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Student Leadership at Romsey Primary School

School Captains have been announced for 2002 at Romsey Primary School. They are Emma Milne and James Calder. This year there was great interest in this position with thirteen students nominated, all making a written presentation and having an interview for the position. The level of maturity and sense of leadership demonstrated by these students was very impressive. They are all to be congratulated for their efforts in this regard. Emma and James, we are sure, will be worthy appointees to this highly valued position.

All Middle and Senior grades are currently completing the process for the election of the Junior School Council for this year. Junior School Council takes suggestions and ideas directly to our full school council, with student representatives reporting directly back at regular grade meetings. At Romsey Primary School there continues to be a strong focus on the nurturing and development of student leadership and responsibility.



Proud to represent their school....
School Captains for 2002 at Romsey Primary School –
Emma Milne and James Calder



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NEW FEATURE

As a new feature of the "Rag", each month we will publish a calendar of for-
coming events in the local community. We hope this will be of use to our readers – 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)

MARCH & APRIL 2002

- SUN 3rd March** Buskers Festival Race Day
Hanging Rock Racing Club
\$12 Adults Kids Under 16 Free
- FRI 15th March** Senior Citizen's Day
Hanging Rock
- FRI 15th March** Night Walk Tours
Hanging Rock
Last one for the summer
Bookings Essential PH: 54 29 9631
- Lancefield Primary School Twilight Carnival
- FRI 22nd March** Romsey Primary School Carnival
Many attractions and activities
Fireworks at 8.00pm
- FRI 22nd March** Longest Lunch
Hanging Rock
Ring Tourism Dept at Shire
- SUN 24th March** Romsey Market
- FRI 5th April** Sleeping Beauty - Pantomime
Kyneton Town Hall
\$9.50 a ticket - 1 Accompanying Grandparent Free
- FR1 12th - SUN 14th April**
13th 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 26th APRIL** Cosi Fan Tutte - Caberet performance
Ring MRSC for booking
Tickets from \$18.00

LANCFFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE**“Everything’s coming up Roses”**

A big thank you to our wonderful gardening group who have just recently installed a sprinkler system to help keep our lovely rose’s and plants live - keep up the great work team.

Now that the kiddies have gone back to school, why don’t you do something for yourself and try one or two of the activities offered at the House this term. By now our new look term One Newsletter should have hit your mailbox and we are running quite a few new and exciting classes, some of which may of started but still may not be too late to enrol. If you didn’t receive a newsletter please give Viv a ring at the House and she will gladly post one to you.

Our famous shopping trips are still on every third Friday in the month. Our February trip was cancelled due to our driver being overseas, but will resume back again in March.

Next Shopping Bus Trip: Friday March 15 Watergardens and Myer Good Buy Clearing Centre. Bus Departs 9.00am, returns approx. 3.15pm. Cost only \$12.50, children \$3. Will pick up from Romsey and Monegeetta with prior arrangement. So have a great day and remember if you want to keep these trips viable we do need community support. April 19th will be to the ever popular Vic Market.

NEW TO OUR HOUSE

- **JEANEALOGY** - learn to know where to search for information. Create your own family tree, scan old photographs and documents and learn how to preserve them. Monthly meetings on Mondays 1 - 3 pm.
- **C.P.R.** – Learn this life saving technique for only the cost of a gold coin donation. Monday 18th March 7-9pm. Ring Viv to register
- **CARD AND GIFT MAKING** – Learn a new hobby that saves you money and make some wonderful gifts and cards.
- **LITERACY AND NUMERACY** – We now have ACFE funding which makes it very affordable to increase your skills in this area.

Our next Fundraiser is an Easter Hamper raffle. A lovely basket of delicious chocolates, eggs and hot cross buns. Cost \$1 per ticket, drawn 27th March.

Love to see you at the House.

“Handy Hint of the Month” -

To use tight fitting shoes, cut a potato in half and leave a half in each shoe overnight.

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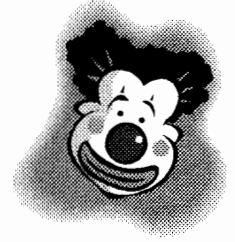
The Charismatic Prayer Group joyfully come together on Tuesday mornings at 11.00am at 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey Tel: 54 29 5672. We gather to praise and Worship and give Thanks to our Most High God, to celebrate the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be filled with the anointing of the Almighty Holy Spirit. We sing with joyful hearts and we pray the Word of God. We have a time of fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee ... and cakes! The meeting ends at 12.30pm.

We welcome all who love our Lord Jesus Christ: for He is the cornerstone of our life, and the foundation of our charismatic Prayer Group - In Him we live and move and have our being.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

Romsey Primary School



Carnival 2002 is coming!

Friday March 22nd commencing at 4.00pm

HIGHLIGHTS:

WHIPCRACKING

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Just to mention a few!

EVERYONE COME ALONG!!

Basketball

“ROMSEY ROCKETS” THANK LOCAL COMMUNITY

Just to introduce ourselves; we are the Romsey Rockets, an Under 18 representative basketball team made up of local boys from Romsey. We wanted to start up a team to play locally in Romsey, but as there were not enough teams to play, a lady by the name of Joan Bell suggested we play as a Rep team from Romsey. There are eight of us on the team and some of us had never played basketball before. In three weeks we learnt how to play as a team and worked very hard on our skills.

