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## Make your kids safe this winter

With winter approaching and a number of house fires occurring in recent weeks, we would like to remind all Romsey residents that everyone needs to take care to ensure that we don't experience a house fire this winter.

New research by insurer AAMI highlights that many children would not know what to do if a fire broke out in their home. The findings, published in the 2004 AAMI Firescreen Index, also shows that cooking accidents are the single biggest cause of fire in the home.

"Our experience shows that when it comes to fire safety, the highest at risk groups in the community are children under the age of 5 and people over 60," said Robert Smith, Romsey captain. "With young children, their level of development and their inability to anticipate dangerous situations impact on how they behave in a fire situation."

Parents need to make sure that children know what to do if a fire was to start in their home, how to safely exit the building by crawling low in smoke, where the agreed meeting place is and how to dial 000.

CFA runs Brigades in Schools lessons for primary school students where they are taught important fire safety lessons including how to crawl low in smoke, how to dial 000 and how to make a home fire escape plan.

"CFA personnel, both volunteers and career staff, have

been working hard in their local primary schools for many years to get these important fire safety message across to children. Hopefully children take this information home so that the whole family becomes more aware about fire safety in the home," added Region 14 CFA Community Safety Manager Gill Metz.

CFA's Early Fire Safe program targets parents with children under the age of 5. The program aims to show parents some simple steps they can take around their homes to prevent burn and scald injuries, such as not drinking teas and coffee around small children, using guards around heaters and developing home fire escape plans.

Seniors groups can also participate in winter fire safety presentations that highlight the common causes of house fires and ways people can reduce the likelihood of a fire in their home. These sessions include demonstrations on how to use basic home fire safety equipment.

I urge community groups, play groups and elderly citizens groups to avail themselves of these opportunities," said Robert.

To book a safety session for your school or club, contact Peter Moore on (03) 5429 6951 or Region Community Education Co-ordinator Glen Cockram on (03) 9747 6014



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### Distribution:

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## ROMSEY FOOTBALL & NETBALL

Season 2004 has kicked off and once again Romsey looks like it will be right in the mix for both the footy and the netball following the success of 2003 with three premierships. Success can be noted in a number of ways and we are looking for success on the field in the form of wins and success off the field in providing an environment for Romsey people to become involved in their local community group.

There have been a few changes at the helm with Tim McCarthy staying on as President, Graeme Cuthbert taking on the role of secretary and Rebecca Dipietro being the treasurer. Shane McGrath and Brad Cuthbert have come on board to the committee as the Vice Presidents while Mark Dipietro returns as the senior coach and Duane Singles has taken on the toughest job of all coaching the reserves. Carolyn McCarthy has been appointed as the netball coach for both grades.

Our first game was against Rockbank at Melton Centrals and despite a number of notable omissions we came away with the points in both the footy and netball in all grades. The footy reserves snuck home by two points due to some particularly wayward kicking while the other sides recorded resounding victories.

At the time of writing the first home game of the season is about to be held where we will unfurl the premiership flags of last season. Long time servants of the club Cheryl Wright and Peter "PJ" Gay had the honour of unfurling the senior footy flag while Darren Lingard and his family unfurled the reserves flag and Miranda Beer along with Tammy Dawson hoisted the netball flag.

The club is always in need of more players, supporters, members, sponsors and helpers. At the current time we have a small but very hard working committee who see that we perform both on and off the field. A larger band of helpers around the club can only be of benefit for everyone and we hope that those who do become involved get as much out of it as they put into it. Anyone willing to become involved with the club can contact any committee member or come down on a Tuesday or Thursday night for more information. At the minute we are in need of trainers and water boys/girls so we would love to hear from you if you can help out your local club.

Throughout May our draw is favourable for supporters of the club with all games being held at Romsey Oval on Saturdays other than the traditional Sunday match against Lancefield at Lancefield on May 16. We are looking forward seeing strong crowds at each of these matches as we attempt to set the season up for another significant finals campaign.

On a more sobering note the club sends its thoughts to long serving Secretary and Life Member of the club Cheryl Wright along with Les and their family at this time. We're all hoping for the best possible outcome.

### DEADLINE DATES FOR ROMSEY RAG:

EDITION	CLOSING DATE FOR COPY	COLLATING DATE
June	Friday May 21st	Thursday May 27th
July	Monday June 21st	Thursday June 24th
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

## Romsey Community Bank

### Your Bank survey – get it in NOW!

The deadline is fast looming for the closure of the Romsey Community Bank independent feasibility study, and residents who want their own Bank should return their survey forms without delay. The Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee chair, Maureen Wiltshire, said the survey forms were crucial in enabling Bendigo Bank to determine there was enough support to make a local branch economically viable. The forms were delivered to more than 2000 households in Romsey and surrounding areas in the second half of last month (April), and it's vital that they be filled out and returned, she said.

"We had 33 come back within a day of the mailout officially starting, so that was wonderful support for the start of the campaign," Mrs Wiltshire said. "But we need everyone to get the forms back now. From talking to residents and businesses around the town over the past two years, I'm absolutely convinced that the minute Community Bank opens its doors in Romsey, almost everyone would transfer their accounts from other banks and fully support it.

"However, Bendigo Bank can't make its business decisions on our local knowledge, and needs the hard data and information on a business plan to be drawn up from the surveys. Residents have demonstrated with their pledges that they are prepared to put up the capital to establish the branch – we now have to demonstrate to Bendigo Bank that we would use it. We must have a firm financial basis on which to plan - and we won't get those firm figures for the balance sheet unless everyone returns their survey form.

"We need everyone to take just five or 10 minutes, carefully read the survey, fill out the form and send it in. If that happens, we expect to get the green light from Bendigo Bank to proceed. After that, a prospectus would be prepared and issued, the residents who pledged more than \$425,000 to provide establishment costs and working capital would be contacted along with other people who may wish to invest in our town's future, and we would hope to open our doors within six months."

The survey forms have to be completed and returned to the independent consultant by May 10. Mrs Wiltshire said a Romsey Community Bank would operate in partnership with – not opposition to – the Lancefield branch.

