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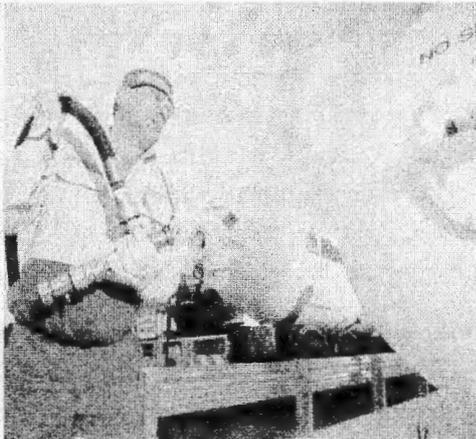
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If anyone would like
to make a speech or presentation,
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Please note that there are deadlines for submission of copy for the Romsey Rag each month. These are always published on page 2 of the Rag.

Your co-operation in observing these deadlines as much as possible would be appreciated because we have very tight time frames for the production of the Romsey Rag. We cannot always guarantee publication of copy received after the published cut off date.

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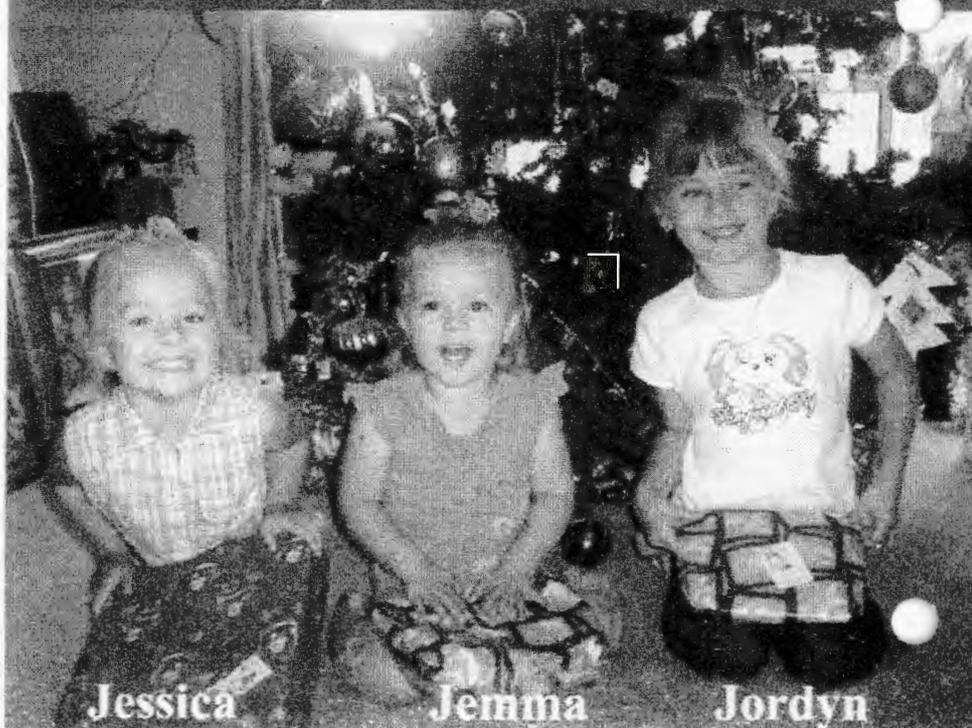
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Jordyn, Jessica, Jemma and their dad, Jason, would like to thank you for your kind donation and support given to them at the recent family day held at Romsey.

The day was organised by the Romsey community and was well supported by family, friends, the community and total strangers. People gave generously and ensured that the girls' future is secure for both their education and well being.

In Loving Memory Of Jody Stirling
11/10/1971 - 17/03/2005

THANK YOU



**COUNCIL NEWS FROM
CR. HENRY BLEECK**

**Stamp of approval for voting
through the mail**

Voting for this November's Macedon Ranges Shire Council elections will be conducted under the postal system. The postal voting system is one I fully support, and I have worked hard over the past couple of months to successfully overturn a previous Council decision to conduct the election under the compulsory attendance system. With the move to change ward boundaries and establish multi-member wards for the 2005 election it was especially important to simplify procedures for the voters through postal voting.

Instead of voting for one candidate in Mt William Ward or Monegeetta Ward as was the case last time around, this time residents will be voting for three candidates in the new East Ward—which takes in a large area of the Shire all the way from Baynton to Riddells Creek. Under the postal voting system, each voter will receive information through the mail from the Victorian Electoral Commission on each of the candidates, and a voting slip. Residents have the chance to digest the information and consider the policies and issues put forward by the candidates before casting their vote and mailing it back by the due date, in the postage-paid envelope provided.

This is the fairest, most democratic

system available, which is why I strongly supported it and why I was able to successfully move a rescission motion in Council to overturn the previous decision requiring people to turn up on the day to vote. Postal voting gives residents a real say in who represents them on Council and is democracy in action. It is a more desirable system than people having to turn up on a Saturday and having how-to-vote cards thrust into their hands as they walk towards the polling booth.

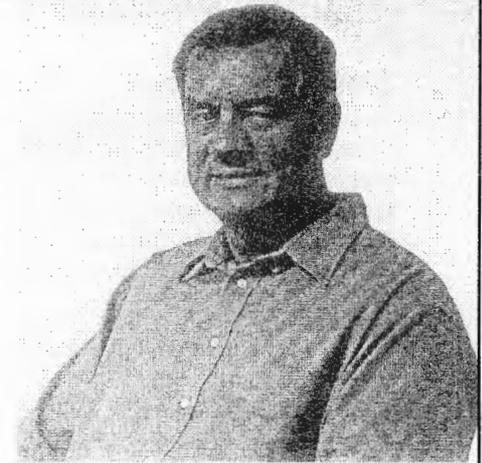
It is also better value for money for we ratepayers. Council officers have prepared a document which shows we will save \$26,000 by moving to the postal voting system, compared with the cost of having paid staff in attendance at booths across the municipality.

