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Ed. The Romsey Rag tries to be informative on a community-based level. Recently, Editorial Assistant, Kym Raverty had a family dog die horribly from a 1080 fox bait. She approached the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Chemical Standards Officer in Bendigo to submit an article which other residents could find informative.

Alan Roberts of DNRE - Bendigo

CHEMICAL BAITS NEED SPECIAL CARE

The use of baits containing the active ingredient 1080 is an important tool for farmers managing rabbit and fox populations. NRE currently supplies 1080 products to farmers, with the three main products being 1080 carrot bait for rabbits, 1080 oat bait for rabbits and Foxoff fox bait.

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All of the registered 1080 products are classed as 'Restricted supply' products by the National Registration Authority, and because all 1080 products are Schedule 7 poisons, they are also classed as 'Restricted use' products by the Dept of Natural Resources and Environment.

In order to be supplied with a 1080 product a person must complete an application for supply (available from NRE) and take it to their usual NRE office together with an accurate map of the area to be treated. In addition, each person who wishes to be supplied with 1080 products will need to show their Agricultural chemical user Permit (ACUP) before 1080 supply can occur. The message here is simple; NO ACUP - no 1080 PRODUCT because it is an offence under the Agvet Code for NRE to supply 1080 products to unauthorised persons.

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From Your Councillor, Alice Aird

Tell Me What YOU Want in 2002

My goal as your Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor in 2002 is to hear more from you, the people of Mt William, who live in the Newham, Lancefield and Romsey townships and surrounding rural areas.

Three ways I plan to hear more from Mt William ratepayers:

- Firstly via answers to the survey questions (in this issue, details over page).
- Secondly by telephoning a few ratepayers each week, chosen at random from the electoral roll.
- Thirdly by holding a monthly Mt William Reference Group Meeting.

About the Survey

It's in this issue, just over the page. It's short and easy! There are only four questions and your answers can be as brief or long as you like. The idea of the survey is to hear from the people in the community whom I don't normally meet around the towns or at meetings. Please use the survey to tell me what matters to you!

Phone Calls to Ratepayers

I also plan to phone a few people each week during the year to discuss current issues or any topic of interest. Of course you can also phone me at any time on my phone/fax line for Council business – 5427 0156.

Mt William Reference Group Meetings

These will be held every month, alternating between Lancefield, Romsey and Newham. The idea is to share information, ideas and opinions, to ask questions and discuss current issues. The meetings will be opportunities to meet, network, bring the important local issues to the surface and form new working groups to achieve community goals.

You are invited to the first Mount William Reference Group Meeting on

Monday February 25 at 7.30 pm

**at MacGowans Café
Main St, Lancefield**

By the way.....

- The mysterious trios of grey columns in Romsey and Lancefield are the first stage of the community mosaic project celebrating our 2025 Vision. They will be beautiful! Watch them as they are 'clothed' in the colourful work of artists from our local schools and the wider community.
- **Now turn to the survey questions on the next page and let me know your views!**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS – ST. MARY'S

Parents with children wishing to participate in the Sacramental programs of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey are asked to contact St. Mary's school on 54291 359 or the Parish Secretary on 54292 130 immediately, as programs are commencing in early February.

Children in Grade 3 are able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist while those in Grade 6 are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mt William Survey Questions

How to respond to the survey:

- I'd like replies back by February 15 to help set my priorities for the year , but there is no closing date. Attach extra sheets if needed.
- Post replies to 85 Egans Lane, Newham, OR in labelled box in the following collection places for each town: Lancefield Hardware or MacGowans Café; Newham Store; Romsey Post Office or Shire Service Centre
- NO NAMES ARE REQUIRED. You need add your name and contact details ONLY If you want me to get back to you about any questions or concerns,.
- If you prefer to answer the survey by phone, leave me a message on 5427 0156 with suitable times for a call and I will call back .

Thanks for your interest,
Cr. Alice Aird

The Questions

1. What frustrates you about the performance of the Macedon Ranges Shire?

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2. What pleases you about the performance of the Macedon Ranges Shire?
3. What are the most important current issues in your area?
4. What ideas or suggestions do you have to improve Shire services or operations?
5. What do you see as the most important duties of your councillor?

