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The Netball court rewiring is finally underway and the surface has been repaired. The football oval surface is now satisfactory for training. But try to avoid using the Goal squares, as much as possible.

Don't forget to come to the clubrooms on Thursday nights. All are welcome.

Incidently, Matthew Blair, our senior team runner, is going from strength to strength. All the best, from the club, at the coming athletic competition in Adelaide.

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I would like to thank you for publishing our course information in your publication. The response from your readership has been greater than the responses from other local papers-News papers, I might add, that are bigger and have a wider readership. I'd like to congratulate you on a fine publication. The response has been a credit to your paper and its readership.

Yours faithfully

Andrea Edwards

Training and Program Officer.

(Phone: 9746 3788)

Update Newsletter

Council's Update newsletter (March/ April 2006 issue) will be distributed throughout the Shire during the week of 27-31 March. If you don't receive a copy of the newsletter with your mail please telephone 5422 0310.

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Dear Friends

Although there has been some recent rains, the drought across much of Australia continues and locally our water catchments have had little runoff. We need to remain focussed and seriously consider how we use this most precious resource.

Australia's rainfall is the lowest of the continents (excluding Antarctica), yet despite this, Australia has one of the highest per capita water consumption rates in the world.

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I am proud to see how our community has embraced the water saving challenge, but this is not a short term effort but a long term challenge.

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Kind Regards  
**Joanne Duncan MP**  
State Member for Macedon

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## Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

March has become a busy month.

Hilda and Beryl went to the Captains & Presidents day at Trentham.

The following week six ladies went to the Irish Fours at Gisborne.

Lorraine and Beryl journeyed up to Yea for the Dalhousie 4BBB and were beaten on a 5way countback,

Then Hilda Lorraine & Beryl played in the Irish threes at Kyneton.

Hilda, Lorraine & Beryl contested the Goonawarra bowl. Hilda had 35pts and broke her handicap. Well done Hilda.

Beryl went to Woodend for their tournament.

Thankyou to our ladies for travelling to other courses, it is always interesting to play other courses and meet other golfing ladies.

Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> we are planing a social morning to encourage any one interested in playing golf to come along and have a hit with us to see if you like the game. No experience or equipment is necessary. If we get some interest, clinics can be arranged later. To give us an idea of numbers please ring Hilda 54296538; Jenny 54296673 or Beryl 54295411 or just come along to the clubrooms 9am on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### Recipe for this Month

#### Silver beet salad

500gm silver beet shredded,

125 gm bean shoots

4 hard-boiled eggs (chopped)

3-4 rashers of bacon (cut in strips, fried & dried on paper towel)

Salad dressing

½ cup sugar

¼ cup vinegar

1 onion chopped

1 cup vegetable oil

1tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

¾ cup tomato sauce

salt & pepper

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Beryl Cole 54295411



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## FROM CR HENRY BLEECK Tapping in to our water needs

The future water security for Romsey, Lancefield and Woodend is currently being investigated by a Community Reference Group established by Western Water.

As the Councillor representative on this group I will push to ensure that a sustainable plan is developed and we can look forward to a secure, permanent supply.

The quality of water in the region is also being considered during the investigation.

After years of drought and water restrictions, this review is imperative to develop a sustainable plan for the future. A plan for a secured water supply and quality will allay the concerns of the local community and give everyone confidence for the coming years as our region continues to grow and develop. A newsletter will be sent out to the community in the near future.

A feedback form will be included, and it important for everyone to return their form. This will enable our reference group to develop an accurate view of what the community's expectations are.

### Topical Gas

Residents of Romsey and other parts of the East Ward should have noticed that work is progressing on delivering the long-awaited gas to them. **Work is currently taking place on the 'gate' on the main line, and resulting works will then start happening in the town. Residents that missed the March 23 natural gas community meeting for Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek are encouraged to visit the SP AusNet site [www.sp-ausnet.co.au](http://www.sp-ausnet.co.au) – once on the site select 'regional town gas' and Romsey.**

The maps showing the location of the reticulation system of the town are available. Some areas in each town will not initially be connected to gas, but this is being worked on. I realise that information has been sent to each household by SP Ausnet, but feedback I've received from the community indicates that not everyone is up to speed on what's happening.

