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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

rresident: Cr. Geoff Neil Vice President: Mr Peter Leake

The Ambulance Auxiliary Committee was ecstatic to learn (on the morning after the recent budget) from Mr. Doug Kimberley, Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Victoria (based in Ballarat) that they had been allocated funding for a station to be constructed at Romsey! This is allocated to their 2001/ 02 budget. This actually means that construction will get under way in July 2001. That gives Ambulance Victoria this next year to complete all their planning. allocation of land (hopefully this will next to the Police Station in Romsey). c. so that when 1st July, 2001 comes

This is just the best news! The committee has been working very hard



since 1997 to make this happen hundreds of letters typed, hundreds of BBQ sausages cooked at the Sunday Markets, great disappointments along the way, but a great group of people with only one goal - and now we can get on with the real work of an auxiliary and support our own ambulance!

Just an idea of how much an emergency ride in an ambulance will cost you if you are not a member of the Ambulance - from Lancefield to St. Vincents in Melbourne will set you back \$1,568!!!! (This figure was supplied by Ambulance Victoria on 19th May 2000) So why would you take the chance when it will cost you \$70 a year for the whole family and \$35 a year if you were

Secretary: Mrs Margaret Howatson Treasurer: Mrs. Beryl Cole

single! So join now by phoning 1800 64 84 84 with your credit card details or complete a form which can be obtained from the Romsey Medical Centre and post it away or pay anytime at the Post Office!

I will keep you posted on any progress that is made on our very own Ambulance Station - and thank you for your on-going support!

Margaret Howatson,

Secretary

May, 2000.

around it will be ready to go!

Editorially Speaking

This newspaper is to assist community members, be you an association, group or individual, and is published to help community members of the readership to promote, advertise or comment on issues and up coming events. It is all possible by the kind contributions of volunteers and our local business community who are charged advertising rates.

Any business is charged and community contributions are free.

So keep your community informed!

Each month the RAG needs collating, stapling & folding. It is not hard work. It is very social. The RAG won't make it to your letterboxes by itself. SO, PLEASE citizens of Romsey surely there must be individuals or mates who can squeeze even 15 minutes in their busy routine to come and assist the team. Call Romsey Primary School for Collation Day and time.

COLLATING DAY FOR THE JULY EDITION WILL BE MONDAY JULY 3RD 2000 AT ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PLEASE CALL THE ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 5429 5099 TO FIND OUT WHAT TIME TO ATTEND.

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Readers Write

PATIENCE

From Helen Watts

One would imagine everyone who has a driving license must be able to count one thousand and one thousand and two. But maybe many drivers can't count while they are driving. Is it too difficult??

To jog everyones memory. Counting these numbers after the car in front of you has passsed a certain spot, i.e. a telegraph pole or road side marker, and the front of your car is about to pass the same spot is the minimum distance a car should travel behind another for a safe breaking distance, no matter what speed you are travelling. It also gives you a clear view of on coming traffic so you are able to overtake easily and safely at the appropriate time. So why, oh why do you want to see what is in my boot.

I travel at the speed limit where able, drive safely and think I'm a reasonable driver. Intimidation by sitting on my tail does not make me go faster. In fact, I'll start to slow down. We have as much right to be on the road as those of you who are thoughtless.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD LIONS CLUB

On Sunday May 21 the Lions Club opened their BBQ Rotunda and was it proudly opened by Cr. Geoff Neil. Many local tradespeople and businesses who generously donated their time and equipment attended.

The Lions have been able to donate a total sum of \$7,000 towards the refurbishment of the Romsey Mechanics Hall collected through the generosity of the local people in their support of the Lions activities.

Thank you to all.

President

Romsey Lions Club

DRIVING EMMA'S PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES EXPERIENCE

from Emma Neely & Family

Emma has returned home from Sydney after 10 days of training and competing in the Pacific School Games.

Emma competed in the 50m Backstroke on the first morning of competition. She swam against about 45 swimmers from around the world. Emma swam a PB in her heat and qualified 6th fastest overall to go straight into the final which was held later in the evening. The finals were very exciting, everyone screamed, cheered and clapped when each swimmer was introduced. This is something Emma will never forget, she was very excited and nervous waiting for her race. Emma swam very well and finished 9th overall in the final, very little separated the finalists in this event.

