

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB INC.

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Courts Progress

Works should commence in the next month or so, when tenders are finalised. Watch this space for further updates and news.

Fundraising

The Macedon Ranges Grand Tour on Saturday 11th February, 2006 was a great success not only for the participants, but also for our fundraising efforts at the Tennis Club. We hope the community enjoyed the opportunity to view the beautifully restored and maintained older cars and motorbikes. Many thanks goes to the Romsey Primary School for the use of their facilities for this event.

Winter Season registrations.

Teams for both Juniors and Open need to be finalised soon.

Juniors – Play from 9am to about 11.30am on Saturday mornings, with the new season starting 29th April. 4 children in each team play each week at Romsey and Tennis Clubs in the Macedon Ranges District. Children need to be 17 or under by the 30th April. We can cater for all abilities. Enquiries to Mandy Green on 54295191 by 10th March.

Open – Play from 1.30 to about 5 pm on Saturday afternoons, with the new season starting 29th April. Teams are made up of 2 women and 2 men.

NEW TRIAL FOR THIS SEASON For this winter season, 1 man and 1 woman will also play a singles match, together with the usual doubles. Enquiries to Darlene Baker on 5429 5186 by 10th March.

Club Contacts

Club coach - Brett Rees - 5429 6716.
 Social Tennis – Thursday Morning at 10.30am - phone 5429 5525
 Family Social Tennis – Friday from 4.45pm.
 Mid-week Ladies – Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189
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LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

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Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

21 Jan **2 Person Ambrose:** A.Maloney/R.Sparke 62
 22 Jan C.Buttler(12) 36
 28 Jan T.Hyland(8) 40; L.Simon(17) 40
 29 Jan P.Howden(32) 41
 4 Feb **Monthly Medal** L.Simon(17) 67; D.Brown(7) 68
 11 Feb D.Ryan(4) 42; B.Brennan(14) 40
 12 Feb D.Ryan(4) 36

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results (Legends)

17 Jan W.Ray(32) 40; J.Hudson(28) 38
 24 Jan A.Maloney(18) 40; R.Mau(38)
 31 Jan J.Clough(12) 69; R.Sparke(24) 71
 7 Feb M.Paegle(32) 39; C.Daniel(14) 39
 14 Feb T.Allen(13) 37; P.McGill(10) 34

As we go to press the first round of the 4BBB Stableford Competition has been completed with 8 teams qualifying for the 2nd round. Night Golf returned to Lancefield on 3rd February. About 20 players completed the 9 hole event on a dark, moonless night. The next few weeks will see quite a few fund raising events on the calendar. The inaugural North-West/Central Pub Challenge will be held on Sunday 26th February. This should be an exciting day with 26 teams competing. The Club will host a Trivia Night on Friday 1st April. The cost is \$10 a head. Tables of 8 or less should be booked for the night by ringing Secretary Steve. Players should bring a plate. Members and green fee players will be noticing quite a few changes around the course as a group of Community Service workers carry out a variety of tasks. So far, a clean-up around the old Clubhouse, the making of a new bridge across the creek on the 5th hole and the chopping of the lower limbs from the pine forests around the course are noticeable improvements. More works are scheduled over the next few weeks.

The Club has recently opened the kitchen again with the appointment of Peter. The kitchen will be open on Saturdays from 11 am to 5 pm and on Sundays for social groups. Group Bookings should be made with Steve Draper (5429 2079).

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

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From The Team at The Romsey Rag

Thank you to all those people who responded for our call for new volunteers to assist with the many aspects of producing the Romsey Rag each month. If you left your name with us and we haven't yet got back to you, please be patient and bear with us a little longer. We do value your interest and contribution, and be assured that there are jobs waiting for you to take up! One new member of the editorial team has recently begun her "apprenticeship" in Rag production, and we thank Anne Cappler very sincerely for agreeing to undertake some of the role of putting the computer files together each month for the Romsey Rag. By the next edition we should have several new members of the production team on board and we look forward to introducing them to the community. In the meantime the Romsey Rag now has its own email address: romesyrag@romseyps.vic.edu.au All contributors please note this address and use it from now on when corresponding with The Romsey Rag. Contributors are also asked to try to adhere as closely as possible to the cut off dates for copy for the Rag each month—it is not always possible to include items submitted at the last minute, even though we do our best. Closing dates for copy always appear on page 2. The closing date for copy for the April edition is Friday March 24th.

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December 2006	Friday, November 17th	Thursday, November 23rd

Dear Friends

Since I was elected on 1999 I have been lobbying for a better deal for train commuters travelling on the V/Line services.

I am pleased to announce changes to the ticketing system which will give a much better deal to train users outside the metro system.

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To make sure of integration V/Line tickets will specify the date of travel, rather than being 'open ended'. This will allow V/Line tickets to be accepted as valid on the metropolitan system.

In other train news I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have been so patient through this period of disruption while the regional rail upgrade has been taking place.

This is a massive project, and the biggest rail upgrade in 120 years, with a new signalling system, 42 level crossing upgrades and the installation of 14,500 tonnes of heavier, high speed rail and new trains among many other things.

Overall we are looking at a much safer and reliable service for the long term.

If you would like any further information regarding these changes please don't hesitate to contact my office on (03) 5428 2138, or on any other issue of concern that you might have.

Kind Regards
Joanne Duncan MP
State Member for Macedon

Ripper Reads from Macedon Ranges Library Service

Stinking hot days and sultry nights - summer in south east Australia. Settle down with a relaxing read, a long refreshing drink and feel yourself getting cooler all the time.

*Fat, fifty and f***ed – Geoffrey McGeachin*

This book was enthusiastically recommended by a work-mate and I must admit that the title certainly appealed. Martin Carter is the bank manager of a branch faced with imminent closure, husband to a selfish nymphomaniac and step-father to a couple of feral adolescents. On top of that no-one seems to have remembered his 50th birthday. But all that is about to change dramatically. He soon finds himself heading north to Queensland, as a sidecar passenger to the intriguing Faith, with a million dollar payroll for company. The narrative is laced with deprecating humour and interesting social commentary en route. Whilst there are some rather contrived coincidences, this is McGeachin's first novel, and allowances should be made as the story romps along at a cracking pace. So suspend the disbelief and enjoy

The Fig Tree – Arnold Zable

The Fig Tree is Arnold Zable's latest book and a superbly crafted example of the art of story telling. Zable takes the stories of others and weaves and blends them together in such a way that the reader becomes totally absorbed in the lives of the protagonists. In The Fig Tree his characters range from Yiddish poets to Greek partisans to Holocaust survivors. Each story is unique but linked to its companions by the recurring themes of refuge, home, survival and renewal. A gentle, insightful read.

