contract awarded to Newearth Construction.

The work includes the replacement of an old asbestos cement water main on a shared cost arrangement with Western Water, the excavation and construction of a new road pavement, and kerb and channel works.

Henry Bleeck.

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held its Change Over dinner at The Grange (CentreVic Motel) Lancefield last Saturday night. Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business and professional men and women who (belonging to over 29,000

Rotary Clubs in virtually every nation in the world) are acknowledged leaders in their communities and who put the ideal of service into action. Rotarians are pledged to maintain high ethical standards in their vocations and to serve their own communities as they advance international understanding and peace. Rotarians meet weekly for fellowship and interesting and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership reflects a wide cross-section of community representation. Each year Rotary Foundation provides some \$US60 million for international scholarships cultural exchanges and humanitarian projects large and small that improve the quality of life for millions of people.

Rotary is the world's first service club. The first Rotary club was founded in Chicago Illinois USA on 23 February 1905. Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian educational and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community. PolioPlus is Rotary's commitment to work with national and international health organisations on the goal of polio eradication. More than one half billion children in developing nations have been immunised against polio through PolioPlus grants.

A gathering of over 57 Rotarians, community leaders and friends listened to the



going President Chris Giles' report on the Club's successes for the year 2007-2008. Guests included Macedon Ranges Councilors Geoff Neil and Sandra McGregor,

Relay for Life director Ken Wiltshire, Maureen Wiltshire, incoming Rotary District Governor Peter Gilbert and his wife Barbara, Assistant Rotary Governor Peter Gibson and his wife Sam, Sunbury Rotary members and past District Governor Mani Seneviratne and his wife Sherwani, Julie Starec President Lancefield Romsey Lions Club and other Lions members.

Out going President Chris Giles Report highlighted the following: Support and the provision of all meals for the Lancefield Relay For Life at Lancefield Park totally \$2000 with a cheque to Cancer Victoria of \$500 (under the directorship of (PP) Mark Shepherdley) enabling \$85,000 to be raised by the Relay For Life Committee in Lancefield, the annual Field of Women event on behalf of the Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) raising awareness of breast cancer (\$881 raised) directed by Rotarian Kate Christie, the Highway Clean Ups between the Vic Roads signs on the Lancefield Melbourne Road between the townships of Romsey and Lancefield (directed by Rotarian Rod Frost), Fund Raising event through a community Trivia Night directed by Greg Powell for the CFA Romsey appeal (\$1450), fund raising for the Cochlear Ear Implant, the Calcutta Night (at Soltan Pepper Restaurant) directed by (PP) Dennis Ness, support for literacy in all our local schools through the donation of non-fiction texts to the libraries of these schools at a cost of \$1000 directed by (PP) Diane Powell, the planning for an Avenue of Honour of trees between the townships of Lancefield and Romsey with support from Macedon Ranges Council-

lor Geoff Neil, financial support for a local secondary student to attend Canberra's National Youth Science Forum over the January period, funding to support Oxfam and local walkers in the Oxfam Trail walkers over 24 hours, and the many Family of Rotary social events such as support for Anne Phelan (OAM) honorary Rotarians last night at Kyneton, bowls nights at Melton with support from Romsey Probud Club, and family events in Rotarians homes (under the directorship of Rosemary Frost).

The in-coming President (2008-2009) is Greg Powell and the Rotary motto for his year is Make Dreams Real. His talk at the Change Over dinner was 'Getting Back to Basics' and keeping true to the established traditions of our Club with ongoing support for Relay For Life (2009), the Field of Women, support for other local community groups including CFA (Romsey and Lancefield), the Men's Shed project (under the management of Rotarian Brendan Meyer), support for the Lancefield Cemetery Trust, Romsey Community Hub, and Lancefield Park Community Fair. Together with Rotary International he stated that the Club will continue to support literacy in our local schools through the continued donations of books to all Prep children or the school libraries. The Club will reregister with Vic Roads for another 2 years of Roadside Clean Ups, continue to support other local community groups such as Probud, Lancefield Romsey Lions Club, promote the National Youth Science Program and Siemens Awards throughout the local community and continue the work of members for the Family of Rotary with special events and home meetings every 6/8 weeks throughout the year.

President Greg Powell also stated that the Rotary Club would revitalise its past successes with another Business/Community Awards Night and the promotion of Men's Health on a regular timeframe under the management of Diabetics Educator and Nurse Wendy Shepherdley. The big projects for his year of office (2008-2009) are: a major Auction Night, new benches for Lancefield and Romsey, the planning for the Remembrance Walk (2009-2010 under President Elect Rod Frost) and the Avenue of Honour commencement. At the International level he wants to focus on PolioPlus and provide a substantial donation to this cause by the end of his term.

