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ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

Asthma Victoria has launched an initiative aimed at involving whole school communities in the management of asthma. In Victoria this program was rolled out based on the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy.

Asthma Friendly Schools adopt and work towards strategies that actively support the whole school community in the management of asthma. Asthma is Australia's most common chronic health condition affecting two in five primary and one in seven secondary students.

All schools in Lancefield, Romsey and Bolinda have enrolled in the program and have received their Asthma Friendly Guidelines. Once these schools have fulfilled the eight criteria to become Asthma Friendly parents can be assured that these schools are safe places for children with asthma to attend.

Funded by the Commonwealth Government, the 'Asthma Friendly Schools' program will target students, school staff and parents/carers. The program includes guidelines and criteria to assist in self-management of asthma, asthma education that fits within the health curriculum in both primary and secondary schools, professional development for school staff and education programs for parents/carers. In Victoria it is mandatory in all Education Department schools that all staff, teaching and non-teaching are able to administer asthma first aid to students experiencing an asthma attack or any other breathing difficulty.

The local Rotary Club is organising a visit from Asthma Victoria on **17th July, 2002** and the staff of all local schools will be invited to attend a professional development asthma session in the afternoon and all members of the community are invited to a free evening asthma education session at **7-8.30pm** at **Centrevic, Lancefield** sponsored by Rotary. Supper provided.

Enquiries: Florence Meyer - 5429 1399.

Further enquiries about the program can contact Asthma Victoria on 9326 7088 or 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au visit the Asthma Friendly Schools webpage on www.asthma.org.au

Thankyou...

The Editorial and Collation teams of the Romsey Rag join together to say thankyou to Rag "stalwart" Helen Watts who is shortly leaving the district. Helen has been involved with the production of the Romsey Rag since its inception approximately 17 years ago, and has given endless hours of voluntary service to ensuring that the Rag reaches the community each month. Husband Robin has also contributed many hours to the Rag, and we would like to wish them every happiness in the future, and thank them on the behalf of the local community for their long-standing support of the Rag. Good luck!

Editorially Speaking

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Articles should be left at the Romsey Post Office (fax 5429 5134) or Romsey Primary School (fax 5429 5765) by 12 noon of the 21st of each month (or last business day prior to the 21st).

We prefer articles to be submitted electronically or on disc. Legible typed or handwritten items may be accepted. All material submitted for publication must be named and have contact details.

Articles can be sent via e-mail to:
romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please ensure that any text is sent as word documents and logos / photos are sent as .jpg files.

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editorial Committee. All contributions remain the responsibility of the author.

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1500 copies delivered to the Romsey community at the commencement of each month.

Editorial for Community Papers

Macedon Ranges Health Services wish to invite members of the local community to attend a Community Consultation Meeting. This is to assist in the development of services for the 2002/2003 financial year. It is essential that the community is involved in the identification of needs and services, which will be provided in their own local area. This will make sure that specific needs are met and provided for in an appropriate manner.

The Macedon Ranges Health Services wish to invite all community members including youth, families, singles and senior members in this important community forum. As well as individuals we hope to have representation from organisations such as schools and early childhood services, businesses, community focus groups, church and service groups.

The format of the meetings will be informal with small group discussions. This forum provides the community with a voice in the plan of health services. MRHS looks forward to a positive response by your attendance.

Date: Tuesday 18th June, 2002. 9.15 - 10.30am. **OR** 7.30 – 9pm.

Please RSVP: Macedon Ranges Health Services 5428 3000.

Attention all Clubs and Organisations:

Why not take advantage of the Romsey Rag to publicise your activities and upcoming events? Contact Margaret Howatson on 5429 5254 (BH) or 5429 5742 (AH) to find out more details.

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.

July issue	Collated on Thursday June 27th
August issue	Collated on Thursday July 25th
September issue	Collated on Thursday August 29th
October issue	Collated on Thursday Sept. 29th
November issue	Collated on Thursday Oct. 31st
December issue	Collated on Thursday Nov. 28th

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Romsey/Lancefield Guides

Romsey/Lancefield Guides has moved to a new hall this term. We now meet at the Youth Centre/Mechanics Hall, The Crescent, Lancefield.

Both guide units have been very busy this term.

The Platypus Guides have spent many meetings completing a badge "Their Service – Our Heritage". Activities have included making a peace mural, poppies, ANZAC biscuits and having a guest speaker speak about wartime. Many of the guides attended the morning service on Anzac Day at Lancefield.

The guides also went walking one afternoon about Lancefield, the destination being the bottlebrush plant that Lady Baden Powell (a guide leader) planted in 1956.

The Platypus Guides (6-11 year olds) meet at 5.00-6.30pm

The Platypus Guides have also joined in with the Wombat Guides on many activities. These included a Scavenger Hunt in Melbourne. Over 100 Guides from Romsey, Lancefield, Gisborne, Sunbury, Woodend and Trentham joined together for the hunt. The guides had to scavenge many items and take photographs of themselves at various spots throughout Melbourne. Platypus Guides won the scavenger hunt. The proceeds of this day (\$352) have been donated to the Royal Women's Hospital.

The following Saturday both guide units joined together again, this time to sell raffle tickets (for a meat tray) and sausages at Romsey. We gratefully thank Peter from Macedon Ranges Meat Specialist for donating a meat tray valued at \$40. The winner of the raffle was Geoffrey Whitaker from Romsey. Thank you to the community who supported us on the day.

On Monday 13th May we held our AGM. We would like to thank Bev Dziunka, Judy Coppinger and Jenny Unsworth for being members of our retiring Support Group. Congratulations to our new committee: Carmel Dreger – President, Nancy Smith – Treasurer and Linda Adams – Secretary. We wish you will in your new positions.

The Romsey/Lancefield Wombat Guides have also been working towards the badge "Their Service-Our Heritage". Their activities have included making poppies, a wreath and ANZAC biscuits. The guides also attended the Anzac parade. Our other activities have included a games night, putting up our tents in the hall (to see what needs to be mended) and decorating our notice board. The Wombat Guides (10-16 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm. For any information regarding Guiding please contact: Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996 or Carolyn Atkinson 5781 0728



Kindergarten to School Transition

Romsey Primary School transition program is well planned for 2002. Young students from the Romsey Kindergarten will be visiting the school on a number of occasions over the remainder of the year to get these young people attuned to the school setting, as well as having a wide range of school learning experiences. Later in the year the children will be meeting their teachers for 2003, in their own classrooms so everything is well settled prior to the start of the new school year in 2002.

Our next major event on the school transition calendar is to be an **open morning for parents of prep children 2003** on **Wednesday 5th June**. On this morning parents will be given guided tours of the school, have an opportunity to visit classrooms and see the school's outstanding facilities and programs. The morning will conclude with morning tea and a chance to chat with the school principal and teachers.

Date: Wednesday 5th June

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

Education Week

Education Week was celebrated with a number of special events during the week of 19 – 24 May. Here are some of the highlights.

