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## School Carnival – A Winner!



Romsey Primary School held its most successful School Carnival ever last Friday evening, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. After many months of preparation, the warm evening weather was perfect, a host of rides and activities prepared, and stalls were laden with bargains ready for canny shoppers. In addition to all of this there was entertainment galore from the school's students, local dance schools and stunning displays from champion whip-cracker, Russell Adcock. The activity attracted wonderful support from community groups and local businesses. A fitting culmination to the evening was a spectacular fireworks display. As well as being a great financial success, raising over \$12,000 for the school, the carnival was a great community activity. Thank-you to everyone in the Romsey community who supported the school – a terrific effort for our children.

Who could resist a bargain at the Mystery Jar stall (left), or the thrill of a ride or a slide (below). All part of a great evening's entertainment for young and old alike.



The fun of the fair – face painting was a popular activity at the Romsey Primary School Carnival 2002.



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ment of each month.

**NEW FEATURE**

As a new feature of the "Rag", each month we will publish a calendar of fort' coming events in the local community. We hope this will be of use to our reaaers – but remember, *it is only as good as you make it!* So let us know what is happening with your club or organisation, so that we can publish your event and make it a success.

And please – give us feedback on the "Rag" - we are always on the lookout for suggestions and ways of making this a better publication for **you**.

Editor.

## ROMSEY RAG REGIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

(We encourage local clubs and associations to utilise this new section to high-  
light events)

**APRIL 2002****FRI 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Sleeping Beauty - Pantomime

Kyneton Town Hall

\$9.50 a ticket - 1 Accompanying Grandparent Free

FRI 5th – SUN 21st April:

"The Crucible" presented by the Mount Players (See ad  
for performance dates and times)

**FR1 12<sup>th</sup> - SUN 14<sup>th</sup> April**

13<sup>th</sup> Victorian Women on Farms Gathering - Macedon  
Ranges

Kyneton Town Hall

Ring to Register for the whole weekends events or just  
Saturday or Sunday

PH: Sharon Williams

**FRI 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Cosi Fan Tutte - Caberet performance

Ring MRSC for booking

Tickets from \$18.00

**MAY 2002****SUN 19th MAY**

Gisborne Vintage Machinery Rally and Tractor Pull

Inaugural Macedon Ranges Town Criers Competition

### EVER THOUGHT OF ORGAN DONATION?

Not a matter to be taken  
lightly, we know, but if you  
plan to be an organ donor,  
forms are available at the  
Romsey Medical Centre



### SOCIAL AFTERNOON LOOKING AT ORGAN DONATION

**2.00PM WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2002**

at the Lancefield Uniting Church,  
High Street, Lancefield

Organ Donation is something that is relevant  
to all stages of life.

Whether it be for yourself or a relative, the de-  
cision to donate is one that cannot be made in  
the grief of death.

Find out what's involved, and the difference  
your decision can make in someone's life.

Oh, and there'll be a surprise, too!

Donations of afternoon tea "eats" gratefully  
accepted on the day.

## COUNTRY PUBS

Among the earliest hotels in Australia was The Little Mermaid which opened in the Rocks area of Sydney in 1802; it later became The Hero of Waterloo! In 1824 John Pascoe Fawkner opened the Cornwall Hotel in Launceston, Van Diemen's Land, and in 1825 The Bush Inn opened at New Norfolk on the Derwent River not far from Hobart. When it was built it was probably one of the earliest "country pubs". Of The new arrivals in Australian ports, some chose to seek land and work inland; so small communities developed each of which had at least a general store, a pub and a blacksmith's shop.

In 1838 J.P. Fawkner moved from Launceston to open the first hotel in Melbourne – "The John Fawkner Hotel" which offered not only beds but food and beverages from Van Diemen's Land and a library of Newspapers, journals and books including one encyclopedia. By then the population of the Port Phillip district of N.S.W. were agitating for separation from Sydney. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1850, Royal assent was granted to the creation of Victoria as a separate colony – businesses in Melbourne shut down for five days of wild celebrations complete with much partying and fireworks but it was not until the first of July, 1851 that N.S.W. completed the financial adjustments necessary for the legal separation to occur. At that time the population of Victoria was 76,000 of whom 20,000 live in Melbourne which had become a city from 1849 when Bishop Perry arrived from England to establish the new colony. 53,000 acres had been cleared and there were already 6 million sheep, 380,000 cattle, 21,000 horses; wheat, oats, barley, hops, potatoes, peas, chicory and various other vegetables and fruit were grown. Being so close to Melbourne, the Romsey district became the "food bowl" for the city and the forests provided timber for buildings, furniture, fencing and food.

Fawkner's old Cornwall Hotel in Launceston has been transformed many times – most recently (1981) when it was completely refurbished and renamed The Batman Fawkner Inn in honour of the finder and founder of Melbourne.

Throughout Australia there has been a revival of interest in country pubs as alternatives to motels, caravan parks and B&B's. In what was the Romsey Shire until we became part of the amalgamated Macedon Ranges Shire, country pubs were among the pioneer businesses in many of the small settlements of Lancefield, Romsey, Springfield, Darraweit Guim, Clarkefield, Riddells Creek, Duckholes, Cherokee, Heskett, Pyalong, Benloch and Rochford.

The foundation year of Victoria, 1851, became an "Annus Mirabilis" when rich goldfields were discovered, the largest in the Mount Alexander (Bendigo) area.

The Romsey district attracted many of the unsuccessful diggers who were trudging towards Melbourne, hungry and penniless; some found work in the forests or on the farms and stayed in the hotels. Today we have only three hotels within sight of the Lancefield-Melbourne Road but there used to be ten times that number!

Information on those in the northern end of the Shire is provided in Dorothy Viney's book "From Sublime Solitude - The story of Lancefield 1837-1997" published by West Bourke Books Inc. who hope to launch a companion story on Romsey and the southern end of the Shire during 2002. In brief these pubs were:-

- Riddells Creek:     Railway Hotel 1860 to 1894  
                           Railway View Hotel 1860's to 1910  
                           Riddells Creek Hotel – 1861 to present day
  
- Rochford:            Carriers Arms – 1863 to 1899  
                           Royal Mail - 1865 to 1920's.  
                           (After delicensing it became known as The Athlone Boarding House).
  
- Heskett:             Mountain Home Hotel 1880's to 1936 when the licence was allowed to lapse.  
                           Traveller's Rest Hotel \*  
                           O'Mara's Hotel \*  
                           Robinson's Hotel\*
  
- Cherokee:            Alpine Lodge 1870's to 1920's which was officially promoted as a mountain resort.
  
- Darraweit Guim:    Toll Bar 1850's to ?  
                           Olive Branch ? demolished around 1933  
                           Mahoney's 1890 to 1910

(\*After the last of the sawmills near Heskett closed in 1929, so did these three smaller hotels.)

*Country Pubs continued...*

## Kilmore Road – East of

Lancefield: Bridge Inn 1865 to ?  
Gap Inn 1871 to 1977

North Lancefield: McKay's 1859 to 1864

Lancefield: McKay's 1862 which became known as Mack's and now operates as the Lancefield Hotel.  
Victoria 1866 to 1899  
Plough Inn 1868 to 1871  
Farmer's Arms 1862 to 1960  
Commercial 1862 to 1919 requisitioned by the Government for use as a hospital.  
Shamrock 1880 to 1968  
Macedonia 1889 to 1926. This was the largest building in the Shire with 55 rooms. From 1993 until recently it was used as the Antique Centre of Victoria.