### Gold congratulations

Congratulations to local resident Daniel Repacholi of Romsey, who has won a Gold Medal in the 50 metre pistol event at the Commonwealth Games and a bronze in the 10 metre pistol pair. This demonstrates the talent we have got in the Macedon Ranges Shire and should be an inspiration to all residents.

Well done!

### Easter message

Easter is fast approaching, with Good Friday falling on April 14 this year. Easter is a date of great significance on the Christian calendar, and is equally looked forward to by families who enjoy the break. But Easter can also be a time of tragedy on our roads, and I urge all residents to take the appropriate precautions if they're planning on a trip away for the break. The State Emergency Service and other volunteer groups set up their coffee break booths on the main roads around the State, and anyone travelling for any distance should stop off at one and have a refresher.

So whether you're celebrating the spiritual side of Easter or just having a break, please be careful and alert and come back safe.

**Cr Henry Bleeck.**

**Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.  
5422 7027**

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## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Our School Carnival held on the second last Friday of Term 1 was another outstanding success. The tireless work of our Parent Club in organising this event really paid off. Most gratifying was the support for the school from businesses and the community and especially from all our volunteers on the night. The school raised in excess of \$10,000 through this event; these funds will be put directly into maintaining and expanding the high standard of classroom equipment and resources for our students.



Throughout the term all classes have been working on the Commonwealth Games. This major event gave us a wonderful opportunity to study different Commonwealth countries as well as a range of sports and Australians past and present who have made a contribution to these pursuits. Such a focus as this enables classroom programs to combine a range of curriculum areas such as English (writing, reading, speaking and listening), Mathematics (number and measurement), Science, Studies of Society and Environment and Technology as well as Sport and Physical Education.

### Peer Mediation Training

Each year a number of interested senior students are trained in Peer Mediation. Training covers the personal attributes of being a peer mediator. Skills covered focus on assisting others see the other person's point of view, to come to a win / win solution, and to assist others in solving their problems. Students who have worked as Peer Mediators in the past rank this as an experience that has had a high impact upon them in equipping them for life beyond primary school. On completion of training, Peer Mediators are rostered on during recess times to assist students in solving small conflicts or disputes. Our mediators debrief with the teacher in charge of the program regularly, and refine their skills in assisting other students to solve their own problems. Being a Peer Mediator clearly is learning for life.

### Young Leaders Conference

School Captains Sabrina Raverty and Ben Noel attended a National Young Leaders Conference in Melbourne. Throughout the day these students were able to hear from a number of well known speakers (AFL legend Ron Barrassi, Olympic rowing gold medallist Drew Ginn, author Hazel Edwards and Antarctic explorer Peter Bland) on setting and achieving personal goals and on the qualities of good leadership. This was quite an inspirational experience for the students and was a wonderful part of the induction in assuming their leadership positions at school for this year.

### Parent Helpers Course

Training for interested parents in classroom helping commences this term. The program covers the ways to be an effective classroom helper in both literacy and numeracy, and also how to assist children at home with their learning. This program has been very effective in the past in enabling our parents to assist more effectively in the classroom, as well as helping parents understand to a greater depth, current practices in learning and teaching in these curriculum areas.

### Artist in Schools

Romsey Primary School has been lucky enough to be one of the 28 successful schools, chosen out of 120 applicants, to participate in the Artist in Schools program supported by Arts Victoria and the Department of Education and Training. The school has gained funding to employ Diane Thompson, a visual artist who specialises in the area of mosaic and sculpture. It is planned that our senior students will work with our visiting artist and Miss Skinner to create a mosaic tiled amphitheatre/ performing area near the tennis courts. The project will involve senior students researching their family history, exploring the local environment and creating artworks in response to these discoveries. To kick off our project we will be having a visit on the 30<sup>th</sup> March (the first Thursday of term 2) from Murrindindi, a member of the local Wurundjeri indigenous group. Students in the involved classes will spend some time in workshops with Murrindindi learning about local indigenous culture.

### Other Grants

Towards the end of term we heard that the school had been successful in obtaining a Catchment Management Grant and a Community Water Grant.

