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#### ROMSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

The Committee of the Romsey Community House Inc. met for the first time this week since incorporation, and planning is under way for the first of our activity programs to be offered to the community of Romsey, hopefully in term 2. Initially we will be operating from temporary premises (possibly one of the church halls or the Mechanics Institute) but in the long term we will be a part of the proposed community hub being developed by the Shire.

While we have come up with some ideas for programs, we would really appreciate **YOUR** input and support so that the activities we offer reflect the community's interests.

We are also looking for people with skills and interests that they might like to share with others to lead activity programs. If you feel you have something to offer, please complete the **Program / Activity Proposal form** on **page 9** of this edition of the Romsey Rag and return it to the address indicated on the bottom of the form by **April 10th**.

We will also be participating in a community forum to discuss the proposed community hub which will be held at the Romsey Machanics Hall on Thursday March 31st 2005 at 7.30 pm. Representatives from the shire and interested groups will be present, and members of the community are invited to express their views on this project.

For further information on the Romsey Community House Inc. or to offer your suggestions, please contact Barney Healy or Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 or write to P.O. Box 418, Romsey 3434.

**Lancefield Romsey Lions Club** 

## **EXPO FOR ROMSEY**

Follow-up from the Romsey Forum

The Expo will be held on

Sunday May 15th from 11.00 am—3.3 pm

At the Romsey Mechanics Hall

This is your chance:

\*To advertise your group

\*Come along and find out what is available
for you in Romsey

Face painting Sausage sizzle Children's rides and more

Get your photos and stories ready to advertise your group

Any offers of help would be appreciated.

Responses to Lion Julie Starec by April 14th Phone 5429 1990 or 0411643 407

Sponsored by the Lancefield Romsey Lions Club.

#### ROMSEY INTEGRATED LIBRARY/COMMUNITY HUB FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has engaged consultants to commence the preparation of a Feasibility Study for the development of an integrated library/community hub in Romsey.

The purpose of the study is to assist Council in the planning for the future provision of a permanent home for the library service and to examine the need for other complimentary community services and their associated facility requirements.

Community Hubs have the capacity to bring together a range of services in one central location, providing opportunities for people to meet, access up to date information and participate in a range of community activities.

Council has a strong commitment to working in close partnership with its local community, and as such has approved an extensive community consultation program, which provides interested local residents and key community groups and agencies with a range of opportunities to actively participate in study.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Anne McLennan, Director of Community Services at Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 54 27 8224.

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November 2005	Friday October 21st	Thursday October 27th
December 2005	Friday November 18th	Thursday November 24th

### ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD R.S.L SUB BRANCH

Our Anzac Day commemoration service will be held in Romsey this year commencing at 8:30am and we extend an open invitation for all to attend. Our Anzac Day service alternates each year between Romsey and Lancefield and seems to be attracting increasing attendances each year.

R.S.L members and helpers will be selling Anzac Tokens in both towns during the week preceding Anzac Day as part of the annual Anzac Appeal and we know that we can be assured of the usual generous support of the community for this appeal.

John Haslett President

#### **ANZAC DAY 2005**

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 we will commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fist major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli during World War 1.

The gruelling and horrendous conditions that these forces endured for many months at Gallipoli were to forge a unique spirit which endures to this day and is exhil—1 by both nations towards their fighting forces not only from the Gallipoli campaign but from all subsequent wars and conflicts in which both countries have been involved. Anzac Day continues to be honoured as the principal Nation day of commemoration for the sacrifice and involvement of all who have served Australia in times of war and conflict. Anzac Day is seen to be important in the preservation of such Anzac values as courage, mateship, fairness, persistence, integrity, humour, initiative, endurance, determination, ingenuity, respect and the promotion of these values in the broader Australian community.

An important way to ensure the preservation of the Anzac spirit and values into the future is to encourage the involvement of younger people in Anzac Day ceremonies in a way which exhibits and promotes these values to them meaningfully.

An ap propriate quote form Sir William Deane, Governor-General of Australia 1996-2001, "Though born from the doomed campaign at Gallipoli, the spirit of ANZAC is not really about loss at all. It is about courage and endurance, and duty and love of country, and mateship, and good humour, and the survival of a sence of self world decency in the face of dreadful odds."

They shall grow not old as we that are left grown old; Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them LEST WE FORGET

# **Romsey Community Bank**

## BUY YOUR SHARES AND WE GET OUR BANK

Romsey is now down to the final stage in our push to get our own Community Bank - and it's up to local residents and businesses to get us over the line. The prospectus - the formal legal document outlining the project and inviting the community to invest in shares - is now out, and the equation is simple and straightforward, says Romsey Steering Committee chair Maureen Wiltshire.

"The prospectus has identified the need to raise \$530,000 as the capital required to establish and fit out the premises and provide the working capital while the Bank gets established," Mrs Wiltshire said. "Once we reach that mark, we WILL have our Bank. There are no ifs or buts or provisos. The moment we reach the target we sign the lease for the Bank, finalise hiring our staff, call in the contractors to fit out the premises and set a date to open our doors for business. But none of these can happen legally until we get in \$530,000 in cheques rom local residents and businesses who are willing to invest in shares in Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd and ensure that our goal becomes a reality."

Mrs Wiltshire said the support from community members over the past two years meant the Bank was already off to a flying start, with around 300 residents and local businesses providing written intentions to buy more than \$425,000 in shares. Shares (minimum of 500) are \$1 each, and the prospectus provides the opportunity for over-subscription of up to \$170,000 to provide additional working capital. Share applications have to be on the form printed in the prospectus. Copies have been distributed to all people who pledged, and extra copies are available from Mrs Wiltshire at the James Kelleher solicitors' office at 75 Main St Romsey, or the Lancefield Community Bank at 20B High St.

Mrs Wiltshire said people who pledged were not restricted to

taking only the number of shares they nominated, and were able - and encouraged to - increase the amount.

"Our plan has always been to build on the success of the Lancefield Community Bank, with a Romsey branch to ensure that secured banking services would always be available in our town," she said. "I am sure we are all looking forward to reaching the final stage and opening our branch, which will provide Romsey with Saturday morning banking, personalised face-to-face service and a manager who knows our area and is able to make grass-roots decisions."

Mrs Wiltshire said the 300 pledgors was still only a minority of local residents, so the prospectus ensured everyone else still had the opportunity to get in on the ground floor with the Romsey Community Bank.

Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services chairman Russell Pattinson said the Romsey Community Bank would build on the success of Lancefield, which has gathered more than \$43 million of local business on its books since opening in May 2001 and is returning consistent monthly profits.

"The opportunity is open not only to the people who made initial pledges, but to everyone who can see the advantages of a bank owned and operated for the benefit of our local community," Mr Pattinson said. "If we reach our minimum subscription within the next few weeks, we would expect that our Bank would be opening its doors by the middle of the year to join 150 communities across Australia - including Lancefield - which have already established Community Banks. People taking out shares through the prospectus will help us secure a banking future with a bank owned and operated by the community."

The Romsey Community Bank will operate as a full branch of the Bendigo Bank, with deposits and business protected by Bendigo under the normal banking arrangements that apply to all its branches.



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Les & Bev



In the last month we have had a number of special programs for many of our classes. In addition to whole school performances and workshops on drumming, interschool sport, special classroom activities and days, working bees, Easter raffles and fundraisers, we have also had......

#### Lore of Flight

Our middle unit (classes in years 2/3 and 3/4) have been working on flight. As well as learning about the principles of flight such as balance, lift, drag and weight, students learnt of the applications of these principles in both the natural environment (how birds fly) and in aeroplanes, helicopters and rockets. Students have been able to apply these understandings in classroom activities in making some wonderful models with a range of designs- many with great success!