Romsey: Boundary 1871 to 1914  
Royal Mail 1857 to 1890's. Earlier named The Drovers and Carriers Arms and later after delicensing, named Glenbridge Park and Ardoo.  
Union 1862 to 1914  
Romsey Hotel 1860 to 1944. After delicensing this property ceased using the name Romsey Hotel and became Romsey House. It has been used as a private home, a BYO restaurant and a shop.  
Commercial Hotel 1871 to 1909 when it was burnt out and never rebuilt. Earlier names were the Odd Fellows Hotel and Imperial Hotel. For a short time it operated as Temperance accommodation.  
Shamrock 1861 to 1968  
Galway Arms 1871 to 1911  
Post Office 1867. When the older Romsey Hotel was delicensed in 1944 the Post Office Hotel changed its name to The Romsey Hotel.

North Monegeetta: Duckholes 1862 to 1896

Monegeetta: Junction 1870 to 1957 when it was burnt out.

Bolinda: Portingales 1858 to 1867  
Havelock 1860's to 1880

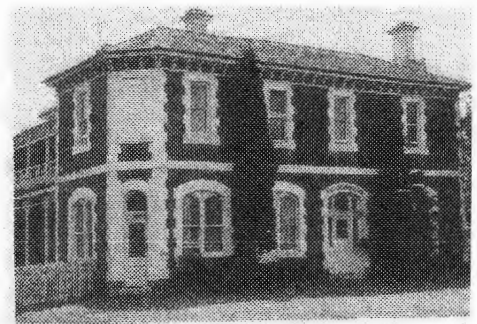
Clarkefield: Lancefield Road 1857. This name was used until the railway was built when it became Lancefield Junction. In 1929 it adopted the name Clarkefield and is now the Coach and Horses Inn.

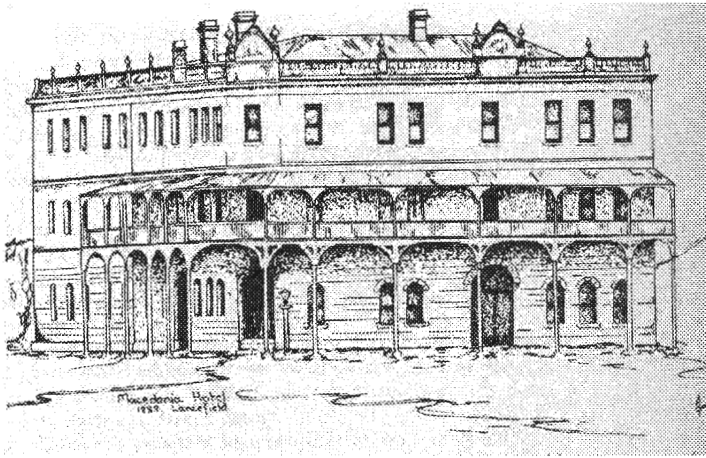
Victoria had a highly mobile population, especially after the discovery of gold in 1851

The "public house" was the focus for all levels of colonial society; pubs provided food, drink, shelter, warmth, light, toilets, sometimes a bed, but above all human company. In his book "The Australian Pub", J.M. Freeland wrote "Even those with a home met in the public houses to talk, sing, dance, play dice and cards and plan most of the activities of common life". The magnet to the pub was frequently the barmaid – a wise counselor, a cheerful voice in times of trouble, administer of first aid and comfort, an angel and a pal.



Samuel Hunt's  
"Royal Mail" ho-  
tel at Lance-  
field, c. 1860  
(left) and the  
Clarkefield Ho-  
tel (right).





Macedonia House, Lancefield. Formerly a hotel, and more recently the Antiques Centre of Victoria.

*Country Pubs continued....*

The Victorian government shared international concern about problems associated with excessive alcohol consumption. Scandinavian countries and the U.S.A. enacted the 18<sup>th</sup> (National Prohibition) Amendment to the constitution on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1920 after years of pressure from the Anti Saloon League and The Womens Christian Temperance Union. In 1920 Alphonso Capone and other racketeers moved into Chicago and other American cities to control the production and distribution of illegal liquor as well as gambling and prostitution. The fighting between rival gangs became legendary. The U.S.A. government soon realized that it was losing revenue from taxation and licencing fees and spending vast sums of money trying to control vice. Also there was no decrease in drunkenness. Even the well intentioned Temperance advocates agreed that there was no sense in Prohibition so the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the constitution was enacted in December, 1933, repealing the National prohibition Act.

Of course, the arguments continued. The Christians joined the Temperance battle, quoting Proverbs 20.1 "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise"! The publicans and drinkers hunted further through the wisdom of Solomon to Proverbs 31.6 "Give beer to those who are in anguish; let them drink and forget their proverty and remember their misery no more"!

Varying degrees of temperance were tried in The Australian states. In Victoria, in 1915, drinking hours were limited to 9am to 9.30pm and from 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1916, hotels were required to stop serving alcohol at 6pm, creating the "Six O'Clock Swill", which was a peculiar feature of Victorian social life for half a century even though it became the subject of much ridicule, and astonishment. The Police had the resources to control the drinking hours in the cities but the country pub was often treated with leniency and tolerance. There was a concession in the law which permitted "travellers" to drink outside normal licencing hours A "traveller" was anyone who could prove that they had traveled more than 20 miles from their normal residence. So, in the weekends, the pubs surrounding Melbourne city often enjoyed their biggest crowds. In Romsey Shire visitors to the Monegetta Army Camp on Sundays often showed the licencee of the Junction Hotel their return railway ticket to prove that they were "travellers" although that evidence was hardly necessary as local patrons were well-known. Similarly, to the south of Melbourne, the Pier Grand and Frankston hotels flourished thanks to their week-end patronage.

From 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1966 Victorian licencing laws were revised. Hotels were permitted to remain open until 10pm, restaurants were able to secure liquor permits and, most importantly, publicans were required to meet new standards. Those hotels which were not upgraded to meet these standards were delicensed but some compensation was paid to the licencees. Both the Shamrock Hotels in our Shire, i.e. the one in Lancefield and the one in Romsey closed after accepting the government's compensation.

In addition to the pubs, the story of alcohol beverages in Romsey must remember the Romsey Shire Brewing Company. This operated for only a couple of years in Lancefield on the site now occupied by the Karinya Home for the Aged. The brewing plant was moved to a new site near Mustey's Bridge, North Lancefield, and was operated during the 1880's to 1890's by the Trent Brewery which supplied not only the pubs in Romsey Shire but also secured a share of the Melbourne market.

There were many illicit distilleries in various sites hidden in the bushland especially in the Kerrie, Cherokee, Heskett and Rochford areas. These sly grog shops generally lasted only briefly as the operators were frequently raided by the police.

In recent years, several grape growers in the district have produced prize-winning cool climate wines. Country pubs have become pleasant and popular places for friendly service, good food and moderate drinking.

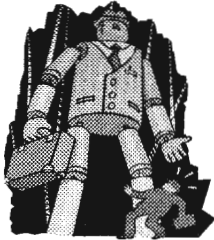
**Remember – "If you drink and drive – you are a bloody idiot"!**

*Kindly written by Mr. Gavin Smith,*

*Our local gem of a historian – many thanks Gavin.*

## Puppet Festival News

Programs and tickets for the Daylesford Children's Puppet Festival, held on April 12, 13 & 14, are now available from Benjamin Bandicoot, 31 Vincent St Daylesford. Nine different puppet shows, with ticket prices ranging from \$3-8, and six workshops from \$10-15 will provide great value entertainment for all the family in the holidays. A full day of workshops for adults will be held on Friday



12th April - great for teachers wanting to develop their puppetry skills. Just remember to book early!

For more information, or to receive a program by post, please phone Leanne Murphy on 5348 5731.

