

# THE ROMSEY RAG

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## Dreams and hard work becomes a reality

On Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> the dreams and efforts of a very willing and hard-working local group became a reality when a ceremony was held to mark the commencement of building of the new Romsey Ambulance and Police complex. Assisted by Ambulance Auxiliary Secretary Margaret Howatson, Minister for Police Andre Haermeyer, Deputy Premier John Thwaites and local MP Joanne Duncan turned the first sod. In addressing the audience of about 80 guests, many of whom represented local government and all branches of the emergency services, both Mr Haermeyer and Mr Thwaites emphasised the state government's commitment to improved health and emergency services for regional centres in Victoria. Joining in the celebrations were most of the members of the Ambulance Auxiliary. The Romsey community owes congratulations and a huge vote of thanks to this group for bringing this plan to fruition after many years of often frustrating work. November 2002 is the target date for completion of the buildings and commissioning of the services, to be located on the site of the present Romsey Police Station.



It's official and the smiles say it all! Minister for Police Andre Haermeyer, Ambulance Auxiliary Secretary Margaret Howatson, local MP Joanne Duncan and Deputy Premier and Minister for Health John Thwaites turn the first sod at the site of the new police and ambulance complex.

## School says thankyou...

Romsey Primary School would like to thank the following organisations and business for their wonderful generosity and support

At our recent Twilight Carnival. Not only was the Carnival a great success for the whole community, but a financial success as well, raising over \$13,000 for our school.

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**Distribution:**

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

**Commonwealth Romsey Branch To Close**

The Commonwealth Bank recently announced that its Romsey branch would close at end of business on Friday, 28 June 2002.

Mr John Burrows, the Bank's Regional Manager, Sales and Service Western Victoria Region, said that "the decision to close was a difficult one and was taken only after a thorough analysis of business trends and future growth potential."

Regional Bank personnel stated that the branch closure was done independently of other financial institutions and was not subject to agreements and arrangements that would exist for towns left with only one bank. The bank is prepared for some customers to take their business elsewhere, but felt that customers would still have a range of banking alternatives open to them.

The bank was not able to respond to the requirement of businesses and other customers that required a full banking service based on a cash transactions, other than increasingly these customers were conducting their businesses through eftpos, or other arrangements.

Given the potential Romsey has further growth, it is hoped that other financial institutions display greater foresight in servicing our community's needs.

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Unfortunately, due to safety reasons we are unable to accept electrical goods.

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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.

June issue	Collated on Thursday May 30th
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

## LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB

The March Sunday Market was well patronised due to lovely autumn weather.

Cost of stalls is \$10. If interested in a temporary or permanent site, please contact Allen Bailey on 54 29 5079.

**Next Market is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.** Proceeds are fed back into both communities.

Lions helped CFA Romsey Groups transport 600 bales of hay to Puckerpunyal area after fires caused extensive damage to stock and grazing land.

The March Dinner Meeting was at Cope-Williams Winery. Guest speaker Shane Bruce spoke of the Trauma Teddy Project. Teddy Bears provide comfort to children and adults in stress and trauma situations. Lions donated Teddies to Kyneton, Romsey and Lancefield Police, Ambulance and CFA.

**VALE** Harry Frost - Monegeetta passed away April 9<sup>th</sup> Aged 70 years

Harry was President of Lions 1979, 1980. A good friend to all and a hardworking Lion member until leaving with his wife Ethel for his loved Opal Mines in Queensland. Condolences to Ethel and all the Frost family.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*In every community there is work to be done*

*In every nation there are wounds to heal*

*In every heart there is the power to help!*

LION- Pat Sullivan

## The Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey

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



The Anglican Parish  
of  
Lancefield  
and  
Romsey



Sunday	9.00am	St Paul's Romsey
Sunday	10.30am	Christ Church, Lancefield
Wednesday	10.00am	Christ Church, Lancefield

**Romsey Guild** - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at "Nardoo" Riddell Road (Kilmore Road), Monegeetta - All Welcome

**Lancefield Guild** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May after Wednesday Service in Lancefield Church Hall - All Welcome

**Special Mothers Day Service Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at each Church**  
**WELCOME TO ALL MOTHERS TO OUR CHURCH SERVICE**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> May, 8.00pm at 5 Jinker Way, Romsey

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Main Street, Romsey

Friday's 12.30pm - 4.30pm Saturday's 11.00am - 1.00pm

**\$5.00 Bag sale.** All you can fit in bag supplied during the month of MAY.  
Clothing only.

## Have you ever thought about playing basketball?????

If the answer is yes, then now is the perfect time, with new seasons starting in May at the Romsey Recreation Centre.

We are looking for players of any age and sex from under 10's to seniors.

For more information call in to the centre, or contact Matt Hocking (Promotions Co-ordinator) on 0417 123 631.



## VICTORIA POLICE SHOW BAND COMING TO GISBORNE.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May the Victoria Police Show Band will be performing in the Gisborne Secondary College stadium (Melton Road, Gisborne) at 2pm. It's a BIG band and we would like to provide a BIG audience.

What a great way to spend an autumn afternoon. Can you come?

Tickets are \$10 adult and \$8 student/conc. includes light refreshments.

Available from Chris 5428 6526, Linda 5428 6425, Margaret 5428 3505 or at the door. There are plenty of parking spaces. **All profit to GSC Chaplaincy Fund.**

## The Bargain Box

**St. John's Anglican Op' Shop**

Station Street, Riddells Creek.

Open: Thu & Fri 10am till 4pm. Sat 9am till 1pm.

This seems like a good time to let new comers to the area know where we are and our business hours. We have yet again rearranged our shop (no one can say we're boring or predictable) and we take pride in the fact it is kept clean and tidy with a pleasant fragrance. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to frequently change the stock and, at the moment, offer 'specials' on some items.

We boast some very friendly volunteers who are always willing to stop for a chat (and provide a cuppa - just ask). Ann has returned from Darwin and we welcome her back. Our drop bins are at the side of the shop for out-of-hours donations, and are emptied daily.

For additional info' call Heather 9744 5716 or Chris 5428 6526.

## Plough Sunday/Harvest Festival

St. John's congregation are celebrating the above at their Plough Sunday Service on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. We would love to welcome you.

The service is very ancient and it has been celebrated at St. John's for over 50 years.

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A light lunch will be provided after the service.

