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WANTED:

The Romsey Rag Committee would love to hear from anyone in our community who would like to be involved in the publication of the Rag. There are many ways you could contribute—by typing, helping with printing or collating, or by acting as a roving reporter for the Rag. If you feel that you would like to become involved please contact Barney Healy on 5429 5900.

The Rag is a community publication, and we would like to encourage members of the community to contribute articles for inclusion in the Rag. Details about how contributions can be submitted are printed on the second page of the Romsey Rag each month, so please be encouraged to use this as your voice.

Calling all Volunteering Organisations in the Macedon Ranges Shire

Mary Rummery and Henni Wade are working in conjunction with Macedon Ranges Shire Council to produce a resource manual for volunteers and volunteering organisations in our Shire.

Over the coming weeks, they will be conducting a survey of interested not-for-profit organisations and the information collected will be used to assist with the production of the manual.

The survey aims to canvass issues such as:

- the current needs of volunteering organisations and their volunteers;
- the management of volunteers including recruitment processes,
- recognition and rewards,
- funding,
- ways in which our community and council can better support volunteers and volunteering organisations in our region.

It is envisaged that the Volunteer Resource Manual will provide practical advice, ideas and strategies for volunteers and organisations, as well as information relating to occupational health and safety issues, rights and responsibilities of organisations and volunteers, etc.

If you are with a not-for-profit organisation utilising volunteers in the Macedon Ranges Shire and would like to participate in the survey, Mary and Henni would like to hear from you. To be included in the survey, register your interest by contacting Mary Rummery, tel: 5426 1531 or Henni Wade, tel: 5426 3440/email: henska@hotmail.com.au

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Articles can be sent via e-mail to: romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please ensure that any text is sent as word documents and logos / photos are sent as .jpg files.

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ROMSEY CWA—ROMSEY ARTIST'S SHOW OF WORK OPENING NIGHT

Friday 27th February, 2004
at the Romsey Mechanics Institute
at 7.30pm.

\$10 per person.

Tickets available from Jan Strawbridge ph. 5428 7022

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This will be the third time that the Romsey CWA members have presented the Art Show for the Romsey Artists. Funds raised are divided between the Romsey Country Fire Authority (CFA), the local community and CWA projects.

It is hoped that the local community will support this combined endeavour of the Romsey Artists and the Romsey branch of CWA.

Jan Strawbridge Ph. 5428 7022

Hon. Secretary

ROMSEY RAG PUBLICATION DATES FOR 2004

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August	Wednesday July 21st	Thursday July 29th
September	Friday August 20th	Thursday August 26th
October	Tuesday September 21st	Thursday September 30th
November	Thursday October 21st	Thursday October 28th
December	Friday November 19th	Thursday November 25th

Teams Needed For Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges **Relay for Life** organising committee is urgently calling on people to enter a team in their exciting overnight community fundraising event to be held on Saturday 20th March to Sunday 21st March 2004, of which all proceeds go to The Cancer Council Victoria.

Being an overnight event there is plenty of fun to be had with camping out, bands, entertainment and of course the comradeship and team building that goes with a community that is taking up the fight against cancer.

The event calls on teams of at least 10 people to walk, run or stroll relay-style around a track for 19 hours. It is really easy to register – people just need to pay a registration fee of \$10 per person to obtain a team kit from The Cancer Council Victoria and then go about recruiting their 10 team members (family, friends, kids or workmates). The event is for all ages and fitness levels.

Lancefield/Macedon Ranges is one of more than 23 venues across the state hosting **Relay for Life** for The Cancer Council Victoria in 2004. Last year Lancefield/Macedon Ranges raised over \$94,000 through 49 teams. An amazing community effort for the inaugural event.

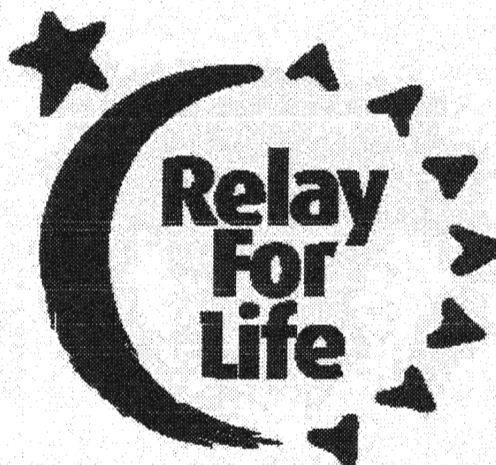
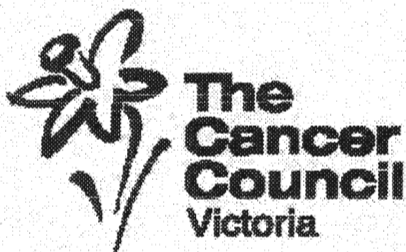
The event is a celebration of life and survival and a positive way to make a difference whilst remembering those who have been lost. This is best demonstrated by several special ceremonies including the Survivors (and Carers) Lap of Honour and the moving dusk Candlelight Ceremony that takes place at the event.