### **Cobaw Community Health Service**



### **GENTLE EXERCISE TO MUSIC GROUP**

*How often have you thought about joining an exercise group and done nothing about it?*

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE

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AT  
ST. MARY'S HALL ROMSEY.**

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## **WHAT'S ON AT DROMKEEN?**

Where can you find a unique way to learn your ABC...D romkeen of course!

Dromkeen is currently showcasing in Gallery room one, art from children's picture books with an alphabet theme. The artworks displayed are by both Australian and International illustrators. These books give an insight into aerobics, imaginative animals, sea - life and Indigenous culture, as well as instruction in the alphabet. Books featured in gallery room one include; Zoosports, Into the A,B, Sea and Zara's Zoo. The book A is for Aunty brings together the ABC theme and the Indigenous As Told in our Dreams...exhibition in Gallery rooms two and three.

### **Look who's coming to Dromkeen on Sunday 28th of April between 12 and 4pm:**

**Irena Sibley** is both author - illustrator of many children's books, including Zara's Zoo, The Bibby's First Easter, The Bilby & The Bunyip and Grandma Bilby, Mr Budge & The Easter Tree and The Lady Down the Road. Hear how Irena uses the fantasy and folklore of her childhood, as well as the influence of contemporary Australia, in her stories.

**Lorette Broekstra** is both author - illustrator of the Baby Bear series. The first book of the series, Baby Bear goes to the Zoo, which was published in 1999, won the Children's Book Council, Crichton award for best new children's book illustrator. Hear how Lorette thinks of the next place for Baby Bear to visit.

### **Dromkeen**

1012 Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek,  
Tuesday to Friday 9am to 5pm  
Sunday 12noon to 4pm  
Phone 5428 6799  
website [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)  
*Free admission*

## **ANIMAL DUMPING**

Dear Editor of Romsey Rag,

I am writing to tell you about 3 little kittens who were dumped at our school.

They were very tame but very thin.

We liked them but our teacher called a lady from the Gisborne Animal Shelter to take them to the shelter. We already have 2 kittens at our school so we could not have another 3 cats.

I feel it should be against the law to dump or abandon animals of any kind.

It is cruelty to animals.

Thankyou for listening.

Best Wishes

Sophie.

Approved by Keith Jenkins - Principal - March 6, 2002.

## ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr. Noel Cunningham  
Dr. Sally Carter  
Dr. Nelum Soysa  
Dr. Thanh Nguyen



99 Main Street  
Romsey 3434  
Phone 54295254  
Opening Hours:  
Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm  
Saturdays 9am to 5pm  
Sundays 10am to 1pm

### X-RAY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Western Medical Imaging has recommenced X-Ray services at the Romsey Medical Centre. This service operates Mondays to Fridays from 2 – 6pm. A qualified radiographer will take X-Rays on-site which are then immediately available for review by our doctors. This means no more travelling for routine X-Rays and waiting for results. Patients are reminded that X-Ray films should be collected from the Medical Centre and kept for future reference.

### FLU VACCINATION

This year, why not weigh up the pros and cons of vaccination and decide whether you can afford to risk getting the flu and, if not, get a shot! Plenty of people continue working with a common cold, but very few can keep going right through a bout of the flu. The typical symptoms are chills, sweating, high fever, weakness, extreme tiredness, muscle aches and pains in the back and legs as well as coughing.

The difficulty of stopping the spread of influenza makes vaccination one effective practical measure you can take to prevent the infection. However, vaccination won't work immediately. It takes about 2 weeks for your new antibodies to build up to effective levels, so you need to think about vaccination before a flu outbreak starts. In Australia most cases occur between May and September.

Romsey Medical Centre hosts flu vaccination clinics every year. These sessions are bulk billed for all patients. For patients over the age of 65, the vaccine is provided at no cost. For all other patients, the vaccine will need to be purchased.

Please ring 5429 5254 to book an appointment and for further information on flu-vax clinics.

### The Many Facets of Accommodation across the Shire

The Macedon Ranges has a new industry body representing the accommodation operators across the Shire. There are some 100 or more places to stay ranging from single room B&Bs to large conference centres and everything in between. In all some 350 visitors could be accommodated on any one night!

The Macedon Ranges Accommodation Association was officially incorporated on Monday 18th March 2002 after a series of meetings initiated by David Delle-Vergin of the Kyneton Caravan Park. David Delle-Vergin is that he initially took on a position in July 2000 on the Macedon Ranges Tourism Board with the intention of representing the accommodation industry which at the time was a rather loose collection of operators who meet informally. Congratulations to David for his vision and drive and to the industry that supported the move.

The newly appointed executive includes David Delle-Vergin (President) from Kyneton Caravan Park, David Redki (Vice-President) from Campaspe Downs, Tina Secretary) from Woodbury Cottage and Craig (Treasurer) from The 7 Chimneys Guest House. The move to incorporate gives the industry a place on the Council's new model for advisory committees at the 'Stake-holder' level. Meetings of the Stake-holders Group are expected to be quarterly.

For further information about the Macedon Ranges Accommodation Association inc, contact David on 5422-1612.

### Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy News

On the afternoon of Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> the Victoria Police Show Band will help us raise funds by performing in the college stadium. This will be a great way to spend a winter's afternoon, so keep this in mind (and diary). More information next month. Publicity officer – Chris – 5428 6526

### Riddells Creek Fire Brigade Garage Sale

Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am till approx 2pm. Come to browse and buy at the Fire Brigade's Garage Sale. Come early for the best bargains, light refreshments available. If you would like to sell some pre-loved stuff, you can book a site by calling Margaret Ritchie on 5428 6633.

### Red Cross & Bargain Box.

The venue for our Annual Pre-Loved Fashion Parade is as usual, the Senior Citizen's Hall in Riddells Creek on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.

However the format will be quite different. We are concentrating on a Red Cross afternoon tea which will incorporate a fashion parade.

When everyone has been seated we will deliver afternoon tea to your table.

While you enjoy the delights offered, our models will 'strut their stuff' between the tables to show you some beautiful outfits, the majority of which were donated by our community to St. John's op' shop, others come from Red Cross. All the fashions will be for sale.

Entry is \$5.00 payable at the door. You can also pre-pay at the Bargain Box, Station St. Riddells Creek Thu/Fri 10 till 4pm or Sat 9am till 1pm and this would be more helpful for catering purposes. Thank you.

Chris 5428 6526.

## WHAT A COMMITMENT!!!!!!

Marion Skovdam recently received a badge and certificate for being a Guide Leader for ten years. Marion is the Guide Leader of Romsey Guides. She first joined Romsey Guides in November 1991. She became the Leader in Charge in February 1992 and then attended many trainings, including Mapping and Orienteering, First Aid, Guiding Awareness and Camping. In March 1993 Marion gained her camping qualifications and since that time has taken the guides on many camps, in varying locations. Through Marion's guidance many of her guides have gained their BP badge.

Well done and congratulations on ten great years Marion; from the Leaders, Support Group and Parents of Romsey Guides!



Marion Skovdam receiving her ten year certificate and badge from Carolyn Atkinson – District Leader

## Get Into Leading At Guides

As a leader at Guides Victoria, you can make a difference that will last a lifetime. You'll have the opportunity for travel and adventure and learn new skills with our fully accredited training course.



### Leaders of Youth

For women who enjoy being with girls, becoming a volunteer Leader gives you the opportunity to share your skills whilst gaining new ones. Guides are aged between 5 and 18 years and most Guide Units are based on a specific age so you can choose which groups you wish to join.

### Leaders of Adults

For women who enjoy working with adults and are interested in a leadership role. As well as developing new friendships and having the opportunities to enhance your skills, you will provide valuable support to the leaders who work regularly with the Guides.