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Many people in the community would remember Maria Pitts as our School Crossing Supervisor. We would like to acknowledge Maria for her contribution to the community by keeping our children safe on the roads, and for her friendliness to the students of the school. Our most sincere condolences are extended to the Pitts family at this time of loss.

## ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr. Noel Cunningham  
Dr. Sally Carter  
Dr. Nelum Soysa  
Dr. Thanh Nguyen



99 Main Street  
Romsey 3434  
Phone 54295254  
Opening Hours:  
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm  
Saturdays 9am to 5pm  
Sundays 10am to 1pm

## X-RAY SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Western Medical Imaging has recommenced X-Ray services at the Romsey Medical Centre. This service operates Mondays to Fridays from 2 – 6pm. A qualified radiographer will take X-Rays on-site which are then immediately available for review by our doctors. This means no more travelling for routine X-Rays and waiting for results. Patients are reminded that X-Ray films should be collected from the Medical Centre and kept for future reference.

## FLU VACCINATION

This year, why not weigh up the pros and cons of vaccination and decide whether you can afford to risk getting the flu and, if not, get a shot! Plenty of people continue working with a common cold, but very few can keep going right through a bout of the flu. The typical symptoms are chills, sweating, high fever, weakness, extreme tiredness, muscle aches and pains in the back and legs as well as coughing.

The difficulty of stopping the spread of influenza makes vaccination one effective practical measure you can take to prevent the infection. However, vaccination won't work immediately. It takes about 2 weeks for your new antibodies to build up to effective levels, so you need to think about vaccination before a flu outbreak starts. In Australia most cases occur between May and September.

The Romsey Medical Centre hosts flu vaccination clinics every year. These sessions are bulk billed for all patients. For patients over the age of 65, the vaccine is provided at no cost. For all other patients, the vaccine will need to be purchased.

Please ring 5429 5254 to book an appointment and for further information on flu-vax clinics.

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AMBULANCE/POLICE STATION IS ON IT'S WAY.....



Members of the Romsey-Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary had plenty to smile about at the recent "turning of the sod" for the new ambulance and police complex in Romsey

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April Minister of Health, Hon. John Thwaites turned the first sod of the new Ambulance Station on the site next to the existing police station. He was joined by The Hon. Andre Haemeyer, Minister for Police and Correctional Services, who turned the first sod of the new Police Station. Ms. Joanne Duncan, Member for Gisborne, welcomed both Ministers to Romsey and thanked the Ambulance Auxiliary for their dedicated work in securing the station for Romsey/Lancefield. Unfortunately Cr. Geoff Neil who is the Auxiliary President is on holiday at present so was unable to attend but I was seconded into taking his place and assisting the Ministers to turn the sod! Representatives of Rural Ambulance Victoria, our very own Ambulance Station Master, Olga Cannata, Woodend and Gisborne Paramedics, along with Cr. Alice Aird, Acting Mayor Cr. Donna Petrovich and many other officials too many to list, were happy to witness the ceremony. It was very pleasing to see a fair crowd of locals enjoy the moment as well. It has been a long road for the Auxiliary, with many sausages and hamburgers being cooked and many letters being written over the last few years but today it was all well worth it! So I would like to thank my fellow

many members – Peter Leake, (Vice President), Beryl Cole, (Treasurer), Liz Leake, Russell Neyland, Geoff Skinner, David Strack, Val Mustow, Dannette Long, David Long, Trish Gleeson, Merrill O'Rourke, David Quarrell, Pat Sullivan, Bev Gaunt, Don Gray and John Moss. We missed our leader, Geoff Neil, on this very special day but hope he and Pam are enjoying their well-deserved break! Thanks also to all the residents of Romsey/Lancefield and surrounding districts who supported us all the way.

Construction is expected to take approximately 120 working days so it will be our pleasure to see the combined emergency facility take shape.

Margaret Howatson,  
Secretary, Romsey-Lancefield Ambulance Auxiliary.

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## COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

### 'COUNSELLING'

Cobaw Community Health Service brings together a skilled team of health and welfare workers to promote health and well being throughout the community. The emphasis of the service is not on sickness but on enhancing the enjoyment of life for people of all ages with a variety of health concerns.

Cobaw believes every person has the right to self-fulfilment and individual dignity. Cobaw offers counselling to assist people in dealing with many personal issues and in coping with the effects of life's challenges. Sometimes it's better to work through personal issues with other people. The Counselling service can also offer group programs. Sometimes it is hard to make yourself heard or to find out the information you need to know.

Counselling is available for:

- Relationships - Family issues - Family Violence Support - Parenting - Separation - Grief - Self Esteem - Depression and Mental health issues - Anger Management - Personal Development - Stress Management - Sexual Health and Alcohol and Drug Use.
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,  
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Who remembers 'John and Betty' and their friends  
 Scottie and Fluff in your primary school readers?

Well, if you do then you have the chance to meet their creator  
 Ms Betty Sommerville when she visits Romsey.

**When: SUNDAY MAY 26 at 2.00pm**

**Where: Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer St, Romsey**

Light refreshments will be served and there will be a small donation of \$6 per person (\$5 if you can bring your John and Betty reader) or just \$10 for a family.

Can you make it? If so you can give us a call to any of the following:  
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## **BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

Everyone has returned safe and well from the Easter break and with enthusiasm for the term ahead. We are starting off each morning session with a whole school aerobic session led by the senior children, to be followed by a short and sharp Jump Rope for Heart skipping session. This certainly warms us up and gets the blood pumping so the children are ready to start their morning's work with zest and a keen attitude.

Further to our "Bolinda Cat Crusade", we received a letter that was written to the class by the children who adopted one of the unwanted kittens. They expressed their thanks to our class and assured us that the kitten was now a much loved member of their family. We also received a telephone call from the family who adopted the other two kittens and they were thrilled to have them in their family. We have had a visit from Janine from the Gisborne Animal Shelter who spoke to the children about the work they do in particular with the cats and the costs involved in looking after the unwanted pets of the community. A friend in New York has also told me that the story has been on satellite TV in the USA on a channel devoted to worldwide animal stories. Our message on responsible pet ownership has reached an international audience. The power of the pen is proven again !! This wonderful learning experience for our children continues. The children have formed their own "Children's Fundraising Committee", and have determined that their first activity will be to raise funds for the Animal Shelter by way of a "Bring Your Pet to School" day.

