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Conditions of entry & entry forms for the competition plus a list of participating businesses can be found in this edition of the Romsey Rag. (Yellow insert)

Come on Romsey Residents support your local traders!

Ron Cole
54295411

ps:

Just a reminder - The Christmas Decoration Competition is on again this year. More details in later Romsey Rags & shop windows.

A Message From The Post Office

Australia Post has introduced new mail sorting systems and Leanne, our regular Postie, is taking extended leave. To assist in the efficient delivery of mail, please assist by ensuring that your mail is correctly addressed.

Some tips are:

- Do not use "Lot Numbers" - these are no longer considered addresses.
- New roadside numbering systems replace old RMB numbers.
- Residents with private boxes should direct their mail to the box number instead of the street address.

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Auan and Wendy
Romsey Post Office

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History in the Making – The Inaugural 2003 Macedon Ranges Grand Tour

Dear Motoring Enthusiasts,

You can't afford to miss this event – history in the making!

On Saturday 8th February 2003 150 vehicles will be flagged off from Gisborne to weave their way around the magnificent Macedon Ranges. The RACV is an enthusiastic and generous sponsor of this event with support from Tourism Victoria through CVTC and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

For an entry fee of only \$125 for the driver and navigator, all meals are included along with an information and touring kit, flat cap or scarf, grille badge, tour pin, window sticker and heaps of pleasurable driving.

If you don't have your entry in by 31st October 2002 then you may miss out on participating in this inaugural event. Make sure you mark the date in your diary though because a trip to the towns of the Macedon Ranges on that day will be rewarded with lots to look at and things to do.

You could consider staying over so you can attend the Grand Tour Dinner at Hanging Rock Winery for only \$35 per person then motor along to the 16th Annual Picnic at Hanging Rock run by the Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club held the next day.

Whichever way you look at it the weekend of the 8th & 9th February 2003 is not to be missed and will indeed be **history in the making!**

For further details check the website www.macedonranges.org.au/grandtour or contact Jenny Davies on 5428-3401.

ART SHOW KERRIE HALL

The Kerrie Hall committee in conjunction with Selected Guest Artists is holding its 7th exhibition of Art at the Kerrie Hall on **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of October**, between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm. **Preselection will be held on Friday 18th of October at 7.30 pm.** The exhibition will be opened by Mr John Payne.

The evening includes wine tasting by "Mawarra Winery", South Gisborne.

The cost of the evening is \$15.00 per head.

For bookings or more information contact Marlene on 5427 0202 or Chrystene on 5427 0433. Devonshire teas will also be available over the weekend. All proceeds go towards renovations and maintenance of the Kerrie Hall. Everyone is welcome – do come along and enjoy great country hospitality.

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MONTH.

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ROMSEY RAG COLLATION DATES

Many hands make light work, as they say, and the Romsey Rag is no exception. Each month a dedicated band of volunteers works tirelessly to bring the "Rag" to your household. Collating is a major task, and more volunteers would make this job so much easier! Following is a list of dates for collating all of the remaining issues of the Rag for this year. If you can help, please contact the school and we will happily pass on your name and phone number to the collating coordinator. Or just turn up at the Romsey Primary School on the day of collation at about 9.00am.

November issue

Collated on Thursday Oct. 31st

December issue

Collated on Thursday Nov. 28th

Bargain Box News.

.. John's Anglican op' shop.

8a Station Street 5428 6412.

No news this month.

Instead, we'd like to pass our thanks to all our donors, most of whom we don't see, but heartily thank. And to our customers who make our time in the shop enjoyable, thank you.

In next month's news I hope we can tell you we're changing our stock in readiness for summer.

Chris for all volunteers.

Gisborne Singers

Saturday 12th October

All proceeds to aid Gisborne Secondary College Chaplaincy Fund.

The Gisborne Singers will perform at 2.30pm in
Church of the Resurrection, Honour Avenue, Macedon.

Cost is \$20 a family (of 4), \$10 adult and \$8 concession.

Tickets from Chris 5428 6526 or Anglican Office, Elaine 5428 2280.

Prog: Gabriel Faure, Felix Mendelssohn, and Franz Schubert.

Mark it in your diary today!

Romsey Toy Library

The Romsey Toy Library Committee and members, would like to thank the Mayor, Geoff Neil and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, for their continued financial support and encouragement. This has enabled the Toy Library to grow and purchase wonderful, bright and varied new toys.

The Romsey Toy Library welcomes new members.

New Toy Library Hours are:-

Tuesday 9.30 – 11am

Saturday 10.00 – 11.30am

All enquiries – please contact Jenny Casey – 5429 5089.