For further information contact  
Carolyn Atkinson – 5781 0728  
Check us out on the web:  
[www.guidesaus.org.au](http://www.guidesaus.org.au)



The Anglican Parish  
of  
Lancefield  
and  
Romsey



33 Chauncey Street, Lancefield, Victoria.  
Phone 5429 1380.

Locum: Rev. Tom Morgan 5429 6060  
5 Junker Way, Romsey 3434.

### Services:

9.00am St Paul's Romsey Sunday  
10.30am Christ Church Lancefield Sunday  
10.00am Wednesday at Christ Church Lancefield.

**Romsey Guild** next meeting **THURSDAY APRIL 11TH – 1.30pm** at Jan Thomson's home, "Glenryse" - 1921 Woodend Road, Romsey. All welcome.

**Lancefield Guild** next meeting **WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH** after 10.00am Wednesday Service, in Christ Church Hall. All welcome.

We are having a **Farewell Combined Service** for Rev. Doug Edmonds on **Sunday April 14th**, 10.00am at Christ Church Lancefield. Please bring a plate. All welcome.

The Romsey Guild invites you to a **LIGHT LUNCHEON** on **Thursday May 23rd**, 11.00am for 11.30. \$6.00.

**The Story of JOSIE'S BELLS.** At the home of Mrs Josie Francis. 74 Main Street, Romsey. For bookings please phone Mrs F. Carter – 5428 5266, Mrs D. Morgan – 5429 6060, or Mrs G. Mitchell – 5429 6418.

**FOR MEN:** Anglican Men's Society will meet on Thursday April 11th at 8.00pm at the Morgan's home, 5 Jinker Way, Romsey. All men welcome.

**OPPORTUNITY SHOP:** Located at St. Paul's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey. Open – Friday 12.30 to 4.30pm, Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm.



## Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, 3434.

**The Historical Society welcomes new and old members to a varied program of events in 2002.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

Did you have a "John and Betty" reader?

In May we hope to bring you the AUTHOR of the "John and Betty" readers, which were well known in primary schools from the early 1950's. Betty Somerville, the anonymous scribe behind the enduring school books, will be visiting Seymour Cottage in Romsey on Sunday afternoon, May 26th, from 2.00pm. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Later in the year we will celebrate the Year of the Outback by focusing on "When Romsey was the Outback", with an exhibition at Seymour Cottage of how life was for the early settlers.

**GENERAL MEETINGS** - held on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, starting at 7.30pm at the historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. Guest speakers at some meetings, and always a cuppa and chat after the meeting. Visitors are especially welcome - just come along.

**ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM** - at Lancefield Court House, open once a month, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday between 1.30 - 4.00pm. Family history enquiries should be addressed to PO Box 101, Lancefield 3435. A small fee is charged for research.

**SEYMOUR COTTAGE** - Palmer Street, Romsey, c. 1855

Helpers are always welcome at Working Bees, which are held once a month on the Saturday before the General Meetings (see dates above), from approx. 9.00 - 11.30am, with a break for morning tea and chat!

Enquiries to Secretary: Jean Clement PH: 54 29 6522

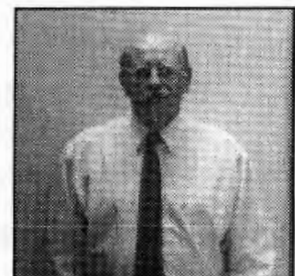
## **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**

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## How to enjoy the Mitchell Library Website – Part 2.

[www.mitchell-library.vic.net.au](http://www.mitchell-library.vic.net.au)

Okay avid readers...hands up all those who tried out the library's website last month! Did you have fun? Well this month we're going to discover a whole new world, well, at least a fair chunk of Victoria. Grab the leg rope it's time to surf! Bring up the library's address and you will notice the following four icons at the bottom of the page – Gulliver Hot Topics Vicnet Victoria's virtual library

As there is so much to be had inside each little icon, let's take one at a time. First up let's check out VICNET. VICNET, as the message says when you hover the mouse above the icon, is "Victoria's network. This page is a listing of links to sites that contain practical information."

By clicking on this icon it gives you access to HEAPS of practical websites eg:

White pages	Yellow Pages	Australia Post	Legal Resources
What's the time? (anywhere in the world!		The Age	Australian Financial Review
Victrip – timetables, maps for trams, trains & buses			Australian Taxation Office
CES Job listings	Snow Reports (ever so useful in autumn)		Tourism Victoria
Ticketek/Ticketmaster	RACV	Vicroads	

Just click on one and go...

However if you really want to open an even bigger world of Victorian happenings, then click onto the box at the top of the page "Victoria's Community Network – discover the state's largest website".

Its home page features the latest weather, news, events and festivals for Victoria including "What's on today."

Although VICNET will be changing the look of its home page shortly the information content will continue to be accurate and up to date. Down the right hand side of the home page is a list of general areas eg: Education/Family/Health/Science & Technology/Travel & Tourism for you to investigate further if your inquiry is not answered on the home page.

By clicking on any one of these you can bring up a list of other websites related to your particular interest and go from there. For instance if I click on

Travel & Tourism ...then...Airline ticket compare and save I arrive at

[www.getmeticket.com](http://www.getmeticket.com) that assures me that I can book instantly for discount prices.

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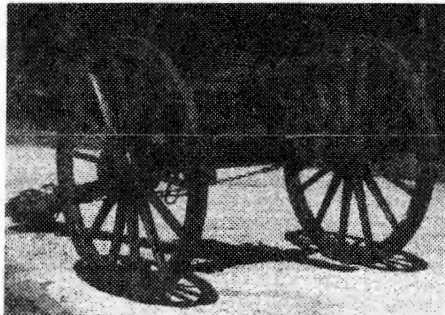
Wed. April 10, 2002 7pm – 10pm Macedon Ranges Health Service Neil St, Gisborne.	Monday April 15, 2002 7pm – 10pm Romsey Mechanics Institute Main Street, Romsey. (No child care available)
Tuesday April 9th, 2002 7pm – 10pm. Sunbury Leisure Centre Elizabeth Drive Sunbury Melways ref: 362 C12	Thursday April 18th, 2002 7pm – 10pm Meadow Heights Community Centre Buchan Street, Meadow Heights Melway ref: 179 H12

**The Gisborne Vintage Machinery Rally & District Motor Pull and the Inaugural Macedon Ranges Town Criers Competition** is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at the Gisborne Steam Park, New Gisborne.

**Program of Events**

- 10am Crank up
- 10.30am Vintage & Classic Cars assemble New Gisborne Station
- 10.45am Rupertswood Battery & Cannon
- 11am Cars parade into Steam Park
- 11.15am Flag Raising & National Anthem
- 11.30am Colouring Competition closes.  
Kids Picnic Games
- 12noon Town Criers – Home Cry
- 12.45pm Rupertswood Battery & Cannon –  
Rough Justice enactments
- 1.30pm Winners of Colouring Competition.  
Kids Picnic Games
- 1.45pm Town Criers – Gisborne Heritage
- 2.45pm Rupertswood Battery Cannon
- 3.30pm Grand Parade

The Macedon & District Motor Club has just held their annual Picnic at Hanging Rock (February 10<sup>th</sup> 2002) Next year the picnic weekend will be enhanced by the introduction of the Macedon Ranges Grand Tour. This is a one day event to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2003 and will feature a diversity of vehicles that will tour around the Ranges.



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### What's News?

Easter is a strange time of year in the Southern Hemisphere. We really don't know if we are coming or going with the mix of images.