Our first tournament was the weekend of January 25, 26, 27 and 28. We won all our six lead up games and made it to the grand final, where unfortunately we lost by 1 point, the final score being 21 – 20. We are about to enter another tournament on the Labour Day weekend at Co-burg, but we must say that none of this would have been possible if not for the generosity of our local community. Thanks to Watters Electrical we had singlets and shorts to play in just before the first tournament.

We would also like to thank the following people in the community for their donations, which have kept us going:

Thank you to:

Watters Electrical Services, Mitre 10 Romsey, Romsey RACV, Regional Real Estate, Pump House Spring Water, Romsey Foodway, Romsey Mowers, The Clay Café, Romsey Hotel, Tom O’Dea’s Auto Spares, Foodworks Romsey, Kontek Romsey, Connally’s Romsey, Target Country Sunbury, Splash Drinks Kyneton and VISYPAK.

We now have our uniforms and are looking to purchase our own game/training basketballs. The team is made up of Chris Bordin (Captain), Ben Canning, Sam Witteveen, Leigh Bennett, Leigh Venkort, Quenton Stokes, Raymond Prydogicz and Louie Auer.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to the team please contact Kerrie on 0407 779 112 or speak to any of the boys.

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LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club had its first meeting for the year on February 11. It was good to report that work on the Senior Citizens Village on the Railway Street site in Romsey is now under way. After a long wait the slabs should be poured in a few weeks. Interested aged pensioners are invited to enquire about unit availability to Lion Dawn Dixon on 54 29 5498.

It is a great concern to see the Lions BBQs in the rotunda have been vandalised. The people responsible for this show no concern for the locals or tourists wishing to use them. People seeing our facilities being abused should please report it to the proper authorities to help Romsey stay a lovely rural town.

Remember the Sunday Market on 24th March. Enquiries for stalls with Lion Alan Bailey on 54 29 5079.

New Members Welcome.
Lion Pat Sullivan

Month Quote :

“No body can really understand the meaning of love unless they have owned a dog. It can show more honest affection with one shake of its tail than a man can gather with a lifetime of handshakes.”

From Joanne Duncan MP – State Member for Gisborne

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Romsey Rag.

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Margaret Howatson, Greg Parks and other honourees from the Australia Day awards. It was great to attend the Australia Day celebrations in Romsey and I really enjoyed the reminiscence from the Reverend Tom Morgan.

Lots has been happening in Romsey, we will soon see the new ambulance station, co-located with an upgraded police station. The work done by Margaret Howatson and the Ambulance Auxiliary is to be commended and certainly assisted me in securing the funding. I am hopeful we will soon be turning the first sod for this project and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The 10 one-bedroom units currently under construction in Railway Crescent were greatly assisted by the work of the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club.

Again, the Government grant of \$55,000 for general landscaping around the town centre was only possible because of the promise of in-kind support from the community.

I recognise the strong volunteer ethic in Romsey and I will continue to work with this community and the State Government to make Romsey the best it can be.

Throughout last year I was able to present volunteer certificates to many community groups. There were, however, groups and individuals that I was not able to get to, who go quietly about their business supporting their towns in many varied ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people for their work and I look forward to many more projects that will enhance our towns and continue to build on our achievements.

My office is a valuable resource for information on Senior's card entitlements, education and health services, funding grants for community groups, concessions, laws and regulations, or any other aspect of State Government. Please feel free to call me if I can be of any assistance.

Cheers

Joanne Duncan MP

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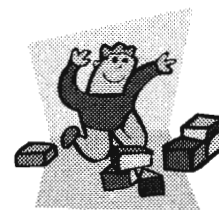
Rostered 3 Year Old Playgroup is run on **Tuesday mornings** during the school terms, from **9.30am to 11.30am** at the **Romsey Mechanics Hall**.

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 30th 2002.

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



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

TWILIGHT CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

“AUCTION”

“ESSENDON FOOTBALL JUMPER”

(NO 32. - JUSTIN BLUMFIELD’S 2001 GUERNSEY)

Signed by:

KEVIN SHEEDY

JAMES HIRD

JUSTIN BLUMFIELD

BLAKE CARACELLA

STEVE ALESIO

The auction of the Football Jumper will take place at 7.15 p.m. on the Carnival night, allowing everyone present an opportunity to bid. **Written bids** will also be accepted prior to the night. Written bids must be placed in a sealed envelope together with the bidder’s name, address, phone number and signature and handed to Barney Healy, Principal, Romsey Primary School, no later than 12.00 noon Thursday, March 21. Written bids will be incorporated into the auction to be held at 7.15 p.m.

For further information or queries, please contact Barney Healy on 54 295099.

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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

For those readers that don't know us, let me briefly introduce Bolinda Primary School to you. We are situated on the Romsey-Lancefield Road just south of the Monegeetta store in Mullalys Road. We are a small school of 58 children (having grown from 24 just 6 years ago), with a total of 12 staff who work varying times during the course of the week.

We run 4 classes, P-1, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6, and of course teach the 8 Key Learning Areas that all Government Schools are required to provide. We are also able to help those children who may require additional assistance.

There is great excitement amongst the children at the moment as the new Bolinda Community basketball court adjacent to the school, has just been completed. You can imagine that the goals will get a fair workout in the months ahead !! We thank local identity Doug Newnham and his company for the great job done on the court, and also Cr. Geoff Neil for his tireless work on behalf of the school.