The Catchment Management Grant will enable us to undertake a direct seeding project to expand corridors of indigenous planting along perimeter boundaries. This is a highly innovative and effective method of planting with a high rate of success in other areas. Currently we are undertaking weed eradication and soil preparation with the direct seed planting to be completed in early spring. Romsey residents with both small and larger properties who would like more information in regard to this project are welcome to contact the school.

The Community Water Grant is a federal initiative through which we will be able to install a rainwater tank. This will enable the school to consolidate the plantings in a number of our environmental projects as well as assist with the establishment of our new corridor plantings this year.

Barney Healy  
Principal



John Robinson-Port Phillip & Westernport Catchment Authority and Joanne Duncan MLA presenting a cheque. Principal Barney Healy and Deep Creek Landcare member Kerri Mewett (with Madeline, Thomas and Sebastian).

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Podiatrist Carolyn Lewis and Psychologist Kate Crowhurst have commenced sessional work at the Romsey Medical Centre. Appointments can be booked by calling the clinic on 54295254.

### Five Mile Creek News

Piles of dirt ... old willows felled ... don't be surprised to see an excavator travelling along the creek!

Work is underway with Melbourne Water at the west end of the Five Mile Creek park. From January 2006 Melbourne Water (not Southern Rural Water) is responsible for Five Mile Creek, Deep Creek and waterways flowing into Port Phillip Bay.

The work was to be done through the creek committee - where willows on steep banks had clogged up the stream. As the job uses machinery, Melbourne water had to inspect and approve it. The local contractor has been certified to work with Melbourne Water to:

- Remove large old willows at the west end, one or two of which are leaning badly
- Remove sand banks - building sand has silted up storm water outlets
- Remove isolated hawthorn
- Dig out the new willows growing in the creek at the bike jumps area

The work will be done hopefully in the next few weeks.

The piles of dirt at the Couzens Lane path entrance will then be spread over the west side of the creek at Couzens Lane, where it is sloping from the road. Thankyou to the contractor on the new estate who donated this dirt to improve the creek bank.



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## New Romsey Parks Committee

For those people not aware, Romsey Park is Crown Land, under the control of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). In the second half of 2005 a new Committee of Management of the park was elected – this voluntary group (of 15) consists of representatives of most of the user groups of the park, plus some community members.

The role of the committee is to coordinate activities in the park consistently within DSE guidelines, and to maintain the areas not controlled by the various sporting and activity groups. The committee has access to (very) limited funding – small contributions from each park user group, and a grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council – to spend on insurance, mowing, maintenance and improvements.

Unfortunately the level of senseless vandalism requires increased money spent on repairs, leaving less for improvements. If you see any damage or dumping of rubbish in the park, please call the police – it is a community resource!

The park is in the midst of two major upgrades: The football/cricket ground has just been resurfaced, and the tennis club is about to embark on replacement of their 3 en-

tout-cas courts (lost due to the drought) with all-weather mod grass courts.


Other key issues include the management of many geriatric trees within the park. The previous committee arranged a report from an arborist– a DSE grant of \$80,000 between the years 2000–2003 for dangerous tree removal, has made little impact with a further \$20,000 spent later. Regular users of the park will be aware that several very large trees have been damaged in recent storms – the clean up of these trees has taken many man-hours of voluntary labour.

The playgrounds in the park require additional “soft-fall”, and a working bee will be arranged soon to complete this task.

The committee welcomes any ideas and assistance from the Romsey community – committee meetings are held on the FIRST Monday each month at the Golf/bowls clubhouse at 7:30 pm, or you can write to PO Box 16, Romsey.

It is understood that this is the first time that such a large and comprehensively representative committee for the park has been established – this augers well for the future of Romsey Park.

David Blicblau



# Easter Movie Night

**“The Passion of the Christ”**  
(MA 15yrs+)

Or

**“Jesus More Than Gold”**


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Juniors \$ 35

Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.30pm.

The course is available for social groups with clubhouse facilities and bar by bookings only.

### Results

18 February	H'Cap Matchplay T Freeman def S Williams 9/8
4 March	Monthly Medal M Nicholls (20) 61 C Vandervliet (18) 64
11 March	Stroke J Laing (19) 60 K Hocking (27) 64
13 March	Stableford G Wilkins (31) 41pts
18 March	H'Cap Matchplay B Salathiel def M Thornton 6/4

Pennant season is almost upon us again.