**COUNTRY WOMEN'S
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We are once again hosting the Romsey Art Show on 22/23/24 February, 2002. This will be in the Mechanics Institute Hall with the opening night on Friday 22nd February. If you were not on our mailing list last year and would like an invitation to this evening, please contact Joan Strawbridge, 16 Gap Road, Riddells Creek, 3422 or 54287 022.

As happened last year, the profits from this function will be split between the community and CWA projects. We hope to have a lot of support from the local community and their friends - please try and get a group together and come

along!

Our monthly CWA meetings are now to be held on the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at the Mechanics Institute. The first of these will be on February 7th. We are also trying something new - commencing on 5th February we are starting a "Craft and Chat Day". This will be in the format of either bring along a craft or project of your own that you need to finish and don't get around to doing at home or that you could do with a bit of help with! We will also have craft lessons of various types that you can learn. There will be a small charge of \$3 which is towards the rent of the hall.

BYO lunch, tea and coffee will be provided at morning tea and lunchtime. We will start at 10 a.m.

till approximately 2.30p.m. - so that Mums can be home in time for school, etc. and again this will be held at the Mechanics Institute. If successful - these days will be continue once a month.

There is no pressure to join CWA, we can only help the community if the community comes along and joins us. If our days don't suit your program and you would like to belong to CWA, or even just find our more about, then contact Joan Strawbridge at the above address/telephone number. There is always the possibility of us starting a Night Branch for working women or for those who can't attend on a Thursday and or organising other functions on different days.

Joan Strawbridge.

DON'T WASTE AUSTRALIA - REGIONAL FORUM

The Don't Waste Australia Regional Forums are presented by the Beverage Industry Environment Council as part of their commitment to community education under the national Packaging Covenant. You receive all the benefits of attending the Regional Forums at no cost to you or your organisation.

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I wonder how many of you have been brave enough to write an answer to the comments on "The Use of the Cane in Schools" - it certainly has been a talking point.

One thing has been unanimously said - discipline needs to be initiated at an early age by the parent. If respect, tolerance, etc. are expected at home, children should have the best grounding to carry these attitudes through life.

In my article I did not advocate the return of the cane in schools, that was a Parliamentarian, and I stress I mentioned "a few students" are a problem. Not all.

May I clarify that I made no reference to any one school in particular - my comments were general.

Helen Watts.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2002



Australia Day was hosted by the Romsey-Lancefield Centennial Track committee and held at the Centennial Plaque in the Main Street. President Mrs. Jean Tom welcomed the Rev. Tom Morgan who was our guest speaker and combined bikes and Australia Day history in quite a unique way! Music and "Advance Australia Fair" was supplied by the very talented Phoebe Smithies and was quite delightful in our very beautiful and distinctly Aussie Main Street setting. The obligatory Sausage Sizzle on Australia Day was sponsored by Chase Real Estate and sincere thanks go to Barry Wood for his continuing support of the track. The Australia Day quiz was mind teasing and great fun – thanks to Trevor and Heather Turnham for organising this. A huge thanks also to Trevor and Heather for again this year making (Heather on the trusty sewing machine!) and hanging (Trevor up a ladder!) - the Main Street Banners. They are just magnificent and make us all so proud to be Australian and living in Romsey!

Margaret Howatson, Secretary.

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Dance-A-Thon fundraiser – This is our major internal fundraiser. Our Centre is holding a Golden Circle School Football Run promotion, but instead of a fun run, we are instead holding a Dance-A-Thon. Each athlete has been given a sponsorship form and we would like to urge the general community to support our athletes efforts in raising funds for our Centre. Funds raised by athletes must be returned with sponsorship forms to the Secretary no later than February 23rd 2002.

Raffles – Our Annual raffle is being sold only at selected local businesses in Romsey and Lancefield. Win \$500, \$200 or \$100 worth of fuel.