#### National Young Leaders Day

School Captains Georgia Twining and Walter Hultgren attended a National Young Leaders Conference in Melbourne. Throughout the day these students were able to hear from a number of well known speakers on setting and achieving personal goals and on the qualities of good leadership. This was quite an inspirational experience for the students and was a wonderful part of the induction in assuming their leadership positions at school for this year



#### Circus & Clown Skills

Junior classes recently had a visit from clown and entertainer Team Henderson as part of this term's work. As well as having fun, classes have been learning to master some circus skills such as juggling and balancing. Best of all, they all had lots of fun.

#### Music Instrumental Tuition

We have had a strong instrumental tuition program for a number of years. In 2005 in addition to facilitating music lessons in keyboard, strings (violin), woodwind (flute & clarinet), we now have tuition for our students available in guitar. This has attracted a strong interest amongst our students with guitar teacher Paul now very busy on Tuesday afternoons with small group and individual lessons for students across a range of year levels.

#### Innovations & Excellence Cluster

Romsey Primary School as part of the Macedon Schools Cluster has been successful in gaining funding under the "Innovations & Excel-

lence" Program. This program focuses on strategies to maximise the learning of students in the years 5 to 8. Funding under this program is to run for three years. The first part of this project is for a teaching staff member from each—the cluster schools to receive training in the "Principles of Teaching & Learning." This will assist teachers in and teaching styles as well as collect data from students to assess their classroom learning environment. Not only will this facilitate teachers connecting better with students, but will also provide cluster schools with valuable information to more accurately target professional development programs to meet the needs of students and schools across the cluster.

Another early initiative of the cluster is to undertake steps to appoint an "educator," a leading teacher to work with all schools within the cluster to maximise the learning of students in the middle years.

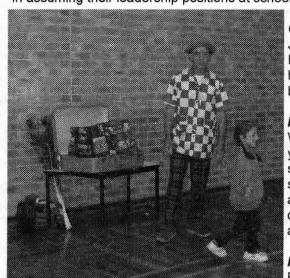
#### Visitors to View School Programs

Romsey Primary School regularly receives visitors from other schools to see our programs in action. In the last month we have had visitors from large Melbourne schools to look at our quality classroom programs, our organisational structures for documenting policies and processes, and our induction of new staff members and mentoring programs. We have also worked with an educational training organisation in the making of a video of school programs and systems that will be used in professional development programs for school teams in both Victoria and interstate.

Barney Healy Principal

# SUCCULENT GARDEN—DONATIONS OF PIECES NEEDED

The Romsey Primary School is planning to develop a succulent garden. Students, together with the parent gardening group plan to propagate cuttings and divisions to plant in spring. Donations of succulent pieces or divisions would be greatly appreciated. Please call Kerri Mewett on 5429 6609 if you can assist.



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# CFA URGES ALL VICTO-RIANS TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY

## Current efforts are not good enough, say CFA -

This is the message that CFA is spreading across Victoria and the message is simple: only working smoke alarms save lives.

Victorian's are being urged to replace their smoke alarm batteries when they turn back their clocks for the end of daylight savings. That was Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Have you changed yours yet?

According to Duracell research, only 54% of Australians change their smoke alarm batteries routinely.

While findings show two-thirds (67%) of Victorians change their batteries regularly, it is still not adequate.

This means that potentially every third house in Romsey does not have a working smoke alarm.

"The risk of fire is high, so don't take it lightly. One in five Australians will experience a household fire in their lives so it's vitally important you are prepared," said Robert Smith.

Preventable tragedies occur all the time, recent news events highlight the worth of smoke alarms. Often when the officer in charge at the incident is interviewed he either says that because the smoke alarm was working veryone was able to escape relatively unharmed or, all too often you hear that there was a smoke alarm present but had no battery, or it failed to operate because the battery was flat.

The law requires that every Victorian household has a smoke alarm installed and research shows the vast majority of Victorian homes with alarms (88%) have battery-operated units. But according to the Victorian fire services, many are not in working order because batteries have been removed or have gone flat.

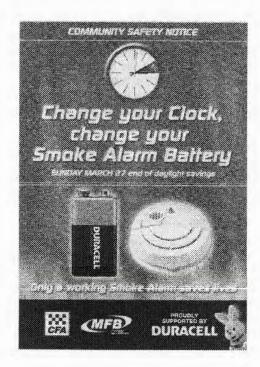
Captain Robert Smith stresses: "You must ensure your smoke alarms are in good working order, and that means testing them and changing the batteries once a year."

"A \$5 battery for your smoke alarm is the cheapest insurance you can buy and will provide the best early warning signal of a fire for your family. Using a long-lasting alkaline battery provides year-long protection so you only need to change your smoke alarm battery annually," he said. The CFA also recommend the following:

- Install a smoke alarm outside the sleeping areas on every level of a house, and install a smoke alarm in bedrooms if people sleep with their doors closed.
- Test smoke alarms weekly.
- Clean smoke alarms every month by vacuuming the sensing chamber.
- Avoid locating smoke alarms near cooking appliances and bathrooms as the smallest amount of smoke or steam can activate them.

Victorian fire authorities attended more than 2932 residential fires in 2004. High-risk fire times include weekends, with the majority of household fires starting in the kitchen.

If you want more information about smoke alarms or other fire safety tips contact Peter Moore on 54296951.



Do you know the "Book of Acts!" If not come along to a time of fun and learning.

Adult worship, sharing, fund and serious Bible study.

Who are we: CHAPTER & VERSE
When: 7:30pm Tuesday Evening
Finish supper at 9:30pm

Details: Phone 54295523 ask for Pam (Under the covering of Living Word Christian



# **Romsey Uniting Church**

25 Pohlman Street Minister: Rev Alan Williams

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

#### What's News

An early Easter this year has caused a frenzy of activity, both inside the church and for various community and sporting groups. The first school term has vanished in what seems like the blink of an eye.

For the church, Easter has only just begun. We will continue to celebrate the story of Jesus' resurrection until the middle of May, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's power with us in the world today, on a day we call Pentecost.

In the meantime, Easter and resurrection are about life. That's the reason you may have over-indulged on chocolate eggs recently. Eggs are a sign of life and hope for new life. Whilst they are physical and temporal, in the church we also consider life, especially new life, to be spiritual and eternal.

One of the ironies of Christian belief is that life comes through death. It is the death of Christ that makes the resurrection possible (how can you be resurrected if you don't die?!), and it is resurrection that makes new life a reality. Whilst this might seem strange, it is also the way of nature. Plants and fruit often need to 'die' in order for new growth to come.

I remember an episode of *Gilligan's Island* where they needed vitamin C, but only had one orange. In their arguing, the orange shrivelled up, so Gilligan suggested that instead of eating it, they should bury it. Ironically, that was the answer to their dilemma, as through the death of one orange, many more oranges could be born!

Each April, Australians give thanks for the freedom we enjoy by remembering the lives given in defence of that freedom. Whilst the Gallipoli landing will always be the focus of ANZAC Day, it is a day that provides a reference point for a uniquely Australian identity. Bravery, comeraderie, 'mateship', even the larrikin, are part of what it means to be Australian, and they are a part of the ANZAC legacy.

In a very real way, I believe that ANZAC Day is the most sacred day on the Australian calendar. As much as Easter

provides Christians with their identity, ANZAC Day provides Australia with it's identity.

As we all remember the giving of life for others, let us share the joy of who we are and the life we have.

#### Rev Alan Williams

On behalf of the Romsey Uniting Church, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable School holidays.

