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FROM JOANNE DUNCAN, MLA

Dear Friends

The Victoria State Emergency Service (SES) has a new telephone number for members of the public to call if they require emergency flood and storm assistance.

There is now one number, 132 500 to call for the SES regardless of where Ive.

This number replaces a range of call out numbers and is for flood or storm emergency calls only. If you are requiring assistance for fire, from the police or the ambulance you should still call 000.

Emergency services volunteers and staff in our area do a fantastic job in helping us in times of great stress and hardship. They are the backbone of our emergency services response and there are countless examples in our community of their dedication.

I find that keeping a list of emergency contact numbers on my fridge is a great. way of ensuring that they are easily accessible in time of emergency and I would urge you to do the same.

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Kind Regards

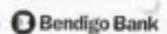
A business evening with Neville Barwick.

Tuesday 15 November

The Romsey and Lancefield Community Bank' Branches have pleasure in presenting a business networking evening. Local resident. Neville Barwick, a richly experienced business and community leader, will be our guest speaker.

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From Cr. Henry Bleeck

Make your vote count

By the time you're reading this column the candidates for the Macedon Ranges Shire elections will be fully on the campaign trail. You will receive your ballot paper in the mail over the next week or so, and the process will be a bit more complicated than in the past.

You will know from the material being distributed that I am running for election again, standing on my achievements on your behalf over the past 14 months. I would hope that my achievements will be enough to induce you to vote for me – but whether or not you decide to support me or other candidates, I urge everyone to make their vote count.

People have to number every square on the ballot paper; or else their vote is invalid. Under our new system of multi-councillor wards, your votes 1, 2 and 3 are for the three candidates you wish to see elected. But you must then continue the numbering against the other names, or your vote won't count. And don't fill out your ballot paper and leave it on the kitchen table – unless it's received by Friday, November 25, it's void.

Come off the grass!

Some much-needed topsoiling and maintenance work has been done on the playing field surfaces at Romsey Park. Several officials from the sports clubs spoke to me about the deteriorating surface, and I'm pleased that Shire staff were then able to get together with the Park Committee and attend to it. The Romsey cricketers have had to relocate for the time being to enable to surface to bed down. I'll now be pushing for work to be done on a more regular basis so that the surface can be maintained without a major project that leads to the inconvenience of teams having to move off their home ground.

The bare cheek of it!

Congratulations to the "Just Cruizin" team for their audacious nude calendar idea to raise money for cancer research and for the Macedon Ranges Shire's Relay for Life next March at Lancefield Park. I'm just grateful that there are strategically-placed implements and props between the nude models from local-area businesses to avoid them further embarrassment. I attended the launch of the calendar on October 8, and it was a fun night and a chance to meet the models with their clothes on. The two-year calendars are available at \$20 from Lancefield area businesses or by phoning Jenny Parks on 5429 2258, who is also selling DVDs of the photo shoots. The Relay for Life is on March 4 and 5, and I encourage people from across the Shire to put together teams to enter this worthy cause. Teams wanting to participate should phone Judy O'Grady on 5429 1587.

Putting Ranges on the map

The Macedon Ranges Shire is well placed to become a tourism mecca with a focus on the environment and natural history, Federal Minister for Small Business & Tourism, Fran Bailey has told a group of local business people and residents. Minister Bailey visited Lancefield on September 27 at my invitation, and spoke to about 40 interested people. Her messages show that the region has a lot to offer to tourists – but it won't just happen, and we need to work on it ourselves. Minister Bailey's message was that we need to develop local and regional tourism, look at a new market, including overseas visitors, and reinvent our own packaging to provide a wider experience. Examples we could think about include an opportunity to visit a nursery, vineyard, have a bike ride, meal, and stay the night – and not jut limit the experience to a picnic at Hanging Rock. The possibilities for tourism are endless – and if we work together and support each other we will have every chance of really putting our area on the map as a must-see tourist destination.

Councillor Henry Bleeck.

Authorised by Cherie Goodson, 42 Main Rd. Lancefield, 3435

JOEY SCOUTS ARE COMING TO ROMSEY

Joey Scouts are for 7 and 7 year old boys and girls. An hour of fun, games, craft, story time, cooking and social interaction.

It will be held on Tuesday nights 5pm - 6pm at eh Romsey Scout Hall.

Any further information please contact Jan Perez, Joey Mob leader on 5429 6686

Student Wellbeing Award

This month our school was recognised by the Macedon Ranges Mental Health Teaching Excellence Awards Committee. This is in recognition of our whole school approach to student wellbeing, our proactive programs in values education and resilience, and our programs of case management for students in need of emotional and social skills support. Congratulations are due to all our staff members who play a part in implementing these successful programs, and especially to our student wellbeing coordinator Mrs Joan Gibbs and the Wellbeing team who meet weekly to initiate, coordinate and evaluate our programs in this area of school activity.

School Aerobics Team

During the last school holidays our two aerobics teams flew to Sydney to compete in the National Championships at the State Sports Centre in Homebush-Olympic Park. Our two teams consisted of five very talented and committed girls and their dedicated coaches. Leanne Stewart and Karren Baker. The girls competed against teams from all over the country and achieved the outstanding results of a silver medal for the Junior Group and fourth for the Junior Trio. Romsey Primary School now has the second and fourth best aerobics teams in Australia for the Junior division.

Ringwood Secondary College Performance

This month we were fortunate to have a visit from the Ringwood Secondary College music students. This impressive array of Year 7 to 10 musicians from was on a tour of Central Victoria and included Romsey as part of their busy schedule. This was a wonderful performance with a vast range of instruments featured. Hopefully this will also inspire many of our Romsey Primary School instrumental students to keep on with their music studies and be part of major group performances both at primary school and later at secondary college.