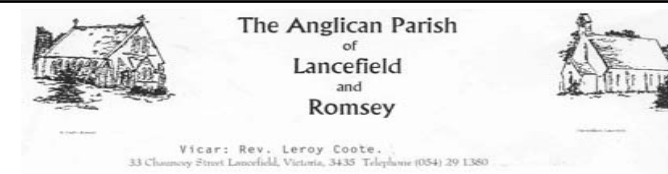
It is great to see so many new junior members at the club. We have had a lot of interest from the under 12's since introducing our 9 holes Friday Twilight Competition during daylight savings, starting at 5.15pm, and they have shown marked improvement during this time.

Thank you to all the hardworking members who volunteer their time in keeping the course in good order. It would be great to see some rain soon!

### April Events

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Stableford
8 <sup>th</sup> April	4 Ball H'Cap Matchplay
15 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sat)	Ambrose Men/ Mixed
17 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Mon)	Stableford
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Stroke (Par 71 lay out)
25 <sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day)	Stableford
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Monthly Medal

**Visitors and new members are always welcome.**



### VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Welcome to the latest edition of the view from the Vicarage. Last edition, I left you with the question...Why do people spend 40 days preparing for Easter? This edition, I provide you with the mind-blowing answer.

The answer is found in the fact that the church celebrates the new life it has due to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter eggs in the shops now are aimed at symbolising new life because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So why spend 40 days preparing for the death and resurrection of one man, Jesus Christ? The answer is in two parts: Firstly, the 40 days are used to help people understand who Jesus really is and as a result of that, we come to a greater understanding of the importance of the death and resurrection of Jesus for us individually.

Firstly, it has been often debated about who Jesus is. Many people have suggested many things such as Lord, liar or lunatic, prophet or just another man. Unless you are a believer in Jesus Christ, very rarely is the term Saviour or Messiah used. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is seen by the people as one who heals physically, one who heals spiritually and one who heals both. Yes, heals people physically if they trust in him and then ask him to heal in His time not ours but what he most importantly came to heal is our relationship with God. Jesus Christ came to rescue our relationship with God after we rebelled against Him. The consequences for that is death or eternal separation from God. But there is hope for those who have rebelled against God and escape the consequences.

That hope comes about because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How does this provide hope?

Jesus' death and resurrection provide for us an opportunity for us to bridge the gap between God and us. Jesus' death took the punishment of sin that should have been ours because we were the rebellious ones and not Jesus. But the fact that he came back to life again showed that he conquered death and gave us an avenue for us to get to God. John 14:6 tells us that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This means that the only way to God and to heaven is by accepting Jesus as the Saviour of one's life. Jesus' death and resurrection opened the way people for people to go to heaven by accepting the gift he has given us of making our relationship right with God, we too can have eternal life. This is why Easter is such a joyous celebration in the Christian Church.

As a community, let us all consider the claims of Jesus, the reason for the Easter Season, for ourselves.

Yours from the vicarage,  
Rev. Leroy Coote.  
Minister  
Christ Church Anglican Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Anglican Church Romsey

PS: If you want to consider this further then please take advantage of the six week series being offered by the Anglican Church. See the advertisement in this edition of the Romsey Rag.



## Dear Editor

I'm writing this as a discussion starter – hope some people respond!

We used to think that we had unending water – now we have heaps of ads on saving water and the cost of water is going up and up.

We used to take good food for granted – now we look at the travel hardened tomatoes that are tasteless and remember buying glossy stone fruit which had no flavour – and we pay more at Farmers Markets because everyday fruit and vegies are not chemical-free or tasty any more

**We used to welcome new foods –** now we worry about bird flu or other diseases, exposure to chemicals, and proper health checks if vegies are grown in Asian or other overseas markets

**We used to drive everywhere –** now we think about the cost of the car trip, or take the train to the city, or worry about the weekly petrol bill.

What will be important for our children to grow up healthy ... and our grandchildren?