- Our 6 new Preps have started their school life with enthusiasm and are extremely happy to join in the activities of their school. They particularly love collecting the eggs from the school chooks every day along with their teachers Mrs. Julie Cooke, Mrs. Janet Cain and Integration Aide, Marg Fraser.
- The 1-2 class with Mrs. Lorraine Lee and Mrs. Heldi Carroll, will be joining the P-1 class on an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium shortly to complement their work on The Sea.
- The 3-4 class with Mrs. Anita Batty is already hard at their morning aerobic sessions and are working on a theme of developing tolerance by studying the different beliefs of people around the world. Tables work is also a high priority in the class.
- My grade 5-6 are naturally following the Winter Olympics (2 Gold for Australia at time of writing - fantastic!!), and in science are looking at how their bodies work.

The whole school will be joining with Clarkefield and Darraweit Guim in a few weeks for a day of French activities, arranged by our French teacher Mrs. Caroline Smyrk. French music presented by a French musician, cooking crepes and French games will all be enjoyed by the children.

Naturally, we as a school will take part in Harmony Day on March 21st. This day coincides each year with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. On Harmony Day we think about the different cultures and lan-

guages that people contribute to our community. The theme for Harmony Day 2002 is YOU + ME US.

The last event for the Centenary of Federation last year, was the Peoplescape exhibition in Canberra. Bolinda participated by decorating two life size figures of important heroes in our school community. These were 2001 Grade 6 student Tim Ivone, and well known children's author, media personality and also our school penfriend, Jackie French. (I'll tell you more about Jackie another time.) The 2 figures have now been returned from Canberra and are on display in the 5-6 room.

Fundraising is always a constant in schools and Bolinda is no exception to that rule.

We are having a \$12 Family Portrait Photo Session by Vision Portraits on Friday March 15th. All proceeds to the school and photos will be back by Mothers Day.

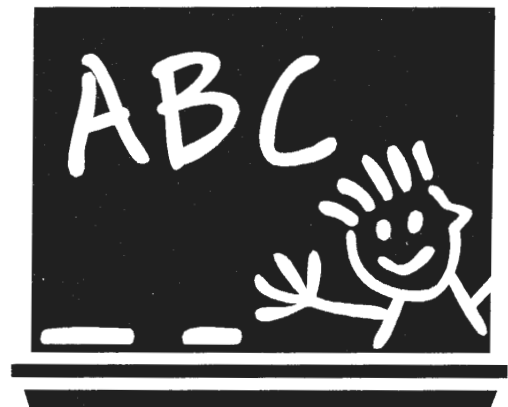
Please ring the school if you would like an updated framed family portrait.

Every 3 years the school has a Triennial Review and we are having ours next week.

Independent reviewers, (this year from Ballarat) and quite separate from DEET, will come to the school to speak to staff, School Councilors and Principal to assess how the school has performed in the past 3 years. They will look at Annual Reports, records, benchmarks and statistics and then make recommendations for the next 3 year School Charter. This is a very thorough process that all schools are required to undertake. Knowing what the school and staff have achieved over the past 3 years, I am confident that Bolinda will perform very well.

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

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317





Gardening and Fire Safety

A well-planned and maintained garden not only provides refuge from the hot sun in summer but also

helps to reduce the impact of bushfire on home and property.

"Developing a bushfire plan for summer is not something that should be restricted to the lead-up to the fire danger period, thought should be given to both short term and long term planning in terms of planting, landscaping and garden maintenance," said Romsey Captain Ron Cole.

"Unfortunately many well meaning people get caught out when it comes time to remove the rubbish and clippings. The mild weather has lulled them into believing that it's safe to burn off," he added.

While restrictions remain in force it is illegal to have any form of fire in the open without a permit (obtainable from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council). If you have an incinerator, firstly check with the local council to see if there are any restrictions on the use of incinerators in your area. Secondly check that the incinerator to see if it's in good condition with an effective lid that completely contains the fire. There must be an area of 3 metres all round and above the incinerator that is completely cleared of all flammable material with someone in attendance at all times. It is important to have sufficient water on hand in case of an emergency.

If the day is a day of total fire ban then no fires, even in incinerators are allowed.

This information is available on CFA's **Can I or Can't I?** pamphlet available from the local brigade or by contacting Peter Moore on 0409 407 725

For more information, visit the Romsey Fire Station open day on Saturday 2 March 2002 from 9:30 to hear how to plan for your safety during the summer fire danger period

Visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or contact **Peter Moore** on **0409 407 725**



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2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Sunday	8.00a.m. Romsey 10.00a.m. Lancefield

EASTER CEREMONIES

Reconciliation	Wednesday 13 th March	7.30p.m. Romsey
Palm Sunday	24 th March	7.30p.m. Lancefield 8.00a.m. Romsey 10.00a.m. Lancefield
Holy Thursday	28 th March	7.30p.m. Romsey
Good Friday Ecumenical Way of the Cross	29 th March	11.00a.m. Lancefield
Passion	29 th March	3.00p.m. Lancefield
Easter Vigil	20 th March	7.30p.m. Lancefield
Easter Sunday	31 st March	8.00a.m. Romsey 10.00a.m. Lancefield

Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, 5th May

Men's Mass & Breakfast

Saturday, 9th March 8.00a.m. Lancefield

St. Mary's School Twilight Fair

Friday, 15th November 5.00 – 8.30p.m.