School Camps

Students in the senior (5&6) and middle (3&4) years recently took part in their school camps for 2005. The 5&6



students went to Ace-Hill Ranch on the Mornington Peninsula, while the years 354 students travelled to Anglesea. Romsey Primary School camps focus on adventure activities and exploring and learning about the different camp environments. Additionally students learn about greater selfreliance and most importantly, have fun. On return students (and teachers and parent helpers) all needed a good rest following their exciting adventures.



Jump Rope for Heart

This term all students will have the opportunity to be involved in the "Jump Rope for Heart" program. This is a fun and healthy challenge that encourages positive attitudes toward: ysical activity and heart health. Students enjoy the fun and fitness of skipping, while at the same time raising funds for heart disease research and health promotion programs. On November 18" the program will end with a special whole school "Jump Off." This is held to celebrate skills learnt focussing of fun and simultaneous activity.

Garden Awards

Recently we were informed that Romsey Primary School had again won the Regional Garden Award for 2005. This recognises that our school grounds, gardens and outdoor facilities are among the best in our region- an area that covers a huge section of the state from Gisborne to Mildura. Congratulations are due to the Facilities sub-committee, our parent gardening group, working bee volunteers, students and staff for all the work put into making or such a wonderful environment for our students. Winning the Regional Award puts us in the running for the State Award. The judging for this will take place on Friday 28th October at 8.45am. On this day the judges will arrive by helicopter and land on the south oval. The announcement of the State Garden Award winner will be made at a special ceremony at the Botanic Gardens on 7th December.

Millo Cricket

Our Year 2 & 3 students had an exciting afternoon with the "Milo Have a Go" cricket clinic. The students met two cricket players, Rob McIntyre, coach of the Romsey Cricket Club, and Ben Oliver from the Victorian Bushrangers. The students played cricket relays and learned about the four "S's"- Side On, Step, Stop and Strike.

Barney Healy Principal



Pauline's Book Reviews

Father Frank - Paul Burke

This is a wonderfully entertaining and highly original first novel. Frank Dempsey discovers at about age 11 that his Catholic religion, as far as he is concerned, is sadly lacking in credibility and that he no longer believes in God. This wouldn't be such a life-shattering discovery if, upon leaving school, he hadn't been accepted into Theology at Oxford and from there into the priesthood. He becomes the parish priest of St Thomas's, situated in a drab North London parish, and transforms the lives of his parishioners by his unconventional methods and inspirational sermons. In his spare time he drives a taxi around London to raise parish funds and, despite his personal disbelief, lives a happy and fulfilling life...until one day when Sarah Mitchell hops into his cab and his life is turned upside down.

Corsets to Camouflage - Kate Adie

Working around books on a daily basis means that these days I don't often buy my own, but after hearing Kate Adie speak at a 'literary lunch' on the radio I decided that if she wrote half as well as she spoke any books written by her were well worth having. Thus I invested in the above title and was not disappointed. The book tells the story of woman and war from the 1700s through to the present and how their role has changed during the years. From Florence Nightingale to Nancy Wake along with all the other unsung women who have contributed to the war effort, either directly or indirectly, over the years. It is a well-written and very informative read and I look forward to tracking down a copy of Adie's autobiography 'The Kindness of Strangers' to enjoy at my leisure.

Pete the Sheep - Jackie French & Bruce Whatley

Another great picture story by the collaborators of the brilliant book Diary of a Wombat. Once again they have created animals with personalities that makes for a humorous and entertaining story. Shearers Ratso, Big Bob and Bungo have sheep dogs to help them get the job done, but when Shaun arrives with his sheep Pete, the flock decide that they prefer Pete's manners and charm when being shorn to the "Woof, woof" of the sheep dogs. As a result Shaun loses his job, but discovers another 'employment opportunity'.

Whatley's illustrations capture the laconic shearers and the 'haircuts' wonderfully.

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Authorised by R. Homewood, Public Officer, Macedon Ranges Residents' Association Inc., 7 Racecourse Road, Riddells Creek 3431

Anglican Parish

Romsey Lady's Guild meets 2nd Thursday each month at 1.30 pm. This month's meeting will beheld at Jean Hassell's home.

Lancefield Lady's Guild meets 2nd Wednesday each month after 10.00 am service at Christ Church. Contact Hilda 5429 1424.

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THE OWNING OUR LOT FESTIVAL MACEDON RANGES' COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



The Owning Our Lot Festival is one of the most interesting and exciting arts projects to be generated within the Shire of the Macedon Ranges for many years.

Owning Our Lot is not just happening in one town – but spread right across the Shire in seven townships! Each of the 7 towns are 'hosting' one element of the larger festival. Workshops with professional local artists have been running since October.

These workshops culminate in a roving 'art festival' on Saturday December 10th, 2005.

On this day all members of the community are encouraged to get in their cars and visit each of the festival sites –(where a unique and different art project will be shown or performed) - as we examine and celebrate our history through writing, theatre, sculpture, multi media projection and community singing.

The Owning Our Lot festival gives us the chance to tell the stories of OUR history, OUR land, OUR people and OUR future.

The Festival will be unveiling a new sculpture for Lancefield, original writings in Riddells Creek, a dance performance in Woodend, vocal soundscapes in Gisborne, a theatre show in Kyneton, projections at the Mt Macedon Cross, and a huge musical festival with Richard Frankland and Kev Carmody after all this at Carlesruhe!!

Excited yet?

The Owning Our Lot Festival is about gathering the stories and experiences of our collective histories and re-telling them in the voices of our current community. The festival is also about bringing us, the residents of the Macedon Ranges together in a common purpose – to learn, to get hands on, and to create something that will be a part of our history well into the future.