It is important for residents to ensure they are on the electoral roll so they can exercise their right to vote. There will be important information in the local newspapers for residents on the new system.

It's up to you though to make sure your vote counts.

Romsey Heights footpaths

My attention was recently drawn to the lack of footpaths in the Romsey Heights estate around Robb Drive. I immediately investigated this matter through Council, and am pleased to advise that work to construct concrete paths is scheduled to start this month,

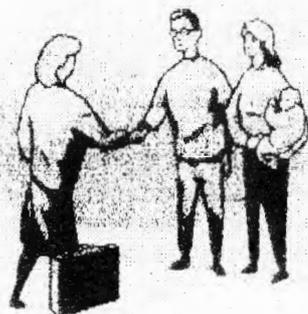


weather permitting. Romsey's Newnham Earthmoving have been contracted to build the paths. The current path in Robb Drive will be continued from where it ends at Harvest Close – to Drovers Retreat on the north side of the road, and then to Hutchinsons Lane on the west side. It's pleasing that the Council was able to respond promptly when this matter was raised. Residents will be further notified by letter when work is about to start. Some residents who do not have an existing concreted driveway will not be able to drive on or off their property for a short time while the path is laid, but the contractor will liaise with them when this is about to happen.

**Cr Henry Bleeck.
Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire
Councillor.**



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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

State Cross Country Championships

Recently we had two of our students (Jake Lever and Nathan Blair) progress through to the State Cross Country Championships. These boys had progressed from our own school cross country, district competition at Hanging Rock and Zone cross country in Bendigo. Just making it to this elite level is quite an achievement. Both boys competed in the 10 year old group against hundreds of students Jake ran the race of his life and finished 2nd overall, Nathan also had an excellent day and was placed 14th. This is an outstanding effort from these two young athletes.

Kinder Visits

Our Junior School Councillors have had a number of visits to the Romsey Kindergarten recently to read stories, play games and help these young children see that when they come to school next year there will be many friendly faces of all ages. The Kinder children also recently came along to one of our wonderful Prep Concerts. Our recent information sessions for parents were well attended and hopefully answered a number of questions on our school and programs. Romsey Primary School enrolment packages have been sent to all local kindergartens for distribution to parents. Enrolments for 2006 will be accepted now.

Disco

Our Junior School Council organised a whole school disco on Friday evening 17th June. This was a again a fabulous success with teachers and parents on hand to help keep the dancing rocking along. Money raised from the activity is to go towards the sponsorship of Frederick, a student in Kenya.

We again have a great group of student leaders on our Junior School Council. This group meet weekly with our assistant principal, Mrs Joan Gibbs, discussing ideas and suggestions from all class meetings. Junior School Council students report to the full School Council each month. Their suggestions and ideas are always sensible and well considered. Recently, at these students suggestion, we have had targets for ball games painted on the south walls of the gym, and safety stopping lines painted on the footpath at the Station Street school crossing.

School Production- "Showtime at Sea"

Our senior students' production 'Showtime at Sea' is fast approaching. This year we have a year 5 and year 6 cast, with both groups working hard in both class and recess times to put together a wonderful entertainment for family and friends. Bookings for the shows will open on the first day of term, 11th July. Performance dates are: Year 6- Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th July; Year 5- Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th August.

Barney Healy
Principal



Prep Concerts

During the second last week of term family and friends of our prep student were treated to a most enthusiastic and energetic performance by these young children. With a focus on fun and participation, students sang and acted their way through a lovely repertoire of songs and actions. Additionally we were treated to a preview performance by the school aerobics teams, with a special "one off" performance of the "adult" aerobics team.



Starlab

As part of the term's work on space, students in middle classes (1/2 and 3/4) were recently visited by "Starlab." This enclosed dome educational facility enables students to view constellations, stars, gain a greater understanding of the earth and its place in the solar system.

I thought it was pretty amazing to see all the constellations. Jacinta told us that if the earth was not tilted we would have only one season, summer. We would also not have polar bears. We learnt that bacteria are the only forms of life on Mars. I learnt something that I did not know before. I learnt that people can only live in outer space for 8 months. Did you know that astronomers found 51 other planets in our galaxy? I learnt that old stars look red and new stars look blue and white. - Misty 3/4VB

Aerobics Team

Our school aerobics teams are hard at work practicing for the first competitions of 2005 in just a few weeks. This year we have three teams - Junior, Intermediate and Junior Trio. Romsey Rag readers may remember that in 2004, our first year of aerobics competition, we achieved a silver medal in the national competitions in Sydney. If hard work and determination have anything to do with it, our students will again produce outstanding results this year.



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What's News

This will be my second last article for the *Rag*. In August, I will be leaving the church in Lancefield and Romsey to join the Air Force as a chaplain.

Some people may be surprised at this move. Whilst I have been exploring this possibility for quite some time, the final decision has come quite suddenly. However for some, the idea of a minister being in the military just doesn't make sense.

It would be reasonable for me to try to explain why I am making this move. There is a danger, however, that any explanation will appear to be nothing more than an attempt to justify myself. And I think that this trend is becoming more and more common in our society.

Too often, our politicians, and others, sound like they are trying to convince themselves that they have made the right decision. Instead of explaining their reasoning, it seems as though the decision has come first (for whatever reason) and the rationale is conceived to support the decision.