**Macedon Ranges Health Care****Romsey Medical Centre**

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Phone: 5429 5254 Fax: 5429 6147

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Saturdays 9.00am to 5.00pm

Sundays 10.00am to 1.00pm

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

- Insurance, pre-employment or license examinations
- Annual reviews or checkups
- Multiple medical problems
- More than one family member attending
- Counselling or emotional problems

Please note that emergencies are seen immediately and take priority over booked appointments. Home visits are available.

Please call the Medical Centre to arrange for these appointments.

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What's the meaning of life?

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We believe God, through Jesus Christ, has the answer to these and other questions.

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We meet every Sunday morning at the Romsey

Mechanics Institution (behind the new fountain) at 10.00 am.

For enquiries contact our minister – Graham Mau on 5429 1488.



Literacy (& Numeracy) Week

Our recent Literacy and Numeracy Week activities were a big hit with students - all year levels. Teachers and students decorated the entrance to classrooms of favourite stories - we certainly have some very creative people at our school. All students contributed to a giant continuous story that circulated and developed on its journey through the school. We also listened to a story read by our principal, Mr Barney Healy over the PA system every day. A highlight of the week was the presentation to our students by the Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club of a book to each of our Prep students. This very generous gesture caused much excitement among our younger students and will surely help establish the reading habit for these young students.

Next term we are looking forward to a number of our students working closely with published author and illustrator Rachael Tonkin in a special writers program.

As Numeracy is also one of our school priorities, Doug Scale and John Fryer, our Early Years Numeracy Coordinators recently gave our school council an updated report on some key points in our numeracy programs.

Exploring Maths Together

At our recent School Council Meeting we viewed the video 'Exploring Maths Together'. Following are some of the ideas and activities you may find useful at home. These activities are designed for home-school partnerships that support children in their learning. Children use their developing numeracy knowledge in everyday events. These link their learning from school to home and back to school. Parents are encouraged to PAUSE-PROMPT-PRAISE the three P's. The pause giving the children an opportunity to get answers by themselves. Prompting only when appropriate and praising and encouraging all efforts. Parents should feel free to show or model the maths if their child is still unsure. Don't drag out this process, keep it fun! When children can experience success frequently it gives them the confidence to explore maths Activities for home:

Maths is everywhere - we are 'doing' maths all the time!

Listed below are a range of activities that are a part of our everyday lives that use mathematics that could be shared with parents.

- Let children help with the shopping - check prices, weights and quantities, rounding prices as items are placed at the register, estimate the total cost of the goods purchased.
- Encourage your children to help with the cooking - weighing and measuring ingredients, keeping a check on the time.
- Let children set the table - how many plates, forks, knives, spoons are required?
- Discuss with children different ways of buying food - loaves, litres, kilograms.
- Encourage your child to keep a record of his/her own weight and height.
- Dates - keep the calendar handy and discuss coming events according to dates on the calendar.
- Talk about days, months in relation to birthdays and other special occasions.

- Telling the time - have a clock on view and discuss the different times in a day - relate times to events e.g. 6 o'clock is tea time.
- Use the television timetable to discuss time e.g. what time does the movie start? What time does it finish? Is it past the time you need to go to bed?
- Discuss child's clothing and shoe sizes.
- Talk to children about the models they make with their building sets - size, height, shapes used.
- Remember language is important - empty, full, less than, more than.
- Talk about money with your children. Discuss weekly budgets and general money matters e.g. How much does our family spend on food each week?
- Turn off the television and play games with your children. Board games such as snakes and ladders, draughts, card games, strategy games such as noughts and crosses, Mastermind and jigsaws are all excellent ways to develop number and strategy skills in mathematics.

Doug Scale, Numeracy Coordinator



Above: Children involved in an activity to learn about capacity - one of many aspects of the numeracy program at Romsey Primary School

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Farewell Tracy Hammill

Our Assistant Principal, Ms Tracy Hammill spent her last day with us at the end of term prior to taking up her new appointment as principal of Coburg North Primary School. Tracy has been a wonderful asset to the school over the past three years taking a leading role in implementing innovations in the management of Student Welfare. Tracy established very positive relationships with parents and students, has always been most approachable and a great listener. The school congratulates Tracy on achieving this promotion and we are sure she will achieve every success in her new role.



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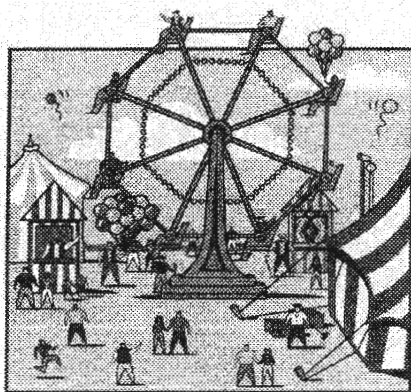
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For more details contact:

Belinda Mitchell 5429 6740

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A VISIT TO THE DOCTOR

Thankyou to Dr Sally who attended my husband at the Medical Centre on Monday the 16th. Please don't complain when the doctors are late, emergencies do happen. Blue made Dr Sally an hour late. After his visit to hospital, we are happy he is on the improve Shirley Shelton.