Money raised from **Relay for Life** goes toward vital cancer research, education and support services of The Cancer Council Victoria. Cancer affects nearly one in three Australians - the two in three who are not directly affected by cancer will know someone who is.

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life will be held at the Lancefield Park on Saturday 20th March beginning at 3 pm until 10 am on Sunday 21st March 2004

Anyone wanting to register as a team or an individual for Lancefield/Macedon Ranges 19 hour walk, run or stroll Relay for Life event should contact –

Ph: 5429 2060, Bronwyn – 54291 360, Bev – 5429 1651 or
The Cancer Council Victoria's Supporter's Hotline on **1300 65 65 85**
www.relayforlife.com.au



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Values—*The real story*

There has been quite a bit of discussion lately on the teaching (or lack of it) of values education in our Australian schools. Many statements made by some national leaders on this issue are at best uninformed. Romsey Primary School developed school values over the past few years with input from students, staff and parents. These values are revised and taught at the commencement of each year and reinforced throughout the year through both specific classroom activities and through our day-to-day interactions. Values need to be known, understood and demonstrated by our actions at all times. While not claiming that in this regard we are all perfect, it is nonetheless an expectation we can have for everyone at our school—students, staff, parents and community members.

Our school values are:

1. Caring: This involves understanding, respect, honesty, fairness and safety.

We demonstrate the value of *Caring* by helping others, caring for the feelings of others and their work, helping others to take responsibility, showing kindness, acting responsibly and telling the truth, feeling and being safe, taking care of the environment and property, and contributing to the safety of self and others.

2. Relationships: This involves teamwork, self belief and cooperation.

We demonstrate the value of *Relationships* by considering other's feelings, appreciating differences, having tolerance and understanding, working together towards common goals, having loyalty to the school and its community, and sharing the load.

3. Inclusion: This includes communication and sharing.

We demonstrate the value of *Inclusion* by asking others to join in, taking turns, working with others, appreciating others' point of view, sharing ideas, thoughts, feelings and resources, and understanding that parents, teachers, non-teaching staff and children are all part of the learning team.

4. Learning: This involves knowledge, skills and understanding.

We demonstrate the value of *Learning* by learning from our mistakes, reflecting on our own learning, using our own learning in different ways, helping others to learn and taking responsibility for our own learning.

5. Happiness: This involves celebrating, affirming and staying positive.

We demonstrate the value of *Happiness* by celebrating success and learning from our mistakes, enjoying the company of others, making others feel happy, helping one another and encouraging others.

While the township of Romsey, and consequently the school undergo a period of population growth, it is important to us that we retain our values, stay connected, and continue to foster positive community/school relationships.



NEWS FROM MONEGETTA WARD

Happy New Year! This time last year I was considering standing as a candidate for Monegeetta ward. I have had a hectic year as a new councillor and have really appreciated not having council meetings in January. This does not mean that I have not been working on your behalf this month. This job slows, but never stops.

On top all the festivities of Christmas, which now seem ages ago, there have been planning issues to attend to, committee meetings, a wonderful morning of baroque music in Kyneton, the day-to-day issues of weeds and, sadly, rubbish dumping.

There always seems to be a rush of activity everywhere before Christmas and the Macedon Ranges Council is no exception in this respect. Why do we do this to ourselves? Christmas stress seems worth it, if you can get a break in January. However, I once asked a farmer when he thought the best time to plant trees was. His reply has always stayed in my mind, 'when I have time to, probably January! It just shows" there is no rest for the wicked"!

The Clarkefield Hall was destined for demolition. I knew nothing about this until the Heritage advisor stepped in at permit stage and stopped the process. This building was built in 1920 and was owned and maintained for the community by the Hall Trustees, who are all now deceased. It has fallen into disrepair and urgently needs to find people to give it a new lease of life. It would be a pity to see yet more of our heritage knocked down. If you have any bright ideas please contact me on 54 270 675.

Further, on an historical note, I read the following in the Weekly Times. A Mr Ray Maxted is trying to get the clan to a reunion in Shepparton. He is looking for relatives of the Maxteds who arrived in Victoria in 1850. So could all those Maxteds and Ingeltons around Kerrie and Romsey give him a call on (03) 58216053, he would love to hear from you! I hope that you are all looking forward to the New Year with hope and vigour.

See you next time,

Patricia Gee, Monegeetta ward councillor, ph 54 270 675



LANCEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Don't forget the Lancefield Farmer's Market is on the fourth Saturday morning of each month.

There is a huge range of fresh local produce and lots more available!



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Happy New Year everyone.

In case you haven't noticed we've had a make-over!

A number of our volunteers (& others) have worked hard.

We've moved, replaced, painted, dusted and vacuumed the shop front and boy do we look good! We hope you find the

shop bright and fresh, it's certainly full of new stock. Come and see us if you haven't already - we are back in business.

You have also kept us busy. The amount of goods we've been sorting through has been absolutely amazing. I thought it would be a quiet time and you'd all be (away) on holiday, but it must be the ideal time to spring clean your cupboards and wardrobes.