This inherent dishonesty can be found in almost any organization where decisions have to be made, especially when there are some who will not agree with the decision that has been made. Rather than address a conflict and seek a compromise or alternative solution, we become polarised, leaving no room for dialogue or negotiation. As a result, the rationale is more about why 'I'm right and you're wrong'.

To have authentic relationships with other human beings requires us to be honest in our communication. And being honest means admitting when we have made a mistake or are wrong.

Unfortunately, our society does not reward honesty. It rewards 'success', however that may be defined. Being wrong is simply not good enough.

Yet I believe that a part of being human is to make mistakes. No one is perfect. To admit mistakes is to be admitted as a member of the human race. Whilst we may place some members of society onto pedestals, expecting them to be perfect role models, in doing that we are only setting ourselves up to be disappointed. That is why the media jumps all over them when they do get it wrong.

Personally, I find it much easier to relate to someone who not only makes mistakes, but also admits them. For me, that gives them much more integrity and character than anyone trying to be 'perfect'.

For society to change, we need to change. As many people struggle for identity in the midst of consumerism and individualism, let us take the time to celebrate humanity. Sure, we are flawed, but we are all flawed. There is only one that is perfect, and that's why I'm in the church.

Rev Alan Williams

What's On

- 3 July 9:00am worship.
- 10 July 9:00am worship, including Holy Communion.
- 13 July 1:30pm UCAF meets in a home (it's much warmer than the hall at this time of year!) to trim and sort stamps for sale by 'Sammy Stamp' (a statewide fund raising effort of the Uniting Church).
- 17 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School. This will be the first Sunday School session for term 3.
- 24 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
5:00pm alternative family worship at Lancefield UC. Anyone is most welcome to come along and share in this 'different' time at church. Followed by a bring-and-share meal.
- 31 July 9:00am worship and Sunday School.
- 7 Aug 10:30am worship at Lancefield UC, including Holy Communion and Service of Release. This combined service marks the end of Rev Alan's ministry with us.
12:00pm Farewell luncheon for Rev Alan at the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall. Anyone who wants to come along to say 'goodbye' is most welcome.
4:30pm Combined Churches Songfest the Lancefield Mechanic's Hall. Followed by a soup and bread supper. Offering for school chaplaincy. Come along as we share some of our music with one another.

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

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

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Romsey Community Bank

OUR BANK'S AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

The Romsey Community Bank represents an investment in the future for the whole community – and the opportunity is still there for all residents to be part of it. Local Community Bank deputy chair Maureen Wiltshire said that as well as the \$530,000 in shares which was set as the official minimum funding requirement in the prospectus – the formal legal share offer document – to enable the Bank to go ahead, there was provision for an extra \$170,000 in over-subscriptions to provide additional working capital.

"With the minimum share application of \$500, local residents have access to a wonderful opportunity to be part of our financial future for a reasonable outlay," Mrs Wiltshire said. "People can invest even more and have a bigger share in our future. The share market may be a bit of a mystery for many people, but our Romsey Community Bank share offer provides people with the chance to enter the market and support their community at the same time in a meaningful way."

Mrs Wiltshire said around 240 residents had so far shown their support for the Bank by buying shares.

"With Romsey's population of around 4000 residents, there are a lot of people in the town and surrounding area who still haven't put up their hand to be counted," Mrs Wiltshire said. "I am sure there are many potential 'mum-and-dad' investors around the town who strongly support the concept of a community-owned bank in Romsey, but aren't confident about taking the next step into a shareholding. I can assure them that for a minimum \$500 it's a simple process and a tangible way to support our town."

"Our Bank will provide a significant benefit for Romsey, both in terms of convenience, face-to-face personalised service, Saturday morning banking and funds to help our town grow and prosper into the future. All of Romsey's people will benefit."

Mrs Wiltshire said Romsey could follow the lead of the Lancefield community which opened its branch four years ago, when a number of residents invested in the future of their children by buying shares for them.

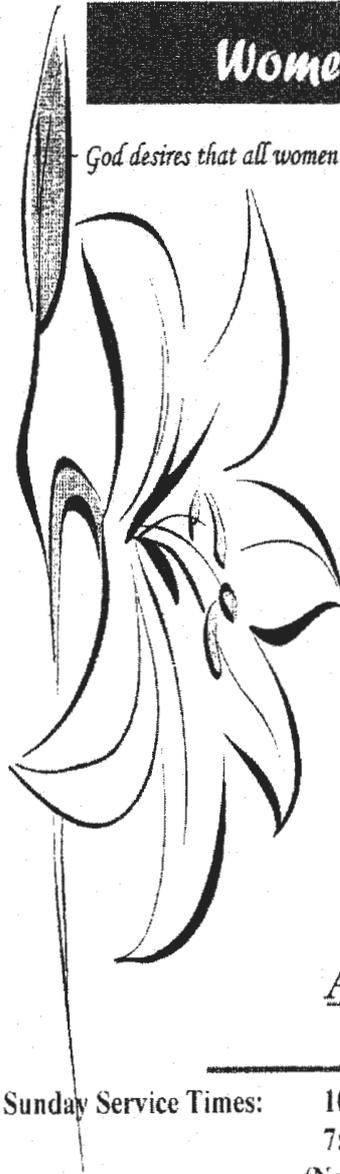
Some preliminary building work has been carried out at the Romsey branch's chosen location at Shop 1, 112 Main St.

Copies of the prospectus, which include the application form, are available from Mrs Wiltshire at the James Kelleher solicitors' office at 75 Main St Romsey, the Lancefield Community Bank at 20 High St or the Saturday morning stalls in the Romsey shopping square.