#### What's On

3 Apr 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.

This service will be followed by a special morning tea to say farewell to Elizabeth Brown. Anyone wishing to add their voice is most welcome to join us for worship, or come along at 10:00 morning to a

for morning tea.

10 Apr 9:00am worship.

13 Apr 1:30pm UCAF meet at the church hall. All wel-

come.

17 Apr 9:00am worship, with guest speaker Ps Marilyn

Hunter from the Living Word.

24 Apr 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This is the

first Sunday School session for term 2. The service will also include reference to ANZAC Day.

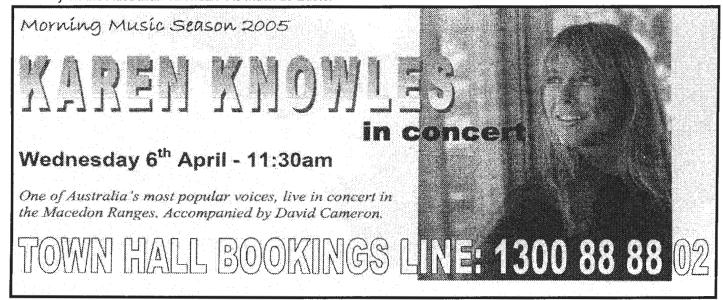
5:00pm family worship at Lancefield. This is something a little bit different for all the family.

Followed by a bring and share meal.

1 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.

If you have any questions about the Christian faith the church, please feel free to ask Rev Alan.



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St Paul's Romsey Op Shop **Church Hall** Main Street, Romsey.

Friday 12.30 pm-4.30 pm Open: Saturday 10.00 am—1.00 pm

# **During the month of April** we are holding a \$5.00 bag sale clothes only. Bag supplied.

We are happy to accept items in good condition suitable for re-sale. We are unable to accept furniture of any kind due to a shortage of storage space. Because of insurance rules, we are unable to accept any electrical items, bikes, bike helmets, baby capsules or car booster seats.





The Anglican Parish Lancefield and Romsey



Vicar: Laurie McIntyre. Phone 54291380 (7 days). He is in the Office at Christ Church Lancefield, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 10am to 4pm.

**Sunday Services:** St Paul's Romsey. 9am

Christ Church Lancefield. 10.30am

Lancefield Guild: after the 10am Service in the Parish

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.

Romsey Guild: meets 2nd Thursday each month, 1.30pm.

Next meeting at the home of Mrs Flo Carter.

Anglican Men's Society: meets 2nd Thursday each month at 8pm. Secretary, John Whiteman, 5429 6900.

**Easter Services:** Lancefield:

Maundy Thursday, 2pm, Special Service.

Eucharist: 8pm.

Romsey:

Good Friday, 12 noon

Easter Day,

9am

Lancefield:

Easter Day, 10.30am

Enquiries: 54291380.

## SHERRIE'S SLATE, STONE & TILES

We have moved to our fantastic new display home Ceramic and Colour Consultant, Slate & Stone Specialist As advertised for the last 16 years, we are better than Melb's prices. See our great range of ceramic tiles For the best quality, service and prices call 5782 2279 or 0419 388 252 94 Powlett Street, Kilmore—opposite the Rose Garden

## Record Attendance at the **Macedon Ranges World's Longest** Lunch

A record number of people from around Australia dined at the Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch last Friday. The 200 visitors enjoyed great regional food, award-winning local wine and Holgate's Beer on a perfect summer's day.

This year for the first time, 200 tickets were made available - an increase from 150 last year.

Ticket holders came from as far as Brisbane to Hanging Rock Winery - the home of Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 'Legend' award-winner, John Ellis. Ellis, who was awarded legend status the previous night with celebrity chef Gabriel Gate, was ecstatic about the day.

"One perfect day is how I would describe the World's Longest Lunch. The weather gods smiled on us and everyone attending enjoyed themselves tremendously. Campaspe House chef Brad Lobb's treatment of the local produce resulted in a fabulous meal and we were delighted to have our Federal member (and Minister for Tourism and Small Business), Fran Bailey attending."

Macedon Ranges Mayor, John Connor said the lunch was the best ever and praised all involved.

"We have a great team working together toward a common goal and that is to promote the Macedon

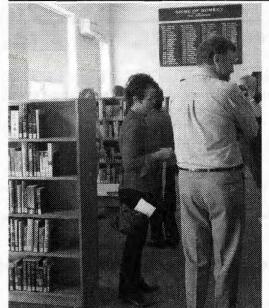
"I won't forget our biggest supporters, the ticket holders. Without their patronage we could not stage this event and I thank them."

Roving Parisian entertainers Bric-A-Brac were so popular that event organisers had to hastily arrange a fourth set as the crowd roared for more at the end of each song.

Several teams entered the first ever Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch grape squish contest. The lucky winners were awarded a \$300 bottle of Heathcote Shiraz, courtesy of Hanging Rock Winery before they were given a thorough hosing down.

Planning is already underway for the 2006 Macedon Ranges World's Longest Lunch.

For information, please contact Tourism and Events Officer David Richardson on 03 5422 0326.



Inside the new Romsey Library

#### **ROMSEY LIBRARY**

**89 Main Street, Romsey**. (In the old council chambers of the shire offices. Entry is from the car park where the mobile library used to park). Phone: 5429 3086 Fax 5429 3087

Hours: Tuesday 10.00 am-5.00 pm.

Thursday 12.30 pm-6.30 pm Saturday 10.00 am-1.00 pm.

Resources and Services: Books Magazines Talking Books

Videos CD-ROMs Public internet access PC for public use Study area Home delivery service for the homebound

Community noticeboard Reference and information service

Photocopying and fax facilities

Children's activities and story time (Tuesday morning)

Your membership gives you access to the collection at the library as well as the resources of the Mitchell Shire Library at Wallan, Kilmore, Broadford and Seymour either through inter-library loan or by going direct to these branches.

# ROMSEY LIBRARY OFFICIALLY OPENED

An audience of more than 60 people of all ages gathered for the official opening of the Romsey Library on Saturday March 19th. In a festive atmosphere on a very fine autumn morning Cr Heather Gee presided over this most important occasion. In attendance were several members and staff of the Romsev Shire Council, as well as official guests from the Mitchell Shire, which was successful in tendering to provide the library service to Romsey. Local M.L.A. Joanne Duncan was unable to attend, and sent an apology, as did M.L.C. John McQuilton.

In her address Cr Gee referred to the events that led to the establishment of the library, located in what used to be the council chamber in the old shire offices in the Main Road. The withdrawal of the mobile library service at the end of 2004, which had operated in the area for many years, meant that Romsey would be without a library. Coincidentally, early in 2004 the Macedon Ranges Shire Council had adopted the Library Development Plan, with a commitment to improving library services to the shire.

The feasibility study that followed eventually resulted in the current arrangement to tender the service through the Mitchell Shire Library Service. This will be a real advantage to the residents of Romsey, because library patrons will retain access to the huge collection of 70,000 books

in that library's system, as well as having a collection (initially of 5,000 books, with a plan to build up to 13,000 over the next 3 years) of its own. The town will also retain the services of familiar and much appreciated staff from the mobile service—Helen and Sue, who will be joined by Sarah.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council provided about \$180,000 to fund this project, and most of that money was used to purchase book stock for the library. With a time frame of a little over 3 months (including Christmas) the staff from Mitchell Library and the shire maintenance department worked very hard to have the library ready for its official opening. In particular Christine Payne and Sue McNamara from Mitchell Library and Maintenance Officer Bernie Massman were thanked for their efforts, as well as the Friends of Macedon Ranges Library, who donated \$500 towards furniture, and Clea Koff of Lancefield for her donation of \$500 to help establish the library. Councillors Todd and Guthrie were also thanked for their input and support of the library on the Library Advisory Committee. Special mention was made of the efforts of Anne McLennan (Director of Community Services, MRSC) who worked tirelessly to solve the problem of the mobile library closure, and to find a replacement solution as quickly as possible while keeping people satisfied.