Presentation Day – This season we are holding Presentation at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall, instead of our usual outdoors venue. We would like to encourage other community groups in the area to utilise the room hire and/or hall hire available at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall. Fees are very reasonable for room hire and the hall hire fees vary depending on when the hire is required and whether it is a weekday or weekend. If enough support is directed their way with hire, then perhaps the committee would not be forced to cut costs by undertaking their own cleaning, etc. The management of the Hall is undertaken solely by a group of volunteers and their dedication is probably the only reason that the community still have access to and use of this facility. Support a group of dedicated volunteers in preserving a community asset so that others may enjoy the use of this lovely building in the future.

Want more information about Little Athletics or our Centre activities? Phone the Secretary on 54296089. Postal enquiries can be directed to LRLAC, BOX 343, ROMSEY, 3434.

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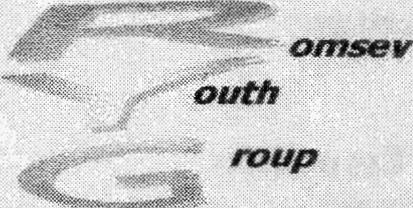
Dr Ross Campbell is an adult, adolescent and child psychiatrist, noted author and lecturer on parent-child relationships.

You can obtain a copy of this book at the special price of \$3.95.

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Where: Lot 7 Mitchell Crt, Romsey
When: Every Wednesday night
Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
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Jacinta - 54 295 523

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We welcome Dr. Thanh Nguyen to the Romsey Medical Centre. He takes up post as our new GP Registrar. GP Registrars are at their final stages of training in the speciality of General Practice. Dr. Nguyen is available for consultation on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday afternoon and evening and Fridays, commencing Monday 4th February 2002.

We sadly say farewell to three of our wonderful doctors. Dr. Kieran Fulcher will be heading back to Ireland with his family after some more travel around Australia. Dr. Jonothan Stevenson is moving to a practice closer to home as he and his wife Irene await the birth of their first baby any day now! Dr. Carolyn Bosak has finished her Advanced Term at Romsey as a GP Registrar. We wish them all well in their travels and adventures.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD CENTENNIAL TRACK Inc.

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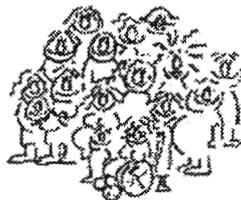
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Romsey Primary News

Thankyou Mike Smith

Over the past two years Mike Smith has been responsible for the formatting and computer work associated with putting the Romsey Rag together each month. He was largely responsible for the "new look" of the Romsey Rag. This was a huge task and one for which we are tremendously grateful. Mike finds that he now is no longer able to continue in this role due to the pressure of work and his other commitments. We would like to thank Mike for his wonderful dedicated work for the Romsey Rag over this time.

From this month Robyn Moore is taking over this task for the Romsey Rag. Robyn has been fulfilling a range of tasks for the Romsey Rag for some time and actually knows what she is letting herself in for. Brave person!



Above and right:
Prep children begin to discover the mysteries of maths on their first day at school at Romsey Primary.

Our Beginners Start School

Last Wednesday was the first day of school for fifty-three young children as they embarked on an exciting new chapter in their learning and growth towards independence. There was a great collection of happy faces as these new students eagerly awaited the start of their first big day at school. These young children were very well prepared for school having had a number of transition days throughout 2001.



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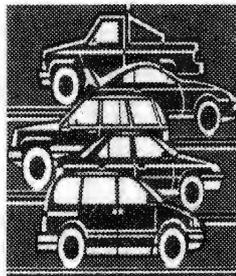
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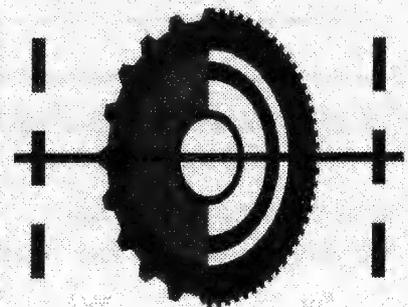
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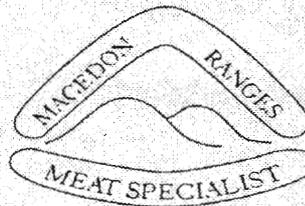
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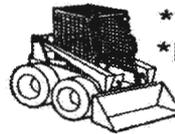
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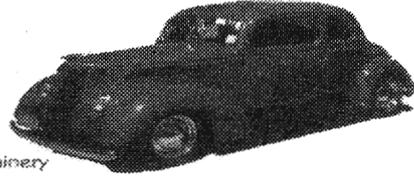
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During 2001 the Romsey Primary School community developed and documented their school values, developed a school mission statement, and wrote a vision statement for the school. From the commencement of this year all class groups will be developing their own values, mission and vision. While schools often include students in writing rules, the values that are the basis for these are often left unstated. Through directly involving students in this way, the school will strengthen our positive and supportive social and learning environment and continue to build in our students important skills to be used throughout life.