Inspire

Women's Meeting

God desires that all women realise their destiny and potential in life ~



Wednesday
10th August 2005

Speaker:
Barbara Hills

10:00 am
Living Word
Christian Church
7 Mitchell Court Romsey

All Ladies Welcome

Sunday Service Times: 10:00am 7 Mitchell Crt Romsey
7:00 pm Woodend Community Centre
(No evening service 1st Sunday of month)

If you are looking for a relevant, friendly group of people who desire to see their Community, their families & their individual lives flourish & prosper then you need to visit the "Living Word" Christian Church. Different programs that we run are as follow:

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Midweek Life Groups

KIDZONE Before & After School Care Program

Church bus available for hire for community groups

MACEDON RANGES COMPUTER CLUB

At Macedon Ranges Computer Club (MRCC) we're all about informing you of the best possible practices for your computing. Our motto is that we take the frustration out of computers. We want to tell you about a problem that potentially affects EVERY computer user who's ever bought software and why you shouldn't purchase pirate software and allow yourself to be ripped off.

Piracy is a huge problem for the software industry and a major profit for organized criminals. I'm not talking about the friend who copies their software and hands it around to their mates; I'm talking about career criminals. Everyone who pays for their software is actually paying that bit extra to support the activities of both the organized crime and the pirating friend.

If there was no piracy, then most software would be cheaper for everybody!

With pirated software there's no quality control and often a pirate CD will be blank, or worse still it may contain a virus. Some viruses can log your key strokes, from your PC's keyboard (key logging), and send the information to criminals via the net. This is just one of the methods used to get your bank account details and password etc.

If you were to pay say \$140 for one of the pirated Microsoft Windows XP Professionals from the better known internet based auction web site....., you'd be giving away \$135 to a criminal. It costs just \$5 to produce the junk pirate CD and the rest is clear profit for the "crims". If a crim sells 100 copies via an auction site, they'll have made \$13,500 bucks ... a little over a weekend!!! This is not small bickies. **WARNING** – Don't try this at home because a number of organizations such as the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft and the Australian Tax Office are all very interested in this type of activity, and like any crime committed via the internet it can be traced DIRECTLY back to the offender.

Sometimes the pirated CD's are very real in appearance and function, but for one minor detail, you cannot authenticate or register them with Microsoft. This is a dead give away and if you've purchased such an item, then keep reading because we have some good news for you.

The CD will work ok to begin with, and you'll get your updates from Microsoft, but all too soon the update function will stop working and you'll quickly realize you've been ripped off by an expert criminal. Microsoft is currently adding details to their update web sites so that pirated software will no longer be able to gather updates.

In some cases Microsoft can help unsuspecting purchasers, but not all. You should contact them on 1800 639 963 Mon to Friday from 6 am to 6 pm. Talk with them and hopefully you'll decide to do in the person who blatantly ripped you off. In return Microsoft will evaluate your pirated CD and determine if it qualifies you for a replacement with a genuine Microsoft product equivalent.

Here's a couple of Microsoft web sites you might find usefull.

MS Piracy identification website: <http://www.microsoft.com/australia/genuine/>

Piracy reporting website: <http://www.microsoft.com/australia/genuine/piracy/productID/default.aspx>

MRCC meets on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm, in the MRFEC classrooms, rear of Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre (MRFEC), near the Gym in the car park. Look for the MRCC pointer board on the verge, near the Gisborne Library and opposite Gardner's Garage.

The meeting itself is free so just roll up. If you feel like bringing a plate for afternoon tea we'd truly appreciate it and you might consider donating a gold coin if you want some tea or coffee.

Any computer problems that you have can be submitted in writing and we'll present it to our panel of experts so it can be resolved. At our last meeting Deb Burge gave a talk on computer hacking and how it can be used for good. Everyone was shown how hacking works and we legally hacked a web site that had been setup for this express purpose. Details were provided to members on how the knowledge of good hackers can help web site and software developers to plug any loopholes that bad hackers might exploit. This was done at a level where everyone could understand and see how hacking is actually accomplished. Hacking 101 made easy!

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ARE YOU AN UNALIGNED FREE THINKER?

Who would enjoy discussing these topics, and others, with other unaligned free thinkers - in Romsey and surrounds?

Some of us feel that we are being fed a litany of lies from Canberra via the mainstream media about anything important.

Maybe as individuals we can do little about this situation but as a Round Table independent Group both the media and polities will have to take notice.

Do you believe the media is serving us well - or just telling us what they want us to know?

The airwaves that carry radio and TV programs are ours, they are licensed to mainly commercial interests; are we getting value for the use of our air waves? Or

are they being turned against us?

I have lived in the USA for the past 18 years and have watched corporate America take over what we see on TV, what we read and even whether we go to war or not. That our government thinks like Washington, a strange place, with even stranger people 15,000 km away - really frightens me.

Did you know that Australia has committed to buying three air warfare Destroyers (AWD) which, when the arrangement was made in 2000, were going to cost a little over 1.3 BILLION dollars each. The ongoing costs during service will consume another \$7B

Now the cost is two billion dollars apiece - and the ships are not scheduled to be finished until 2013 - how much overdue and overrun of billions will the cost eventually be? Do you know what an AWD is - and how many hospitals and schools can be purchased for 14 billion dollars?

If thoughts like these appeal to you, come along to the Romsey Mechanics Insitute at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 13 July, 2005.

Further enquiries: Alan Young 5429 5025



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield
Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor
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Presbytery: 5429 2130
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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

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8.00 a.m. Lancefield and 10.00 a.m. Romsey

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:

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):

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1582 or 5429 2130. **A new group is about to start.**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

JULY

Mid-Read Reflection Day:

Topic: Australian Landscape as an Image of the Landscape of the Soul

Date: Wednesday, 27th July

Time: 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx.)