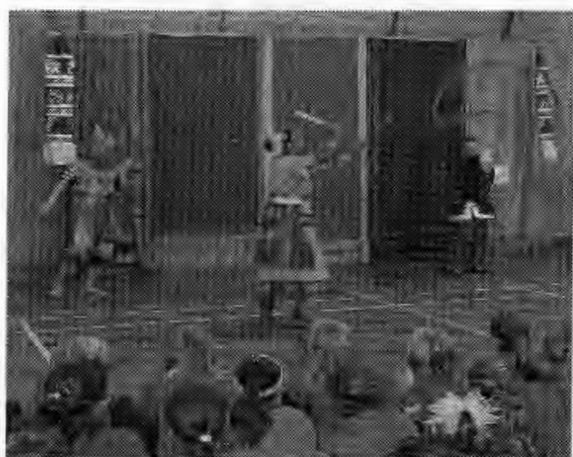


Studies of Asia Family Night

This was very well attended night with parents and children enjoying a wide variety of activities. Participants played Asian games, listened to stories, viewed karate demonstrations, decorated chopsticks and parasols, worked on the intricate folds of origami and completes some wonderful artwork. This was a terrific evening where children and parents alike learned a great deal and had a wonderful time together.



Participants in Studies of Asia Family Night had the opportunity to experience many aspects of Asian culture, while students were enthralled by the beauty and intricacy of Dances of Asia.



Dances of Asia Performance

All students enjoyed spectacular performances of Asian dances by the Bharatam Dance Company led by Chandranu. This acclaimed dance company interwove the dances from a range of countries with myths and legends showing our students how the dances told fascinating stories from other countries and cultures.

Parent Involvement – grounds improvement

On Saturday 25th May an extremely enthusiastic band of volunteers continued with the school's grounds improvements plan. We continued with our planting of native trees and shrubs, extending corridors around the school perimeter, as well as adding to the shade plantings, and replenishing the formal garden beds. An additional sand pit has been added to our wonderful play equipment.

Students are currently working on a special environmental project that focuses on attracting more native bird to our gardens. Students are studying the need for a variety of habitats, food sources and levels of vegetation to form a balanced ecosystem.

Barney Healy, Principal.

Mary's Catholic Parish Lancefield-Romsey

Fr. George O'Connor 5429 2130
Sr. Frances (Convent) 5429 1582
St. Mary's School 5429 1359



Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 7.30p.m. Lancefield
1st, 3rd Sunday 8.00a.m. Romsey
10.00a.m. Lancefield

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

Prayer Times

Meditation Group: Mondays 8pm St. Mary's Church Romsey
Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 11am at 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey
Mary: Thursdays 9.30am St. Mary's Church Romsey

1st Eucharist Information Night Thursday July 7th at 7pm

St. Mary's School Open for Visitors
Sunday, 28th July between 11am – 12noon

St. Mary's School Information Night
Wednesday, 7th August: 7.00pm

Interviews with Parents for 2003
These will be held in August

St. Mary's School Expression of Interest Forms
Parents are asked to hand in Expressions of Interest in Enrolment for 2003 – 2006 as soon as possible

Mary's School Twilight Fair
Friday, 15th November 5.00 – 8.30p.m.

Drop In Centre

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

Coffee/tea morning and afternoons. Card games – 20 cents a game... money distributed among the winners! Free lunch. Come to just look... Come to chat and be part of the fun. For transport phone Rose 5429 5270.

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Fax: (03) 5429 6259



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Sat 9.00-10.30am
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At other times by appointment

Romsey Veterinary Surgery

Extension of Hours

Our office hours have been extended.

Our new office hours will be

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Our consulting hours at 80 main Street Romsey will be

Monday – Sunday 9:00 Am – 10:30 AM

Monday – Friday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

No appointments are needed during our consulting hours.

Appointments outside our consulting hours
can be made by phoning (03) 5429 5711
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BUNGAWITTA ROMSEY PLAYGROUP INC

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Tuesday	10.00am - 12.30pm
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Thursday	10.00am - 12.30pm
Friday	10.00am - 12.30pm

(if sufficient interest)

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Kitty 54 29 6307 Renee 54 29 6692

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We are also unable to accept furniture as we do not have the space for storage.

Social Afternoon

Wednesday June 19th at 2.00pm.
At the Lancefield Uniting Church
High Street, Lancefield.

Guest Speaker:

Fr Ray Saggars

"Friend of the School"

At Kyneton Secondary College.

Come long and hear of Ray's work with the young people of our community.

Entry by donation to Ray's work.

Donations of afternoon tea "eats" also gratefully received.

Romsey Lancefield **Senior Citizens Club INC** **A00354P**

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

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

Contact: Rae Hooke (Secretary) 5429 1602

ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN

**Enrolments for 2003 will be held
at the Kinder on**

Thursday 13th June from 1-2pm

and

Tuesday 18th June from 9.30-10.30am

3 & 4 year old groups - a \$5 booking fee applies. Proof of age is required, e.g. birth certificate, health centre booklet.

Enquires:

Kinder on 54295 294

Val Alford 54296 364

Enrolments Close on July 31st

MITS - MUSIC IN THE STICKS

MITS is the Macedon Ranges Council's Drug and Alcohol Free Youth Events Group which is funded by FREEZA. MITS recognises the need for entertainment for young people throughout the Macedon Ranges Shire and is therefore committed to running fully supervised, drug and alcohol free youth events.

All MITS events are run in conjunction with MITS members, youth workers, police, St. John's Ambulance and security.

MITS encourages members to be involved in all the facets of event organisation from generating ideas to arranging bands and promotion to the actual staging of events. Not only is MITS a great way to meet new people, it is also an opportunity to gain experience in the music industry!

We are currently recruiting new members aged 12 to 25. New and exciting ideas wanted! So if you are wanting to make new friends and help run some gigs, MITS is the group for you! All events are drug and alcohol free with no passouts and loads of groovin' fun!

The MITS group meets every Wednesday night from 6pm to 9pm at the Woodend Shire Offices. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information regarding MITS contact Emily on 5427 8242 or 0418 134 815.

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Lancefield Neighbourhood House....

Touch of frost!

It's now that time of year that you can feel the chill is in the air and winter is fast approaching, so why not visit us at the House for a class or activity.

We are situated in the beautiful old school house next to the Primary School. We offer a wide range of services to suit most people, such as: educational classes, health and community resources, hobby and craft classes, internet café (6 new computers available), social groups, support groups, bus trips and two multi purpose meeting rooms for hire. Fax machine, photocopier and scanner also available to the public.

Fundraising at the House

A big "thank you" to all those ladies who made a lot of scrumptious cakes and goodies. It was a successful day. Our Mother's Day Raffle was won by Jenny Davies of Lancefield and was drawn by our fun loving local Don Gray. Thank you to all who supported and helped us on the day. We had a lot of roses kindly donated to the House of which some are still available to buy at a special price of \$5.00 a pot. See Vivien if you are interested.