Although we've had some 'less than ideal' items given to us - we're very grateful for the much larger number of really good quality donations. Thank you.

This might be a good time to remind everyone - we cannot accept electrical goods of any description, the Anglican church does not allow us to sell it.

We know tip costs have increased and it's not always easy to get to one, but PLEASE don't use us a convenient tipping place. We can't sell broken toys, ripped books, filthy or torn clothes and we find it just as expensive and as difficult to dispose of your rubbish as you do. By doing that, you reduce the amount of good we do, albeit by a nominal amount.

We look forward to another good year and your company.
Chris, coordinator 5428 6526.



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ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

In 2004 Guides Australia will celebrate 93 years of helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Who are the Guides?

Membership is open to girls from all faiths, races and nationalities who are committed to the ideals of the Guide Promise. The Promise encourages respect and service to God, our country and other people. There are more than 10 million Guides around the world.

Through Guiding, girls and young women learn to get along with others, to recognise themselves as unique individuals, to respect others, especially those from different cultures and backgrounds and to foster international friendship, tolerance and understanding.

What do Guides do?

The short answer is **anything they want!** Guides are activity orientated. They enjoy adventure and independence. Each girl participates in a program full of challenging and adventurous activities that she chooses to suit herself.

The guide program is "girl-driven", enabling its members to develop life skills and initiative through activities they choose. In planning, delivering and evaluating their own programs the young women learn to take responsibility, grow in self confidence, and learn the skills they need. This ensures that the program is truly relevant to the participants.

Guiding helps girls and young women to reach their full potential by participating in programs and events which are specially designed to provide personal growth within a framework of positive values-based all female organisation.

When do Guides meet?

Guides in Romsey/Lancefield meet once a week during school terms on a Monday night.

Why join Guides?

Guiding provides girls with fantastic opportunities to develop as individuals and as community members. Most important, **Guides have FUN** and make friends they will keep for life.

Guides Australia is a vibrant organisation that is relevant to the needs of the girls and young women who make up its membership. Guiding's all girl environment allows its members to achieve more without the distraction of gender-based competition.

Over one million girls have experienced Australian Guiding since it began in 1911.

What happens at Guide meetings?

The girls in each Unit work to collectively plan their own programs and activities. This helps develop leadership skills and gives them a strong sense of achievement. All activities – indoors and outdoors – are designed for fun and informal learning.

Do Guides still wear uniforms?

Yes, uniforms help to develop a sense of team spirit and identity. The girls in each Unit decide what uniform they will adopt.

Who are the Leaders?

The Leaders are carefully chosen female volunteers who enjoy sharing their time and talents with girls and young women. All Guide Leaders receive specialised training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to perform their role. They are required to update their qualifications – including CPR and First Aid regularly.

Are you interested in becoming a Leader or a guide?

Have you seen us on Lancefield online - www.lancefield.org.au?

The Platypus Guides (7 – 10 year olds) meet at 5.00 – 6.30pm.
The Wombat Guides (10 – 18 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm.

For any information regarding Guiding please contact:
Rita Vandervalk 54 291 996 or Carolyn Atkinson 57 810 728



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TEMPORARY MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE: January – May 2004

Mobile Library borrowers at the following sites – Tooborac, Pyalong, Willowmavin, Upper Plenty, Beveridge, Tallarook, Wallan and Wandong will by now probably be aware of some temporary changes to the Mobile's timetable for the next few months due to renovations finally being undertaken at Seymour Library. At last Seymour Library will be shedding its 1970's retro look and moving into the new century with lightness, brightness and a new outlook – windows facing onto its 'hidden' courtyard. As a result of this the Mobile Library will be servicing our Seymour customers several days each week and its original timetable adjusted accordingly. Our apologies for any inconvenience to Mobile borrowers during this time. There will also be a fines amnesty during the renovation period and items from the Seymour collection will be circulating on the Mobile shelves giving borrowers new and different titles from which to choose. Many thanks for your understanding and bearingance during this transition. Temporary timetables can be picked up from the Mobile Library or ring Kilmore Library 57821322 for further details.

Blessed are the Cheesemakers - Sarah-Kate Lynch
An offbeat novel set in Ireland about two aging cheesemakers - Corrie and Fee - who produce the world's tastiest farmhouse cheese. Unfortunately they are in need of a younger cheesemaker or two to take over their skills and put as much love into making the cheese as they do. But who is likely to take on such a job when it involves fecund vegetarian milkmaids, singing songs from The Sound of Music to the happy cows and Fee's unsettling ability to predict the future. A delightful little romp through county

Cork. Great holiday reading.

The Quilter's Block Bible - Celia Eddy
Calling all quilters who are looking for a few new ideas, but who want to play around with blocks rather than follow someone else's complete pattern. This book is for you. With 100 blocks to choose from, arranged in a logical sequence, there is a wealth of new designs with which to experiment. Different colourways are given for some blocks and different arrangements of the same block for others. With informative, easy to read instructions and bright colourful pictures, this is a great little book in an extremely compact format. By careful placement of light and dark fabrics the blocks can really be made to 'sing'. Suffice to say that 'Storm at Sea' and 'Virginia Star' have both gone onto my "things to make when I've exhausted all my current UFO's" list. Enjoy.