Venue: Presbytery Meeting Room

Facilitator: John Stuart

Donation: \$5.00

BYO lunch to share. Tea and coffee provided. For more information, please contact Sr. Frances on 5429 1582 or the Presbytery.

REGULAR EVENTS

SVDP Drop-In:

First Thursday of each month, 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. All welcome to come for a game of cards/chat and free lunch.

Spiritual Guidance:

Last Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Councillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information

Young Mothers Group

Young mothers and their children are invited to get together at St. Mary's Church Hall Romsey on the first Friday of each month from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. No cost, just bring along a plate to share, have a coffee, a chat and make new friends. Mothers of school age children are welcome. For more information, please contact the Presbytery.

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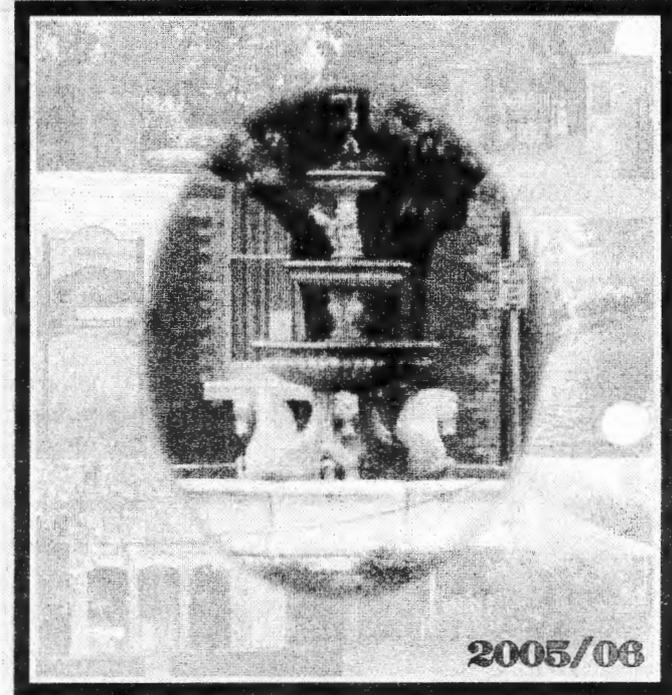
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Romsey Volleyball Association Annual General Meeting

The Romsey Volleyball Association will be holding AGM on Friday July 15th. This meeting will be held at Romsey Recreation Centre, Park Lane, Romsey commencing at 7.30 pm.

All positions will be available.

The Association will also be taking registrations for the winter season mixed competition at the same time.

New teams an individuals welcome.

For enquiries please contact
 Emma and Peter 5429 5453
 Lorraine 5429 5931 / 0411 845 412

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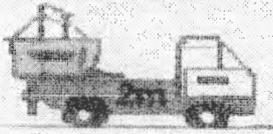
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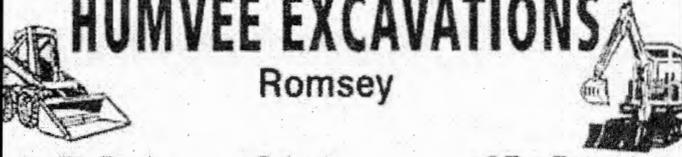
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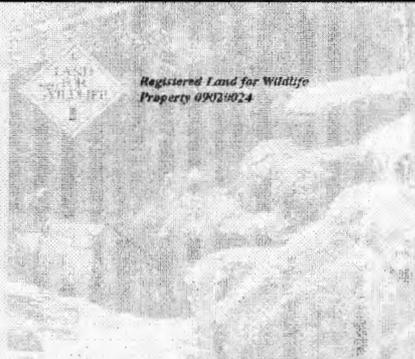
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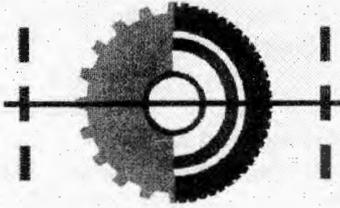
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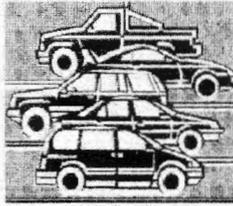
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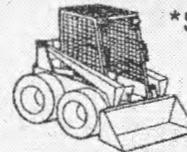
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Romsey Community House Inc. was first mooted in July 2004 and incorporated in February this year. While we don't yet have a "home", (which we anticipate will be included in the proposed Romsey Hub) we are very keen to get some programs and activities up and running while the development of the hub proceeds. For Term 3 we are excited to offer the following programs, and hope that our community will support our efforts for this important local facility.

Introduction To Landscape Design:

Are you about to establish a new garden and don't know where to start? Do you want ideas to renovate your existing garden beds and change the look of your property? Introduction to Landscape Design will be held over 4 sessions, weekly during term 3. The instructor, Kerri Mewett is a qualified horticulturalist and lecturer at Kangan TAFE. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this short course.

Dates: July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 4th

Day: Thursday evenings

Time: 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Venue: The Old Courthouse
Stawell Street,
Romsey

Materials: Bring pens and paper

Cost: \$50 for 4 sessions

Number of participants limited, bookings essential. There is a possibility that this course could be extended to include plant selection.

Writer's group

If you've always wanted to write but weren't sure where to start, the Romsey Writer's group is the place for you! Join a group of like minded people for fun, informative sessions. We welcome people of all ages and levels of experience. Sessions will be run fortnightly. All sessions will be informal and friendly and will offer a brief introduction to a particular topic. Suggested topics include getting ideas, writing your family history, writing for children, writing short articles, writing short stories. Your own ideas will also be explored at the first session. This course will be conducted by local professional writer Dee White. We hope this will become an ongoing Community House activity.

Dates: July 20th, August 3rd, August 17th, August 31st,
September 14th.