Drop In Centre

The St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey welcomes our Community to the Drop In Centre at St. Mary's Church Hall, Main Street, Romsey on the **1st Thursday** of every month from 10.30a.m.

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Chris Clark

**49 Gap Road,
RIDDELLS CREEK 3431.
Friday 15th February 2002.**

Phone: 5428 6526

Hiya!

Let me introduce myself. I am publicity officer on the Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee and a member of other community groups. It was after speaking with Jenny Davies, co-editor The Gisborne Town Crier about her intention to establish links with other newsletter editors, that I asked if I could have a copy of the contacts. I congratulate Jenny on her prompt delivery of the list. This is the ideal way to spread community news between our towns.

I hope to contact you with snippets of information about community groups regularly throughout the year.

I have my GSC Chaplaincy hat on at the moment. You will help us by attending our current fund raising event - a movie night.

Movie Night – A Beautiful Mind.

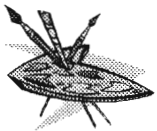
Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Committee has organised a film night at the beautiful old cinema – Westgarth in High Street, Northcote for Friday 15th March at 7pm. A Beautiful Mind is a new release and the latest movie to star Russell Crowe.

Cost is \$10 seniors/students \$12 adults. Supper will be provided after the film.

*Tickets from Gisborne Office Supplies, Librarian GSC 5428 3691 or Linda 5428 6425
All profit to the Chaplaincy Fund.*

Thank you. Till next time.

Sincerely,
Chris Clark (Mrs.)



WOODEND LIONS CLUB 28TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Woodend Lions Club will be presenting its 28th Annual Art Show over the long weekend in March. The Lions Art Show has gained considerable reputation over the years and is considered by artists and art lovers to be one of the finer art shows presented in country Victoria. It features over 400 works of art in all mediums by professional and amateur artists and provides an opportunity to view and purchase quality works of art at reasonable prices.

The Lions Art Show is held in St Ambrose Hall, Templeton Street, Woodend and commences on Saturday March 9th and Sunday March 10th from 9.00am to 5.00pm, and Monday March 11th from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Entry fee is \$2 for adults, \$1 for concession card holders and children under 12 are admitted free.

The official opening will commence at 7.00pm on Friday March 8th. Prize winners will be announced and patrons will have the opportunity to preview and buy works of art. Tickets to the preview are \$15 and include a light supper and wine.

The Art Show is a major fund raising event for the Lions Club and proceeds go towards supporting local community projects.

If you appreciate quality art, then take some time over the March long weekend to visit this exciting and popular art show.

For further information or for tickets to the Official Opening



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Stephen Ford who is Rural Ambulance Victoria co-ordinator for the project advises me that the tenders have gone out for the construction of the station and they close next month, so things are moving along nicely and I will keep you posted.

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- Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday March 27th at 1.30pm at the home of Mr John and Mrs Lyn Vanarkel, 1 Drivers Retreat, Romsey. New members welcome to join us.
- We plan to have a stall to collect donations and sell raffle tickets at the Romsey Primary School Fair on Friday March 22nd.
- Our Danny Blume morning tea/coffee with display and sale of winter fashions will be held on Friday May 10th at 10.30am in the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey. Donation includes morning tea.

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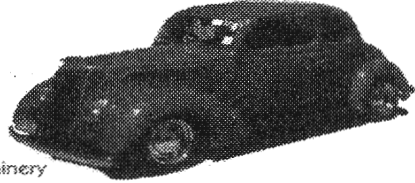
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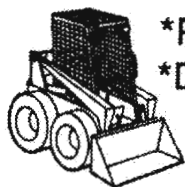
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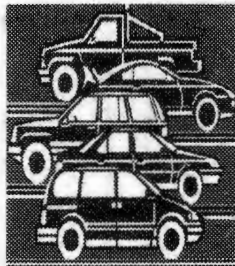
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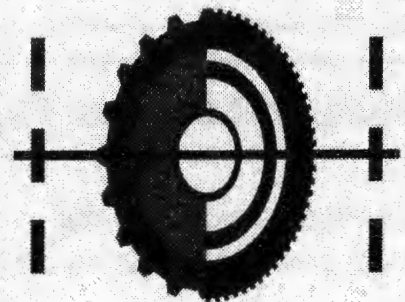
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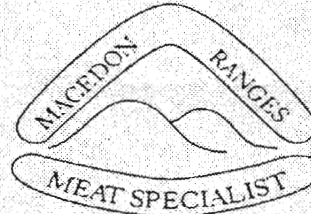
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Do you live on a property or a block in town and are wondering what type of plants to grow? There are many good reasons to grow indigenous (or local native) species.