Anyone who needs an extra form should phone Mrs Wiltshire on 5429 5292 or Steering Committee member Trevor Turnham on 5429 5413, or collect one from the Romsey Pharmacy or O'Rourke's butchers.



Above: Members of the Steering Committee for the proposed Romsey branch of the Bendigo Bank.



Mel Leece-Roberts  
0409 537 235

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**ROMSEY 3434**



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## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### ANZAC Day

A number of our students again attended the local ANZAC service, held this year in Lancefield. While the ranks of the old diggers may be getting thinner over the years, it is so good to see that the community remembers ANZAC Day with another healthy crowd in attendance for this annual ceremony of remembrance. The Romsey Primary School students had prepared two wreaths from donated flowers at school. These were laid on the war memorial in High Street during the ceremony by our school captains Stephanie Barnes and Jake East.

### Cross Country

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, our Cross Country team headed off to Hanging Rock to compete in the Cobaw District Cross Country around "the rock." We had a team of 48 students (the first 6 place getters in our school cross country) attend the day- 9 year olds through to 12/13 year olds. Again we did really well at this event with approximately 14 of our students going on to compete in Bendigo at the Regional Cross Country Championships on 5<sup>th</sup> May. All of our 48 students did really well in their events, and it was great to see our red t-shirts stand out amongst the large crowd of competitors. It was also wonderful to see our students cheering on their schoolmates in a great spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship.

### Bus Safety

All our students are participating in a special bus safety program coordinated through the Victoria Police and VicRoads. During this session students are taken through a range of safety issues in being a good bus traveler. The students also go through appropriate traveling bus protocols on a bus, kindly lent to the school for the program by John McCarthy. This program is of direct benefit to all students, not just our regular bus travelers, as we are all bus passengers from time to time, through other school activities, or through the use of public transport.

### School Visitors

Often at Romsey Primary School, we have visitors from other schools looking at our programs, or at policy and organizational improvements we have made in the past few years. Recently Jean Tom returned from a CWA conference in Tasmania, attended by delegates from around the world. Jean brought Cecelia a delegate and teacher from Zambia to see our school. Cecelia was very impressed with our school and the programs for students. Children from a couple of classes talked at length with her of the differences in our respective countries and school systems.

### East Timor Gift

Many schools probably have excess furniture or equipment that while it may have little current use is still too good to just throw away. Recently the school was able to find a good home for old plastic "shell" chairs and some disused junior classroom tables by donating these items to schools in East Timor through a container organised by Kangan TAFE. It was great to find a new home for these items, while giving us more room in our garden shed. A real win/ win outcome!

### School Equestrian Team

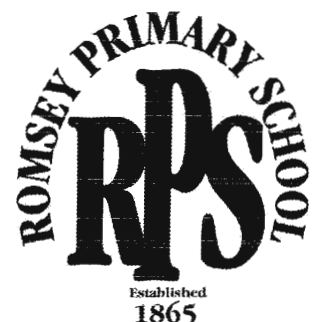
Many people may not be aware that Romsey Primary School has its own equestrian team. The students in this team have competed in a number of inter- school events in the past few years, collect quite a few ribbons along the way, but more importantly, having a lot of fun and always doing their best. Most recently Sophie Milne competed at the Mitsubishi EFA Victorian Inter-school State Championships. Competing in dressage, show jumping, Mandymount and games, giving her an overall 6<sup>th</sup> placing in her division (upper primary, years 5 & 6). This was a great effort in a competition that encourages the development of all-round riding skills. Earlier in the month Stacy Turp, Sophie Milne and Sophie Harris competed at the Ivanhoe Interschool Equestrian event. All the girls did a great job with the team coming in 14<sup>th</sup> of over 30 teams, a great achievement.

### Parenting Education

Romsey Primary School in collaboration with Cobaw Community Health Service is pleased to offer a free parenting course at school. Sessions will commence in early June and run over three weeks. The program will reflect the needs of the participants and can cover:

- ~ How to be a good enough parent.
- ~ Discipline for you and your child.
- ~ Supporting your children through change at home, school or in the family.
- ~ Parenting after conflict or violence
- ~ Dealing with drug and alcohol issues.
- ~ Parenting adolescents.

Barney Healy  
Principal



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

## Walk across the Bridge ...

Twenty years ago, the bridge over Five Mile Creek near the Uniting Church was swept away in the flood.

On 7 April 2004, Macedon Ranges Council completed a new bluestone culvert bridge at this spot. There's not much water there right now, but the rains come and the gully becomes a flowing creek again. It's great to see people are using the new smooth flat crossing winding under the trees.



Thankyou to councillors past and present, to council officers, and to the workers who did such a good job ..... and to volunteers in 2002 who attacked the overgrowth to clear the crossing again.

### NEXT CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 10-12 noon**

**HELP the boys to keep the Dirt Bike area clear**

If you are busy on Sundays ...then come to this day, help for an hour. You are needed.

(New residents ... please come and say hello, check out the creek!)

**Meet at the dirt bike area near Couzens Lane / Drivers Retreat**

Phone: Andrew Sheil & Peta Gale 5429 6168 Sue Kirkegard 5429 523 Kerry Stott 5429 6160

A big **THANKYOU** is extended to Sue Kirkegard and others for the work done in creating the "Creek Walk" and "Pohlman Street Bridge".  
This enhances the pleasant facilities of our attractive town and we are grateful for their efforts.

### **"ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS"**

The Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus offers a daily return service direct to the CBD at the cheapest rate available in the shire. Currently **\$35.00 per week** for permanent travellers.

Departs Lancefield General Store 6.35am, 2 pick up points in Romsey, arrives CBD 7.35am approx.....  
Departs Cnr William & Latrobe 5.20pm

For more details ring Muir on 0354 255505

### **HELP WANTED WITH TRANSPORT**

Anyone travelling from Romsey to Laverton departing Romsey around 5.30am.

Local boy would appreciate a lift – even to public transport, will share fuel cost.

Please Phone: 5429 6115.

## **ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NOTES**

The ladies section completed a successful year of Penant by winning the grand final against Whittlesea at Lancefield in March.