Day: Wednesday morning 9.30 – 11.30 am

Venue: The Old Courthouse
Stawell Street
Romsey

Materials: Bring pens and paper

Cost: \$50 for 5 sessions

Number of participants limited so bookings essential.

Scrapbooking

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Day: Wednesday evenings

Dates: Fortnightly commencing July 13th

Time: 7.30 – 10.30pm

Venue: Uniting Church Hall
Pohlman Street
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Tutor: Sharon Williams

Cost: \$15 per session (includes use of equipment).

Materials: BYO or available to purchase at each session, bring your photos

Fire Safety

The CFA will run three fire safety sessions during term 3 (one per month) on important fire safety topics that the whole family should know and understand.

Each session will last from 1 hour to 90 minutes, and will look at aspects of fire safety and young children, fire safety for carers and preparing your property and plans for the summer fire season. (Children welcome)

Dates: July 28th– Early Fire Safe

August 25th – Isolated Elderly

September 8th– General Home Safety

Venue: The Old Courthouse
Stawell Street
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Cost: \$5 per session

WANTED:

Do you:

- Have some skills or interests you would like to share as a presenter?
- Have some time to become a volunteer?
- Have a suggestion that you would like to put forward for future programs at the Romsey Community House?

Then we would like to hear from you.

This is **your** Community House and this is **your** opportunity to say what you would like to happen there, or to use the programs offered to develop skills and interests, meet new people and / or make a contribution to the community.

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- Romsey Walking Group
- The Uniting Church
- CFA
- Helen Clement for her excellent presentation.

The winners of our two raffles were Elisa Drysdale (painting) and Helen Clement (wine).

Thank you to all who attended and made this such a successful event.

Joan Sparkes

I would also like to thank the lady who helped me out at IGA recently. \$5 was donated to the above cause.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB.

Results on Saturday 28th May for monthly medal James Menzies net 66. Another of our young members. The mystery hole after many months of misses was won twice at different holes the 1st and tenth by the same player, straight shooting, Les Wright.

The course was in good condition with good grass cover on the fairways with the greens playing medium pace and true when the 23rd annual tournament was played. A full field of 60 players on Sunday for 24 holes and a lamb roast, the toast of district.

Congratulations to all involved in the tournament for a job well done.

Up coming events around the club include the annual trivia night. Book a table early.

The rain that's finally arrived can only improve and supplement the work around the course, grow grass grow.

And finally we offer our deepest sympathy to the Clement family on the passing of Robert after a long illness. God bless.

Probus Club **Romsey – Lancefield**

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School Holidays are fast approaching as I write this update. We hope you enjoyed our second term where we worked towards our Nature badge. Fun with autumn leaves, decorating hats, ourselves, our windows. Finding out what our native animals do, sleep, eat, which species are becoming less and why.

The Platypus guides had a cooking night and made truffles and apricot roll ups. Someone got excited and stood on hers! Who got squashed roll ups?

Bilby guides planted a daffodil in a pot, and have taken them home to look after them. WE hope to see them beautifully flowering when the spring show comes around.

Numbers are growing and Possum has been hard at work recruiting in all the local schools. We now have 20 platypus guides and 10 bilby guides.

The Romsey Expo was a wonderful way for us to promote ourselves and we now have our contact advertised in the Romsey Directory.

Thanks to Annie Elliott for volunteering as Possums helper and Amanda Sparks for her valuable help to Brolga. Thanks to Jo Steele always ready to step in with the Bilby Guides. Our new District Leader is Lisa Gentry. Good luck and congratulations to her.

Yours in Guiding,
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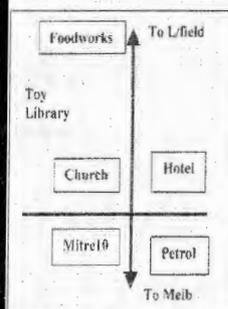
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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

21 May **President's Trophy A:** G.McDorman (13) 69;
B: B.Woods(21) 69;

Ladies: L.Atley(25) 71

22 May S.Climas (12) 39; P. Reid(29) 37

4 June **Monthly Medal:** R.McHenry (20) 64;
A: G.Haynes(11) 70; **B:** R.McHenry

Putting: J.Clough

5 June S.Hynes (15) 38; R.Mau (9) 37

11 June S.Abdel-Sayed (17) 40; G.Hecker(10) 38

18 June R.Walker (11) 39; G.McDorman (13) 38

Ladies- H.Dennett (18) 36

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

24 May P.McGill (10) 38; A.Maloney (19) 37

31 May P.Lewis (31) 74; R.Mau (9) 79

7 June R.Walker (12) 40; R.Woods (21) 36

14 June W.Salathiel (22) 32; C.Daniel (13) 32

The Annual Lancefield Open was again an extremely successful event attracting over 100 players in the two days (May 28,29) of competition. The 4BBB Open Event was won by D.Connors and S.Climas with the Mixed Event going to L.Beasley and C.Daniel. The 27 hole Stroke on Sunday was won in A grade by P.Nelson, B grade by R. Walker and C grade by W. Mee. The course was in excellent condition thanks to our hard working volunteers and Greenkeeper David Brown. The recent rain has certainly been welcome, just as the grass on the fairways was becoming dry and brittle. The creeks are once again flowing and the dams near full.

The Reg Lockens Memorial Singles Knockout Matchplay Event commences on the 25 June and will continue over 5 weeks. A fund raising Trivia Night will be held on 30 July. The cost is \$10 per head. Players are encouraged to bring a plate of supper. Bookings are necessary. Simply contact the Secretary.