Values of Indigenous plants:

- 1 Indigenous plants are perfectly adapted to local weather conditions including frosts, wet, cold winters and dry summers.
- 2 Indigenous plants are perfectly adapted to the local soil types, which are variable.
- 3 Indigenous plants need less water and maintenance than exotic species. Watering over the first summer will give plants an excellent start and then, once established, will need little or no watering. Depending on your situation and the plant species, a light prune once a year would benefit plant growth. *Do not prune trees* Less water = less dollars spent.
- 4 Indigenous plants attract local birds and wildlife by creating habitat and a food source. Animals may include
- 5 honeyeaters, wrens, small possums, koalas. There are prickly species of shrubs that provide excellent protection for nesting sites. (Remember that Macedon Ranges Shire Council has a curfew for all cats at night, so be fair to our threatened wildlife and lock up your cats).
- 6 Many indigenous plants are fast growing. If you are wanting to grow a windbreak or screen, a mixed group of indigenous plants would be an excellent choice.
- 7 You can match indigenous species to suit your situation. For example, there are species adapted to wet sites; steep, rocky sites; along creeks and rivers; sites that are wet in winter and dry in summer, to name a few.
- 8 Indigenous grasses and sedges have a fibrous root system that is excellent for soil stabilisation and erosion control.
- 9 Indigenous grasses, herbs and sedges produce green growth over summer, and so could reduce potential fire hazard.
- 10 And finally, by planting indigenous species you can help in preserving the unique local character of our area.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council can provide a list of indigenous species.

To help choose the correct plant for your situation there are two excellent books for you to research.

Flora of Melbourne – a guide to the indigenous plants of the greater Melbourne area by The Society for Growing Australian Plants Maroondah, Inc.

Native trees and shrubs of south-eastern Australia by L.F. Costermans, published by Weldon Publishing.

ISBN 0947116761

Indigenous Plant Profile***Eucalyptus viminalis* – Mana Gum**

The Manna Gum grows the leaves favoured by koalas. Its size is variable in height from 20m to 50m with a spread of 8-15 m. The Manna Gum grows along water courses, moist valleys and also on drier, higher levels and tablelands. It is a fast growing tree which sheds its bark in summer in “ribbons” leaving a white trunk. This tree is best suited to large gardens, parks and larger properties.

***Melaleuca ericifolia* – Swamp Paper Bark.**

The Swamp Paper Bark is a useful plant for wet areas with poor drainage, but will tolerate dryness once established. It varies in height from 3-9m and may sucker to form a dense copse. Swamp Paper Barks have narrow, dark green leaves and cream flowers in spring. When the plant matures the trunk forms an interesting “papery” effect. A useful plant for screening or part of a wind break. The Swamp Paper Bark is suitable for gardens, parks and properties. It responds very well to an annual prune.

I have planted the Swamp Paper Bark in a wet spot in my Romsey garden as a visual screen. The plants have grown 1.5 metres in 9 months and have not been watered once over summer.

**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

The Romsey – Lancefield R.S.L. wishes to advise that our ANZAC Day service this year will be conducted at the Cenotaph, Lancefield at 8.30am.

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It is great to see the track being used by so many people including walkers, runners and cyclists. However, it has been noted that horse riders are also using the track and continued use when sealed, will cause significant damage. The track, even when sealed is not designed for equestrian use.

The recently completed Shire Wide Bicycle Strategy highlighted the need for equestrian facilities alongside shared pathways such as the Romsey-Lancefield Centennial Track. The need for equestrian facilities will be monitored, however, it is requested that horse riders use the town strip alongside the track.

The necessary signage will be erected at the completion of the project reminding users of this. We ask the community to monitor this situation and the police have kindly offered to keep a friendly eye on the use of the track.

This project has taken a lot of time and effort by many members of our community and we would like to thank Sport and Recreation Victoria and the people of Romsey and Lancefield for their financial support.

Margaret Howatson, Secretary. 54295 724.

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“And as has always been the case, the Bank will be open from 9am to midday on Saturdays to cater for our customers from Romsey and Lancefield who enjoy the convenience of Saturday morning banking,” Mr Browning said.

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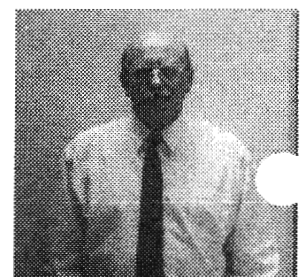
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HOW TO ENJOY THE MITCHELL LIBRARY WEBSITE - Part 1

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Once upon a time you had to visit the library to check out the new books or make a reservation or just chat to the friendly staff. Well, if you have access to the Internet and type in the above address a whole new world will be at your fingertips, so welcome to the 21st century. However, don't forget that even with all this new technology the library staff are still friendly and still like to chat!



On opening the Mitchell Library Service's home page you will see that it is divided into 2 sections. The top section is information about the Library's services and now is the time to find out more about what is on offer. Click on the following and see what happens...

About Us - Lists the customer service charter with general information about using the library service. Includes information on accessibility, service standards, rules & penalties and borrower obligations.

Branches - Lists the hours and days of operation for all Mitchell Library Service branches including a comprehensive timetable for the Mobile giving exact site locations, as well as precise times of service.



Just Arrived - Lists a heap of new books available for loan from the library. Also has a pretty colourful display of a number of front covers from some of these items to browse through.

Library Catalogue - This is the fun part!! There are 2 ways of accessing the catalogue.

1. QUICKFIND - type in your search request and then click OK. When the next screen (hopefully) satisfies your request, it will tell you where the item is located. If you click on the underlined title it will then give you further details as to whether the item is on the shelf or on loan.

Or

2. You can select from **TITLE, AUTHOR, SUBJECT or an ADVANCED search** and type in your specific request. When your selection comes up just continue with the same steps as in #1 above. Easy! In both cases you can then click on **PLACE RESERVATION** at the bottom of the screen if you would like to reserve your find. There are 3 important things to remember with this -

1. **BORROWER NUMBER** is the last 7 digits after 33/ _____ on your library card. If you are one of the few lucky people whose number ends with an A then type a hyphen instead eg: 200558A = 200558-.