In the church, Easter is the celebration of new life. We remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and see in this the promise of new life and a new beginning for us all. For us images of birth and life are central to what Easter means.

In the dim, dark past (before the year 310) in the Northern Hemisphere, the major festival at this time of year was one of fertility, celebrating the return of the Sun and the onset of Spring. This festival was celebrated at the Equinox, a significant time after the long, cold Winter. Once again, images of birth and life abounded, reflecting what was happening in nature.

From all of this, you can, hopefully, see why eggs and bunnies are associated with this festival. But what are we to do in Australia as we enter Autumn? We can't re-write history, as this was the time of Jesus death and resurrection.

Commercially, we've seen the introduction of the Easter Bilby into the marketplace. The bilby is an interesting creature, at least in part because it is an endangered species. Quite clearly, they don't breed like rabbits, although they do have a short gestation period (about two weeks).

Is this an appropriate symbol for Easter? I think that it might be, but we would need to look at Easter in a slightly different way.

Part of the miracle of Easter, and central to the Christian faith, is that death brings life. It is the death of Jesus that gives us the possibility of life, and it is his resurrection that gives us the assurance. The survival of an endangered species relies on the hope of life, often in the face of incredible difficulties. Only time will tell for the bilby.

Less seriously, you might argue that those who believe in the resurrection of Christ are also an endangered species in the world today! Only time will tell for us, too. In the meantime, may the bilby and us both remind you that Easter is about life and the hope of a better life.

*Rev Alan Williams*

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish everyone a joyous Easter and a safe School Holidays.

### What's On

- 29 Mar 9:30am Good Friday reflection at the Lancefield Uniting Church.  
11:00am Combined Churches Walk of Witness in Lancefield, beginning at St. Mary's Catholic Church.
- 31 Mar 9:00am Easter Sunday worship, including Holy Communion. Creche will be available for pre-school children during School Holidays.
- 7 Apr 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. Creche available.
- 13 Mar 1:30pm UCAF meets at the church for an afternoon of reflections on Easter. Being school holidays, children and grandchildren will be most welcome, as is anyone who wishes to come along.
- 14 Apr 9:00am worship and creche.
- 21 Apr 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 28 Apr 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with guest speakers from About FACE (a faith and cultural exchange held in January, involving living for several weeks in an aboriginal community in the Northern Territory). All Welcome.
- 5 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.  
5:00pm DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Worship. This may sound like hard work, but is really a lot of fun and suitable for all ages. Will be followed by a BYO BBQ tea.

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.

If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

### **Romsey Uniting Church**

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Minister: Rev Alan Williams  
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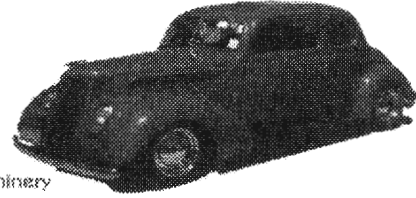
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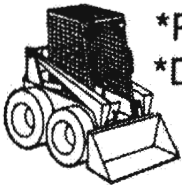
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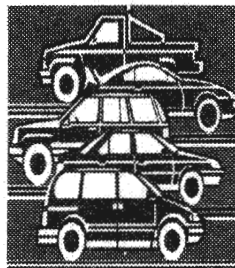
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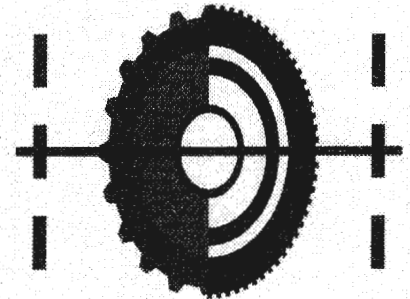
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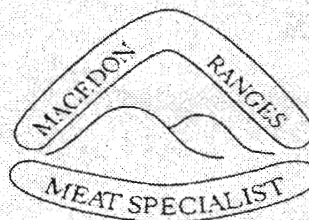
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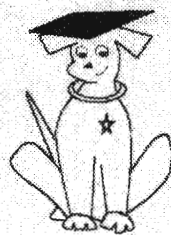


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A few changes have occurred with the approach to winter. Some players have left due to other commitments, and Daniel and Dean Lavars, Tim Krstic and Cameron Baker have joined the most appropriate of our three teams. Good luck kids, and welcome to Romsey Tennis Club.

Our Friday evening social hit and sausage sizzle, starting at 5:00 pm, will continue for another few weeks until daylight and weather put the practice to a halt. Coaching lessons with Brett Rees will also soon have to be re-timetabled as we lose evening light.

It is now too late to register for the winter competition, however, if you or your child would like to join in as an occasional emergency player, or you would like to just find out more about Saturday morning junior tennis, please call Bev Davis on 5429 5954, Elaine Ireland on 5429 5636 or Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622

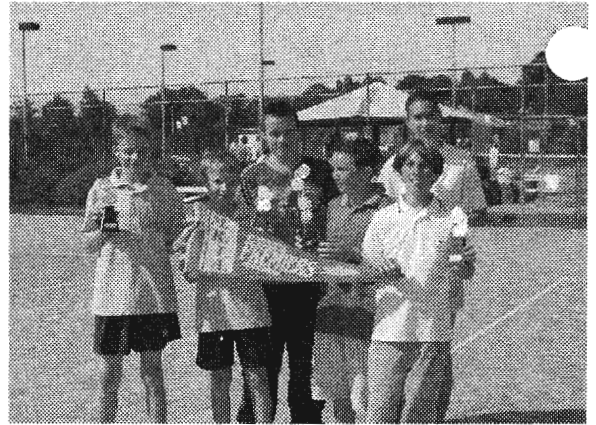
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For enquiries contact our minister – Graham Mau on 5429 1488.

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## **BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

We have just successfully completed our Triennial Review that every state school is required to undertake every three years. Independent reviewers, (this year from Ballarat) and quite separate from DEET, came to the school to speak to staff, School Councilors and the Principal to assess how the school has performed in the past 3 years. They looked at educational standards in all subjects and compared us to similar schools and students across the state, they looked at management, operations, staff, school safety, Annual Reports, records and statistics and then made recommendations for our next 3 year School Charter. This was a very thorough process. The reviewers described our review as "a celebration of our success". They pointed out that we were exceeding state averages with our children's results, the co-operation and teamwork of our staff was highly praised and our parental involvement was a credit to our dedicated community of volunteers.

Our whole school joined with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim for a day of French activities arranged by our French teacher Mrs. Caroline Smyrk. Fabulous French music was presented by French musician, Ced Le Meledo, with his old fashioned street organ and slides of Paris, whilst all the time pointing out the similarities of our languages. Chocolate croissants for morning recess and a terrific variety of crepes for lunch were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. The children also enjoyed French art activities and games. Mr. Chinka Steel from the Woodend-Hanging Rock Petanque Club spoke to the older children and demonstrated this typically French sport which is played in 55 countries around the world. A wonderful day was had by all and a great learning experience for the children.

Harmony Day was celebrated at Bolinda on March 21st and indeed throughout the entire school week. This day coincides each year with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. On Har-

mony Day we think about the different cultures and languages that people contribute to our community. The theme for Harmony Day 2002 was YOU + ME = US. We had a variety of guest speakers during the week talking to the children about their experiences, both good and bad, as children and adults coming to a new country. The speakers came from Sri Lanka, South Africa and England. The children all received an orange ribbon to wear as a symbol of unity and harmony amongst all races and religions of the world. A very important and valuable learning experience for all.

