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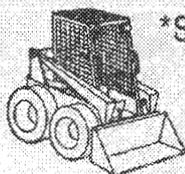
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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ON!

In April 1979, a public meeting was called to form a local history society. The meeting was at the Mechanics Institute Hall and a committee was formed with Bill Tom as its inaugural president. The society was then called the Romsey and District Historical Society which later on became the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society.

Over the years the two main projects became the safe-keeping of local history archives at Lancefield Courthouse (open on the first Sunday of each month) and the restoration of the oldest house in Romsey, the c1855 Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street (open on the third Sunday of each month).

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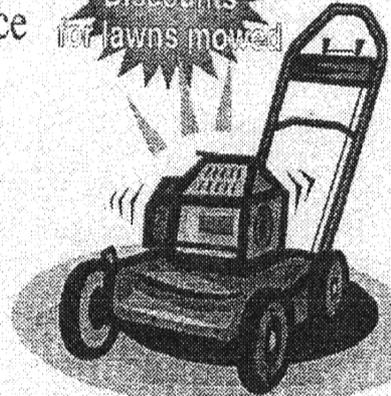
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We are now entering the crucial stage of the push to establish a Community Bank in Romsey, and it's vital that all residents fill out and return the survey form that will land in their letterboxes in the next three weeks. Romsey Community Bank Steering Committee chair Maureen Wiltshire said Romsey residents had demonstrated with their pledges that they were prepared to put up the capital to establish the branch – we now had to demonstrate to Bendigo Bank that it would be viable. "So far the Romsey community has shown that we want a Bank – this next vital stage is to demonstrate that we would use it," she said.

"The only way that Bendigo Bank can satisfy itself that a community-owned Romsey branch would be a viable and successful operation is through an independent feasibility study of people's banking intentions. From talking to people all around the Romsey region I am confident that if we opened the branch they would support it – but we have to demonstrate this to Bendigo Bank in hard facts and figures through the feasibility study. We must have a firm financial basis on which to plan – and we won't get those firm figures for the balance sheet unless everyone returns their survey form."

Mrs Wiltshire said the confidential survey needed to establish whether people would transfer their loans, deposits, investments and business accounts to the branch. It also needed to establish whether people were already banking with the Lancefield branch – which will operate in partnership with, not opposition to – Romsey.

"The survey period will only be open for three weeks, so it's vital that people fill out the form and return it as soon as they receive it in their mail," Mrs Wiltshire said. "It is the only way that Bendigo Bank can gauge its likely viability,

so if we want to 'bank-proof' Romsey with a community-owned Bank, we all have to make sure we return the questionnaire."

Mrs Wiltshire said the State Government and the Macedon Ranges Shire had demonstrated their confidence in the Community Bank project by agreeing to jointly fund the survey costs of around \$12,000. The Romsey Community Bank would operate as a full branch of Bendigo Bank, with the same range of products and services as those provided by any of Bendigo's branches, and a locally-based manager able to make grass-roots decisions. The community owns and operates the bank, with all deposits and business protected by Bendigo under the normal banking arrangements that apply to all its branches. Profits generated after the payment of costs and dividends are able to be channelled into community projects across the district.

Mrs Wiltshire said more than 250 local residents and businesses pledged to purchase more than \$430,000 in shares should the project pass the feasibility study and move into the final stage – more than enough funds to open a branch and provide working capital.

"But we can't let the cart get in front of the horse – the final step of issuing a prospectus, issuing shares and opening our doors for business is wholly dependent on a successful feasibility study," she said. "That's why it's so vital that everyone returns the study form."

Mrs Wiltshire said Bendigo Bank consultants would also spend several days in Romsey after the questionnaires were mailed out, conducting personal interviews with local shopkeepers and business owners to further gauge banking support.

Anyone available for a personal interview should phone Mrs Wiltshire on 5429 5292 or Trevor Turnham on 5429 5413 to make arrangements. Any residents who do not receive a survey form in the mail by the third week of the month should also phone Maureen or Trevor, or collect one from the Romsey Pharmacy.



TOGETHER WE LEARN AND GROW

### Carnival

At Romsey Primary School we had our best Carnival ever this year raising nearly \$1500 through this activity. This was a great effort by our wonderful parent club who had spent the last six months working towards this sensational evening. As usual the rides were a great hit with our students, and there was a great variety of stalls and fun activities. Entertainment was provided by our own students as well as a Koori band from Kangan TAFE, the Heskett Skippers, music students from Gisborne Secondary College and Braemar, local dance schools and whip cracking super star, Russell Adcock. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display. The school wishes to thank our many supporters and sponsors who contributed to making this event such a resounding success.