After the library was declared officially open by Cr. Gee, local resident and

identity Anne Phelan spoke passionately and humorously about her own experiences as a life long library user, particularly in her childhood in Melbourne's inner suburbs, at a time when library usage was a somewhat daunting and alarming experience. Not the image of libraries that we would want to promote now! Annie also presented a book to the library, fittingly about the history of soap opera in Australia. Anne's address was followed by closing words from Cr. Henry Bleeck, who invited the members of the local community present to join in morning tea, catered for very generously by the ladies of the Uniting Church. On hand to provide entertainment were the young ladies of the Mirra Strings-a quartet of v ented local musicians (Sheree Clark, Kathryn Chishkovsky, Anna Smyrk and Phoebe Smithies). The younger members of the audience were enthralled by clown and "balloonologist" Tim Credible.

After the official proceedings had concluded, keen readers were quick to make use of the new library, taking the opportunity to browse the collection and borrow. Although not huge by most library standards, the range of books reflects most reading interests and tastes, catering for all age groups. There is also internet access available in the library.

# Romsey Community House Inc. Presenter / Course Facilitator Proposal

Course / Program	title:			
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Equipment require	ements:			
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Venue needs: (eg.	Kitchen, benches, tab	oles, chairs)		
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Space required:			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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Is there a cost to p	participants? Yes	If yes, how much?	No	
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## Romsey Tennis Club Inc.

PO Box 288 Romsey Vic 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189 Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622 Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871

Social Twilight Tennis
Monday Nights, while daylight permits!
From 6.30pm
For the over 18's

Come along for a hit and giggle, or organised matches if you prefer.

Everyone is welcome, just bring a racquet.

See you there.

#### Saturday Junior Tennis Success

The junior teams have had an enjoyable and successful season of tennis. Three out of the six teams made it to the finals, and we wish the section 3 and section 7 players all the best as they compete in the Grand Final matches this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

We have four winter teams competing in the season to start after the school holidays, and we welcome the new beginner players to the game of tennis – you will have lots of fun!

#### Thanks!!!

We would like to thank the Romsey Primary School and the Hanging Rock Tennis Club for the use of their courts for some of the teams this season. We are still waiting for an outcome to our funding application with the Department of Sport and Recreation, which should be announced early May. If we have a positive result then work on re-surfacing the 3 red porous (en-tout-cas) courts will begin as soon as possible.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Cusack Memorial Tennis Tournament for Juniors.

This very popular local tournament was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, with juniors from all clubs in the Macedon Ranges competing. We had many of our Romsey Tennis Club juniors competing and congratulate Sarah Beaumont (16 & U girls court winner), Luke Green (14 & U boys champion), Kieran McNamara (18 & U boys runner-up), and Tim McNamara (18 & U boys champion). Well done to you all!

This tournament is also a selection tournament for the Macedon Ranges Junior Development Squad, a district squad of 32 children. Many of our talented juniors will be selected for this squad.

#### **Club Contacts**

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Wow! What a wonderful night we had at the Dinner Dance held on March 11th to celebrate the centenary of the Romsey Mechanics' Institute Hall. (The original hall, built in 1875, was burnt down in 1904).

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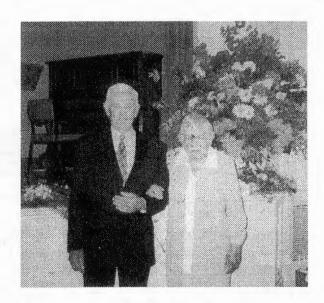
The dance was booked out well in advance, and our enjoyment of the event was all due to John Laing, Vice-President of the Hall Committee, who deterined not to let the milestone pass without a celebration.

Helpers took up the baton, once there was a leader. Jay Brooks did tickets and posters, Beryl Cole arranged for catering by Essjais, Billy Badger organised the band, Noel Shaw and Bruce Robb put out all the tables and chairs, and a talented group of ladies arranged a truly magnificent floral display, balloons and other decorations. The Hall looked wonderful.

Dr Lindsay and Mrs Francis graciously cut the cake; Lainie and Rodney took our breath away with their exhibition of dancing; and bush poetry was recited at length, by heart, by our own unique Laurie Thomson.

We had the Pride of Erin, Fox Trots, the Barn Dance, the Charmaine...wonderful old time, toe-tapping music by a band who

njoyed themselves almost as much as the dancers, prompting the idea that perhaps Romsey would like to dance like this again... How about an annual event or even more often?



Hall Committee Vice-President John Laing and wife Wendy Laing step out in style at the Mechanics' Institute Hall centenary celebration.

We may not have had our wonderful venue without the dedicated efforts of Noel Shaw. The Hall has been struggling financially and it is largely because of Noel's voluntary work for many years (as Secretary of the committee for 30 years, and as unpaid cleaner for 2 years when finances were tight) that the Hall has been able to remain open and available for the community to use. Noel has been supported by a number of other long serving members of the committee, and the community should offer them a vote of thanks. How about somebody else stepping up now to help out Noel and his committee? Phone 5429 5509.



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ence. Submissions need to be at Romsey Primary School before April 18<sup>h</sup>. Thankyou!

# Desert Island Wordsearch

Compiled by Jacquie, 12

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### 10 things we'd need on an Island.

(compiled by Debbie, Georgia and Olivia) Bottles of water, Paper, Pencil/pen (then we could drink the water, write a note, put it in the empty bottle and send it out to sea.) Food! Pager, Insect repellent, Tent, Sleeping bag, Change of clothes, Flash light.

Monkey People, by Deb, Georgia. Olivia and Muffi The rough, stormy sea smashed against the ship's sides. The boat was uncontrollable. All of our food supplies were floating out to sea.

Passengers were holding on for dear life. Unrelenting, the sea smashed into the ship causing us to sink. Shipwrecked and floating on an inky black sea, the tide carried us to an island. We had nothing with us. How would we survive?

The sun rose the next morning to reveal battered bits of driftwood, a soggy plastic shopping bag, a mountain of seaweed and very little else. We explored the island. There wasn't much on it. A few banana trees, a lot of sand, even more insects and definitely no water to drink.

We busied ourselves weaving the seaweed into a kind of blanket that we looped between two of the trees. The bigger bits of driftwood propped up the front of our make do shelter, the smaller bits we piled up into a triangle. That would do for a fire that night. It would hopefully be a beacon for any search party and also keep the insects at

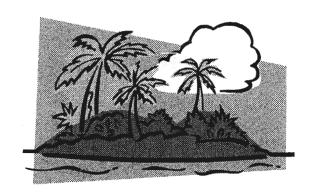
By now we were hungry and very thirsty. Bananas filled us up but we still needed to drink. All we could do was hang the plastic bag in the tree, point the big leaves towards it and hope that during the night it would cool down enough for condensation to form on the leaves and collect in the bag.

We wrote S. O. S. in mega huge letters on the sand in case a plane flew over. There were fish swimming in the shallow water and someone aimed a pointy stick at one. What would you know, he caught it! Yey, fish for tea, cooked on our campfire, which we lit with the sticks.