You may have seen articles and photos in the local press and Melbourne papers regarding our children and the three cats that were 'dumped' at the school one afternoon just as the children were about to be dismissed. The children were so appalled at this behaviour that they decided to write letters to the papers. Three newspapers printed photos and the story, and a fourth paper printed another letter. The children now believe that their message has reached the public and they are able to share their thoughts and feelings. The children will be having a fundraiser to help the local Animal Aid Shelter, we are having a speaker come to talk to us, the family who adopted the unwanted cats has made contact with us, and a lady from Melbourne has already sent a donation for the fundraising activity. A wonderfully happy result from a very sad start, and a very important learning experience for us all about responsible pet ownership.

Our Fundraising Group is having a Bulb Night in the Bolinda Hall on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm. There will be guest speakers, bulbs for sale and supper provided, all for a gold coin donation. Everybody is welcome.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month - cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

### **LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS**

The Lions Senior Citizens units are finally under way with two slabs to house 4 units poured, and a further three slabs to house 6 units should be poured by this time this issue is published. Thanks to Life Member Lion Doug Newnham for supplying machines and men working to remove large trees and excavating blocks. Without Doug the costs would be enormous. The Homes Committee has also donated many working hours.

At the official opening of the skate park shire councilors gave news of toilets being built in this park in the very near future. The good news is the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club has sponsored a new Lions Club in Sunbury, chartered on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2002 with 20 foundation members. We congratulate Helena Thomson elected as their first president. We wish all members a great future.

Lions Club was pleased to help at the working bee cleaning of Five Mile Creek, organised by Romsey Friends of the Creek. Remember, many hands make light work. More information about this group is in this issue of the Romsey Rag.

Remember the Sunday Market is Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stalls are \$10 per site. For more information ring Alan Bailey 5429 5079 or 0438 414 245.

Lion Pat Sullivan.

#### **APRIL QUOTE:**

*Remember that no time spent with your children is ever wasted, so hold your child's hand every chance you get. The time may come when he or she won't let you.*



## Romsey Fire Brigade

### Can we find you?

One of the most difficult problems facing all emergency services is trying to locate specific premises.

"To many people it may seem strange that we don't always know where the fire is, surely there is lots of smoke", said Lancefield's Fire Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Barry Barnett. "Many of our calls to residences don't normally involve lots of smoke, and if the calls is late at night what smoke may be around is not always visible." he added. "I imagine police and ambulance have similar problems, and they possibly have less clues to locate the correct house."

### How can you help?

Make sure you have your house number clearly visible from the road, either on the letterbox or on the front fence near the gate. Those of you with curb and channeling can use the curb to paint the number near the cross-over. There are a number of commercially available numbers that are reflective and angled to be seen from both directions.

### What if you need help?

If you need any of the emergency services ring **000**, advise the caller the emergency service required either **police, ambulance or fire brigade**. You need to provide your name, address, and the nearest cross street. If you are reporting a fire it extremely helpful to advise the call taker if anyone may still be inside the premises.

- ◆ If the call is at night leave the front porch light on, this may not be possible in a fire emergency.
- ◆ Have someone meet the responding vehicle and direct them to the incident. If at night use a torch to attract the driver's attention.

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK – CHANGE YOUR BATTERY!

Sunday March 31st marks the end of daylight savings and the start of the winter months, traditionally a high-risk time for household fires. While it is now law to have a smoke alarm in every household we are concerned that many are not in working order because batteries have gone flat or have been removed. Approximately 20% of all Victorian households had not replaced their smoke alarm battery in the last 12 months.

It is important to think of others who may need help in changing batteries, particularly the elderly who may not be able to get up a ladder to reach the smoke alarm. Unfortunately research indicates that this is the group of people who are most at risk.

The Lancefield Fire Brigade and

Duracell have made 20 batteries available for installation by the fire brigade. If you know someone who may need help to replace their battery please contact Barry Barnett on 5429 1296 or Robert Green on 5429 1392 between 7.00 and 8.00pm any week night.

### FIRE RESTRICTIONS STILL IN FORCE

The large fire in the Puckapunyal area brings home the fact that large fires are still possible so late in the season.

"Little or no rain has fallen in the area for some time and the risk is still there despite the generally lower temperatures and early nights," said Barry. "Remember it is an offence to light a fire in the open during the declared fire danger period", he added. "If you are unsure, check with the fire brigade or the council."

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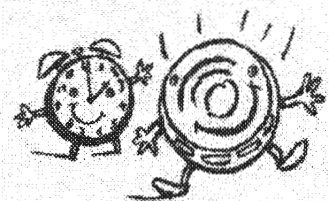
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**Sunday 31st March  
Change your clock!**



**Change your  
SMOKE ALARM BATTERY!**

## Romsey Veterinary Surgery

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## Romsey Veterinary Surgery

### Extension of Hours

Our office hours have been extended.

Our new office hours will be  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Our consulting hours at 80 main Street Romsey will be

Monday – Sunday 9:00 Am – 10:30 AM

Monday – Friday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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## DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

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**An INDIGENOUS PLANT IDENTIFICATION SEED  
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DAY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 10.00AM, Whitebridge  
Road, Lancefield**

- ◆ Special Guests include Lachlan Milne and Dr Janey Jackson from M.R.S.C.
  - ◆ A direct seeding machine will be on display
  - ◆ Talk to members about their local knowledge and experiences
  - ◆ A BBQ lunch will be provided.
- Parking: West side of White bridge

Directions: From Lancefield - Up Chauncy St (Woodend Rd), right into McMasters Lane (20m), left into Maloneys Road until the end, turn left into Monument Lane, right into Whitebridge Road, 2 km to White bridge

Cobaw to Lancefield - Turn right into Whitebridge Road off 3 Chain Road (Lancefield/Kyneton Road)

Contact: Robert Green PH: 54 29 1392 Kerri Mewett PH: 54 29 6609

## Romsey Bowling Club News

The Romsey Ladies' Pennant season has drawn to a close; being fortunate enough to go through the whole season on top of the ladder. This was a great achievement when we had the bare numbers of eight players, having said farewell to popular member Helen Seymour who has left the district along with bowler husband Tom, and without Secretary Dorothy Thompson due to illness. Our success was short lived as we lost both finals and did not make the grand final. At our invitation day tournament, the rinks were full, with teams from all clubs within the Association and outer areas. Maisie Wright from Heathcote and her team were the winners for the day; a bit of a habit as she had won here last January.

In Saturday Pennant our two sides just missed out on making the finals but put in good performances to give a chance to make the finals up until the last round. Hopefully we can do better next year. The Chris Johnston Fours was held recently and teams from Lancefield, Woodend, Macedon, Wallan and Ballarat joined four Romsey sides in a good day of bowls. Graeme Cuthbert's team of Bruce Robb, Norm Thompson and Jim Cuthbertson was successful with Lancefield's Peter Linehan team runners up.

A recent working bee has seen the installation of new seats on the east and west boundaries. Thanks to all who helped out. In the near future we are looking at the feasibility of replacing the present synthetic surface with a new one.

The club event have been held and the following bowlers were successful

Men's champion Graeme Cuthbert with Ken Newnham runner up.

Women's champion Helene Newnham with Marj Davis runner up.

Men's Pairs Ken Newnham and Bruce Robb.

Women's Pairs Helene Newnham and Doss Keating.

Mixed Pairs Barry and Kath Ireland.

Minor Championship Jim Heath.

Club Triples Ken Newnham, Bruce Robb and Norm Thompson.

Women's 21 up Helen Seymour.

Women's 100 up Doss Keating.



Congratulations to all trophy winners.

Wishing you all good bowling for 2001-2002.

Leo Wels.