Keep your eyes open for signs and banners at the festival sites, and an ear to the ground on the updates from workshops and about the performances.

Keep Saturday December 10th in your calendar for what will be an amazing day of free community arts in the Macedon Ranges. MORE INFO – Karen Martin 54 220 319

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Activities

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The September outing was to HMAS Cerberus navy base, traveling by bus. The coach driver provided morning tea. We were taken to the audiovisual room where one of the volunteers showed us some footage about the history of Cerberus and also a short film on life in today's navy. We went through the naval museum, followed by a walk through two very interesting chapels. We walked part of the base's history walk and listened to brief comments on some of the older buildings. Lunch was provided at the base. After lunch the bus drove us around other parts of the base during which the volunteers provided the commentary.

At our monthly meeting Peter Moore from the CFA gave us a talk on preparing a fire plan, the dangers we need to be aware of when planning to safeguard our safety. He defined the need for a fire blanket and a fire extinguisher near the stove, the need to renew the batteries in the smoke alarms. He also stated that we must never 'deadlock' the doors when people are in the house.

In October we go on a 4 day trip to Tocumwal. The November outing will be a shopping trip by bus and the Christmas Break up party in December will be at the Cuckoo Restaurant in the Dandenongs.

As this is the last letter from us in 2005 we wish you all a good and prosperous 2006.

The last meeting for the year: 24 November 2005. We meet in St.Mary's Hall, Romsey.

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FROM THE CFA

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Romsey Fire Brigade Captain, Robert Smith said "Probably the most interesting thing was how many people tried our stove fire demonstration and then commented about how easy it was to put out a fire with a fire blanket."

Another thing that was promoted at the show was the dangers of ceiling fans. In the past twelve months, Bolinda-Monegeeta, Lancefield and Romsey Fire Brigades have all turned out to fires that have started in ceiling fans.

"It's like everything in your home – it just needs a bit of maintenance". Rob said. "If you take the cover off and just let the dust fall out of it, that will make a difference. But if it is used in damp environment, then you may actually have to wash the cover to get rid of the grime – just make sure you dry it properly before putting it back."

The Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector issued a inubic Safety Warning in March this year following a number of fires around the State resulting from dirty fars. The Inspector stated that the buildup of dust and dirt restricts the air-flow through the unit, which leads to higher operating temperatures. This could cause the fan to overheat and catch fire.

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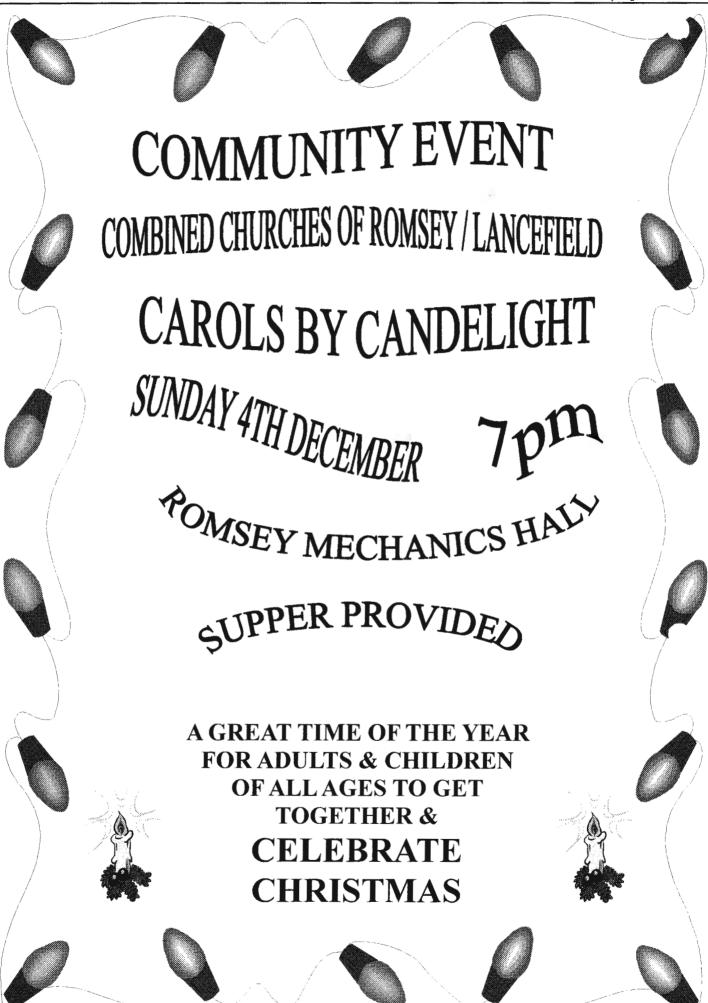
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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

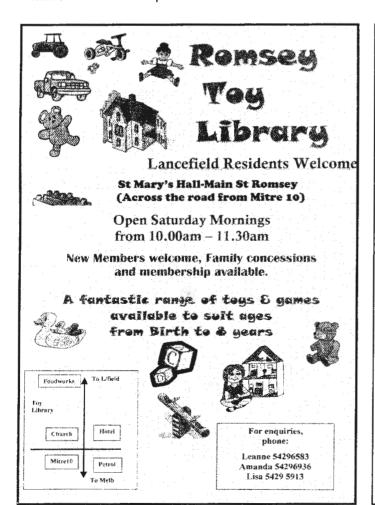
Since our last news, the **Chess Team** has again been to Bendigo where they defeated five other Bendigo schools for the right to represent the entire Central region in the State Final. After winning this semi-final the Team received a lovely letter of congratulations from **Mr Jim McQualter** who was Headmaster at Bolinda over 50 years ago. The Team met very strong opposition in the finals against State schools, private and religious schools, some of which have chess as a curriculum subject, some have over 300 chess players at their school and some also had their specialist chess coach in attendance on the day. Our team fought out every match to the best of their ability and represented themselves and their school extremely well. The experience of competing at this level was a great learning experience that our children will benefit from enormously. Bolinda has finished the year with an 8th place ranking in the State, not bad for a little country school!!!!