Dougal the Garbage Dump Bear – Matt Dray

This book is a gem. It was shortlisted for the CBC Awards in 2005 and if the vote had been decided by children it would have been a clear winner. Matt Dray has used photographs to tell the story of Dougal, a slightly battered teddy bear, who gets left out in the rain and as a result is relegated to the local tip. There he meets Bumble, a toy bee, and they both have lots of adventures together. The subtlety and humour of the text will appeal to older children, while younger children will just enjoy the simple toy story.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

LADIES REPORT

The summer season has almost finished and the official season begins in March. We have played some interesting games over the summer with some mixed feeling on the Burke and Wills game. We need some more players and are willing to organise a clinic if enough ladies show interest. Please feel free to join us at 9am in the clubrooms on a Wednesday morning for a hit or to find out more about the game and the club. Interested ladies who would like more information please ring Beryl Cole 54295411 or Hilda Caly 54296538

Watch this space for a recipe next month

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FROM CR. HENRY BLEECK

Further push for Sunbury Rd upgrade

I was part of a Council meeting with local MP and Federal Minister for Small Business & Tourism, Fran Bailey, on February 10. There was a range of topics raised both by Council representatives and Minister Bailey.



Part of the discussion which was of particular interest to me was the growing traffic volumes on the Lancefield-Sunbury Road. I have been pushing for passing lanes to be built on the road to help ease the congestion and improve traffic flow. Concerted community pressure is vital to helping us achieve our much-needed outcome. Minister Bailey is now well aware of our views on this issue, and will hopefully now be in a position to advocate for us in the appropriate forums.

What's the rub on the hub?

I attended a meeting in Romsey on February 15 – one of several I've been to already this year – to be updated on where we're at with our Romsey Hub proposal. The Shire is currently in the process of seeking funding from the Federal and State Governments so that we can take the next step.

We're also waiting on the Living Library Funding application we submitted last year for the permanent library.

But things are still progressing, and the Council aims to seek expressions of interest from architects in the next two months to enable us to enter the design phase.

Two-wheel tourists to hit the road

One of Victoria's biggest recreational bike rides will be taking place throughout the Shire next month (April). It's a chance for us to showcase what we offer to visitors and tourists.

Up to 800 cyclists are expected for the Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club's 'Mad Ride Rocks 2006'. While it will start from Woodend, the two main routes then head east.

It starts off from the old Woodend racecourse, but the routes for the two main rides – 110km and 60km – take in Hanging Rock, Rochford and Lancefield, and head back to Woodend via Cobaw.

The April 23 ride is a Sunday event, but many of the riders will no doubt make a weekend of it and travel up on Saturday. That's where we get the real opportunity to cater to their tourism needs and encourage them to come back.

I've spoken to Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club officials and offered them the support of the community. If we're able to give them a big welcome as they ride through our region, there's every opportunity we'll get them back.

Cr Henry Bleeck.
Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.
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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

In addition to the preparations for our forthcoming School Carnival on 3rd March, we have had a very exciting start to the new school year at Romsey Primary School. The Carnival is a great community event, with many attractions for people of all ages. The spectacular fireworks at its conclusion should be a fitting end to a wonderful evening.

School Captains

There are many leadership opportunities for our students at Romsey Primary School. At this time of the year Middle and Senior Unit classes are holding elections for our Student Council. Prior to this, however we appoint our School Captains. School Captains are selected through a process of written application, interview and referees. Again this year we had a very strong field of students presenting for these positions. All candidates need to be congratulated on their articulate and thoughtful ideas; the selection of just two of these students was again a very difficult decision to make. Our School Captains for 2006 are Sabrina Raverty and Ben Noel. At a recent whole school assembly, Sabrina and Ben made their inaugural address to the students and were presented with their badges. Both students spoke very well and outlined their hopes and expectations for 2006. We all wish them very well in this challenging and rewarding role for the year.



Festival of Food

Our student, staff and parent gardeners should be very proud of their efforts with our school vegetable garden. A wonderful display of our produce was recently on display at the school office, together with information on gardening activities taken and some of the recipes used by our students. Special tasting of our produce was also available to students, parents and visitors. The school was very fortunate to have a wonderfully dedicated band of parent and staff volunteers who worked at keeping our vegetable (and other garden areas) alive and healthy over the school holidays. During 2006 we plan to expand the operation of the vegetable garden and further incorporate our produce into the canteen menu.

Valanga Khoza Performance



Students of all ages greatly enjoyed the performances of Valanga Khoza recently. This performance facilitated by the Macedon Ranges Shire introduced a range of African drums and rhythms, as well as some very interesting instruments not already known by our students. Valanga has great story telling skills and told the students something of his background and journey to Australia.

Quality Beginning

All classrooms started their school year with our Quality Beginning program. This program focuses on understanding and living our school values and developing an agreement about how classrooms can run smoothly and students best learn. Students and teachers have played a number of getting to know you games. The question like "What we have to do to achieve a learning and happy class-

room?" helped explore our school value **learning**. Graphs have been displayed to show students' preferred learning styles.

Each class has used the questions 'What is good work?' 'What is a good student?' and 'What is a good teacher?' to set expectations for the year. The value **happiness** has produced some colourful displays in the classrooms. **Inclusion** and **relationships** have also been a focus.

The Positive Behaviour Management has been revisited and forms an important part of this program. This is also linked to "Bounceback," a program we use which refers to an acronym used to build resilience. This assists students to take responsibility for their learning and behaviour and to improve their coping skills.

Caring is an important value for students in the way they interact with each other. It is important to link this with the way we care for our environment. This year Ann Skinner, our cleaner visited each classroom to talk about caring for our classrooms. Kerri Mewett has been another guest to classrooms talking about caring for our environment and gardening projects. Classes were introduced to their Buddy class and shared some time together. Throughout the year these classes will support each other in their learning and the development of social skills.

This program is a positive way to start school and all students have a common understanding of what is expected of them, their teachers and the school.
Barney Healy, Principal.



Are you interested in joining a local choir?

No choral experience necessary, however an enjoyment of various music styles, enthusiasm to learn and a willingness to have fun is essential!

Lancefield Neighbourhood House is starting up a new local choir under the direction of Josie Waldron!! We are looking for people interested in singing a variety of works, including contemporary pieces, madrigals, sacred choral works and funky jazz arrangements. Rehearsals will be once a week at a suitable time to be decided by choir members preferences (possibly Tuesday afternoons). Most pieces will be a *cappella* works performed in 4 part harmony.

Basic breathing and singing techniques will be covered in rehearsals. The fundamentals of reading music (beginner theory worksheets available!) will be taught for those who are unfamiliar with reading music and who wish to learn as we go.

Our aim will be to have fun learning to sing harmonies in a group and to perform a couple of songs at various times throughout the year at selected local events/venues.