The Chris Johnston tournament held by the men was well patronised, as was the ladies tournament held recently. A group of men from Cope Williams Winery (most of whom had never bowled before) spent a recreational afternoon with us, learning the fundamentals of bowls and laughing a lot.

This is a reminder that any group who would like a fun hour or so, by playing bowls, can contact the Secretary. There is a fee and bowls will be provided. Presentation Day was Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, when 26 people attended. Although cold it was a happy day.

### **Competition winners were**

#### **Men:**

Champion	T. Chambers	Runner Up	B. Ireland
100 up & 21 up	R. Schwarzenberg		
Pairs	T. Chambers and B. Ireland		
Triples	G. Cuthbert, L. Wels, C. Brady		
Mixed Pairs	K. & H. Newnham		

#### **Ladies:**

Champion	F. Sanders	Runner Up	D. Keating
100 up	H. Newnham		
21 up	D. Keating		
Pairs	M. Davis and R. Moore		

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be at the club rooms 7.30pm on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, so please attend.

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### **St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey**

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield

Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Frances Guinane	Convent:	5429 1582
School Principal:	Sr. Patricia Stone	School:	5429 1359

### **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday:** 7.00 pm Lancefield  
**1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 am Lancefield and 10.00 am Romsey  
**2nd & 4th Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 am Romsey and 10.00 am Lancefield

### **Reconciliation:**

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

### **Baptisms:**

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

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

We welcomed eight new members at Easter time who committed their lives to Christ through baptism and reception into the Catholic Church. Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1582 or 5429 2130.

### **Men's Breakfast:**

Once a term, Saturday morning Mass in Lancefield followed by a hearty breakfast.

### **REGULAR EVENTS:**

Christian Meditation Group:  
Monday 8.00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Romsey.  
Phone 5429 5907 for more information.

### **SVDP Drop-In:**

First Thursday of each month, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

### **Songs of Worship & Praise:**

Third Sunday of each month, 9.30 am (half an hour before 10.00 am mass), St. Mary's Church, Romsey.

### **Spiritual Guidance:**

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

# Create Windbreaks and Shelter Belts

**Using Indigenous Plants** By Kerri Mewett - Deep Creek Landcare Group

There is plenty of fresh air in Romsey, sometimes a little too much!

Indigenous plants are the obvious choice when deciding what to use to create windbreaks and shelter belts around your property.

Indigenous species, grown from local seed have naturally evolved to be adapted to the local soil type, rainfall, and other weather conditions like frost. Plants would ideally be watered during their first summer and then left to grow on their own. If summer watering is unavailable, a good initial watering will usually carry plants through until it rains. You really will be amazed at the high success rate and the rapid rate of growth these plants produce.

Plant tube size plants, these are small plants which have the most vigour and will develop the best root systems and trunks. Tube stock will quickly outgrow plants from larger pots and be far more successful. Tubestock cost under a dollar per plant and so are very economical.

Do not plant single row tree lines. Shelter belts are more effective if they are 3, 4 or 5 rows deep. Plant lower growing shrubs on the outside rows with the taller trees in the middle

Tree guards are recommended for the first 6 months to reduce damage by rabbits. Do not tie tube stock to stakes, as the plants need to develop their own strength. Weed competition must be kept to a minimum for the first 12 months. Consider using weed mats or mulch. Weed mats must be porous to let in water and mulch must be kept clear of plant stem.

## **INDIGENOUS VS CONIFERS**

Indigenous plants have many qualities which leave conifers looking very dull and inadequate. Not only are indigenous plants naturally suited to our landscape on a physical level as already mentioned, they also provide shelter, habitat and a food source for native birds, animals and insects. Indigenous plants grow flowers, fruits and seeds which not only are attractive to look at but encourage our precious native wildlife to be a part of the windbreak and shelter belts we have created.

## **CORRIDORS AND REMNANTS**

Create corridors of vegetation by joining up your windbreaks and shelter belts to other patches of vegetation. Talk to your neighbours and between you create a 'double' effect by planting trees and shrubs on both sides of your boundaries. The wider the planting, the better the protection for you, your stock, and the native wildlife.

Include remnant vegetation into your shelter belts to help maintain their protection and health. Remnant vegetation is native vegetation which has naturally grown pre Euro-

pean influence. Remnant trees are usually hundreds of years old and are precious for many reasons including having hollows crucial for habitat for birds and mammals. Remnant plants, including trees, shrubs and grasses struggle when isolated (usually in paddocks) and die prematurely from pasture competition, cropping, compaction from stock etc. Remnant vegetation and shelter belts must be fenced off from stock to ensure maximum success.

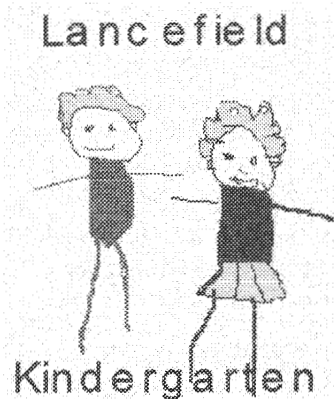
## **INDIGENOUS PLANT CHOICE**

There are some excellent Indigenous nurseries which grow a tremendous range of plants to choose from. The days of being limited to a couple of gum trees and wattles are gone. Now you can have a marvellous mixed planting in your shelter belt including banksias, tea-trees, melaleucas, bottle-brush, casuarinas, many wattles and gum trees, native daphne, hop bush, native daisy bush, mint bush, kangaroo apple to name a few. There are also indigenous daisies, clematis, grasses, reeds and lillies available.

## **ITS EASY**

Creating indigenous windbreaks and shelter belts is easy. Some simple preparation before planting is required and you don't need to know the plant names to choose what species to plant – there is help available.

Break away from the conifer hedge and go indigenous! You can't lose and yourself and the environment will be winners!



**Enrol for 2005**

**3 & 4 year old groups**

**\$5 booking fee & proof of age required.**

**Enquire at the Kindergarten on:**

**Monday May 31st 1.30—2.00 pm**

**Tuesday June 1st 9.00—9.30 am**

**Contact the Kindergarten on 5429 1388**

**Or**

**Theresa Veal on 5423 7108**

## **RELAY FOR LIFE 2004 –** **An Amazing Community** **Achievement**

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Committee are absolutely thrilled to announce that \$117,000.00 has been raised by the Relay for The Cancer Council Victoria. Those funds will assist in many ways providing valuable research and education and support programs that will benefit many in our area.

