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AN APOLOGY

The thunderstorms on Monday night (March 24th) affected parts of the computer system used to produce the Romsey Rag, and we have consequently not been able to access some files and emails. We have not been able to rectify this problem in time for the publishing of the April edition, so we unreservedly apologise to anyone whose copy and / or advertising has not been included in this edition.

The closing date for copy for the May Romsey Rag is Friday, April 18th, 2008.

We cannot guarantee inclusion of copy received after this date.

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The Romsey Rag Needs YOU!

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist with the Romsey Rag. If you have computer skills (especially with Publisher), printing skills (or are willing to learn to use the printer—it's very easy!) or if you have an hour or two to spare once a month on Thursday morning to help with collating—we would love to hear from you!

The Romsey Rag doesn't just magically appear in your letter box. A dedicated group of people volunteer their time each month to put it all together for the benefit of the whole community. Many of these people have work commitments as well. Everyone involved with the Rag would appreciate some more hands to make the task a little easier.

So think about it, and call Robyn Moore on 0412 275 152 or Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848 if you would like to give it a go.

You would be made to feel very welcome—we are a friendly bunch!

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

The next Romsey Market will be held on
Sunday April 27th.

New stall holders are always welcome. Enquiries: 0438-414-245

Please note there is no market in January, June or July.

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MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Saturday 5th April, 2008

ROMSEY FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB

The Redbacks are holding a Monster Garage Sale on Saturday 5th April at the Romsey Oval from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. We urge the local community to support this venture and help the club raise necessary funds. In the process you can also profit from the day.

If you have any goods worthy of sale that you wish to donate to the club or sell on commission (10%) then please contact one of our Committee members listed below. You may be more interested in running your own stall. This can also be arranged at the cost of \$20.

Throughout the day there will be a barbecue and a number of activities for the kids and young at heart, including face painting, handball competitions, goal kicking and more. Prizes will be given.

Contacts concerning this event are:
Justin Paterson (President) 0425 759 672
Graeme Cuthbert (Secretary) 5429 5359
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Thank you in anticipation of support for your local football club. See you and the family at the sale. Graeme Cuthbert.

Ripper Reads

Greetings all,
Isn't the year just flying by? Have you got stuck into those New Year's resolutions yet? Was one of them more "me time"? Well now's the time to catch up on that particular resolve by popping into your local library to borrow and read some GREAT books. Enjoy!

Sucked in – Shane Maloney

As the blurb on the front of the book says "Maloney just gets better." This is the sixth book about the hapless Murray Whelan, Labor party gopher and now Upper House member for Coolaroo. When skeletal parts are found at the bottom of Lake Nilharcootie, Murray finds himself drawn into a web of intrigue from 20 years previous that certainly includes his good, but recently deceased mate, Charlie Talbot. Whilst the plot meanders, it is Maloney's use of first person, dead-pan narration and his glorious employment of laconic Aussie understatement, at its best, that is the highlight of the book.

Talk to the Snail – Stephen Clarke

I enjoyed Stephen Clarke's first book *A Year in the merde* but found the sequel *Merde actually* a little bit pretentious. However he's back to his best form with this little gem subtitled *Ten Commandments for understanding the French*. From eating to working to not being served Clarke covers all aspects of French life and how even the French have trouble negotiating the pitfalls of everyday living in France. An entertaining and informative read that helps to explain a little more about the Gallic psyche.

Starfish sisters – J.C.Burke

Burke is one of the recent crop of "new kids on the block" authors writing for teenage readers and she does so exceedingly well. Knowing absolutely nothing about surfing will not stop you from enjoying her most recent publication, 'Starfish Sisters'. Four talented teenage surfers, Georgie, Ace, Micki and Kia and thrown together in the same bungalow for a 3 week training camp for elite surfers. Needless to say there are fights, jealousies and secrets amongst them and all is not plain sailing, err surfing. How they resolve these issues makes compulsive reading as Burke tells the same story from four different viewpoints. A great read and there is a sequel in the pipeline.

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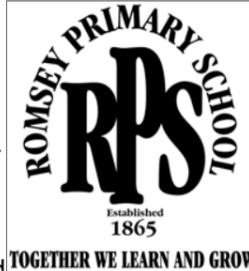


Romsey Primary School News

New Principal Appointed

President of the Romsey Primary School Council, Dr Jennifer Stillman, recently announced the appointment of Mrs Joan Gibbs to the position of Principal at Romsey Primary School. Mrs Gibbs has been Assistant Principal at the school for several years, and was warmly congratulated on her success. A sincere message of thanks was passed on to Mr David Hinton, for his work as acting Principal at the school for all of term 1 while the long and complicated task of advertising and interviewing candidates for the job was undertaken.

At the same time that Mrs Gibbs' appointment was announced, the school community also learned that Mr Hinton had been successful in obtaining the position of Principal at Maiden Gulley Primary School in Bendigo. For term 2 Mr Doug Scale will be Acting Assistant Principal while advertising and interviewing for this position is undertaken.



Preps on the Move

Romsey residents may have seen a small army of black and red clad children walking around the various businesses and community organisations in our town in recent weeks. The Prep children have been learning about Our Community and were made to feel very welcome by everyone they visited. Many thanks to Senior Constable David Sumbler and Senior Constable Jane Hudson for such a fantastic and informative tour of the police station. The highlights were the "JAIL" and of course the Police Car. As well as their visit to the police station in Romsey, the Prep unit has visited the fruit shop, the chemist shop and the vet. We would like to thank all of the people concerned at these local businesses, who have given their time for the benefit of the children's understanding of their local environment and the people who help us. They have had a wonderful time developing a new awareness of their local community.

A Parent Reflects on the Young Leaders' Convention

Each year the school captains from Romsey Primary School are given the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders convention in Melbourne. This year one of the parents accompanied the captains and here are her impressions.

