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We ask all interested members to attend.

The Institute is not Shire-owned. It is situated on Crown Land and is managed by a local committee on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. It is a community asset!

We believe that hiring charges are very reasonable but there has been some decline in bookings over the past 2 years. Due to grants for capital works from the State Government, Mercedon Ranges Shire Council and a very generous donation from the

Lancefield Romsey Lions Club, the building looks great after its refurbishment last year. However day-to-day costs like insurance and cleaning, are still a problem. We used to receive a small grant from the previous Shire of Romsey.

If you have any suggestions or are interested in assisting our Hall please come to the meeting on August 23rd.

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ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB

Although the start of the cricket season is still two months away, the committee has been working since the Annual General Meeting to ensure the 2001/02 season is a success both on and off the field.

In May, a new committee was formed with Terry Brady returning to the club to take on the President's role, Mal Mottram is Vice-President and Tim McCarthy again Secretary. Mick McCarthy will control finance and Kelvin McCarthy, Daniel Carroll, Alan Lever and Rob McLaryne have the remaining committee positions.

Tim McCarten has been re-appointed Captain/Coach and he is currently working on a preseason program as well speaking to a number of prospective recruits. Rob McLaryne is the new Chairman of Selectors and the club is working towards bringing some former players back to assist in skills development during practice sessions.

The committee have a number of projects in mind to improve the playing, training and operating facilities at the ground including:

- relocation of practice wickets to the northeastern side of the oval
- improving the surrounds of the centre wicket area
- landscaping in front of the changerooms
- upgrading the club cricket equipment
- formation of a "4 o'clock club" supporter group

A Junior Registration Day will be held in September for our Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 teams and we

are hoping many parents can offer their assistance in coaching, transport, umpiring and scoring for these teams. More details of Registration Day will appear in next month's Rag.

We have secured the services of two experienced social function planners. Tony Gibson and Russell Dawson will work with the committee to form a social calendar for the coming year.

Finally, anyone new to the town or past players who wish to have a bit with us this season can contact Tim McCarten 9464 3599(w) or Tim McCarthy 3429 5014(h) or keep an eye out for training details and you will be made most welcome.

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ROMSEY BRANCH

We are a group of women from Romsey and Raddells Creek who meet once a month, usually the 2nd Thursday at the Mechanics Institute in Romsey at 10.00am.

At our meetings we discuss many issues, both CWA and local. We do raise some money and once a year we distribute this to many worthwhile causes. Some of these for the local community and some for the wider workings of CWA.

We do, however, mostly meet for the friendship of other women and to broaden our horizons.

We are a reasonably crafty group and also meet in each other's homes to share skills and to make goods for charity. We are currently making smocks for the Kindergarten and knitting & crochet rugs, jumpers, beanies, scarfs etc. for International aid. We have also made berets for a sister and others in the Romsey area that are undergoing chemotherapy.

On Thursday 6th September at the Mechanics Institute we are having an International Day. Our State International Officer - Elaine Baldwin - who is a Romsey Branch Member - will be speaking about her recent trip to Canada for the Associated Country Women of the World Conference. Elaine and her husband also extended this trip into America, so this should be a very interesting day.

Please join us at 1.30pm for afternoon tea. A donation of \$4 will go towards International projects.

We would love to have some new members, so ladies please consider giving a phone call for further information and next meeting dates to: Joan Strawbridge 54 287 022.

IT'S JACK FROST TIME!

Frost is a major threat to many plants in Romsey throughout winter and spring. An unsuspecting gardener taking sunny mid morning stroll may be shocked to discover a favourite plant has been reduced to slimy pulp or had its foliage "burned". However, there are many tips available to gardeners to prevent plant loss through frost. What actually occurs during this period?

As the night temperature falls, a plant cell's solutes (ions dissolved in water) expand and leak into the intracellular spaces. Ice crystals may form when temperatures fall to 5 deg Celsius and lower. Frost hardy species readily cope with this frozen state and even those frost tender plants growing 2m above ground level can survive.

The danger period is when these frozen crystals and solutes thaw. If the period between freezing and thawing is relatively short (i.e. light frosts) cell membranes are undamaged and the water is drawn back within the cell by osmosis. Where heavy frosts linger (or the plant is naturally frost 'tender'), ice crystals can rupture membranes and the plant collapses.

To further complicate thawing damage, the early sunlight will cause leaf 'burn' as a result of dehydration. This may sound rather odd but the surrounding air at ground level is dry (its moisture is frozen) so the sun's warmth creates a short-term 'drought' situation causing foliage to burn. Just

think about desert and alpine plants - they have to survive hot days and freezing nights in an extremely dry climate so they have evolved with various techniques of surviving the stress of dehydration due to both heat and freezing.