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So what are you waiting for, hop onto the Internet and Enjoy!!



Romsey Uniting Church

25 Pohlman Street
 Minister: Rev Alan Williams
 25 William Street
 Romsey 3434
 Ph/Fax: 5429 5351
 mobile: 0408 380 962

What's On

- 3 Mar 8:00am Harvest Thanksgiving breakfast followed by worship, including Holy Communion.
- 10 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 13 Mar 10:00am UCAF meets at the church to organise car-pooling to Kyneton to hear Denis Walter as part of the Kyneton Morning Melodies. Tickets are \$11.50 and are available from Helen Clement (5429 5317). There will be no afternoon meeting this month.
- 17 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
4:00pm Sunday School picnic at the Romsey Lions' Park, followed by a BYO BBQ at the church.
- 24 Mar 9:00am worship and Sunday School, remembering Palm Sunday.
- 25 Mar 7:30pm Holy Week reflection.
- 26 Mar 7:30pm Holy Week reflection.
- 27 Mar 7:30pm Holy Week reflection.
- 28 Mar 7:30pm Holy Week reflection.
- 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.
- 7 Apr 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. Creche will be available for pre-school children during School Holidays.

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.

What's News

The church has finally begun its preparation for Easter. Looking at the shops, you might think that we are bit slow off the mark. After all, hot cross buns and Easter eggs have been available for quite some time.

Yet Easter is the defining moment in history for Christians. You may have seen signs saying 'Jesus is the reason for the season' at Christmas. Well, it is even more true of Easter.

If we strip back all the commercialism, Easter is about life and new life. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is spring – the return of greenery, flowers and animals after winter. It is also the season of new birth among many animals. This is the secular festival behind the Christian celebration of life and new life in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter is about the promise of life in all its fullness, both in this world and the world to come. As part of the church's preparation, we spend the time from Ash Wednesday reflecting on who Jesus was, what he did for us, and how our lives measure up to what God intends for us. If God has promised us life in all its fullness, why do we fall short?

One of the great things about life is the possibility. Our lives are not defined, but are open to an uncertain future, meaning that we can achieve anything. This may sound like pie in the sky dreaming, but there is at least an element of truth in it. We do not have to accept things as they are if we don't want to. The Christian belief in resurrection shows that even death is not final.

The question for us is, 'What sort of society do we want?' And the source of many of our problems is that we don't know the answer.

The Easter story invites us to dream about the impossible. The first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection thought that they were dreaming. 'Maybe it was wishful thinking and they imagined it' was a common early reaction. Yet the reality opened up a whole new range of possibilities.

Are we prepared to be dreamers and visionaries? Do we want a better world for our children and grandchildren? Let us take the Easter challenge and be bold in our desire. Who knows what the future holds? *Rev Alan Williams*

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MACEDON RANGES HEALTH SERVICES

Health Expo 2002 – "His 'n Her Day" – Saturday March 2nd.

New format of Male and Female health sessions, including self health and parental health information.

Male and female sessions commence at 9.30am – 11.40am.

Combined male and female sessions at 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

We invite you all to come along.

FREE health screenings available from 11.00am – 12.30pm.

Free blood glucose meter clean and check

Light lunch provided - \$2 donation.

Lucky Door Prizes on the day.

NIGHT GOLF

Saturday 6th April
Romsey Golf Club

Bookings essential –

Phil Norton 5429 6409

Beryl Cole 5429 5411

\$15 per player including meal and ball

\$10 per non-player

Get your group together (no handicaps necessary) and come and have fun.



Junior tennis in Romsey is alive and well!

For a few years, Romsey Junior Tennis has had only one devoted team, playing in section 4, who last winter finished the home and away games 4th to narrowly make the finals. They bravely fought through to finish the season runners up. Well done Tim and Kieran McNamara, Andrew Hudson, Elisha Ireland, Toby Smithies and Kieran Dockley. This achievement saw them upgraded to section 3.

The Romsey Tennis Club junior teams play on Saturday mornings as part of the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association. The MRTA has almost 90 teams playing in 10 sections, divided on skill level, where section 1 is great, fast and entertaining tennis, and section 10 is for the beginners. There is a winter, and a summer competition, and it is open to all children 16 years old and under.

This summer, a resurgence of interest has seen Romsey field 3 teams, the original team in section 3, plus a team in sections 6 and 10. The section 6 team players this season were Elizabeth Baker, Kieran Dockley, Stephanie Ireland, Anneliese Weir, and Stephen Creed. The section 10 team players were Sean McNamara, Aimee Ireland, Nicole Wadden, Shannon Wright, Georgia Angus, Chulee Traill and Stephen Blicblau.

Our section 3 team have once again made it to the finals after

finishing the home and away season on top. Well done Tim and Kieran McNamara, Andrew Hudson, Elisha Ireland, Michael Blicblau and Toby Smithies. They comfortably won the first finals match and are in the grand final to be played in March. The teams in the other two sections didn't make the finals this time around, but they enjoyed the season's tennis and greatly improved their skills and confidence. The players and parents admirably hosted and umpired the first week of the finals for the teams who did, thanks folks!

Many players are now receiving excellent coaching from Brett Rees, who runs small group lessons at the club. Brett can be contacted on 5429 6716.