Thank you for providing me with the unique experience of chaperoning School Captains Elke Smith and Rieley Pyne to the Young Leaders Convention. I must say that, aside from any bias, our students were exceptionally well mannered and displayed model behaviour throughout the course of the day.

As a parent I was thrilled to see the wonderful speakers talk to our future leaders. Their words of wisdom and renditions of experiences, although similar in message and meaning, were uniquely delivered in ways that impacted on the vast array of individual minds in attendance. This was highlighted on our car trip home, when I asked Elke what she thought and compared her statements to those of Rieley. Both Elke and Rieley received similar messages; however, they understood them from different people.

I would like to thank the school for not only giving this wonderful experience to our students, but also for allowing me the privilege of taking them. I am not sure who acquired more—the students or myself. I do know that the messages our two captains obtained will not only benefit them, but others around them for this and many years to come.

Kylie Pyne.

Romsey Art and Craft Market

Supported by Romsey Community House and Macedon Ranges Shire

The next Art and Craft Market will be held On

Sunday March 30th 9am to 3pm

At the Mechanics Hall Romsey



The Market will feature locally hand made Arts and Crafts, Music and Food.

Please come along and support our Local Artists and Crafts people, our Community and the Community House.

This market will be the last odd Market and from then on it will be held on the **Second Sunday of every Month right through 2008**

The February Market was a great success; we had 15 stall holders and again have had great feedback. So sorry to those people who couldn't find it, but we did have signs up and we will be perfect next time.

Okay so you have missed the February Market and we want the market to be bigger and better next time and you have time to get Arty and Crafty.

We are still calling for Market stall holders as long as you live in the Macedon

Ranges Shire, Sunbury or Kilmore you are eligible to participate in this wonderful event, for more information please

contact Gillian at the Gillmay Arts Gallery, 103 Main Street Romsey

or phone 54293996 and leave your details - we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you, Gillian Gorrie.

Market Dates

2008

SUNDAY

March 30th

April 13th

May 11th

June 15th

July 13th

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th

November 16th

December 14th



ROTARY CLUB OF ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD Inc.

District 9790 of Rotary International
P.O. Box 195 Romsey Vic. 3434 Australia.

President: Chris Giles 5429 6340 (B)

Secretary: Diane Powell 5429 5999 (H)

Meets at The Bay Tree Coffee Shop, 119A Main Street Romsey 3434
7 pm for 7.30 pm each Thursday

The Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc. again supported the Relay For Life weekend event at Lancefield Park 1st and 2nd March through the provision of meals for all participants at the Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast. Rotary profits from these meals will be donated to the Cancer Council of Victoria that sponsors the Relay For Life events; a cheque for \$500 should arrive shortly. The Sunday breakfast was also a donation by the Rotary Club at an estimated cost of \$2000.

Under the Directorship of (PP) Mark Shepherdley Rotarians, their families and friends and with 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), Daily Juice Company (Keith Rickards), (PP) Mark Shepherdley (Romsey Stockfeeds), the Mushroom Council of Australia, TipTop Australia, Pace Farms (eggs) and Rotarian (PP) Peter O'Rourke from Macedon Ranges Specialist Meat Supplies.

The Rotary Club thanks the Relay for Life Committee (Lancefield), Lancefield Park Committee, Romsey Rural Ambulance Service, the Lancefield and Romsey Lions Club, IGA Romsey (Julie and Craig), Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist, Rotarian Steve Speirs, Treasurer (PP) Dennis Ness money takings, Keith Rickards for all drinks provided over the two days, (PP) Diane Powell, (PE) Greg Powell, Rotarians Rod and Rosemary Frost, Brendan Meyer, President Chris Giles and Rotarian Stella Giles, support from Karen Stevens, Theo, Bob, Bruce T., Jim Bell, Bruce, Wendy, Clare and Alex Shepherdley whose continued support at every major event is really appreciated!!

(PE) Greg Powell
Bulletin Editor
Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club Inc.



Attention Romsey Rag Readers:

A number of residents have been concerned about the reliability of mail deliveries in Romsey since the service was recently let out to private contractors. It appears that many items are not being delivered, or delivered to the wrong address or simply disappearing. If you have a complaint about mail deliveries, please email the Romsey Rag at romsey-rag@romseyps.vic.edu.au or send a letter to the Rag care of Romsey Primary School. We would like to know just how widespread the problem is, and if there are enough complaints, we will try to do something about it. But if you don't let us know, we can't act.

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WOODEND WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL

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The *Woodend Winter Arts Festival* is a unique celebration of the arts presented each year in the picturesque township of Woodend over the Queen's Birthday weekend. The festival showcases music — classical music from the Renaissance to the present day and jazz — and contains strong literary and visual arts components held in intimate historical venues over the long weekend.

To launch the 2008 *Woodend Winter Arts Festival* the **Choir of Ormond College** will hold a special recital on Friday, March 14 beginning at 8.00 pm at St Ambrose Church, Woodend.

The Choir of Ormond College, formed in 1983 and now under the directorship of John O'Donnell, consists of 24 students, most of whom are undergraduates at The University of Melbourne. During term time the choir sings Chapel services every Sunday evening, drawing on a broad repertoire of liturgical music of the past five centuries. The choir also contributes to Melbourne's concert life and records a wide variety of choral music. In July the choir will undertake a European tour, singing services and concerts in Italy and Switzerland.

The occasion will also offer an opportunity to hear Kyneton twins *Daniel and Matthew Thomson*, who have been members of Ormond College and its choir over the past year. Both have also recently been admitted to the rarified ranks of the performance stream in the third year of their Bachelor of Music course at The University of Melbourne.