This year's annual **Spring Fair** was a great day out with all the fun of a country school fair, the children just loved it!! Any major activity like this takes a huge amount of planning and preparation by an enthusiastic band of parents and teachers. They in turn are supported on the day by all the other school families who contribute to their school for the benefits of their children. This year the family project of 'A **Birdhouse**' made a wonderful display outside the Bolinda Hall on the day. Wonderful prizes for both children and adults in the flower, craft and cooking sections are always well received. The Army camels from Puckapunyal were a huge hit with the children and the huge Army Mack truck they came in attracted a lot a male attention!! The **Telstra Country Wide Mobile Phone Toss** was a new and very popular competition with terrific prizes donated by **Telstra Country Wide**. The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria had 20 magnificent cars to display as did the Macedon Ranges Car Club. Over 25 market stalls contributed to the atmosphere of the day. You missed it???? See you next year!!!!!

Our Bolinda Kitchen Project continues under the marvellous instruction of one of our parents. Peta Heine has worked with renowned chef, author and personality Stephanie Alexander at the Collingwood Children's Kitchen Project and has brought her expertise to our classrooms to assist in the education of our children. It has been a wonderful success. All grade levels have been participating in the preparation of healthy food and all children have been participating in the 'eating' of the lunches!!!

Many parents are still considering their educational options for 2006. Perhaps a **Bolinda Educational Experience** is what you are looking for? If you missed our Morning Tea information session for those people considering their options, we would welcome a visit from anyone who wants a 'cuppa' and a chat about what we at can offer you and your children, or better still, talk to any of our parents. Cheerio for now.

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317





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gency communications centre.

132 500 replaces a range of callout numbers including local SES Unit numbers, regional headquarter and the general callout number in the Melbourne and Geelong metro areas. It is the same cost as a local call in Victu... although calls from mobiles may be higher.

There is no cost for SES assistance and all our volunteers are trained to national standards. The SES is a community based organisation meaning that the volunteers are locals with local knowledge and are aware of the critical rescue requirements of your area.

132 500 is for flood or storm emergency calls only. Triple zero (000) is for fire, police or ambulance and should be used in a life threatening emergency. Write these numbers down and update your emergency services contacts list. You can still contact your SES Unit with general queries on their non-emergency office number.

SES Units are always on the look out for new volunteers so check out the SES website, or contact your nearest SES regional office, if you would like more information.

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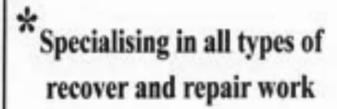
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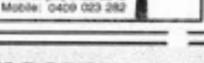
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Sandra McGregor of Pipers Creek has announced her candidature for the upcoming council election for the East Ward.

The relationship between Council, Councillors and the community appears to be strained as shown in respect to the Kyneton Mechanics Institute redevelopment. Sandra is concerned with the present situation in respect to planning (or the lack of it) and the lack of leadership being shown by council.

Sandra has a strong passion for community development and for conservation, which reflects through her involvement in the Malmsbury District Landcare Group, which included three years as president, and her involvement in the Macedon Ranges Landscape Guardians, of which she is treasurer.

There is a real need for public transport particularly as the community is growing and ageing. It's time to provide a means of getting from one end of the shire to another. This would also help with promoting tourism into the area.

There competing needs within the shire for ratepayer's dollars and the council's decisions need to be fair and equitable whilst improving services. This includes better infrastructure management (roads and roadsides).

Sandra has extensive experience working with Youth and Families both I state and local governments and she is currently working with people with mental health issues. She has lived in the Macedon Ranges Shire for over 12 years, and operates a business as a primary producer.

Sandra has the time, passion and dedication to be your voice. Contact her to discuss your issues and concerns. She can be contacted on 0407 684 433 during the day or 5423 5226 after hours.

Sandra is looking forward to the opportunity to represent you and East Ward on your council Authorised by S. McCregor

FREE VOCAL WORKSHOPS

The Macedon Ranges Shire, with support from Arts Victoria and the Department of Victorian Communities, is hosting a series of free vocal workshops as part of the Owning Our Lot project. Acclaimed indigenous singer and musician. Monica Weightman, is: holding workshops on Tuesday evenings 7—9.00 pm at the Senior Citizens Hall, Gisborne Community Centre, Hamilton Rd, Gisborne. These workshops will lead up to a performance/presentation on Saturday 10 December. The workshops are free and open to all ages.

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As most residents of Romsey would know, the Romsey Rag is a community newspaper entirely produced by a group of volunteers. The tasks involved are typing, managing advertising, assembling the paper on computer using the Publisher program printing and collating. This requires many hours of work, and unfortunately our group of volunteers seems to be dwindling, especially for collating the Rag. As our circulation increases with growth of the Romsey township, it is vital that we have enough people to share the load.

So please give some thought as to how you might contribute. We would love to hear from anyone with computer skills, or with even an hour to spare once a month for the task of collating.

Contact Barney Healy or Robyn Moore at Romsey Primary School on 5429 5099 or Joan Sparkes on 5429 5848 if you can help.

And once again a BIG thank you all those who do give their time to put the Rag together!

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH CHILDREN'S ADVENT WORKSHOP 2005

Planning for this extremely popular workshop is well underway with the 1st session due to commence in a matter of weeks.