At Romsey Primary School:

We value:	This involves:	We demonstrate this by:
Caring	<input type="checkbox"/> Understanding <input type="checkbox"/> Respect <input type="checkbox"/> Honesty <input type="checkbox"/> Fairness <input type="checkbox"/> Safety	Helping others Caring for the feelings of others and their work Helping others to take responsibility Showing kindness Acting responsibly and telling the truth Feeling and being safe Taking care of the environment and property Contributing to the safety of self and others
Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> Teamwork <input type="checkbox"/> Self belief <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation	Considering others feelings Appreciating differences Having tolerance and understanding Working together towards common goals Having loyalty to the school & its community Sharing the load
Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing	Asking others to join in Taking turns Working with others Appreciating others point of view Sharing ideas, thoughts, feelings & resources Understanding that parents, teachers, non-teaching staff & children are all part of the learning team
Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding	Learning from mistakes Reflecting on our own learning Using our own learning in different ways Helping others to learn Taking responsibility for own learning
Happiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrating <input type="checkbox"/> Affirming <input type="checkbox"/> Staying positive	Celebrating successes and learning from mistakes Enjoying the company of others Making others feel happy Helping one another Encouraging others

Our school mission

'To develop the skills and attitudes of engaged life-long learning in a safe, supportive and caring environment.'

Our school vision

Romsey Primary School will be an energised learning community, working cooperatively towards common goals, demonstrating outstanding achievement in all areas of school operations.



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Long service leave

The Anglican Vicar, the Rev. Doug Edmonds, is currently on long service leave until March 12. Due to the financial strains on the Parish, his return after that time is uncertain but his being on leave allows a breathing space while we look for solutions. In the meantime, the Parish will be well cared for by the Rev. Tom Morgan from Romsey, who will be available two days each week, normally Wednesdays and Sundays, as well as for emergencies.

A new Bishop

Lancefield and Romsey Parish is part of the Western Region of the very large Diocese of Melbourne. We have been without a Bishop in this Region for some months and are looking forward to welcoming the Rev. Paul White, who will be made a bishop in St. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne on Saturday February 9. A number of members of this parish will be attending this great occasion and, in due course, we hope for a local visit by Bishop White.

Kids Club

Our Kids Club meets at St. Paul's church hall in Romsey each week during term time, 6.45 to 7.45 pm. The night of the week for this year has still to be decided. It's for both boys and girls aged 7 to 12. Each night includes lots of fun and activity, a short time of Christian devotion and supper. For more details phone Milton Wright on 5429 2112 (home) or 9695 4567 (work).

Harvest Festival

Our next combined Parish Service will be at St. Paul's Romsey at 10 am on Sunday February 24. This will be a Harvest Festival, when you are invited to bring produce from your garden (or the shop) which will afterwards be distributed to worthy recipients, probably through *Anglicare*. There will be no service at Lancefield on this day.

Regular Sunday services in the parish are:

- 9 am Family Communion at St. Paul's Romsey
- 10.30 am Family Communion at Christ Church Lancefield
- Sunday School during term time

As well, a service of Holy Communion is held at Christ Church Lancefield at 10 am on Wednesdays during term time.

Relieving minister until March 12:

The Rev. Tom Morgan
5 Jinker Way, Romsey 3434
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World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting

The World Day of Prayer meeting this year will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church Romsey on Friday 1st March. A planning meeting to finalise the time of the service and other details will be held on Thursday, 14th February at 10 am in the Anglican Church. This year's service is from a group of Christian Women of Romania on the theme of "Challenged to Reconcile".

Helen W. Clement, Hon. Secretary.

DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP (Romsey / Lancefield)

GORSE FIELD DAY

30 people attended the Gorse Field Day on Sunday November 18th at Green's shearing shed, Lancefield, despite the terrible wind and rain.

Guest speakers informed participants about gorse, its invasiveness, and described different techniques of control and eradication available.

Speakers included Raelene Kwong, a leader in biological control research with the Keith Turnbull Research Institute; David Richards from Dupont Chemicals; Gordon Meyer, an experienced local contractor and Lachlan Milne, Environmental Officer for the Macedon ranges Shire Council. Dr Janey Jackson from the MRSC was available for discussion about local environmental issues.

After lunch a guided tour of a range of sites showed participants the results of various management techniques of gorse removal and a demonstration of a "gorse muncher".

Gorse is a very serious weed which is found in all states except the Northern Territory. It is a very invasive environmental and agricultural weed which threatens bushland and reduces pasture productivity. It harbours pest animals such as foxes and rabbits and can increase fire hazards.

Gorse is described as a woody, erect, many-branched shrub which is very spiny. It has yellow "pea" flowers in spring and autumn.

For more information contact the Romsey / Lancefield Landcare Group
P.O. Box 99
Romsey 3434.

JOIN LANDCARE

Looking for something to do in 2002? Why not join a group which benefits both the community and the environment? Join your local Landcare Group.

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- Publicity skills for publicising your group, the work it does, upcoming events within the community etc.
- Photographic skills
- Catering skills
- Management skills
- Enthusiasm

To name a few!

The local landcare group for the Romsey / Lancefield area is the Deep Creek Landcare Group. We meet on the second Monday of the month at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute at 8:00 pm, or contact us at PO Box 99, Romsey 3434.

If you can't join but still want to be involved look out for our community tree plantings.

Right:

John and Andrew McMaster help Robert Green from the Deep Creek Landcare Group planting a tree, as a part of the 2001 Spring Planting Festival.





Romsey Uniting Church

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Minister: Rev Alan Williams Ph/Fax 5429 5331
25 William Street Mobile 0408 9632

What's News

As I write this, the NSW bushfire crisis is finally beginning to ease, although the potential danger remains high. It was strange sitting in cool and wet conditions whilst our near neighbours were facing such devastation.

The exceptional weather conditions during December may have lulled some people into a false sense of bushfire security. I feel, however, that most people recognised that it would only make things worse later on. As with last summer, the extra greenery early in summer is potentially even more bushfire fuel when it dries out. As we faced twelve months ago, the danger is very real.

Some people face life with the same attitude. Whilst things are going well, we enjoy it, not trying too hard to worry about what might happen next. For farmers, there is always more balance, as experience has shown that a good season needs to carry them through the bad ones.

So what about faith and belief? In the early church, many people didn't make a commitment to God until their deathbed.

This wasn't because they didn't believe, but because they didn't want to risk doing something to offend God after making their commitment.

My attitude, and I think that of the Bible, is a bit different. Part of what I believe is that God's commitment to me is much greater than the commitment I make to God. When I screw up, I turn to God and start again. Whilst humans may get sick and tired of continually forgiving one another (ask any parent – children will try the patience of any saint!), God's patience is endless, just as God's love is limitless.

There is nothing wrong with a deathbed commitment to God. If it takes that long to realise that God is important, so be it. But we can make our decision at any time, knowing that God will stick with us through thick and thin. Life is a constant learning curve. The life of faith is no different.

Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church I wish everyone every success and happiness for the coming year, especially families with new schooling or work arrangements.

What's on:

- 3 Feb: 9.00am worship and the first day of Sunday School, including Holy Communion
- 10 Feb: 9.00am worship and Sunday School.
- 13 Feb: 1.30pm UCAF meets at the church to plan the year's activities. The UCAF (Uniting Church Adult fellowship) is not just for ladies, even if it may have been called the Ladies' Guild in years gone past. It is a place of fellowship for all.
- 7.30pm Ash Wednesday reflection at the church.
- 17 Feb: 9.00am worship and Sunday School
- 24 Feb: 9.00am worship and Sunday School
- 3 Mar: 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.