Rural Ambulance Victoria



When the Ambulance Operator answers, please give them the following essential information:

- **What is the exact location of the emergency?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (record your address, CFA or Vic Roads map reference above)

- **What is the phone number you are calling from?**

\_\_\_\_\_ (record your phone number above)

- **What is the problem? (what exactly happened?)**
- **How many people are hurt?**
- **How old is the person?**
- **Is the person conscious? (is the person talking to you?)**
- **Is the person breathing?**

**DO NOT HANG UP:** Follow the instructions offered by the ambulance service as you wait for the ambulance. It is important that you do not hang up the phone until the Ambulance Operator tells you to.

**REMEMBER:** Have your house number clearly displayed on the front post of your driveway and easily visible for at least 20 metres in both directions. If it is night-time, please leave the outside light on.



## UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I would like to share with all Romsey Rag readers some of my memories of a really wonderful experience. I was privileged to attend, with representatives from Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Groups, from all Australian states recently a 5 day live-in conference held at Lady Northcote Recreation Centre at Rowsley. Rowsley, 12 kms north of Bacchus Marsh. 92 people registered full-time with visitors attending each day. I attended the official opening service on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March with the President of the Uniting Church in Australia - Rev. James Haire as the official guest preacher.

The theme of the conference was "God's here - Let's celebrate" and Rev. Haire delivered an excellent address on this subject stressing we should all always celebrate our faith in a loving, caring God. The Melbourne singers, a wonderful group of both male and female voices, led us in worship and the praise sounded really great!! The service was held in a gaily, colourfully decorated marquee which was multi-purpose for the entire conference.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Pat Lewis came with me to a full day session, with bible studies, led each day by Dr Janet Wood from Gisborne, and these studies were the very best I have ever shared in.

For the elective workshops Pat shared in a croquet session which she enjoyed on the "paddock green"! and I attended an excellent and very hilarious puppet workshop, and now after being the proud mother of four fine sons, I can hardly believe I have a long haired blonde daughter (with tip!) names "Marsha" - because she was born/made in Bacchus Marsh.

Pat especially enjoyed her day as her son Andrew had managed the camp site for several years, and she was interested to note any changes. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March I ar-

rived early for the Bible study session (after being breathalised out of Gisborne at 8.45am!!) and had a most interesting and informative day with our synod moderator - Rev. Alistair McRae - sharing in some of the challenges he faces, as he leads Victorian Uniting Church members through very uncertain times.

An evening of "Holy Humour With Hilarious Hats" I will remember forever, with an extremely clever and delightfully funny clown, from "caring clowns" in Geelong. The five beautiful banners around the marquee were explained by two of their creators from Bairnsdale Uniting Church and are genuine works of art.

The residential camp members enjoyed a bus tour to Geelong on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, and saw the wool museum, the Ford museum and the botanical gardens. I went to Bacchus Marsh in time for a good fun practice, for a hilarious puppet show we presented as our contribution for the concert! The whole Victorian contingent did a very unique and original "Waltzing Matilda" item which was great fun so I drove home still laughing.

Sunday morning March 10<sup>th</sup>, Pat Lewis and I set off early to share in the last of Janet Woods Bible studies, and in a very moving and emotional communion service led by both Rev. James Haire and Rev. Alistair McRae with lunch a both happy and sad time, as farewells were shared. Mrs Joan Stott, World President of Methodist Women, was a provocative and interesting speaker. I enjoyed meeting again 12 friends I met at Perth at the 1998 conference.

God willing, Pat and I hope to go to Adelaide in April 2004 to share some more friendly fellowship there. In conclusion - "Gods here in Romsey - Let's celebrate" wherever we are!!

Helen W. Clement.

### ROMSEY RAG COLLATION DATES

Many hands make light work, as they say, and the Romsey Rag is no exception. Each month a dedicated band of volunteers works tirelessly to bring the "Rag" to your household. Collating is a major task, and more volunteers would make this job so much easier! Following is a list of dates for collating all of the remaining issues of the Rag for this year. If you can help, please contact the school and we will happily pass on your name and phone number to the collating coordinator. Or just turn up at the Romsey Primary School on the day of collation at about 9.00am.

May issue	Collated on <b>Friday April 26th</b>
June issue	Collated on Thursday May 30th
July issue	Collated on Thursday June 27th
August issue	Collated on Thursday July 25th
September issue	Collated on Thursday August 29th
October issue	Collated on Thursday Sept. 29th
November issue	Collated on Thursday Oct. 31st
December issue	Collated on Thursday Nov. 28th

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Social tennis at Romsey  
tennis courts on  
Thursday morning from 10:00 am.



Come for a hit or a set or two.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME.**  
Ph: 5429 5525.

## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VIC. INC. ROMSEY BRANCH



As you know we recently hosted the Romsey Art Exhibition. This was again quite successful, although not as financially profitable as last year. We would like to thank the members of the public who did support us and we had a most enjoyable opening night together.

The attendance over the weekend was very good and the artists were most pleased with the sales of paintings. Thanks to them again for distributing part of the profits within the community. This year we have given donations to the Romsey CFA and the Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Fund. We feel that the Rev. Graham Hall - the Chaplain - is very much needed at the College, and as a lot of students from Romsey and Riddells Creek attend this school, we felt the need to support the raising of funds that they require this year. We hope you will support our decision in this matter.

We have decided to continue our Open Craft Days at the Mechanics Institute. These will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10.00am to approx. 2.30pm in the Supper Room. This is open to anyone in the community who would like to share craft and friendship. You can bring anything you like to do or share in other things that are offered. It is BYO lunch, tea/coffee is provided. A small charge of \$3 is required to go towards rental of the hall. Please come along and join in the fun and laughter. No obligation to join CWA.

We are holding our Association Day, at the hall, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm. Dr Carol Mathew of Lancefield - finalist in the Rural Women of the Year - is to be the Speaker and afternoon tea will be supplied. The cost is \$4. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would appreciate a phone call to register our interest for catering reasons only. You can call Joan Strawbridge 54 28 7022 or Jean Tom 54 29 5243;

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Marilyn Hunter: Senior Minister

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Issues pertaining to LIFE

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## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

### **NIGHT GOLF SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

There are still a few spots in the field so ring now to secure your game. Phil Norton 5429 6409 or Beryl Cole 5429 5411. \$15 per player including meal and ball \$10 for non-players.

### **SHOPPING TOUR MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Ladies please ring early to let us know if you are interested. The price depends on the number of people going. Also if you ring early you can have your say on the factory outlets you wish to visit. Ring Beryl Cole 5429 5411 to make a tentative booking**

### **CASINO TRIP SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

Bookings taken later. Bus leaving Romsey 10am with pick up in Sunbury 10.30am.

### **LADIES REPORT**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Stapleford 1<sup>st</sup> L. Beasley 36pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Shelton 36pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> M. Crimp 34 pts

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Par 1<sup>st</sup> E. Scanlon + 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Cole - 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> K. Jekabsons - 1



Weanesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Stroke, Monthly Medal  
1<sup>st</sup> S. Shelton net63  
2<sup>nd</sup> L. Beasley net 69  
3<sup>rd</sup> B. Cole

Congratulations to Shirley who broke her handicap and is now down to 20.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

The Romsey Challenge Bowl was contested with 12 visiting teams and one Romsey team. In the fine weather with the course looking good but dry and lots of summer sun Mt. Macedon 1 won the bowl with 102 points.

J. Graffe 38pts, M.Warrerer 35pts and J. Butterly 29pts.  
A.Grade was won by K. Dumbleton 15 hcp 36 pts Alexandra  
B.Grade L. Morganti 32 hcp 39 pts Goonawarra  
NTP 1<sup>st</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> D. Howie Mt.Macedon  
10<sup>th</sup> J. Trimble Gisborne.