Still thirsty, we settled under our shelter. Just in time as it started to pour. Big fat raindrops, fresh water raindrops. We scurried out turning our faces to the sky, greedily licking in the water. Our plastic bag filled in no time.

Above the storm we thought we heard a familiar noise. But, no, how could that be, the captain's booming voice on our desert island? No way, couldn't be, the c had gone down with his ship. But now his ghost was striding from the ocean onto our shore!

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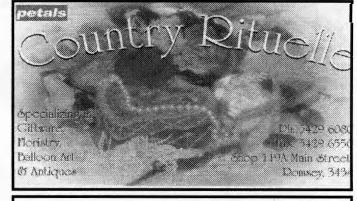
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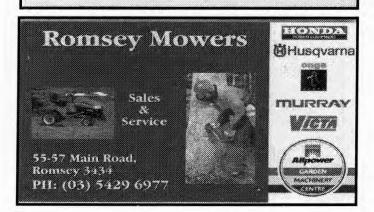
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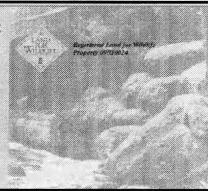
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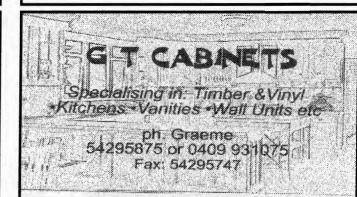
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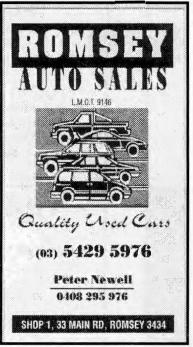
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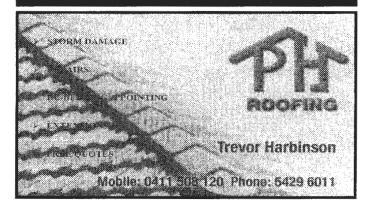
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# Ragamuffins

Hercules and the Trip around the World, Paul Wilkinson, 10

Once upon a time, there was a man. He was about 23 and his name was Hercules and he lived on Oahu Island, in Honolulu, capital of Hawaii. It was nice and hot in Honolulu. You could feel the wind blowing through your hair or watch the nice cool sunsets sitting in the banana lounge, just having a chat with your girlfriend. A slice of heaven, like that song.

One day, there was a dark cloud heading over the Hawaiian Islands and we all know what that means, someone's in trouble. It was the beautiful princess of London in England. "Oh no!" cried Hercules. He was so scared because he was supposed to marry her and live happily ever after in a palace. But not now, not anymore. "Well, I'll have to go to London and save her all by myself!" cried Hercules.

So, he went by boat and it took him 72 days and 71 nights of agonising hard sailing across the Pacific Ocean. First he went to Tokyo, Japan and got all his water, supplies and a lot of rice. Then he sailed to China and took a very long walk through the middle west and had a ong look at the Great Wall of China. Then he made his way to Tajikitan, through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, sailed to Georgia, then Romania and had a glimpse at all the landmarks, followed by Poland. Then he had a chocolate in Germany and sailed to England where he had a nice walk to London where the princess was captured.

He went to the scene of the crime to try to find her. He had been searching for days when he finally found the criminal that had taken the princess. His name was The Man. "I don't know where she is! I have already searched London Bridge, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben, but they were all dead ends. So I think The Man might have taken her to a secret hideout," thought Hercules. "So, I have to go to The Man's secret hideout and steal the princess from The Man and get married to her. It's a perfect plan," thought Hercules. So, he set off to find the princess and terminate The Man.

Finally, he found the secret hideout. It was in America. It was a massive maze. Eventually, Hercules cracked the secret code and got into the hideout and saved the princess. Then they went back to Hawaii and lived happily ever after.

# ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Training is well under way, with good numbers attending. The practice match against Melton was pleasing with many good performances on the day. An internal match was equally testing and again a successful practice match. Another match, against Gladstone Park, will be held at 12 noon on April 2nd at home. COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM!

Recruitment is very positive and the business community sponsorship has been absolutely magnificent.

We are always in need of more team officials, in particular with the Under 18's—all parents are requested to consider becoming involved. The club will assist any potential trainers becoming qualified. Ring the secretary, John Lynch on 0417393396. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday—come along Thursday—the Netball players provide a bite to eat and drinks are available.

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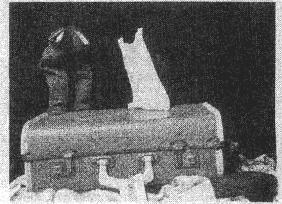
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Hello everyone

My name is Amanda Burley and I am the new president of the Romsey Toy Library Inc. The 2005 committee for the toy library has just been appointed and also includes Lisa Walton (Treasurer) and Leanne Manton (Secretary).

The Toy Library is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers which operates from the St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday mornings from 10am until 11.30am. It offers a range of toys, games and educational materials suitable for babies, toddlers and school-aged children, which can be borrowed for the cost of an annual membership fee. Why buy lots of toys which your children will grow out of or become bored with when you can borrow them and change them often?

A toy library is a place where parents or carers can go to borrow a large variety of educational toys, puzzles and games on a regular basis. Toy libraries aim to support families and encourage them to spend time playing with their children. Quality toys are expensive and children quickly become bored with a toy once its play value has been exhausted. By providing new play materials every week or two, parents can save money and significantly contribute towards the development and education of their children.

The Romsey Toy Library has a great range, from card games such as Junior Scrabble to cricket sets to large Little Tikes cars and ride-ons. Last year the Macedon Ranges Shire Council gave the toy library an \$800 grant to buy new toys and games. The new committee is in the process of purchasing these items and expanding the borrowing range.

It is planned to expand the toy library's stocks to include multimedia materials such as LeapPads and educational CD-Roms. It is hoped this expansion will help attract new members, particularly those with school-aged children.

To encourage new members, we are offering a special membership deal – you can join the library for 6 months for just \$15! If you are interested in this offer, just give me a call on 5429 6936. We really need new members as we rely annual memberships to cover our running costs and buy new borrowing materials, so tell your friends about us or drop in and visit us.

The toy library committee is also part of the exciting new proposal for a new community hub in Romsey. The Macedon Ranges Shire Council is in the process of developing a plan for a hub, which will be a joint facility where community groups can operate and locals can congregate. This hub is likely to contain Romsey's permanent library, a new Neighbourhood House, a playgroup and more. The Toy Library committee believes inclusion in this hub would be great for our organisation, placing us in the thick of local activities and initiatives and within easy access of the community.

Anyone who has any questions about the toy library is welcome to phone me on 5429 6936 for further information. If you would like to view our range of toys or talk to a volunteer member, just drop into the library any Saturday morning.

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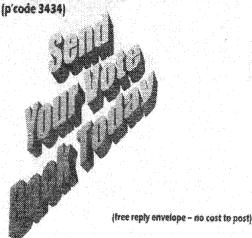
The Relay For Life held at Lancefield Park over the Labour Day long weekend raised in excess of \$74,000 for the Victorian Cancer Council. While this was down on the money raised last year, the combined total for the event over the last three years is in excess of \$3000,000. There were fewer teams entered this year, which may have been due to the fact that it was along weekend and many people were away. Event organisers have decided to hold the relay on the weekend of March 18th and 19th next year, and will be looking for continued community support.

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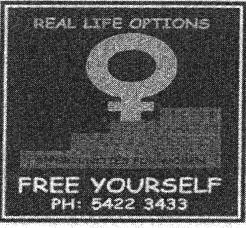
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## Kinder Korner - News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!