The launch program on March 14 will include 20th-century English works by Arnold Bax and Benjamin Britten, Renaissance Latin motets by Josquin Desprez, Clemens non Papa and Richard Dering, and German Baroque works by Michael Praetorius and Johann Sebastian Bach. Entry to the concert is \$10, and tickets are available at the door – cash sales only.

Musical highlights of this year's *Woodend Winter Arts Festival* include Marco da Gagliano's 1608 opera *Dafne*, Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, featuring **Max Gillies** and the Scotch College Orchestra, and jazz great **James Morrison** in concert.

Media enquiries to Shirley Hardy-Rix
hardyrix@onthe.net.au

(03) 9842 9740 or 0412 057288

General public enquiries should be directed to
www.woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au

From Cr Henry Bleeck

Not taken for granted

The 2007/08 round of Council's community funding scheme, which provides grants for local clubs and organisations, is being launched this month. The scheme has distributed more than \$1 million to worthy groups over the past 10 years, and I urge any of our hard-working volunteer groups to apply if they are seeking funding for a project. The categories are for recreation and facilities grants; community wellbeing; and culture, festivals and events. Last year more than \$118,000 was given to 73 projects and groups across the Shire, which provided a significant boost to our local clubs and groups and their projects.

Council is keen that the clubs and groups try to match Council funding or contribute towards their project in either cash or labour. This matching commitment will enable us to stretch out our dollars as far as possible. Our Council officers this year will be particularly interested in targeting applications that are supported by Community Action Plans, and those that improve disability access.

Officers have written to all groups which applied last year to advise them of the new round of funding, and will be advertising in the local newspapers this month inviting applications.

I would expect that the successful applicants will be notified in early August. I urge all groups within Romsey and the East Ward to consider an application. People wanting more information should ring Sarah Mayne at the Council on 5422 0345 or go to the website www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au for an application form.



Managing your block

The Council will this month mail out land management information to residents on properties of 2 hectares or more. This mail out will include information on how to access and use the Council's Voluntary Environmental Resource Inventory, and other supports. More than 3000 copies of the *Caring For Country* resource will be sent to residents on properties of 5 hectares or more.

Henry Bleeck.

Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.
5422 7027

Cancer Awareness Community Forum Bowel and Prostate Cancer

Wednesday April 16th
7.00—9.00pm

Macedon Ranges Health Services
At Gisborne Bowls Club
2 Kilmore Road
Gisborne.

Seat bookings are essential.
For further information or to book call
Cancer Information Support Service
131120

RSVP by Friday April 11th.

Specialist speakers will present the latest information on bowel and prostate cancer, together with Sue Heron from the Cancer Council Victoria Cancer Education Unit. Following the speakers there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel in a relaxed environment. A light supper will follow.

Men and women, family and friends are all welcome to attend.

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The Coordinator- Jeannie- phone- 5427 1845**

- Email- www.wnci@vic.chariot.net.au

Watch this space for further information on the **Romsey Walk Together Group**. With newly appointed group leader Heather Russell about to be trained, we are looking for people to join the Romsey group. Walks are graded to cater for all age groups, levels of ability and fitness, and even for people with physical limitations. Interested? Contact us through the Romsey Community House on 0412 275 152

*****Thank you to Heather for volunteering to be our group leader!**

Macedon Ranges Walk Together Project is facilitated by the Neighbourhood Houses, Lancefield, Romsey, Woodend and the Riddells Creek Community Living & Learning Centre in collaboration with The Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Cobaw Community Health, and The Central Victoria Health Alliance PCP.
Funding provided by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD)



**Next Meeting—
Tuesday 22nd April—7.30pm**

TOPIC: "SCHOOL DAYS"

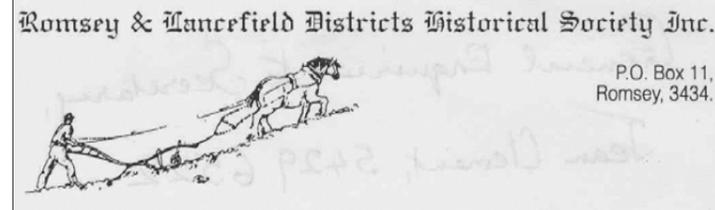
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We meet in historic Seymour Cottage, down Palmer Street, Romsey, past the old Primary School building.

OLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Built in the mid-1800s, this heritage –listed building may be vacated when the current occupier, Bungawitta Play Group, moves to the new Romsey Hub. The Historical Society hopes that a new, caring occupier will be found to care for a very important part of our town's history.

If you are interested in the history of the district, ask for a copy of our Newsletter or come along to any of our meetings or functions. Enquiries to secretary Jean Clement on 5429 6522.



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This is a once only chance for your family to be included in a local history book for your family library. Copies of the completed book will be forwarded to the State Library, the Local library, the three local schools and both Historical Societies and will be available to the Public.

The intended cut—off date for inclusions, is the 30th April 2008

Please send to or contact-
John Lynch J.P.
President
Romsey/Lancefield RSL
P.O. Box 315
ROMSEY 3434

Pokies in Romsey Update

On March 19th 2008 the Supreme Court of Appeal found that VCAT had erred in its decision to grant approval for poker machines at the Romsey Hotel by failing to take into account a community survey that had been presented to the Gaming Commission as evidence of the community's opposition to poker machines. This means that the matter will be re-heard by VCAT. Previously the Gaming Commission had refused approval for pokies, but the Romsey Hotel had applied to VCAT to overturn this decision. The Supreme Court found that VCAT had erred in not taking community opinion into account, as the Gaming Act specifically states that community well-being is a relevant consideration. The Court noted that a citizen's sense of happiness with, or contentment in their community is part of "well-being". The Court also noted that "The fact that the act allows gaming to occur in approved premises does not mean that any Victorian community is *obliged* to accept gaming machines."

No date has yet been set for a further hearing by VCAT. We will bring you further updates as they are available.