The gardener's choices and solutions are many -

1. Study your garden - note any frost-free sites (under evergreen trees and shrubs, beneath eaves and verandahs, near brick walls, etc) and similarly note any frost 'pockets' to avoid.
2. Choose frost-hardy plants where possible.
3. Use temporary frost covers (hessian or paper - never plastic) or try chemical products designed to reduce water loss through transpiration (e.g. Emy for drought and frost conditions).
4. Avoid using high nitrogenous fertilisers in late autumn and winter because they encourage 'soft' growth which is likely to be frost tender. Similarly do not prune frost damaged foliage until spring because this produces further tender re-growth.
5. Keep plants watered and mulched to avoid dehydration stress.
6. If you have an automatic sprinkler system, set it to operate for a brief time just before sunrise - we do at the nursery.

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1851 - 2001

VICTORIA'S SESQUICENTENARY (One and a Half)

On 1st July, 2001, celebrations were held to mark the Sesquicentenary of Victoria. Year 1851 started quietly in the British Colonies in Australia, apart from continuing agitation by the settlers in the Port Phillip District who sought separation from New South Wales which were successful. The Act declaring the separation came into force on 30th April, 1851 and on 1st July writs were issued for the election of members of Victorian Council. Charles Joseph LaTrobe became the first Lieutenant Governor, William Lonsdale Colonial Secretary, Redmond Barry Solicitor General, Robert Hoddle Surveyor General and Robert William Pohlman Chief Commissioner of Insolvency. In 1851 the population of the new state of Victoria was 76,000, the number of sheep 6 million, of cattle 380,000 and of horses 21,000 while 53,000 acres of land were under cultivation.

2001 also marks the sesquicentenary of the discovery of gold in Australia. Edward Hammond Hargraves was born in Gosport, Hampshire, England, in 1816 and went to sea when 14 years old, deserting ship in Sydney in 1832. After some time as Superintendent of Convicts and cattle on a property near Bathurst, he became an unsuccessful squatter, married and used his wife's dowry to build a boat which he named 'The Fox under the Hill'. After forfeiting that venture, Hargraves deserted his wife, ran a store and tried another unsuccessful squaring operation until, in 1849, he sailed to California to try his luck in the gold rush. After two years he returned penniless to Sydney but still with the hope of finding gold so he borrowed some money to get to the Guyong area between Bathurst and Orange. There he and John Hardman Australia Limited, found five flecks of gold on 12th February, 1851 but they were worthless. Hargraves and Lister were joined by brothers William and James Tom who lived near the Cornish Settlement, Byng, north east of Orange. After showing his 'partners' how to make a Californian designed cradle, he left them to continue searching along the Lewis Ponds and Summerhill Creek. On 11th April, 1851 William Tom and John Lister

found six ounces of gold including a small nugget, they dutifully sent a message to Hargraves who was at his home in East Gosford near Sydney. Hargraves promptly took full credit for the find and claimed the 10,000 pound reward offered by the N.S.W. government. 'The Bulletin in Sydney published a report on this news under the banner headline - 'The Gold Discovery'. Ever the self-publicist, Hargraves returned to the Orange district and triggered a rush of diggers from all around Australia and overseas. The Toms named the site of the gold find - Ophir - after King Solomon's city of gold referred to in the Bible's Book of Kings.

This perturbed the businessmen in Melbourne who feared their staff and customers would desert to join in the Ophir gold rush so they offered a reward of 200 pounds for the first discovery of payable gold within 200 miles of the metropolis. The new Victorian Government substantially increased the prize money and successfully rewarded Louis Michel for the significant find at Andersons Creek (near Warrandyte), Thomas Hiscock at Buninyong (leading to larger finds around Ballarat). Before the end of 1851, an 'annus mirabilis', even larger finds were made at Barkers Creek (Mount Alexander, now Bendigo). At the end of 1851 there were about 19,000 people on the Victorian diggings and this number grew to 109,000 in 1855. The Treasury overflowed with gold and 'Marvellous Melbourne' developed to become gracious, stylish and wealthy.

Eighteen of the world's twenty largest gold nuggets have been found in Australia and given such names as 'Poseidon', 'Hand of Faith', 'Pride of Australia', 'Welcome', 'Bobby Dazzler', 'Ruby Wolf', 'Jubilee', 'Little Hero', 'Golden Eagle', 'Golden Aussie', 'Welcome Stranger', etc. In 1979 a father and son team found a 199 ounce nugget in the Ophir area; they named it in honour of the day of discovery - 'Father's Day'. In 2001 the largest goldmine in Eastern Australia is at Cadia, only 40 kilometres from Ophir.