Emma then swam the 100m Backstroke later in the week, again against about 45 swimmers from around the world, qualifying 8th fastest overall and qualifying for another final. She wasn't as nervous this time and swam a PB time in the final, finishing 8th overall. Emma was very pleased to have been able to qualify for the finals in both her events and to swim PBs against very strong competition.

Emma returns from these games as the fastest Victorian in her events and her times made her about the 4th or 5th fastest Australian in both events. The competition was very strong, particularly from South Africa and Queensland. The South African girls won both events, the South African Team dominated in many other events throughout the games. If this trend continues, they will be very strong competitors in future Olympic competition.

Other events that made the games a memorable experience for Emma were the opening ceremony on Wednesday 3rd May which was a fantastic event. 1800 NSW school children participated in the ceremony in front of an audience of about 50,000 people. Much cheering occurred as each team was introduced and marched into the main Olympic



Stadium, a special greeting was give to each Australian team. The closing ceremony was smaller but just as much fun, all competitors joined together to sing and dance.

Swapping swimming caps, badges and team clothing are all part of the tradition and fun for the competitors. The Victorian Team uniforms were sought after items, our colours and style were liked by all the other countries. Emma has made a friend from the Philippines and met people from many other countries as a result of this activity.

Emma enjoyed every bit of her experience and hopes to again qua for events like this, she hopes to improve even more in future competition, the next Pacific Schools Games will be held in Melbourne in 2005. Emma and her family would like to thank all local people and organisations for supporting Emma's entry to these games, whether it was buying raffle tickets, providing sponsorship or giving her their best wishes, it was greatly appreciated. "Thanks Romsey".

ED: What an inspiring experience. If any of our readers know of other members in our community achieving in their favourite pursuit please write so we can inform the community and give support. It, of course, could " another pursuit other than sporti. achievements after all we are living in the lucky country and we are people of a country community so we know what a positive thing a challenge is.

Readers Write

COMMUNITY & QUALITY CONCERNED INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED

from Maureen Wiltshire

I have recently retired as one of a group of Customer Advisers to Western Water. I would ask for another Romsey resident to step forward and take up a position on the Customer Advisory Board of Western Water.

Western Water is the Authority that supplies our water and sewerage services.

This Authority supplies many other townships in the region as well as Posev.

nowever, Romsey enjoys it own Reservoir at Kerrie, with water being piped to the holding reservoir in Glenfern Road. It is treated by a Chloramination treatment plant before we turn on our taps. Our sewerage is treated locally at the Sewerage Farm at Portingales Road.

The Authority has set up a Customer Advisory Group whose aim is to advise the Authority in relation to consumer water issues in the entire Western water region. As a local business person and resident, I have undertaken this role for 3 years. With my departure, there is no longer a representative from Romsey on this Group. If a member of our community is able to take the position there will continue to be a voice from Romsey.

I would urge any resident who is interested to contact Suzanne Evans at Western Water on 54 21 9400 or myself on 54 29 5292 for further information. The position is voluntary and involves meetings at Western Water's offices in Gisborne every two months.

ED: Thank you Maureen for your personal commitment to your community. We know you still have other hats you wear on behalf of the community. The Rag concurs with Maureen and hopes we can retain a local on such an important utility within our area. Controversially did our readers notice in the "Telegraph" of May 16th an article on Page 2 about the possibility of reticulated natural gas

being installed in the Macedon Ranges. A \$7 million dollar shortfall will need to be met by the council, government or consumers. We quote a paragraph from that article: "They (who are they) did consider removing Romsey and Lancefield from the connection to reduce cost but this was thought to be socially, economically and politically divisive and unacceptable." So in regards to Maureen's article it becomes obvious that we need a voice for the residents who don't live in the "Calder Corridor". Let's make sure that the residents of the North East corner of the Macedon Ranges have a voice, are kept informed and are treated equally.

We take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who work, mostly unheralded, for their community.

ROMSEY, LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc. A 0035434P

Our club is situated at the rear of the Mechanics Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

The club meets each Monday between 10:30am and 3:30 pm. Come and join us.

If you are Male or Female 55 years of age or over, you will be most welcome to join us for cards or carpet bowls and social conversation.

Bus trips are arranged on the 1st Wednesday of each month to interesting and enjoyable places.