What a weekend it was on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 at the magnificent Lancefield Park as participants arrived on a warm sunny day to set up their campsites. Thanks must go to the Lancefield Park Committee for the ideal venue and the work of the committee preparing the park for the event. The Relay Committee and many volunteers had worked over the previous days too preparing the grounds and venue for the event. Teams were allocated sites around the fence and many were well prepared with colourful gazebos and umbrellas, heeding the Sunsmart message. It was a sea of orange as more than 900 participants from 56 teams, wearing their orange t-shirts gathered in their teams on the oval for the opening ceremony.

Our sincere thanks to Debra Byrne, event Patron for her words at the opening; Macedon Ranges Shire Council Mayor John Connors; respected Lancefield resident Charlie Smith for reading the Relay for Life Oath and Sharon Shepherd for cutting the ribbon and leading the Survivors and Carers opening lap. And what a sight it was as the Victoria Police Piper led the Survivors and Carers on that first lap supported by all those present. Teams then took to the track with their colourful banners, batons and in some instances wacky costumes, creating a great atmosphere to begin the Relay.

There was great fun during the afternoon with Life Be In It Games, entertainment and spot prizes as families, friends and visitors caught up and enjoyed the occasion. The Candlelight Ceremony, the most important aspect of the Relay as we remembered those who have lost the battle against cancer and supported those fight cancer, began at dusk. It was very fitting that young people from our community, St. Mary's primary School Choir, sang so beautifully to open the Ceremony. Dr. Lindsay Francis offered words of support and Debra read Robyn Poletti's poem and inspired us all with her voice as we turned to see the HOPE sign light up and the oval aglow with candle tributes around the track. A

most memorable experience.

Entertainment and well deserved massage followed in what became quite a cold night. This did not deter determined walkers who kept their batons moving throughout the night. How good it was on Sunday morning to enjoy the fantastic breakfast provided by The Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield.

The morning went quickly with aerobics and spot prizes and it was not long before teams assembled to walk the final laps and the count down to finish the 19 hour Relay. Presentation of awards saw the Country United Beer Drinkers presented with the award for highest team fundraisers and John Webb of Lancefield for highest individual fundraiser. John was presented with the Georgette Watkins Perpetual Trophy, donated by The Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield and presented by the Watkins family. Joanne Duncan, MP concluded the event reading the Relay for Life Oath, and we thank her again for her support.

***"A great achievement by a united community."***

The success of the Relay for Life would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of many. The Committee worked very hard over many

months to ensure the event was successful and did a wonderful job. So many volunteers gave their time freely to assist including the first-aid team and security, the CFA, the Scouts, the entertainers, masseurs, the MC's and town crier. The Rotary Club of Romsey/Lancefield did a wonderful job not only providing the great hot dinner and fantastic breakfast but also sourcing sponsorship for catering and fielding a team. Thanks also to the Lions Club of Lancefield/Romsey for their support, the Lancefield Football Club for operating the canteen throughout the event, all those businesses and individuals who provided spot prizes and donations, food and equipment.

All team captains deserve a pat on the back for their work and effort and all team members who contributed to the success of the Relay – the event would not happen without you. It was very pleasing to see the support of local schools and the Girl Guides.

Thankyou again to everyone who contributed and supported the Relay for Life in some way. Your efforts will be rewarded knowing that you will make a difference in the fight against cancer in the hope that one day we will live in a cancer-free world. A great achievement by a united community.

Bronwyn Wilson – Chairmanager, Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life 2004.





Left: A piper from the Victorian Police Band leads the first lap of the relay walked by cancer survivors and their carers and supporters.

Right: The Romsey Birdies, just one of 56 enthusiastic teams that entered and supported the relay to raise an amazing total of over \$117,000.

**Trots Night**  
**Special thankyou**

A big thankyou to the good people who came on our bus trip to Moonee Valley to raise funds for our team in the Relay for Life for the Cancer Council. We raised \$410.00 on the night so we do thankyou for supporting us.

Beryl & Shirley.



**Probus Club**  
**Romsey –**  
**Lancefield**



Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus 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.

Probus is open to all retired and semi-retired people to enjoy a great social and friendly atmosphere.

**Contact**

Robert Barry (President) on 5428 5194  
Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225

**Romsey Lancefield**  
**Senior Citizens Club**

Inc. A003543P

If you are 55 years of age or over (male or female) and would like to join a happy and friendly group of people—look no further than the seniors rooms situated at the rear of the Mechanics Hall in Main Street, Romsey.

For a yearly joining fee of \$2 you can play carpet bowls, cards or just chat. We are there every Monday from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. There is also a coach trip organised on the first Wednesday of each month. Transport can be provided and you will be made most welcome.

Ring Rae Hooke (Sec) on 5429 1602.

## Kinder Korner

### News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

#### Term 2 begins

The children are all back at kinder now after a good holiday break and looking forward to a brand new term full of exciting activities. The end of term one was celebrated by the visit of a mobile farm to the kinder, complete with chickens, pigs, calves, lambs, ducks and an alpaca. The visit was great fun for the children, who enjoyed petting the animals and also learned about taking care of them.

#### Vacancies

While the kinder's 4YO program is full for 2004, several vacancies have opened up in the 3YO groups. Our three-year-old kinder children's program involves a two-hour session at the kinder twice a week, a total of four hours, and fees are very reasonable. Many parents find three-year-old kindergarten to be a valuable part of their child's development, improving their child's confidence, skills and aiding socialization before "big kinder" as a four-year-old.

Any parent of a three-year-old child who is interested in taking up a place at the kinder for the remainder of 2004 is welcome to phone the kinder and speak to the teachers about the program on 5429 6076 or contact me on 5429 6583 for further details.