Incoming Rotary Directors and officers are: Secretary (PP) Mark Shepherdley, Treasurer: (PP) Dennis Ness, Sergeant: Keith Rickards, Vocational and New Generations: (PP) Diane Powell, Rotary International and Club Service: (PP) Peter O'Rourke, Community Service: Brendan Meyer, Family of Rotary: Rosemary Frost, Publicity Officer: Kate Christie, Service Projects: Steve Speirs, President Elect and Club Administration: Rod Frost

Rotary has now moved to Soltan Peppers Restaurant on Thursday nights (7pm for 7.30 pm start) and new members are most welcome. Please contact (PP) Peter O'Rourke – Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist should you be interested in becoming a member on 54 295240.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD ROTARY CLUB Inc
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The Kindergarten, like many businesses, institutions and clubs, depends on teamwork to function and deliver a great end result.

Romsey Kindergarten is made up of a large team. Obviously the teaching staff are the critical members at "the coalface" delivering the kindergarten program to our pre-school children and interacting directly with the parents from our 100 families. The bookkeeper is in the "engine room" facilitating the business operation of the Kindergarten. Our cleaner, whilst seldom seen by most visitors to kindergarten, works very hard to ensure the facility is well presented and a great work environment. The Committee of Management acts as the overseer and responsible body for all aspects of the delivery of the service (legal accountability, employer obligations, quality assurance, and facilities) and fundraising.

Because we occupy a Council building, there are also peripheral members of our team from the Shire of Macedon Ranges (Family and Children's Services, Maintenance) who also play an important role in the service.

When you consider all the critical members of our kindergarten service -to quote a well-worn cliché- the team is so much stronger than any individual!

Out of Little Things, Big Things Grow – Grant Success

Recently, Romsey Kindergarten was delighted with the news that we had been successful in an application for funding under the State Government's Children's Capital Grant Scheme to fund the redevelopment of the playground areas. The idea to develop a longer term vision for the playground area began two years ago at Committee level when the teachers raised the idea of making better use of the verandah areas, especially during the winter months. From this discussion came a bigger picture discussion of a quality development. Funding was obtained from the Shire of Macedon Ranges to commission a concept playground development plan from the Mary Jeavons Landscape Architect group which specializes in early childhood facility developments. The major grant (\$98,610) from the state government allows the redevelopment to be done all at once rather than as a staged development dependent on fundraising. It has been a wonderful result all round, with the redevelopment to be completed, hopefully, before the end of this year.



Our playground won't look like this for much longer!

KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Farm Comes to Kinder

Recently, the kindergarten children were treated to a visit from the mobile farm. This provided a great opportunity for the children to get up close and have hands on contact with sheep, chooks, alpacas and many other types of animals. It was a most enjoyable time for all involved!

Kinder goes to School

The 4 year old classes were recently invited to the "dress rehearsal" of the prep concert at Romsey Primary School. The excitement for the children of the excursion was coupled with teacher's pleasure at seeing their children from last year "all big and grown up" performing on stage. This activity, as well as being enjoyable in itself, forms part of the transition process between kindergarten and school.

Early Years Network

As a result of an invitation from Mary O'Brien at Family and Children's Services (Shire of Macedon Ranges) representatives from Romsey Kindergarten recently attended the Early Years Network Meeting held in Woodend. The guest speaker was Heather Paterson from the Department of Early Childhood Development and Education (DEECD) who spoke about issues relating to the newly structured department incorporating early years and education. It was a most informative presentation and it was great to be involved in the networking opportunity.

Management Review – Update

By the time this article goes to press, the Committee of Management will have met to consider the results of the Forum, submissions and Parent Questionnaire relating to the review of management system discussion we have had this year at the kindergarten. It will be the Committee's responsibility to make a decision as to whether a motion for change should be considered by the Association. There will be an update on this in the next Romsey Rag edition. Meanwhile, for further queries, please phone Jenny Stillman on 0412-349849.

Jane Takes a Break

Our long standing Unit 1 teacher, Jane Whelan, is taking a well-earned extended leave during terms 3 and 4. A temporary appointment will be made to fill Jane's position for that period. We wish Jane all the best during her break and look forward to seeing her back in 2009.

Enrolments Are Still Go, Go, Go!!!

Just a reminder that enrolments are being taken **NOW** for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten classes in 2009. Closing dates is 31st July, 2008. Pre-enrolment forms are available on the kindergarten website (romseykindergarten.com.au) or at the kindergarten. Please contact Tracey Newnham (54 296269, 0409 511439) or Samantha Ball (54 296472, 0409 830628) if you have any queries.