Come along and have fun.

Inquiries: President: Marie Snowball - 54295536, Secretary: Margaret French - 5429 6377

ATTENTION: ROMSEY BUSINESSES & SERVICES

NEW LOCALITY GUIDE FOR ROMSEY

A new Macedon Ranges Tourism map will be placed at the entrance of the Shire Offices in Romsey. It will also include a town map of Romsey. This is an initiative of Christine Sullivan from the Macedon Shire Council and she has received support from Margaret Goodman from the Romsey Shire

Offices and Mrs Kym Raverty who is volunteering to collate information that will be recorded underneath the Map of the town of Romsey.

The team above ask that if you, your business or service wish to be recorded on this Locality Guide/Map could you

please fill out the form below and return it to Margaret Goodman at the Romsey Shire Office as soon as possible.

For further information: Kym Raverty Ph: 5429 5901

ame of Business or Service:	
Phone:	Distance from Shire Office: (eg 2 kms North)

Primary School News Prep Parents-Starting School Open Morning

Romsey Primary School is working closely with the Romsey Kindergarten to ensure a smooth well planned start for our new children next year. A number of parents have already taken the opportunity to visit classrooms and

see out programs in action. All parents of children at the kindergarten will soon receive an invitation to attend a special open morning to visit junior classrooms on the morning of Tuesday 18th July. As well as having a tour of the school,

parents will have time to discuss programs with teachers and our principal, Barney Healy.

Throughout the remainder of the year Kinder children will be visiting the school a number of times to familiarise themselves with classrooms and teachers, play in our wonderful playground and meet teachers responsible for our Art and Music programs. Parents who would like additional information about our school, have specific needs or requests for their children are always welcome to make an appointment to see the principal.



Enrolments now accepted for children starting school 2001.

Grampians Outdoor Education experience for Years 3 & 4 students



All our Grade three and four children recently enjoyed four days of adventure in the Grampians at Roseis Gap. Highlights of the trip were canoeing, archery, bush cooking, walks, screen-

printing, bush cooking, but building and catching yabbies. Although quite tired from the week's adventures, all reported a very successful and enjoyable time.



Hatching chickens at school

There has been great excitement in the junior classes at Romsey with eggs being hatched in an incubator in the atrium area. Children have been able to see the very first crack appear in the eggshell, and then the tiny chick emerges, quite exhausted from the effort. Additionally the school has some very young chicks and ducklings already hatched. This is part, of the Junior Units work on Life Cycles, Children have been busy writing an recording their observations. A highly motivated buzz coming from classrooms indicates the interest of our students as they work on this fascinating aspect of their school work.



GUESS WHO'S 50

On June 15th, 2000.

He has lived in Romsey for 22 years and considers it a great place to raise a family.

Has a full beard with blonde hair turning grey caused by his wife and daughter, according to him.

Used to be an active C.F.A. member when the "old" fire truck was a real experience to drive.

Has two teenage children, a boy at university and a girl currently doing her V.C.E.

Drives an old Range Rover with a loud V8 motor. Thanks to Mr Alford the Rover is drivable and road worthy.

Has a very dry sense of humour which sometimes can be offensive and down right embarrassing. Known to a few people as "animal".

His garden is low maintenance with room only for <u>native</u> trees. He considers roses as aphid breeders and pretty flowers puncy.

An excellent cook with a good sized beer gut to prove it.

Married to an Indian woman for 23 years and lives at 4 Gott Court.... I guess you know his identity by now!

Yes its PETER CALY.

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

PHONE: 54 29 1214

"WINTER NEWS"

Come in and keep warm!

Its lovely this time of year watching all the lovely Autumn leaves change colour and fall.

Another month has gone by again so quickly that I can't believe its June. I'm reporting on the past month's activities.

For all those people who don't know what a Neighbourhood House is, here is a bit of background information.

Neighbourhood House is a house nilar building that hosts a variety of community support and education programs, activities and services. They provide support for a diverse range of people from the local community including families, retired people, those with disabilities, the unemployed, disadvantaged and those wishing to reenter the workforce. They are also known as Community Houses or Centres. Neighbourhood House's are run by a Committee of Management elected from members and some parttime staff, but volunteers play a big role in the running of the House. If you have just a few hours to spare a week, fortnight or month the house would love to hear from you.

ighbourhood Houses were first Loped in the early 1970's to bring people together and enhance their opportunities.