#### Fashion Parade

Don't forget to mark on your calendar the kinder's fundraising inaugural Fashion Parade at the kinder on Saturday, May 8, at 2pm. The parade will feature stylish women's clothing from Vivianne's Collection (sizes 6-24) and children's clothing including top brands from major retailers such as Myer and Target (sizes 000-16). Entry is only \$5 and includes a glass of champagne, tea/coffee & nibbles as well as a great fashion parade! So come along and bring a friend, have some fun and help the kinder at the same time!

#### Sign of the times

You may have noticed the kindergarten now has a sign at the front, something which will make it much easier for visitors and newcomers to town to identify their local kinder. Thanks to Lyn Henderson of Macedon Ranges Shire Council for organising the sign and to kinder dad Steve Credland for putting it up during the Easter holidays.

#### Enrolments

Enrolments for both 3YO and 4YO groups for 2005 will be held at the kinder on Thursday, May 13, from 9-10am and Monday, May 17, from 1-2pm. A \$5 booking fee and proof of your child's age will be required. Please note both of these requirements must be met

before the enrolment is officially recorded.

While you can enrol your child for 2005 any time until September 30 this year, it is advisable to register your interest early in the year and avoid a possible waiting list. Three-year-olds at Romsey Kindergarten undertake two sessions a week of two hours each and four-year-olds come to the kinder for four sessions a week, each of three hours' duration.

If you have a question about enrolments, contact the kinder on 5429 5294, our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243, or the assistant enrolment officer, Melissa Sharp, on 5429 5061.

#### Fundraising

This year the kinder community is working hard to purchase new swing sets for both playgrounds and for shade sails.

In term one alone kinder parents raised more than \$2500 through the sale of bulbs and chocolates, which was a fantastic effort and well done to all involved. We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in our fundraising efforts by helping out with donations for raffles etc. Any businesses or service groups who are able to help can contact me on 5429 6583. Any assistance would be most appreciated.

#### Any questions?

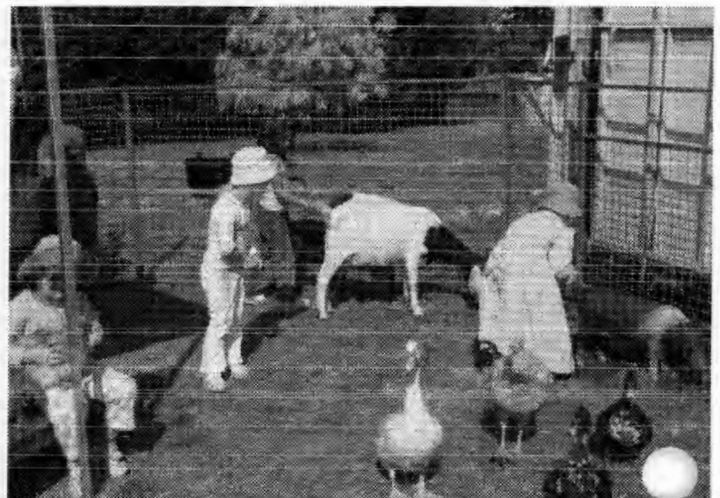
Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6583. The Romsey kinder is a non-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee. We keep the kinder operating and manage to pay all of our staff and running costs out of kinder fees, which is always a challenge!

Until next time,

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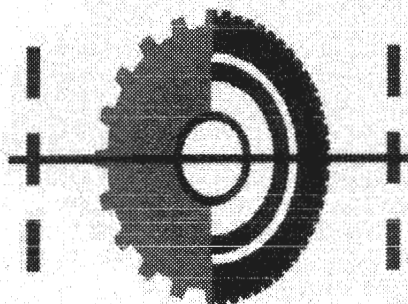
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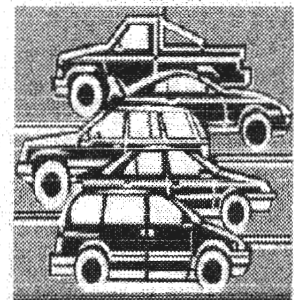
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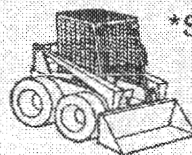
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The annual Romsey 4WD Mud Races were held in Springfield on Sunday the 21st of March 2004 with nearly 900 people coming to see all of the action. The event was organised by the 4WD Mud Racing Association with promoters such as Prendergast Earth Moving and Kyneton Equipment and Party Hire assisting to raise money that is spent on Local Community Projects or donated to organisations like the CFA and St Johns Ambulance.

The event is very different to other 4wd events held in Australia, as they are particularly viewer friendly. They are held in confined, easy to view areas making it the perfect environment for spectators. Many families attend the event with chairs,



rugs and picnics packed for the day. Those who forget their picnics are not forgotten, as the local Scouts put on a BBQ, and other fare is available for purchase provided by other clubs in the area such as the Romsey Cricket Club.

The Scouts also provide the midday entertainment. This year they raced around the track in their team made go-carts, built without nails and held together with rope. The boys must be commended as it was colder than years gone by, and yet they still raced through thick mud and slush eventually to be sp  
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down by the water carter at the finish line.

The races are a treat with car enthusiasts as both the vehicle and the driver are put through their paces on race day.

"The races are extremely hard on the vehicles, as engines run at high revs and running gearboxes and diffs are operated under extreme loads. The mud doesn't help, together with submerged grass somehow finding it's way into everything it can possibly foul, clog or seize. Competitors take great effort into preparing and waterproofing vehicles, motors and drivers. Invariably most vehicles wind up receiving copious amounts of maintenance and attention even between heats", says Simon Christie of the 4WD Mud Racing Association. The drivers and their crews must be commended for the sheer effort that they put into their sport.

It is not uncommon for drivers to face a rollover (a crowd pleaser), a blown motor, diffs and gearboxes and failed drive shafts, brakes and steering. Children as young as 10 race in a special classed called "Toyhatsu Juniors". The races are professionally run by the 4WD Mud Racing Association who have been holding races in Romsey for more than ten years. Anyone wanting more information about joining the association can obtain information by writing to The Secretary at PO Box 2058 Werribee Vic 3030. You can E-mail them at A4WDMRA@hotmail.com

Written by Melanie McLaughlin

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# Ragamuffins

## Quiz

1. Who was runner up in Australian Idol?
1. What kind of creature is Pingu?
2. Who wrote the series of *The Saddle Club* books?
3. Who sings *Shut Up*?