Term 1: it's all over As you read this, Term 1 is likely to have come to a close and the children will be enjoying a two-week break from kinder. To-wards the end of the term the children enjoyed a number of exciting activities. A Beach Day was held, so the children to come to the kinder with their bathers, towels, boogie boards and more to have a day of fun, beach-themed activities. While the coolish weather did not allow much water play, the children enjoyed building sandcastles and making beach-themed art and craft, reading stories about the beach and playing beach games. The teachers and assistants did a great job organising the beach days and getting into the swing of things with their costumes and activities. Also towards the end of the term the children enjoyed a visit by a group of African musicians. Annual General Meeting

At the time of writing, the kindergarten committee was holding its annual general meeting to elect new office bearers for the coming year. Romsey Primary School Principal Barney Healy was due to be the special guest chair of the AGM. Full details of the new committee, its aims and objectives will be in the next Romsey Rag. My thanks goes to the outgoing committee for the hard work and dedication in the past year: Loretta Credland (vice-president), Tanya Higgins (treasurer), Catherine Candzoukovski (secretary), Helen Richardson (assistant secretary), Karen Skehan (enrolment officer), Melissa Sharp (assistant enrolment officer), Jenny Hall (regulations officer), Sam White (purchasing officer), Jody Brennan (quality control), Jeanette White (maintenance officer), Narelle Lever (staff liaison officer) and the general committee members Kylie Pyne, Kirsten Muller, Faye Jeffrey & Linda Green. And of course a big thanks to the community of Romsey and Lancefield, which gave the committee such great support in its fundraising efforts.

#### In the swing

In the last 12 months, the outgoing committee has raised about \$9000 for the kindergarten, which is a tremendous effort. Some of that money has been allocated toward two new swing sets for the kinder playgrounds, and these are due to be erected during the Term 1 holidays.

#### Thank you

A heartfelt thanks to the Barnes and Wood families, who recently donated two-seater sofas to the kindergarten.

The sofas have been placed in Book Corner, making it more comfortable for staff & parents - especially pregnant kinder mums - to read to the children.

#### Funds needed

Each year the kinder undertakes fundraising to help improve the kindergarten environment and buy outdoor and indoor equipment. We hope the Romsey/Lancefield community will support us in this and other events by attending and/or 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.

#### Enrolments open for 2006

The kinder is taking enrolments for the 2006 school year. Forms are available at the kindergarten. A \$5 booking fee and proof of your child's age will be required. Please note both of these requirements must be met before the enrolment is officially recorded. While you can enrol your child for 2006 any time up until September 30, it is advisable to register your interest as early as possible to avoid a possible waiting list. Three-year-olds at Romsey Kindergarten 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. If you have a question about enrolments, contact the kinder on 5429 5294, or 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 of Management.

## News from Monegeetta Ward

Last year I moved a motion in council to form a group of Riddells Creek residents to look into the issues of pedestrian and bike access in Riddells Creek. The motion was passed and I tried to get a group together by phone calls and by writing this column. Only one person responded. I was bitterly disappointed with the lack of response, but was able to persuade council to improve and extend the granitic sand path down Sutherlands Road to the Recreation Centre and to put a path in from Katherine Court. With the recent interest in the Council initiative, the 'walking school bus', I have started to investigate how the route could be created and have funds to spray some of the gorse that is in the way.

After this thought and work on my part, you can imagine my wonder at the 300 signature petition requesting the council provide better pedestrian access in Riddells Creek. It is obviously very easy to sign a petition, but

much more work to come on a working party to review the council's footpath strategy and come up with something better and possibly more achievable.

Please let me know if you would like to help with this review!

I had the pleasure of opening the new branch library, located in the old Romsey council chamber, on Saturday March 19. The library has 5,000 beautiful new books just waiting to be read. You will recognise the same friendly staff that you met on the mobile library. The room is totally different from when it was the council meeting room. It looks light, airy and very inviting. This is a positive step toward creating a larger and better library and community facility in the future.

Until next time, Heather Gee, Monegeetta Ward Councillor ph 54 270675

Romsey & Laucetield Districts Historical Society Inc.



The Romsey & Lancefield Districts
Historical Society will hold its April meeting on Tuesday April 26th at SEYMOUR COTTAGE, Palmer Street, Romsey.

The meeting will focus on the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. Members and anyone interested are

cordially invited to attend and bring along memorabilia to show and share.

There will be a brief business meeting first, and supper will follow afterwards.

Enquiries to Secretary, Jean Clement 5429 6522.

FAMILY HISTORY ENQUIRIES or DISTRICT HISTORY ENQUIRIES may be directed to THE ARCHIVIST, Mrs Robyn Mo\iller, P.O. Box 101, Lancefield, or phone 5429 5625.

## A date for your diary:

"What Were Mechanics Institutes?"

Tuesday June 28th, 8.00 pm at the Anglican Hall. Guest speaker Peter Wolfenden, All welcome.

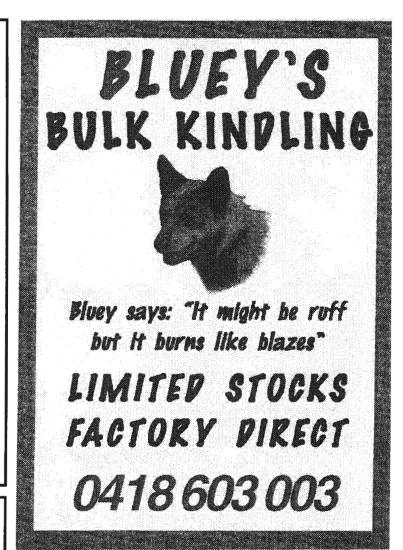
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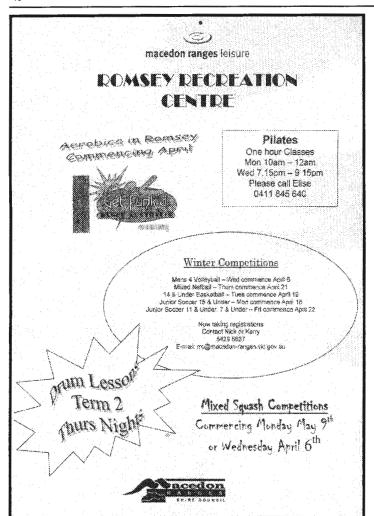
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Registration of your dog or cat with local council is mandatory. The alternative could result in a \$205 fine without warning.

Importantly, animal registration enables us to identify and reunite lost pets with their owners.

# 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 Contact

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The Romsey Rag April 2005

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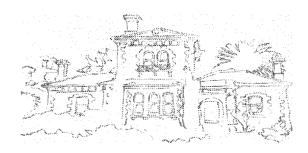
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# Celebrating National Volunteer Week May 9th—15th 2005.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council recognises the important role that volunteers play in our community and would like to invite all volunteers to attend an evening of celebration, information and training as part of National Volunteer Week. The event will be held on Tuesday May 10th from 6.00 pm—9.00 pm at the Richardson Room in the Kyneton Town Hall.

The night will provide volunteers with an opportunity to meet other volunteers, look at support resources, speak with Councillors and Council Officers about particular projects and share information. Light refreshment will be provided. At 7.00 pm a workshop about **Sponsorship**, **Fundraising and Grants will commence**. The workshop will provide practical advice on fundraising, attracting sponsors and accessing grants. This will be relevant to all community groups who seek to boost their funds through any of these means. The cost of the workshop per organisation be \$5.00 which includes a resource.

The evening is open to any volunteers from any community group in the Macedon Ranges Shire but participants must register to attend. Volunteers would be more than welcome to only attend the workshop if they cannot make the information session.