Bus Trips

Our next shopping bus trips are to Airport West Shopping Centre (Friday, June 21st) and Vic Market (Friday 19th July). Cost \$12.50, Child \$3.00. Pick up Romsey, Monegeetta, Goonawarra by appointment. Departs 9am Returns 3.15 approx. (Front gate of the house)

Home Brewing Workshop

is new and something for the fella's. This class teaches you everything you need to know and shows you just how easy and cheap it can be to make your own special drop. Then you can enter it in the Lancefield Show Home Brewing Competition and win a prize.

Expressions of Interest

Please let us know if you are interested in us running any of the following next term.

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- **Fist Aid Workshop.** This is to be held on two Sundays in August. **Nationally Accredited Certificate valid for three years issued after successful completion of this course. Level 2 \$95**
- **Personal Carer Attendant Level 3.** We are investigating the possibility of this being offered on-line.

dy Hint of the Month

Planning a long walk? Rub feet with mentholated spirit daily for a week before you head off or pour mentholated spirit in to the heels of new, tight shoes and put them on while still wet.

Hope to see you at the House.

Phone us on 54291 214

Linda Davies

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Social tennis at Romsey tennis courts
on Thursday morning from 10:00 am.



Come for a hit or a set
or two.

**EVERYONE
WELCOME.**

Ph: 5429 5525.

LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

This month is the final term of a successful year for President Milos Starec. The incoming President will be Lion Carl Reeve.

The Lions ex Food Caravan is for sale - asking price \$500. For more information ring Alan Bailey on 54295 079 or Pat Sullivan on 54295 486.

No market for June or July - thanks for all your support during the year.

Quote of the month....."Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get."

Lion Pat...

HOW TO ENJOY THE MITCHELL LIBRARY WEBSITE - Part 3.

VICTORIA'S VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Welcome to another rather useful little item on the Mitchell Library home page. At the library we mainly use it as a window into all the other Victorian Library systems' catalogues - an extremely handy little tool as we shall see later on. However, it does have other features that can come in handy from time to time.

Click on Government Information and whacko, suddenly you have access to the following:

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- Multi-Service Express - Victorian Government services
- Australian Government home page
- National Library of Australia - Government information page
- National Library of Australia - Worldwide government information page

Now go back and click on Weather and a comprehensive weather report for any area of Victoria or any state of Australia is yours.

By clicking on Newsflash you can have access to the day's news via The Age website.

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By clicking on the State Library of Victoria icon an even bigger world is available to you with the State Library's collections, exhibitions, on-line catalogue and even a virtual tour at your fingertips.

Now, let's return to the address boxes in the middle of the page.

Search for a Victorian library website - you can click on any library service in Victoria and see what is on offer at the various libraries, from displays to author visits and everything in between.

Search for an on-line catalogue - Extremely useful little tool. If you are after the absolutely latest novel by Grisham, Steel or Binchy and can't remember the title click into any one of the large library services in Melbourne and chances are that an entry will be made in their catalogue. Just print off the information, bring it along to your local branch and we can reserve it for you (or if you have read Part 1 of Enjoy the Mitchell Library Website, you can do it for yourself.) Likewise if your life wouldn't be complete without an extremely obscure little book that you read several years ago, but we no longer have in our system, then by searching other library's catalogues you can maybe find your heart's desire. Once found just print its details, including the library system where it is located, and then for the princely sum of \$1.10 we can organise an Inter Library Loan (I.L.L.) for you.

Search for on-line information - a good starting point for up-to-date information about current topics with a great little sub-section entitled "Picture Australia". This is a gallery of people, places, events and objects throughout Australia's history. Great for printing off for school projects, etc. Try following the trails - they're great!

Until next time, hope that this keeps you happy and active surfing the library's website. Enjoy!



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Or Phil Norton 54296409

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Phone bookings may be made but must be confirmed with payment to the above people or Ian Mearns and at PO Box 200 Romsey 3434.

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The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey

Locum: Rev. Tom Morgan
5 Jinker Way, Romsey
PH: 54 29 6060

Sunday 9.00am St Paul's Romsey
Sunday 10.30am Christ Church, Lancefield
Sunday School during term times.
Wednesday 0.00am Christ Church, Lancefield

Lancefield Guild - Wednesday 12th June after Wednesday Service in Lancefield Church Hall - All Welcome

Romsey Guild - Thursday 13th June at "Nardoo" Riddell Road (Kilmore Road), Monegeetta - All Welcome

CEB's/GFS (Kids Club) Every Thursday evening (during school terms) 6.45pm - 7.45pm at Romsey Church Hall.
Leader Milton Wright. All enquiries PH: 54 29 2112

Anglican Mens Society. Next Meeting Thursday 9th May, 8.00pm at 5 Jinker Way, Romsey. All men welcome.
Enquiries: 5429 6969

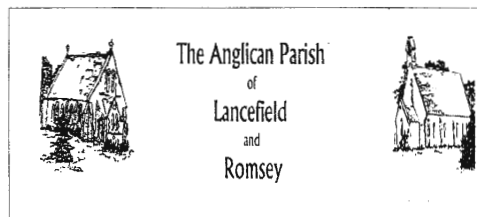
Evening services:

Evening Prayer 7.00pm on Sunday 7th June at Christ church, Lancefield.

7.00pm Sunday 16th June at St. Paul's, romsey.

These services are being provided for those not able to come to Sunday services. We hope to continue these services on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month.

We are looking for a STOVE or Microwave in GOOD CONDITION for our hall at Lancefield. Phone 5429 6418 or 5429 6060 if you can help.



FOR SALE:

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Four lounge chairs, 2 swivel rockers, 2 Danish type. \$20 each.
Two wooden kitchen chairs, \$10 each.
Large rabbit hutch with wired-in run. \$85.
Reproduction-antique-look T.V. & Video Cabinet, made by Trevor of 'Old Wares', Main Street, Romsey, \$250.
Side Table and lamp \$50.
Large auto-tray \$100.
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CHARITY DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

*In support of Breast Cancer Research and
the Anti Cancer Council.*

Entry \$10

Half the fees for the day will donated to the above Charities..

Play of the day will be 4 ball ambrose, (men's or mixed) so get a team together or come and join others for a fun day while raising money for a very good cause.

Assembly 12.30pm for a 1pm hit off.

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Geoff Pyke 54295144

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Romsey residents and businesses have moved to embrace the opening of community banking services in their town. The locally owned and operated Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank is running a limited service from the Mechanics Hall in Main Rd two days a week. Community Bank chairman John Chisholm said the move, part of a long-term commitment to Romsey but moved forward by the announced closure of the Commonwealth branch, has been well received. A steering committee of Romsey residents and businesspeople is also being established to help plan for a permanent Community Bank facility as part of the Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Limited company, and will hold an information forum soon to provide more detail. Manager Rod Browning and a customer service officer are at the hall from midday to 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, answering queries, signing up customers and accounts and accepting cheque deposits.