For further details, or to register your interest in participating in the choir, please ring the Neighbourhood House on 52491214 or Josie on 54292449

About Josie!

I'm new to Lancefield having moved up from Burwood just before Xmas, with my husband Mickey and our children. Originally classically trained in voice and piano, I had a considerable break from professional study and performing due to the distraction of having 5 children and taking on the role of domestic goddess!

A few years ago, I returned to performing and teaching music in Burwood, I ran the local women's choir and also

taught private music students (voice and piano). I also regularly performed live with *Nougat* guitarist and composer Tania Constantino.

About being in the Burwood choir from members:

"Gosh it was fun, great, empowering - I really didn't know I could sing. (Well maybe I still can't but Josie made us feel like we could. It let out that serotonin and we sang our suburban hearts out. Not always very well - but once in a while we harmonized and became part of something beautiful. I had no idea I could be part of something that was almost sublime. I mean we definitely weren't always good or in tune but I don't think Josie had much to work with. She must have thought, "What have I done?" after the first session. "How can I form this largely untalented group of mums (we were all mums from school) and turn them into an a cappella group/choir?" But we tried, we did breathing exercises (occasionally), we practiced - once a week - and we sang. We performed in public - and boy did we love the applause (no one threw money or roses - maybe next time). I cried when we sang in front of all our kids at their school concert it seemed so beautiful. This is very mushy but truly it is a wonderful thing to learn that you have somewhere inside you the power to make music! Josie was encouraging, inspiring and fun. You gotta try it! I wish she would come back!"

-Anne-Marie

"I hadn't sung since high school - loved it then and thrilled to report still do! Friday afternoon with Josie and the girls last year was such a treat, singing, laughter, making new friends; lucky Lancefield, our loss your gain.

-Kate

"Choir was the best fun. We could sing at the top of our lungs for two hours and have a few laughs at the same time. Josie didn't mind if we were perfect singers or not and she even managed to get us up and singing in front of an audience! Join the choir and have a great time."

-Ros

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Clean Up Australia Day – Shone and Scholtz Land, Riddells Creek

Riddells Creek Landcare have conducted 6 wildflower walks in the bushland northwest of Riddells Creek in the last 12 months, attended by over 120 people. This area has a great diversity of plant and animal species, and is relatively free of weeds and is rapidly becoming known for its conservation significance.

The area is an 'inappropriate' subdivision, that is, it is bushland that can't be developed. As such the area is like an unmanaged reserve regularly used by the public for passive recreation.

Unfortunately this public access also means the area is a target for rubbish dumping. Rubbish dumping is pretty minimal at this stage. However part of the psychology of dumping (or lack of it) is that people see rubbish and think that they can add to it. Over the time the area develops the aura of a dump, and repeated dumping becomes a 'habit'.

Rubbish dumping encourages pest animals, looks disgraceful and worse, is a serious vector for weed spread.

The Riddells Creek Landcare Group is attempting to keep the area clear of rubbish to help stop people developing this habit and to help preserve the biodiversity and beauty of this area.

If you have any ideas or an interest in finding a way to make this area a protected reserve, we would love to hear from you.

Please RSVP by Monday 27 March to ensure we have enough bags and safety gear etc.

Where: Cnr Gap Road and Royal Parade, Riddells Creek.

When: Sunday 5th March 2006 – 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Contact: Lachlan Milne, 03 5429 9659 or 0407 227 317

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Rally For The Relay

The 2006 Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, an overnight community fundraiser for the fight against cancer commences Saturday March 4th at 3 PM and will conclude at 10 AM the next day with what promises to be a spectacular event, the release of many balloons in memory of those lost while representing the joy of cancer survivors.

The Relay For Life organizing committee is looking for more teams to register for the 2006 event. Ten or more team members walk, run or amble around the track relay style over nineteen hours during which, time is given for reflection with the beautiful Candle Light Ceremony, Carers and Survivors are recognized with a Lap of Honour and every participant is welcome to enjoy the high standard of entertainment on offer after dusk.

Camping out is always popular, the Lancefield/Romsey Rotary Club provide a wonderful evening meal for a gold coin donation while a great brekky is available free to all participants on Sunday morning.

This is the fourth year of the Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay For Life, the previous three events have raised over \$300,000 for the fight against cancer. Now is the time to consider participating in the 2006 Relay! Gather friends, family, club or work mates to form a team with an appropriate name, enjoy producing a baton of note to pass relay style, and hold a few fun summer time fund raising events.

It is easy to register – just pay a fee of \$15 per person to receive a kit which contains a well designed Relay For Life knitted top, plus other items to use for the event.

For more information please contact Judy on 54329 1587, Robyn on 54237317 or the Cancer Council Victoria's Hotline, 1300 65 65 85.



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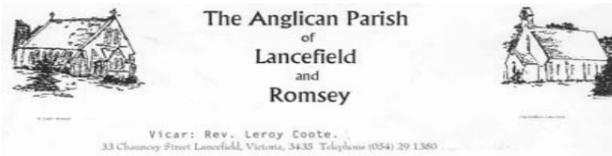
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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Welcome to the "View from the Vicarage" – the new column from the Anglican Parish of Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey.

About the writer:

As the writer, let me introduce myself. I am the Reverend Leroy Coote and am new minister in your local Anglican Church. I am married to Jenelle and have two children: Timothy aged 3 and Bethany aged 20 months. We live in Lancefield but I will also spend time in Romsey getting to know people there.

Anyone is welcome to attend our church services which are as follows:

Sunday – 9.00am at St Paul's Romsey.
 Sunday – 10:30am at Christ Church Lancefield with Children's program
 Wednesday – 10:00am at Christ Church Lancefield.

I also perform Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals by arrangement.

I personally would love to meet anybody from Lancefield and Romsey over a coffee, a light beer, a game of golf or even a meal. So please give me a call on 5429-1380.

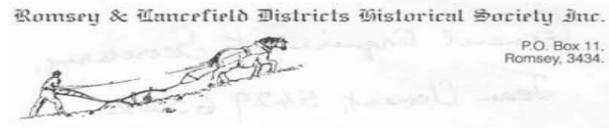
Why is Pancake day called Pancake Day?

This tradition started in England because Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday was, and still is, the day before the start of Lent on the church calendar. It was celebrated with great merriment and especially great quantities of pancakes. Long ago, strict Lenten rules prohibited the eating of all dairy products. When mixed with flour, supplies of eggs, milk, butter and other fats were used in the pancakes (what would the heart foundation say about this?). As a church, we are celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 28th February commencing at 6pm in the Lancefield Church Hall. All are welcome to join for some fun, food and frivolity. Please RSVP on the above number by Sunday 26th February.