Please R.S.V.P. by contacting Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8274

or email <u>alouise@macedon-ranges .vic.gov.au</u>
Registrations close on Friday May 6th.

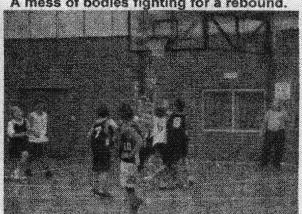


# macedon ranges leisure

# **Romsey Recreation Centre**

No 6 Callum Furness going up for a lay up. A mess of bodies fighting for a rebound.





# **BLUES TAKE FIRST TITLE**

It wasn't at the Telstra Dome but right here in Romsey. The Macedon Ranges Leisure team held its Inaugural 14& under Basketball competition. The venue was the Romsey Recreation Centre. The date was Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The stage was set 4 teams played for 12 weeks to get into the Grand Final. Only 2 teams could make the championship game.

The two teams where **Red** coached by Phil Roneril versus **Blue** coached by Jesse Canning. The game got of to a hectic pace. Both sides attacking at will but no one scoring.

The first points where scored by Myles Dorman of the Reds that is when the Blue exploded.

A series of scoring shots by Terry Showler & Dylan Reeves had **Blue** ahead at half time 16 to 6. It was a great effort, stand-in coach Sandra Rainback had the boys primed and they didn't let up the pressure taking the game out as comfortable winners 31 to 22. Stand out performances by Callum Furness (**Red**) shotting 12 points, Dylan Reeves (**Blue**) scoring 10.

We would like to take the time and thank the umpires throughout the season Sandra Rainback, Alan Williams, Jackson Mills. A special thanks to the Grand Final umpires Gary Bartram &

Bronwyn Bartram. Well done guys you where all great. Next season starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005. To register a team or individuals please call 54295637.



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The winning team from right to left: Rohan Barr, Dylan Reeves, Terry Showler Ryan Heseltine. Bottom row: Daniel Challis & Ben Rainback.





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## **News from the Bargain Box**

Hope Easter was happy & enjoyable for you.

We've been kept very busy sorting lots of donations ranging from baby clothes, bric-a-brac etc. through to small pieces of furniture.

\*\* I would like to ask the donor of the five old, out-ofdate gas bottles, which are still at the side of the shop, to come and get them please. As you will be aware, we can't sell them and we do not appreciate being used as a dumping ground.

This might be a good opportunity to once again remind you that we can do nothing with incomplete games, torn books or resource books which are passed their 'use by' date. This principal applies to all goods you're willing to donate, whether it be to us or other organisations. As I've said before, if you wouldn't buy it, we can't sell it.

Having said that, you know we are always grateful for your generous good quality donations, *including* 'left-overs' from your garage sales, keep it up!

Thank you for reading our news item. Chris, coordinator - business; 5428 6412 home; 5428 6526.

#### FOR SALE:

Babies' and childrens' hand knitting. Phone 5429 5350 in the evening

# Live Mile Creek News

## ANYONE for LUNCH in the PARK?

Check out the new **PARK BENCH**. The Rotary Club of Romsey and Lancefield has donated a solid gleaming table and bench, which has been installed near the creek and the cypresses. It celebrates the centenary of Rotary.

#### **CLEAN-UP NEWS**

The March clean-up removed branches from the stream and under trees .... good timing. The mowers next week didn't have to avoid fallen branches & create future problems of long grass. We are planning planting in hard to reach areas. It is a small group of VOLUNTEERS ... YOU CAN HELP.... once a year is enough to help. Ring anyone below

#### Thank you to:

- Macedon Ranges Council, for clearing 4 large cypresses which fell in February storms, and in particular removing polystyrene building podding which school children (parents PLEASE NOTE!) had bashed into small pieces across the grass.
- Country Fire Authority. CFA have burnt willows and weeds which used to make the creek unsafe for children and not a nice place to be. An environmental officer estimated that work like this along the creek would cost \$30,000+ if Council had to do it (that's \$30+ per household in Romsey on the rate bill). I'm sure we want more children's support and roads improved in our town instead, so thanks to the CFA for their volunteer help.
- Residents who walk their dogs and pick up branches (just put them on a pile nearby)

You are welcome to come to a committee meeting.
Sue 5429 5283 Kerry 5429 6160 Jay 5429 6163 Lisa 5429 6440 Trish 5429 5504

### ANGLICAN CHURCH: LANCEFIELD/ ROMSEY PARISH

#### FROM THE VICAR.

The Anglican church has had quite a bit of publicity lately, most of it negative and to many embarrassing! I must agree; it is both! On the other hand there is something *really healthy* about what is going on, because so many issues have remained hidden for a long time and they really need to be aired.

There has been the comparatively recent controversy about women priests, which has for the most part, become a "non-issue" (except in some really conservative parts of the church!), but which has reared its head again in the discussion about women bishops! It's hard for me to understand how women priests can be accepted and not women bishops, unless you are afraid of women taking over the church altogether! The fact of the matter is that without women's contributions since the beginning of the church we would have been much poorer.

Then there has been a great deal of negative publicity about abusive priests, who have disgraced both themselves and their church. There is nothing anyone can say in defence of actions clearly against the teachings of the church, and damaging to those involved, leaving scars for life. Again, all fair-minded people will readily understand that this is a minority amongst the large number of clergy who have worked faithfully over the years for the good of their people and parishes - small comfort for the victims I know, but the fact nevertheless.

And now, in the latest controversy, there is the huge question of sexuality and the church. This is an extremely complex question and involves such big issues that there is no simple way forward. In fact recent publicity in the secular press suggests that our church is about to break up and lose its world-wide cohesion. *But*, it is something which must be tackled, as it challenges the church to say something to a *world* which is tackling the same problems. Since the days of the "sexual revolution" we have been presented with a society accepting of, (even celebrating!) sexual difference and diversity. Much publicity has been generated by confrontation with church leadership, and by challenging traditional teachings of the church. This has led to much bitterness and in most cases, to withdrawal from the life of the church, both by those directly involved and by their

friends and relatives. By refusing to listen and discuss, the church has in effect turned its back on both the issue and the people involved.

To further complicate matters there are now ethical issues involved in stem-cell research and other facets of medical ethics!

For most of us, committed or nominal members of the church, the discussion becomes academic and far removed from our everyday lives. If we can see the possibility of someone close to us having even the remotest chance of being helped or cured by stem-cell research, we lose any interest in ethical discussion and seize the possibility eagerly! That is, unless we can clearly see that it is *totally and unequivocally unethical!* We cannot cope with intricate and detailed questions when someone near to us is suffering.

The same thing applies when we have someone in our own family or circle of friends who is dealing with questions of sexual difference. We know the person and we love and respect that person because of who they are, not because of their sexuality. If their sexuality leads to destructive conduct of course we are anxious about their welfare, but "destructive conduct" can arise from the most conforming sexuality, as well as a different and we need to learn to discriminate and act sympatheticany.

So in all this, I believe that *open discussion and honest search* are the only ways we can move forward. Of course, as Christians we have to be guided the Bible and the teachings of our church, but we do also have to relate sympathetically to the world in which we live. The Anglican Church has traditionally decided matters by applying to the *Bible* and *church tradition* and by using our *God-given reason* to find a solution. Discarding both the Bible and Church leads to our discarding much of the depth and wisdom developed throughout the history of western civilisation. This we do at our peril. It is equally perilous to bury our heads in the sand and not attempt work through these momentous changes in our world.

I recommend wide reading, sensitive listening, deep questioning and generous discussion with Christians and non-Christians alike as a way of bringing peace and generosity to our dealings with each other.