This year our workshop will be open to all PRIMARY SCHOOL children, with new and exciting activities designed to help them discover and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

Details for this years workshop are:

Dates:

Friday 11th, 18th, and

25th November 2nd December

Time:

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The recent visit to Lancefield by Fran Bailey – Minister for Small Business and Tourism – was a great success and LABATA would like to thank Henry Bleeck for organising the visit. Fran is an inspirational speaker who knows her portfolio area and had wonderful ideas to share with her audience. Bottom line is – it takes a motivated community to make things happen! Fran has offered expertise from her staff and access to important database information about Tourism and Business in Regional Australia.

LABATA has voted unanimously to join the new Regional Tourism Association. The RTA is still in its early development but will be looking to promote towns within the region itself – for instance promote Lancefield to neighbouring towns – and then look at larger projects such as harnessing visitors from Melbourne, interstate and overseas. If you have an interest in tourism – come to LABATA

We held a "brainstorming" session to discuss future directions of LABATA and to focus on the positives – what are Lancefield's assets and those of the district? Discussion included cross promotion of Lancefield with events and festivals to get visitors to stay in the area. Events "the as the Lancefield Gift and Sheep Dog Trials have d....p-peared because they require so much voluntary input. We need to tap into the local artisans that are in our very back streets and networking will help the towns fully recover from the "big hit" that occurred when banks and businesses left in the 1990's.

How do you "sell" Lancefield and surrounds to your friends and relatives? – This question was posed to every person and the answers revealed that Lancefield is:

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The Lancefield area offers a sense of opportunity, home, community, charm, and history. It is a rural gem!

Finally, LABATA is calling for help from any IT personnel who might be interested in taking on the www.lancefield.org.au website? We know it is a BIG ASK. – but come and join in the lively discussions.

Next Meeting: 7.30 pm Monday 14 November, 25 Lowden Close, Lancefield (Stan Smith's place)



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Fourth term has arrived and hopefully

with it some warmer weather. The platypus and bilby guides are hoping to do some cooking over open fires this term and also run many more of their games outside in the warmer weather and longer daylight. They spent the first Monday of the term planning the activities for each Monday to the end of the year. Often these are centred around particular badges, but not always. Sometimes it is just an activity where the girls enjoy each others friendship and fellowship. A visit to the Melton Wave Pool is on one of the Mondays.

The Bilby Guides are going to work towards earning their Arts Badge. They are planning to make puppets and to then hold a puppet show. They created some craft items to enter in the Lancefield Show in October. It is fun to take part in community activities through guides. The bilby guides all entered decorated biscuits in the CWA Spring Flower Show in Lancefield, and one of them won first prize. They all looked so colourful as well as being yummy to eat afterwards! The platypus guides entered floral saucer and the eighteen saucers were a very pretty sight. The end of the year always concludes with a family BBQ at Lancefield Park. This is an opportunity for all the guides and their families to get together and relax for one evening.

There is always room for more guides in our units. If anyone is interested in coming along to see what we do you will be most welcome. Any Monday night you will find us at the Lancefield Park from 4:15pm to 5:15pm for the bilby guides (aged 5-7 years) and 5:15pm to 6:45pm for platypus auides.

We are also looking for more leaders as we are planning to re-open our older unit called wombat guides next year. This caters for girls aged 6-11 years. We need some more adults to assist the present leaders. If you are interested ring one of the leaders or just come along on Monday evenings.

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Kinder Korner

News from the Romsey Kindergarten Inc.

Hi there and welcome to Kinder Korner!

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The Rockey Kindergarden Bingo Nicht has now been renedule a lo Friday. November 18, from Ten. S. come alo en and you could also great process and direct CASH.

Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced by the postponement of our original date for the bingo night. Unfortunately, our garning permit did not come through in time, necessitating a delay. But now all systems are go for the bingo night on November 18, which will be held at the kinder, in Main Street, Romsey. Doors will open at 7pm, with eyes down at 7.30pm.

There will be three sessions of bingo, all with prizes or cash for the winner. The night will outminate in a major jackpot for the last game. Entry cost is \$2 and this includes a light supper. Bingo books cost just \$4 each. Thanks to all those local businesses and services who have helped with sponsorship and/or prizes for the night – your support is greatly appreciated.

So come along to the kinder on November 18 for a fun night and support your local kindergarten in its quest to raise much-needed funds.

Enquiries to Amanda Burley on 5429 6936.

Get your enrolments in!

The kinder is now in the process of sorting out groups for 2006 for both four year old and three year old students. If you have not already enrolled your child, please get your paperwork in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on a place for next year.

You can obtain an enrolment form by popping into the kinder or by contacting our Enrolment Officer, Amanda Burley, on 5429 6936.

Please note your enrolment must be accompanied by a proof of age (i.e. a copy of your child's birth certificate) and a \$5 fee. This applies even if you are re-enrolling a child who is already a student at the kindergarten. Enrolling early is always a good idea as it ensures you will avoid a potential waiting list.

Vacancies

There are still several vacancies for fourth term at Romsey Kinder in the four year old groups. If you would like to enrol your child, please contact Amanda Burley on 5429 6936.

Shade sails

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Thanks to Ryan Hartney of Re-Hart Services for a job well done. Also thanks to all those kinder parents who worked hard to remove the old timber structures which formerly shaded the sandpits. Thanks to all those kinder parents, past and present, and for the community support of kinder events which has helped the committee raise the thousands of dollars required for this major purchase.

Playground upgrade

In the past three years, the kindergarten committee has fundraised extensively and, as a result, has been able to upgrade both playgrounds.

Both now have new outdoor play structures, swing sets and shade sails.

Thanks to everyone who has worked hard and contributed to this major project.

Fundraising is continuing for other kinder needs, which is likely to include permanent synthetic ground covering for the playorounds.