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I picked up a sprig of rosemary,
Remembrance was what it meant,
With the Australian flag
And the little gift tag
A message of thanks it sent.
And I thought of the soldier I
That I once knew,
And thought the tears had dimmed my eyes
And I could hardly see
I knew the ghost of my soldier boy
Was passing in front of me.
How proud I was as I took his salute
His smile was just for me.
And I dreamed again of happier days
Of days that used to be.
In khaki uniform all neat and trim,
His peak cap upon his head.
His step in time with the marching band,
This ANZAC Day he too would pass by
With the soldiers that have gone ahead.
And as I placed a sprig of rosemary
With our own Australian flag,
And joined them all together,
With the gift from Legacy tag,
I knew my soldier again would march,
In the ranks of the lads unseen.
- Gwen French

ANZAC Day is on April 25th. Remember our fallen soldiers and their sacrifice for our country by attending the ANZAC Service in your nearest town.

Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre

Frances Gibson, Solicitor at the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre notes:

"Research on legal needs in the Macedon Ranges area shows that there is a significant need for legal advice and assistance for people who can't afford private lawyers.

It is often difficult for people to get legal advice on issues such as debt, family violence, discrimination, car accidents, Centrelink, employment, victims of crime, family and guardianship. This advice service will assist the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the community"

A lawyer will be available every Monday afternoon at the Cobaw Community Health Centre, 47 High Street, Kyneton to assist people with legal issues. Specialist Family Law appointments will be available on the first Monday of each month. To see a solicitor, Macedon residents can phone Toll Free: 1800 254 500

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New Service Arrangements in Woodend and Kyneton

Council services which were based at Council's Woodend office have relocated to Council's expanded Kyneton office.

The following services will be provided from Council's Kyneton office:

- Chief Executive's Office
- Council and Customer Service units
- Governance units (including finance, rates and valuations, and information and communications)
- Recreation and Cultural Development
- Children's Services
- Aged and Disability Services
- Youth Services (including a dedicated youth space)
- Housing Services
- Community Planning and Development
- Social Planner
- Organisational Development (Human Resources, Risk Management incorporating Occupational Health and Safety, Performance Improvement)

From Monday 3 March 2008, a Council Customer Service Officer will be permanently based at the Woodend Library and the opening hours of the combined library/council service facility have been extended from 28.5 hours per week to 41.5 hours per week, as follows:

Monday	9.30-5pm
Tuesday	9.30-5pm
Wednesday	9.30-6.00pm
Thursday	9.30-5pm
Friday	9.30-5pm
Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm (Library only)

The Woodend Library has been refurbished and expanded to accommodate Council's customer service desk, and the former Woodend council office has been rezoned for commercial use, including protection of the heritage aspects.

The changed service arrangements are part of Council's Office Accommodation Strategy which includes completion of the Romsey Community Hub in the coming months.

COUNCIL'S CONTACT DETAILS

- **All mail and tenders to:** PO Box 151 Kyneton, Vic 3444
- Tel: 03 5422 0333 – Council's central number
- Fax: 03 5422 3623
- Email: mrsc@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au
- Website: www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Administration Centres: open Mon – Fri, 8.30am – 5pm

- Gisborne: 40 Robertson Street - opposite the police station
- Kyneton: 129 Mollison Street

Service Centres

- Main Street, Romsey (currently within the Bendigo Bank, Shop 1, 112 Main Street, Romsey)
- Woodend Library (cnr High and Forest streets)

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YOGA RETREAT

In a town the size of Lancefield, there is much diversity and a variety of arts can be experienced. One example is the Hatha Yoga workshops held at Wu Lin Retreat.

Wu Lin is a Martial arts and Chinese healing centre, and besides offering martial arts workshops, James and Shou Mei have opened their doors to the art of Hatha Yoga. There have been six yoga workshops at Wu Lin, some for one day and others for the weekend. Andrew and Kym Oliver facilitate the yoga workshops and each retreat endeavour to offer something for all fitness types. Andrew and Kym who studied in India established Caitanya Yoga, a business that offers Hatha yoga and philosophy classes, retreats and tours to India.



The last retreat was on the 15 and 16 March 2008 where participants studied and practiced a series of yoga postures called the Salute to the Sun, and Salute to the Moon, a dynamic flow sequence that revitalises the entire body. Other aspects of the retreat included: a philosophy discourse, stretching classes, guided relaxation, meditation and yummy meals. Those who had the fortune of staying for the weekend also enjoyed the beautiful bush at night and experienced sleeping in Japanese style accommodation.

Feedback from all the retreats has been very positive, people leave feeling refreshed and more positive about life. The retreats not only offer a relaxing weekend, but a place where people gather information to further enhance their life.

The next retreat at Wu Lin will be a Traditional Thai Massage and Hatha Yoga retreat on the 17 and 18 May 2008. This retreat has returned by popular demand for the third time; it is a unique opportunity to learn Traditional Thai Massage from James Sumarac who studied in Thailand, while learning Hatha Yoga with Andrew and Kym. Traditional Thai Massage originated from the art of Hatha Yoga, so both arts use the body very efficiently to stretch and massage muscles and organs in an integrative manner.

If you would like to know more about the Traditional Thai Massage and Hatha Yoga Retreat on **May 17th & 18th** please contact Wu Lin Retreat on 5429-2122, 0417 350 398 Or Caitanya Yoga on 5429-2134 or 044 777 8884

Hesket Primary School

Our plant sale is back on with our new major plant suppliers, Chris & Maree's (Hello, Hello). So no need to go to Melbourne or Bendigo - come around the corner to our lovely setting at Hesket Primary School, located half way between Woodend and Romsey on the Romsey Rd, Hesket.