Laurie McIntyre. (Vicar)



Hi Everybody!

February was lots of fun. We started the term getting to know each other and played games. We learnt about our Australian flag, a bit of history, our Queen and Prime Minister. We went to Shepparton for Founders Day. We met lots of our sister guides there and had fun doing activities with them.



Our combined night "at the beach" was held in the Lancefield Park, where we decorated our area to look like a big wave with seaweed made out of coloured ribbon off cuts. We got a big surprise when one of the dads turned up with icy poles. Just what we needed to round off the great day at the beach. Thanks Leo!!!!

Clean Up Australia Day has come round again and our service to the community will be to clean up Lancefield Park. This will add to the girl's qualification to receive their "Create Australia Badge".

We are looking forward to our coming Trentham trip, the theme being "Making History", another combined region event.

\*\*\*\*So, if you don't want to miss out on all of this great fund and learn more about us, make sure you do one of the following\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Learn more about the Guides of Lancefield online by going to www.lancefield.org.au Or, just ring one of our leaders

ileen French

5429 6413

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Till next time.

Yours in Guiding-Possum, Brolga and Amanda

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## LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

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Email: info@lancefieldgolfclub.com.au; Website:

www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

5 February **Monthly Medal** S. Draper (16) 65; C. Hanson (10) 69

6 February C.Buttler (14) 39; K.Ryan (24) 39

12 February T.Lambert (8) 38; B.Woods (22) 38

13 February R. Mau (9) 35; C. Buttler (14) 34

19 February 4BBB K.Lambert / P.Howden (46); K. Ryan /

B. Courtney (45)

20 February C.Buttler (14) 64; P.Reid (30) 75

26 February J.Hecker (15) 40; J.Hales (20) 38

5 March Monthly Medal B.Woods (22) 69; C.Lingard (9) 69

6 March T.Hyland (8) 37; R.Mau (9) 36

12 MarchB.Courtney (19) 41; K.Ryan (12) 40

19 MarchG.Dudderidge (8) 42; P.Gorrie (12) 41

20 March C. Stirton (23) 66; T. Potts (12) 67

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

1 February J.Clough (10) 37; S.Draper (16) 37

15 February C.Daniel (16) 41; R.Walker (12) 34

22 February D.Jones (6) 68; M.Moore (10) 69

1 March S. Draper (14) 42; R.Walker (12

8 March C.Daniel (15) 42; R. Mau (9) 40

15 MarchR.Walker (12) 42; P. Lewis (31) 39

Lancefield Golf Club survived the big storm in February but like many properties in the area lost quite a few trees. A recent working bee helped clean up some of the damage, but another will be needed in the near future. The

Committee has been working hard to increase the Club's income by having a membership drive, with a discount being offered to current members if they introduce a new member. A new innovation has been the introduction of Corporate Memberships. Gold, Silver and Bronze packages are available. Some corporate members are using their package for a Corporate Day where the course is made available solely to that member. Anyone interested in Corporate Memberships should contact Graeme Haynes on 5429 1640

Another 'Last Man Standing Event' was successfully held at the Clarkefield Hotel on a pleasantly warm day on Sunday13 March. Members and their friends enjoyed a barbeque lunch and an exciting draw with many spot prizes and the big \$1,000 prize for the last number drawn. Conor McLaughlin was the lucky winner. Another such event is planned for later in the year.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final round of the 4BBB Matchplay will be between the team of Barry Brennan and David Brown versus the team of Chris Lingard and Gavin Winwood. Pennant Competition starts in April with Lancefield fielding three teams this year in the Dalhousie Division. The popular Lancefield Open is scheduled for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Competitors are invited to enter, with forms available from the Club or phone Captain Barry Brennan on 5429 2254.

Enquires for memberships and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper (5429 2079) or access our website www. lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

#### LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Lancefield/Romsey Little Athletics Centre had its last day of competition on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2005. This year we had 116 kids registered most of whom attended centre championship day followed by presentation that evening (including a magician & disco). The feedback from this evening was excellent and we look forward to making it even better for next year!!. The centre was run by a new committee who have worked tirelessly to try and please everyone. We took 44 kids to Regionals and 22 to State Championships – what a great turnout for such a small club. Most of our athletes achieved PB's but we also had some standout performances from the following athletes:- Bill Rowlands U13B – 1<sup>st</sup> in 400m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 200m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 800m; Bronwyn Rowlands U15G – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 800m and 4<sup>th</sup> in 1500m; Jake Lever U9B – 3<sup>rd</sup> in HJ; Daniel Martin U15B - 1<sup>st</sup> in 100mh, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m, 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m. Daniel also came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Victorian State Muli-Event championships. He will now go on and represent Victoria at the Australian Multi-Event Championship.

Our Annual awards presented on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 went to the following athletes:-

Athlete of the Year Male - Glenn Maple (U15B) Runner up Athlete of the Year Male - Nathan Blair (U10B)

Athlete of the Year Female - Casey Adamson (U7G)
Runner up Athlete of the Year Female Lauren Connell (U8G)

**Region Trophy** - Bill Rowlands (U13B) (voted by peers who attended Regional Championships)

**Rising Star Award** - Daniel Martin (U15B) (award based on outstanding achievement atCentre Level and outside competitions)

#### Age Aggregate Awards

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U6 KI	JRTIS MATHEWS	JAYAH MATHEWS		
U7TY	YSON LEVER	CASEY ADAMSON		
U8 AL	LEC PENBERTHY	LAUREN CONNELL		
U9JA	KE LEVER	BROOKE JEFFERY		
U10	NATHAN BLAIR	GABBY DERRICK		
U11	CAMERON ROMERIL	SARAH CONNELL		
U12	JACK TOWNSING	MARNIE FITZGERALD		
U13	DANIEL ROMERIL			
U14	JAMIE BATTYE	MELISSA DERRICK		
U15	GLENN MAPLE	MOLLY JOHNSON		

All other athletes who competed on Championship day received medals for coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those that did not come in the 1<sup>st</sup> three in any events received a participation medal for their efforts throughout the year.

We look forward to our new season commencing October 2005 and hope that all existing athletes return and that those of you that haven't tried the sport, please come down during the month of October and give it a go.

Finally but most importantly, we would like to thank our generous sponsors for their support. Our utmost thanks goes to our local sponsors Romsey Newsagency, Macedon Ranges Meat, Paula Miller and the members from our club who sponsored some of our awards at presentation. In addition to these we would like to thank KFC, McDonalds, Bunnings. Without you we wouldn't be able to give out weekly awards.

The Committee

### Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

This month Leila and Beryl attended the Trentham ladies Captains and Presidents Day and really enjoyed the course and good company

The Relay for Life was an exhausting weekend (thankfully we had Monday to recover) but we were able to catch up with friends we hadn't seen for a while. The Romsey Birdies raised \$1247.15. Thankyou to all our sponsors

Leila and Beryl went to the Woodend Tournament. Usually the Woodend men are there to drive us up the hill to our starting tees but this year we had to walk. I'll blame that for my bad start that I didn't recover from. Their care was in excellent condition and to views are magnificent from the top of the hills. It was a pity the wind was blowing so hard.

The ladies are continuing to play on Wednesdays and we welcome Michelle who has recently joined us. Along with Margaret she has put in her cards to gain her handicap.

Beryl Cole 54295411

#### ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB

The men held a successful tournament on the long weekend, with our women holding their tournament on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Presentation day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm, for 1:30pm start. Men's annual meeting is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. All members are required to attend and any interested persons are most welcome. Ladies annual meeting is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the clubrooms at 10am.

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