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.

An que tions?

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 Kinderparten Committee of Management 2005/06.



Above and below: Recent improvements to our playgrounds make them a safer and more enjoyable environment for our children.





Budburst 2005 – Macedon Ranges wine region celebration

From the 12th to 13th of November over 30 talented wine makers open their doors for Budburst, the key food and wine event dedicated to the promotion of the Macedon Ranges wine region.

Website: www.budburst.com

Phone: 03 5422 0326

Admission: For only \$10 open over 30 cellar doors of tastings, food and entertainment.

The widest ranges of white and red varieties from Victoria's famous cool climate region are on show, including the native sparkling 'Macedon'.

Budburst is the culmination of a year of accolades for Macedon Ranges wine makers from wine industry and media outlets alike.

Lovers of the famous sparkling local will be ecstatic to note all "Sparkling Wine" finalists at the recent Federation Square Victorian Wine Makers series showcase call the Macedon Ranges home. Mt Macedon Winery, Hanging Rock Win and Midhill Vineyard all showcase their wares at their cellar doors.

Midhill also won second place at Federation Square Victorian Wine Makers series showcase with its Midhill Macedon 2001 Blanc de Blancs in the Peoples Choice, the only Macedon Ranges wine to do so.

Cobaw Ridge wine maker Alan Cooper has just been nominated for the 2006 Shining Lights Award. The award is Australian Wine Selector magazine's recognition of excellence in the wine industry.

Already lauded for the 96/100 mark in the 2006 Australian Wine Companion, Cobaw Ridge feature tastings all weekend and wood fired pizza and entertainment on Sunday.

Stonemont 2000 Macedon Brut was awarded the highest points and the Gold Medal at 2004 Ballarat Wine Show Sparkling White Class and will be featured at the Ballarat Wine Show's Black Tie Presentation Dinner on 9 September 2005.

For designated drivers and lovers of food and music don't think you have been forgotten. Several participating cellar doors have an exciting array of attractions, including local cuisine and fine entertainment.

Media: Tourism and Events Officer, David Richardson on 03 5422 0326 or davidr@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

"Save the Heart of Our Community"

Neighbourhood Houses support the Community Your Neighbourhood Houses need your support.

This week sees the launch of the renewed campaign for realistic funding by Neighbourhood Houses in this region and around the State. A local launch for the six Neighbourhood Houses in the Macedon Ranges will be conducted in the third week of November.

Thousands of local people teach, learn, work, volunteer and contribute to their community in Neighbourhood Houses every week. Neighbourhood Houses cannot continue to respond to community needs without realistic funding.

The campaign is calling on the State Government to provide funding which will ensure that Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres continue to provide current levels of activities, support and opportunities for local communities, as well as enable them to increase community access and participation, be staffed for longer hours, provide more volunteering opportunities and maintain the programs and activities at affordable fees.

People from across the local community are writing letters and sending postcards to Joanne Duncan and to Minister Candy Broad asking the State Government to increase furding to Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres.

You can help by signing a postcard and writing a letter, (we can help you with the contents).

Contact Lancefield Neighbourhood House 54291 214, Romsey Community House 5429 6919 or Riddells Creek Community Living and Learning Centre on 5428 6526 or 0409 334 551

KYNETON CUP EVE COMEDY - KYNETON TOWN HALL

The Shire is presenting a barrier full of Australia's best comics to warm up the racing carnival atmosphere in the Macedon Ranges. Join us at the Town Hall on Kyneton Cup Eve for what is going to be a cracking night of comedy – 3 big sets, with 5 comics from all over the countryside. Led by the incomparable Hung Le and Dave Grant, this is a chance for you to see the best comics from Melbourne in your own backyard.

KYNETON CUP EVE COMEDY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 187

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Romsey Uniting Church

25 Pohlman Street

Church Council:

Chairman: Noel Shaw Secretary: Jeni Clampit

Noel Shaw Phone: 5429 5509 Jeni Clampit Phone: 5429 5480

Romsey Uniting Church Advent Workshop

Romsey Uniting Church started their Advent Workshops ten years ago to meet an urgent need to share the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of the baby Jesus and the love and forgiveness that He brings.

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Some of the children are from the various Churches in the area, other children have come to join in the fun of longs and stories of Christmas, as well as making Christmas decorations, Advent Calendars and table decorations.

This year, our 10th is no exception. Starting on Friday 11th November, through to the 2nd December, the fun begins again. The children will be working cooperatively on making a variety of puppets and preparing puppet plays to present on the last day. Some of the puppets are a metre tall others hand puppets or plasticine models.

All children between Prep and Year 6 are welcome to join us in the Sunday School Hall for afternoon tea at 3.45pm, we commence activities at 4pm - 5.15pm.

Come and share the joy of preparing to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

For further information contact Sharon Williams 5429 6546 or Jay Brooks 5429 6163.

Sandra Strack.

Supply Minister, Marion Latham will conduct services on "nd & 4th Sundays in each month, Communion service "eing conducted on 2nd Sunday. Marion is also available for Pastoral Care Wednesday & Thursday of each week. Contact No. 0408 380 962. What's on in November

2nd. Sam Pastoral Care/Hospitality Committee

5th. Working Bee

6th 9am Family Worship & Sunday School Service conducted by Rev. Ray Outhred.

8th Synod Coach Tour visit. 9th 1.30pm. U.C.A.F. meeting

11th 3.45pm - Advent Workshop 13th 9am Worship & Sunday School including

Holy Communion. Service conducted by Marion Latham

17th 8pm. Church Council

18th 3.45pm - Advent Workshop

20th 9am worship and Sunday School Service conducted by Ray Coulson.