The recent Romsey Primary School Carnival featured a variety of activities and stalls to keep everyone busy for many hours.



### Parent Helpers Program

A large group of interested parents have been working with Prep teacher, Diana Ellis, one morning for each of the past five weeks. During the duration of this Parent Helpers course, participants have gained a greater insight in how children learn to read and write. Effective strategies to further engage in children's acquisition of literacy skills have been covered. This will greatly assist these parents if they come along to help in classrooms during our literacy block. Additionally, this is really useful for our parent participants who have gained insights in the literacy teaching strategies used at school and so these parents can further support their own children with reading and writing at home.

### Cultural Diversity Day

Students came to school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March dressed in the costume from another country, or in orange, the colour representing harmony. This was a way to celebrate the diversity of cultures in our country today. Classes had also chosen and made flags from another country from around the world. Consequently we had a very colourful parade on this day, with many students recognised for making an outstanding effort for this special day. Through the efforts of our students, the school raised \$309 towards the sponsorship of Frederick, our Kenyan student.

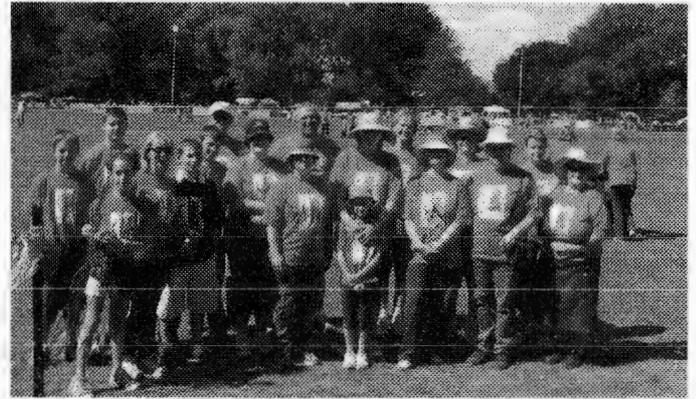
Right: Nations on display. Children dressed in the costumes of many nations to celebrate cultural diversity, while raising funds to sponsor a child in Kenya.



## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL continued

### Party for Life

For a period of 19 hours we had a dedicated team of 34 people (staff and their families, students and parents) who walked in relay style to support people with cancer. The event was a proud reminder of the close-knit community we live in. Our team raised in excess of \$4,600, our contribution to the community total of over \$103,000- an overwhelming amount to go towards the ongoing fight against cancer.



Above: The RPS team at the start of the Relay For Life, and left: The scene at Lancefield Park early on Sunday morning after walkers had been walking continuously for many hours

### Student Leaders Conference

Our School Captains, Stephanie Barnes and Jake East recently attended a Student Leaders conference in Melbourne. Our students during this conference were addressed by a number of inspirational speakers including Lauren Burns, Olympic gold medallist in Taekwondo, scientist Dr Dean Hutton, and Jim Stynes, youth worker and AFL legend. Our students were inspired by the messages from these presenters, and learned about the qualities of a good leader.

Additionally, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Stephanie was interviewed on ABC regional radio by morning presenter Cathy Bedford. This was broadcast all over country Victoria. Stephanie spoke of what was happening in and around Romsey and some special events that had taken place at school recently. Stephanie was a wonderful ambassador and spokesperson for our school.



Above: Students experience a taste of performance of a classical kind at the recent workshops conducted by the Australian Contemporary Dance Company

### Performance Workshops

On 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March Ron Bekker and Lucyana Sevitsky, two professional dancers, came to school and worked with students in the exciting "Doll Makers Story" from the ballet "Coppelia." A year 6 workshop was organized and two casts selected. These children worked with Ron and Lucyana. The two casts did a terrific job. After these performances each class had the opportunity to attend a dance workshop with Ron and Lucyana, which was based on body movements and expressions. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to further explore another means of artistic expression within our curriculum.



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## BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By the time you read this news from Bolinda it will nearly be Easter Holidays, end of Term 1!!! Can you believe that !!! But when you are working with children, you are always busy, life is never dull and how time flies !!!