A very successful Bulb Night was held in the Bolinda Hall and we would like to thank our presenters most sincerely. Doug Bryce from the Australian Daffodil Society who gave valuable information for those wanting to enter daffodils at our Spring Fair to be held on September 15th. Doug has long been a supporter of the school and has even named a new daffodil variety that he has devel-

oped, Bolinda. Also Richard Lay from Romsey who spoke very well on irises and daylilies. Just recently, Frank donated enough irises and daylilies to fill a whole new garden at the school, which should look stunning in spring. An entertaining and informative night, along with supper, was enjoyed by all present.

All schools have workers behind the scenes, and often during the holidays, that help the school in ways that everyone doesn't see and don't necessarily know about. People who water gardens, clean out chook pens, sweep pathways, check out waterpumps, cut grass, lay out new garden beds, check spouting, mend desks, wash tables and a lot of other little jobs that just have to be done. In a small school like ours, people just tend to jump in and help where and when they can. Thank you to all the helpers.

We received a new book from our penfriend and favourite author, Jackie French, during the holidays. Space Pirates on Callisto is the new book, and if you are looking for some good books for your 8-12 year olds, then check out some of the great titles that Jackie has written. You can find out all about Jackie at her website [www.jackiefrench.com](http://www.jackiefrench.com). She will surprise you !! Jackie has been our school penfriend for about six years and replies with a handwritten letter to each child from the school that writes to her. We have been invited to her home outside Canberra twice, and have had lunch with her among the apple trees and beside the creek that runs through the property. These were absolutely wonderful experiences that the children will cherish forever.

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

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

### **GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Between 9am - 4pm**

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# **SHOPPING TOUR**

**(FACTORY OUTLETS)**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

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Book early to have a say in which outlets you would like to visit.

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B. Cole 54295411.



## The Yellow Monster and the Men in Yellow

Even tough willow roots had to give way when seized by the yellow monster last weekend on the second clean-up of Romsey Five Mile Creek. After 22 residents had cut, raked and dug channels over Sunday morning, the yellow monster came along, guided by Lindsay, and gathered up all the debris into a future bonfire.

The men in yellow came as promised to destroy the evidence – the blackberry cuttings, branches and willow logs are gone with little smoke or fuss.

Watch for news of more events down the creek, as it comes alive. Last weekend's debris will make a great winter bonfire.

Everyone can see the results ... and more Romsey residents are coming down to walk along the creek and investigate. Did you know there is an island in Five Mile Creek, with native grasses on it? (just a small one, but the channels are now clear around it). The creek has heaps of mint growing along it.

Over 50 people have come so far to help. It's a chance to work with and get to know other local people, and see some results for the efforts. The autumn mist soon cleared as we rested on a nearby verandah enjoying tea & coffee and surveying the changes.

From council files we dug out and laminated the original plan, showing indigenous trees planted and the walking track. The landscape architect will come to talk to us one weekend about what could be done now. We hope to uncover the walking track shown on the plan.

East of Main Street, green foliage overhangs but doesn't hide the creek, thanks to the separate hard work of the streetscape group... the creek may have new secrets downstream we haven't discovered yet.

### WATCH OUT FOR:

\* **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm. Meeting to form a Romsey Creek Planning Group.**

At the meeting rooms at the Council office in Romsey.

Come along if you are interested in any part of the Romsey Creek

\* **Next clean-up will be later in June – date yet to be set. Come and join in.**

\* **The history of Five Mile Creek – talk to people who knew the creek and the farms before the estates were built.**

For more news, ring Sue on 5429 5283, Jay on 54296163, or Andrew & Peta on 5429 6168.



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## St. 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

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Rosary: Thursdays 9.30am St. Mary's Church Romsey

**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Information Night** Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm

### **St. Mary's School Open for Visitors**

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July between 11am – 12noon

### **St. Mary's School Information Night**

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### **St. Mary's School Twilight Fair**

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Op Shop** (St. Vincent De Paul)

Open every **Thursday** at Romsey 10.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

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## Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd

### COMMUNITY BANK BASE OPEN IN ROMSEY

Our local Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank has moved quickly to open a base for manager Rod Browning in Romsey two days a week, to offer residents an information point and basic facilities.

Rod is working in Romsey from midday to 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, along with a customer service staff member. They are based in the Mechanics Hall in Main Rd., and can answer queries, sign up new customers and accounts and accept cheque deposits, which can then be delivered to the Lancefield branch office.

Community Bank chairman John Chisholm said the presence was the first move in the plan to establish a permanent facility in Romsey, following on from the opening of the branch in Lancefield last May. "Following the announcement that the Commonwealth Bank would be closing its Romsey branch, many residents and businesspeople asked the Community Bank to provide a presence in the town," Mr Chisholm said. "Local residents and businesses own our Community Bank as shareholders through our company, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, and our main reason for being is to provide banking services in our towns.

"Since the beginning of the project to establish a Community Bank in Lancefield, it was our stated intention to have branch facilities in Romsey. An office for our manager and staff is the next step as part of that commitment." Mr Chisholm urged Romsey residents and businesses to utilise the new base and transfer their accounts and their support to the Community Bank. "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. "Our charter is to provide banking services in our towns, with a local manager that understands and responds to the grassroots needs of the local community – so we are here for the long haul."

Rod Browning can be contacted at the Romsey base through the Lancefield branch on 5429 1977.

If I can help you with any matters regarding the State Government, feel free to come and see me on...

**FRIDAY 17 MAY**  
2 pm - 4:30 pm

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## **LANCEFIELD – ROMSEY LIT-TLE ATHLETICS**

Season 2001-2002 to date:

- We started the season on a high note, having been selected by VLAA as Top Centre for 2001.
- We ended up with 113 registered athletes.
- U/12 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands, U/13 Boy Scott Martin and U/14 Boy Matthew Blair qualified for the VLAA Junior Development Squad, with U/13 Boy Michael Graham and U/12 Boy Daniel Martin needing to qualify in that elusive second event needed to make the squad!
- U/14 Girl Colleen Graham qualified for the Athletics Victoria Development Squad V-02.
- 28 athletes competed at the Northern Country Region Track & Field Championships and all families had a great time relaxing for a few days at Trek 31 in Albury.
- Jack Townsing, Daniel Martin and Scott Martin competed at State Multi-Event Championships in Bendigo. Competition is fierce at State Multi-Event Championships, so well done to all three boys for representing the Centre. Congratulations to U/13 Boy Scott Martin for finishing in the Top 8 for his age group.
- 9 athletes qualified for and competed at State Track & Field Championships in Melbourne and deserve congratulations. Jack Townsing and Carissah Walker-Kelly both tried hard to set new PBs and did well even though this was the first time they had competed at a State Championship. Bill Rowlands, Bronwyn Rowlands, Daniel Martin, Michael Graham, Scott Martin, Matthew Blair and Colleen Graham, all competed in event finals. Top 10 performances were recorded by Bill Rowlands in U/10 Boys High Jump, Bronwyn Rowlands in U/12 Girls 1500m, Matthew Blair in U/14 Boys Long Jump and Triple Jump and Colleen Graham in U/14 Girls Discus and Shotput. Our U/13 Boys were unlucky not to have finished in the Top 10, but Michael Graham injured his wrist two days before he was due to compete, and Scott Martin was injured during his 80m Hurdle final at States.
- We received a grant from Sports and Recreation Victoria to put a number of volunteers through coaching courses and if all goes to plan, by next season,

our Centre will have eight qualified Level 1 coaches, with two of these people also doing a Specialists Course. Thankyou to all our volunteers for their dedication to the Centre.

- Our Centre will be conducting a Level O (Orientation to Coaching) Course at Romsey over a weekend in September, so please let us know if you are interested in doing this course. More details on dates and costs when confirmed by VLAA.
- We now have our own custom medals, which were designed in consultation with Medal & Trophy Industries (MTI) in Ringwood.
- Good luck to the Centre athletes who will be competing during the winter season in Cross Country. If any other athletes are interested in taking part in Cross Country, including children who are not currently members of our Centre, please get in contact with us asap.
- Thankyou to all the families who provided the Centre with assistance throughout the season and supported our activities. We look forward to seeing you all again when we return next season in approximately September/October 2002.
- If you have any queries, please phone our Centre Secretary on 54296089.

### **AWARD WINNERS:**

#### **Encouragement Award:**

U/6 boy Seamus Whelan  
U/6 boy Nicholas Mumby  
U/6 boy David Harris  
U/6 boy Kevin Harris

#### **100% Participation:**

U/8 Girl Debbie Ashley  
U/14 Girl Colleen Graham  
U/13 Boy Mick Derrick  
U/13 Boy Michael Graham

#### **Good Sport Award:**

U/13 Boy Scott Martin  
U/14 Girl Colleen Graham

#### **Final Year Participation Award:**

U/15 Girl Narelle Maple

#### **Sports Focus/Victoria Police Most Disciplined Player of the Year:** (Picture shows winners Colleen Graham and Bronwyn Rowlands receiving their award from guest presenter, Sargeant John East from Romsey Police Station)

U/12 Girl Bronwyn Rowlands  
U/14 Girl Colleen Graham

**VLAA VOLUNTEER AWARDS:** (Picture shows some of the winners on stage after receiving their framed certificates from guest presenters, Judy and Fred Wilmhurst from VLAA)

#### ***For being regular helpers at competition:***

Ken Johnson  
Kaye Maple  
Christine Martin  
Don Martin  
Juanita Townsing

#### ***For maintaining the athletics track:***

Ray Blair  
Peter Derrick

#### ***For carrying out typing, photocopying, deliveries, etc, for the Secretary who would not be able to continue in her role without their help:***

Colleen Graham  
Glen Graham  
Michael Graham

#### ***For their contribution as regular Centre volunteers for a period exceeding ten years:***

Sybil Francis  
Margaret MacLeod

#### ***For their voluntary service as Level 0 and/or Level 1 coaches at scheduled Centre competition and training:***

Ken Ashley  
Ex-athlete Emma Francis  
Ex-athlete Matthew Powell  
Alan Rowlands  
Andrea Rowlands

#### ***For his long term voluntary service in a variety of roles including Centre Coach and Competition Coordinator:***

Phil Francis

#### ***For her long term voluntary service as Centre Secretary:***

Anita Graham

#### ***Most Outstanding Performance by A Centre Athlete at Northern Country Region Track & Field Championships:***

U/10 Boy Bill Rowlands

Thankyou to all the businesses and families who assisted the Centre with much needed donations. Your continued support is vital to the continued success of the Centre and we certainly appreciate all the assistance you have given us throughout the season.

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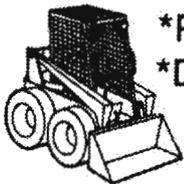
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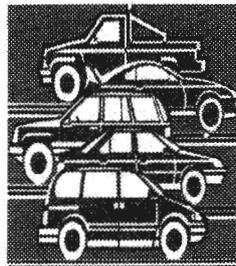
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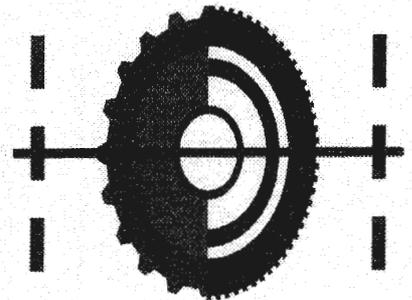
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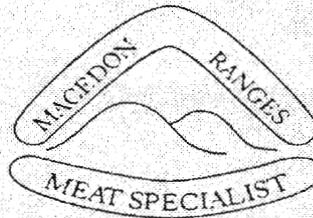
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**LITTLE ATHLETICS CONTINUED**

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- Frosts Sawmill:
- Kyneton Surf Shop:
- KFC:
- Lancefield Community Bank:
- Lancefield Haircare:
- Lancefield Home & Rural Services:
- Lancefield Hotel:
- Lancefield Motors Service Station:
- Lancefield Newsagency/Milk Bar:
- Lancefield True Value Hardware:
- La Porchetta:
- Macedon Ranges Meat Specialists:
- Martins Wine Bar:
- McDonalds:
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- Midland Fresh:
- Mt. William Advanced Tree Nursery
- Newnham Earthmoving:
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- Red Rooster:
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<b>( )</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>
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U/7 Nathan Blair	U/7 Gabrielle Derrick	U/6 Harrison Notman
U/8 Deborah Ashley	U/8 Luke Rebecchi	U/7 Neil Johnson
U/9 Jack Townsing	U/9 Matthew Francis	U/8 Cameron Romeril
U/9 Cameron Blair	U/10 Bill Rowlands	U/9 Roxanne Fowler
U/9 Jacqueline Ashley	U/11 Bronwyn Blair	U/10 Daniel Rebecchi
U/10 Patrick Derrick	U/12 Carissah Walker-Kelly	U/10 Jodie-Lee Cartwright
U/11 Melissa Derrick	U/13 -U/15 Mick Derrick	U/10 Casey Schneeberger
U/12 Bronwyn Rowlands		U/11 Amanda Petran
U/12 Molly Johnson		U/11 Tom Payne
U/13 -U/15 Michael Graham		U/12 Daniel Martin
U/13 -U/15 Colleen Graham		U/13 -U/15 Matthew Blair