"The presence is the first move in the plan to establish a permanent facility in Romsey, following on from the opening of the branch in Lancefield in May last year," Mr Chisholm said. "The feedback already from our presence in Romsey is that residents support and appreciate the fact that our Bank is owned and operated by our local community, has a local manager working here six days a week and is a Bank that was set up specifically to meet the needs of our region. Romsey businesses and tradespeople appreciate the convenience of being able to deposit cheques at the local facility, while our branch offering full Bendigo Bank facilities is just 8 km away at Lancefield for all their other transactions."

Mr Chisholm urged all Romsey residents and businesses to utilise the Community Bank and transfer their accounts and their support. They can either drop in to the hall or make an appointment with Mr Browning by phoning the Lancefield branch on 5429 1977.

"Our Community Bank has a Board comprising Lancefield and Romsey residents, and our decisions are made in our two towns, for the benefit of our residents and community," he said.

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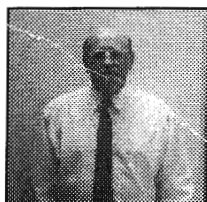
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Macedon Ranges Shire Council's new web site, macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au, has been described as one of the best sites online today, both in Australia and overseas. The comment came from Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) consultant, Peter Lowe, who said that the new site would provide residents with 24 hours a day, seven days a week access to Council information.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council was one of only five municipalities in the State to participate in the MAV's Local Government Online Services project, each receiving funding to work with their own software designers to develop a web site that would provide the local community with online access to their Council and serve as a model for other councils.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Lydia Wilson said our aim has been to develop a site that is easy and quick to move around and one that is easily maintained.

"The site's features include 'breadcrumb trails' that enable people to see how they've got to the current page. Every page has a printer-friendly button enabling people to print the content without the colour images, and documents will show the time needed for downloading," she said. "Many councils are facing the need to reinvent their web site to make them more functional, particularly for people with vision impairments and for those who have older and slower modems. Our new site has been designed with these needs in mind."

Along with general information on Council's services, details of contracts and employment vacancies are now available online. Although online payments were not part of this pilot project, the new site does provide connection to BPAY facilities. There is also a comprehensive data base of community organisations, leisure facilities and an Arts Register.

Council's Corporate Services Director, Glenn Owens said the pilot project was really only the beginning.

"Now that we have established a presence online, our intention is to continue to enhance the site, particularly in respect to the amount of information that is available," he said.

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Council Newsletter

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's *Update* newsletter (April 2002) has recently been distributed throughout the Shire. If you haven't received a copy of the newsletter, please contact any of Council's Service Centres or telephone 5422 0310.

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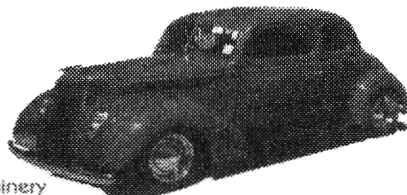
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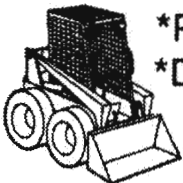
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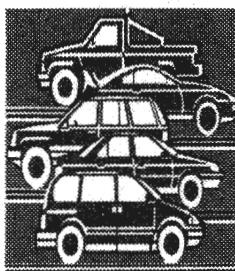
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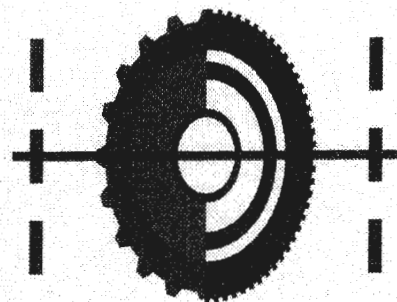
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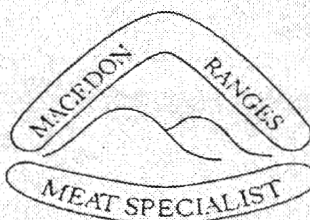
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From Your Mt William Councillor, Alice Aird

What is your neighbourhood?

Those who regularly read this column will know that I am very keen that the diverse neighbourhoods of the Macedon Ranges are preserved and enhanced. I also want to make it easier for people to make positive contributions to their communities. I want to bring local government closer to all people, ensuring that it is responsive. It was to learn more about these things that I went to a short seminar last week by Carolyn Carlsson from Seattle's Department of Neighbourhoods. It was an inspiring couple of hours. The commitment to people initiating and leading and truly owning the projects in their neighbourhoods was so clear and strong. The achievements of this community centred approach were wonderful to hear about. Even the neighbourhood boundaries are defined by the people, and sometimes overlap! When asked what she had learnt through 13 years in the Department of Neighbourhoods, Carolyn said: "To step back. To truly trust and know that the people know the problems and have the solutions. My department's role is to offer resources and tools and a structure to work from and then to let things happen in a natural and organic way. What I've learned is that the more people who are truly involved in a project, the better it works."

Mt William Reference Group

The idea of a reference group in Mt William Ward is with same sort of approach in mind. My goal is to get together regularly with a diverse bunch of people who care about their community, to listen and talk to each other about a range of issues and see what emerges. I want to know better what people value and what they are concerned about. I want us all to understand better how we experience our district and brainstorm ways we could enhance and improve it. If you are interested in coming to the next Mt William Reference Group Meeting on June 17, please contact me on 5427 0156.

Planning Matters

The Planning Forum held in Romsey was attended by about 200 people and I heard comment that it was a useful, informative evening. Good explanations were given about planning processes and current reviews in process of the Macedon Ranges planning scheme which are underway. The key principles which have now been developed for the Rural Land Review are now available for your comment. It is very

important that many people read and give feedback on this as the final zones, overlays and policies of the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme for rural areas will be based on the key principles adopted. Please be part of the development of our planning scheme, before amendments are adopted. Don't wait until years down the track when a planning issue affects you, to express your viewpoint.

Roadworks

I hope that by the time you read this there will have been truly useful rain for the farmers and growers in the district. A positive thing about the lack of rain has been the good conditions for road works. I was pleased to see the work on vegetation clearing on the Woodend Romsey road, also the Lancefield Romsey Track completed at last and work proceeding on the streetscape in Romsey. Works on Pylong Rd Lancefield and Romsey Rd near De Bridge should see completion soon, weather permitting. The last section of Don's Rd is set to start but may now have to wait till spring. There has been much discussion of the treacherous Don's Rd-Three Chain Rd intersection and there will be a stop sign! We're nearly there!

Lancefield Streetscape

Discussions about Lancefield streetscape are beginning and you will hear about opportunities to contribute your ideas soon. The first priority is safety and convenient parking and access to shops and services. Angle parking will help by making it easier to get in and out of cars without falling into the gutter or struggling against the car door! It will also narrow the driving area and make it safer to cross the road. Many people have complained of these difficulties so it will be good to get this underway at last. The process will involve a long term plan for the streetscape which will be tackled in stages.