Jenny Stillman (0412-349849)
Committee of Management



Hello Romsey and welcome to winter! With the turn of the season Romsey Playgroup has also made the move from its old dwellings to the new Romsey Hub. We have nicely settled into our new surrounds and have spent much time making the play

room as lively as ever. The children are certainly enjoying the new space which consists of a reading corner, children's activity tables, toddler corner, paint spot, and a cosy mothers and babies area.

We have been well supported in our move with the generosity of financial donations provided by Councillor Geoff Neil, Councillor Sandra McGregor and Joanne Duncan MP. We have put these donations to good use purchasing new couches, cutlery, utensils and play equipment.



As we are situated within the Romsey Hub our parents and children have also utilized the library facilities including the opportunity to indulge in the library's story time. With the cold weather we have not yet ventured outside. The backyard is spacious, however we have much fundraising to do to create the outdoor play area we desire so look out for the Romsey Playgroup throughout the continuing year.

We have maintained our Tuesday and Thursday groups running from 9:30 am till 11:30 am. These groups are aimed for babies to kindergarten age. For the youngest playgroupers we have an exciting new mums and bubs group created for 0-12 months. Our mums and bubs group runs Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm and we would like to encourage all those interested to come along and enjoy them-

selves. Currently our fees are \$35 a term or \$4 per session with an annual insurance fee of \$23. We are very proud of the enjoyment that our service provides and hope to increase the groups into the future.

Our AGM has been brought forward to Sunday the 20th of July, 7:30, to be held at the Romsey Playgroup, Main St Romsey. We look forward to as many interested parents attending as possible. Please forward any queries to Joanne Warren on 54295368.

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and share in fellowship and worship...**

Sammy Stamp Project.

On Wednesday 9th July the Romsey UCAF group will be trimming and sorting stamps for the ongoing Uniting Church Sammy Stamp project. An average of 24 volunteers have been attending at the Synod Office, each Thursday between 9am and 2pm, trimming, sorting and selling stamps to our faithful buyers. As of 17th April, sales had passed \$7,000 and we have been able to pass on to the Mission Liaison Group \$2000 to assist with transport costs of goods overseas. Also we have been able to hand over a grant of \$2,000 to a Vocational School in Timor-Leste.

If you would like to donate used stamps to this project, please contact Jeni Clampit at the above phone number.

Meditation

Luke 5: 27.

'After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting by his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.'

Take a few moments to imagine the scene.

Picture yourself among the disciples walking with Jesus. The customs house is on the edge of the busy main road, a trade route from Damascus through Capernaum to the coast and all the way down to Egypt.

It's a warm day. Outside the house is a chaos of carts and wagons carrying grain, wine, olive oil. A confusion of horses, donkeys and mules kick up the dust, their drivers shouting and quarrelling and sweating in the sun.

We follow Jesus as he walks through the crowd, brushing away the flies, ignoring the smells, watching where he puts his feet. He goes through the gate in the high wall, past the guards armed against robbers, and enters the courtyard. It too is crowded with reluctant tax payers. The tables are covered with papyrus scrolls and wax tablets for note taking, invoices, and bills.

Businessmen sit and argue with accountants, pleading poverty. *"It's been a bad year for olive oil... I can't afford to pay."* Poor men ask for mercy, not even expecting justice.

Levi sits in the main room. Jesus stands quietly in front of the table, but Levi continues to write, head down. He's a bureaucrat enjoying the taste of power in the ten second wait. Then he looks up at Jesus and as their eyes meet there is some strange compelling transaction between them. *"Come,"* says Jesus and as Levi responds to the invitation, pushes back his chair and stands, he becomes Matthew, "Gift of the Lord".

Matthew was a tough, shrewd and cynical tax collector, a man willing to accept deep unpopularity in his pursuit of wealth. I wonder why he gave it all up to follow Jesus. It wasn't just a weekend adventure, but a deep commitment involving his whole life.

Perhaps it was the fact that Jesus, this new teacher and miracle worker who was beginning to attract crowds to hear him, was

willing to take him as a friend, accept him as he was. Jesus made no accusations, no recriminations. Matthew wasn't used to that.

Jesus gave him a simple invitation, and offered it with love.

"Follow me. Come as you are." Centuries before, Moses reminded his people of the way God had freed them from slavery in Egypt. He told them that it wasn't because they were more in number that the Lord chose them but because he loved them (Deuteronomy 7:7) Jesus was saying a similar thing to Matthew.

We can all build that into our understanding. It's not because we're better, more intelligent, harder working or even more enthusiastic that the Lord chooses us, but because he loves us. It's a plain unconditional fact.