Please support us and keep this

worthwhile facility viable and a special place where everyone is made to feel welcome.

We recently ran a Mother's Day Competition for the children. They had to tell us "Why I believe my Mum should have a night off!"

The winner was HOLLIE MEYER - who loved her mum so much she submitted two entries. I hope Mum loved the champagne, chocolates and dinner at Old Mac's.

Our Winter Fundraiser is a lovely rose to be raffled from Silky's Roses. You need to come along to the house to win while learning how to prune your precious roses by an expert. The morning will also have a scrumptious morning tea. The cost is minimal only \$5.00 per person.

Date: Wednesday 5th July Time: 10.00am Bookings Essential

Linda Davies, Secretary.

This month we have a lot to offer at the House and the courses are listed below.

FOLK ART

The classes begun May 11th but are still open to people who want to drop in on an irregular basis at \$15 a session.

Classes are held Every Thursday. 2 Sessions 12.30pm - 2.30pm and 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Teacher: Alison Hamilton

FIRST AID LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE

(Join this worthwhile course. You might need it one day)

Maximum No. 15/Minimum 8. So be sure that you book.

Cost \$155 per person

Dates: 29th June & 30th June

Time: 7.00pm - 10.00pm

The June Bus Trip on Friday 16th is to the Victoria Market. It was wonderful to see so many ladies on our last bus trip to Highpoint, it's encouraging to see the numbers picking up. A big thank you to Les Jones for driving every month.

We are again offering Food Hygiene and Safety.

These accredited courses train people responsible for handling, processing preparing food.

This course is designed to meet the requirement of safe food handling practices. It is now a Government regulation, so don't travel miles, support the Neighbourhood House and learn in a relaxed environment.

FOOD HYGIENE (Part A)

Time: 6 - 9.00 pm

Dates: Wednesday June 7th, 14th and 21st Cost: \$60.00

*** REMINDER: Power walking Every Wednesday at 9.30am - Meet at the House!

Reiki Every Friday 1.00 - 3.00pm - Teacher: Sue Gunther



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH LANCEFIELD / ROMSEY

Fr. George O'Connor: 5429 2130; Sr. Patricia (School); 5429 1359,

Sr. Frances (Convent); 5429 1582

Mass Times

Sat

10am Romsey

7.30pm Lancefield

Sundays of the month 1st, 3rd

2nd, 4th, 5th

8am Lancefield Romsey

10am Romsey Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in the weekly bulletin.

Reconciliation (Confession): 11am Saturday or

arrangement

PRAYER LIFE

 Rosary recited before weekday Masses and Sat. night Mass.

· Rosary also recited at St Mary's Church, Romsey

every Friday 2.30pm.

· 'Holy Name of Jesus' Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday Ham -12.30pm at 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey. Please contact: Merle De Silva 5429 5672. *We are a praying community and if you request prayers for family or individual needs please write clearly, no names necessary, to: The Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

· Christian Meditation (silent prayer) St Mary's Church, Romsey. Monday. 8-9pm. (side door), or

Ph Stephen 5429 5907

DROP IN CENTRE

Vincent De Paul Conference 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. 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 10.30am start. Coffee/tea morning and afternoons. A table of goods is also offered, plus card games and more. 20c for card game...money distributed among winners! lunch. Come to just look...Come to chat and be part of the fun. For transport ph. 5429 2130

OP. SHOP (St Vincent, de Paul) Open every Thursday at Romsey 10.30am -12.30pm. Great bargains! No article of clothing over \$1. For donations of clothing or furniture ph Rose 5429 5270

PENTECOST 2000

Saturday 17th June, Camberwell Civic Centre Ecumenical Celebration and Worship. Registration mailed before June 2nd adult \$15, married couple \$20, pensioner/student\$10 Registration on day \$20, \$25, \$15 Phone 9629 2544

ENNEAGRAM-Personal development Course 17th-18th June St Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. Facilitator: John Stuart. Cost: \$75, concession \$50 or negotiable. Maximum of 30 participants. Deposit \$25. Contact Maree Snow 5429 2253, Presbytery 5429 2130.