Newham Crossing

While we're on roads and safety, it's good news that the Newham School crossing has been approved by Vicroads and will be installed in June. It will be a supervised crossing with a person on duty at peak crossing times. The crossing will not be located directly outside the school but on a highly used pedestrian route to the school from the Newham village. This has been a significant issue for Newham and I am very pleased with the work of the Infrastructure Unit at the Shire and the cooperation of Vicroads in addressing the concerns of this community.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB LADIES

For the last month and the next two months the ladies are raising funds for the Breast Cancer Research and the Anti Cancer Council. We are doing this by paying fines for hitting out of bounds, three putting and unladylike behaviour on the course eg swearing. It is amazing how the money mounts up not that we are bad players but it can be a frustrating game where sometimes the ball doesn't do as we plan. If anyone would like to donate towards this worthy cause please contact a lady golfer.

Ladies results for the last month

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2nd B. Cole 71 nett
3rd L. Beasley 74 nett

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3rd S. Shelton 75 nett

Sat 11th May Stapleford

1st E. Scanlon 34pts
2nd L. Beasley 28pts
3rd K. Jekabson

Congratulations to Marg who has reduced her handicap three times during the last month including a round of 39pts Yea and is now down to 23.9.

Continuing the pennant results, we lost to Trentham 3½-1½, followed by a good win at Avenel over Gisborne 4-1. Then with a final berth depending on the last game we had an excellent 5-0 win over Mt. Macedon at home but unfortunately missed out on the finals by 1pt. Well done to all players and to Mary who caddied for one match and catered for our home game.

Last month we held a successful clinic for six interested ladies. Thankyou to Ken Lambert for giving up his time and passing on his expertise to the ladies. We hope they are practising at home and will join us soon.

The members of the Golf Club offer deepest sympathy to Pat Rigby, Jim & John Freestone and Susan & Geoff Pyke and families who have recently lost loved ones.

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

ROMSEY REFLECTIONS AND ROYALTY

Compiled by Gavin Smith



Among the last events in the life of the independent Shire of Romsey was the Logo Competition in 1993 won by "Romsey - The Heart of Victoria". Soon afterwards Romsey amalgamated with other Shires to form Macedon Ranges Shire and now, despite the efforts of Councillors Alice Aird and Geoff Neil and Joanne Duncan, M.P., Romsey is becoming one of Victoria's best kept secrets.

There is only one other village named Romsey in the world and that is in Hampshire, England. A kinship has developed between the two Romsey Historical Societies. Hampshire has many larger towns/cities including the first capital of England, Winchester; Southampton and Christchurch. Literary associations exist with Isaac Walton, Jack Austen, John Keats, Alfred Tennyson; there are associations with the British Army at Aldershot, the Royal Navy at Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, home of Britain's most elite Yacht Club and Osborne House the favourite home of Queen Victoria.

Romsey, Hampshire, has several claims to fame including the Abbey and Nunnery which was built in the Norman style by the Saxons in 1130 on the site of an earlier abbey destroyed by the Danes. Around 1536 the citizens of Romsey bought the land and buildings for 100 pounds; that was during one of King Henry VIII's purges.

The third Abbess of Romsey, Lady Ethelfleda, reputedly crept out of bed at night and stood naked in the Test River to recite the psalms of the day. When King William the Red was seeking a wife he heard that a beautiful Saxon princess, Edgyth, was a ward of the Abbess of Romsey. He and his entourage rode their horses to the door of the Abbey; Ethelfleda hurriedly dressed Edgyth as a nun and had her kneel at the altar. The Abbess told the King that the princess had taken vows of chastity and belonged to Christ but the King insisted on searching the abbey; he did not notice the nun kneeling at the altar so departed disappointed.

For many years this story was treated as mythology but in 1839 some credence was given when a leaden coffin was found during excavations near the abbey. It was dated from the Saxon period and contained only a tress of auburn hair in an oak box.

The White Horse Hotel in Romsey was built in the 16th century and still displays wall paintings for that period. In the U.K. hotels of that age are not specially uncommon, the oldest continuously licensed hotel may be The Bingley Arms in Yorkshire, established in 953.

Another feature of Romsey is the statue of Lord Palmerston on a plinth in the marketplace. Nearby is the big white house in extensive grounds "Broadlands" where Palmerston lived for most of his life. Born Henry John Temple in 1784 he became the Third Viscount Palmerston; he was a politician all his life and died as Prime Minister of Britain in 1865.



Since the Union Jack was first flown from a pole in Sydney on 26th January, 1788, there have been 9 monarchs of Britain. It was King

George III's health which was toasted in 1788; he was born in London in 1738, his father was from the House Hanover and his wife was Princess of Micklenburg-Strelkik. George III was popular with all classes of his subjects but sadly his health failed; he lost his sight and his sanity and died in 1820. He was succeeded by his eldest son who became King George IV. This George had many flirtations and ran up huge personal debts. In 1795 he married Princess Caroline of Brunswick in return for parliament paying off his 650,000 pound debts. This marriage rather cramped his social style (he was only 33 years old)



and he was evidently not enthusiastic about Caroline; he was trying to find a way to divorce her, when she suddenly died in 1821 - the nation mourned her passing even if George didn't. He was only 68 years old when he died in 1830, leaving to the nation a valuable collection of books and paintings in Windsor and Brighton.

King George IV was succeeded on the throne by a younger brother as King William IV who is best remembered as the "sailor king" as he had joined the Royal Navy as a 14 year old, serving in America and the West Indies. In 1789 at age 24 he was created Duke of Clarence and St. Andrews and Earl of Munster with an allowance of 12,000 pounds per year. He continued in the Navy, rising to the rank of Admiral in 1811. From 1790 to 1811 he lived with an Irish actress Dorothy Jordan, who bore him 10 children of whom the eldest inherited the title Earl of Munster.

In 1818 King William married Adelaide the daughter of the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen. The capital of South Australia was named in honour of Queen Adelaide and Woodleys still sell some of their wine with a picture of her on the label. Adelaide produced two daughters both of whom died in infancy so when King William IV died in 1837 he was succeeded on the throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by his 18 year old niece Alexandra Victoria, daughter of George III's fourth son Edward and Victoria Maria Loisa of Saxe Coburg.

Queen Victoria was crowned at Westminster on 28th June, 1838. Although when she was growing up in the Duke of



Kent's house, Kensington Palace, the prospect of her becoming Queen was not contemplated, she proved to be well suited to the task. In the first three years of her rule she was given frequent guidance by her uncle, Leopold King of Belgium and by her Prime Minister Palmerston - perhaps she occasionally visited Palmerston at Romsey on her way to the Isle of Wight.

In 1840 at age 21 Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Sax-Coburg and Gothra and they had 9 children. The united Kingdom and the British Empire (on which "The sun never set") prospered and in 1876 Queen Victoria was able to add Empress of India to her titles. The disrepute into which the monarch's role had fallen under her licentious old uncles George IV and William IV was restored to an office of public duty, family care and personal restraint.