Healthy food grown close so transport doesn't price it out of our reach, collecting rainfall from our hills, and breathing fresh forest air ... We have taken these things for granted. Should we look at what is happening in the

world and think about what we might protect for the future?

Recently there've been meetings in Woodend about having much freer access for dwellings on rural land. This is an issue for everyone who lives in the Macedon Ranges – not just farmers who are retiring, or more tree-changers, or developers, or people who value the top quality soil (it really is as good as Gippsland). Those of us who live in local towns enjoy being here because it is not an unending suburb of Melbourne.

Our closeness to Melbourne means that more people will challenge the shape of town and country. My concern is that undeniably, building houses on very rich soil means that it will not be available ever again for producing food.

I know farming is changing – but it will always change, and newer farmers are doing it differently, with smaller as well as larger farms. Good soil doesn't change.

There's a discussion paper on this. Have a say if you want – [www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) has copies, or ring Laura at 54211436 (\$8 the small paper, \$31 with colour attachments). Responses to the Council close 28 April. Or you can write to the Romsey Rag!

Sue Kirkegard

## MOTHERS DAY TREATS

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## Working Lives

I've been in Romsey for 3 years. I was asked to describe my work, as the second person to do this, so that we can understand more about what people do who live in Romsey ...

I work in a school which educates children who have a serious disability. My job is to be an integration aide, which in this school means helping students in whatever he or she needs to be able to take in the classwork.

One class of autistic children is physically independent but mentally demanding because they are so curious. They are full of questions, and "just come out with it". The other class I help with has students with high de-

pendency needs – they could want help with feeding, moving around, or toileting.

I love the work – you can be yourself. I work with a team of 3 aides, in small classes of 7 or 8 students. Some students don't have speech, but they have signs or special noises to communicate with you.

Getting past the disability is easy for me ... I enjoy seeing the child's qualities, and they are so spontaneous. I know it's not like that for everyone. I use music and colour – singing and simple music chords. I used to do colour therapy, helping people express feelings in colours and drawing.

I started this work by doing an integra-

tion aide module at Adult Education, and I did voluntary work for 2 years in a mainstream school. I've always liked working with children.

That's what I like about Romsey too ... it's child oriented. The kids are close and you see people locally all the time, kids come up and say hi. It's easy to feel safe about your children doing sleepovers and you don't feel afraid for your kids. The older folk were so helpful and friendly when we arrived, the people at the Lions village saying hello and giving me plant cuttings.

Karen

## Is there any hope for the world? Can I find purpose and happiness? Where do we go when we die?

Come and find the answers at

## Christianity Explained.

Christianity Explained is a series of six talks plus discussion that provides answers to the above questions and more.

### Details are as follows:

When: Starts Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and for five Sundays **after** this date ending on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 5.00pm

Where: Lancefield Anglican Church Hall  
Chauncey St  
Lancefield.

Cost: Nil

What to bring: Yourself (We are hoping to have childminding available).

Open mind!

You do not need to know anything about the Bible. You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions. You will be given every chance to discuss points raised and ask any questions.

For further information and registration, please ring the Reverend Leroy Coote on 5429-1680.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.  
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## EXHIBITION AT KYNETON MUSEUM

Each of the Historical Societies in the Macedon Ranges Shire has been asked to make a display for their area, in an Exhibition at Kyneton Museum, titled "**LIVING HISTORY**".

Our cabinet shows a portrayal of the rich farming land which was a "bread-basket" for travellers to the goldfields. We have also shown Bourke & Wills' journey through here in 1860, and a copy of each of the history books of this area.

The Exhibition at Kyneton Museum is an excellent chance to view the history of all the different areas of our shire. It is open March, April and May - Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 4pm, or groups by arrangement. Tel. 5422 1228 or email: [museum@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:museum@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au).

Enquires re Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society to Secretary Jean Clement Tel. 5429 6522

## Romsey Golf Club Ladies

### Social Morning

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
**Everyone welcome**

No experience or equipment necessary

For more information contact  
Hilda 54296538  
Jenny 54296673



## Campaspe Valley Landcare Event

The Campaspe Valley Landcare Group invites you to:

### WALK & TALK

About Catchment and Weed Issues - In the lovely environment of Barfold, along the Pipers Creek and check out some of the groups weed control and creek rehabilitation work.