The Dons - Archimede Fusillo
Paul Taranto is sixteen and trying to make sense of his Italian heritage, the death of his father five years previously and whether Tracey Reynolds likes him or not. Most importantly though he is trying to understand why his Nonno is losing his mind. This is an excellent read exploring cultural differences, the memories of an old man and the aspirations of his grandson. Although they are related it seems that they inhabit two different worlds, until one night when Nonno disappears and Paul discovers that they have more in common than he could ever have imagined.

Enjoy!

Take Off Weight Naturally

T.O.W.N. Clubs of Victoria

If you have a weight problem, we might be able to help you.

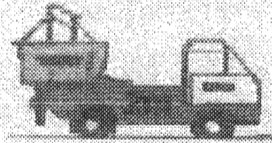
TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA is a voluntary organisation to encourage weight loss through weekly meetings which include weigh-in and group therapy. Members are encouraged to adopt a healthy controlled eating style and take up suitable exercise – no artificial methods are permitted.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA provide a non-expensive, encouraging environment that raises your self-esteem as you work towards, and then maintain, your goal weight.

Meetings are held weekly at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey, Tuesday nights; weigh-in from 7 – 7.20pm, meeting from 7.30pm.

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Five Mile Creek News - February 2004

Next creek working bee...

Sunday 8th March 9am - the long weekend

Put it in your diary if you are home then. New people in town are welcome to come down and meet people. It's a small group of local residents.

Rakes, pruning saws, whipper snippers, ride-on mowers and chainsaws are all useful.

The new bridge ...

Council promised a new bridge, and a push by residents and local councillors made sure it stayed in this years' budget. Now, it is about to be built.

If you are new to Romsey, it's the crossing near the Uniting Church, and there was a walking bridge washed away in the seventies. Thanks to those Dads and boys who built and maintained a temporary bridge which fit people have been using... but it was risky if you were older or heavier, especially grandmothers taking toddlers for a walk!

WATCH FOR NOTICE of AN OFFICIAL OPENING of THE BRIDGE. (We're not sure when!)

Talk to the landscaper of Five Mile Creek Park

Interested in plants, and what grows in this area?

3pm Saturday March 20th

meet CAROL FRANKMAS -

a landscape designer with a practice in Melbourne, living here part-time. Carol designed the plantings along the creek 15 years ago, and is coming for afternoon tea and to walk along the creek with us. Everyone interested in the creek or the plants is welcome.

Do you know...

about building safe spots in the creek for the water animals? We'd like to know how to build rock areas or whatever. Little trout and frogs need places to hide and grow

Walkers PICK UP BRANCHES

Fallen willow branches from windy days make it difficult to keep the grass mowed. Walkers, families or bike people Please pick up branches as you go, and put them on a pile on the track, where they can be picked up. Thank you to people doing this now.

Coming up

Later in 2004, a roundtable to pool ideas of how people in Romsey want to use any part of the creek and the path going west or east - service groups, business people serving visitors, residents along the creek etc. Macedon Ranges Conservation and Parks would be part of this. Ring if you are interested.

Sue Kirkegard 5429 523 John Nicholls 5429 6475 Jay Brooks 5429 6163
Andrew Sheil & Peta Gale 5429 6168

Children Learn Through Play

Children learn through play. Play is a word to describe early life hood education. Play leads children to learn through "doing", it is a hands on approach to learning. Playing with toys and games is fun but it is also hard work. Children are not only playing, they are engaged in complex learning.

Children learn to crawl, walk, run, hop, skip, jump, climb, talk and sing. They learn about soft and hard, hot and cold, high and low. They learn about different smells, tastes, textures and sounds. They learn how to stack and build, to push and pull and many more different concepts and skills.

By providing the ingredients (props such as cars, tea sets, blocks and puzzles) you are encouraging children to explore their environment and learn all of the skills that are required to carry out all of the activities that make up our daily lives.

Watching children building with blocks you will see that they are learning mathematical concepts such as size, shape, weight, amount. They are developing fine motor skills such as eye-hand coordination, and they are learning to problem solve such as placing the blocks centrally to prevent their construction from toppling over.

If you listen to children playing in a kitchen setting you may see many of the everyday tasks that you do being role modelled by the child. They are also developing and refining skills such as fine motor skills (picking up small objects), gross motor skills (carrying large objects from one place to another), social / emotional skills (sharing and interacting), language skills (communicating with others) and cognitive skills (problem solving). These skills are learnt through all of the games and activities we participate in throughout our lives but start in our early childhood.

Romsey Toy Library has a lot of different toys and games you can borrow so that you can provide your child with a variety of different activities to challenge their minds and to help practice and refine their skills.

Romsey Toy Library welcomes new members. For a small annual membership fee you can borrow different toys for FREE all year.