Matthew deserved nothing. His life-style had made him unacceptable to most people but that wasn't the point. Jesus offered him and offers us unconditional love.

It has been written – *"We need the courage to accept that we are accepted in spite of being unacceptable."*

God welcomes us, not because of anything we've done or are, but because he loves us. That's the truth and we can take it or leave it. And even if we choose to leave it he still loves us.

(Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased))

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Church Services during July, 2008

6th	9am.	Worship Service and Sunday school. Conducted by Mr. John Williams
13 th	9am.	Worship and Communion Service Conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
20th	9am.	Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by the Worship Team
27 th	9am.	Worship service and Sunday school Conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones

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We had a trip to Elmore with a great luncheon at the Victoria Hotel for our last outing in May.

We had a self drive mini bus and one of our members who has his bus license drove for us. It was a most enjoyable day out taking in the Elmore Historical Campaspe Run, and a visit to the factory where the Elmore oil and cleansing products is made. A most enjoyable day out.



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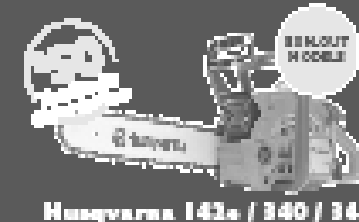
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The Mount William site was a greenstone axe quarry, worked for thousands of years by the Wurundjeri people. The green stone at Mount William is of a quality unique in Australia, and is part of the dreaming stories of the area. The stone was traded extensively for things such as possum skins for clothing. The part of the quarry which has survived European settlement has been declared an archeological area under the Archeological Relics Preservation Act 1972, and is owned by the Indigenous Lands Corporation. The site has recently been granted National Heritage listing.

Annette Xibberas, a member of the indigenous land owners and member of the Wurundjeri Cultural Heritage Council, opened proceedings with a Welcome to Country, and then led groups through the quarry, explaining the process of extraction and trimming of the stone.

Lachlan Milne, Environmental Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire Council also provided visitors with information on the native vegetation, present in abundance on the site.

Group President, John Blamey, declared the day a great success, with good numbers taking advantage of the rare access to the site, and the benefit of learning of its heritage significance from Annette Xibberas.



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Saturday:
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1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
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2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
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After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

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

SVDP Drop-In: First Thursday of each month,
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All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance: Last Wednesday of each month
at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.
John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for
more information.

NOTICES

World Youth Day Commissioning Mass
From 10th – 14th July, Melbourne will welcome thousands
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Denis Hart will celebrate a Mass for up to 50,000 local and
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ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been such a busy term at St Mary's Primary School.

All of our students have been learning about the impact of
humans on the environment. The grade preps visited two
local farms and were able to participate in many fun activi-
ties including a hay ride. They learnt about how they can
take care of the many different farm animals they saw.

The grade ones and twos have been investigating what
happens when people litter. We had the "Litter Police"
collecting rubbish around the school and they have been
able to tell us how many papers were around the yard in-
stead of in the bin.

The grade three and four children have been focusing
their learning on the ocean environment. They spent 2
days down at Queenscliff where they participated in rock

pool exploration and learnt how they can take care of the
ocean environment.

Our students of grade 5 and 6 have been investigating the
impact of global warming on our world. They watched the
movie "An Inconvenient Truth" and have taken a keen
interest in our approach to sustainability.

The whole school celebrated World Environment Day on
the 5th June. We had a whole school clean up and a rub-
bish free lunch. Children were encouraged to bring lunch
and morning tea in a recyclable container. The students
are using the compost bin and recycling paper, glass and
plastic. Everyone has becoming more familiar with the
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink approach!

The grade three and four students entered the 2008 SEA-
WEEK BANNER COMPETITION. The students were giv-
en the task of investigating the Grey Nurse Shark and the
reasons why it is on the critically endangered list. The
students used the internet for their research. The stu-
dents were inspired by statistical facts that they found
about the declining number of

Grey Nurse
Sharks.
They identi-
fied 'Line
Fishing' and
the fact that
the Grey
Nurse Shark
was blamed for shark attacks on humans
back in the 1950's and 1960's. All stu-
dents participated in the research and
production of the banner. The banners
were short-listed for the finals and the
presentation was held on the 16th June.



Prep enrolments have closed and we look forward to
meeting with our new enrolments next term.

The grade 3s have begun their preparation for the Sacra-
ment of Eucharist. They will receive the body and blood
of Jesus for the first time in August.

After such a busy term we are all looking forward to a well
deserved holiday break!