In Next Month's Issue:

- Word Search
- Short Story Comp
- Quiz

Hands up those of you still struggling with last month's word search. Perhaps if I fill in all those letters missing from the grid it might make things easier! Sorry everybody, here it is in its entirety. The solution will be published in next month's edition. Good luck puzzlers.

Complete the Word Search to reveal the secret message (14 letters):

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| Buses       | Bank            | Barn             |
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| Foodworks   | Five Mile Creek |                  |
| Gas         | Golf            | Heights          |
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| Recreation  | Rendezvous      | Rag              |
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| School      | St Mary's       | Shire            |
| Seymour     | Signys          | Shed             |
| Soccer      | Sky             | The Clay         |
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## Word Search - "ROMSEY"

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Contact Muffi at  
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See June issue of Ragamuffins for Secret Message.



## Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



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### LANCEFIELD CEMETERY

Group recording days have been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May (Mon.-Wed.) 11am to 2pm. You don't have to be an Historical Society member to come along and help record the inscriptions on the gravestones, which will then complete computer records.

Come and spend an hour or two with friends on any of the above dates – tea and coffee will be provided. Enquiries to:

Robyn Miller 5429 6522  
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### MAY MEETING – TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

Following our special celebration in April for the 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Society, our May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be General Business, but visitors are always welcome. This meeting will be held in historic Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. Enquiries to Secretary Jean Clement, Telephone: 5429 6522.

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This first book by Sujata Massey introduces the reader to Rei Shimura, a 27 year old Japanese-American living and working in Tokyo. Although raised in California Rei wants to prove that she can live independently and also explore what it means to be - konketsujin - of mixed ethnicity. She is subsisting on her English teacher's salary and living in a seedy neighbourhood when she takes the opportunity to celebrate New Year in Shiroyama. While there she becomes involved with two things - the murder of a beautiful wife and a Scotsman, Hugh Glendinning. This is the first of several mystery books that feature Rei and was awarded the Agatha Award on publication. Whilst the mysteries provide entertaining reading the other interesting feature of the books is the way they depict contemporary Japanese life and customs.

## *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* – Lynne Truss

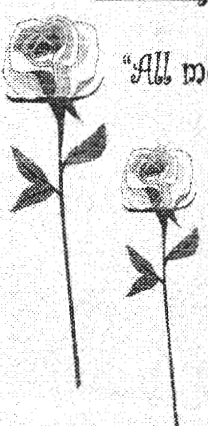
If you can relate to wincing every time you see apostrophes stuck on the ends of plurals – Cocktails’ – or hovering indecisively over an ‘s’ trying to work out which way to fall, or just plainly omitted – didnt...then you are going to love this book! For those of us who are pendants and sticklers (but never dinosaurs) for correct punctuation this book is a little gem of correct usage, historical snippets and wonderfully humorous mistakes. “It’s nine o’clock Greenwich. Meantime here is the news.” Lynne Truss argues that although language and its conventions are still evolving, it’s just good manners to use correct punctuation andsoavoidastringofletterslikethis. A highly amusing little book that treats a normally dry subject with verve and dash. Learn, lament and laugh.

## *One Night* - Margaret Wild

Margaret Wild is well known for her award winning picture book texts, but in recent years she has turned her considerable talent to writing for Young Adults. This is her second story for 'older kids' and like her first one is written as a verse novel. It is a fantastic, compulsive read. One Night explores the repercussions of 'one night' at a party. Gabe and Helen, in particular, are irrevocably altered as a result of their actions. Wild uses sharp, brutal observations of her character's personalities and the reader becomes a part of their world. Don't be put off by the structure of the novel, the characters are worth caring about and the plot is tightly drawn.

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### What's News

As I write this, the nightly news is dominated by the on-going violence in Iraq and David Beckham's infidelity. Putting the deaths of hundreds of people next to the love life of one person seems a little absurd to me, but that, apparently, is the world we live in.

We are a voyeuristic society. We want to know what is happening in the lives of others. Whether it is the raft of reality television shows or the rich, famous and powerful, we don't seem to be able to get enough. Exclusive interviews, in magazines or for the television cameras, are bought and sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

And people will buy or watch for them. If they didn't, they wouldn't be worth so much.

So what is it about life that makes us so interested in what other people are doing, whether they are the 'instantly' famous from reality television or the genuinely famous, like David Beckham? There probably is no single answer, but a whole range of reasons.

It might be escapism, living vicariously through those whose lives seem a whole lot more interesting than ours. It might be a bit of wishful thinking, that one day we might live like that, too. The other side of that is jealousy. Seeing what they have and we don't, we relish the opportunity to put the boot in whenever something goes wrong for them.

That last point certainly seems to be the case for David Beckham. In his case, it may also be that he met our need for a hero, but not anymore.

During my lifetime, there has been a seemingly endless procession of admired and respected leaders (secular and religious) who have, ultimately, fallen from favour through infidelity or errors of judgement. These include American presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, religious leaders Jimmy Swaggert and Jimmy Baker, sports personalities Wayne Carey and now David Beckham, and I could go on almost endlessly.

The one thing that all of these have in common is that they are human, and were burdened with superhuman expectations. I maintain that the only reason our heroes

fall so far is that we put them on too high a pedestal in the first place.

I don't condone the behaviour (or alleged behaviour) of these and others, but I do believe they have the opportunity to admit to their mistakes and try again. That really is what the Christian faith stands for.

We are all human. We all make mistakes. For most of us, it doesn't get reported in the nightly news. But even when it does, all that it proves is that they are human. Only one person has even been perfect. And even he was killed for it.

The next time you read a character attack on someone in the spotlight, ask yourself if it's the full story.