After the discovery of gold in N.S.W. and Victoria the search extended to New Zealand and rewarded in 1861 when Tasmanian, Gabriel Read, discovered payable gold in Central Otago in the South Island, near Taupoka. The site of the find was named Gabriel's Gully. Shortly later more gold was found a few

kilometers away and this site was named Ophir. While the Otago, New Zealand gold fields were not as rich as those in Australia, there is still a township in Ophir New Zealand, complete with Post Office and War Memorial Hall. There is only one other township in the world named Ophir which is on the Pacific coast of California about mid-way between Seattle and San Francisco. On the other hand, Ophir in N.S.W. is a peckmarked Recreation Reserve maintained by the Cabonne Shire Council - there is a picnic ground and camping ground and a trail to the cemetery and a small obelisk, unveiled in 1923, on which is a plaque which offers a diplomatic explanation of Hargraves's role in the discovery of gold.

A connection between gold and Ramsey is through the Tom family. The James and William Tom who were 'partners' of John Lister and Edward Hargraves, were among the thirteen children of William and Ann Tom who married in St. Clether, Cornwall, England, on New Year's Eve 1817. James was their third child, born on 24th March,

1822 at St. Kew, Cornwall. The following year the Tom family left England on the 500 ton brig 'Belinda' destined for Sydney; while sailing midway between the Cape of Good Hope and Van Diemen's Land, they encountered a storm during which the masts, lifeboat and cook's caboose (complete with the cook and two seamen), were swept overboard. Father William Tom was a fervent Methodist; he prayed for deliverance and amazingly, the cook and caboose were retrieved from the wild sea. The little ship struggled on to Hobart but was unfit to tackle the final leg of the voyage so the Tom family transferred to the brig 'Jupiter'. Enroute to Sydney, Ann gave birth to their fourth child, William on 23rd November, 1825.

They lived at Macquarie Plains on the outskirts of Sydney for two years and near Bathurst for four years before William selected 640 acres at Blackman's Swamp near Sheep Station Creek and Lewis Ponds, on which he built a wattle and daub homestead with four main rooms and a loft for his sons. The Toms named their property 'Springfield' - they were pioneers of the Cornish Settlement which adopted the name Byng. Father William Tom became known as

Parson Tom, every Sabbath he preached to the settlers and his family from Bethel Park on his property, taking his text from Old Testament. A small rubble Chapel was built in the 1840's; by 1873 the population of Byng had grown so a larger Chapel was built, using many stones from the previous one. This is still in use as a Uniting Church which provides a population and picturesque venue for weddings. In 1875 William Tom died at the age of 90, having outlived his wife by three years; he had taught his family to revere two things - John Wesley and Cornwall.

Of Parson Tom's sons, James was the only one to eventually settle in Victoria. After an adventurous life as a bushman and drover throughout Australia, he bought a property at Chintin, between Romsey and Wallan 1838 which he named 'Chintin Grange'. The district became known as Springfield. James was a keen Wesleyan so a small chapel was built in Chintin. James died in 1898 while his widow Marion survived until December, 1917; they were buried together at Chintin. James' brother William died in N.S.W. in July, 1904. His passing was noted in 'The Bulletin' - 'The death last week of William Tom of King's Plains, at the age of 81, removes a pertinacious claimant for the honour and profit of being the first gold discoverer in N.S.W. Rightly or wrongly Hargraves wears most of the honour and pocketed most of the profit of that incident. If he didn't discover gold one Tom, he at least discovered people who believed he did.'

James and Marion were survived by two sons, William and James who took over responsibility for 'Chintin Grange'. Bushfires were a regular occurrence and one in the early 1900's was long remembered by the Tom family who had just sat down to their Christmas dinner when the alarm was raised. The men and boys joined with their neighbours in fighting the fire, returning home exhausted about 10pm. The heat of the fire had kept their dinner warm on the table and the farmyard was littered with poultry killed by the smoke and heat. William died in 1936 and James in 1947. This Tom Tom and his wife Mona had four children - Marion, William, James and Douglas.

Of this generation, William suffered

a fatal heart attack while playing bowls in Romsey in January 1982, James and Marion's husband, Bill Spring, died in Romsey in 1983, Douglas died in Wagga Wagga NSW in 2000. William was President of the Shire of Romsey 1970-71, and was Foundation President of the Romsey & District Historical Society in 1979; he was instrumental in arranging for the Society to take over responsibility for Sidney Seymour's house in Romsey, 'Barton', when it was gifted by Mrs. Iva Allen.

Marion Spring and William Tom's widow Jean, still live in Romsey.

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All of the team played very well. The Finals most improved player was Phil Romerill. Coach Joan Bell congratulated the team on their efforts, saying they came together very well and showed that the Romsey Community could be very proud of them. The teams next challenge will be in a round-robin against other local Rep teams and on October 6th & 7th the team plays in the Great Western Tournament hopefully to be played in Keilor.