### Special Guest Speaker:

**Matt Jackson from the North Central Catchment Management Authority**

Speaking on Pipers Creek – Riparian Zone

**Meet Vivian Pasic Environmental Officer with**

Mitchell Shire to discuss and map weeds in your area

**Demo: The new Quikspray Trailer**

**Followed by BBQ Tea at 7.30 p.m.**

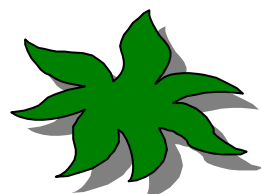
**BYO: DRINKS & CHAIRS**

**Where:** Pipers Creek Clarks Bridge, Watchbox Road, Barfold – VicRoads Map 60 A3

If wet weather please meet at Barfold Hall, Kyneton-Redesdale Road, North of Watchbox Road – VicRoads Map 60 A3

**When:** 6.00 pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006

**Contact:** Will Elliot – 03 5423 4122 or 0427 234 243 – RSVP 17 March



## Ripper Reads

**Greetings & salutations to all,  
Herewith another offering for the month of April.  
Cheers, Pauline**

### ***Play to the End* – Robert Goddard**

The latest Robert Goddard book is set in Brighton where a previously undiscovered Joe Orton play 'Lodger in the Throat' is all set to close its rather inglorious run after a rather brief season. However, the leading man, Toby flood, finds himself involved in events slightly more sinister than the play's dubious script and discovers that he is being manipulated by a seriously strange local, Derek Oswin. Throw in Flood's estranged wife Jenny, her soon to be husband Roger Colborn, several cancerous deaths of workers as a result of Colborn industries, not to mention a murder or two and, as usual with Goddard, the plot well and truly thickens. This tale has more twists and turns than a boa constrictor with belly ache.

### ***Affluenza: When too much is never enough* – Clive Hamilton & Richard Denniss**

This book was recommended to me with so much enthusiasm that I just had to read it for myself and I wasn't disappointed. It is a compulsive read about the major problem besieging our society today – affluenza – 1. The bloated, sluggish and unfulfilled feeling that results from efforts to keep up with the Joneses. 2. An epidemic of stress, overwork, waste and indebtedness caused by dogged pursuit of the Australian dream. 3. An unsustainable addiction to economic growth.

Although it deals with economics the writing style is lively and entertaining. The authors emphasise that even though we are earning 4 times more than our parents did in the

1950s the money just isn't enough. We are more stressed, dissatisfied and in debt than ever. We have forgotten that want and need are not synonyms. If you have ever thought about downshifting, or the damage to our society and environment that is happening as a result of our rabid over-consumption, then you'll enjoy this book too.

### ***The Running Man* – Michael Gerard Bauer**

A powerful story of value judgements, tragic occurrences and the power of miracles. Teenager Joseph Davidson finds himself manoeuvred into drawing the portrait of his next door neighbour, a reclusive Vietnam veteran, Tom Leyton. Neither of them is terribly pleased by the idea. However they eventually form a friendship through their mutual interest in silk worms.

They are haunted by secrets in both their lives and the reader is skilfully drawn into their confidences. A great debut novel.

### **Girls Night Out**

Get Out That Party Dress Girls & Put On Those Dancing Shoes - For This Is The Night You've Been Waiting For

Saturday 8th April 2006

7.30 pm

Gisborne Golf Club

\$50.00 per person

Tickets available from Joanne Duncan's Office Gisborne, The Cordial Factory Gisborne, Bundle of Bears Woodend or contact Nola Shaw on 5428 1821 or Helen Gray on 5428 4614.

To raise funds for Macedon Ranges Adventure Playground

## Relay For Life at Heskett P. S.



Daniel

The 2006 "Relay For Life" was the third time our school had entered a team. We began to organise the team in term 3 and by the end of 2005 we had already collected money.



Matthew

We raised money by doing lots of little things. Some of the most successful were;

- Selling ice-creams after school.
- Selling "Beanie Kids".
- Asking every family to donate a "scratchie" and then stapling them onto a Christmas Tree and raffling the tree
- Selling pancakes.
- Some of the people took some donation boxes to their work or sports clubs.
- Some people just donated to our team.