*Rev Alan Williams*

### What's On

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|--------|---|
| 2 May  | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.   |
| 9 May  | 9:00am worship and Sunday School. We will also be remembering Mothers' Day.   |
| 16 May | 9:00am worship and Sunday School.   |
| 23 May | 9:00am worship and Sunday School.   |
| 26 May | 12:00pm UCAF meets at the church before heading to the Braemar College Restaurant for lunch. Please note that this is a different week and time than is usual. Also, RSVP's are required to ensure a meal.          |
| 30 May | 9:00am worship. This will include the celebration of Pentecost (which may include something a bit different!).  |
| 6 June | 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.   |
| 9 June | 12:00pm UCAF Winter Luncheon, with special guest pianist/singer/speaker Peter Breen from the Christian Blind Mission International. (Yes, he is blind, and yes, he's a very accomplished musician and entertainer). |

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

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**Judy Van Den Heuvel 5429 5692**

## Romsey Lancefield Guides

### Bilby Guides are here!

Yes, the Bilby Guides Unit for girls ages 5 to 7 years opened at the start of term 2. They are ably lead by two new leaders, Lisa Gentry and Anne-Maree Jessup. The Bilby girls do the same activities, games and badges as older Guides; they just do them at their level of ability. The Australian Guide Program encourages girls to develop in areas of physical development, practical skills and relationships with other people. So this provides the basis for the Bilby Guide program just the same as the Platypus and Wombat Guides. The Bilby Guides will have an extra special night at the end of May when they have their first enrolment night.

The Platypus and Wombat Guides have been camping at the Guide "Rowallan" property near Riddells Creek. The theme for the camp was Aborigines and the girls took part in activities including painting, making musical instruments from materials scrounged from the bush, going "walkabout" holding a corroboree around a camp fire, and tracking. They also held their own ANZAC Day Commemoration service on Sunday morning that had a particularly Australian flavour.

Throughout this term the Platypus Guides will be working on the Friendship Badge and including a Mother's Day activity in this badge work. The Wombat Guides will be concentrating on the Health and Fitness Badges and will include a night of "mini Olympics".

Have you seen us on Lancefield online – [www.lancefield.org.au](http://www.lancefield.org.au) ?

The Bilby Guides are for girls ages 5 to 7 years and they meet from 4pm to 5pm each Monday.

The Platypus Guides are for girls ages 7 to 11 years and they meet from 5pm to 6.30pm each Monday.

The Wombat Guides are for girls aged 10 to 16 years and they meet from 6.45pm to 8.45pm each Monday.



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utumn. It is that time of year when the air starts to get a little chilly and the streets disappear under a multi-coloured pile of leaves. Autumn leaves can be used in many creative ways for play.

**Tumble in the leaves**

On a dry day, find or rake up a pile of leaves. Roll in the leaves, throw them, kick them in the air and generally be silly. It's a lot of fun (and even better if you are accompanied by a child!)



**Odd one out**

Hide one green leaf in a huge pile of autumn leaves and let your children try to find it!

**Autumn collages**

Collect lots of different leaves and paste them onto large sheets of paper or card. Younger children may like to paste the leaves onto a trunk they have drawn, while older children could tear the leaves and use the colours and textures to create a picture (e.g. brown leaves for dirt, orange leaves for the sun etc).

**Leaf collection**

Walk around your neighbourhood and see how many different types, or colours, or shapes of leaves you can collect. Back at home, leaves can be ironed (on a warm setting) between two sheets of greaseproof paper to be flattened out and can be strung together and hung on the wall, or made into a mobile.

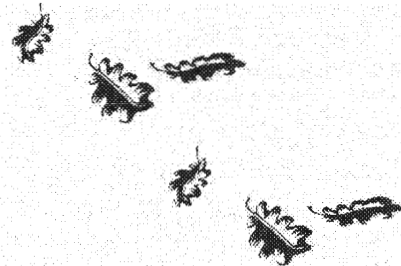


**Crayon rubbings**

Peel the paper off a crayon, then place a piece of paper over a flattened leaf. Rub the side of the crayon over the paper to reveal an image of the leaf's texture.

**Splatter painting**

Arrange some leaves on a piece of paper. Dip a toothbrush in paint and then rub it over a piece of flyscreen or a sieve to create fine droplets that fall onto the paper. Remove the leaves to reveal their negative shapes.



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## **BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Three weeks into Term 3 and everything is going flat out at busy Bolinda.

We are continuing to do some physical activity every morning, either walking or jogging around the Bolinda Reserve for at least a kilometre, or doing exercises and skipping on the basketball court preparing ourselves for The Jump Rope for Heart skipathon later in the term. Either way the children are thoroughly warmed up with red cheeks, all bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready for the mornings work. A great way to start the day.

By the time you read this we will have sent 3 boys and 1 girl to represent the school in the Bendigo Region Primary Schools Chess Championships. The children have been preparing all last term by continually playing each other in Round Robin class tournaments and have also had two sessions with a chess instructor from the Hobsons Bay Chess Club. Indeed, all children from Grade 3,4,5, and 6 participate in chess activities. What a great way to exercise the mind!! Results in the next edition.

At the end of last term, our Preps, 1 and 2 children visited Riddells Creek School to participate in the 'Possum Magic' birthday celebrations. They had a wonderful time and thanks to the Riddells Creek teachers for allowing us to join in. Some fantastic woodwork creations were made in the Riddells Creek Art room amid much hammering and noise. The children had a terrific time. This was followed up in the afternoon with a visit to the creek and a 'walk and talk' session with the Greening of Riddell Group. The children had previously had an eye opening visit to Frost's Sawmill at Monegeetta to see how the timber is cut and prepared for uses in the building industry. Many thanks to Don Frost for organizing this great experience. A visit from the Forest and Timber Industry people really started the children thinking about timber and the forests and what we can do to help our forest environment.

To set the scene for this term's theme of "Our Ocean World", we have had a wonderful visit from the 'Ocean Notes' people, who with slides and lots of 'hands on' activities were able to give a terrific picture of our ocean world and some of the ways in which we can help to improve the health of our water world and the sea life under the waves.

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

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

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## Romsey Ladies Golf Report

For all the regular readers of this article I apologise for the stale news but I just missed the deadline last month so have put last month's article in as well as an up date.