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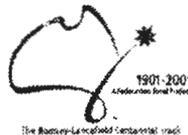
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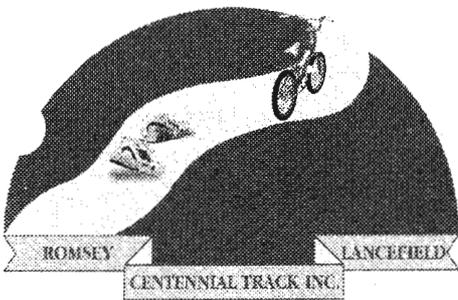
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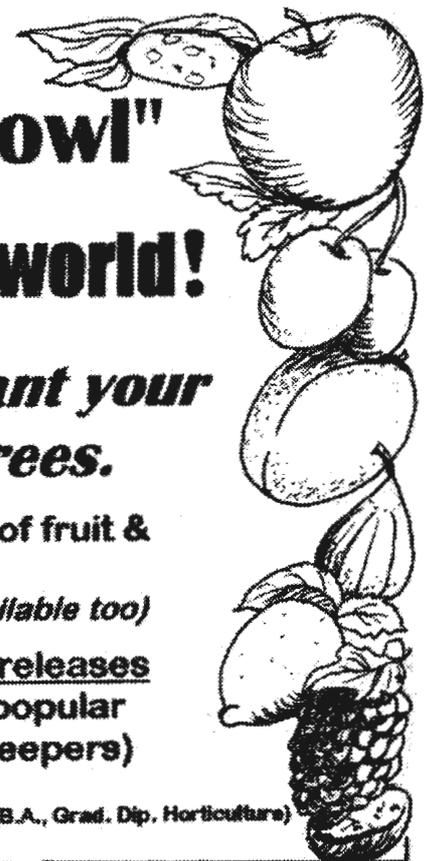
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Primary School News

Education Week August 20th -24th 2001

Learning through enthusiasm, energy and exemplary experiences sums up the way students and staff at Romsey Primary School approach schooling on a daily basis. So it comes as no surprise that everyone is looking forward to Romsey Primary School Education Week 2001, that will be held from 20th August - 24th August. "Making the school accessible to the broader community during these special events is a great way for people to share in the learning of the children within this locality. Having adults take interest in their learning gives these students the motivation to strive for success and provides them with the recognition they deserve for their hard work," said Principal Mr Barney Healy.

The fast-filled week will include an Indonesia Market Day to support and complement the Indonesian Language Program at the school. "We believe that it is important for children to gain an international perspective on their world especially as we are rapidly becoming a global village," said Mrs



Sue Little, Coordinator of the Languages Other Than English Committee. The market will be held on Tuesday 21st August and will feature Indonesian food, crafts and music. All students are busy preparing for the big day.

The Open Day is always a huge hit with the parents and families of the school. It enables those persons who are most important to the students to take an active role in their everyday experiences. "Our forthcoming Education Week will be five fun-filled days dedicated to highlighting the fabulous programs that we have on offer right here in Romsey," said Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs Joan Gibbs. "It is a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements of the students and the wonderful support we have from our dedicated parent community."

Student involvement in school operations is a major feature of the student welfare initiative. Elected student representatives form a Junior School Council that is responsible for upholding the views of all students. These committed students have organised a Pyjama Day to be held on Friday 24th August. Students who come along dressed in their PJs will give a donation of 50c and all proceeds raised from this venture will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation. "We want to raise money for these children so they have a chance of living their dreams" said Junior School Council Secretary, Kristyn Barnes. "We thought that having everyone come to school dressed in their jim-jams would be a fun way to raise funds."

Everyone is invited to come along and join in the activities because, after all, Romsey Primary School is Romsey's Primary School.



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ORGAN DONATION - THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF LIFE

You may have read in the Herald Sun or through coverage on the news that Victoria has lost its Transplant Promotion Council - through government funding being cancelled. The Council employed one man - Alan McLean - who headed the organization and all other members were volunteers. The total input by the state government was \$80,000 per year - a drop in the ocean when you read how they spend our money! This Promotion Council managed single-handedly to turn around the critical lack of organ donations in Victoria especially by the use of articles in the Herald Sun - and you may recall that infamous photo of me being pushed at a million miles an hour - on my bike by my husband Sam - he'd been dying to do that for years!!!! That sort of

community awareness completely turned the response from the general public around. The Alfred Hospital leads the world in transplantation and has broken new ground all along the way since the unit opened in 1989 and the Liver Unit at the Austin Hospital is legendary. Their biggest problem was the lack of donor organs and waiting lists were spoken of in years! Then the promotion council got into gear and now they talk of waiting times in months! With diligent work by Alan McLean - the biggest breakthrough for the promotion council was to convince the commonwealth government to establish a National Register of people willing to become donors.

This saves very valuable time when transplant co-ordinators can log into one register and not have to search individual states. Without our Victorian Promotion Council we are very concerned that the great community awareness and participation will lapse back to what it was before. So, I

guess, like everything else government run, if you want it done, do it yourself! I could not find a new telephone contact number for the national register until I received my monthly issue of a newsletter that the transplant support group at the Alfred puts out - that gave a 1800 number - so when in doubt - dial 1800! To my utter surprise I spoke to a girl in HOBART! She was very helpful and is sending me a couple of hundred leaflets which now has the new form for becoming a donor on the back.