These pancakes were eaten as a ritual or symbol of self-indulgence before the fasting that was to happen over the Lent period of 40 days. The church sees Lent as a preparation time for the Easter period of the church. Why do people spend 40 days preparing for Easter?... Find out next month.

Yours from the Vicarage.

Rev. Leroy Coote.



SEYMOUR COTTAGE (1855)

We are delighted and grateful that Macedon Ranges Shire Council has agreed to take over maintenance of this unique, historic Cottage, and to mow the grounds.

Historical Society members have restored and maintained the Cottage for 23 years, and will continue to look after interior furnishings, and use the Cottage for our meetings (4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30 pm) and Open Days (3rd Sunday of the month) and special functions.

ROMSEY, ENGLAND VISITORS

The Deputy Town Mayor of Romsey, England, Hants. and his wife paid a visit to our Romsey last week (their third visit) and enjoyed catching up with friends. Our Shire Mayor and his wife kindly took them up Mt Macedon and no doubt compared notes on their respective jobs!

A link with the web sites of Romsey Rag and Romsey England's District Society is currently being arranged.

LOCAL HISTORY ENQUIRIES:

Contact archivist Mrs Robyn Miller on 5429 5652 or write to P.O. Box 101, Lancefield, Vic. 3435. Or other enquiries about meeting times or membership may be directed to Secretary Jean on 5429 6522.



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Macedon Ranges celebrates the Commonwealth Games



Macedon Ranges residents are urged to get involved in a range of Commonwealth Games community celebrations through February and March. Councillor John Letchford, was ecstatic about the Queens Baton passing through Gisborne and a series of cultural workshops featuring South African artist and storyteller Valanga Khoza.

"Valanga Khoza, a high energy performer is coming to Macedon Ranges schools for 5 days to teach our young people a little about the history, culture and colour of our adopted team. We are fortunate to have Valanga return with his full band and feature at our Common Ground festival at Hanging Rock racecourse on Wednesday 15th of March. The festival will feature a live broadcast of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on a giant 9 metre high screen." Councillor Letchford said.

Councillor Sandra McGregor was excited about the prospect of the ceremony live on a movie sized screen complete with performances, interactive sports demonstrations and activities for all ages.

"Why sit on the couch at home to watch the ceremony, when you can be under the stars at the World Famous Hanging Rock? Bring your family, take your place on the grass at Hanging Rock racecourse and enjoy the activities!" Councillor McGregor said.

Valanga Khoza will be featuring at several schools around the Macedon Ranges from the 20th to 28th of February.

Queens Baton Relay, Gisborne
 Thursday 9th March at approx 2pm.
 Hamilton and Aitken Streets, Gisborne

Common Ground celebration
 Hanging Rock Racecourse at Hanging Rock Reserve
 Wednesday 15th March, beginning at 5pm.
 Entry is free. Bring a picnic and blanket and enjoy an afternoon to evening of activity. No BYO alcohol is allowed and no pets please.

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Mixed Netball Finals.

Mixed Netball
 The Romsey Recreation Centre staff ran a mixed netball competition since October 2005. The grand final will be played on March 3rd 2006. The four teams competing in the final series are Whatever, Sexual Chocolate, Out of our League and Hard Hitters. No Doubt and S.H.A.F.T. never looked like making the finals but had a lot of fun a long way. Whatever and Sexual Chocolate have a double chance finishing in first and second position respectable. It will be a closely contested final series with all teams being very competitive throughout the season. The two top sides have played in a drawn match only 4 weeks ago. If you would like to see some of the action, the Mixed Netball competition is on Thursday nights starting at 7.30pm. Next season starts on March 30th. Register your team or as an individual NOW!!

Men's Futsal
 The boys have turned up to enjoy a season of Men's Futsal. The competition will be held on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm onwards. Six teams have registered for the competition with favourites being United. Just like their name sake in England the United side in Romsey boasts some big names also. Good luck to all sides competing. Players are still welcome to join.

Under 14 Futsal
 The new Jnr Futsal season began on the 20th February. We have 4 registered teams and the competition looks like it will be closely contested by all sides. I am pleased to announce that **Finger Liekin Charcoal Chicken** will be sponsoring the competition with 20 Encouragement Awards. These Encouragement Awards will hopefully give the Children an incentive to play at their best. The competition will be held on Monday nights from 4.30pm onwards.

Jnr Basketball
 4 teams will contest the under 13 basketball competition this season. The teams are Shaggy, Scooby, Scrappy and Spooky. This competition will be held on Tuesday nights. We are still taking registration for our under 15 competition.

Squash
 We will be holding 2 competitions of squash this season. There will be 4 teams with 3 players in each team on Wednesday nights, and 8 Individual players on Monday night. Both competitions will be hotly contested.

Also on offer at the Romsey Recreation Centre is: Aerobics, Pilates, Daytime Ladies Volleyball, Mixed Volleyball, Ladies Netball, Jnr Netball and soon to be starting Older Adult Strength training.
 Please ring Nick on 54295637 for any information



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School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls School: 5429 1359

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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.

For more information, please phone 5429 2130.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Anyone wishing to know about the Catholic faith is invited to contact Sr. Frances, 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.

HIRE OF CHURCH HALL

The Romsey Church Hall is now available for regular hire on weekdays. The hall is also available for special events eg: parties (conditions apply). Please contact the Presbytery for further information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

PARISH CENTENARY BALL:

Date: Saturday, 18th March

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Venue: Lancefield Mechanics Hall

Cost: \$25.00 per head

Live band and dancing. Plentiful supper provided.

BYO drinks and glasses. For tickets or more information, please phone Kerry McCarthy on 5429 1281 or the Presbytery on 5429 2130.



EASTER MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday – 9th April

Holy Thursday – 13th April

7.30 p.m. Romsey

Good Friday – 14th April

Way of the Cross

Passion Service: 3.00 p.m. Lancefield

Easter Vigil – Saturday, 15th April

7.00 p.m. Lancefield

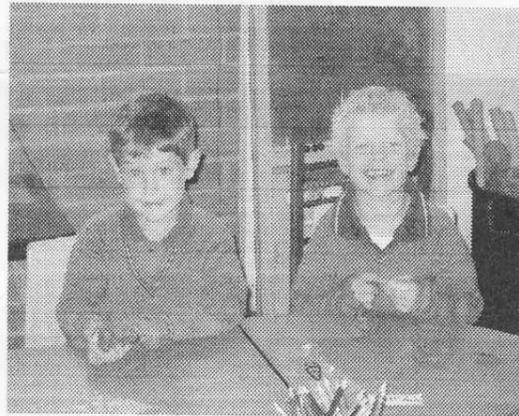
Easter Sunday, 16th April

8.00 a.m. Lancefield

10.00 a.m. Romsey

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday, 31st January we had many new students start the year in Preps and in other grades throughout the school. There were a few tears but they soon disappeared when the activities started in the classrooms.