Plant Sale

Sunday 4th May 2008, 10 am till 4 pm

Get something for mum!! (Mothers day 11th May 2008)

Autumn is the best time to establish plants in your garden and we'd like to show off our small school and offer quality plants, devonshire teas, cakes, CFA BBQ, face painting, stalls and more.

Stall holders wanted - please contact the school on 5427 0330 or Jacky on 5427 0576 / 0417722575

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

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

Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

Well earned break.

Our Minister, Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones will be on leave from Monday 24th March to Monday 7th April.

Church Picnic.

The Romsey Uniting Church Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday 20th April at the home of David and Sandra Strack. This will take place after the morning worship.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

On the 27th April, 8am. we will celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving. Commencing with Breakfast which includes the worship service.

Meditation:

As Jesus passed by from thence, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll; and He saith unto him, "Follow Me!" And he arose and followed Him.
St. Matthew 9:9.

I can see Matthew busy in his little dock-side shelter collecting the dues from the masters of the ships that called at Capernaum. He had heard Jesus before. Possibly he had stood at the edge of the crowd with some kind of wistful longing in his lonely heart. Attracted, but not won. Drawn, but not committed. After all, he was too old, and besides, what would his friends say? How his enemies would laugh! – and he had plenty of them, as every publican had. Then a shadow fell across his books. He looked up into a face that shone with love; into eyes that spoke, more eloquently than words, of a belief in him which made him believe in himself.

Immediately he knew he must not miss this moment. This was his moment of destiny. All else must be sacrificed, but not the chance of this moment. He arose and followed Him. It is strange to think that we still read St. Matthew's

Gospel because a Customs official did not miss his moment of destiny.

Grant, O Lord, that whenever I read about Matthew, I may resolve once more to follow Thee more closely; that whatever else I may miss in life, I may not miss any chance of serving Thee.

So I am watching quietly every day,
Whenever the sun shines brightly, I rise and say,
"Surely it is the shining of His face,"...

Whenever a shadow falls across the window of my room
Where I am working my appointed task,
I lift my head, and watch the door, and ask
If He has come.

Come, in this quiet moment of meditation; call me again,
lead me in Thy way for me, let the assurance of Thy friendship take away my fears. Let every shadow make me look up into Thy blessed face. Let me rise up now and follow Thee. Amen.

*From 'A Private House of Prayer'
by Leslie D. Weatherhead (dec.)*

Church Services during April, 2008

6 th	9am.	Worship Service and Sunday School.
13 th	9am.	Worship and Communion Service conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones
20 th	9am.	Worship service and Sunday School conducted by the Worship Team
27 th	8am.	Harvest Thanksgiving Breakfast including Worship Service. conducted by Dr. Avril Hannah-Jones

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Know your rights, celebrate Law Week 12-18 May

Dear Friends

May 12-18 is Law Week in Victoria. It's an annual event co-ordinated by the Victoria Law Foundation and the Law Institute of Victoria to encourage the community to learn about, and understand our law and justice system. The theme of this year's Law Week is 'Reaching Out', which is focussing on rural Victorians, seniors, young people, Indigenous Australians and multicultural communities. Many informative and interesting events are being held throughout the week covering topics such as; family law, human rights, local laws affecting you and your neighbours, tours of the Courts and recent changes to law.

One of the recent changes is a greater emphasis on victims of crime and greater acknowledgement of them in the Victorian justice system. The impact of crime on the victim is lifelong often affecting their relationships, family life, ability to work and participate freely in the community.

One of the biggest steps forward in formally recognising the rights of crime victims was taken when the *Victims Charter Act* became law in 2006. Victims now have the right to be informed of: the progress of a police investigation, victim support services, the right to apply for compensation, and eligible victims have the right to request information about sentenced offenders.

Further, in July last year, the *Victims of Crime Assistance Amendment Act 2007* came into effect, giving victims of crime a 30 per cent increase in compensation to recognise the victim's pain and suffering, counselling and medical expenses.

I encourage everyone to find out more about our law and justice system. There are many resources available from my office that can assist you to find out where you can register a complaint, or find local legal services.

For more information about Law Week visit: www.victorialaw.org.au or telephone 03 9604 8100.

Warm regards,

JOANNE DUNCAN MP

State Member for Macedon



When: Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 April 2008

Where: 8 Officer Lane, Mt Macedon (*Melways Ref: 609 G10*)

Time: 10am - 4pm daily

Admission: \$5 per person

ARTANICA is an exciting annual exhibition of diverse garden sculpture set within the grounds of the Duneira, a magnificent Mt Macedon garden.

The event will showcase the works from some of Victoria's best sculptors, with the opportunity to purchase showcased pieces.

LIMESTONE WORKSHOP with Dawn Robinson (\$49 per person, includes admission)

Participate in a two hour workshop, creating your own sculptural piece to take home while learning about the various techniques, tools and equipment.

Workshop bookings essential ph. 0427 317 388 or e. yournextevent@bigpond.com

Refreshments will be available over the weekend

KIDZ UNPLUGGED

A music program for parents and children aged 0-5 years, incorporating movement to music, dance, singing and instrument play led by a trained music teacher.

KIDZ UNPLUGGED is a community service non profit music program that includes movement to music, dance, singing and instrument play in an exciting environment that enables children to explore and enjoy a wide range of musical experiences. Participation with other children provides a social environment that helps children develop self-confidence and positive self-esteem.

Parent participation enables mums, dads or carers to incorporate many of these activities into the children's play and daily routines such as bath time, packing up time and sleep time.

All sessions are followed by morning tea where children and parents can meet new people or chat among friends.

This program is currently being successfully run in Sunbury, Gisborne and Riddells Creek and we would like to start a morning group in Romsey in July this year. The music activities last for 45 minutes, followed by morning tea for the adults and children.

Fees may be paid in advance per term with a discount, or on a weekly basis. Discounted fees are applicable for Health Card holders.