As I write I have not received these, but Hobart being 'over the water' I guess Australia Post will get them to me sooner or later. These will then be available at the Romsey Medical Centre, Romsey Shire Office and Charlie Smith's in Lancefield or ring me on 54295 724 a/h and I'll post one out to you. Please consider - don't take your organs to heaven - they can continue life here! Margaret Howatson.

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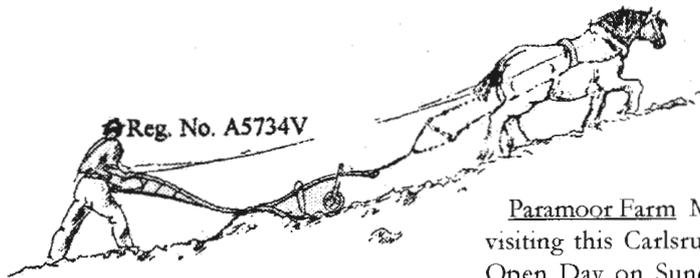
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Thank you for your consideration,
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MEETINGS

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28th August at 8.00pm, at the home of Joyce and Alan Jackson, 13 Gordon Crescent, Romsey. Our speaker for that evening will be Mrs Flo Carter - "My Nursing Days". Please contact the Secretary Jean Clement on 54 29 6522 if you require any information on membership of the society or meeting dates.

EVENTS

Paramoor Farm Members will be visiting this Carlsruhe farm on its Open Day on Sunday 9th September, 12 noon to 5.00pm. Members of the public are invited to watch the Clydesdale horses working with old-fashioned machinery - no tractors on this farm! Admission is \$30 and proceeds will aid the Carlsruhe Fire Brigade. Come along and witness how farms worked in the old days!

Macedon Ranges Federation Trail - Plaque unveiling - 16th September
The launch of the Macedon Ranges Federation Trail Project will take place on Sunday 16th September when plaques in the five towns will be unveiled at 2.00pm. At Romsey the plaque will be located on the nature strip

between the service road and Main Street, outside St Mary's Catholic Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this historic event, and then to enjoy afternoon tea in St Mary's Hall, catered for by the Historical Society.

LANCEFIELD COURT HOUSE MUSEUM

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LANCFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

Lions Members and Guests welcomed new President Lion, Milos Stares at our 28th changeover dinner at Cope-Williams Winery on Saturday 7th July.

Induction of Office bearers performed by long serving Lion Doug Newnham who first introduced Milos to Lions.

Guests included member of Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club, Romsey CFA, Riddles Creek Lions Club, Romsey Police Sergeant John East and wife Jan.

Past President Norm Sheppard and wife Marion (1980-1981), June Martin, wife of Bill Martin (Dec.) who was Foundation member in 1972. Bill was a long standing member and President (1974-1975). We would like to thank all who attended and look forward to a successful year of community service under our new President Lion Milos.

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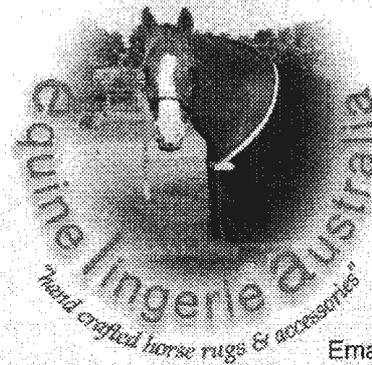
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What's News in August

The news the other night began with someone being shot dead. That was followed up with a bomb being set off. What kind of world do we live in?

Living in Australia, some of the worst violence in the world may seem far off, even with the access of television. Yet many Australians want the same thing as people living in the world's trouble spots - peace.

Does the desire for peace make me a humanist? Perhaps, but if I'm a humanist, I'm a Christian humanist. My concern for people and for the world comes from my belief in a God who cares, who values every life.

So, where does peace fit in? I'm convinced that true and lasting peace between nations or other groups of people can only become a reality when there is peace within the nation, between people 'on the same side'. Further, I believe that we can only have peace in our personal relationships if we have an inner peace, and I believe that this inner peace comes from being right with God.

That's the party line that the church has been preaching for centuries, so what's wrong with the world? Either the church has got it wrong, or the world is ignoring the church's message.

I tend to favour the latter. I believe that the world has chosen to ignore the church's message because the message has not been presented in a convincing manner. The church has been seen by many people as hypocritical, or at least, those doing the 'preaching' have been saying one thing and doing something else.

This argument has at least some validity. There is no doubt that the church has, at times, got so caught up in being the church that it has forgotten about faith. To recognise that we are all human and all make mistakes is fundamental to the faith. None of us is God, and that is what the Christian faith is about. In Jesus of Nazareth, God has shown us what humanity can be like, an ideal to aspire to. That is what we should be preaching.