The **Student Representative Council** meets with the Principal to discuss issues that are brought up in classroom meetings. These include Fundraising for worthy causes throughout the year. The Student Representative Council (**S.R.C**) for 2006 is as follows:



Working Lives Preventing Strokes

These stories come from the working lives of the amazing range of people who live in our community of Romsey. Hi, I have the privilege of being the first guest in this column. We bought our farm in Romsey five years ago and moved in two years ago.

I am a Program Manager with the National Stroke Foundation, which is the leading organisation working on stroke issues in Australia, so that:

- The public understand the signs, symptoms and risk factors for stroke
- Australians have a better start on the road to recovery after stroke
- Stroke survivors are encouraged to recover their quality of life
- Australia leads the way in stroke research.

Did you know stroke is the third largest cause of death and a leading cause of disability amongst adults in Australia ?



Over 50,000 strokes occur in Australia each year. One every 11 minutes.

Approximately 324,700 Australians who have had a stroke are living in the community.

Stroke is a medical emergency. But as survivors can tell you, there are often early signs of stroke. These signs may be any or one of the following:

- **Weakness or numbness** or paralysis of the face, arm or leg on either or both sides of the body
- **Difficulty speaking** or understanding
- **Dizziness**, loss of balance or an unexplained fall
- **Loss of vision**, sudden blurred or decreased vision in one or both eyes
- **Headache**, usually severe and of abrupt onset, or an unexplained change in the pattern of headaches
- **Difficulty swallowing**

Did you know that stroke is preventable?

There are risk factors that you can control to reduce your chance of having a stroke. Please complete our risk factor tick sheet (also in *the Romsey Rag*) and discuss your risk for stroke with your doctor.

If you would like to know more about stroke, call me at work - 1800 STROKE.

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The 'Midland Express' Country Connoisseurs Carnival – Vendor Opportunities

The Kyneton District Racing Club along with TripleHill Accommodation Booking Service are pleased to invite you to showcase your brand, sell your products and increase your customer base at the Midland Express Country Connoisseurs Carnival, Kyneton Racecourse, held this year on Easter Saturday, the 15th of April.

This is the second year of the "FEAST" branded event and along with great thoroughbred racing the main attraction for patrons is being able to taste and purchase the delights of the Macedon Ranges local food and wine producers. The day will also include Easter Bunny with free Easter Eggs for the kiddies, a teddy bear competition and roving performers.

The Racing Club in conjunction with TripleHill Accommodation Booking Service are working together to develop racing, accommodation, and air show packages to encourage visitors to stay in the region for the Easter break. There will also be a **joint discounted ticket** for the races and air show which will assist in **attracting over 2,500 people** to this pleasurable occasion. In addition to this we are currently working on strategies involving discounted travel services from the Daylesford, Lancefield and Romsey areas to further encourage people to attend the races.

The promotional package is valued at \$1,845 (including GST), however the Club are happy to offer it to you for a minimal fee of \$285 (including GST).

By participating in offer you will be provided with the following:

- A position in the FEAST Food & Wine boulevard which includes a 3mx3m marquee, trestle table with chairs and linen cloth
- The ability to sell your products on-course
- Signage near the winning post
- The ability to have a paragraph relating to your business on the KDRC website
- The ability to run on-course promotions and special offers
- The ability to communicate to KDRC members any special offers

This is in addition to the full web page with link on the www.triplehillabs.com.au site, and email blast to the TripleHill Accommodation Booking Services client base.

There is also an opportunity for 4 wineries to be involved in the TripleHill FEAST Enclosure to promote and sell their products to the patrons in this high exposure enclosure on the main spectator lawn. This position will cost \$100 and participants will receive a full page black and white facebook advertisement and extensive publicity on the TripleHill website and other promotional materials when referring to the enclosure details.

Expressions of interest are to be emailed to v.briody@countryracing.com.au no later than Tuesday 28th of February.

For further details please contact:
Vanessa Briody 0418 598 869
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PROPOSED REGION NAME CHANGE FOR MACEDON RANGES & SPA COUNTRY

You may have heard the exciting news that our local tourism region will be the focus of a significant destination marketing campaign this year with the support of Tourism Victoria.

In June 2003 Tourism Victoria launched Phase 7 of its Jigsaw campaign. Phase 7 aims to raise awareness of regional destinations in Victoria and consists of two streams – Melbourne and Surrounds and Touring Victoria. A key component of this strategy will be focused on Destination Daylesford with a major national campaign to promote Daylesford and the greater region to the interstate market. This campaign is a collaborative effort between Tourism Victoria and your local regional Campaign Committee, with the launch planned for April/May this year.

A further component of this multi-faceted promotion is the repositioning of the branding of the region itself, which reflects Tourism Victoria's strategy of destination marketing rather than marketing regions. Thus, Daylesford is being branded as the iconic destination for the entire region. This strategy is to establish Daylesford as a hero destination and subsequently encourage dispersal of visitors throughout the region.

The campaign will be predominantly media-based to a national audience, but in particular targeting Sydney and Adelaide. Renowned advertising agency, Publicis Mojo, are working on the creative direction of this campaign. To support this media coverage, the Campaign Committee is currently creating a new motivational and information booklet, known as a "Jigsaw Brochure", which will underpin the overall message of the brand campaign. This important publication will also offer very useful advertising opportunities for local tourism operators.

Consequently, the Campaign Committee is considering changing the region's name to better align itself with the identified "hero" destination. Thus, it is proposed to change the region's name from "Macedon Ranges and Spa Country" to "Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges" to reinforce the new destination marketing strategy.

The rationale for this proposition is compelling:

- To reinforce the destination marketing message.
- The proposed name provides a direct link and synergy with the upcoming brand campaign.
- "Spa Country", as a part of the existing region name, is somewhat vague and provides no sense of place.
- Research suggests that the target market does not know where Spa Country is, nor are prospective visitors able to name the main towns of the region.
- With a clearer definition of our location there are positive spin-offs for those areas of the region outside of Daylesford

The Campaign Committee will certainly continue to proactively use the term "Spa Country" in its marketing collateral to ensure our continued "ownership" of this descriptor, particularly as this region can rightly claim the largest concentration of naturally occurring mineral springs in Australia.

The recently re-structured Campaign Committee is committed to ensuring that efficient consultation occurs during this process of investigating the region name change. We encourage and welcome feedback regarding the region's proposed name change. Please forward your feedback by Monday 13th February via letter or email to:

Postal:

Jo Pincus
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Over the last 15 months a Guide Baton, like the Queen's Baton, has been travelling around these two regions, visiting every Unit and girls have had the chance to fill in information about their Unit on a map in the Baton, and provide further information in a scrap book too. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished map and book.