Tuesday morning Assembly always sees a student read out our Statement of Commitment after the National Anthem. This is followed by the presentation of weekly Principal's Awards, and any news that has to be passed on to the whole school. It is always nice to see a good attendance of parents at Assembly as well.

The Children's Fundraising Committee comprising four Grade 6 students, have held their first activity which was "National Sunnies for Sight Day". Children wore their sunglasses or made extra special decorative sunnies to wear with their brightest shirts and boardshorts. We had a parade of all children and prizes were awarded. For every \$5 raised, a child in East Timor or the Pacific Islands can have an eye examination, get a pair of suitable glasses and gain the enjoyment of learning to read like we can. Our Committee raised the magnificent total of \$ 70, so 14 other children will benefit from the concern of our children.

Correspondence continues between the Grade 5-6 children and our very dear, long time pen friend, Jackie French. When Bolinda children first wrote to Jackie in 1995, Jackie had only written 2-3 books, she has now taken that total to over 100, with three books dedicated to the children of Bolinda. Jackie still hand writes letters to every child from the school who writes to her. She truly is our "special friend".

We certainly have been busy at Bolinda. All classes have been working very hard with their teachers on their own projects. We had a special visit from Graeme Gordon, a wheelchair athlete who shares his experiences with the children, his thoughts on leadership, his attitude to life and who encourages the children to always give their best effort. The children certainly had fun using the wheelchairs in game situations with Graeme, but they also came to understand some of the difficulties that people in wheelchairs have to endure. His visit was a great experience for us all !

Clean Up Australia, Keep Australia Beautiful. We always try to impress on our children the importance of looking after our own backyards, and to take our rubbish home with us. It doesn't always work, but we have to keep trying. We picked up three big wheelie bins of rubbish along the main road beside the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. The children were amazed to think that people could throw so much rubbish out of cars in just a short section of road. What must it be like along all our roads?

So that was our little contribution towards cleaning up our own backyard.  
Let's hope the message gets across to more and more of our community.

We welcome Snr.Sgt.Graydon Peeler as our local Police in Schools Officer who will be working with the children over the coming weeks, and talking with them about topics relating to children and the law.

Our 10 new Preps are thriving with all the exciting activities of their new classroom and school. How quickly they learn to mix with the older children in the different playground activities. One of the really wonderful things about a rural school is seeing children of all ages mixing in together and learning to get along with each other.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month – drop in and see us sometime - cheerio for now.

**Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317**

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## Kinder Korner

### News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

Well, it is almost the end of first term, unbelievably, and the Romsey Kinder children are celebrating this week with a special activity. A mobile farm is visiting the kinder so the children will have chickens to cuddle, lambs to pat and pigs to brush.

#### Fashion Parade

An exciting upcoming event is the inaugural Fashion Parade at the kinder on Saturday, May 8, at 2pm.

The parade will feature stylish women's clothing from Vivienne's Collection (sizes 6-24) and children's clothing including top brands from major retailers such as Myer and Target (sizes 000-16).

Entry is only \$5 and includes a glass of champagne, tea/coffee & nibbles as well as a great fashion parade!

So come along and bring a friend, have some fun and help the kinder at the same time!



#### Working Bee

More than 20 parents turned out at the Romsey kindergarten recently for our first Working Bee of the year. It was the biggest roll-up of recent years, perhaps ever, with lots of little people on hand to also help out tidying up the playgrounds and gardens and performing basic maintenance work.

Many hands certainly did make light of the work, which included laying new soft fall under the swings and slides.



Another big job was the construction of a new garden bed at the side of Unit 2, which was tackled by many of the dads. Once plants have been placed in this new garden bed the formerly dark and muddy corner of the playground will be transformed into a delightful garden.

Thanks to all those who came along and helped out, particularly Tanya & Shane Higgins, Loretta & Steve Credland, Helen Richardson, Anthea Lawton, Sam White, Danielle Beveridge, Rod Hall, Rod Atkins, Gary Cooper, Helen Barrow, Aron Pyne, Andrew Brennan, Mark Phillips, Greg Wilson, Karen Skehan, Kerri Mewitt and Narelle Lever.

#### Fundraising

This year the kinder community is working hard to purchase new swing sets for both playgrounds and for shade sails.

This term, kinder parents have sold bulbs and chocolates to help raise much-needed funds.

The chocolate drive is still underway, but the bulb fundraiser has been finalized and raised almost \$800 for the kinder. Well done to all those who participated, especially the two top bulb sellers, Madisson Ball and Jo-Anne roll.