The Romsey Toy Library is open on Saturday mornings between 10 am and 11.30 am and is located in the St. Mary's Church Hall (across the road from Mitre 10).

Any enquiries can be answered by contacting:

Kerri - 5428 6609 Anne - 5429 5951 Lisa - 5429 5913

The Romsey Toy Library is a community based organisation run by parent volunteers.

Letter to the Editor:

20th Australian Scout Jamboree

Thank you Romsey Scout Leaders.

I would like to express our overwhelming appreciation of the Romsey scout Leaders and Committee who made it possible for our children and many others to attend the 20th Australian Scout Jamboree at Woodhouse in South Australia.

The fundraising efforts of the committee and the dedication of our leaders made this lifetime experience possible. It has provided our children with the life skills and memories that will forever be with them.

I was fortunate enough to attend the open day and witness a truly amazing scene. To observe a tent city and facilities for 11,000 scouts and leaders and the challenging adventure experiences (most of which involved mud) that they participated in was well worth the trip.

Most amazing was observing the newly developed friendships with children from other states and countries. The tolerance, cooperation and team spirit went hand in hand with fun and children being challenged in adventure activities.

Our Romsey leaders—Frank Roberts, Martin Van Den Heuvel, Lou Perez and Heldi Carroll— provided leadership, guidance and parenting to help our children have fun and feel secure for 12 days, so far away from home. This dedicated group of leaders tirelessly volunteered their time on nights and weekends to provide camping and outdoor experiences for our children, with a strong commitment to instilling values and teaching life skills, while encouraging children to be independent and accept challenges.

They are an asset to our community and are often not given the recognition they deserve. On behalf of all the parents and children who attended the Jamboree we would like to thank you for your valued contribution to Scouting and the positive experiences you have made achievable for our children.

ana and Tony Ellis



Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group

21 January 2004

Media Release

Fires started by lawn mowers

CFA and the member Brigades of the Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group are concerned that there have been six fires caused by lawn mowers. Two occurred in the Darraweit Guim area, two in Lancefield, one in Clarkefield, and one in Wildwood in the last few weeks.

Most of these fires were kept relatively small apart from the fire in Wildwood that burnt 20 acres before it was contained.

"The Wildwood fire also highlights the obvious danger we face this year. Last Saturday could be considered a relatively cool day however the fire still burnt a sizable area."

"Vegetation growth this year has put many grass cutting activities well beyond the standard lawn mover." said David Allen, Group Officer of the Romsey Group, "Most Lawn mowers are not designed to cut tall dry grass, they must work harder to cut the grass and as a consequence over-heat. If the day is hot it exaggerates the problem. When the dry grass comes in contact with the hot engine or exhaust, a fire results."

"While these people are trying to do the right thing, without the proper equipment they are exposing themselves and their neighbours to the devastating consequences of a fire" he added Section 132 of CFA Regulations requires operators of lawn mowers to have a knapsack spray pump fully charged with at least 9 litres of water or a 9 litre Water expelled Fire Extinguisher present when using the equipment. The knapsack must comply with AS 1687 – 1991 and the extinguisher in accordance with AS 1842 published by the Standards Association of Australia. The lawn mower must also be fitted with an efficient spark arrester.

This regulation does not apply to lawn mowers used in green vegetation like in residential garden lawns.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to the safety of using your mower it is best to engage a slashing contractor who will undertake the task using equipment designed for the task and who have the correct safety equipment.

As the Summer Fire Danger season is **now** upon us, CFA requests all persons undertaking activities outdoors –including cutting grass to take extreme care and follow all CFA requirements. A copy of the CFA brochure "*Can I Cant I*" is available at most fuel distribution outlets and newsagents within the Romsey /Lancefield district and we urge you to obtain a copy.

If you would like further information you can obtain this from the CFA Website –www.cfa.vic.gov.au or by contacting the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer – Shire of Macedon Ranges – Stan Wilson – 54226999, Romsey CFA Group Peter Moore on 0409 407 725 or Group Officer David Allen on 0419 878 958 or your local Fire Brigade

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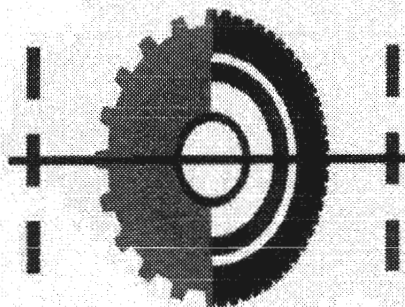
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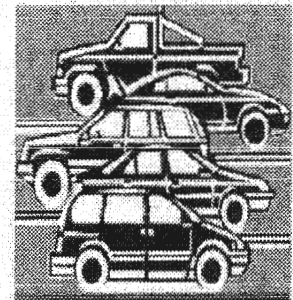
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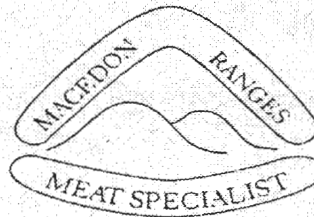
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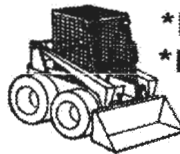
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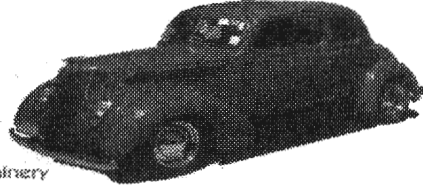
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Ragamuffins

Who thinks the Romsey Rag is just for the Oldies?
Not any more! Hi, I'm Muffi and would like to welcome you to
Ragamuffins, the new page just for kids.