The Platypus Guides are working on a Commonwealth Games Badge at the moment. This provides the opportunity to learn about the life of an athlete, and Karak the Mascot, and the countries involved in the Commonwealth, and many other activities associated with The Games.

The Wombat Guides have re-opened their Unit and they are honing their camping skills as they will be going on a Stradbroke Camp which is competition camping. They will be making their own flag, planning and purchasing their own food, and working out their own duty roster for sharing the chores when on camp. A big challenge for the girls but there is always lots of advice and help. They always eat well and have a great time on camp.

Would you like to join them? Or the Platypus Guides?

We meet Monday evenings at the Lancefield Park.

Platypus Guides, 7 to 10 years, are run by Rita Vandervalk 5429 1996.

Wombat Guides, 11 to 15 years, are run by Amanda Sparkes 5429 5848.

The Bilby Guides (5 to 7 years) are temporarily in recess but if you are interested please ring Rita Vandervalk.

Gisborne Steam Rally 2006



Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 March
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Webb Crescent
New Gisborne (Melways 197 F4)

Attractions & Events include:

This year's event will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first official McDonald engine, being number 51A, coming off the production line.

Other highlights include:

- Informal McDonald Workers Reunion - Saturday afternoon
- Vintage Stationary Engines
- Steam Powered Exhibits
- Classic & Vintage Car Display
- Machinery Museum
- Miniature Train Rides
- Perry Loco
- Vintage Tractor Pull - All day Sunday

Exhibit set up Saturday morning for Saturday afternoon and Sunday rally.

Entry Fee: Adult \$5, Concession \$2, Children under 10 free

Contacts:

Mc Donald Re-Union	Jeff Shepherd	5428 6573
Vintage Tractor Pull	Mac Reynolds	9744 5859
Steam & Train Exhibits	Noel Smithwick	5429 6316
General Questions	Barry Thomas	8656 8659

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Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Inc
 PO Box 99 Gisborne 3437

Gisborne Steam Rally 25 & 26 March 2006 100 Years of McDonald.

This years Gisborne Steam rally will be a little different from others in that the event will focusing on the products made by AH McDonald and Co Pty Ltd, celebrating the 100th anniversary of when the first engine came of the production line.

On Saturday the 25th March the rally will focus around the McDonald engineering history and an informal employees re-union. With the exception of the Vintage tractor pull, our normal activities will be happening including

- Vintage Stationary Engines,
- Miniature train rides,
- Steam exhibits including traction engines and Perry locomotive,
- Classic Car Display,
- Club run tractor, engine and vintage car part stall, and
- A number of local craft and market type stalls.

Sunday 26th March will be having the activities that compromises our normal rally, with the Vintage Tractor Pull hopefully involving a McDonald or two tractor.



Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434
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 Marion is available for Pastoral Care on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 Church Council : Noel Shaw - 5429 5509 Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



You are most welcome to come to the Romsey Uniting Church Services and share in fellowship and worship

Officer's Training School

A number of people have asked about Rev. Alan Williams. How did he get on with the Air Force Chaplaincy training and where is he now? The following is a summary of an article Alan sent to the Romsey Uniting Church for inclusion in the monthly Clarion. The full article including pictures was 2.5 pages—too long to include in the Romsey Rag. Those readers who would like to read the whole article are welcome to contact Noel Shaw or Jeni Clampit at the above phone numbers.

Officers' training School (OTS) began with a "briefing" on Sunday afternoon. This involved a very brief introduction to the Course Director. For about 1.5 hours we practised making our beds in the approved manner and acceptable standard (eg. 45 degree hospital corners and 300mm of sheet folded over, pillow width from the bed-head), followed each time by practising "Reveille". Reveille involved taking the bottom sheet from the bed, putting it over our right shoulder, running downstairs, and forming up under the breezeway and reciting our "creeds". We were to be awoken to the cry of "Reveille, reveille, reveille" at 6 am each morning and had to be formed up in 60 seconds. That might seem a little silly. Its purpose was to introduce us to military life and discipline. Whilst I was ready to quit at 5.30 on Sunday afternoon, things did improve and reveille only lasted 2 weeks.

The highlight of the first week was the issue of our uniforms, including being shown how to iron and wear them. Of course this was accompanied by our first inspection. The preparation for inspection is known in the military as "panic", and the first panic at OTS lasts until before reveille, as we have to get our rooms clean and arranged (things in the right cupboard or drawer, correctly folded) and dust-free, but also the common areas (hallways, stairs, bathrooms etc). And to round the week off perfectly we had our first fitness test. The Training instructors were fairly scary. Ours was about 6'4" and weighed 115 kg—all muscle! The first fitness test was especially difficult for me as I had cut my finger earlier in the week affecting the flexed arm hang, and I had bronchitis affecting the 2.4 km run. Somehow I passed! Whilst we continued to receive briefs and begin drill (marching etc) the focus of the week was Exercise Discovery. This began with half a day of team-building and problem-solving activities. The follow-up was a day of caving, something that I am glad to have done, but don't particularly want to try again. Week three was the beginning of weapons handling. It was very interesting to carry a semi-automatic rifle all day and to handle deadly ammunition on the rifle range. I didn't get the best score on the day - that went to the Anglican chaplain (a perfect score).

Our exams started, the early exams included Occupational Health and Safety, Laws of Armed Conflict and Fire Safety. Briefs and drills occupied our days up to week 5.

Week six included a second fitness test in preparation for

our Ground Defence assessment of week seven. It involved taking over a corner of the airfield at RAAF East Sale and protecting it from "enemies". My week was interrupted by a strained back on day 2 and cracked ribs on day 4.

Week eight was our introduction to navigation. Navigating up and down steep gullies in state parks just outside Ballarat did not do my knees any good. I got through, though, and was put on restricted activities for the next couple of weeks.

In week nine we began our parades. So in addition to 7 am inspection of our living areas on Tuesdays, we now had a 7.20 inspection of our drill and presentation on Thursdays.

In week 12 we began our leadership and operations classes. Operations was all about the structure of the military. Knowing which squadrons or units do what, where they are based etc., will be very helpful to what I do as a chaplain.

During weeks 12 and 13 we also welcomed some senior ranks who were being commissioned as officers. Week 14 was our leadership practice in Wombat State Forest. We returned the following week for our leadership assessment. If we made it through (and a couple didn't) week 16 began the home stretch. The only things left to learn were sword drill and have the drill assessment. I still think it's crazy that chaplains have to pass sword drill when they aren't allowed to carry one!