Our Corporate Memberships are due for renewal at the start of July. Gold, Silver and Bronze packages are available. Lancefield Golf Club will go out of their way to ensure the package is designed for your individual requirements. So if interested please contact our Secretary.

A **special offer** is being made to any golfer wishing to become a full member in the near future. Join in July and receive a bonus **free 2 months** on your yearly membership. This is part of our membership drive aimed at significantly increasing the Club's Membership. Any member introducing a new member is also being rewarded by a discount on their next year's membership.

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Firewood harvesting has an effect on our native woodlands, and a variety of threatened species. Dead standing and fallen timber provides crucial habitat for numerous species of animals and birds. It is now recognised that the removal of this wood for firewood is contributing to a significant loss of wildlife, particular in the woodlands of south-eastern Australia.

Not only does standing and fallen dead wood provide important habitat for animals and birds it also plays an essential role in maintaining forests and woodland nutrient cycles. Dead wood is as important as living trees, fallen leaves and soil for the maintenance of ecological processes sustaining biodiversity.

FOUR EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. Collect Thoughtfully

* If you are collecting firewood leave hollow logs alone whether they are standing or lying. They are the dwindling homes to some of Australia's most beloved animals. So try and take smaller diameter solid pieces of wood instead of large diameter hollows.

* Do not collect from endangered woodland communities. These communities are declining and are protected by state and federal legislation so penalties apply to firewood collecting. Look on the threatened species web site for

your state to find out what is endangered at your state level.

* When you take firewood leave some behind and move on. If there is very little around leave it and search somewhere else. It is often the cumulative impact of lots of people taking a little firewood that causes depletion. As with recreational fishing, over harvesting will destroy the resource for everyone.

2. BUY RESPONSIBLY

* Encourage your wood seller to stock plantation wood or the less threatened species of hardwood such as stringybark. This will help conserve declining forests and woodlands.

* If there is enough consumer demand for alternative products then merchants will progressively turn away from the threatened woodland species.

* Ask your wood merchant whether they can supply a mixed load of hardwoods (eg more than one type). This will help to reduce the pressure on woodland species that aren't regenerating.

3. If you own a property, try to plant as much as you take. That way you will create your own renewable source of wood.

4. Recycle / use old fence posts and off cuts.

Up to 5.5 million tonnes of timber is harvested annually for domestic firewood use. This number increases to 6-7 million tonnes when industrial firewood is included. Eighty four percent of domestic firewood is collected on private property.

Remember that logs have life inside!

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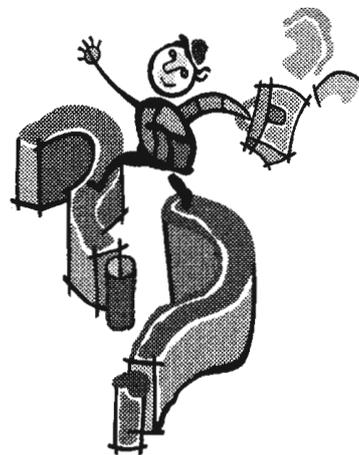
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Trivia Night & Silent Auction

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From the Anglican Church

Dealing with grief.

In recent weeks, I have been involved in a number of funerals, helping people celebrate and mourn the loss of someone near and dear to them. Our community has been saddened by the passing of Robert Clements and Mary Madigan, and many have been shocked by the awful accident which took the life of Eddie Green. We all know that it is inevitable that we will lose friends and family members through sickness, old age and accident but that realisation does nothing of itself to help that sense of loss.

I have been reading lately about grief and loss, and have been reminded that grief and loss are integral to our lives. We need to **learn** how to deal with it, otherwise we are at risk of never recovering. We actually grieve over many things: moving from one house to another, for example. We leave behind gardens, friends, homes in which a great deal of our life has been lived, familiar surroundings and associations. I have been a "wanderer" in my work, and while I personally have become partly immune to this, I did not realise how much it affected my children, my parents, (who saw very little of their grandchildren) and so on. The grief may not have been recognised at the time but lately I have come to realise how it took its toll.

Children experience grief. They grieve, for example, when they lose friends. It doesn't need to be a change in school, although that is usually pretty traumatic, just a change in patterns of friendships can cause grief. We need to help our children at these times, especially if they are the ones left behind. The death of a pet can be very difficult, but it can be a wonderful opportunity to learn about grief.

One enormous problem is the grief caused by divorce. I

have experienced this pain myself, and know what a shattering experience it is. It impacts not just on the children, but on the wider family as well, especially on grandparents, who frequently lose contact, causing them great grief. Divorce brings huge changes, loss of friends, familiar neighbourhood, school and so on, to say nothing of the fractured relationship between the parents and children.

We all understand this; few of us have not been affected, so the big question is how to deal with it, and how to teach our children to cope.

A new "industry" of grief counselling, is on the rise. Being able to talk over the situation causing grief and recognising it for what it is can, in itself, be a wonderful help. Friends, church members, clergy, counsellors all help at these times. The recognition that grief is shared by **all** human beings, is probably the first step.

From a Christian perspective, the Bible is full of instances of people pouring out their grief to God. A belief that God is involved in our daily life and concerned about us, is a great help. I think it is something like an unhappy child, blaming the parent and putting on a temper tantrum. The **love** the parent is strong enough to absorb that fury. One day the child will come to understand that it is the parents' love which is their anchor. This is a reflection of what it is like with between us and God. Blame God for our troubles if we like; God's love is able to absorb our anger and frustration. God's love and healing will be revealed to us if we are able to recognise that love, expressed in the suffering and grief in the life of Jesus. God's love can be an anchor for our daily life.