Pancake Day – “SHARE it round”

As you go about your work and leisure on Tuesday February 12 or Saturday February 16, you may notice people selling pancakes for the SHARE Community Appeal. This is a Uniting Church appeal, helping to make the church the largest non-government provider of welfare services in Australia. Keep an eye out for the ads on Channel 9, and see what the church is doing for the community.



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There is an extensive back up of volunteers from Red Cross, Salvation Army etc who help with catering and the catering co-ordinators all take turns.

If you think you can help, live in or close to Romsey and are available please ring Helen on 54 29 5250, Joan 54 29 5858 or Margaret 54 29 5447.

We have 5 co-ordinators so we all don't feel we have to sit by the phone and the load is shared.

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The Carnival atmosphere was great with many new attractions including The Big Slide, Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Jumping Castle and side show attractions just to name a few. Father Christmas arrived aboard the Lancefield CFA truck and was quickly surrounded by happy children. The Kangaroo Creek Band Show was a delight and very entertaining for children and adults alike.

Thank you to all who supported the raffle, the winners were drawn by our local Senior Constable Roger Barr.

1 st Prize	Geoff Whittaker
2 nd Prize	Max Grundy
3 rd	Ken Notman

Lions Club would like to thank all the people and sponsors who supported the raffle prizes, and also carnival people who supplied the attractions. Good job well done.

We would also like to thank the Lancefield CFA for helping Father Christmas and Mrs Roslyn Climas for donating power.

We look forward to another great year helping the community in 2002.

We do want new members, we are a friendly club who meet 2 nights per month. If interested please speak to any member and come along as a guest and meet us.

Lion	Pat Sullivan	54295 486
President	Milos	54291 990

Quote for February:- "People Surprise You" Sometimes a person you expect to knock you when you are down, will be the one who will help you to get back up.

Lion Pat

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Well... there's always a selection of NEW books popping in from time to time.

Some of the latest ones to appear are -

The Girls - Bruno Bouchet

Whitechapel Mary - Sally Worboys

The Woman who left - Josephine Cox

Storytime crafts for kids - Holly Adler

Antonio Carlucci goes wild

Dinomania, things to do with dinosaurs -

Nick Manning

Then, there's always the internet to connect into - for purely recreational purposes (email, chat rooms, good fun surfing) or now that school has returned, to assist with the dreaded projects!! Turning up to surf is fine, booking a time slot is better. Just ring Kilmore Library 57821322 to book. And... now for the fanfare and the BIG news!! DID YOU KNOW that Mitchell Library Service now has its own website?? Yes, that's right - a WEBSITE!

www.mitchell-library.vicnet.net.au

Aside from accessing the catalogue and placing your own reservations, checking up on how many items you have on loan and the dates they're due back, there are HEAPS more things that you can investigate. Next edition I'll let you know what they are or if you like living to the full... why not try surfing the homepage for yourself?? Enjoy!

**Historical Society Annual General Meeting will be held on
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 at Seymour Cottage – All welcome.**

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The tragedy of the NSW bushfires is a timely reminder that people need to think about their home insurance needs, the Manager of our local Community Bank, Rod Browning said.

The Lancefield Community Bank – a branch of Bendigo Bank – has some excellent home insurance packages available.

“The packages – through a respected and established leader in the insurance industry – offer a good range of options which are sure to suit everyone,” Mr Browning said.

“From standard house and property policies through to insurance for farms and landholdings, the Community Bank can make the appropriate arrangements.

“Obviously we urge people to take heed of fire brigade advice and take all precautions to prevent fire creating heartbreak in their home or on their property.

“But in the event of a fire, insurance provides some peace of mind that lost homes or possessions can be replaced.”

Mr Browning said the Community Bank was able to package insurance policies to Romsey and Lancefield customers with home loans, or as part of a financial package for people wanting to switch to our local bank when refinancing existing loans with other banks.

He said all the staff at the Community Bank were able to offer advice and assistance on Bendigo’s insurance packages.

The Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank at 20B High St Lancefield (ph. 5429 1977) is open from 11am to 4pm Monday to Wednesday and on Fridays, 2 to 7pm on Thursdays and from 9am to midday on Saturdays.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
LIONS CLUB SUNDAY MARKET
ROMSEY

HOT FOOD OUTLET

Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club are seeking expressions of interest from community organisations for the running of the Hot Food Outlet at their Sunday Markets.