Athletes of the Year Jack Townsing, Matthew Blair, Bronwyn Rowlands and Kaitlyn McEwen

**FUNDRAISING RESULTS**  
**Fuel Raffle drawn by Ken Johnson**

Prize description	Won by
First prize, fuel to the value of \$400	Anita Graham (Romsey)
Second prize, fuel to the value of \$100	Chris Barnett (Lancefield)
Third prize, fuel to the value of \$50	Anne Cappler (Romsey)

**Mystery raffle**

Prize description	Won by
2 boxes of floppy disks donated by A. Graham	J. Townsing (Romsey)
2 bottles wine donated by Cleveland Winery	Carroll Family (Romsey)
1 bottle wine donated by Cope-Williams Winery	J. Parus (Romsey)
Dry dog food donated by Romsey Produce	J. Townsing (Romsey)
Assorted tools donated by Romsey Mitre 10	J. Sri-Ananda (Romsey)
Voucher donated by Kyneton Surf	J. Sri-Ananda (Romsey)
Voucher donated by Lancefield Hardware	A. Rowlands (Lancefield)
Voucher donated by Romsey Mowers	M. Pyke (Romsey)
Voucher donated by Sunbury La Porchetta	J. Townsing (Romsey)
Voucher donated by Mt. William Advanced Tree Nursery	A. Graham (Romsey)
2 cases soft drink donated by Pumphouse Springs	M. Derrick (Romsey)
Voucher donated by Lancefield Hair Care	M. Thomas (Romsey)

**Presentation Day Free Door Raffle**

Prize description	Won by
Box of fruit and vegetables donated by Midland Fresh in Lancefield	Blair family (Romsey)

**Athlete of the Year Awards:**  
 Male Athlete of the Year U/14 Boy – Matthew Blair  
 Female Athlete of the Year U/12 Girl – Bronwyn Rowlands  
 Super-up Male – U/9 Boy – Jack Townsing  
 Runner-up Female – U/13 Girl – Kaitlyn McEwen

## Macedon Ranges Health Care



### Romsey Medical Centre

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Phone: 5429 5254 Fax: 5429 6147

Email: [doctors@bigpond.com](mailto:doctors@bigpond.com)

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## Romsey Veterinary Surgery

### Extension of Hours

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Our new office hours will be

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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

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Monday – Friday 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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To be eligible for 3 year old playgroup in 2002,  
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**If you require more information please con-  
tact Colette on 5429 1930.**



## From Your Mt William Councillor, Alice Aird

### Responding to Your Issues

Firstly some feedback about my survey. Responses trickled in a for a while and the total number was about thirty. Thanks again to those who responded, particularly where names were included. It is very frustrating when I can't follow up on issues raised. If anyone raised an issue through the survey without giving their name I'd appreciate your contacting me again and giving me the opportunity to follow up.

A school crossing is needed at Newham. The Shire infrastructure officers found that the traffic count is sufficient to justify a crossing, according to Vicroads rules and recommended that one be installed. The ball is now in their court, we can only wait for the outcome.

I agree with the person who said that a most important duty of a councillor is to protect what their community values. During the last two years, Macedon Ranges Shire has been running many forums to find out what community values are. Yet another source of that information will be the neighbourhood character studies of our townships which I have been advocating for strongly, starting with Romsey and Lancefield. What kind of development suits a town is a bit like what kind of clothes suit a person. We all know it when we see it, but it's hard to define. However defining neighbourhood character is possible! We'll need some help from people with the right experience AND we need people who care enough to put in to the process. You will all be invited so please join in!

One survey respondent suggested having community forums to identify community strengths and emerging issues. My aim would be to find new ways for community and the Shire to work in partnership to address the issues that the community sees as important. This is my aim for the Mt William Reference Group (see below). The first meeting at Lancefield was well attended and focussed mainly on planning issues particularly on commercial land in Romsey. Since then senior shire planning officers have met with the Romsey Business and Tourism Association, improving understanding and exchange of ideas.

To the person who asked about recycling of paper, no, it is not dumped. The co-mingled (that is everything mixed together) collection we have in Macedon Ranges is sorted by ingenious machines. I went on a tour to observe first hand because I didn't believe it either! There is minimal hand sorting (thank goodness, what an awful job). The more carefully we follow the rules about what to put in the recycling bin, the better the outcome and the less hand sorting is needed. Would you like better, clearer information about recycling? Call me if you do, on 5427 0156.

Sad and disappointing news about the Commonwealth Bank at Romsey. A very short sighted decision which shows a lack of understanding of Romsey's potential for growth I believe. You will have seen how strongly the Shire is advocating on this issue. All Commonwealth Bank account holders, consider taking your business elsewhere, preferably to the Bendigo Community Bank in Lancefield. Maybe we can attract a branch to Romsey.

I hope you all had a chance to read about the Community Vision for 2025 in the recent Shire Update. Remember this is a community vision, not a council one. Don't be cynical about this, it will work if people make it work. It can't be ignored if enough people get behind it. Please pick up a copy of the full document and send in your comments.

### Romsey Bits

- Great to see the "turning of the sod" for new Ambulance Station (and Police Station upgrade) at Romsey at last. Once again great congratulations to the dedicated and persistent ambulance Auxiliary.
- Yes, the line marking for angle parking in Lancefield is well on the agenda. We're waiting for Roger Barr (from Lancefield police) to return from leave to finalise the plans. Input offered to the plans from some local business people, residents and planning professionals is also appreciated.
- The Romsey Lancefield Track is attracting great use already, although it's a bit muddy in the middle. The sealing of the "ends" and the topping with granitic sand of the whole length are due to happen very soon.
- What about the cleaning up of the creek at Romsey. Isn't it fantastic!. A Friends of the Creek group will be set up soon thanks to Sue Kirkegard bringing everyone together. This will enable the community and Shire to work in partnership very effectively, as they do with the Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne friends of the creek/river groups.
- The new Macedon Ranges website will be launched on April 24. This is another project where we won the position of acting as "pilot" for the rest of Victoria, thus getting value many times the money invested. Go to: [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au)

**The next Mt William Reference Group meeting will be in June in Lancefield. Prior registration will be required, please ring me for details of this meeting or anything else on 5427 0156.**

## Lancefield Neighbourhood House Report

Colour your life this autumn!  
Add a little colour to your life by trying out some of the fun activities organized this term.