RETROUVAILLE

This is a program for married couples who are experiencing stress or disillusionment in their marriage, who would like to learn the skills needed to communicate and improve their relationship. program offers not only hope but the means of turning disillusionment and despair into hope, and hope into love. Bookings 5221 7055. Next program begins June 2325

ENQUIRY EVENING

Have you ever...

- wanted to be baptised?
- wanted to explore your faith journey?
 - wanted to be a Catholic?
- wondered what Catholics really believe?

It so, then we invite you to an enquiry evening

at St. Mary's Presbytery, Thursday evening 15th June 8.00pm.

for further information please phone Fr. George 5429 2130 or Sr. Frances 5429 1 582 (No obligation to continue)

HOLU NAME OF TESUS Prayer Group

The Holy Name of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group meet once a week to Praise our Father God, Worship our Lord Jesus Christ and be filled with a fresh Anointing of the Almighty Holy Spirit. We love raising our voices to sing to our Lord and lift up our hands in Awe of His Holy Presence in our midst. God inhabits We bring before the the praises of His people. Throne of Grace our prayers for our families, our parish, our community, our nation and for the people of all the world. We have a sharing from the Holy Scriptures and conclude singing the wonderful rendition of the Great Prayer Jesus taught us - the Our Father (which is sung with great enthusiasm!) We enjoy a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and biscuits. We love being able to gather just to praise and worship our God with joy and delight and happiness: Whoever offers Praise glorities Me Ps. 50 v. 23

> Oh God, living Truth, unite me to Yourself in everlasting love! Often Tam wearied by all Tread and hear. In You alone is all that I desire and long for. The Imitation of Christ by Thomas a Kempis Pg 30



ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK Inc.

Just a quick update on what is happening. Donations are coming in thick and fast so hope this continues!

Our June fundraiser is a stall at the Monster Garage Sale being held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Saturday, 3rd June from 9am to 2pm.

All donations of books, bric-a-brac, etc would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Hall on the morning of the sale from 8am onwards. Any enquires to Margaret Howatson on 5429 5724.



LEGAL NEWS

Prepared by your local solicitor Maureen Wilshire

OLDER JOB SEEKERS PROTECTED

Mr Geoffery Tully, aged 58, read an advertisement by a Human Resources Company seeking a person to work in photocopier and technology sales. (*McIntyre v Tully*) (unreported, Supreme Court of Queensland).

Mr Tully, who had had many years experience in selling business equipment, responded to the advertisement and was granted an interview. After the interview the agent pulled him aside and said he did not think he would be suitable for the on because it was a position for a tramee and he was a "little bit too old". He was however encouraged to pursue another position with the company. When he telephoned Mr McIntyre of the company, Mr McIntyre's first words to him were: "What's this, Tully, can't you get a ... job anywhere? I must admire your persistence though. How old are you?" Mr Tully refused to answer a continual line of questioning about his age and Mr McIntyre hung up.

Subsequently, Mr Tully issued proceedings in the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal. During cross-examination Mr Tully that he was "looking for money because" he was "out of work". The Tribunal found that this suggestion was in ting and made an award of at wated compensatory damages. The Tribunal held that Mr Tully had been unlawfully discriminated against because of his age and awarded him \$11,000 in damages. The employer in question appealed.

The Queensland Supreme Court held that it was open to the Tribunal to find that Mr Tully had been refused an offer of work because of his age and that aggravated damages for aggressive cross-examination was a valid head of damages.

Age discrimination is prohibited in all states of Australia. Direct discrimination occurs if a person treats a person of one age less favourably than another person of a different age would be treated in circumstances that are the same.

Compensation is available for:

- Economic loss resulting from the discriminating conduct;
- Distress and loss of dignity and injury to feelings - aggravated damages for aggressive cross-examination is also a valid head of damages; and
 - loss of chance of employment

This item has been prepared by Maureen Wiltshire, Solicitor of Main St, Romsey. Readers should not act only on the basis of material contained in this item because the contents are of a general nature only and may be liable to misinterpretation in particular circumstances. Changes to legislation occur quickly. DO NOT ACT on the contents of this item without first obtaining specific advice from our office. Telephone 03 54 295 292.

Romsey Kindergarten

Enrolments for year 2001 Wednesday 21st June 2000 2:00pm - 3:00pm at Romsey Kindergarten

Main Road, Romsey.