As this is going to be your page, let Muffi know what you'd like to see included. Maybe a letters column, quiz questions, perhaps you know of some competitions. Send your ideas to the address at the top of this page.

Out 'n' About

Got any info on cool stuff happening around town for kids?
Send details to Muffi to spread the word.

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Colour Me.

Q. What do you get if you cross a calculator with your best mate?

A. A friend you can count on.

Q. What do you get if you cross a bowling alley with a knitting school?

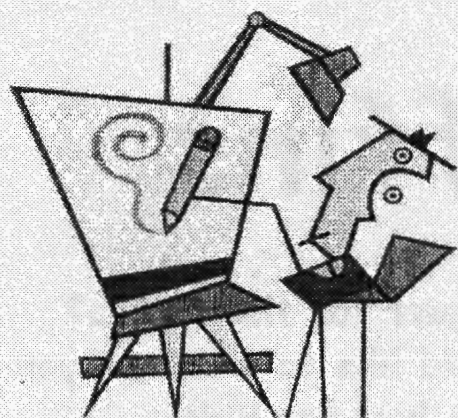
A. Pins and needles.

Q. What do you call a blind dinosaur?

A. Doyathinkesaurus.

This month's jokes were sent in by Debbie, 9. Can you make Muffi laugh? Send your jokes to the address at the top of the page





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Connie Gordon
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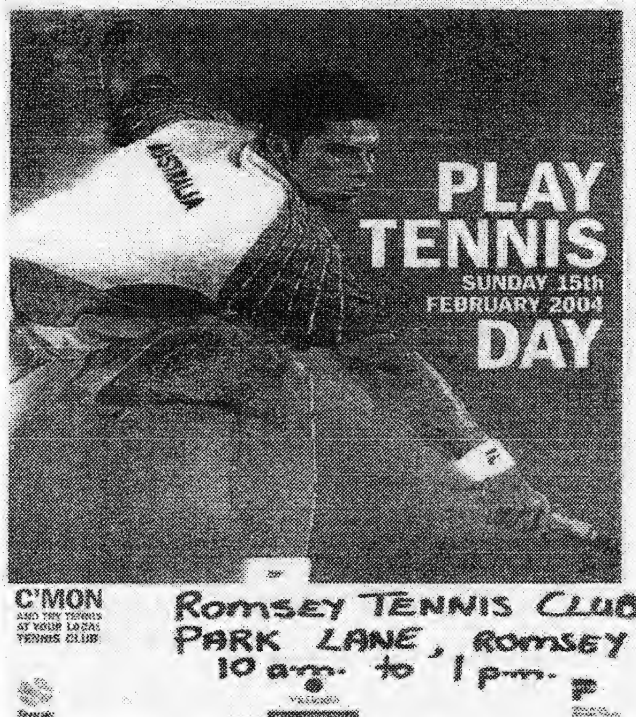
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Sunday 15th February, 2004
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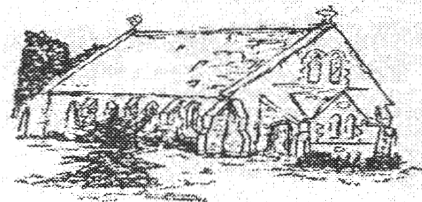
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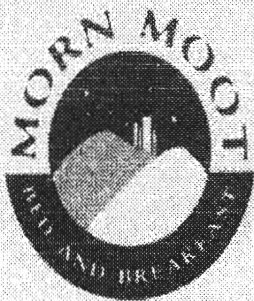
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Op Shop re-opened on January 23rd. We have placed all new garments on racks, re-arranged the shop.

A big thank you to Mr. George Lobb for making us 3 new clothes racks and taking a very large pile of boxes and rubbish to the tip.

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Doss Keating : Secretary (5429 6297)

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WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Christ Church Lancefield 10.30am

Lancefield Guild: Meets 2nd Wednesday morning in Christ Church Hall after morning service, resuming on Wednesday, 11th February
Romsey Guild: Next meeting Thursday, February 12th, 1.30pm at Flo Carter's home

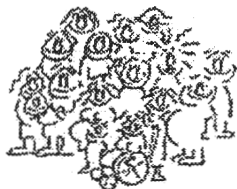
St.Paul's Anglican Mens Society resumes on Thursday 12th February at 8.00pm, 5 Jinker Way Romsey.