25th 3.45pm - Advent Workshop

27th 9am. Family Worship and Sunday School Service conducted by Marion Latham

Dec.2nd 3.45pm - Final Advent Workshop.

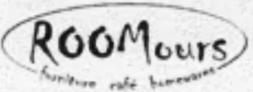
Advance Notice - December 4th, 9am, Sunday School Service.

You are most welcome to come to our Church Services and share in our worship.

If you have any questions or wish to know more about our worship, please contact either -

Noel Shaw 5429 5509 or Jeni Clampit 5429 5480.

"Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the Son to you." (A Celtic blessing)



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> WOW!! Thanks to everybody who supported us in our first month.

Already, we are run off our feet and have taken on extra staff to ensure you receive prompt lunch time service.

There is only 7 weeks till. Christmas so we are madly sourcing falo gifts, many of which will be in stock starting November with new arrivals weekly. This means you can expect different gifts each time you visit.

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CALLING ALL CREATIVE KIDS!!!

Throughout November and December our shop front is open to the community to display the local talents of our kids.

Simply make a decoration suitable for a christmas free and we will place it in the window. The windows will be it at night so we can all see their creations.

First 50 entries will receive a crystal for their own tree at home.

Age categories are 3-5 years, 6-8 years and 8-12 years.

Each age group winner will win a \$50.00 voucher for the family to spend at the shop.

All entries will receive a certificate of participation.

So get busy, have fun and be creative!

Please complete your entry form at the shop. Entries accepted between the 2nd November and the 10th of December 2005. Whines will be notifed by phane 11th December and advertised in the January Romsey Rug.

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MACEDON RANGES ARTIST'S MARKETS SUCCESS MORE PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE

The Macedon Ranges Artist's Market held in September was a resounding success. Although the weather seemed a little inclement, over 30 stallholders and more than 1000 people attended the Market which was held in conjunction with the Kyneton Farmer's Market and during the Daffodil and Arts Festival.

Both the Artist's and Produce stallholders had bumper siles, with some of the produce stallholders selling out very early indeed. The Anglican sausage sizzle had never before sold so many sausages, an indication of the volume attendance.

The market held a wonderful community atmosphere where locals and visitors alike took the rare opportunity to slow down and enjoy some of the firer things in life. Local Harpist, Grace Haslinghouse, fulled the crowd with a pleasant repertoire while the hand grown mixed with the hand made.

So successful was the Artist's Market that we are now

running 3 times a year. The first will be a Christmas market, on the 10th of Dec. at St. Paul's Park, Piper St. Kyneton. 9am – 1pm, again in conjunction with the Kyneton Farmer's Market.

Come along and enjoy a true country community market where you can purchase quality, original hand made works of art by local artists. Meet the makers and see them at work, we have potters, painters, sculptors, woodworkers, silk & textile artists, photographers, mosaicists, ceramicists, jewellers, metal smiths, quilters, printmakers and more.



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5429 2130 5429 1582

School Principal:

Mr. Anthony Falls

School: 5429 1359

Parish Website: www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield 1st, & 3rd Sunday of the month: 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.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PARISH CENTENARY

To celebrate this auspicious occasion we have a selection of St. Mary's Parish Centenary Wines from Hanging Rock Winery with our own St. Mary's Parish Centenary Label on the front and a label on the back with a history of our Parish. The wines will be launched on the 10th February 2006. To be able to obtain and enjoy

this special occasion we are taking orders up to Christmas. Wines available are 2004 Pinot Noir, 2004 Shiraz Cabernet and 2004 Chardonnay. Wine glasses with the St. Mary's Parish Centenary Logo engraved are available for \$5.00 each. Orders can be taken after all Masses, or at the Presbytery on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. For prices and any further information, please phone the Presbytery. Don't MISS OUT: GET YOUR ORDERS IN EARLY!

NOVEMBER

Centenary Book Launch:

Our Centenary Book titled "Celebration of the Lancefield-Romsey Parish Centenary 1906-2006" will be launched:

Date: Sunday, 6th November Time: 11.30 a.m.

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey

The book is a history of the Catholic Parish with many photographs included, some around 100 years old, and includes anecdotes/biographies of old and new Parishioners. Books cost \$30 and will be for sale on the day. All welcome. Light luncheon to follow.

Year of the Eucharist:

Fr. Elio Capra S.D.B. will talk on "living the Eucharist in our daily lives". This will be our final talk in the series on the Eucharist, as we conclude the Year of the Eucharist.

Date: Tuesday, 15th November Time: 7.30 p.m.

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey

DECEMBER

Ecumenical Carols:

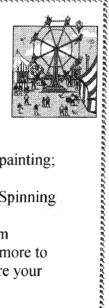
Date: Sunday, 4th December Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Mechanics Hall, Romsey



St Mary's Primary School Fete Saturday 26th November 2005 ~ 10am 'til 4pm

All day Wrist Bands on sale through the office: 5429 1359 Pre-purchased \$ 25 - on the day \$ 28 Single rides: Cha-Cha & Slide \$3 Carousel and Mini-golf \$2



<u>Kids activities include:</u> Cha-Cha; Giant slide; Carousel; Mini-Golf; Pony rides; Face painting; Jaffa smasher etc.

<u>Big Kids activities include:</u> Wine tasting; Silent auction; Stalls galore; Car boot sale; Spinning wheel; Loads of Prizes.

Annual Raffle: Available in local shops - \$1000 Cash Voucher - Drawn @ 3pm Car Boot Sale: Come and sell your unwanted goods for only \$ 10 per car or ute - no more to pay! Own area provided for trestle or tarp for display. Please call the office to secure your place on 5429 1359.

Food and Beverages available.

ANGLICAN CHURCH: From the Vicar.