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11am Cost- Gold Coin donation
Writers Group First Monday of month (Recommencing September) 7pm – 8.30pm. Led
by Dee White .
Drop in Craft Morning: Every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during school term
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Crop Till You Drop Scrap Booking 3rd Saturday of the month at the Hub from 5pm.
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Adult & Children's Art Classes Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays
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Day session - Friday 11 July 08, 10.30am -12 noon
Evening - Thursday 31 July 08, 7pm – 8.30pm
AUGUST: Preparing or Updating Your Will? Information you need to know before
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Day session - Friday 8 August 08, 10.30am -12 noon
Evening - Thursday 28 August 08, 7pm – 8.30pm
Session Conducted by Chris Durston of Rochford Lawyers Contact ph: 0403 313 977
**SEPTEMBER – Health & Wellbeing Managing Stress - When things get tough what
do I do? Identifying and managing stress.**
Day session - Friday 12 September 08, 10.30am -12 noon
Evening - Thursday 18 September 08, 7pm – 8.30pm
LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO COOK CLASSES
Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget Series Introduces the inexperienced cook to the art
of preparing healthy meals for individuals or a family on a budget.
Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget (1) – Intro to Cooking / Breakfast
Tues 15 July 08 9.30am – 11.30 Cost - \$5

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we will get back to you.**

Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget (2) – Lunch & Snacks
Tues 22 July 08 9.30am – 11.30 Cost - \$5
Learn to Cook - Meals on a Budget (3) - Dinner
Tues 29 July 08 9.30am – 11.30 Cost - \$5
Cooking for Special Needs—Gluten, Wheat & Dairy Free
26 August 08 9.30-12.30 Cost- \$15

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO USE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

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

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM - LEARN TO SEW CLASSES

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

Learn to Sew (1) – Mending Clothes by hand

Tuesday 5 Aug 08 2pm – 3pm Cost - \$5

Learn to Sew (2) – Mending Clothes by hand

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

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

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Dates: Sept 2, 9 & 16th Time: 9.30-11.30am
Cost: \$15 per session (\$45 for all 3 sessions)

*Please note: All courses, dates and details are accurate at time of printing however
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Or By Appointment Contact - Chris Durston 0403 313 977

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

How to Book:

Booking forms are available from the Community House (or the library service desk if the
House is unattended). You can also phone to express your interest and we will send you
an booking form. **Payment is required at the time of booking.**
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Privacy Statement - Any personal information provided by course participants remains
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We want to hear from you:

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

We need you to become a member of the Romsey Community House Inc. Membership is
open to all adults aged over 18 years, and costs just \$1 per year. This entitles you to
attend committee meetings (once monthly) and to have your say on how the Community
House will be run.
It also supports us in our negotiations with council and other government bodies to secure
funding and other resources for the House.

Our target is 1000 members by the end of 2008.

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

LOCAL FILM GOES WORLD WIDE

The three hour, nine part film **FORGING THE ANZAC TRADITION – The Untold Story** of World War 1– made almost entirely in Romsey and mainly by Macedon Ranges based people, is receiving wide acclaim by historians and enthusiasts from New Zealand to France.

Released early in June, the film states at the start that it is an endeavour to correct the ANZAC nations' history books that over-emphasise the importance of the Gallipoli tragedy – and The Untold Story is about the Western Front in France and Belgium.

The film was made by Romsey husband and wife team Alan and Norma Young to commemorate the 2008 90th anniversary of the ANZACS remarkable victories in 1918 when their gallant actions and tactics shortened history's bloodiest war by at least six months.

Over two years in the making, many people from the Macedon Ranges region contributed to the film. Two former Romsey Primary School students were active in the film's production. Cameron Baker was on the editing team and Tom Watts was involved in post production work.

Romsey resident and ABC announcer, Colin Fox, did much of the film's narration. Woodend film maker, John Studley was assistant director and with Macedon's Lisa Kirby, now a trainee film maker - were also editors.

The film has been sent to three war museums in France, three in Belgium and the London Imperial War Museum. So far, compliments have poured in to the producer from educators and historians in three countries.

Although the Youngs have poured about a million dollars in cash and kind into the project, profits from the non-profit film will go to establishing a Kyneton RSL educational trust fund, for Macedon Ranges students to study on the Western Front where 59,000 ANZACS paid the supreme sacrifice.

Although FORGING THE ANZAC TRADITION comprehensively covers the now famous battle of Fromelles, including a role by regular Romsey visitor, Lambis Englezos, who after 92 years discovered the missing 170 diggers. Alan Young's next film will be one devoted entirely to the Fromelles shambles.

It was the Australians' first battle in France that became Australia's worst one day tragedy costing nearly 2,000 dead in one night and over 3,500 other casualties. This exceeds the total number killed in such famous battles as Tobruk, Kokoda Trail and Korea.