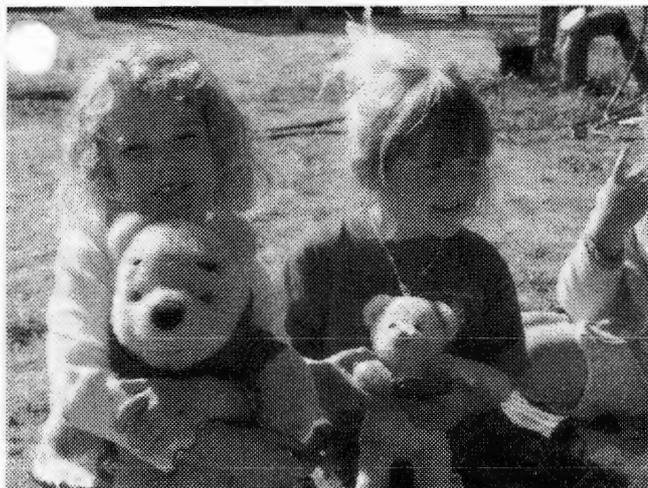
We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in our fundraising efforts by helping out with donations for raffles etc.

Any businesses or service groups who are able to help can contact me on 5429 6583. Any assistance would be most appreciated.

#### Activities

A recent week of fun at the kinder had a Teddy Bear theme. All week the children did Teddy Bear craft, sang Teddy Bear songs and read Teddy Bear books until the end of the week, which culminated in a Teddy Bear's Picnic in the playground. Each child brought along their favorite furry friend and a great time was had by all – bear-hugs all round!





### Enrolments

Enrolments for 2005 are open and it's never too early to register your interest and avoid a possible waiting list. Three-year-olds undertake two sessions a week of two hours each and four-year-olds come to the kinder for four sessions a week, each of three hours' duration. Enrolments for 2005 close on September 30. If you have a question about enrolments, contact our enrolment officer, Karen Skehan, on 5429 6243.

### Any questions?

Anyone who has any questions about the kinder or our activities is welcome to contact me on 5429 6583. The Romsey kinder is a non-profit organisation run by a volunteer committee. We keep the kinder operating and manage to pay all of our staff and running costs out of kinder fees, which is always a challenge!

Until next time,

LEANNE MANTON

President, Romsey Kindergarten Committee 2004.

**Romsey Fruit Market will cease operation on Saturday 3 April, 2004.**

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## COUNCIL NEWS

My apologies for not having submitted an article for the last few editions. The Christmas/New Year period was a relatively quiet period with little to report; however I would like to take this opportunity now to convey my best wishes to you for the 2004 year. Since late January the pace has picked up considerably, and I've found the weeks passing so quickly - including the deadlines for this column.

One of the projects that I'm sure everyone is pleased to see underway is the toilet block adjacent to Romsey's skate park. This is progressing well and will be completed towards the end of April.

After securing \$1 million from the State Government for the shoulder sealing of the Lancefield-Melbourne Road, I'm pleased to report that the contract for this has been awarded and works are expected to commence within the next couple of weeks.

Coinciding with this project, will be the construction of bicycle lanes along the Lancefield-Melbourne Road, linking the walking track through to the Romsey Primary School - and possibly further. \$20,000 has been received from the State Government towards this project and the plans have been approved by VicRoads, police and local traders.

The health of Romsey's street trees was discussed at the Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March in the context of allocating funding in the 2004-05 budget towards conducting an audit of street trees across the Shire, including the prioritisation of works on Romsey's street trees.

With the Lancefield tip projected to reach capacity within 12 months, plans for a replacement facility in Romsey are being prepared and consultation is about to commence.

Council had been granted \$300,000 in funding from Ecorecycle towards establishing a transfer station in the south of the Shire and we are now hoping to have the funding transferred towards the cost of establishing a facility for the eastern areas of the Shire. The proposed site would involve the sealing of Portingales Road, which would also facilitate the consolidation and expansion of the industrial estate.

The Lancefield Streetscape Committee has received a tremendous response to the questionnaire that's been circulating. The Streetscape Committee has been analysing the responses received and is progressing well with the plans, which include a new toilet block to replace the current toilet block - which has to be the worst in the district. \$150,000 towards the cost of the new toilets has been referred for consideration in Council's 2004/05 budget.