Romsey/Lancefield Guides

Both Guide units have been very busy this term.

The Wombat Guides had a party on the first night of term. We came dressed as famous people, listened to music, danced and had supper. The following night the guides gained their pet badge by bringing along their pets and discussing the many things they do with their pets. We had two very different pets brought along: a guinea pig and a fish. Next week we had a fun night of various games. In August we all came dressed in our pyjamas and pampered ourselves. Chocolate for the inside and face masks, foot massages, nail polish and make-up for the outside. On Friday 9th August Jessie and Carolyn went to Melbourne to participate in the Guide Winter Sleepout. We slept the night at the Museum and took part in different activities. Another night we cooked a tea cake and rum balls (the non alcoholic variety of course!). We made Father's Day cards. Emma invited Kilmore Guides to a Trivia Night that she organised. It was great meeting the guides from the next town and of course competing with them. Well done Emma! Two nights were taken up gaining the Emergency Badge. We spent one night at home discussing safety in the home, at guides etc. Then the next week we walked to the fire station and had an informative and interesting tour. Out thanks to Keith Meyer! Our last night we travelled to Melton and went to the Wave Pool. Jessie and Cassie made their promises as guides. And Katie moved on to Wombat Guides.

The Platypus Guides have also had a games and cooking night. The guides have been working towards the "Eyes" badge. They've made a kaleidoscope and had a guest speaker to talk about the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The guides made Christmas cards and floral saucers to enter in the Lancefield Spring Flower Show. They gained the following prizes:

Katelyn Walters – 1st Floral Saucer; Katie Dreger – Highly Commended Floral Saucer; Belinda Vandervalk – Highly Commended Floral Saucer; Sally Quigg and Belinda Vandervalk – Equal 2nd Christmas cards. Well done girls!

Some new guides have made their promises as guides in front of their families. Rita and the guides made the trek to Hampton Park to go to a Guide Rock Concert. The guides enjoyed seeing many different girl bands and singers! Their last night of term was joining with the Wombat Guides to have a fun night at the Melton Wave Pool.

Guides will recommence on Monday 7th October 2002.

The Platypus Guides (6 – 11 years olds) meet at 5.00 – 6.30pm

The Wombat Guides (10 – 16 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm.

Both at the Youth Centre/mechanics Hall, Lancefield.

For information regarding Guiding please contact Rita Vandervalk on 5429 1996 or

WANTED

person who is free on a Thursday from 4.00pm or Sunday morning willing to teach an eight year old girl, with a new pony, how to ride.

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ACTIVE FOR LIFE

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RIPPER READS - from the Mitchell Mobile Library

As last edition's article featured the best children's books published in Australia during the last year, this month's article features books for "big kids" that come from all around the world.

First of all, a 'new' author who has come to light in recent months is American author Jodi Picoult. Although she has been publishing books for a few years now we're a little slow on the uptake down here and have only now found out what we were missing. Mitchell Library Service has three titles by her and all of them are great reads! The Pact...Keeping Faith...Plain Truth are all totally different - being about teenage suicide, stigmata.v.born again ministries and infanticide in an Amish community respectively. All of them commence with an apparently watertight scenario as chapter 1 and then the rest of the book sets about to disprove your original perception. Compelling, totally engrossing and the type of book when any jobs can go hang and the kids can feed themselves. Bit of a reservation queue on all three titles at the moment, but well worth the wait.

Last Man down: the Fireman's Story by Richard "Pitch" Picciotto is the story of the last group of survivors to descend the second of the World Trade Centre towers before it collapsed. They didn't make it out in time, but the majority of them survived. It's a chilling tale from several points of view -

1. The description of the sound of the first tower falling as experienced by those in the second tower is just so unnerving and almost beyond description. This unbelievable noise can be heard but no-one can see what is causing it.
2. The first few chapters of the book deal with the camaraderie and brotherhood that is such an essential part of the New York Fire Brigades's fire crews. These guys are trained to respond to emergencies that other mortals would think twice about engaging in, and so on that fatal morning of September 11th more than 400 of them lost their lives trying to save the lives of others. The loss of these brave souls becomes even

more poignant as a result of these first few chapters.

3. Lastly, the sheer good luck that enabled Pitch and 'fellow band of firefighters to survive the fall, and the desperate search for them afterwards, over a moon-scape scene of devastation that bore no resemblance to the twin towers of the World Trade Centre.