Laurie McIntyre (Vicar)

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Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report July 2005

The clinic we held on the 24th May was well attended and enjoyed by the ladies. Putting and chipping close to the green was taught. The following two weeks the ladies practised what they had learnt under the watchful eye of Marg Fanner. On the 14th of June the ladies went to Goonawarra and had a lesson on the full swing from Caro Leaney. Now we welcome the ladies to join us on a Wednesday and put their lessons into practise. Many thanks to Marg Fanner and our members who gave up their time to help with the clinics.

The weekly winning this month has been shared around. Darrelle won the monthly medal; Leila had a win the following week. Then Hilda won and broke her handicap, followed by a win by Beryl.

We had a couple of wins at the tournament as well. Hilda playing with Neil Jarman won the mixed 4BBB with 48 pts, from Beryl & Ron Cole 45 pts on a count back from Leila who was partnered by Colin Daniels from Lancefield.

Darrelle was runner up at the ladies veterans' comp at Broadford on the 9th June with 36pts.

Welcome home to Jenny who has been abroad for 6 weeks.

The ladies went to the Romsey Hotel after golf last week and had an enjoyable meal.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Wednesday. 9am assembly for a 9.30 hit off. Dress warmly.

Recipe for this month

Caramel Slice (another version)

1pkt Morning coffee biscuits

4ozs butter

½ tin condensed milk

1 tablespoon golden syrup

2 tablespoons brown sugar.

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ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD PROBUS CLUB

Activities

May 2005

We celebrated our 5th birthday. Looking back over the 5 years we believe that the years have been very enjoyable. All our travels were good, lunches excellent, and we enjoyed very informative guest speakers.

We participated in the Romsey Expo. We found it very successful. Our club had some positive responses and interest in new membership. We thank the Lions Club, and in particular July Starec for organizing a wonderful day.

In May we organised a movie day followed by lunch. The picture was 'Ladies in Lavender'. A very nice classic film thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the May meeting we discussed the setting up of special interest groups. The bowling group is successful. Members were asked to submit some ideas.

We did not have a guest speaker. Dorothy, our secretary and Pat, a member gave us a most informative talk about their trip on the Ghan to Darwin and organised side trips on the way. It was a spectacular tour.

Coming trips: June 15, Woodend Insectarium and lunch at Keatings hotel.

For July, Christmas in July, by bus to Valley View Winery in the Yarra Valley.

PROBUS is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs: the basic purpose is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

For information: Geoff Long 5429 6567, Dorothy Hayes 5429 1225

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB INC.

PO BOX 288 ROMSEY 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Sue Lavars 5429 6871



FANTASTIC NEWS!!!

We are on our way.....

Great news for the community of Romsey, as the Tennis Club – with great support from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council - has secured a grant of \$50,000 through the Community Facility Funding Program from Sport and Recreation Victoria. Joanne Duncan MP announced our success at the Tennis courts on Thursday 9th June.

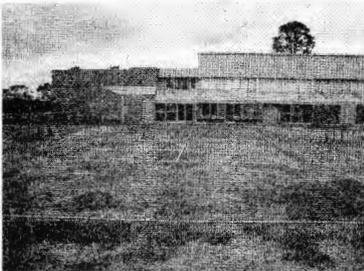
This State Government grant together with \$15,000 from the Federal Government MP Fran Bailey goes a long way toward funding the re-surfacing of our drought afflicted red porous courts.

The great fund-raising efforts from all of the Romsey Tennis Club's members and committee, plus the fantastic support and encouragement from the broader Romsey community has meant the project can now proceed without delay.

However we will not be stopping here, as **installing lights is next on the agenda.**

This will ensure growth of the tennis club, plus extending opportunities for all Romsey and district residents to partake of the great sport that is tennis.

Watch out for our current wood raffle tickets, upcoming used clothing collections and the Clearing Sale in spring



Current Tennis Success

Our Junior Section 3 **won the Grand Final** in the summer season and Section 7 were **runners-up**. Congratulations to all of the team members for a great result!

The ladies mid-week competition has just been completed, with our Section 1 team reigning premiers again – well done to you all!!

Club Contacts

Club Coach - Brett Rees - 5429 6716.

Social Tennis – Thursday Morning at 10.30am - phone 5429 5525

Family Social Tennis – Friday from 4.30pm.

Mid-week Ladies – Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189

Senior Saturday Tennis - Darlene - 5429 5186 or Bev Davis -5429 5954

Junior Saturday Tennis - Mandy Green – 5429 5191

Social Twilight Tennis – Mondays from 6.30pm(daylight saving time only) – Kaye – 5429 5622

Romsey Football/Netball Club

We are making progress with improvements at the club. The new fence will be installed by the time this magazine is distributed, the gas heaters, portable massage table and new bain marie have been ordered and the scoreboard has been wired and a new bench fitted, (thanks Norm and Rob).

We are still attracting new sponsors to help improve our finances. Talking of finance, the Ball is on the 2nd of July at The Mechanics Institute, don't forget your tickets, this is a major club event, ALL players are expected to attend. The Hypnotist is on the 13th August at The Mechanics Institute – pencil this date in your diary, \$40 per head. A sponsors day will be held on 24th July. Members will be notified.

Finally, as the date for the end of clearances approaches, we would like to thank everyone who helped recruit players this year, the under 18 team now has nearly 30 players on the list and the seniors have adequate numbers. WE have more than our share of injuries so the numbers of players available have helped us to still field full sides each week.

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From Joanne Duncan

Dear Friends

What fantastic news, the Romsey Tennis Club has been granted \$50,000 funding under the Community Facilities Funding Program for the upgrading of their tennis courts!

Congratulations to Bev Beaumont and the team at the Romsey Tennis Club for all their efforts in securing this funding and the Romsey community for supporting their fundraising efforts.

Kind Regards

Joanne Duncan MP

State Member for Macedon