As we seek peace, at every level, we need to look towards Jesus as the example and source of true peace.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- 3 Aug** 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church. KUCA (Kids of the Uniting Church in Australia) is primarily for children in grades 3 to year 8, but there is also a group for younger children.
- 5 Aug** 9:00am All-Age Sunday School. There will be a Bible Study for adults instead of the usual worship service.
10:30am The Victorian Moderator of the Uniting Church (Rev Alistair Macrae) will be the guest preacher at Lancefield UC. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch to give people an opportunity to speak with him in a less formal atmosphere.
- 8 Aug** 1:30pm UCAF (Ladies Guild) meets at the church. All welcome.
- 10 Aug** 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church for a video night.
- 12 Aug** 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
4:30pm Combined Churches Songfest at the Lancefield Mechanics' Hall, followed by a soup and bread supper.
- 17 Aug** 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church.
- 19 Aug** 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 24 Aug** 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church.
- 26 Aug** 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with guest preacher, Father Ray Sagers, 'Friend of the Schools' in Kyneton.
- 31 Aug** 5:00-6:30pm KUCA Club meets at the church.
- 2 Sept** 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together. If you have any questions about the Christian faith or the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.

Probos Club Romsey - Lancefield

Meetings of the Romsey - Lancefield Probos Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner of Main and Barry streets Romsey at 10:00am.

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COUNCIL NEWS - MT WILLIAM WARD

Letter to Mt William Ward

The Incalculable Value of a Healthy Community

For an individual or a community, health comes first, there's nothing more important. So, what is a healthy community like? How do you know how healthy your community is? What do you do to improve the health of a community? Services are important and that is why we are producing a Shire-wide Community Wellbeing Plan which will help the development of a system of services that promote the wellbeing of the community as a whole.

Focus groups are being conducted over the next few months - in October in Lancefield and in November in Romsey. Watch out for your opportunity to discuss and give your point of view about what services you use now or would like to see provided.

Key message number two, towards a vibrant resilient sustainable community... (as promised last month)

'Practice healthy community behaviours'. Broadly this message is about first being aware of what are healthy community behaviours and second, resolving to practice them. Including such things as having a 'we can do it' attitude (rather than a 'nothing works' attitude); making decisions by working towards consensus (rather than polarising into factions); listening (rather than attacking); solving problems by looking for win-win solutions (rather than blocking and blaming and accepting win-lose solutions); viewing challenges as opportunities (rather than seeing ourselves as victims); focussing on the future (rather than debating the past).

A Quotable Quote: 'Communities can often be compared to an Aussie Rules football match where 20,000 people who need the exercise watch 36 players who don't.'

'Healthy Community' Exercise for the Month of August: Be an Ambassador for your town.

One simple way we can all

contribute to the success of our communities is simply to 'talk them up'.

This month, observe how you and others talk about your town. Consciously think and say only positive things about your town. Tell people (and yourself) how good your town is, list its good features, be ready to tell visitors what they should do and see. This is a very powerful exercise, don't underestimate it.

Curly Land Use Planning Questions...

There are some very hard planning issues about. It seems Macedon Ranges attracts some of the most difficult ones in the State. Perhaps because we are so close to Melbourne and have nice bushy landscapes, many recreational uses are attracted. These are often uncomfortable neighbours for people who seek quiet country lifestyles. At the moment there is the clay target shooting proposal on the edge of the Cobaws and the motorcycle racing track proposal in Springfield. Both of these have noise questions as among the most controversial issues. These are things which will need detailed consideration in the planning scheme Rural Zone Review coming soon. This will be a vital process for the future of our area. Please participate fully.

The Residential and Industrial Strategy is now being advertised as a planning scheme amendment. Submissions on the amendment must be sent to the Shire by September 10. I urge those who have approached me about the issue of industrial zones in Lancefield and Romsey to put in a submission.

In Brief

Lowering of the Romsey speed limit is edging closer with the results of speed tests showing that most drivers already travel at 60 (with some notable exceptions!). These measurements are positive for our case, but don't hold your breath. Vicroads wheels move slowly.

Consultation on the Draft Natural

Environment Strategy has been extended. You now have until August 10 for your comments and suggestions.

I will be including a written report as delegate to Timber Towns Victoria in the Council Meeting on 8th August. A copy will be available at the Shire service centres.

Green Reserve can bring volunteers to your community project. Contact me for more details.

Romsey-Lancefield Elm Trees

At the July 11 Council Meeting I moved a motion asking for a report from Peter Jones, our Parks Development Officer, on a range of management approaches for the roadsides between Romsey and Lancefield. This report will consider cost and benefits of different ways of managing this area as some elms reach the end of their life. Heritage landscape, screening of the new recreational track from the roadway and the provision of habitat for wildlife will all be considered. Thanks for the two responses I have already received in relation to the future of this roadside area. I would love to hear more. The Centennial Track committee and the Historical Society will be getting back to me also.