### Neighbourhood House Week

Come and find out what we are all about and offer some suggestions for future programs on our Neighbourhood House Week Open Day. House open for tours and information on Wednesday 23 May from 10am till 3pm. Scrumptious morning tea provided at 11.30am

### Home Brewing Workshop

Ever wanted to make your own home brew? Here's your chance. This class shows you just how easy it can be and it's also a lot cheaper to make your own. If you think you've made a great drop enter it for the Lancefield Show home brewing prize!

3 hour workshop, \$15 (Evening or weekend)

### Folk Art's Back

This class is almost full so if you would love to learn this beautiful hobby in a fun and relaxed atmosphere, Alison will show you easy it can be. Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings

### Native Bush Appreciation

One hour theory session, followed by a one day walk – Tuesday May 7.

### Tai Chi

Once again we are able to offer this wonderful

form of relaxing exercise. Come and give it a try.

Wednesday's 6 – 7.30pm.

### Certificate II Workplace First Aid

This is a Nationally Accredited Certificate valid for three years. A requirement for many jobs but also an opportunity to learn important life saving skills.

5 sessions, starting Thursday 2 May, 7pm – 10pm \$140 (concession available)

Level One only 3 sessions \$65

### Bus Trips

Werribee Shopping Plaza, Monday May 27.

This special trip costs only \$5 and includes a morning tea voucher and discount vouchers for a number of shops. Bookings essential.

Airport West on Friday 21 June.

Phone 5429 1214 for a copy of our brochure, more information or bookings.

Our Easter Raffle was won by Lynette Simmons. Thank you to all those who supported us in this Fundraiser.

Remember you are always welcome to pop in and have a chat with our coordinator Viv Philippotts. Office hours: Tue – Thurs 10am – 3pm  
That's all folks  
Linda Davies

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LAST CHANCE.....**

The Centennial Track Committee is pleased to advise that the final works on the track are now in the process of being carried out by the Shire. The track will be sealed in both the Romsey township (start to Hutchin- sons Lane) and the Lancefield township (start to Becker- mans Lane) and completed formed in-between in grani- tic sand. The monies we have raised over the past 2+ years will completely pay for this work to be done. The Committee would now like to advise that, if anyone would like their name to be on the Register of people who have donated \$20 per metre to the track, now is the time to do this as we will be closing our fundraising as at the end of May, 2002. We are absolutely delighted with the track and this will be in place for generations to come. We would also like to hear from any group/family who would like to donate a park bench, picnic table to be .ted along the track for weary walkers/cyclists. Margaret Howatson, Secretary. 54295 724/54295254.

**ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK Inc.**  
 (A Centenary of Federation Project)  
 P.O. BOX 293, ROMSEY, 3434  
 Drop off points:-  
 Romsey Post Office  
 Romsey Medical Centre  
 Lancefield Home & Rural  
 Lancefield Motors

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE A METRE OF TRACK FOR \$20**

PRINCIPAL FAMILY MEMBER:

ADDRESS:

TEL. NO. :

NUMBER OF METRES BEING PURCHASED:

IN THE NAMES OF:

I enclose my cheque/cash for : \$

Receipt required : Yes / No



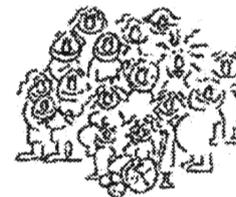
**Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club INC**  
**A00354P**

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 organ- ised on the first Wednesday of each month. Transport be provided and you will be made most welcome.

Contact Rae Hooke (Secretary) 5429 1602

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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**

## ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

**OPEN DAY** was held 23<sup>rd</sup> March with a good field playing men's and mixed Ambrose. John Laing, a long time life member, officially opened the day and wished the club another successful year and all players good hitting throughout the season. Winners on the day were a men's team who were called the Veterans, consisting of L. Thomson, K. Newnham, J. Laing and B. Robb with a good score of nett 55.4 (it shows experience does help)! The mixed was won by V. & P. Newell, G. Clement, and J. Boyce, with a great score of 53.7. Well done to all who played. The BBQ that followed was also appreciated.

**NIGHT GOLF:** Following a BBQ start and hitoff when darkness fell (luckily it was a cloudy fine night) the night was enjoyed by most of those who played. The winners were S. Wilkins, M. Thornton and T. Freeman. Thankyou to all whom supported our fundraiser

### LADIES REPORT

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> April Stroke

1<sup>st</sup> L. Beasley 70 nett  
2<sup>nd</sup> B. Cole 73  
3<sup>rd</sup> C. Rankin 73

#### 10<sup>th</sup> April Stapleford

1<sup>st</sup> M. Crump 31 pts  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Shelton 29 pts  
3<sup>rd</sup> B. Cole 28pts

#### 17<sup>th</sup> April Stroke

1<sup>st</sup> L. Jeffrey 71 nett  
2<sup>nd</sup> S Shelton 72  
3<sup>rd</sup> B. Cole 76

While we are struggling to field a pennant team so far we have had a loss to Seymour at Seymour and had a win over Avenel.

Congratulations to M. Crump who broke her handicap at Kilmore and L. Jeffrey who had a good day at Eildon and broke her handicap as well. Sad to say neither lady was lucky enough to bring home a trophy.

### Chicken Pizziola

(another recipe from our progressive dinner)

4x 150g flattened raw skinless chicken breasts.

½ cup diced lean ham

½ cup thinly sliced mushrooms

½ cup thinly sliced capsicum

½ cup chopped shallots

½ cup diced tomato

1teaspoon crushed garlic

½ teaspoon basil

4dessert spoons tomato paste

1 cup grated light mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 180C

Flatten chicken breast with a meat mallet.

Mix together ham, mushrooms, capsicums, shallots, tomato, garlic and basil.

On a greased baking tray place chicken breast and spread evenly with tomato paste and pizza topping  
Sprinkle mozzarella cheese over and bake 30-40 mins or until chicken is cooked and topping is golden brown.