Sadly, her consort Albert died in 1861. This sent Victoria into a state of depression from which she never fully recovered; she spent increasing periods away from London, either at Osborne House or at Balmoral Castle where she had an unusual personal relationship with her highland gillie, John Brown.

There were great celebrations in London and throughout the Empire when Victoria's reign reached the Golden Jubilee on 21st June, 1887 and again on 22nd June, 1897 for the Diamond Jubilee. More than 2 million people attended each event in London.

The Golden Jubilee was marked by the first Colonial Conference to discuss defence and communications and lasted far more than a month. All the Australian premiers and their wives went to London for the 1897 celebrations and the premiers were created members of Victoria's Privy Council. Victoria travelled in an ornate carriage drawn by 8 cream ponies in the procession from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral. In the 1880's and 1890's there was vigorous debate on Republicanism in the

Australian States but they settled and loyalty to the monarchy continued.

One of Victoria's last official acts was to sign the Act of Assent to Australia's Constitution so in 1901 the Commonwealth of Australia arose from the colonial governments.

Queen Victoria died on 22nd January, 1901. She had reigned for 63 years and 7 months. Tributes were paid by the editors of the "Romsey Examiner" and "Lancefield Mercury" in the Australian State named in honour of Queen Victoria.



Her 60 year old son acceded to the throne as King Edward VII. He had married the glamorous Princess Alexandra of Denmark who produced two sons and 3 daughters. In general Edward and Alexandra lived a life of frivolity; Edward had many mistresses and devoted much of his time to yachting, horse racing and the theatre. Edward died in 1910 and Alexandra in 1925.

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"Stories of the Creek"

On June 16th after the working bee, Peter Mitchell, local farmer and historian, with others, will talk about the creek as it was, and the previous farming areas around it.

- * Do you know what your block of land was used for? Where were the farm houses?
- * How high did the floods come? * What is the story behind the old cars?
- * How long since the swimming pool was used? * Where was the old tram?

Come along and talk about your stories - or put some questions to Peter and others who have memories of the creek.

You are most welcome even if you are unable to help the clean-up, just to see what is happening along the creek, and to hear or tell your stories (bring a seat!).

Working Bee
SUNDAY JUNE 16TH
from 9am

12.30 BBQ (courtesy of Romsey Lions)

Meet on the creek at the end of Wrixon Street.

If you haven't come yet, put one Sunday aside to help. Have a look at the changes and put in a couple of hours. (If you have commitments on Sunday you would be welcome the day before)

"Sherlock Holmes Finds the Track"

With the help of those who built the original track, a small group are uncovering the gravel walking track up the creek. After the next mowing of the creek (happening as this is written) this will start. If you are a walker, or own a dog which loves a walk, and want to help in this, ring Jay Brooks on 5429 6163.



Take Off Weight Naturally

T.O.W.N. Clubs of Victoria

If you have a weight problem, we might be able to help you.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA is a voluntary organisation to encourage weight loss through weekly meetings which include weigh-in and group therapy. Members are encouraged to adopt a healthy controlled eating style and take up suitable exercise - no artificial methods are permitted.

TOWN CLUBS OF VICTORIA provide a non-expensive, encouraging environment that raises your self-esteem as you work towards, and then maintain, your goal weight.

Meetings are held weekly at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey, Tuesday nights; weigh-in from 7 - 7.20pm, meeting from 7.30pm.

For more details contact:
Belinda Mitchell 5429 6740
Judy Van Den Heuvel 5429 5692

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Do you enjoy - team games, making, creating and meeting with other girls your own age?

Guides Australia offers fun programs, stimulating and challenging activities and helps girls develop positive attitudes during their weekly meetings under the guidance of Qualified Leaders.

Guides in Romsey/Lancefield district currently has 2 units for girls aged between 6 - 16 years and we have some vacancies.

Interested? Want more information? Ring one of the leaders listed below.
 Carolyn Atkinson 5781 8728 Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996 Marion Skovdani 5429 6365



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Help us to keep you informed....

Below is a list of Romsey clubs, groups and organisations for which we would like current contact numbers and names. It is a long time since this list was reviewed and updated. If you can help out with any of these, please let Margaret Howatson know so that we can publish a complete list in the future as a service to our community. If you know of any organisations that are not included, or that are listed below but no longer operating, please let us know about that too!

Ambulance Auxiliary
 Babysitting Club
 Centennial Track
 St Mary's Church
 C&J Liners
 Line dancing
 CWA
 Deep Creek Landcare
 Golf Club
 Brownie Guides
 Historical Society
 Mens Club
 Anglican Op Shop
 Bungawitta Playgroup
 Recreation Centre
 Rotary
 Senior Citizens
 Tennis
 Take Off Weight Naturally

Artists
 Basketball Association
 CARE Romsey Living Word Inc
 Uniting Church
 CFA Auxiliary
 Irish Dancing
 Jenny Sinclair School of Dance
 Ladies Golf
 Mechanics Hall
 Kindergarten
 Neighbourhood House L/field
 Catholic Op Shop
 Rostered Playgroup
 Red Cross
 First Romsey Cubs and Scouts
 Tennis – social
 Volleyball

Little Athletics
 Calisthenics
 Anglican Church
 Cricket Club
 CFA
 Fishing Club
 Football Club
 Guides
 Scout Hall
 Lawn Bowls
 Netball Association
 Park Committee
 Probus Club
 Romsey Rag
 Scouts/Cub Scout
 Tennis – junior
 Walking Group

If you have any details for any of the above, any additions, alterations or deletions please contact Margaret Howatson on 5429 5724



Wanted:

Books no longer required at your school

While our readership is largely confined to Romsey and immediate surrounding areas, we are hoping that our reading population may be able to help out with this most important cause.

John Sloan, an Australian working in Papua New Guinea has put out a plea for unwanted books (novels, picture story books suitable for 6-18 years olds, and dictionaries. Reference books, unless current, are not suitable). The poverty in PNG is such that people cannot afford to buy books, so schools cannot run home reading programs.

If you have any suitable books to donate to this project, they can be dropped off at Spring Gully Primary School at any time. The RAAF will transport the books to PNG towards the end of July.

For further information contact Judy or Glenda at Spring Gully Primary School on 5443 7230, fax 5441 5584, or email spring.gully.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

DON'T RISK FIRE IN YOUR DRYER



It had to come however the sudden change in the weather may have caught a number of people off guard. Ron Cole Romsey Captain offers this advice:

"We all leave some of our maintenance jobs until we really need to do them, like sweeping the chimney, cleaning out the drier and heater. What usually happens? We promise ourselves that we will do jobs when there's a break in the weather. In the winters around here that may be October! In the meantime there is further build-up of lint, dust or soot and the risk of a major fire increases. Throwing wet or damp clothing into the clothes dryer is a tempting option, particularly in winter when it can

rain for days at a time. But don't forget, drying clothes creates a fire risk. Clogged lint filters can easily catch alight, and not letting the dryer run through its cool-down phase can also be dangerous.