Term fees are 1 child \$7 per session, 2 children \$10 per session and 3 or more children \$12 per session. Health Card holders pay \$5 for 1 child, \$7 for 2 children and \$10 for 3 or more children.

Weekly fees are 1 child \$10, 2 children \$15 and 3 or more children \$18. Health Card holders weekly fees are 1 child \$7, 2 children \$9 and 3 or more children \$12.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED

The program would be held in the Uniting Church Hall in Pohlman Street, Romsey and is organised through Uniting Care Orana Family Services. We need to have expressions of interest from families interested in attending, so we can make plans to get this community program happening.

Everyone is welcome and there would be volunteers in attendance to help. Please call Jenny Elliott on 5427 0230 for further information or to register your interest as soon as possible. Messages may be left on this number if no-one is in attendance.

'DETOX YOUR HOME' – A FREE CHEMICAL DISPOSAL SERVICE

Sustainability Victoria (EcoRecycle) is providing a free **DETOX YOUR HOME** house hold chemical collection service for **Macedon Ranges Shire on 19 April 2008.**

In 2008, Sustainability Victoria (EcoRecycle) will again provide the opportunity for Victorians to dispose of unwanted household chemicals or similar products without risking damage to the environment. The most recent collection in Macedon Ranges Shire was in April 2006. There were 92 customers and 6.9 tonnes of chemicals collected. It is important that we use this service so we have an argument for more frequent collections.

What can be disposed of?

Items such as dead batteries, household cleaners, paint, transmission or brake fluid, weed killer, insect sprays, ammonia based cleaners, nail polish, fluorescent tubes, gas cylinders, fertiliser, rat poison, radiator coolant, motor oil, solvents and glues, pool chemicals, and car body filler can be brought to the facility. Please ensure against spillage, and do not remove product labels. Containers must be less than 20 litres.

What cannot be accepted as part of this service?

Commercial quantities and chemicals used for industrial purposes, farm (rural) chemicals, asbestos, ammunition and flares. For help with advice on the suitable and safe disposal of these products, please call or email for contact details.

Permanent Collection Facilities Exist

Visit www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au

or freecall 1800 353 233

Remember you can dispose domestic quantities of engine oil and car batteries at Council's tips and transfer stations at any time for no cost.

Note: There is also a collection in Broadford in the morning on 19 April and at Castlemaine in the morning on 10 May.

Anyone can use the service - you do not need to be a resident of the municipality where the collection is held.

For more information please phone me on 5421 9630 or visit the Macedon Ranges Shire website:

http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=1653&h=0

Where:	Racecourse Reserve Pony Club Car Park, Forest Street, Woodend. VicRoads Map 633 O4. (between Buffalo Stadium and the old grandstand)
When:	19 April 2008, 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Contact:	Senarath Pathirana, Environmental Engineer, Macedon Ranges Shire Council T (03) 5421 9630 M 0439 117 193 F (03) 5422 3623

Law of Karma – a lecture.



In April 2007, the internationally recognised philosopher Swami Parthasarathy visited Lancefield, delivering an evening lecture to capacity audience at Wu Lin Retreat. This year Swami Parthasarathy's daughter and disciple – Sunanda, will deliver a one evening lecture on Anzac Day, Friday 25 April, titled "Law of Karma: its functioning, its effects, its relevance today".

Sunanda was introduced to Vedanta, the ancient philosophy of India, at the tender age of three, spending the next 18 years in an ashram (monastery) setting with her father. Now in her early fifties Sunanda has been addressing diverse audiences across five continents for the past twenty years. The list of prestigious organisations includes Young Presidents Organisation, Harvard University, University of Cape Town, Indian Chamber of Commerce and International Rotary Conferences. As a mother and grandmother, Sunanda's clear and powerful presentation of ancient wisdom in contemporary thought appeals to a broad section of the community.

All profits from the evening will be donated to the Vedanta Academy – a learning institute in India, founded by Swami Parthasarathy and co-managed by Sunanda. The Academy educates young men & women throughout the world on the principles and practice of Vedanta philosophy.

My wife and I spent over three years studying the knowledge of yoga at the Vedanta Academy and without doubt have benefited immensely from that study and experience. Organizing this lecture is a way of expressing our gratitude & sharing with others a brief glimpse of this profound knowledge on a technique of living.

The cost of the evening lecture is \$50.00 and includes a scrumptious vegetarian meal. If you are interested in attending the lecture on Anzac Day contact Andrew or Kym Oliver on: ph) 5429-2134 mob) 0413-744-860 e) info@caitanyayoga.com.au Seating is limited so be sure not to miss out.

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ROMSEY WALKING GROUP 21st Birthday Celebrations

It doesn't seem that long ago that Cobaw asked Romsey folk if they wanted to start a Walking Group. A few of us turned up at the St Mary's Hall and walked from there, returning for a cuppa afterwards.

21 years later we are still going strong although we no longer use the hall. Were you amongst the first walkers? If so we are celebrating our 21st at Hanging Rock 8th April from 10 am. Come and join us and catch up. Partners welcome. Bring lunch to share, cold drink, a chair and a dilly bag with cutlery, cup and plate. Tea and coffee will be provided. Some will wish to walk first, either at the Rock or nearby areas, then do lunch, others are more than happy to just be there to socialize.
RSVP 26th March '08,
Glenice 54296418,
Joan 54295848,
Lee 54295837,
Leonie/Laurie 54296414.

For more information contact any of the above.

What Happened To The Trees?

Romsey Rag editors have heard that a number of trees planted by a lone volunteer in the 5 Mile Creek reserve near the Uniting Church have recently been removed by an unknown person or persons.

It is a shame that some people in our community are not as community-minded as others, and think they have the right to "help themselves."