On Friday evenings, we have a social hit and sausage sizzle at the courts from 5:00pm onwards. This is for players and parents alike.

The winter competition runs through the second and third terms of school, with gaps around the holidays, and will be hitting off after Easter. Numbers may even see us fielding a fourth team!

If you or your child would like to join in, or just find out more about Saturday morning junior tennis, please call Bev Davis 5429 5954, Elaine Ireland on 5429 5636 or Kaye McNamara on 5429 5622

Macedon Ranges Health Care



**Romsey Medical
Centre**

99 Main Street, Romsey, 3434

Phone: 5429 5254 Fax:

5429 6147

Email: doctors@bigpond.com

Clinic Hours and Appointments:

Monday to Friday	9.00am to 8.00pm
Saturdays	9.00am to 5.00pm
Sundays	10.00am to 1.00pm

We try to minimise waiting time by operating an appointment system. Appointments are routinely of 10 – 15 minutes duration. You can help us to run on time by advising the reception staff if you anticipate a longer time for complicated procedures such as:

- Insurance, pre-employment or license examinations
- 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.

*The Kyneton Community & Learning Centre
and Woodend and Lancefield Neighbourhood
Houses are pleased to present....*

CELEBRATING THE AGE WE ARE

**Health and well being for women over 50 who live
in the Macedon Ranges area.**

Come and participate in 7 informative, friendly sessions.

Commencing Thursday March 14th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
in the meeting room at the
Woodend Community Centre.

Cost only \$20

Call the Kyneton Community & Learning Centre or
5422 3433 to book your place in this exciting progr.



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5429 6918**

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MACEDON RANGES WOMEN ON FARMS GATHERING 2002 INC.**“ RANGES OF OPPORTUNITY”**

The 13th Victorian Women on Farms Gathering will be on the 12th, 13th and 14th of April in Kyneton.

The theme “Ranges of Opportunity” emphasises the region’s opportunities for farm diversity and productivity together with the opportunity to create enterprises in business and tourism.

Women from around Victoria are invited to a fun, motivating, stimulating weekend with keynote and guest speakers, workshops and enticing tours.

There is a choice from over 25 workshops ranging from online communication, commercial value adding, nurturing body and soul, farm safety and machinery, painted finishes, investment strategies, Egyptian dancing, health, weeds and forestry.

Tours will provide an opportunity to explore the diversity of the Macedon Ranges from wool and horsepower to galleries and gardens.

Call today for a registration form to be mailed. Please phone Sharon Williams on 54 29 6546, or email alsharon@ssc.net.au.

Enquiries to President Kym Raverty 54 295901, Lois Cameron 54 261944, Elizabeth Penny 57 89 1371.



KYNETON TOWN HALL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

We have one of the best programs of **Morning Music / Daytime Entertainment** ever to tour here – Denis Walter, Barry Crocker, the return of Lux Radio Theatre, and the Big Band Swing takes us back to the great days of the big band sound!

Our **Theatre and Evening** season features:

- Co-Opera with a great production of *Così fan tutte*
- An up-tempo production of *The Sentimental Bloke* and the hilarious *Hamlet in One Hour*
- The *Comedy Festival Roadshow* makes its third return and the smash hit *Mum's The Word* comes to town in June.
- HIT Productions tour two plays from Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads*.
- The Soubrettes present the slightly saucy *Cabaret Tingel-Tangel*, and
- The year finishes with the Singapore-based *T'ang Quartet* direct from its Melbourne Festival appearance!

So far we have two great **Children's Events** lined up – the return of the popular *Sleeping Beauty* featuring the Spice Fairies and a fantastic production of *The Adventures of Snugglepoot and Cuddlepie*.

Some innovations this year:

- All of our events will have **reserved seating**, and
- For the first time we are offering **discount packages** for patrons who book for multiple shows in the Morning Music and Theatre seasons
- For **patrons with hearing and sight impairments** we are holding six seats in the front row of every performance so they can best enjoy our shows
- We hope you like our new tickets – we have recently installed our **new computerised ticketing system!**
- For bookings and enquiries call on our NEW number – 1300 88 88 02.

All the staff of the Kyneton Town Hall look forward to you joining us this year for our wonderful season of events, **we have something for everyone!**

From Your Mt William Councillor, Alice Aird

My Survey is Still On!

Thanks to the 16 people who responded to the survey! I will be following up the issues raised and considering the viewpoints expressed. The most frequently mentioned issue was a pedestrian crossing at Newham. A campaign to lobby Vicroads will be discussed at a meeting at Newham Hall on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30 pm. The next most frequently mentioned were development issues (see below), care for forests and listening and responding to the residents. A range of other issues were raised by only one person. Particular thanks to those who gave their names. I have already spoken to some and attempted to contact all of them. Forms are now available at each of the survey box locations. Please keep the responses coming in to give me a clear direction! Should I assume that all non responses indicate that everything is perfect?? (Joke!)

Getting the Development We Want

There's a significant development issue on the books for Stawell St Romsey. Four house units have already been built on one average house block and now there's an application for four more next door. A meeting with residents about their objections has profoundly affected me. I will be opposing this application. Yes, the towns should be contained with a clear boundary and the central core should have a higher density to make better use of facilities and services. Yes we need to provide a diversity of housing. But this does not mean that a street of single houses should go from two bare blocks to 8 houses overnight. It does not mean we should allow development that does not suit our rural towns.