Thankyou to the Rev. Ray Saggars for conducting our services while Rev. Tom and Doreen Morgan took a well deserved holiday.

Products Expo:

The Romsey Guild is holding a Products Expo and light luncheon in the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Romsey on Tuesday 30th March, 2004 at 12 noon. There will be an entry charge of \$6.00. Come along and see lots of everyday products available from our supermarkets and how the products are made and what is in them. Nothing to buy, just helpful information.

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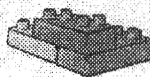
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Over the last few years, it has been very difficult to maintain a positive outlook on life.

The threat of terrorism has increased markedly following the September 11 attacks in the US. We've been involved in wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as peacekeeping duties in East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

Closer to home, we see violence and death nightly on the news. Drugs and drug-related crime remain a constant concern, especially for parents of teenagers. Random and senseless acts of violence seem to be increasing (at least in Melbourne), and security guards at private parties, out of necessity, are becoming more widespread.

Against this background, many people already despair what 2004 will hold for us. Recent history gives them no reason for confidence and optimism, so they live instead in dread for what will happen next.

I, on the other hand, prefer to leave history as history. The past has been. The future is not yet determined. There is no reason why 2004 can't be a great year for us all.

Whilst recent history has been fairly worrying for many, the more distant past gives me hope. Historically, a man named Jesus lived in Israel around 2000 years ago. He wandered around, teaching about God, and was very unpopular with the religious authorities. So much so, that they arranged for the secular authorities to execute him. Today, no evidence of his grave or remains can be found. That is history.

By faith, I believe that this history makes a dramatic difference to the world. By faith, I proclaim this Jesus as God's Son. By faith, I proclaim that his death was not the end, but a new beginning, giving hope for me and the world that there is more than life in this world. By faith, this hope gives me confidence that things can and will get better.

I might be wrong to say that it will happen in 2004, but I'd much rather live each day confidently and hopefully than in dread and despair. One day, things will get better. That is my faith. And it makes each morning that little bit easier if I believe it will be today. Don't you agree?

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer, and is looking forward to whatever 2004 will bring.

What's On

- 1 Feb 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.
- 8 Feb 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This will be the first Sunday School session for the year, and will be held every Sunday outside of school holidays
- 11 Feb 1:30pm UCAF meets in the church hall for a Commitment Service to set the tone for the year's activities. There will also be a presentation by the Faith 'n Fabric (banner making) group. All welcome.
- 15 Feb 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 16 Feb 9am-1pm Pancake Stall at the shopping centre. All proceeds go to UnitingCare. With Pancake Tuesday coming up, we thought you might find it easier to have some on Saturday!
- 22 Feb 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 25 Feb 8:00am Ash Wednesday reflection. This will be a short (about 30 min) time of preparation for the season of Lent, the church's preparation for Easter.
7:30pm Ash Wednesday reflection repeated at the Lancefield UC.
- 29 Feb 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 7 Mar 8:15am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion. This will begin with breakfast as part of our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations. Donations of non-perishable food items for Broadmeadows UnitingCare will be gratefully received.

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 MENS GOLF REPORT

Results

Boxing Day 26/12/03 Stapleford CCR 67

Winner C. Gaunt (0) 37 pts

Runner-up J. Menzies (11) 33 pts.

NTP 10th C. Gaunt

27/12/03 Par CCR67

Winner B. Salathiel (28) +1

Runner up S. Williams (26) Sq

NTP 10th M. Hall

1/1/04 Stapleford CCR 67

Winner J. Menzies (12) 38pts

Runner up J. Boyce (22) 37 pts

Balls N. Jarman (13) 37 pts

NTP 10th B. Rowley

3/1/04 Stroke & Putts CCR 67

Winner Jim Freestone (27) 62 net

Runner up S. Williams (26) 62 net

Putts C. Gaunt (0) 24 putts

Balls C. Gaunt (0) 63 net, M. Hall (5) 66 net, G. Watts(21)

67net, J. Boyce (21) 67 net.

NTP 1st/13th L. Gaunt

2nd Shot on 5th D. Gaunt

9th R. Rea

10/1/04 4BBB Guest Day CCR67

Winners G. Clement (13)/G. Watts (21) 47pts

NTP 1st/13th S. Norton

8th S. McDonald

9th S. Norton

10th Jim Freestone

15th Chris Vandervielt

17/1/04 Stapleford CCR67

Winner J. Gradie (16) 40pts

Runner up G. Watts(19) 39pts

Ball comp G. Clement (13) 38pts, B. Salathiel (28) 37pts,

Chris Vandervielt (18) 37pts

NTP

10th B. Rowley

Well done to Neil Jarman who had an eagle on the par 4 3rd hole

(259 metres).

The Golf Club would like to congratulate Dean Jones and his wife Jane on their recent fundraising walk for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute. Not only did Dean give the club and the Rotary Club the opportunity to help raise funds for BMDI but to also fundraise for ourselves. Thankyou Dean.