Romsey Kindergarten Audit

The Romsey Kindergarten is holding a special meeting to present the audited annual accounts for 1999 on Wednesday 14th June, 2000 at 8:00pm. This will be followed by a general meeting. All are welcome to attend.



Welcome to Dr Annabel Wyburn Who commenced on Tuesday 16th May 2000

Dr Wyburn is available for consultation every Tuesday And fortnightly on Thursdays and Fridays

CLINIC HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Monday to Friday 8 am to 8 pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public

Holidays - 9am - 5pm

Dr Paul Carter

Dr Sally Carter

Dr Noel Cunningham

Dr Eric Hay

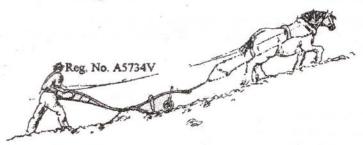
Dr Annabel Wyburn

Please ring 5429 5254 for

appointments

Historically Speaking

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11. **ROMSEY, 3434.**

& PESKY POSSUMS

Like some B Grade horror movie the words "We're Back" resonate fear and despair into the heart of Romsey's historic Seymour Cottage. Members doing a routine visit to the cottage recently discovered the cottage in an awful state. Ceiling holes, floorboards damaged and donated objects strewn everywhere from a panicking possum trying to escape the confines of the Cottage kitchen. The next function to be held at the Cottage on July 26th is a "Morning regular Coffee Conversation" morning, so any offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated in tidying up after our unwelcomed guests. The termites are an on going problem for the historic cottage and costly control measures of terminating these destructive little beasts needs a great injection of funds or volunteer professional help from a caring person in our community who can assist us. If you are such a person please contact John Clement on 54 29 6522.

KIND ASSISTANCE

Last month in our column we requested from the community anyone with computer expertise to please contact us. The hope was this person would inform us if computer equipment donated to the Society would be suitable for our plans to set up an Archival Centre at the Lancefield Courthouse. Well, Dale McDonnell a resident of Lancefield for 12 years kindly spent a morning with some members recently to discuss our options. We thank Dale for her kind assistance and hope we have gained a knowledgable friend in the Society. The computer donated, though old in computer talk, will be a useful tool in part of our grand scheme. But like all grand schemes what you want and what you can afford are two different things.

Below is Dale's ultimate wish list for what is required to put together a great archival centre at the Courthouse for the people of this district:

A 64 or 128 processor with a network system card installed

It would have 13 gigabyte capacity

Two hard drives - 1 portable harddrive or 250mg Zip drive with a USB port

A Black and White Laser printer

We know this wish list would cost the Society about \$2,000 but we ask our members or readers of this column if they work for a big corporation who regularly update their computer networks that they contact us so we could approach the company and maybe give an unwanted computer network a new home. Please ring Kym Raverty in Romsey on 54 29 5901 or Bronwyn Wilson in Lancefield on 54 29 1360 if you can assist us.

Society events to put into your diary:

Saturday morning Working Bees at the Cottage: (Ring Jean Clement on 54 295317 for dates)

Lancefield Court House Working Bees: (Ring Helen Broad on 54 29 1888 or in Mornington 59 75 8895)

Wednesday 26th July, 2000 Demonstration of Reproduction Doll Making by Dawn Phillips of Polperro Dolls at Seymour Cottage's Coffee & Conversation

AUGUST - Early notice to budding photography students on the return of the Photographic Exhibition and Competition at the Lancefield Courthouse.

FOR SALE:

6.5kg Simpson Washing Machine \$100 Dining Setting

(octagonal table & 4 chairs) National Video Camera 7

\$125

portable VCR Pierce Simpson super Tiger SSB CB Radio, Stainless Steel Antenna & Asst CB Books \$150

Toshiba Stereo Music Centre (Turntable/Radio/Cassette/Speakers)

\$100

Stereo Cabinet \$ 40

PH: 54 29 6026 Mobile 0412 047 021

FOR SALE:

2 Pine bunk beds, 2 trundle beds 3 with good quality mattresses and a matching desk

\$375 O.N.O.

\$100

PH: 54 29 5250

WANTED TO BUY:

Queensize & single beds in good condition

150 - 200 Solid paving bricks. (preferably) 2nd hand Reds

PH: 54 29 6522 (B.H.) 54 29 5417 (A.H.)



from the Council Chambers

COUNCIL NEWS - MT WILLIAM WARD

Great News!