I want to raise the bar, to have higher expectations of our developers. To get the kind of development we want, we have to clearly define it in the planning scheme.

We need time to develop neighbourhood character overlays. There is nothing to define the special development of Romsey in the planning scheme now. For perhaps a year we need a moratorium on medium density development in Romsey. A Romsey Planning Advisory Committee with reps from say business, historical society, interested community members and local people with appropriate expertise, would develop the detail of what locals mean by 'Romsey character'. As well as a definition of the specialness of Romsey we need to define how this is to be achieved in practical terms. We need to do this for all our towns, but first the pressure is in Romsey, so lets start there. There are many specific ways to do this. Other communities are further along. Research is needed. *World's best practice*. Let's find the best ideas around. To produce rural towns which remain uniquely *our* towns, as they change and grow. Should we settle for less?

I will be calling for a moratorium on the development of more than two units per block in Romsey while neighbourhood character overlays are defined. Are you with me? I need your support. This is vital for Lancefield and Newham too, and for rural areas. *If defining the style of development in the place where you live, what you want, tell me via the survey forms.*

Come to the next Mt William Reference Group Meeting. It will be in Romsey at the Mechanics Institute on Tuesday March 12 at 7.30. Come along and make the development of your town the hot topic. Please remember that these meetings are about defining broader issues and finding ways to work on solutions together. Please contact me directly on 5427 0156 with your individual concerns.

The Column Mystery Grows.....

Swathed in black plastic now, they stand in threes. What are they, what beauty will be revealed..... Watch this space.....



Probuss Club Romsey – Lancefield

Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probuss Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am. Probuss is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

Contact

Bill Black (President) on 5429 5170
Leonie Miles (Secretary) on 5429 5071

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Romsey and District Netball Association** will be held on

Tuesday, March 19th at 7.30pm at the **Lancefield Mechanics Hall**, High Street, Lancefield.

Two representatives from **each team** are required to attend or the loss of 4 game points will be incurred. (Includes Juniors, Sub-Senior & Senior Teams).

Thank you,

RDNA COMMITTEE

ROMSEY STREETSCAPE

Works on the Romsey Streetscape Project is about to recommence with bluestone edging on the service road between Stawell and Murphy Streets and sealing of car park areas in the service roads. Planning for a township entrance (southern end) and repairs to the Five Mile Creek bridge have been agreed to in principle by all authorities. Cleaning up landscaping around the creek by the Lions Park is also part of the project. All this work will complement our beautiful Main Street and the improvements undertaken last year.

As part of the project the committee had to commit to in kind work contribution which will dictate how much funding we receive from the State Government and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. So we are now appealing to residents, local and community groups to volunteer their labour, and businesses to donate or supply materials, equipment or labour at a discount rate. If you can help us in any way please contact Ron Cole on 5429 5411 or Ken Paterson at Mitre 10.

Ron Cole, President.



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

GENERAL MEETINGS - held on 4th 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, 1st 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!

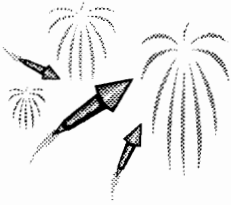
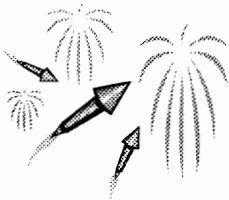
Enquiries to Secretary: Jean Clement PH: 54 29 6522

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Joe and Gloria Dickerson would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our families, friends and local businesses who generously supported us in raising \$1,105.40 at the recent event held to assist families affected by Cystic Fibrosis.

Thank you all, we could not do it without you!!

Donations may be sent anytime to:
Cystic Fibrosis Victoria
PO Box 3036
South Melbourne VIC 3205

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**TWILIGHT CARNIVAL****FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND*****“PROFESSIONAL”
FIREWORKS DISPLAY****Presented by:****“AIRWIZE” PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS*****8.00 P.M.****DON'T MISS OUT!!****A ROMSEY COMMUNITY EVENT!!****ROMSEY GOLF CLUB**

The Progressive Dinner held on March 2nd would be over by the time this is published so thank you to the people who supported us. I'm sure you had a good time.

COMING EVENTS:**Open Day – Saturday 23rd March**

Format for the day will be mixed Ambrose. 12.30pm assembly for a 1.00pm hit off. Members and non-members welcome, no handicap necessary.

Cost – \$10 including BBQ meal or \$3 for golf.

Night Golf Saturday 6th April

Get a golf group together and join the fun. Bookings essential by 23/03/02 to Phil Norton on 5429 6409 or Beryl Cole on 5429 5411. \$15 per player including meal and ball, \$10 for non-players.

Shopping Tour 25th May

Ladies – mark this date on your calendars and spread the word to your friends. The bus will be leaving Romsey with a pick up in Sunbury. More details later so watch the Rag.

Casino Trip Sunday 23rd June

Bookings taken later. Bus leaving Romsey 10.00am, with pick up in Sunbury at 10.30.

Ladies Report

We are off to a good start to the year. So far Leanne Jeffrey, Shirley Shelton and Beryl Cole have broken their handicaps and some players are looking forward to pennant starting in April. On February 20 we held a successful “Bring a Friend “ Day, and introduced the fun and frustration of golf to other ladies. It would be really great to see tem back as regulars with us.

Beryl Cole



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