B. Cole.

### Get Into Leading At Guides

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For further information contact

Carolyn Atldnson – 5781 0728

Check us out on the web:

[www.guidesaus.org.au](http://www.guidesaus.org.au)



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## Romsey Uniting Church

25 Pohlman Street

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25 William Street  
Romsey 3434  
Ph/Fax: 5429 5351  
mobile: 0408 380 962

### What's News

If ever there was an unanswerable question, it would be 'What is art?' Certainly abstract modern art is beyond my comprehension. Consider Melbourne's examples of the Yellow Peril and the Federation Arch.

Yet one of the elements present in all of the arts is passion. The passionate expression of the artist. The passionate view of the reviewer and critic. And the passions of the people in response. Consider the music of Eminem, or the photograph 'Piss Christ', or the film 'The Last Temptation of Christ'.

I think you could argue that art is about struggle. There is a struggle for self-expression, and the expression of the indescribable. There is a grappling with beliefs and values, with purpose and what matters. There is a struggle for understanding and tolerance. Art will always be a place of conflict between those who appreciate the artists work, those who don't, and those who are offended.

Whilst the freedom of artistic expression brings conflict, it is precisely this freedom that makes it an important medium for humanity. In art, we are not bound by rules of logic and reason. In art we can explore beyond artificial boundaries, entering the theoretical and abstract in relative safety. In art, we can find different ways of expressing that which cannot be contained within the confines of language.

As a society, we need to recognise art as a safe space for exploring a wide range of issues and feelings. Art is not necessarily a statement of dogmatic belief, but can just as easily be a reflection of reality or a tinkering with the edges. It can be a safe 'what if' without the often gruesome consequences.

The confrontation of art provides a direct challenge to the church. We can be forced to confront our beliefs and values, with several possible responses. We can ignore art, therefore alienating ourselves from society. We can oppose art as expressing the darkest depths of human-

ity. Or we can embrace the challenge, seeking to enter the realm of exploration and deepen our own understanding of our beliefs and values.

I'll admit to being a sports nut, which is often seen as being diametrically opposed to art. But as I recognise my own struggling with the paradoxes of life and faith, I am appreciating more and more the freedom art gives to explore and learn.

*Rev Alan Williams*

### What's On

- 5 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including Holy Communion.  
5:00pm DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Worship. This may sound like hard work, but is really a lot of fun and suitable for all ages. Please bring something to contribute to the shared meal that will be part of this worship experience.
- 8 May 1:30pm UCAF meets at the church for a craft day, led by Heather Turnham. You are invited to bring along a craft or hobby to share, or simply enjoy the other crafts on offer.
- 12 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, including a recognition of Mothers' Day.
- 19 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. Will be followed by a time of crafts and a bonfire luncheon.
- 26 May 9:00am worship and Sunday School, celebrating Trinity Sunday.
- 2 June 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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### Thankyou....

Lorraine and family would like to express their appreciation to everyone for their prayers, words of comfort and cards sent during Geoff's illness and his recent passing.

Thankyou.

The Holland family.

## Dromkeen

1012 Kilmore Road Riddells Creek 3431 Ph: 5428 6799

Tue-Fri 9am to 5pm & Sun 12noon to 4pm

Free admission

Look who's coming to Dromkeen

Meet the Artist

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May between 12 noon and 4.00pm

### Krista Bell

Author of picture books and novels for kids who love sport, in particular football and basketball. Her latest novels include: *Read My Mind* and *Get a Life*.

Krista reviews children's books, both in print and on ABC radio, and for five years she wrote, produced and presented a weekly book program on radio for young listeners. Drawing on that program, she wrote *Where Do You Get Your Ideas?* a collection of her interviews with well-known Australian authors and illustrators.

<http://users.bigpond.com/kristabell>

### Goldie Alexander

Author of several books for children, teenagers and aspiring writers. Her latest short story collection, *Twelve to Fifteen*, will be published in mid 2002. These stories use only teenage boys as protagonists. Each story involves a boy in an interesting and relevant experience.

In her endeavor to encourage boys to read she has put a short comic/mystery novel on the Internet. This can be viewed on her web page.  
[www.goldiealexander.com](http://www.goldiealexander.com)

### Ben McKeown

Ben is emerging as one of Australia's leading contemporary Indigenous artists.

His work has been featured on Australian National Television programs such as; *Snapshots* – ABC, *Totally Wild* – Channel Ten and *The Great Outdoors* – Channel

Seven.

Young Australian of the Year 2002 Nomination, Young Australian of the Year 2001 semi finalist and Mornington Peninsula Young Citizen of the Year 2000.

As an active advocate of education and reconciliation through the arts Ben teaches Koori Art and Design, and is responsible for promoting and involving the local Koori population in further education initiatives.

[www.BenMcKeown.com](http://www.BenMcKeown.com)

### While visiting Dromkeen...

- ◆ Enjoy the *As Told in Our Dreams* exhibition, showcasing Australian Indigenous art from children's picture books.
- ◆ Visit the sculptures in the majestic gardens.
- ◆ Follow the Heritage Trail to discover how Australia's history, culture and landscape are reflected in the illustrations of contemporary Australian picture books.
- ◆ Browse in the Gallery Rooms and Bookshop.
- ◆ Stroll along the Dromkeen Centenary Walk.
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# Casino Trip



23<sup>rd</sup> June



Bus leaving Romsey 10am picking up at Riddells Creek and Sunbury  
For bookings please ring Beryl Cole 54295411.

**BENDIGO BANK**

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Bendigo Bank through its Lancefield Community Bank Branch is now offering banking services in Romsey every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (commencing April 23<sup>rd</sup>).

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For further information call the Lancefield Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank on 54 29 1977.



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# Rotary Masquerade Ball



Rotary Club of  
Romsey/Lancefield



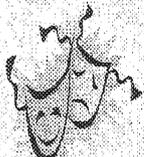

**When:** Sat 25th May, 2002 (7.00 for 7:30pm)  
**Where:** Calabria Club, Uniting Lane, Bulla  
**Cost:** \$60.00 per head

(3 course meal, drinks and live entertainment included)

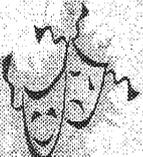
**Dress:** Mask with Evening Dress or Costume

Prize for the best mask, raffles, and more!!