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7. 23rd September
8. 28th October
9. 25th November
10. 16th December

COUNCIL NEWS - MONEGETTA WARD

Recent announcements of State Gov't funding for various projects in the eastern part of the Shire are most welcome. Joanne Duncan has informed us of \$126,000 (to be matched dollar for dollar by the Shire) for the redevelopment of the Romsey Rec. Centre to include a multipurpose/creche facility, disabled toilet and improved seating and viewing area, \$19,612 to the Darraweit Guim Rec. Reserve to develop the reserve to include a BMX track, adventure playground, flying fox along with various other sporting facilities, and \$46,133 to the Romsey-Lancefield Centennial Track Committee to assist them to prime and seal the bike/fitness track - Stage 2. John Brumby, Minister for State & Regional Development, has announced a grant of \$52,592 'to beautify Riddells Creek and create a safer environment for residents of the town', and \$55,040 'to landscape the approaches and main street of Romsey township'. The only hiccup to the Romsey one is that Vic Roads are still refusing to lower the speed so that people can enjoy the 'landscaping approaches'. The Minister for Housing, Bronwyn Pike, recently announced a \$200,000 grant to the Lancefield-Romsey Lions Club to

construct a further 10 units at the Senior Citz homes in Station Street, Romsey. With State Budget announcements of funding for the constructing of the Ambulance Station and 'refurbishment' of the Police Station at Romsey, the Shires advocacy efforts are starting to bear fruit.

Due to limited funds available, Council will be installing gravel footpaths over the next few months at the following locations;

Darraweit Guim - Bolinda-Darraweit Road, east-side between Stockdale Road and Breen Court.

Romsey - White Avenue, north side adjacent to primary school.

Romsey - Park Lane, east side between Barry Street and White Avenue.

Riddells Creek - Sutherlands Road, north side from Station Street to Fitzgerald Street.

Councils exposure from the HIH collapse appears to be limited to \$12,000 at this stage. One N.S.W. Council faces

financial ruin due to a \$1.1 million insurance bill it cannot pay.

Council will be seeking submissions on its 2001-2002 budget between July 3rd and July 17th. Last year you may recall I bleated about the \$5,000 from \$165,000 of site specific discretionary expenditure which came our way. This years budget shows even less. It appears we are not even matching the \$126,000 Sport & Rec. Grant for the recreation center. It does make interesting reading if you have the time.

Finally, Tuesday August the 7th is National Census Day. Cancel all commitments and stay home with the family. Public advertising should sta about 24th July with collectors distributing forms from the 27th July.

Till next time.
(Cr.) Geoff NEIL
Phone/Fax 5429 6785

YOUR HEALTH

As I have been talking to people who come to me for a massage or Bowen therapy treatment I realise more and more just how much stress plays in the way people feel.

Changes don't have to be major to impose stress and encourage illnesses. Researchers at the University of California have shown that the cumulative effects of life's minor hassles such as housework, deadlines, irritating noise can, over a period of time, possibly have a greater effect than one off high stress situations.

It is interesting that even a vacation can be a cause of stress if we let it!

Psychologists have recognized that how you deal with and confront life's stresses determines to a large extent how successfully you can triumph over them.

Studies done on executives in a company that was dramatically changing

its corporate structure found that some executives who weren't coping with the changes became ill while other more hardy executives were able to cope with the changes.

Three common characteristics showed in all the hardy executives.

CHALLENGE. They saw change as a challenge rather than a threat, a time to try new and exciting ideas.

COMMITMENT. They had a strong sense of purpose and believed in themselves.

CONTROL. They felt they themselves had an influence on their lives rather than hope for good luck and wait for others to make decisions.

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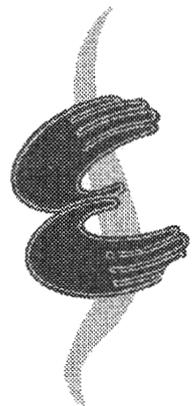
signs of stress.

The most important thing is to find out what is causing stress in your life and either remove it or use it to make you a better person.

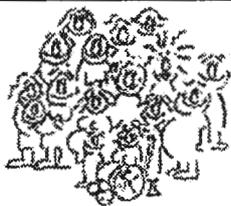
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CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

on Friday 17th August 2001
 at St. Mary's Church, Main Street, Romsey

Come celebrate the GLORY of GOD

Praise and Worship : 7.00 p.m.
 Eucharist Mass: 7.30 p.m.