A copy of the film has been donated to the Romsey Primary School. Full details of the film can be seen on the web site at www.forgingtheanzacs.com.



ROMSEY PLAYGROUP (formally Bungawitta)

We have moved into our new home at the Romsey Hub!

Come and join us, have a coffee and watch your children have fun playing with others, doing craft, listening to stories, singing and a whole lot more!

Tuesday 9:30 – 11:30
Thursday 9:30 – 11:30

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Thursday 1:00 – 3:00
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Postal Services:

Have our problems been sorted out yet? Please let us know if things have improved, remain the same or have become worse. Email us at romseyrag@romseyps.vic.edu.au and we will pass on your comments to the relevant people.

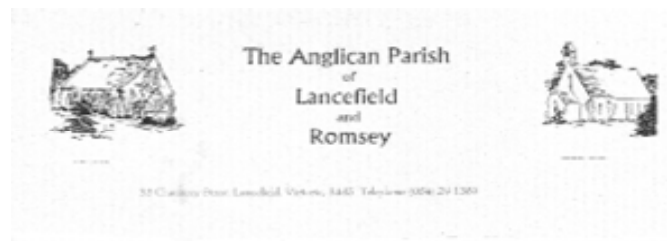
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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

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

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

The reality is that this freezer plus a facility for non-perishable item has been created through the generosity of many people in the church and the community. The goal of this facility is to create a place where people who are struggling can have their present needs met but also start the process of creating a positive independent future for themselves.

The opening date is set:
Details are as follows:

Date: Sunday 27th July 2008.
Time: 2:30pm
Place: Lancefield Anglican Church Hall
33 Chauncey St
Lancefield VIC 3435.

If you would like to come, then please leave a message on 5429-1380

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

Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar
Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

A side note: Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 20th July with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm.
The topic next month is: Being a Light in your Community

Regular Services and Events:

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

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

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

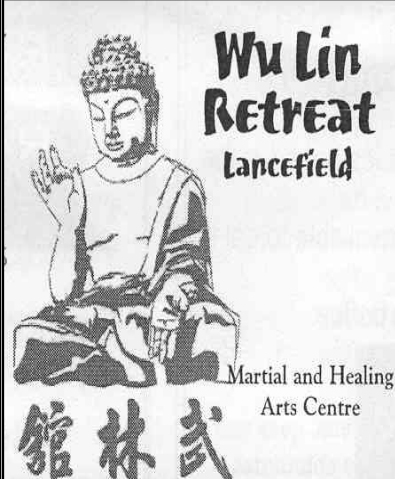
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Would you like company when you walk?

Would you feel safer walking with others?

Do you fancy having a cuppa at the end?

Join Macedon Ranges Walk Together

Each group has a volunteer trained group leader

Discover walking

Up to 30 minutes

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

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

Puff n Sweat

30-45 minutes

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

Pram Plus

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

The emphasis is on social interaction and fun.

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

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

Please Contact

Heather- 5429 5895

Monday

1.00pm

Out side Circuit

For Sale

Electric walking machine—good condition—\$100 o.n.o.

Manual exercise machine—good condition—\$30 o.n.o.

2 Safe & Sound child car seats—good condition—\$30 each

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Phone 5429 5480 after 5.00pm.



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Sport and Recreation in Romsey

Junior Indoor Soccer – Romsey players show brilliant skills in nail biting finals.

The Romsey junior indoor soccer has come to a close for term 2 with the Under 12 Grand Finals being held on Friday 13th June. A fantastic season saw Liverpool finish on top of the ladder after the last round, however a close semi final saw West Ham come into some late form to steal the win from Liverpool 5 – 4. Top scorer was Lucy Fowler (Liverpool) with 3. The second semi final was played between Everton and Newcastle. Newcastle, although finishing second on the ladder were unable to hold back a goal onslaught by Taylor Scott and William Butler, to go down 17 – 2. Unfortunately the absence of two of their key goal scorers made the task difficult for the navy team.

The Grand Final was played out between Everton and West Ham. With the two teams finishing 3rd and 4th on the ladder respectively, the result was anyone's guess. Both teams were working hard in the first half, with the half time score 2 - 2. Everton pulled away in the second half, with some excellent goals from Taylor Scott and William Butler with final score Everton 6 to West Ham 2. Liverpool came off victors in the 3rd v 4th playoff against Newcastle 6 – 4.

The Golden Boot award went to *Brandon Davis* (Newcastle) for leading goal scorer, with a total of 62 for the season. *Taylor Scott* (Everton) was the second highest goal scorer with 56, and *Max Perrins* (Liverpool) a close third with 51. The Most Improved awards went to *Gus Johnson* (Liverpool), *Thomas Barton* (Newcastle), *Fox Shead* (West Ham) and *Sarah Blaskovic* (Everton).