On a lighter note Pint-sized Ireland by Evan McHugh is one man's romp around Ireland as seen through the bottom of a pint of Guinness. Every place that he visits he has to sample the local brew (for your edification and future enjoyment of this sludge, remember the only good Guinness is on tap in Ireland) but it is the colourful characters, both native and non, who bring this narrative to life. Picture, if you will, an incredibly tall red-haired German playing the bagpipes in a tartan dress, not kilt, on board a dinghy in the middle of one of the loughs as the sun sets below the horizon. Definitely an experience that could only happen in Ireland. Enjoy!

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH MONSTER GARAGE SALE

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**On Saturday 5th October
At the Romsey Mechanics Institute**

If you are interested in having a stall
or you require further information
please contact
Helen Quinn on 9740 3065

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

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



ROMSEY READERS

Seven local people have started a social reading group. We meet at each other's homes, every three months, except in mid winter.

We have recently lost a member and would be thrilled if a couple more people who like to read, discuss a chosen book, have a drink and a social chat would like to come along on a Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

The next get together will be at the home of Kym Raverty. The readers will be discussing the book "Atonement" by author Ian McEwan. Hire, borrow or buy a copy of "Atonement", read it, then bring it along to 100 Crooked Road, Romsey on Friday November 15th.

You can contact Kym for further details on 54 29 5901 or any of the other members below:

Faye Diamond or Andrew Bull on 54 29 5855

Wendy Gosden on 54 29 5520



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Saturdays and Sundays

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WEDNESDAY 10.00am Christ Church Lancefield

Sunday School during term times

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3rd Sunday of month 7.00pm St Paul's Romsey

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Romsey Guild: Meets second Thursday of each month 1.30pm
September Meeting at Flo Carter's home, "Nardoo"
Kilmore/Riddell Road, Monegetta - ALL WELCOME

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ENQUIRIES: Leader Milton Wright on 54 29 2112 -
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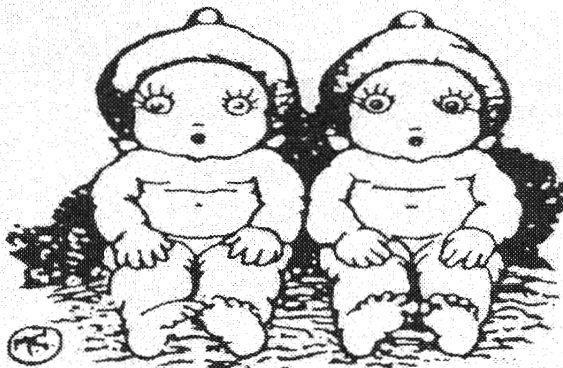
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(Ring for appointment)

Romsey Rostered Playgroup



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- Outdoors play

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 Per term plus insurance.

Enquiries – please contact
 Colette – 5429 1930

ROMSEY NEWSAGENCY

TRADING HOURS FROM
5TH OCTOBER 2002

MONDAY – 5.30AM – 6.00PM
 TUESDAY – 5.30AM – 6.00PM
 WEDNESDAY – 5.30AM – 6.00PM
 THURSDAY – 5.30AM – 6.30PM
 FRIDAY – 5.30AM – 6.30PM
 SATURDAY – 5.30AM – 5.30PM
 SUNDAY – 6.30AM – NOON



ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW DOCTORS**

We are delighted to introduce Dr Suki Allen and Dr Sophie Lu who have commenced practice at the Romsey Medical Centre.

Dr Allen is available every week day other than Tuesdays and Dr Lu consults on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MENINGITIS:

New stock of the meningitis vaccine is now available. Please call us to book an appointment for a vaccination.

ALAN BAILEY GARDEN MAINTENANCE

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Bolinda Primary School Says Thankyou

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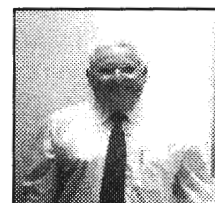
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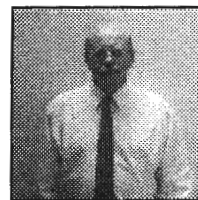
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From Your Mt William Councillor, Alice Aird