Bus from Lancefield picks up at Romsey, Monegeetta,  
Riddells Creek, Sunbury & Diggers Rest

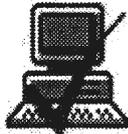


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# Romsey Primary School

## Peer Mediation

The Peer Mediation program is an important initiative at Romsey Primary School in promoting social well-being, leadership and advanced problem solving strategies amongst students. The Peer Mediation program teaches students new, effective ways to deal with potentially difficult situations. Students help other students by using mediation approaches to problem solving. The program empowers students, lowers administrative time, and settles small disputes before they become major battles.

At Romsey mediation begins in the playground where specially trained students act as mediators for other students who have fights or disputes. When a conflict occurs, the student mediators use a structured conflict resolution process and mediation techniques to help the students in dispute reach agreement.

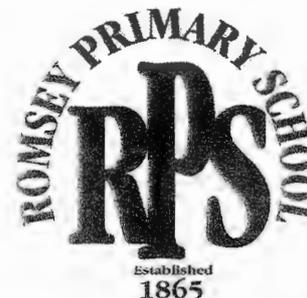
### Peer Mediators-

- Are the peacemakers of the school
- Listen to and respect all points of view
- Know how to help other students resolve their conflicts

Peer Mediators are trained to follow an agreed plan in assisting students. These are life long skills. The mediation process involves 6 steps.

1. Agree to mediate
2. Talk and listen to each other
3. Find out what is needed
4. Think of ways to solve the problem
5. Choose a solution
6. Make a plan and go for it!

Following their training, our first group of mediators will be working in the schoolyard in the coming weeks. Our students are selected for the job as they have met the personal criteria of demonstrating qualities of being fair, kind & caring, responsible, friendly, helpful, able to solve problems, ask questions, trustworthy, showing initiative, a good listener, willing to do the job properly, patient, understanding, allowing an equal say, respectful and able to keep the process confidential. In skilling students to aspire for such positive attributes the school is confident that we are not only working towards positive social environment, but also teaching really important skills for life.



**TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW**



Students training to be Peer Mediators work in pairs to develop their mediation skills.



The students work as a whole group to define what characterises a good mediator.



## Gardening

Romsey Primary School has developed quite a reputation for outstanding facilities, especially with our success in the last two years in the school garden awards. Students in years 3 & 4 have added to our annual tree planting and garden development with the planning, planting and maintenance of our own school vegetable garden. Students are well underway with plantings of winter vegies, which include cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, brussels's sprouts and broad beans. In the coming months the gardening club will learn to propagate cuttings and develop gardening skills for every season.





## MACEDON RANGES WOMEN ON FARMS GATHERING 2002

Congratulations to all involved in the planning and organising of a very wonderful weekend. I was fortunate enough to be an appreciative member of, from Representatives from Victoria and Interstate. Our Macedon Ranges Shire and Telstra were co-operating sponsors of a most successful weekend which was centred at Kyneton Town Hall in Mollison Street – a very impressive venue. As a “local” I was able to travel daily from Springfield but others stayed at local resorts and B & B’s close by.

The official opening evening was most interesting with a welcome by the local Women on Farms Committee President – Mrs. Kym Raverty and also from Cr. Alice Aird on behalf of Macedon Ranges Shire Council who deputised for our Mayor, Cr. Geoff Neil who was not well. Cr. Aird introduced Dr. Carol Matthew from Lancefield who is the 2002 Victorian Rural Woman of the Year in recognition of her work breeding and manufacturing Alpacas Fibre. Dr. Matthew told us how her life had led her to breed Alpacas which was most interesting.

We heard several women’s stories including an aboriginal lady’s story sent in and read by Cr. Aird, Mrs. Jean Tom shared her memories of growing up as a child in Romsey. We also heard from a blind lady Melissa Charles with a guide dog ‘Lundy’ who lost her sight after a fall from her horse and now plans to ride in the 2004 Greece Paralympics.

Kate Elston an 11 year old told us of her life growing up on a local farm and how both her parents work off the farm so they can educate their 3 children – Kaye gave a really brilliant talk and may one day be Australia’s first woman prime minister!! (in my humble opinion anyway). Mrs. Kym Raverty explained how the committee had tried to allocate all the various applicants into the chosen work shops and tours of the district for the next 2 days ‘gathering’.

I had applied to do the farm safety work shop which I

found most interesting, and am only too aware of the dangers of working on farms!

On Saturday afternoon I did a stonewalling and land care tour with Huntly and Kate Barton – a very impressive and interesting afternoon.

The Celebration Dinner at Braemar College’s Hayward Hall was a real highlight with some 300 guests from near and far to hear the guest speaker Dame Elisabeth Murdoch talk of her days at school at ‘Clyde’ (now Braemar College) and her grandfather had been an official starter of races at Kyneton Racing Club. Dame Elisabeth at 93 – an excellent speaker received a standing ovation from all present.

The guests were entertained by Megan Smithies Romsey Music Group “Mirra Strings” and the Woodend Singers who call themselves “Not Just Empty Frocks” – a very talented duo of groups. Altogether it was a most successful and enjoyable celebration which I will long remember.

Sunday morning I went to the Ecumenical Service at Town Hall at 8am (and was breathalysed again en route to Kyneton from Lancefield!!) The service was led by Rev. Catherine Tudor from Kyneton Uniting Church together with Canon Graham Snell from Kyneton Anglican Church, a very meaningful and spiritual experience for all who attended.

My second workshop was centred on Community Involvement led by Cr. Alice Aird and Ms. Linda Bennett from Macedon Ranges Council staff, an excellent forum for sharing ideas, ideals and goals, to aim for to improve a rapidly changing world with dramatically changing standards and expectations for young people in a world sadly lacking in common sense – I am pleased to report that in that forum common sense prevailed!! - thanks to Alice and Linda’s leadership.

Kerry Cue, well known author of several excellent and extremely humorous books was a hilariously funny guest speaker and added all present to her many fans that morning – she was presented with a most attractive wooden platter from Black Forest Mills.

Lunch time was sad with many farewells but also happy plans for The Women on Farms Gathering 2003 to be held in March at Yarram.

Again my congratulations to Kym and all her committee and helpers who included her mother Barbara and daughter Colette Raverty. I am sure they all needed a good rest to recover from a very well organised and successful gathering – well done to all Macedon Ranges contributors.

Helen Clement.

### 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