Taking short cuts can cause difficulties. People who whip clothes out of the dryer and switch it off before the cool-down cycle, are asking for trouble," Ron said. "Tea towels which aren't grease-free, even after washing, can catch fire in a domestic dryer. Underwire bras are also a hazard, because the wire can work itself free of the garment and catch in the drum, preventing the dryer from operating safely."

And care is also needed when using electric blankets, he added. But much of the danger can be removed by simply making the bed and checking the blanket is off each morning. "You shouldn't be sleeping with the electric blanket on. But making the bed means you can check each morning to ensure it hasn't been left on," Ron said.

Electric blankets need to be tightly-secured and free of crumples and creases, which can damage the wires and cause fires, and prevents the controls becoming twisted or caught in between mattress and bed linen.

"Electric blankets should be stored flat, not folded. They can be left on the bed year-round, or hanging them up in the wardrobe is a good idea. We also recommend you get your blanket checked by a professional at the beginning of each winter."

For more information, contact Peter Moore on 0409 407 725

Gas Wall Oven Safety Alert

CFA, Office of Gas Safety (Victoria) and the Plumbing Industry Commission advise that the following wall ovens may have been installed incorrectly. The two models concerned are:

WESTINGHOUSE SEPARATE GRILL GAS WALL OVEN

Model Numbers: GWH 538, GWH 540, GWH 645, GWH 745

Installed October 1998 to 2002

CHEF SEPARATE GRILL GAS WALL OVEN

Model numbers: GXC 611, GXC 641, GXC 651

Installed August 2001 to 2002

These models of oven require a flue pipe. The flue pipe must be installed and terminated correctly.

This safety alert has been issued because an incorrect installation has caused a house fire, and other incorrect installations have been found. Correct installation in a two-storey house is difficult if not impossible. The absence of the proper flue can cause nearby combustible materials to be affected and eventually to ignite. This process may take a number of years. CFA advises that if you have this particular model installed you should not use it until the installer, or a qualified gas fitter has checked the installation. If you cannot arrange this checking contact the Office of Gas Safety on toll free 1800 069 588 during business hours. You will need to supply the name of the installer or the builder, and the number of any Certificate of Compliance that may have been issued. The Office will then arrange for checking. For more information, contact Glenn Cockram, Community Education Coordinator, CFA Region 14 on 9747 6014.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Julie and Meilos on their recent marriage. Julie and Meilos were primary school friends who met again at the fire station neither knowing that the other was a member of the brigade. Recognising the significance of their chance meeting the pair decided to have the wedding ceremony at the front of the Fire Station with the brigade bell in the background. A wedding cake in the shape of fire truck completed the theme.

Happy Arrival

Adam and Fiona Young have welcomed the arrival of Sian Alexandra on May 9. Sian joined the world a healthy 4.. kilograms, for those of you who still think in the old scale that's around 9lb.

Congratulations to you both.

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT 3 YR OLD ROSTERED PLAYGROUP

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

Playgroup is a great way for your child to mix with other children of their own age in the year before kindergarten.

With Rostered Playgroup, parents are rostered 2 - 3 times per term to stay and help organise the activities. It's a great way to be involved, and you meet other parents. Activities can include painting, arts and crafts, cooking, etc.

To be eligible for 3 year old playgroup in 2002, children must have turned 3 by April 30th 2002.

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

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Press release....

VICTORIAN EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE (VER) FORMED

Grandparents, parents, teachers and administrators are forming an alliance. They will meet regularly to discuss issues related to the provision of education across the state and will undertake joint action in areas of common concern. Victorian grandparents, who are keen to ensure that the best possible education is provided for all grandchildren across the state, have called the VER. Grandparents are concerned about the future and want to have an influence on the long term planning for their grandchildren. Grandparent's efforts will only be sustainable if they are undertaken in partnership with teachers and parents working with government.

The VER will include organisations from the private and public sectors including:

Grandparents Victoria

- The Australian education Union
- The Independent Education Union
- Parents Victoria
- Kindergarten Parents Victoria
- Victorian Council of School Services
- The Catholic education Office and
- STAR – a community organisation advocating the rights of people with physical disabilities.

The first meeting will address wide-ranging issues including class sizes, the inclusion of people with disabilities into mainstream schooling, the importance of classroom teachers and the role of private and public education systems. The relationship between public and private education and the importance of public education will be a feature of early discussions.

The inaugural meeting of the Victorian Education Roundtable was held on Friday April 26th and hosted by the Independent Education Union. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7th to discuss shared action in support of education and will be hosted by the Australian Education Union. Full reports will be included in the Victorian Grandparents Newsletter.

For further information:

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Director – Grandparents Victoria

Phone: 9372 2422

Email: director@grandparents.com.au

DEEP CREEK LANDCARE FIELD DAY

By Kerri Mewett

The Deep Creek Landcare Group hosted an informative morning at Whitebridge, Lancefield on 21st April, in which over 40 enthusiastic people attended. The purpose of the day was to provide information about,

- indigenous plant identification
- seed collection and seed propagation
- direct seeding.

Lachlan Milne from M.R.S.C. spoke about ways of identifying indigenous plant species and how to match species to certain situations, eg some species prefer to grow along creeks whilst others prefer sloping ground. Lachlan discussed fencing off remnant vegetation and other environmental issues.

Jim Robinson from Greening Australia described different methods relating to collecting and propagating seed from indigenous species, with the aid of dozens of examples of seeds. Jim also spoke about the process of using a direct seeding machine to plant trees and shrubs as an alternative to using tube stock. The direct seeding machine is available free of charge with technical advice included. Contact Penny Richards at the Port Phillip Catchment Board.

A B-B-Q lunch was enjoyed afterwards.

***The Deep Creek Landcare Group meet on the second Monday of the month at 8pm,
Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall. Next meeting is June 10th.***

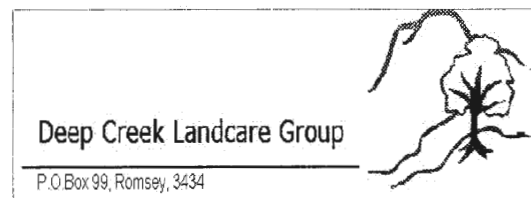
INDIGENOUS PLANT PROFILE

Woolly Tea-tree *Leptospermum lanigerum*

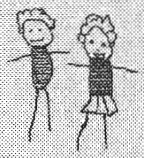
The Woolly Tea-tree is a very attractive shrub which can grow between 3 – 6 metres in height. It grows in a range of soils, however, it is often found along creeks as an important understory plant. The Woolly Tea-tree is also a useful plant within a garden situation. It grows very well in a wet position and pruning encourages density, to make it a useful screening plant. Foliage is grey with new foliage having a silver, hairy appearance. Masses of white flowers appear from September to January. The Woolly Tea-tree is quick to establish in my Romsey garden, growing over 1 metre in 5 months with only a couple of summer waterings to promote successful establishment.