GOD INHABITS THE PRAISES OF HIS PEOPLE

Enjoy Fellowship & Light Supper
 (Please bring a plate to share with friends)

Eucharist & Healing

St. Mary's Church
 Main Street, ROMSEY
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Club Contacts

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Secretary: Deb Burge - 5428 6977; debgary@hotmail.net.au
Web page: www.hotkey.net.au/~mrcc
E-mail: mrcc@hotmail.net.au

Next Meeting

At the August meeting we will be holding our AGM, followed by our regular problem solving session.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Third Sunday of each month

19 Aug, 16 Sep, 21 Oct

2:00 p.m. at M.R.F.E.C.

Hamilton St. Gisborne

Bring a plate for afternoon tea

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Last Meeting

At the July meeting we were given a practical demonstration on how to convert slides and negatives into images that can be used on the computer. We were also given a demonstration of video capturing.

**Come to the
Basket Annual Supper Dance**

**& celebrate a
Wonderful & Wonderful Winters Night**

dancing to
**Darryl Cotton
& the Rockafellas**

7.30 Sat. August 4 at Braemar College Hall

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For just \$10.00 you will receive a 25cm x 33cm (10"x13") family or child portrait presented with frame. **THE SAME PERSON(S) MAY ONLY APPEAR ONCE IN THIS "SPECIAL OFFER"** Average studio value for a framed portrait in this size is \$80.00. The full \$10.00 paid goes directly to Romsey Living Word for their fundraising needs. **Should you wish to pay by cheque, please make it out to Romsey Living Word.** There is no obligation to purchase any additional portraits.

Bookings may be made now, by contacting **Denise Kidney** on 5429 6737 or Mobile 0402 858 673. Upon us receiving payment of \$10.00 you will be allocated a booking time card, which is to be presented on the day of the photography. Character portraits for children and adults involved in sports, arts, etc. are also catered for on the day. Please bring related items, i.e. Sports uniforms, musical instruments, etc.

Additional various sized portraits will be available at very affordable prices on the viewing day. Whole packages start from \$59.00. Participants have the option of either one, two or three poses on the day of photography. As an added bonus for families purchasing their individual designed package, **the negatives will be released at no extra cost.**

The invitation is open to everyone. Please find attached a booking form for yourself and one for a friend.

Thank you for your participation.

Romsey Living Word

Family or Child Portrait Booking
(Return to Denise Kidney with cheque or cash for \$10.00 portrait payment ASAP)

Saturday 1st September 2001 _____ am _____ pm
Family Name _____ Phone _____

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FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD

JUNIORS-6-8 PM / SENIORS 8:30-11:30

JUNIORS

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- Children must be dropped off and picked up at the door.



Seniors

- NO PASS OUTS .
- NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.
- BAGS SEARCHED ON ENTRY.

This is being held and supervised by the Lancefield/ Romsey Lions Club.



For Further Information please call Julie on 0411643407 or Liz on 54278221 0407127577

BUS DEPARTURE:

- Kyneton Shire - 7:30
- Woodend Shire - 7:45
- Gisbourne Shire - 8:00
- Riddles Creek Post Office - 8:15
- Bags will be searched before entry on bus.
- MUST pay for entry to Rave on bus
- Bus - \$3 + Entry \$5 = Fee of \$8

BUS RETURN

- Riddles Creek Post Office - 11:45pm
- Gisbourne Shire - 12:00
- Woodend Shire - 12:15
- Kyneton Shire - 12:30
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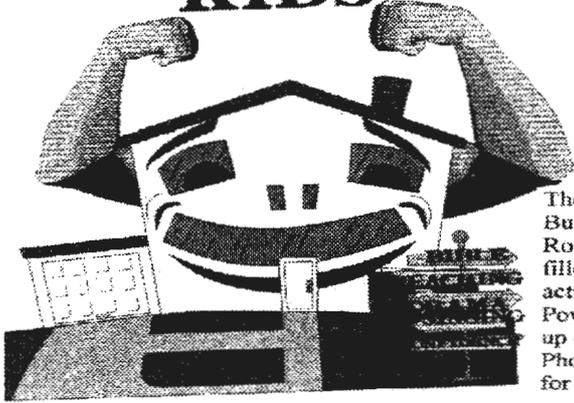
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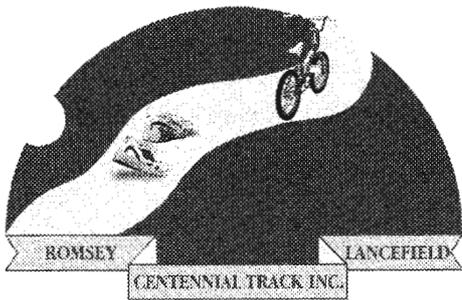
FOR KIDS



POWERHOUSE FOR KIDS
SUNDAY 10:45 AM
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The Living Word Church has commenced a Bus Service, to transport children from the Romsey / Lancefield communities, to a fun filled morning of games, singing, drama, activities and stories based on Biblical principals. Powerhouse is aimed at encouraging and building up children's confidence & self worth. Phone Elsie Parkinson, 5429 6196 to arrange for your child/children to be picked up.



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by Christine Davey
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