Firstly, Lancefield's exciting news. If you've popped in to McGowan's Café recently, you may have noticed some rather intriguing plans on display. These are the result of the work of a trio of local architects who have generously donated their services to work with the community and the Shire on a vision for the Lancefield 'townscape'. The work so far has been developed in relation to the issues raised by locals including police and business people in the town. The architects have proposed many fascinating solutions to the problems, which also value and enhance the assets of the town. The response of the 30 or so people at the public meeting on September 17 was very positive and much useful local knowledge was added to the discussion. There was no argument about the proposal to remove the current toilet block and build a new facility on the median strip! It was fascinating to hear about the uniqueness of the crescent as a town layout and to realise yet again what an extraordinary asset the main street of Lancefield is. Funding will be an ongoing project with the work happening in stages. A very professional and innovative plan considering all the heritage, economic, safety and environmental issues will attract the interest of funding bodies, as some from the Dept of Infrastructure have already indicated. The Shire has committed \$50,000 in 2002/03 and clever minds are at work to see how to multiply that, to achieve stage one priorities while attracting funds for a stage 2. First priority will be the line marking to narrow the roadway, improve pedestrian safety and increase parking. The details are still being worked on, so look at the plans and come along and have your say at the next meeting at 7.30 on Tuesday October 15 at the Mechanics.

Also in Lancefield the Celebrating Lancefield Together project has had a preliminary meeting, mostly to get the paperwork finalised to get the \$40,000 grant. Next will be to advertise for a project officer and a local community reference group. We are exploring possibilities for this project to support community involvement in the townscape project as many of the aims are similar.

Talking of first meetings, the new Romsey toilets near the skate park were discussed recently, so they also have taken the first step towards becoming a reality. Can't be long before the Romsey ambulance station and police station complex is finished – looking good aren't they! There's a good energy around the town these days – certainly much more lively near the Mechanics since the fountain and The Clay café appeared on the scene. I'm looking forward to the community bank opening its doors.

Planning Issues

The Sporting Shooters Association have applied once again to establish a shooting range in the Cobaws area. Nothing much has happened to change my mind about that issue, as I am still not at all happy about such a use in that location so near houses and people walking or riding.

You may wonder why a planning matter is sometimes deferred, even after it has been 'in the pipeline' for a long time. This occurred recently in relation to a subdivision

proposal for Ard Choille on Mt Macedon, a large property with a heritage garden. The reason I asked for this to be deferred was that the planning officer's report lacked some detail I wanted (and other Councillors agreed after debate) about the 'net environmental gain' which would be the result of the sub-division and about the methods which would be used to ensure the environmental objectives were met. This is a very complex matter with a large number of State and Local Authorities having a say about it. The fact is that only when all the responses have been gathered together is it possible for the Shire officer to complete the report. The Councillors then receive copies of the report with recommendations, as part of the Council notice paper, usually on the Friday before the Council meeting on the Wednesday. We have of course been briefed earlier, often more than once. We have usually inspected the property and talked to many people on both sides of the debate. However it is only at this late stage that we have the complete report and the recommendation of the planning officer. Therefore if we are not happy with the recommendations and the argument behind them, or if new ideas and questions are generated by the full report, time is short for further investigation of these points. In some cases this results a deferral of the matter, as it should if there are significant questions still unanswered.

Also on planning, the **Rural Planning Review** document is very interesting. It will be available for responses soon. It is vital to have substantial local input. For instance, the recommendations about the approach to land use planning for high quality agricultural land are crucial for the Mt William area, where we have some of the Shire's best. I believe there is real merit in this review and that it will give a new level of protection to the rural values of our shire. Do read it and respond when it becomes available soon.

Complaints about the use of 'trailbikes' are continuing to come in. Please continue to call me with your experiences, opinions and ideas. It's an issue that must be put on the table and workable solutions developed.

Sadly, it doesn't seem that it is going to rain properly this year. How can we as a community help drought affected farmers? These natural forces are so big and we look to government beyond the local to assist in the main. Somehow we seem so disconnected in these days of whizzing about in our cars and communicating via the world wide web. But maybe the www could help here. The Lancefield website (www.lancefield.org.au) is an excellent new framework for local communication. We'll have to get into the habit of putting info there and looking it up regularly, but imagine if all the local events were promoted there, wouldn't it be great. Some research has shown that the more people get connected via the web the more they attend local events, which is interesting and perhaps not obvious. Any way, the more we use the Lancefield website the more useful it will become. I will try to get some Shire news happening in it this month. Perhaps we'll have the Mercury On Line soon!

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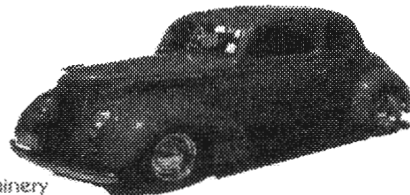
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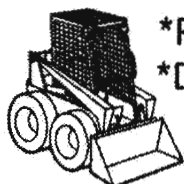
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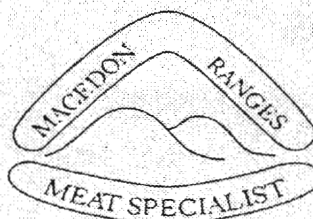
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The **Online Projects** will be officially launched with the towns of Kyneton, Mount Macedon, Gisborne, Lancefield and Woodend all with websites.