The proposed skate park for Lancefield has also moved a step forward, with the Lancefield Park Committee agreeing to the siting of the skate park within Lancefield Park. The exact site within the park is yet to be determined. This project has received part funding of \$21,000 from the Youth Foundation, and a funding application for \$30,000 has been submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria, which will be supported by in-kind labour.

Perhaps the most recent news I have is the approval received last week from Vic Roads for a turning lane into Macintosh Terrace, which is to be undertaken within the next 3-4 weeks.

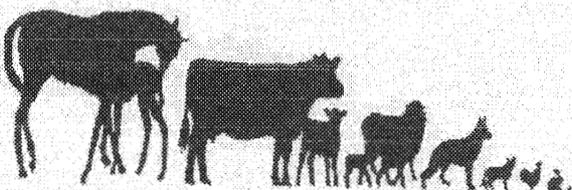
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John Haslett  
President

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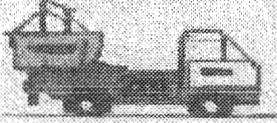
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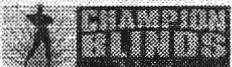
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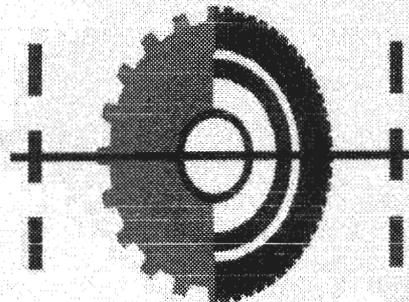
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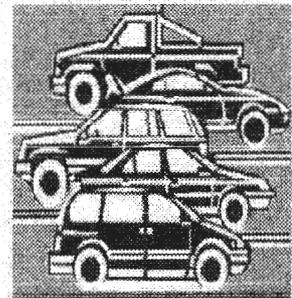
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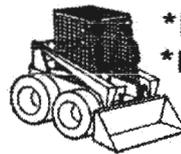
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A. A doughnut.

Q. What lies shivering at the bottom of the sea?

A. A nervous wreck.

Q. What kind of cheese is made backwards?

A. Edam.

## Quirky Quiz

(Answers at bottom of page)

1. How many months have 28 days?
2. Where were potatoes first found?

Complete the word search to reveal the secret message. (14 Letters)

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Answers 1). All of them 2). In the ground

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## What's News

Many of us are looking forward to the Easter long weekend. However, our reasons are probably as varied as we are.

For some people, it's an extended break from work.

Time to relax the mind and body, doing anything but the usual grind. A break from routine.

For others, it's a time to go away. A change of scene. A more complete break.

For others, it's a time for family. Whether it be spending time doing things together, or visiting relatives elsewhere, or having relatives visit you. A special time to be together and celebrate.

Which brings us to yet another group for whom it is truly a time of celebration – celebrating the new life that comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christians gather together in their own understanding of an extended family to share the story that is at the heart of their faith. Christmas is important, but Easter is what it's all about.

For me, it's also a time of relief. As you can see from the calendar below (and in last month's column), the church tends to have a lot of extra activities in the time leading up to Easter. Many ministers breathe a collective sigh of relief when it's all done. It's not just the extra time and effort, but the emotional energy that is expended.

When you believe something to be of crucial importance, you tend to not just do your best, but to actually give a

lot of yourself. It's called passion, and we often associate it with sporting endeavours and relationships. Well, in a very real way, I'm passionate about Easter. The church

is passionate about Easter. God is passionate about Easter.

The story of Jesus' death is sometimes called 'The Passion' by the church (as in the title of Mel Gibson's film). Really, that says it all.

What are you passionate about?

*Rev Alan Williams*

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish you all an enjoyable Easter in whatever you might do.

## What's On

- 4 Apr 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion. This will also include the celebration of Palm Sunday.
- 5 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection. As preparation for Easter, we will spend about 20-30 minutes each morning reflecting on the meaning of Jesus' death.
- 6 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.  
7:30pm An extended time of reflection at the Lancefield UC.
- 7 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.
- 8 Apr 8:00am Holy Week reflection.
- 9 Apr 9:00am Good Friday service at the Lancefield UC.  
10:30am Combined Churches 'Walk of Witness' in Lancefield, beginning at the Lancefield UC.
- 11 Apr 9:00am Easter Day service, including Holy Communion.
- 14 Apr 1:30pm UCAF meets at the church for their own Easter celebration. This will include something to do with Easter bonnets, so come along and find out more!
- 18 Apr 9:00am worship.
- 25 Apr 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This service will include the theme of ANZAC Day.
- 2 May 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.