Whoever you are, we hope that you are having second thoughts about your actions, and maybe not enjoying the profits you may have gained by selling them, or not enjoying them as much in your own garden as you thought you would. Or perhaps you just derived pleasure from being destructive?

Romsey is a great country community but it's sad to see that there are just a few individuals who try to undermine the work of many committed citizens who strive to maintain pride and pleasure in the area.

Is there any chance that you might have a conscience and return the trees (if they still exist) or make good for your deeds and donate money to replace them? It's up to you.

Name and address supplied

Walkers Wanted

Group Leaders are now trained for the Macedon Ranges Walk Together Project.

Arthritis Awareness Week (6-12 April) will be supported by the project and the walks of that week will highlight for individuals of the Macedon Ranges who suffer with arthritis the message that walking can be good fun **and** also good for "muscles and joints"

For further information www.arthritisvic.org.au

Up to 30 Minutes- Discover Walking Suitable for

- Well people with walking aids
- Post Illness, surgery
- Prior physical inactivity
- Disabilities
- Arthritis Sufferers
- Individuals wanting to walk at own pace, in their own time -can stop and rest.

Puff, N Sweat- 30-45 minutes Suitable for

Individuals who want to stride out.

Group Leader

Leesa- 5420 7458

Monday 1.00pm

Circuit (combination of the Up to 30 minutes and the Puff N Sweat Group)

For further **enquiries** re walks or ongoing leader training **please phone**. Jeannie- 5427 1845-10.30-12.30 Thursday or leave a message.

Funding provided by the Department of Planning and
Community Development



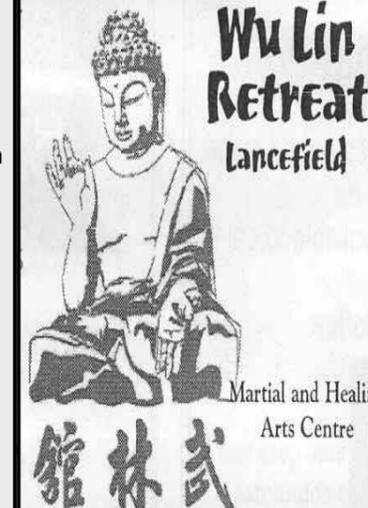
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Romsey Fire Brigade Fundraising Appeal

The volunteer firefighters of the Romsey CFA are launching an appeal next month to raise funds for the purchase of a four wheel drive dual cab utility vehicle.

At present Romsey brigade does not have its own car. It therefore relies on the availability of a shared vehicle. In the event of the shared vehicle being unavailable, the brigade must rely on the support of other brigades in the district, whose own vehicles may be deployed elsewhere.

The purchase of its own utility vehicle is seen as a major improvement to the efficiency and capability of the brigade.

Whilst the brigade is mindful of the increasingly difficult financial climate for many people, it is appealing to local residents to support in any way it can its efforts to raise money for this purchase.

A pamphlet will be distributed to all households in April, detailing how all members of the community can help.

It is important to remember that our fire service is voluntary, and it relies on community support in many ways, just as we rely on the CFA to be available when we have a fire emergency.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield
Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor
Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Joanne Reuther
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
Convent: 5429 1582
School: 5429 1359

Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

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

SVDP 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, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

NOTICES

ADULT EDUCATION

Come to learn about the event called "Vatican II". Fr. Max Vidola will speak at the 10.00 a.m. Mass and after on Sunday, 6th April in our Romsey Church. What changes did it bring, and why? CU6/4.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

The Saturday evening Mass time will change the weekend after the end of daylight savings. Mass on Saturday evenings will be at 6.00 p.m. from the 12th April until the start of daylight savings in October.

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter Raffle:

1st prize: Morris
2nd prize: C. Szczygielski
3rd prize: H. Perez

BINGO

Every Thursday evening at St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey Romsey
Doors Open 7.00 p.m. EYES DOWN 7.30 p.m.

30 games (2 sessions of 15 games) finishing around 9.45 p.m.

\$3.00 per 15 game book Canteen facilities

No entry fee Free tea and coffee

ROLLING JACKPOT GAME 30 – UP \$10 PER GAME

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a very busy term for all of us at St. Mary's Primary School. The Grade 3 children have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Grade 6 children are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will receive these Sacraments in April.

On Friday, 7th March, students and teachers participated in a Golden Circle Fun Run day at Lancefield Park. The weather was inclement to begin with but the sun came out and a great day was had by all. Our wonderful Parents



and Friends Committee organised this fundraiser.

On the same day a group of our students represented the school at the Zone swimming championships in

Bendigo. Well done to Aaron Tame, Daniel Noble, Erin Ferraro, Justin Wilson-Higgins, Montana Fitzgerald, Zaen Stevenson, Casey Adamson, Kyle Meyer, Holly Hayward, Jack O'Sullivan, Eden Alford and Fiona Redmond.

The 12th March was another exciting day for us. It was Ride 2 School day and 95 of our students rode their bikes. Many parents and one of our teachers joined in on the action. Almost three quarters of our students chose an active method of transport that day!



We were also visited by Australian authors Christopher Milne and John Marsden as part of an Angus & Robertson promotion. The school was donated a copy of each book in the Angus & Robertson Top 50 children's books. It was an exciting opportunity for the children to meet the authors and ask them questions about their writing.

On the 14th March, the school was visited by the Camp Quality puppets and three members of our community participated in the World's Greatest Shave. Many of our families have been touched by cancer and this was a great opportunity to show our support.

We hope every one had a Blessed and Happy Easter!



Romsey Community House Inc.
A Learning and Activity Centre
P.O.Box 418
Romsey, Vic 3434

HOUSE NEWS

Programs for Term 2:

Art Classes: For Children and Adults:

Contact Gillian on 5429 3996 Wednesdays-Sundays

Art & Craft Market for Romsey

The Romsey art and Craft Market is off to a flying start, with markets planned now for each month (details are published elsewhere in the edition of the Romsey Rag).