Further information may be obtained from Alan Bailey by calling 03 54295 079.

Interested groups are hereby invited to lodge their Expression Of Interest in writing, no later than 12th March, 2002, marked to the attention of:-

Mr. Alan Bailey,
c/o Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club,
22 Hutchinson’s Lane,
Romsey, Vic., 3434.

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

We congratulate the following players for their achievements in the 2001 season:

Best and Fairest:

Seniors – Emma Parks
Matthew Blair

Inters – Bronwyn Blair
Matthew Goodwin

Juniors – Marissa Thomas
Cameron Blair

Most Disciplined Player:

Seniors – Emma Parks
Matthew Blair

Inters – Bronwyn Blair

Juniors – Marissa Thomas

Sub Juniors – Chloe Thomas

Runners-up best and Fairest:

Seniors – Samantha Neely
Scott Martin

Inters – Ashlea Allen
Jackson Mills

Juniors – Sarah Beaumont
Patrick Pyke

Most Improved Player:

Seniors – Linley Hayes

Inters – Caitlin Rowley

Juniors – Tanya Beaumont
Marnie Fitzgerald
Tayla Lincoln
Natashia Farrugia

The finals were a very close affair with the following teams victorious;

Seniors "A" final: Kestrels defeated Ravens

Seniors "B" final: Firebirds defeated Oriels

Inters "A" final: Puff Daddy defeated Silverchair

Inters "B" final: Divine defeated Offspring

Juniors final: Mambo defeated Billabong

The improvement in skills was apparent in all finals and each and every player should be congratulated.

Registrations for the next season will be advertised in the school newsletter. See you all in 2002!

ROMSEY RED CROSS

Happy New Year and hopefully a more peaceful year ahead for everyone!

The first Red Cross meeting for 2002 will be held on Wednesday, 27th February, at 1.30 p.m. at the home of Leanne and Alan Eames at 7 Collier Close, Romsey, when any new members will be very welcome to join us as we plan our fundraising activities for the year ahead. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Jean Johnston, Marion Spring, Sue Quarrell and Lyn Van Arkel who are all struggling with health problems at present - we hope they all feel better soon! Hopefully the next few months will be free of fire outbreaks and we urge everyone to take precautions and plan ahead to keep our local area safe.

With best wishes to all, Helen W. Clement

Contributors please note:

All articles for the Romsey Rag must be left at the Romsey Post Office by 12 noon on the 21st of each month. Any copy submitted past that deadline will not be accepted. Thankyou for your consideration. Margaret Howatson.

ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB

With one month of the home and away season left, our McIntyre Cup and 'E' Grade teams are well in the hunt for a finals berth. The junior teams are back playing after their long holiday break and we hope that all three sides can finish the season with a couple of wins each.

This year, we have turned over nearly 60 senior players as the club continues to grow and planning has already commenced for next season with the upgrading of our practice nets a priority. Unfortunately, we missed out on funding to build new nets (most of the funds went to the "Calder Corridor" as usual), so we will be concentrating improving our current facilities.

At our Christmas Break-up, we debuted a great new local cover band comprising of cricketers from Romsey and Riddell. "Nemesis" will be back on Saturday, February 2nd and again on Saturday March 2nd to celebrate the end of the season.

Now that summer has finally arrived, we have again opened the clubrooms on Friday nights from 5.00pm and members and supporters are enjoying our friendly club atmosphere.

Tim McCarthy,
Secretary. Ph. 54295 014.

FOR SALE:

Deluxe Rabbit Hutch, with wired pen to move on grass, plus easy-to-clean breeding section \$195.

Large Dog Kennel, needs small repair - \$100.

Upright Gas Stove, 4 burner, grill and oven \$100.

Double sink unit with cupboards \$50.

Various building materials, doors, windows, come and see.

Wall Oven, door spring needed, best offer.

Large fish tank, 3' x 1'6" x 1'2" (1030 x 460 x 350) \$80.

Some accessories.

Tel: 54296 522 - Jean