The Lancefield Park multi purpose facility has just received the go ahead from Council. This is a really pleasing outcome which justly rewards the cooperative work which has been put in by many Lancefield community groups over a number of years. They have developed a plan which enjoys broadly based support and will be a great asset to the region, Congratulations to the Multi Purpose Pavilion Committee and to all who have worked for this. I have really enjoyed meeting many me ers of the Lancefield community late to find out more about the proposal. Through our informal meetings and the very well attended public meeting, it became very clear to me that the community is united behind this project. I look forward to seeing this building take shape and becoming a hive of activity.

I do hope you have all had a chance to read the shire info in the local papers lately. Such as the request for your input to the corporate plan (or vision or mission, whichever you prefer to call it). This is important as it will set out the broad themes describing what we collectively aspire to achieve in this Shire over the next three years. So please give us your views, opinions ggestions. It's true what it says in the ad: It is easy, and worthwhile and it will make a difference. The ads in the paper will tell you all the ways you can have your say, so keep an eye out for them. Or you can phone or fax me on 5427 0156.

You may also have read about the Environment Forum on June 5th at Woodend Community Centre (7-10 pm). This is an excellent free workshop and for anyone with any interest in the environment of this Shire this is not to be missed. If there is one natural place which is important to you, which you treasure, come along to this workshop.

You will learn in a very interesting way how to write a statement of significance and how you could develop a conservation plan for your special place. We want to build up a register of all our natural treasures in the Shire, so please come and tell us about yours. You will also hear about the framework of the environmental strategy and how you can make your contribution to it. The strategy process will be designed to make it easy for people to contribute in the area that is significant for them, without a major commitment of time. If you miss this forum, there will be more. Keep your eye on the local papers!

I have been contacted by a number of people about the condition of roads after the rain. In all cases I believe some action has been taken to deal with the immediate problem. However I am also aware that there are deeper issues with road maintenance and upgrading in the shire. Several people have written excellent letters at my request detailing the problems and in some cases suggesting possible solutions. Thank you all for the detailed content and the reasonable tone of the letters. Such letters are very helpful. I will be following up these issues and, without promising miracles, will do everything I can to achieve better outcomes.

A number of the letters received this month were in support of the position I stated last month opposing the aquatic centre proposal at Gisborne in its current form. I have received only one letter criticizing my position and that was from a Gisborne group which is promoting the project. Interestingly people from all over the shire are questioning the financial wisdom of such a large and expensive project. I believe we need more time to investigate all the angles of this issue and that is why I supported the motion to withdraw our submission for this funding round. This motion was passed at the 24th May council meeting.

Great news about the ambulance station for Romsey getting up at last! Congratulations to all the dedicated volunteers at the Auxiliary who have worked so hard and long for this much needed service in the Romsey-Lancefield area.

Is anyone from the Mt William ward involved in the Macedon Ranges celebration of the Centenary of Federation? Significant funding has been applied for to support the various projects which will combine as one event on the day. Many community groups are already involved I am told and they will create a map of the shire which will be in moveable panels and form part of a light show with a stained glass window effect. It sounds quite spectacular and lots of fun. If anyone is interested in joining in, please contact Donna Anderson, the coordinator of the project, on 5427 4144.

I am rethinking ways to meet the people that will suit more people, so this month I have not arranged any meetings of this kind and I will not be in Romsey on 10th June as previously advertised here. I will be attending a number of meetings of community groups during the month to meet people and hear about community issues from various perspectives. I will also be knocking on the door of a few households around the area to meet people who don't necessarily attend any particular groups and hear their ideas.

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The reserves had a magnificent win over a far bigger Wallan team, running over the top of them kicking into the wind in last quarter and this will hopefully set them up for the rest of the season.

Our social functions have been great so far this season and we have a big night on SATURDAY JUNE 24TH with a comedy night at the Romsey Hotel featuring Peter Blaskett and Gerry G. Anyone who saw this act at our Sportspersons Night a few years ago will tell you what a great comedian Peter is. Look out for more details on posters around town.