The under 10's have been battling it out in a mini competition for the past 4 weeks, with the Grand Final being played between Green and Red. Red were too strong on the night with fantastic moves from Jessie Connell stealing the win 6 - 2. Blue and Yellow played off for third in a close contest with Blue coming off winners 4 – 1.

We want to congratulate all children for a fantastic season. They have all played with great sportsmanship, and great skill and we hope to see them all back next season. Anyone wishing to enrol their children in indoor soccer for term 3 should contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on (03) 5429 5637. We are taking enrolments for Under 10's (Friday), Under 12's (Friday) and Under 14/16 (Monday). The Romsey Recreation Centre is also taking enrolments for Senior Mixed Soccer (Wednesday Nights).

Junior Basketball – Under 12's finish season in great form

The final game of the term saw a close final played out between Yellow and Blue. Blue started slowly and Yellow finished the first half leading 6 – 2. The second half saw Blue kick into gear, pushing the Yellow team right to the end. Yellow came off winners 14 – 10. The Highest Point Scorer awards went to Maddie Ladzik, and Chris Johns. The Best Team Player awards went to Rory Sutherland and Megan Coy. The Most Improved awards went to Nick Mumby and Riley Middleton.

Congratulations to all our players for a fantastic term of basketball. The Romsey Recreation Centre is now taking enrolments for 12 & Under basketball competition and under 10 Aussie Hoops, both starting term 3. Contact the Centre on (03) 5429 5637 for more information.

Romsey Junior Netball

The Romsey Junior Netball Season is drawing to a close with finals being played throughout June. Results will be published next edition. Anyone wanting to play in the upcoming season should contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on (03) 5429 5637.

How you can save money on your debts

With the cost of living and interest rates seemingly forever on the rise, now is the time to look at ways that you may be able to save yourself some money. A great way of reducing some of your costs is to look at consolidating some debts, says James Smithwick, assistant branch manager at the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches of the Bendigo Bank. This involves combining all of your debts with higher interest rate (such as credit cards) into a lower interest rate type of product. James says that if you still need to have access to such facilities as a credit card, try to pick one with a lower interest rate and one that may include an interest-free period. Bendigo Bank currently offers a low-rate MasterCard or Visa card at just 10.8% with up to 44 days interest-free on purchases.

Another way to look at savings is to look at the different packages that institutions offer, says James. For example, the Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches currently offer a 0.40% to 0.60% discount on the variable home loan interest rate to applicable customers. On an average home loan of \$240,300 this can equate to a saving of up to \$1442 per year.

All you need to do to apply for this discount is have at least 3 additional relationships (loans/accounts) with the Bendigo Bank and be subject to regular application criteria. To find out what else the Romsey and Lancefield Community Bendigo Bank branches can do for you, call in or give them a call – Lancefield on 5429 1977 or Romsey on 5429 5526.

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• Goal Kick Junior Soccer	5 - 10 years	\$70.00
• 12 & Under Soccer Competition	8 - 12 years	\$95.00
• 14/16 & Under Soccer Competition - NEW	12 - 16 years	\$95.00
• Junior Netball Competitions	8 - 18 years	TBA
• Junior Netball Development	5 - 7 years	TBA
• Kidz Danz - Music & Movement - NEW	2 - 5 years	TBA

Senior Programs

• Daytime Ladies Netball Competition - NEW	\$49.00 team	p/w	\$10 Rego pp
• Evening Ladies Netball Competition	TBA		
• Beginner and Intermediate Pilates - NEW	TBA		
• Senior Mixed Volleyball Competition - NEW	\$42.00 team	p/w	\$10 Rego pp
• Senior Mixed Badminton Competition	\$50.00 pp		N/A
• Senior Squash Competition	\$50.00 pp		N/A
• Senior Mixed Netball Competition	\$49.00 team	p/w	\$10 Rego pp
• Senior Mixed Soccer Competition - NEW	\$35.00 team	p/w	\$10 Rego pp
• Daytime Ladies Basketball Competition - NEW	\$35.00 team	p/w	\$10 Rego pp

Timetable - Term 3, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Daytime Ladies Netball From 9.00am	Aussie Hoops Basketball From 4.30pm	Junior Netball From 5.30pm	Junior Netball From 4.30pm	Daytime Ladies Basketball From 9.00am
Under 14/16 Indoor Soccer From 4.50pm	12 & U Basketball From 5.20pm	Senior Squash From 7.00pm	Junior Netball From 5.30pm	Kidz Danz Starts term 4 From 10am
Evening Ladies Netball From 7.00pm	Senior Volleyball/ Badminton From 7.00pm	Senior Mixed Soccer From 7.30pm	Senior Mixed Netball From 7.20pm	Goal Kick & 12&U Soccer From 4.00pm

For more information and registrations contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on (03) 5429 5637 or email: rrc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

More information and registration forms are also available online at www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au. Follow the prompt to the Romsey Recreation Centre



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Lancefield Kindergarten Turns 30!