Macedon Ranges wines from both the Macedon and Kyneton Vignerons Associations are now officially from the one geographic region. This follows the declaration in Parliament on the 12th September of the Macedon Wine Region.

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The Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club's major project last year in association with the Lancefield-Romsey Lions Committee was the construction of the Romsey Skate Park. This collaborative effort between the local youth, Murrumbidgee Shire Council, State Government, local businesses and both these club services has provided a venue for all youth to enjoy.

The club also takes a keen interest in supporting the Moira Kelly Farm in Kilmore through the provision of goods and services by its members.

This year the Rotary Club has sponsored the local primary schools in an Asthma Awareness Training program. It involved teachers, students and parents being trained in the management, treatment and purposes for the range of prescriptive drugs that are used to treat Asthma. The afternoon and evening sessions were run by the Australian Asthma Foundation.

Another function of Rotary International is to promote literacy world wide. As part of Australia's National Literacy Week celebrations in September, the Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club has donated a book to every Prep student at Romsey, Lancefield and St Mary's primary schools.

Throughout the months of September and October our Club has sponsored a guest speaker each week from the local community. It is fascinating to hear about each busi-

ness practice and the work these individuals (and often their families) do for our local community.

The Club has invited Employers and Community Service Leaders to nominate employees and volunteers for Citizenship awards. The Citizenship Awards recognise the invaluable work done in the Romsey and Lancefield townships by workers and volunteers. The categories under which a nomination can be made for this year are: trainee or apprentice, customer service, and voluntary work. Employers and Community Service Leaders are encouraged to nominate those employees and volunteers who demonstrate the following qualities:

- High achievement in their work performance
- Enthusiasm and reliability in the work place
- Excellent communication skills
- Vocational aptitude
- Dedication and commitment

The presentation night for these Citizenship Awards is Wed 23rd October at CentreVic Motel (Lancefield) 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

To further promote the work of our Club there will be a series of BBQs in both Romsey (October 5th) outside the IGA Store and Lancefield (Oct 26th) outside Lancefield Hardware. Annie Phelan (actor from the Marshall Law series) will be at the Romsey BBQ. Everyone is invited to attend.

One of the major fund raising events on the Rotary calendar is the annual Calcutta Night (Monday 4th November at CentreVic). If you book before the night it costs \$25 and on the night \$30. A Complimentary drink and nibbles on arrival followed by a two-course meal. Book early by phoning CentreVic on 54 291 777 and enjoy the sweeps, phantom calls, horse auction etc.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Rotary or becoming a member of the local Romsey-Lancefield Rotary Club, then please contact the President, Peter O'Rourke, on 54 295 240. The club meets each Wednesday night at the CentreVic Motel, Lancefield at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start; visitors are always welcome.

Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club

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Strike Up A Conversation Day

As the Youth Development Officer with Macedon Ranges Shire Council I am writing to inform you of an upcoming event called "Strike Up A Conversation Day" (SUCD) which will take place on Thursday October 10th and will coincide with Mental Health Week. Strike Up A Conversation Day is an initiative of the Macedon Ranges Youth Advisory Committee. The Day has been initiated as a

vehicle to raise awareness within the whole community about the importance of communication, respect and the need to value all people. The Day recognises that a number of people in our communities experience significant

isolation and alienation. Strike Up A Conversation aims to break down these barriers and encourages everyone to make the effort to connect with others and make a difference. A smile, a greeting, a nod of recognition can go a long way and a conversation can go even further!

The day will be celebrated both within Macedon Ranges as well as further afield. We hope that in future this Day will become a Victorian Awareness Day and hopefully with time a National Awareness Day.

The Day has been initiated as a vehicle to raise awareness within the whole community about the importance of communication, respect and the need to value all people. The Day recognises that a number of people in our communities experience significant isolation and alienation.

Macedon Ranges Youth Advisory Committee will be raising awareness about the day throughout the Macedon ranges. Strike Up A Conversation Day kits (which contain friendship brochures, positive message cards, a Zine - a home made magazine about topics related to isolation and the importance of connection, and awareness posters) will be distributed through our travelling open mic show around Macedon Ranges. To culminate

the event we have also organised an Open Mic Night commencing at 7.00pm at Picadilly Cafe, Woodend.

We would like to encourage community groups, businesses and organisations to get involved

by making time on Thursday October 10th to celebrate the Day. Celebration of this Day should not require any significant costs and can be included as part of the general morning tea, lunch etc.

If you'd like to celebrate the Day, but need a few more ideas, give Liz a call on 5427 8221 or 0407127377 or contact your local Youth Advisory Member.