I am often told that people do not come to church because those who do are hypocrites. It's very hard to prove that is wrong, mostly because there is a sense in which we are all hypocrites!

The original Greek use of the word was to describe someone who was an actor on the stage, playing a part for the benefit of the play itself. But as so often happens, a word over time assumes another meaning which has arisen from the original, so the word now has the meaning of someone who plays a part for some ulterior motive and has thus become very insulting in modern use.

However, in a gentler and less abusive sense we are all actors! When we are in a very unhappy or anxious situation, or when we are dealing with some intense emotion, we all "put. on an act", and pretend to be other than we are. When asked, "Are you OK?" our answer almost invariably is, "Yeah! I'm OK*. It's only a close friend or someone really trusted who is able to elicit the truth of the matter and be of help. Tragically many young people (and some not so young!) do not have someone close enough to confide in and despair takes over, and unsatisfactory behaviour, or worse becomes the only way out.

Even as mature adults we are actors. When I was in the middie of a very unhappy divorce situation. I had to act all the time to be able to continue at work. We are frequently put into situations where we "act" so that others are not aware of the difficulties of our lives. The world would be intolerable if we all shared every unhappiness or difficulty with those around us. Parents frequently 'act' for the sake of harmony in their family when things are difficult. Professionals have to "act" when they are dealing with patients or clients and so on. Shakespeare had a point when he said 'all the world's a stage'!

So, in today's use of the word, a hypocrite is someone who is putting on an act with the deliberate intention to deceive for an ulterior motive. Somehow, I think right minded and generous people have a pretty good idea of the distinction between the two types. Hopefully, we are generous when we suspect a person is "putting on an act", attempting to deal with some personal problem and we are able to offer care, sympathy, and support. But we shy away from someone who is, we suspect. attempting to deceive.

Even so, the distinction is often very difficult to make. I have met some who appear to be brazen in their "hypocrisy" but when the barrier is broken down there is some other deep reason for this. These people also need support and care or their problem may defeat them.

Jesus was very tough on those who were really being hypocritical in his day. He was able to tell the difference. Equally he was tough on those who were quick to criticise others, and failed to see the unsatisfactory nature of their own lives. 'First take the plank out of your own eye and then you will be able to see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eyel" was his suggestion to those who were ready to criticise others. So, some of us who are regular at church may be hypocrites. but hopefully we are only attempting to make sense of our lives and gain a "God" or Christian perspective to keep us on the right track. By sharing and caring we support one another, and listening to God's word we work towards making our world

nd community a more hopeful place. There is always a welcome in all churches for those who want to join in and explore this possibility.



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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

24 September S.Draper (14) 36; T.Allen (13) 36

1 October

D.Rvan (5) 72; G.Hecker (9) 74

8 October 15 October G.Dudderidge(7) 40; C.Lingard (8) 36 Multiple Stableford: C.Davenport, L. Atley 88 points

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

20 September T.Passlow (16) 36; J.Malloy (20) 34 27 September B.Lockens (6) 68: A.Malonev (20) 71

8 October

Heddle Cup

T.Passlow (16) 38; G.McDorman (12)

The Annual General Meeting of the Lancefield Golf Club was held on the 8th October. There were few changes to the Office Bearers and Committee. New Vice President Peter McGlaughlin takes over from Col Daniel, and Trevor Lambert joins the Committee replacing Peter Lewis. Otherwise the Committee remains unchanged from the previous year. There are still three vacancies so we encourage members who want to make a difference to apply. The present group has worked very hard toward keeping the Club running smoothly as well as initiating some improvements to the Club Facilities. A new outdoor social area is currently being developed. It is envisaged this will attract groups to make use of the Club facilities.

The course is currently in excellent condition with dams full and fairways well grassed and growing well. A recent working bee was held to prepare the course for the coming Gala Day on 22 October and the Ladies' Dalhousie Event - the Mt William Cup on Thursday 17 November. This is both a team Stableford Event and an Individual Stableford Competition comprising three divisions, A,B and C. Players are most welcome. Bookings to Helen Dennett (54 291849)

Enquires for memberships and social group bookings to Secretary, Steve Draper

(5429 2079) or access our website www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Romsey Bowling Club Notes

Our season began on the 11th of September. Although only a small gathering, those who attended enjoyed themselves. The open casual day was held on September 25th with twelve non-bowlers joining in with some of these intending to join the club. Our next casual clothes day is on Sunday 30th October, 1pm star, \$1 to cover costs of biscuits, followed by another day on Sunday 27th November.

The ladies playing in second division began Tuesday pennant on September 27th starting off well with a win against Kyneton, then no so well with two losses.

Men's Saturday competition started on October 8th with Division 1 defeating Kyneton and Division 3 losing to Melton.

We are all very pleased that our ladies president Helene Newnham is now home from hospital and recovering well form her recent surgery.

Dos Keating **Publicity Officer** 5429 6277

Romsey Football Club

The club has held it's AGM. The attendance was good and the following members were elected:

President

Bill McLeod Adam DeJong

Vice Presidents

Stu Mitchell

Treasurer Secretary

Russell Carroll John Lynch

General Committee

Graeme Cuthbert Russell Neyland

Justin Paterson Manno Terry Brady Louis Auer Snr

Louis Auer Jnr

We are considering some new ideas for the next season, ie Women's Auxilia Don't forget the Last Man Standing 5:30pm 31st October at the club.

Members are encouraged to think of what they can do to assist in the running of the club in 2006.

John Lynch Secretary

FREEMASONRY RIDDELLS CREEK LODGE

MEETS AT THE ROMSEY MASONIC CENTRE, MAIN STREET 1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RON JACKSON - 5429 6354 KEN BALDWIN - 5429 6063

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

Geoff Long(President) on 5429 6567 Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225