Week 17 was essentially practice for graduation parade, final assessments and debriefs, and packing up. That, in a nutshell, occupied my time from August to December last year.

Rev. Alan Williams graduated on December 9th 2005. His title now is: Chaplain (Flight Lieutenant) Alan Williams.

Contact details for Alan, Sharon and Charis Williams are:
 4 Scherger Place, Tindal (Residential)
 PO. Box 153, Tindal, NT 8053
 Phone 088972 3435
 Email: revalan@ssc.net.au or willbook@ssc.net.au

Services and Activates at Romsey UC During March:

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| 1st: | Ash Wednesday
8.00pm Pastoral Care/Hospitality Committee |
| 3rd: | World Day of Prayer at Lancefield UC |
| 5th: | 9.00am Family worship and Sunday School |
| 8th: | 1.30pm UCAF Meeting in Sunday School
7.30pm—worship Team planning for service on 19th March |
| 12th: | 9.00am Holy Communion and Sunday school
10.15 am—Property and finance committee |
| 19th: | 9.00am—Family Worship & Sunday School
Service conducted by Worship Team |
| 206th: | 9.00 am—Family Worship and Sunday School |

The Macedon Ranges

ARTIST'S MARKET

MEET THE MAKERS

Saturday 11th March 06 – Holiday Market
 Saturday 9th Sept. 06 – Festival Market

9am – 1pm

In conjunction with the Kyneton Farmers Market
 St. Paul's Park Piper Street Kyneton Vic
 Info: Clare: 0400 959 918 or claanpottery@bigpond.com

Macedon Ranges Calender of Events

4 March

Camp out at Hanging Rock
Experience the mystery of Hanging Rock at night, just don't go alone!
+ 61 3 5429 9631
annew@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au
www.hangingrock.info

13 March

Labour Day Races at Hanging Rock Races
1300 139 402
info@countryracing.com.au
www.hangingrockracingclub.com.au

15 March

Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony Celebration
Hanging Rock Reserve
See the opening ceremony live on a movie sized screen. Food and wine, activities for the whole family to enjoy – and it's all free!
+ 61 3 5422 0326
www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

16 - 31 March

Slow Food - Autumn Festival
admin@slowfoodcentralvictoria.org.au
www.slowfoodcentralvictoria.org.au

19 March

Jazz down by the Riverside – Kyneton
Kyneton is the home of Jazz in the Macedon Ranges. See a great line up of our best jazz performers on the banks of the Campaspe River.
+ 61 3 5422 6622
doyleys@nex.net.au
www.jazzkynetonlions.org

26 March

Soul Food Sunday featuring music by Athol Guy (ex-seekers)
+ 61 3 5422 2636
bookings@westrockfarm.com
www.westrockfarm.com

26 March

Easter Races at Kyneton District Racing Club
1300 139 402
kdrc@racingvictoria.net.au
www.kynetonracingclub.com.au

Regards,

David Richardson
Tourism and Events Officer
Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Ph: + 61 3 5422 0326
Fax: + 61 3 5422 3623
Email: davidr@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP

(covering Lancefield & Romsey districts)
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Enquiries : 5429 2011
54295880

For sale

Baby Bunting SOLID TIMBER COT

Adjusts to

- BASSINETTE LEVEL
- COT LEVEL
- FIRST BED

Easy to lower side with one hand with matching solid timber change table

2 shelves (with change mat)
\$400 the pair

3 pure wool cot blankets

1cot sleeping bag- zips out to blanket

1 cot lambskin

\$25 the lot

Babyco Lite `N` Easy Porta Cot in carry Bag \$45

Children's car seats: Secure 20 –Grey with inbuilt harness \$20
Safe & Sound upright toddler seat BJ's in PJ's with inbuilt harness \$20

Valco single stroller very stable and manoeuvrable Large storage basket underneath \$30

Cobaw Community Health Service Parenting Programs for 2006.

2nd term – **Positive parenting for primary school age children** – commencing on May to June (6 weeks). Facilitators – Angela and Family support Worker. **This is a group which supports each other to look at new ways to parent our children.**

3rd term – **After Separation** – Starting in July and finishing in August (6 weeks). Facilitators – Leonie and Jan. **This is a program for parents who have separated from their partners.**

4th term – **After trauma/violence** – Starting in October – November (6 weeks). Facilitators – Angela and Pam. **This is a program that looks at strategies to deal with our children witnessing violence.**

All programs are free and will have child care available. Ring 54 211 666 and speak to the counseling team for further details.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Macedon Ranges Shire Council Social Support Service is seeking volunteers who are interested in joining a valued team of people who provide support to isolated, lonely older people and people with a disability who live in our community.

The volunteers provide social contact, offer companionship and act as a link to the broader community.

Information sessions are being held over the coming weeks in Gisborne, Romsey and Kyneton.

Gisborne
Tuesday, 28 February 2006
Gisborne Library Meeting Room 9.30am

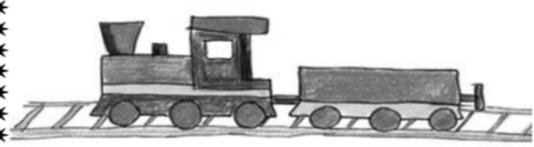
Romsey
Tuesday, 2 March 2006
Mechanics Hall Meeting Room 1.30pm

Kyneton
Friday 3rd March 2006
Town Hall Newman Room 9.30am

For further information contact the Social Support Service on 5427 8256 or email christir@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

MS Society

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear a representative from the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Victoria speak about Resources for those with MS on Monday, 27 March 2006 at the Woodend Community Centre, from 1 - 3pm. For further information contact Christine Randich on 5427 8256 or christir@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au



Romsey Toy Library Inc.

Open Saturday mornings, 10am-11.30am
St Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey
(behind St Mary's Catholic Church)

Come see us for:

LEAP PADS	CD-ROM PC GAMES
BIKES	PUZZLES
TRAIN SETS	KIDS' VIDEOS
CRICKET SETS	TONKA TRUCKS
RIDE-ONS	SCOOTERS
DOLLS HOUSE	& MUCH MORE

Wide range of toys available for borrowing
Suitable from birth to 12 years
Family memberships From \$25 per year
Save money - don't buy toys, borrow them!
New members always welcome
Drop in and see us or phone
Amanda Burley on 5429 6936



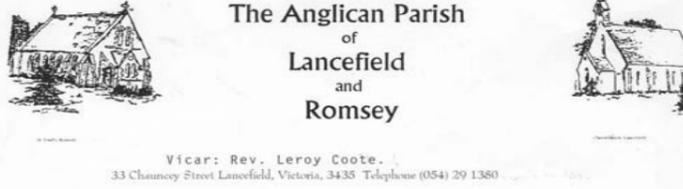
Join us!
For children newborn to 5 years

Tuesday 9.30 am—12.30 pm
OR
Thursday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

Corner Main Street and Palmer Street Romsey

For more details contact
Karen on 5429 5391 or 0419 113 216
Anna on 54296171
Joanne on 5429 5368
Melanie on 5429 5250

98 Main Street
Corner Palmer Street
Romsey 3434.



St Paul's Op Shop
Main Street, Romsey.