Liz Wynne
Youth Development Officer
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

BUDBURST EDITORIAL

"Ev...ear the Macedon Ranges vignerons celebrate the new season as the buds on their vines open to the sun. The awakening of the vines from their winter rest is seen through the new burst of life. The gentle tinge of green along the vine condons growth into the shoots and eventually produces the grapes that we convert into wonderful wines."

Sixteen wineries across the Macedon Ranges will open their doors over the weekend of 26th - 27th October to celebrate the 12th annual Budburst Festival and the new releases of regional wines. Budburst 2002 will be promoted at Southgate on Friday 18th October with complimentary wine tastings available from 11am to 6pm. Budburst will be officially launched in the Macedon Ranges at the Masterclass Dinner, Top of the Range, Mount Macedon.

Full details of the Budburst Festival can be obtained from the website:

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What's News

It appears almost certain that we will NOT be having a state election before Christmas, yet all our politicians are well and truly in election mode. So, how much trouble can I get into by discussing politics in this column? That depends on whom you speak to.

There are two ways of understanding politics that I want to discuss. First, politics is about power and scheming in human relationships. In any group of people, there will always be those who think that they know best or who want to get their own way. Politics is the means of achieving this end. Through convincing argument, doing deals, etc, someone gets sufficient support for their proposal. I'm sure we've all experienced this form of politics, either in the workplace, sporting clubs, community groups, or even the church. No group of people is exempt, as we are all human. The degree or methods may vary, but human desire is always present.

The church's role in this form of politics is to remind us of the importance of relationships and the need to value each other. People are not to be manipulated for personal advancement or glory, but are to be loved. That is the great commandment for Christians, second only to love for God.

Second, politics is about social order and government. This is probably the area where churches are most criticised. If the church is about religion, salvation and God, what right have they got to be involved in government? Is there a conflict of interest?

I don't want to justify everything that has been said and done in the name of church. I don't even want to justify everything that the Uniting Church has said and done in this realm of politics. But it seems to me that the church's involvement, if any, is on the basis of the great commandment noted above, namely that we are called to love one another.

If we truly love our fellow humans, then we would be opposed to any exploitation of them, or any form of injustice

or inequality, or any sort of harm. This agenda of social justice pervades the whole Bible, and is, I believe, the only basis on which the church can legitimately involve itself in politics.

I'll be the first to admit that the church doesn't always get it right, and certainly struggles to be consistent in its pronouncements. However, I do believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to stand up for the powerless and oppressed.

Is the world a better place for the involvement of the church in government? Probably not. Can the world be a better place through the concern of people for one another? I hope so.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish everyone a happy and safe school holiday period.

What's On

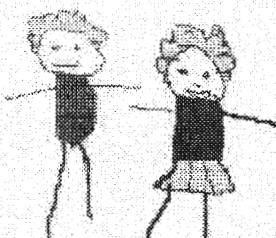
- 6 Oct 9:00am worship, with guest preacher Rob Coulson. Creche will be available for pre-school children.
- 9 Oct 1:30pm UCAF meet at the church hall. Please bring along recipe ideas for the new UCAF/PWMU Cookbook. There may even be a video of a recent wedding! All welcome.
- 13 Oct 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
- 20 Oct 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 27 Oct 9:00am worship and Sunday School, with guest speaker Rev Graham Morris from Moreland Hall (drug and alcohol rehabilitation service).
There will be a community service of thanksgiving and blessing for our emergency services, at the Romsey fire station. Keep an eye out for details.
- 3 Nov 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.



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Romsey Uniting Church **Children's Advent Workshop 2002**

Preparation is currently underway for this years Advent Workshop which is run by the Romsey Uniting Church.

The workshop, which is gaining in popularity each year, is open to all pre-school and primary school children and is a fun program which is designed to help children discover the true meaning of Christmas. Each session (there are 4 in all) will see the children enjoying Christmas stories, singing carols and taking part in various craft activities.

For those interested in attending, details are as follows:

Dates: Thursday 14th, 21st & 28th November and 5th December 2002

Times: 3.45pm to 5pm – Afternoon tea is provided

Venue: Romsey Uniting Church, Pohlman Street, Romsey
(opposite rear of Lions Park)

Cost: Free.

If you would like to know more about the workshop or are interested in registering your children, please phone Carol Toy – 5429 5160.

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The exhibition, entitled "When Romsey was Outback" will feature early photos, maps and documents relating to the district.

Contributions of early memorabilia will be most welcome.

The Cottage is set in pleasant surroundings for a picnic or afternoon tea, so put the date in your diary and come and inspect the oldest remaining dwelling in Romsey. More details in the November issue.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday November 26th

It has been decided to hold the Annual General Meeting in November this year, as opposed to the usual February, so that our activities and calendar can be produced at the beginning of the year. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Enquiries to Secretary Jean on 54 29 6522.