We raised about \$1,800.00. The Gr 5/6 children got together the week before the Relay and drew up a banner for the team. We divided into four groups and we were able to design one quarter of the banner. We had a giant "Heskett Primary School" in the middle and all our designs around it. The designs were to show;

- What we were raising money for; cancer research.
- How we raised our money.
- Where we will be walking.
- Showing the Relay For Life Logo.



The team banner

Matthew McL and Daniel T

## PROMOTING LANCEFIELD THROUGH TRADITIONS OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY

At the last meeting LABATA members considered initiatives proposed regarding the showcasing of Lancefield to the local community and the general public. The first idea proposed is to hold a "Spring Gig" in the Mechanics Institute Hall featuring artists, both local and imported on Saturday 9 September 2006. Tickets will be presold at \$20.00 per head and will be available in the near future. The LABATA members have also made other suggestions to be addressed at the next meeting.

Mr John Nightingale has resigned and was thanked for his efforts as President of LABATA. The new committee now contains: Gina Morgan, President, Jeni Moraghan Vice President, Rob Bryant, Treasurer and Frances Poliniak Secretary and a ballot will be conducted next meeting for the two ordinary member positions.

New members, Joe Schembri, (The Old Fruit Shed) and Raymond Najm were welcomed to LABATA and the President noted a big improvement in the member listing.

Mr Henry Bleeck attended the meeting and advised that:

- The council have put in a submission to the Senate Enquiry regarding telecommunications and are awaiting feedback.
- The Lancefield toilet block should be finished, hopefully, prior to the March Farmer's Market and

there will be disabled parking near the new disabled toilet.

- There is a water review being undertaken to secure water for the future, eg Melbourne water pumped up to Macedon Ranges/Romsey.
- Small town study identified the need to improve local town entrances although difficulties posed as all roads are 'Vicroads' and will have restrictions on what can be done.

Meggs Hannes-Patterson outlined the entertainment and activities for the Farmer's Market Anniversary celebrations that will have been held on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Most of High Street will be involved in the festivities and many people are expected to attend.

The next meeting, to be held on Tuesday 11th April at The Macedonia, cnr Kilmore Road and Melbourne-Lancefield Road at 7.30 pm. Host will be Eva Thatcher, phone 54 29 1666. Come along and support your local business and traders with ideas to promote these exciting events. Please bring a plate and/or something to drink. Committee details for contact: Gina Morgan, 54 291157, Jeni Moraghan 54 29 1956, Rob Bryant 54 29 1329, Frances Poliniak 54 29 1772.

## **Macedon Ranges - Calendar of Landcare Events (April 2006)**

### **Macedon Ranges Shire Landcare & Friends Group Forum 2006: Celebrating 20 Years of Landcare in 2006 - Mount Macedon**

**When: Tuesday 11 April 2006**

**Time: 5:15pm-9pm**

**Where:** Top of the Range Cafe, Mt Macedon Memorial Cross, Cameron Drive, Mt Macedon (VicRoads 60 B8)

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Gooley (Executive Director Trust for Nature). From 2004-2005, Mike managed the State Landcare Program for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. He has extensive experience in, and a love for, 'Old Fashioned' agricultural extension work in NSW and Victoria. As Executive Director of Trust for Nature, Mike helps support the protection of 100,000 hectares of native vegetation under 700 covenants.

**Who should attend:** each Landcare or Friends Group can send a maximum of four delegates to the Forum.

**Details:** The Landcare Coordinators from the Port Phillip and Westernport and North Central Catchment Management Authorities and the Macedon Ranges Shire Council have invited representatives from each of Shire's the 30 Landcare and Friends Groups to the 2005-06 Macedon Ranges Shire Landcare and Friends Group Forum.

**Purpose:** This is an event to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution that Landcare and Friends Groups and volunteers make to the community and environment of Macedon Ranges Shire.