Silver Banksia *Banksia marginata*

The Silver Banksia ranges in height from 2 – 10 metres with a spread of 1 – 5 metres (depending on soil and water conditions). It grows in a variety of situations, preferring good drainage but will tolerate wet winter and dry summer soils. Foliage is stiff with silver underneath. Attractive flowers ranging from pale to bright yellow measuring from 40 – 100mm long appear from September to April. Banksia flowers and seeds are an excellent food source for native birds. In the garden situation, regular pruning encourages dense growth which is ideal for screening and hedging. Banksias look effective when planted in groups.



Lancefield Kindergarten



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Tea and coffee and a sausage sizzle will be available for a nominal charge.

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What's News

We're a fickle lot, us human beings. Always complaining about something. If it's not too hot, it's too cold. If it's not dry, it's too wet. And if someone is satisfied with things, there will be someone else complaining.

Everyone has their own idea about perfection, and the only way they can all come together would be in Utopia, which literally means "no place". In other words, this world is our home and we have to learn to live with it.

We can, of course, strive to make it a better place to live. I believe that is part of what living in community is all about. This is our home, so we take an interest in what is happening and work together to improve our quality of life.

Rural communities live or die on the backs of volunteers. There are committees for everything, and it takes us, the members of the community, to step up and be active in making things happen. You don't need to look too far, or even too hard through the pages of the *Rag*, to see some of the volunteers at work.

My ideas of community spirit and co-operation may be my Utopia, but it is at least partially grounded in reality. Whilst I would like to see everyone take some part, the tendency is for a few to be spread thinly over several tasks. Whilst may overburden some people, it is at least working for the community at the moment.

Why all this talk about Utopia and community? Well, many people look to the church to provide a lead and example to this type of community. Unfortunately, the church often falls far short of the ideal of 'heaven on earth'. Whilst this is disappointing to many, it is also an indication of our faith.

Faith is about hope and trust. The Christian faith is also about recognising the imperfection of humanity. As has been often said, the greatest problem the church faces is that it is full of people! Yet we go on. We keep trying, keep making mistakes, in the hope and belief that one day everything will be made right.

A community is often judged by how it treats it's weakest or least member. If the church gets this wrong, then there is truly grounds to be disappointed. Otherwise, we just keep on trying.

Rev Alan Williams

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

What's On

- 2 June** 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.
9 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
12 June Noon UCAF luncheon in the church hall. Guest speaker: Richard Whaley of the Prison Fellowship of Australia. Cost: \$7. RSVP to either Roma Clement (5429 5225) or Helen Clement (5429 5317) for catering purposes. All welcome.
16 June 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
June 9:00am worship and Sunday School, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia.
 5:00pm Hands-On Worship. A time of fun, activities, singing, dancing (?) and sharing for all ages. Followed by a bring and share meal. All welcome.
30 June 9:00am worship, with creche available for pre-schoolers.
7 July 9:00am worship, with Holy Communion. Creche will be available for pre-schoolers.
 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.

Probus Club Romsey – Lancefield

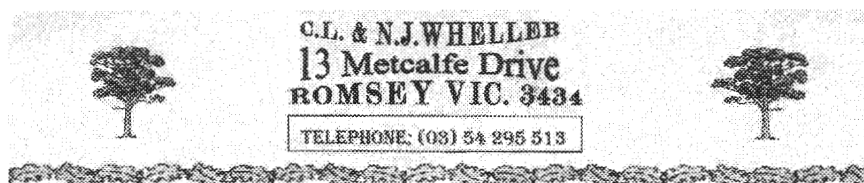


Meetings of the Romsey – Lancefield Probus Club are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall, corner Main and Barry Streets, Romsey, at 10.00am.

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



IDENTIFICATION & PLANT CLASSIFICATION

Whether the Story of Creation as a 'balance' to the Theory of Evolution should be taught in schools as proposed by some writers, I leave to the judgement of others.

Nevertheless, as any keen student of nature will observe, there is often considerable diversity within a species and many affinities between species, genera, families and so on up the scale and hence much dissent among scientists as to where one species etc. ends and another begins – especially within the Plant Kingdom – one of the reasons for many of the name changes which so confuse the lay person.

As most observers will have noticed, neither plants nor animals are born with labels attached and the classification of living things into species, genera, families etc. is merely a convenient device established by Carl Von Linne (1707-78) to facilitate international understanding between scientists and other individuals, to which plants and animals have sometimes declined to conform. This is of course, not the only reason for name changes. In other cases plants have been brought into cultivation under a name given in ignorance of an earlier given name, in which case, the Law of Priority should be adhered to.

In other cases, name change is not involved, merely a correction of an error in identification by someone introducing or describing a plant found in the wild or in cultivation. Such errors, omissions, misspellings and other valid reasons as outlined in the Botanical Code often need to be corrected to avoid confusion. As common names vary from time to time and place to place, as well as between languages, their identification with those of ancient times is of course virtually impossible with any degree of certainty. It is interesting to note that the common fruit we know as 'pineapple' is known by the botanical name '*Ananas*' in 23 European languages as well as in Pidgin English in some parts of Papua-New Guinea!

A typical example of confusion in changing common names is the use of 'Bird of Paradise' by some nurseries for *Strelitzia reginae* mentioned by Ernest E. Lord in his 'Shrubs and Trees For Australian Gardens' who cites the name 'Crane Flower' as used in its South African homeland and recommends that the name 'Bird of Paradise' be retained for *Caesalpineae gilliesii* (*Poinciana*) by which it has been known in Victoria for many years as has the name 'Bird's Tongue Flower' for *Strelitzia*. It is worth noting however, that although 'Bird's Tongue Flower' is applied to *Strelitzia* by Harold Sargent in 'Garden Trees & Shrubs in Australia' and 'Bird of Paradise Flower' to *Caesalpineae*, Bailey's Hortus Second refers it to *Strelitzia*!

While the use of common names where no confusion is likely to occur and exact identification is not required, is quite adequate, the use of scientific names may be considered absurd. To suggest to a farmer that he should tell someone to "take the *Canis familiaris* down to the *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and get a couple of *Oryctolagus cuniculus*" instead of "take the dog down to the red gums and get a couple of rabbits", may not be appropriate!

Fancy names given to new cultivated plants by nursery men are covered by the International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants published by the International Bureau for Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature which attempts to set standard rules for naming of plants originating in cultivation.

In addition, there are growers' rights which protect use of registered names by original growers, the commercial propagation of registered plants and copyright protection for such names as Nellie Kelly for passionfruit plants produced by a particular nursery rather than a particular variety, the alleged infringement of which was the subject of litigation in the mid 1900s that sounded a warning for the unauthorised use of such names.



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Very Sincerely,
Ex President, Marie Snowball.