FAMILY OR DISTRICT HISTORY ENQUIRIES

These should be directed to our Archivist, Robyn Miller on 54 29 5652, or PO Box 101, Lancefield.

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Romsey Ladies Golf Club

Results for this month

21st August 4BBB Stapleford.
M. Crump & M. Campbell 36pts.

28th August Stroke
1st M. Campbell 70
2nd M. Crump 72
3rd B. Cole

4th September Canadian
M. Crump &
M. Campbell 822/3

11th September.
Stroke.
1st L. Beasley 72
2nd F. Meyer

This month saw the finalisation of the singles knockout competition with Marg Crump winning. Congratulations Marg. All the games were closely contested with Marg and Leila finishing on the eighteenth.

Recipe for this month

Cream of carrot & tomato soup

- 2oz butter
- 1 large white onion chopped
- 500gm sliced carrots
- 1x450gm tin of chopped tomatoes
- cups of chicken stock
- Salt, pepper & pinch of sugar
- ¼ cup cream

Method

1. Melt butter, sauté onions and carrots cook until golden brown (approx. 10mins)
2. Add tomatoes, chicken stock, salt pepper & sugar
3. Cover & cook 45mins
4. Blend, reheat and add cream, stir in before serving

Trivia night – Thankyou to all who supported our fundraiser. It was a successful night and thankyou to the organizers as well.

The Golf Club A.G.M. is Wednesday 13th November 8pm at the clubrooms so all keep this date in your diary and come and have your say on how the club should be run.

The Presentation Day is being held Sunday 17th November. Usual format of golf followed by presentations and a BBQ tea. More details later.

The Ladies held their annual meeting, which was very well attended on the 18th of September. New office bearers for the coming year are:

President -Shirley Shelton
Secretary -Leila Beasley
Captain- Beryl Cole
Handicapper- Leanne Jeffery.

Thankyou to Mary who has been an outstanding president for the last five years and Marg who has been our ever-efficient Captain for three years. Mary wished the new committee well and good hitting to everyone.

Beryl Cole
54295411

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Want to learn to play golf?

Do you have a sense of humour? Can you laugh at yourself? Do you enjoy being outside? Do you enjoy good company and enjoy a challenge? Sounds like you would be suited to playing golf. During the summer season commencing November 6th the ladies will be playing nine hole fun days on Wednesdays and we welcome ladies and men to join us. No experience necessary. We can share clubs and are willing to help you gain knowledge of the game. Summer is an ideal time to learn golf. Join us at approximately 9.00am in the club rooms for a 9.30 hit off. BYO lunch, tea and coffee supplied. The first two visits are free, after that you may consider becoming a member or just continuing and paying \$5 per week.

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Here is the important point, if we are prepared for that one day in the year where the weather conspired to produce that bad day we will be ready for every other day.

There is a danger in highlighting any year as potentially bad, even in a "mild" year there will be at least day where uncontrollable fires will occur. Fires around Seymour last year will attest to that.

Your actions between now and December will ensure you will reduce the risk of you and your family becoming a fire statistic.

What steps can you take?

- 1 Seek information on the best possible measures for your particular circumstances
 - *Contact the fire brigade for pamphlets and information.*
 - *Attend Bushfire Blitz meeting in your area.*
- 2 Consider the establishment of a Community Fire Guard group in your street or road.
 - *Contact Glen Cockram, CFA Community Safety on 9746 7570 for information on creating your own community Fire Guard group.*
- 3 Implement a plan and practice what you would do if threatened by fire.
 - *Ensure visitors, baby sitters and neighbors are aware of the plan.*
- 4 Commence a maintenance regime to ensure the area around the home is free of debris and clutter.
 - *Regularly clear guttering*
 - *Relocate woodheaps away from the house*
 - *Clear overhanging tree limbs.*

What steps are we taking?

All brigades in the area will be undertaking a series of Bushfire Blitz meetings. Those of you who have been to similar meetings in the past will still benefit from attending again; there is always something new to be gained. It is also important to encourage your neighbors to attend as well.

Details of meeting locations and times will appear in subsequent issues of the Romsey Rag.



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Everyone who has pitched in with their effort or skills has done great things to change the creek and make it a place we can use. We need a group to keep track of issues – a bridge, the well, the path, signs for the creek.

Just last Sunday over 50 people walked along - children, families with a dog or two, and older adults. Much of the creek is clear and we are working on the section down the hill from Drovers Retreat.

Everyone is welcome to this meeting. If you have ideas or want to help and cannot come, ring Jay on 5429 6163, or Sue on 5429 5283.

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