You are most welcome to come along to any of these events and share in our life together.

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Entries can be forwarded via [www.writearound.com.au](http://www.writearound.com.au) or posted, but all entries must be received by May 14<sup>th</sup>! There are some fantastic prizes to be won, so go to it.

### Father Frank – Paul Burke

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### Rule No.5 No Sex on the Bus (Confessions of a Tour Leader) – Brian Thacker

This book is an absolute must read for anyone who has ever been a punter (you pay your money you take your chances) on either a Top Deck or Contiki (18-35 years) tour of Europe. The memories of your trip will come flooding back and even if some of the described activities are beyond your own experiences you can truly appreciate the delightful and/or disgusting scenarios throughout the book. It's a case of been there done that, or know of someone who has.

The author, Brian Thacker, is an ex-tour guide and has compiled an "entertaining" selection of stories about his, and others, experiences on these 28 day – 11 countries (does Lichtenstein count?) – whirlwind tours of Europe, patronised mainly by Australians and Nu Zulunders. It's all here – the booze, the bedswapping and the bravado – a chance to reminisce or realise what you've missed out on.

### Black Taxi - James Moloney

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28 February B. Brennan (13) 69 G. Haynes (11) 69  
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6 March **Monthly Medal** S. Hyndes (15) 66 J. Nicholls (12) 67  
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13 March B. Lockens (6) 42 B. Woods (21) 41  
14 March S. Climas (12) 65 S. Goodwin (25) 69

### Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

24 February W. Morgan (23) 64 K. Ryan (12) 65  
2 March P. Brackley (22) 37 J. Nicholls (12) 35  
9 March P. McGill (11) 44 R. Sparke (32) 37  
16 March J. Kairns (23) 39 B. Lockens (6) 36

### Thursday Twilight golf (mixed) – 10 holes

26 February W. Mee (11.5) 38.5 K. Ryan (5) 39  
4 March D. Ryan (2.5) 35.5 C. Lingard (4.5) 38.5  
11 March B. Lockens (2) 39 C. Buttler (5.5) 39.5

The long dry summer continues. Although compared to other courses with unwatered fairways Lancefield is doing well. There is a good cover of native grass on the fairways and the greens and tees are in excellent condition, despite the continual battle with the local bird-life. Unlike last summer the dam has lots of water.

The Club in conjunction with the Clarkefield Hotel ran a very successful 'Last Man Standing' on 14 March. We are very grateful to the staff and patrons of this hotel for their support and encourage our members to sample the excellent cuisine and service. An enjoyable autumn afternoon was had by all who attended.

**Enquires for memberships, clinics and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper (5429 2079) or access our website [www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au](http://www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au)**

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### Mid-week Ladies Competition

The summer competition continues, with three teams enjoying Tuesday morning tennis and a chat over lunch afterwards. **We are always in need of extra players** so if you would like to know more, please call Bev Davis on 5429 5954 or Elaine on 5429 5636.

### Saturday Morning Juniors

Wow! We have fielded five teams over summer, and four of them made it to the finals!

Well done kids! Section 9 were eliminated in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the finals, whilst Section 10 also lost, but have the 2<sup>nd</sup> chance this week. Section 7 won their way into the Grand Final and Section 4 won their way into the Preliminary Final.

Our coach, Brett Rees, continues to provide lessons to help newcomers to the sport, and to further develop all our players. He can be contacted on 5429 6716. Teams have now been registered for the winter competition, but other players can still be listed if you want to play. Contact Bev Davis on 5429 5954.

In the Primary Schools inter-school tennis, Romsey Primary School sent a team of 6 players, 3 boys and 3 girls, all of whom are regular Saturday morning players with the club. Romsey enjoyed a clean sweep at district level, when all 6 children won their way through to the Regional Championships in Bendigo, and there will be representing the Cobaw district on 21/22 March. Junior tennis is most definitely alive and well in Romsey.