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

We would like to remind you that we can do nothing with incomplete games, torn books or resource books which have passed their "use-by" date. This principle applies to all goods you're willing to donate, whether it be to us or other organisations.

As we keep saying, *if you wouldn't buy it, we can't sell it.* Having said that, we are always grateful for your generous GOOD QUALITY donations.

BECAUSE OF INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS, we are unable to accept ANY ELECTRICAL ITEMS, BABY CAPSULES / COTS, ALL HELMETS, BIKES OR MATTRESSES.

DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF SPACE, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT FURNITURE.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us with donations in the past, and continues to do so.



Programmes and Activities for Term 2 2006

Scrapbooking

Create a true work of art while preserving your precious photos and the memories associated with them. Join our Scrapbooking class, have some fun and meet some new people while developing skills in this popular hobby. Classes commence Wednesday March 29th, and will run fortnightly, conducted by Julie Hynson.

Cost: \$15 per session covers tuition and some materials

Venue: Old Courthouse (CFA Headquarters)
Stawell Street, Romsey.

Time: 10.00 am—2.00 pm

Bookings are essential prior to attending—minimum and maximum numbers apply.

For bookings and further information contact Julie on 5429 6908 or 0410 692 642.

Drop In Craft Morning with Karyn:

Every Thursday 10.30 am—12.30 pm
CFA Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey.
Bring along those unfinished craft projects., enjoy some company and a cuppa, and meet new people.
Gold coin donation.

Aerobics

4 sessions a week available at Romsey Rec Centre
Recommences on Monday March 29th.

Monday s (12.15 and 1.30 pm)

Wednesday s (9.15 and 10.30 am)

Child minding available.

Packages:

- 1: 10 sessions \$50
- 2: 10 sessions + 1 child \$80
- 3: 10 sessions + 2 children \$90
- 4: 10 sessions + 3 children \$100

Bookings are essential, payment required before commencement. Minimum numbers will apply.

Relaxation / Meditation With Karen Ruggeri

Improve your well-being with relaxation and meditation.

To be held on Wednesday evenings, at 7.00 pm

Venue: Romsey Primary School Performing Arts Centre

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bookings essential.

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 or Dorothy Hayes (Secretary) on 5429 1225



Romsey Community House Inc.
P.O.Box 418
Romsey
Vic 3434

Creative Writing

Following 2 very successful groups last year, we are delighted to have writer Dee White back.

We will be looking at where the ideas come from and how to develop them.

Cost: \$50 for 5 sessions

Commences Wednesday April 5th at 7.00—8.30 pm

Venue: Romsey Primary School

Minimum numbers required for this course to run.

Bookings and payment in advance required.

Yoga—New Activity for 2006

Weekly beginners classes commencing Monday March 27th at 7.00 pm. Mainly Hatha and Iyengar Yoga—for the mind and the body. Classes will be conducted by Kym Oliver, who already runs yoga classes through Lancefield Neighbourhood House.

Cost: \$90 for 10 classes or \$10 per session.

Venue: Performing Arts Centre

Romsey Primary School.

Bookings essential. Minimum numbers will apply.

All enquiries and bookings to Kym on 5429 2134.

Participants please note:

Payment must be made in advance, by cheque or money order made payable to "Romsey Community House Inc" and posted to P.O. Box 418, Romsey.

Where insufficient numbers are enrolled for a course to run, classes will be cancelled. Refunds will be made to participants.

If a participant withdraws from a class 1 week or less prior to commencement, a refund will only be available in extenuating circumstances to be discussed with the Community House committee.

Where a course or class or programme or activity is over-subscribed, a waiting list will apply.

For further information about any programme, please contact Robyn Moore on 0412 275 152 or the class presenter for each activity where a phone number is given.

All bookings should be made through Robyn Moore on 0412 275 152 and confirmed with payment by cheque or money order posted to the address above, clearly stating the course for which payment is being made.

All the fun of the CARNIVAL 2006

At Romsey Primary School
Friday February 3rd—3.30 pm onwards.

Rides, Rides and More Rides! Cha-Cha, Giant Slide, Merry-Go-Round, Mini Ferris Wheel.
Rides will conclude at 8.30 pm.

what's inside! Always popular with the kids.

Lucky dips: for boys and girls. Available at the Produce Stall. How lucky are you?

Fireworks—a brilliant display by "Airwize Pyrotechnics" will complete the evening.

Splat the Rat! Come along and find out what it is—then have a go. Prizes donated by the Bendigo Bank.

Mini-Golf: A family favourite. Cost: \$1 per person (not included with wristbands).

Tattoos, Face and Nail Painting: Change your look with a tattoo or nail or face painting.

Entertainment: provided by our school Aerobics team, as well as dancing, gymnastics, music, and much more in the gym and around the school.

Glow Stall: Check out the great range fun items for sale.

Spinning Wheel: Great prizes up for grabs.

Raffle: A chance to win one of many great prizes donated to the school. Tickets just 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00

Dunk the Dad: Some well-known dads (Including Tony O'Dwyer) have volunteered to be DUNKED—a gold coin donation to get them wet.

Guess the GOOP: Feeling brave? For just 50 cents you can put your hand in our bowls of GOOP and guess what it is.

Canteen: See Chris and her helpers for hot dogs, dim sims, tea, coffee, cakes, fairy floss, cold drinks and lots more.

Indonesian and Art Stall: Come to the Art room and create something special with Miss Skinner and Ibu Little.

Art, Craft & Produce Stall: Lots of home made goodies, fresh produce and craft items made by our talented students and their families.

Handball Competition: 3 goes for \$1. test your skill and maybe win a prize.

Plant Stall: plants, gardening tools, bulbs and garden items made by our students.

Striker! Have a go at making the bell ring. Great prizes to be won. Next to the CFA truck.

Lucky \$100 Square: You could win \$100 by investing just \$2. On sale now at school and on the night.

Displays: Find out what is happening at Romsey Joeys, Cubs and Scouts display. Visit the CFA truck, Gymnastics club, Flash Dance Company display and many more.

Book Stall: A great range of books for everyone from Social Club Books.

BBQ: Enjoy a sausage in bread or a hamburger. Drinks also available.

Guess the Jelly Beans: How many do you think there are in the jar?

Mystery Jars: There's only one way to find out

And much much more...