This has been another busy month with the ladies gathering sponsors for the Relay for Life. The Romsey Birdies this year raised \$2054.50, which was slightly up on last year's total for us. Thankyou to all who sponsored us and also those who came up to Lancefield to encourage us on. This year Shirley may have known whom she was sleeping next to but not whose bag she was sleeping in. We had an exhausting but fun filled 19 hours but bed was really welcoming on Sunday.

This month we were represented at Seymour in the Dalhousie 4BBB and player of 2003 presentations and at the Woodend Tournament.

We have also welcomed Margaret a new member who has joined us.

**Recipe for the month** (with apologies to people who actually read the Rag)

This is a repeat on request from ladies on the Trots night.

### Salmon Roll

- 250 gm Philly cream cheese
- 1x440 can
- 2 finely chopped spring onions
- 1 cup finely chopped parsley
- Mix together cheese salmon & onion.
- Spread on aluminium foil until 2cm thick.
- Refrigerate for 1 hour
- Sprinkle over ½ the parsley.
- Then roll up like a swiss roll.
- Roll in remaining parsley to coat.

Now for the more recent happenings at golf. The course continues to be dry with lots of summer golf. Now is the time for us to make pars and birdies.

Leila won the monthly medal for April and also broke her handicap. Well done. Jenny, Hilda & Lorraine have gained their official handicaps and are looking forward to bringing them down.

In last month's write up I mentioned the Relay for Life but neglected to congratulate the organisers for the well organised weekend. The end result was excellent as was the weather, food and entertainment. We could have had more sleep if we didn't have to dance to the good music.

Beryl Cole  
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**Romsey Golf Club Results.****28/2/04 Monthly medal Stroke/putts. CCR 67**

Winner G. Vanderveilt (32) net 62  
 Runner up J. Moloy (27) net 64  
 Ball comp L. Gaunt (Gisborne (6) net 64, M. Thornton (9) net 66,  
 N. Jarman (13) net 66 & G. Wilkins (32) net 67  
 NTP 1<sup>st</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> N. Jarman  
 10<sup>th</sup> M. Thornton  
 15<sup>th</sup> R. Kent  
 Longest Drive N. Jarman.

**8/3/04 Stableford CCR 67**

Winner N. Rowley (25) 36 pts on c/b  
 Runner up A. Clement (10) 36 pts  
 NTP 10<sup>th</sup> A. Clement

**6/3/04 stableford CCR 67**

Winner J. Molloy (26) 43pts  
 Runner up N. Rowley (26) 39 pts  
 Balls G. Pyke (9) 38pts, S. Williams (24) 36 pts  
 NTP 10<sup>th</sup> M. Thornton  
 15<sup>th</sup> N. Jarman

**13/3/04 Par CCR 67**

Winner K. Dunn (27) +8  
 Ball comp B. Salathiel (25) +2, D. Ross (13) +1, S.  
 Wilkins (24) Sq. & M Thornton (9) sq.  
 NTP 9<sup>th</sup> N. Jarman.

Winner of the **Singles Knockout** is A. Williams from J. Molloy. Congratulations Allan.

Phil & Shane Norton who had progressed to the next round of the Mazda 4BBB were unsuccessful at National Golf course but no doubt have some good tales to tell.

We had 2 pairs go to Hidden Valley to the Relative Pairs Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> but no results are at hand yet.

Pennant commences Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Romsey have entered 3 teams, 1 Scratch and 2 handicap teams. Good hitting to all the teams.

**3/4/04 Stroke CCR 67**

Winner Jim Freestone (26) 63 net  
 Runner up S. Wilkins (17) 63 net  
 Ball comp B. Robb 66net, N. Rowley 67  
 net & K. Dunn 67 net  
 NTP 1<sup>st</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> L. Armistead  
 8<sup>th</sup> D. Ross  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jim Freestone

**Pennant results 4/4/04**

Scratch Romsey Lost to Hidden Valley ¾ at Lancefield  
 Handicap section 3 Romsey Defeated Puckapunyal 7/0  
 at Hidden Valley  
 Handicap section 4 Bye.

**10/4/04 Monthly Medal CCR 66**

Winner N. Jarman (13) 63 net  
 Runner up John Freestone (20) 64 net  
 Ball comp J. Freestone 66 net, A. Williams 66 net  
 & R. Cole 66 net  
 NTP 8<sup>th</sup> A. Clement  
 10<sup>th</sup> M. Thornton.  
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**Pennant results 11/4/04**

Scratch Romsey defeated Yea 5/2 at Hidden Valley  
 Handicap section 3 Bye  
 Handicap section 4 Romsey defeated Euroa 5½/ 1½ at  
 Lancefield.

**17/4/04 PAR CCR 66**

Winner John Freestone (20) +7  
 Runner up N. Jarman (12) +6  
 Ball comp B. Salathiel (25) +5, P. Norton (17) +3,  
 S. Williams (24) +3, B. Robb (15) +2,  
 G. Watts (16) +1 & J. Moloy (23) +1  
 NTP 1<sup>st</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> D. Freestone  
 8<sup>th</sup> J. Moloy  
 10<sup>th</sup> M. Thornton

**Pennant results 18/4/04**

Scratch Romsey lost to Lancefield 7/0 at Euroa  
 Handicap section 3 Romsey lost to Hidden Valley 4/3  
 at Kilmore  
 Handicap section 4 Romsey lost to Lancefield 6/1 at  
 Hidden Valley

Easter Saturday a social mixed day was held with L. Beasley & G. White winning the mixed and A. Laing & S. Wilkins winning the men's 2 ball Ambrose event.

The club held a successful night golf comp on the 10<sup>th</sup> April in perfect conditions. Great moon light and fine mild weather. Needless to say the golf was still a challenge.

The Greens have all been professionally cored, sanded fertilised and reseeded with some good results of green coming through. If only we could get some rain like all sports grounds the conditions would improve. Work is also being carried out on our tees.

The Romsey Open Tournament is the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Saturday is the Mixed, Men's & Relative Pairs 4BBB followed on Sunday by the Men's 24 Hole Open with 3 grades. 12 holes AM & 12 holes in the PM. Enquiries or entries to S. Wilkins 54295173.

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