The club is currently in the process of upgrading our jumpers with possibly a new design. This has been made possible through the generosity of Doug Newnham and Newearth Constructions. Doug is keen to support the development of our young players at the club and it is through his contributions in the past, present and future that we will be able to continue to do so.

Finally, we would like to thank the patrons at the Romsey Hotel who support our raffles every Friday night throughout the year. These raffles are a valuable asset not only during the football season, but also the "off" season.

Cheryl Wright (Secretary)

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

On Friday 5th May the club held a very successful Wine & Beer Tasting. Thanks must go to Jean Cowley of Foodway and Howard Keep from Buller's Wines, also Paul Holgate from Holgate's Brewery Woodend. Holgate's beer is now being stocked at Foodway.

Saturday 13th May was the first round of the Club Championships for the Men. By the time the Romsey Rag is published the championships will be over.

After round one Dean Jones is leading A Grade, Bruce Robb B Grade and Graham White C Grade. Full results will be in the July Romsey Rag. The club will be holding their annual tournament on the weekend of June 3rd & 4th.

The pennant season has finished for both men and ladies. Although none of the teams made the finals the club was well represented. Better luck next year. Our next fundraising activity will be a Trivia Night on Saturday 8th July 7.30pm \$10 a head. This includes supper. Drinks at bar prices. Tickets can be obtained from Mary Campbell 54 29 5629. If anyone has any queries about joining the gold club contact Secretary - Rod Campbell 54 29 5629.



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June will be very busy and stressful month for many people. It is the final chance to get ready for the new tax system. Accountants, small business owners, book-keepers and treasurers are all hoping that they are ready. Schools and other not-for-profit groups are waiting to see just how complicated it will be for them.

In the midst of all this turmoil, June is a month The Easter of celebration for the Church. season, with its hope and joy of new life through Christ's resurrection, continues until a day we call Pentecost.

Pentecost is originally the Jewish Feast of Weeks (a week of weeks), celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover (the festival during which Jesus was killed). It is a time of dedication of the first fruits of the harvest (remember that Israel is in the northern hemisphere).

However, for Christians, Pentecost is also the birth of the Church. It is the day we remember God's gift of the Holy Spirit for all believers, beginning with Jesus' followers in Jerusalem. The symbols of wind and fire remind us of the unseen presence and work of God amongst us, sometimes with dramatic effects.

This year, Pentecost is on 11 June, and I'm sure all of the Churches in town will celebrate God's goodness to us in their own special way.

Whilst Pentecost is a celebration for all Christians, the Uniting Church also has its own birthday this month. On 22 June 1977, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Church came together to form the Uniting Church in Australia. This was the culmination of twenty years of discussion and negotiation, but it was only a beginning.

Over the past twenty-three years, the Uniting Church has been trying to find it's own identity, it's particular place within the Christian Church. It has also been involved in discussions with other Churches, hoping that the uniting in the name of Christ will continue.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- KUCA meets from 5:00-6:30pm at 2 June the church, for Primary School Age & Year 7 children.
- Monster Garage Sale at the 3 June Institue Hall from Mechanics Come and 9:00am to 2:00pm. grab a bargain!
- 9:00am worship & Sunday School, 4 June including Holy Communion.
- KUCA meets from 5:00-6:30pm at 9 June the church, for Primary School Age & Year 7 children.
- 11 June 9:00am All -age worship as part of the celebration of Pentecost.
- 14 June UCAF (Ladies Guild) meet at the church at noon to host the group Lyn Morrison (UCAF luncheon. State President) will be the guest Cost: \$6.00. speaker. welcome.
- 16 June KUCA meets from 5:00-6:30pm at the church, for Primary School Age & Year 7 children. This willbe a 'Fancy Dress Night' for the end of term break-up.
- 18 June 9:00am worship & Sunday School. 3:00pm Family Trivia Afternoon at the church. Single: \$5. Family \$10 Bring afternoon tea to share.
- 25 June 9:00am worship with special guest Dave Hall from the Uniting Church SHARE Community Appeal.
- 9:00am worship, including Holy 2 July Communion.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for any of the activities listed above. If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to as. Rev Alan.

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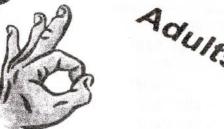
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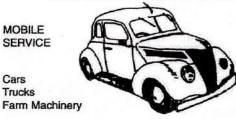
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Annual Concert.

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