With the recent reduction of stage three water restrictions to stage two and the successful sinking of a bore in the park by the Park Committee the club now has a regular supply of water for our greens which were starting to fer. We have had a couple of temporary greens but by the time this Rag is published we aim to be playing all of our greens. Temporary greens just add to the challenge of golf.

A reminder to all members fees are now due.

Beryl Cole

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Romsey Ladies Golf Report

...e ladies ended the year with dinner at Essjais Wine Bar and everyone had an enjoyable meal and enjoyed the entertainment and danced into the night. Thanks to Blue and others for driving us home. The ladies started back after the Christmas New Year break on the 14th January with a two ball Ambrose. The winners were H. Caly & K. Jekabson. Well done to Hilda who chipped in for a gobbler on the 11th it sure beats putting on the temporary green.

Winners on the 21st playing Canadian were L. Beasley & H. Caly.

We would like to invite any ladies to a hit and giggle day Wednesday 18th of February. No clubs are needed just a sense of humour and the ability to laugh at yourself. We will be only playing 10 or 12 holes depending on the weather so please come along and have a go. If you need more information ring Beryl Cole 54295411 or L. Beasley 54295525

Regular competition will start in March with some ladies still choosing to play 9 holes. So as you can see we will cater for any golfer.

Recipe for this month

Macaroni Beef

Meat sauce

600gm diet mince

420gm can tomato soup

small onion diced finely

¾ cup grated carrot

¾ cup grated zucchini

½ cup frozen peas

2 level tablespoons tomato paste

2 level teaspoons beef stock powder

3 cups cooked macaroni noodles

a pinch salt (optional)

Preheat oven 180C fan forced

Meat Sauce

Cook mince in a large saucepan coated with cooking spray.

Drain liquid then return mince to pot.

Add vegetables and soup, cook 2 minutes. Stirring continuously.

Add stock powder, tomato paste and salt, cook a further 5 mins stirring frequently.

Fold in cooked macaroni noodles and mix together well. Pour into a lasagne dish.

Topping

Melt margarine in saucepan, add flour cook 1 minute. Slowly add milk using a whisk to avoid lumps, stir continuously. Pour sauce over meat. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown

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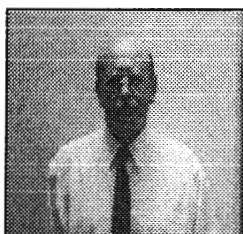
Topping

1 level tablespoon margarine

3 level tablespoons plain flour

1½ cups milk

¾ cup grated cheese



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Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics Centre 127

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We welcome athletes with disabilities and invite any interested athletes and their families to come along and see what we do. If needed, we can modify the competition program to suit individual needs and simply ask that you let us know when you visit us, so that we can ensure your child gets the most out of participating in athletics at our Centre.

Age Groups: Children can start as soon as they turn five because we cater for age groups from Under 6 through to Under 16 (Interaths)

Interested in joining? Lancefield-Romsey is a family orientated Centre located in Park Lane, Romsey, and we would certainly welcome new members for season 2003-2004. The Track & Field season runs until the start of April, so if you haven't joined yet, come along. Simply come along to one of our competition days to join up. Do try and arrive early (by 9am) so that there is time to complete all the necessary documents before the events start. Future competition dates are listed below. Parents registering children who are new to our Centre should bring along the child's proof of age as we need to sight this as part of processing new registrations.

What equipment or clothing do you need? Most children already have suitable clothing to compete in such as shorts, t-shirt, runners, and a tracksuit for cooler days. We do like to encourage our athletes to wear a hat and sunscreen and carry a drink-bottle to all events. Uniform is optional if competing only at our Centre but if you do wish to purchase uniform, limited stock is available for purchase from the Centre.

Mini Calendar of Events – Track & Field Season

January 2004

SAT 31 Normal Competition

February 2004

FRI 06 Combined Competition with four other Centres at Gisborne LAC Twilight meet– To be confirmed

SAT 07 Normal Competition

WED 11 Twilight Competition from 5.15pm

SAT 14 Region Track & Field Championships at Albury

SUN 15 Region Track & Field Championships at Albury

THU 19 Twilight Competition from 5.15pm

SAT 28 Centre Multi Event Championship

SAT 28 VLAA State Multi-Event Championships (U9 – U11) at Olympic Park (entries close Feb 7th)

SUN 29 VLAA State Multi-Event Championships (U12-U15) at Olympic Park (entries close Feb 7th)

March 2004

SAT 06 Normal Competition

WED 10 Twilight Competition from 5.15pm

SAT 13 VLAA State Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park

SUN 14 VLAA State Track & Field Championships at Olympic Park

WED 17 Twilight Competition from 5.15pm

SAT 20 Centre Track & Field Championship

SAT 27 Team Day – athletes to compete for bonus team points

April 2004 – School Term 1 ends on 2nd April

SAT 03 Presentation DAY 12pm to 5pm (BBQ/Awards/Activities) at Romsey Mechanics Hall

Want to know more? Please contact our Centre Secretary on 54296089 (after hours on weeknights between 7.30pm and 8pm only)...or by email to Srizar@bigpond.com

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