For information phone Gillian on 5429 3996 Wed—Sun.

Yoga With Kym Oliver Wednesdays 7.00 pm—8.30pm at Romsey Primary School.

Cost: \$12 per session or \$120 per 10 week term, \$15 per session casual rate.

For further information or bookings contact Kym Oliver on 54292134.

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

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

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

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

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

What's happening at the Hub?

From the level of activity at the new hub complex in Main Street it looks like the opening date is not far away! The buildings suddenly look almost complete, and what a transformation! The old shire building and the old post office are taking on a new lease of life.

Program Planning

The Community House committee will be conducting a quick street survey on several Saturdays in April, beginning on Saturday April 5th. Our aim is to find out what the people of Romsey would like to see happening in the Community House program. So if someone approaches you in the shopping precinct on a Saturday morning in the near future, please give them a couple of minutes of your time to answer a few questions. It is vital for the future of the Community House that we establish a full and varied program of activities that reflects the interests and the needs of our community, and the only way we can do this is by finding out from you.

Building Relationships With Community Groups

One of the short term aims of the Community House is to build strong relationships with other community groups and organizations in our area, so that we can support and promote each other. Members of other groups (and anyone else who is interested) are always welcome to attend our committee meetings. For meeting dates contact Robyn on 0412 275 152.

Don't forget—if you have an idea for an activity, or a skill that you would like to share with others, please let us know!

Gillmay Arts Gallery News

In *April we have "ADORNMENTS" (art to wear) and how exciting is this!

Selected pieces from 12 +local Textile Artists and Jewellers

will feature in a Fashion Parade and Charity Dinner

At Soltan & Pepper Restaurant

On Tuesday Night 1st April 7pm

Works include pieces made from Beads, lamp work, Pearls, Silver and Knitted Jewellery, Silk, Textiles, Embroidery, Felting, Hats, Shawls, Shrug's and much, much more. Bookings can be made from Soltan Pepper phone 54293190

At the Gallery on Friday 4th April 7pm

Art to Wear will feature as well as works in oil, pastel and acrylic from

Marriane Van Katwyk and Marg Holgate

Gillmay Arts Art Classes Term 2

"Supporting Romsey Community Neighbourhood house."

Art Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Saturday during school terms at the Gallery 103 Main Street, Romsey.

Term 2 ,10 Weeks

Counselling God's Way with Ps Ken Legg (from Set Free Ministries)

Fri 2nd May at 7:30pm (2 sessions)
& Sat 3rd May ~ 9am (6 sessions)

**Cost: \$50 per single
\$70 per couple
(price includes lunch)**

**Venue:
Living Word Christian Church
7 Mitchell Court
Romsey**

Bookings essential

Registrations close - 21st April

Ph 5429 6327 for further details



LWCC Regular Sunday Service Times:

10am - 7 Mitchell Court Romsey

**6pm - Woodend Community Centre, High St Woodend
Café Night Last Sunday Evening of each month**



**Families with children invited
to have their say**

Council's *Family & Children's Strategy 2008-2012* will be a strategic plan for the development and coordination of education, care and health services for children aged from birth to 12 years and their families.

Community Forums

If you have children, or are interested in future services for children and families in the Shire, then you are invited to attend a community forum as part of the development of this new Strategy.

The forums will enable us to find out what the key family and children's services and/or issues are for you, your family and the community. Dates, times and locations are listed below.

Town	Date	Time	Venue
Lancefield	Wednesday 2 April 2008	6:00-7:00pm	Lancefield Neighbourhood House 78 High Street
Macedon	Monday 7 April 2008	4:00-5:00pm	Jubilee Hall Smith Street
Malmsbury	Wednesday 9 April 2008	6:00-7:00pm	Malmsbury Mechanics Institute Mollison Street

Please RSVP to Kerry Haby at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5427 8260 or kerryh@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au so we have a sense of numbers for each session.

Community Survey

You are also invited to complete a survey on the current and future service needs of families with children. The survey is available online at www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au (Select *For Your Comment*); or you can pick up a hard copy from Council Service Centres.

If you are unable to come to one of these forums you can still have your say by completing a survey.

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If you are interested in playing but need to brush up on your bidding and card-playing skills, or wish to start learning from scratch, we are also conducting lessons on Tuesday evening from 7.30 starting on 1 April. You can contact the following if you would like any further information; Rex Fox (President) on 5424 1569, xrconsult@hotmail.com, or Peter Wells (Secretary) on 0407 302 308, peter.wells@sci.monash.edu.au, or visit our web-site at <http://www.mrbc.asn.au>

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EXPO 08

PROMOTING COMMUNITY GROUPS IN ROMSEY

In 2005 The Lions Club of Lancefield/Romsey conducted an EXPO for all interested Community Groups in the area. This was an excellent opportunity to attract new members and showcase and promote their activities.

Many residents of our community are unaware of the many active community groups there are and how to make contact with them.

Lions are planning another EXPO this year so that residents can meet with people from these various community groups.

Would your group/club be interested in taking part in **EXPO 08**, make up a display, hand out information and generally talk about what each has to offer.

Venue and date will be decided upon and forwarded to you after community interest and involvement has been assessed.

Please complete the details below and return to Lions Club of Lancefield/Romsey, P O Box 10, Romsey 3434 – or phone Lions Secretary Ken Colson – 5429 1445, or Lion Julie Starec 5429 1990 – Mobile 0411 643 407

DETATCH HERE AND RETURN BY 31ST MARCH 2008

NAME OF GROUP/ORGANISATION.....

CONTACT NAME..... PHONE NO.....

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WOULD BE INTERESTED / NOT INTERESTED (CROSS OUT ONE OF THESE) IN TAKING PART IN EXPO 08

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Contact

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

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