### Saturday Afternoon Seniors

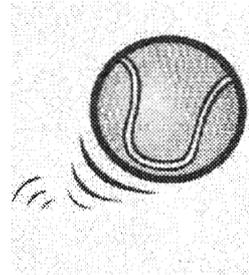
Our one and only team has played well in section 5 over summer and also got to the finals. In the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the finals, they played well to win narrowly, and earn a place in the Preliminary Final. It looks as though we are able to field two teams to play the winter competition, in Sections 2 and 5, so extra players would be most welcome. Bev Davis - 5429 5954 or Elaine on 5429 5636-are the team contacts if you want to get involved.

### Thursday Morning Social Tennis

**Starting time is 10:30 am**, and anyone is most welcome to join in for an enjoyable social hit. Bring along a friend too if you wish. Please phone 5429 5525 for more information.

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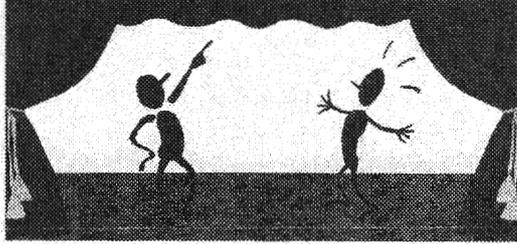
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We expect the construction crew on March 29th... watch for news of the opening of the new bridge.

### **Blow Blow the Autumn Wind**

Dog walkers, walkers and families ...please notice when winds blow through the trees and small branches come flying down. Keep the creek looking good by picking up branches on the grass to keep it free for the mowers. (Put them on the nearest pile.)

The new section of path is almost complete ... the contractor Doug Newnham says it needs settling and further work when we have some rain.

It is your creek – don't let it go back to overgrown weeds and dead branches.

**The Bicycle Crossing** at Wrixon Street (halfway along) is ready to use. The brick track goes down to the rock bed of the creek, and up the other side.

### **Thankyou ..**

To the three brave workers, and one other who tried to find us, who came on the long weekend clean-up. (This clash of dates was a bad idea!) HOWEVER ...we did tackle a few hardy willows which were trying to sprout again. Council spray killed 90% last year, and hopefully the 10% will now succumb to scateurs and the bioactive Round-Up.

Andrew Sheil & Peta Gale 5429 6168    Sue Kirkegard 5429 523    John Nicholls 5429 6475  
 Jay Brooks 5429 6163    Lisa Weston 5429 6440    Kerry Stott 5429 6160

# ROMSEY / LANCEFIELD GUIDES

In 2004 Guides Australia will celebrate 93 years of helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Romsey/Lancefield Guides have moved. We now meet at the social club rooms in Lancefield Park.

The Wombat Guides have three new members we welcome: Sarah, Jasmine and Tori. In February we had Steve Milner come and give an informative discussion on prevention and treatment of sports injuries. This was the completion of the Health and Fitness badge for some of the guides.

Both units joined together to celebrate Thinking Day. Thinking Day is important to the guides as it celebrates the birth-days of our founder Lord Baden Powell and his wife Lady Baden Powell. We were very pleased to have a visit from Mrs Gallpen. She was a guide leader at Lancefield for many years.

Both units attend a Region Guide Day at the Guide Scout Sailing Centre in Sandringham. The guides participated in sailing, swimming, canoeing and other beach activities.

Emma organised a great campfire for the Wombat Guides. The guides sung many songs and probably enjoyed the most, cooking and eating the marshmallows after the campfire.

Both units have been learning and revising their camp skills in preparation for a camp in April at Riddells Creek.

are very pleased to announce that a unit for 5 – 7 year old girls will be opening on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 4.00pm. It is great to have Lisa Gentry as our new leader to run this unit.

Have you seen us on Lancefield online - [www.lancefield.org.au](http://www.lancefield.org.au)

The Platypus Guides (7 – 10 year olds) meet at 5.00 – 6.30pm.  
The Wombat Guides (10 – 18 year olds) meet at 6.45 – 8.45pm.

For any information regarding Guiding please contact:  
Rita Vandervalk 54 291 996 or Carolyn Atkinson 57 810 728



## St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield

Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Frances Guinane	Convent:	5429 1582
School Principal:	Sr. Patricia Stone	School:	5429 1359

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 7.00 p.m. Lancefield  
**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:**  
8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

### EASTER MASS TIMES:

**Holy Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.30 p.m. Romsey  
**Good Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30 a.m. Uniting Church, Lancefield (Way of the Cross) and 3.00 p.m. Lancefield  
**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.00 p.m. Lancefield  
**Easter Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April:** 8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

**Reconciliation:** After weekday Mass or by arrangement

**Baptisms:** February, April, June, August, October, December

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**

We welcome eight new members at Easter time who are committing their lives to Christ through baptism and reception into the Catholic Church.