The kindergarten would like to invite the community of Lancefield and surrounding towns to its 30th birthday celebrations on Saturday **August 23rd** from **9am to 1pm**. We would especially like to invite past and present students and staff of the kindergarten to come and share some food and drink with us. Come and share your memories of the kindergarten and take a look at the kindergarten now.

Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides

Girls, if you are not coming to Guides you are missing so much.

We are having a break in the school holidays at the moment but Term 3 will be as busy and exciting as Term 2 was. We completed several badges during the term, and are working on two others that stretch over several months.

The really exciting badge is one called Girls Guiding The Way. It involves lots of activities about advocacy initiatives. Back in May we had a Mums In May night, then in June we Jumped Up In June. This involved feeling confident to stand up and say "I believe in that" to a long list of statements including "I can achieve my dreams" and "We should have shorter showers" and "Giving is better than receiving". This was a new experience for many of the girls. In July we will spend a night celebrating Justice in July. Recently we held a sleep-over on the theme "Daring To Be Girls". A night of great fun and activities that included making friendship bracelets, cooking marshmallows in an open fire and some skipping activities. In Term 3 we are going on an indoor camp. We are going to a Guide property in Lara where we will do lots of different science experiments and activities as the theme. The weekly program for the term is not yet planned as the girls discuss and plan what they would like to do at the first meeting for the term. Would you like to join us? You could be part of our activities and earning badges and going on a camp with us too. We meet on Monday evenings, 5.00pm to 6.30pm, at the Lancefield Park.

For more information ring Rita on 5429 1996.

New members will be warmly welcomed.



The Anglican Parish of Lancefield & Romsey invites you to...

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This exciting new worship experience is designed to make church more relevant for today and is open to all ages.

Details are as follows:

Where: Christ Church Anglican Church 33 Chauncey St Lancefield

When: Sunday 20th July 2008

Topic: *Being a light in the community.*

Dinner at 5:30pm for 6:00pm service.



For further details of this monthly event, please contact the Rev. Leroy Coote on 5429-1380.

Stronger laws for the safer restraint of travelling children

Recently I have been alarmed at the number of children being inadequately restrained while travelling in the family vehicle. Many of us parents may be unknowingly placing our kids at risk. Seatbelts designed for adults do not provide adequate protection for our children and can even cause serious injury in the event of an accident. While usage rates for child restraints with infants and toddlers are high in Australia, the number of children in booster seats between the ages of three and seven are disturbingly low.

The RACV has recently released alarming findings regarding our children's safety on our roads. They have found that children restrained in adult seat belts are 3.5 times more likely to sustain significant injury in an accident compared to children restrained in their correct chairs. The RACV found that in the last 5 years ending in 2007, the deaths of 48 children on our roads might have been prevented if they were seated in correctly fitted and appropriate restraints.

The Australian transport minister has recently released new laws which will soon come into effect. These new laws will:

1. Require that children up to six months old travel in a rearward facing infant capsule.
2. Require that children six months to four years of age travel in a forward facing child restraint.
3. Require that children four to seven years travel in a booster seat.
4. Require that children under seven be seated in a rear seat of the vehicle. This is unless the child is aged 4-7 years and all other seats are occupied by children under seven.

While these proposed laws cater for the majority of children, a provision has been drafted to ensure a child is not required to use a restraint unsuitable for their size and weight. The RACV recommends that children under 12 years do not sit in the front seat, ever! The RACV research has shown that children are 70% less likely to be killed or seriously injured in the event of an accident if seated correctly.

A free brochure is available from your local RACV shop, which gives you more information about the RACV research including information about how your child's restraint stacked up in their tests.

Penalties may also apply for drivers who do not ensure that their passengers, (under the age of 16), are properly restrained. These penalties might involve a fine of \$165 and three demerit points or, if convicted in court, a fine of up to \$500 and three demerit points. Possible suspension or cancellation of licence may also apply.

A child's safety remains in the parents' / guardians' hands so please restrain your children correctly and ensure their safe arrival at your next destination.

The vast majority of this information has been taken from an article in the May issue of the RACV's Royal Auto Magazine, written by Melinda Congui and researched by Beth Bryan.

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