The Bowl was donated by V. & P. Newell ten years ago. We would like to thank Virginia for coming and presenting the trophies.

For people wanting recipes after the progressive dinner.

**Strawberries in Cointreau**

**Method:**

**You need:**

1 punnet strawberries  
2 large oranges  
3 passionfruit  
½ cup sugar  
2 tablespoons water  
3 tablespoons cointreau

Wash & Hull strawberries, peel and segment oranges reserving juice. Remove pulp from passionfruit and combine all fruit add reserved orange juice with cointreau cover and refrigerate. Combine sugar and water in a saucepan stir until sugar is dissolved bring to boil and remove from heat and cool. Add to fruit mixture and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with cream.

Beryl Cole

### **ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB**

Romsey Tennis Club would like to thank the following businesses for donating prizes to our Christmas Hamper:

**Tom O'Dea's Autopro, Romsey Movieland, Romsey Newsagency, Martin's Wine Bar,  
Romsey Pharmacy, Romsey Post Office.**

Thanks to all the members who participated in the raffle and the Fun Day. A good day was had by all. The winner of the raffle was Ashleigh Campbell with the 3 minor prizes going to other club members.

## ROMSEY AND DISTRICT

### 3 YR OLD ROSTERED PLAYGROUP

Rostered 3 Year Old Playgroup is run on **Tuesday mornings** during the school terms, from **9.30am to 11.30am** at the **Romsey Mechanics Hall**.

Playgroup is a great way for your child to mix with other children of their own age in the year before kindergarten.

With Rostered Playgroup, parents are rostered 2 - 3 times per term to stay and help organise the activities. It's a great way to be involved, and you meet other parents. Activities can include painting, arts and crafts, cooking, etc.

To be eligible for 3 year old playgroup in 2002, children must have turned 3 by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2002.

*If you require more information please contact Colette on 5429 1930.*



## ROMSEY RED CROSS

Many thanks to all who have assisted with our Red Cross March Appeal - those who have manned our stalls and those who have contributed donations. Our trauma teddies merchandise and lucky lady birds have proved popular and who knows whether it be someone from our area who may win the Honda car in our major raffle which is Victoria-wide.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April instead of our usual meeting we plan to have a tour of our new Victorian Red Cross Headquarters at Villiers Street, North Melbourne. We will meet at the Shire Office in Main Street at 9.30am and take the appropriate number of cars returning to Romsey at 4.00pm. New members will be very welcome to join us. Contact Helen Clement PH: 54 29 5317

## *Domestic Cleaning*

- Ironing
- Washing
- Vacuuming
- General domestic duties



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## SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Lancefield Public Cemetery is looked after by a voluntary Trust made up of members of the local community. With the departure of the Trust's Secretary from the district, the Trust is keen to appoint another community-minded person to fill this role. While the position is voluntary, there is a reasonable allowance to cover the costs of travel, phone bills etc.

The job of the Secretary includes maintaining the Trust's accounts, careful record-keeping, attending the Cemetery when there is a burial, helping people researching family history, dealing with correspondence and keeping minutes of meetings of the Trust, usually held quarterly.

Anyone interested in serving the community in this way is invited to call the Trust's Chairman, Mr Jack Meyer, on 54 29 1292, or write to him at PO Box 31, Lancefield, 3435.

## C.F.A. AUXILLARY

I am very appreciative of the lady who has offered to help out part-time with the co-ordinating of the CFA catering. As I wrote in February's Romsey Rag there are two positions that need to be filled. Catering doesn't just happen it needs some planning. So please consider helping out. It is not a hard job and you have plenty of support. It is the least we can do for our fire personnel.

Ring Helen PH: 54 29 5250 or  
Joan PH: 54 29 5848

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Phone 5429 5074

**Five Mile Creek – News Report**

On March 2 & 3, a mixed group of local Romsey residents – teenagers, young couples, Lions, and older residents came to start clearing the debris which has grown up and obscured Five Mile Creek. The idea came from several local residents who wanted better mowing of the creek, and could see it could be a great little park. (Leaflets were put out in nearby streets). Many individuals have tried to do a little over the years – cut the weed, mow a little bit, clear nearby bushes ... now we're doing this together, and talking to Council, for a start about mowing.

Thanks to everyone of 39 people who made the time to clean out dead sticks, hoe into blackberries with brushcutters, cut off tree limbs falling into the creek, or rake up mounds of debris into piles for burning. Go along and have a look if you haven't seen it since the clean-up! The creek can be seen, it is all clear for about 300 metres from the back of the church. Willing workers cleared almost to Wrixon Street. Some could come for an hour, others stayed three hours, some came Saturday, some Sunday ... and everyone enjoyed themselves. A few quotes:

**\* "A few dead rats but no dead bodies."**

(Our State Member of Parliament Joanne Duncan brought her dog Dizzy who did valiant work as a trainee rat catcher.)

- ◆ **"Every kid needs a creek."**
- ◆ **"We've found the swimming pool"**
- ◆ **"A walking track was put in right along the creek"**

The rubbish will be burnt by the CFA ... it was too much to be taken away! The Lions arranged to push it into a large pile or two for the CFA to burn as soon as the fire restrictions ease. Councillor Geoff Neil and council staff Rod Clough and Peter Jones walked up the creek on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Council says it will mow the park thoroughly soon and work with local people on funding for improvements. Cr. Alice Aird came to the clean-up and Bruce Aird took the photos.



Doug Newnham has put us in touch with the original designer of the park along the creek. It was laid out red gums and with a walking track right along it – they are still there, under the overgrowth.

**WHAT NEXT?**

**NEXT CLEAN-UP: Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**(Sunday before Anzac Day)**

Please come along, especially if you missed this one. It is great to see the creek so clear. It could be a park everyone can use.

Next steps are to look at the old plans, hear about what the creek used to be, and work out a group to be 'Romsey Friends of the Creek'.

More news in future ... if people have stories of Five Mile Creek in the past, ring any of the people below:

- 5429 6163 The Brookes family
- 5429 6168 Andrew & Peta Shiel
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## LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE NEWS - 21/3/2002

9 athletes from our Centre competed at the VLAA State Track & Field Championships in Melbourne last weekend.

Congratulations and well done to all our representatives at States:

U9 Boy Jack Townsing	U10 Boy Bill Rowlands	U12 Boy Daniel Marn
U12 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands	U12 Girl Carissah Walker-Kelly	U13 Boy Scott Martin
U13 Boy Michael Graham	U14 Boy Matthew Balir	U14 Girl Colleen Graham

All our athletes tried hard in their events and set a number of new PBs.

FINALIST ribbons (Top 8 finishers) were won by U10 Boy Bill Rowlands, U12 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands, U14 Boy Matthew Blair and U14 Girl Colleen Graham.

13 is unlucky for some! Both our U13 boys who qualified for the VLAA State Track & Field Championships sustained injuries. Michael Graham badly sprained his wrist (on his throwing arm) two days before the Championships. Although he knew he would not have a chance at finishing in the top placings, he competed anyway and was very pleased to end up 21<sup>st</sup> out of 24 competitors. Scott Martin was injured during his 80m Hurdle final at State Championships and was forced to withdraw from his remaining events. It was very disappointing that he had to miss out, but we were just thankful it was not a more serious injury. Scott will require rest for a few weeks to assist his recovery.

We wish both boys a full recovery and are thinking of them.

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- Annual reviews or checkups
- Multiple medical problems
- More than one family member attending
- Counselling or emotional problems

Please note that emergencies are seen immediately and take priority over booked appointments. Home visits are available. Please call the Medical Centre to arrange for these appointments.



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