**Men's Breakfast:** Once a term, Saturday morning Mass in Lancefield followed by a hearty breakfast.

### REGULAR EVENTS:

**Christian Meditation Group:** Monday, 8.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Romsey. Tel: 5429 5907 for more information.

**SVDP Drop-in:** First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey

**Songs of Worship & Praise:** Third Sunday of each month, 9.30 a.m., St. Mary's Church, Romsey

**Spiritual Guidance:** Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information

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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**



**The Anglican Parish**  
**of**  
**Lancefield**  
**and**  
**Romsey**



33 Chauncey Street, Lancefield, Victoria 3425. Telephone 5429 1380

Acting Vicar: Rev. Tom Morgan  
5 Jinker Way, Romsey, 3434.  
Phone 5429 6060

Sunday Services:  
9.00am St. Paul's, Romsey.  
10.30 am Christ Church, Lancefield.  
Sunday School during term time at Lancefield.

Lancefield Guild meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month after church service in the church hall. Contact Hilda 5429 1424.

Romsey Guild meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1.30pm. The next meeting is at the Romsey church hall. Contact Doreen 5429 6060.

Op Shop: Opens Friday 12.30—4.30 pm, Saturday 10.00 am—1.00 pm.

Anglican Men's Society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm, 5 Jinker Way, Romsey.  
Hon Sec/ John Whiteman 5429 6900

**EASTER SERVICES:** Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul's, Romsey at 7.30 pm.  
Good Friday Combined Churches leaves from Uniting Church, Lancefield 10.30 am.  
Easter Sunday St. Paul's, Romsey 9.00am: Christ Church, Lancefield, 10.30 am.



**The Anglican Parish  
of  
Lancefield  
and  
Romsey**



## SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Approximately 90 people attended Christ Church, Lancefield on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Tom Morgan's ordination into the Anglican Church on 14th March 1954 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne by Archbishop Booth.

Present and taking part in the Evening Service was Rev. Alan Appleby, who, after his ordination with Rev Tom, came to the Parish of Lancefield/Romsey as his first parish for 2 years in 1955.

The Ven. Ernest Horth, Archdeacon of Kew and Chaplain to the Archbishop (and former Army Colleague, BCA. Vic Sec), spoke about Rev. Tom and Doreen Morgan and Rev. Alan and Norma Appleby before preaching the sermon.

Also taking part in the service were Rev. Lillian Morgan (Rev. Tom's sister), Rev. Neville Curtis (Rev. Tom's brother-in-law), Rev. Rosemary Maries (stepdaughter of Rev. Alan Appleby) and the Rev. Don Fairlie, former Curate of Rev. Tom Morgan. Present was Father George O'Connor from Lancefield/Romsey Catholic Church. Rev. Tom knew Father George during his Army Chaplaincy days. He was delighted to find him in the parish when he retired back to Romsey.

Letters were received from the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Peter R. Watson and the Right Reverend Paul White, Bishop of the Western Region.

Mrs Elaine Lobb made the celebration cake. Dr Lindsay Francis spoke on behalf of the congregation. Dr Francis himself completed 50 years as church organist in 2003. Rev. Tom and Rev. Alan then cut the cake. Thank you to all the people who helped make the occasion a huge success.

Mrs Glenice Mitchell  
Vicar's Warden, Romsey

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The Cultural Services Unit of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council is initiating a Community Workshops program.

The aim of the program is to create opportunities for members of the community to participate in quality arts/cultural workshops and develop skills.

The first series of workshops is Drama and Theatre Skills for young people. The workshop trainer is Kathryn Chishovsky, who is a member of the youth theatre group Non Compos Mentos.

Workshops will be held on Tuesdays at the Woodend Community Centre.

4.00pm—5.15 pm for primary school level, and  
5.30pm—7.00 pm for secondary school level.

Cost—\$70 for Term Two (10 weeks)

The workshops start on Tuesday April 20th and bookings are essential.

For more information, and to book your place, contact Karen Martin on 5422 0319.

**READERS PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT ROMSEY MARKET**  
The Romsey Lions Club Sunday Market will be held on Saturday April 24th. The date has been changed to avoid conflicting with ANZAC Day services and commemorations.