**Program:** the program for the evening includes

5.15 pm - 6.00 pm	Guided Walk to the Memorial Cross with Mark O'Sullivan (Ranges-in-Charge) & informal networking
6.00 pm - 6.30 pm	Tea - Coffee, Registrations
6.30 pm	Welcome - Mayor Geoff Neil
6.35 pm - 7.00 pm	Guest Speaker Michael Gooley - Executive Director of Trust for Nature.
7.00 pm - 7.15 pm	Self Serve Buffet (Complimentary) Dinner - alcohol may be purchased separately by attendees.
7.15 pm - 9.00 pm	Roundtable Landcare Group Presentations - 3 to 4 minutes per group to talk about current activities and achievements.
9.00 pm	End of Formal Presentations - Networking and Informal discussion, Tea and Coffee.

**More information & RSVPs:** Please send RSVPs by Tuesday 3rd April 2006 to Lachlan Milne (Environment Resource Officer) Macedon Ranges Shire, PO Box 151, Kyneton, 3444, tel: 5429 9659, fax: 5429 5828, email: lachlanm@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

When sending RSVPs please include names and contact phone numbers of attendees and detail any special dietary requirements.

### **Planting Methods/Direct Seeding Field Day - Newham**

**When: Saturday 29 April 2006**

**Time: 9am-12 noon**

**From 9am-10am:** Colleen Wood - "A case study in planning a wildlife landscape"

**From 10:30am-12noon:** Jim Robinson - planting methods, revegetation & regeneration techniques & tools, & direct seeding demonstration.

**Where:** "Hanging Rock Farm", Jim Road, Newham (first gate on left heading west, about 20 metres past entrance to Hanging Rock Winery - look for signs. VicRoads 60 B6)

**Presenters:** Jim Robinson (Greening Australia Victoria) and Colleen Wood (local farmer at Newham)

**Details:** Newham and District Landcare Group has organised this Field Day as one component of the Property Planning Series that it is running for Group members. This Planting Methods/Direct Seeding Field Day is being made available to members of the wider public.

**Cost: Free**

**What is provided:** Notes on planting methods/direct seeding etc will be available. Morning tea will be at 10am.

For more information please contact Penny Roberts (Newham and District Landcare Group), tel: 5427 0795, email: hproberts@bigpond.com

## **Coming Events**

### **2006 International Landcare Conference - Melbourne**

**When:** 8-11 October 2006

**Where:** Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

**Conference details:** The 2006 International Landcare Conference is entitled 'Landscapes, Lifestyles & Livelihoods'. Further information on the conference and the conference program can be accessed via the conference website, or by contacting the conference organisers: Waldron Smith Management, 61 Danks Street West, Port Melbourne, VIC 3207, Tel: 9645 6311, Email: info@wsm.com.au

**Conference website:** Visit the International Landcare Conference website via the following link: [www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au](http://www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au)



**We have three fantastic shows coming through The Macedon Ranges this month.**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> - 11:30AM - HANGING ONTO VAUDEVILLE** - First up, for our daytime audiences, we have legend of the stage and screen, Reg Gorman with his new show "Hanging onto Vaudeville". Reg has been performing for 50 years and was known on the Tivoli circuit as the Atomic Comic for his madcap sketch comedy. Reg has appeared in every major Australian television show since the beginnings - most recognized as Jack the Barman in The Sullivans.  
**INDIVIDUAL = \$15 GROUPS = \$13.50**

**FRIDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> - 8PM - ROCK'N'ROLL WRESTLING** - We are going for something really different with this one - a LIVE wrestling show in the town hall! The top wrestlers from the city are coming down for a big 5 bout wrestling show. The show is just like what you see on TV, or the old days at Festival Hall. For fans and the curious alike. If this isn't culture...what is!!  
**RINGSIDE SEATS = \$32 STANDING ROOM = \$25**

**SATURDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> - 8PM - CONVERSATIONS WITH BUD TINGWELL** - If the wrestling isn't quite your pace, what about a relaxed and intimate evening with one of Australia's greatest entertainers. Bud Tingwell is stopping in the Macedon Ranges for one night only to talk with us about his remarkable life. You will get a chance to ask questions and. This show is in cabaret style - BYO nibbles.  
**FULL = \$35 CONC = \$28**

## **St. Mary's School MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT**

Western Dress Theme  
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## **Gisborne Junior Soccer Club**

invites

**Girls & Boys 5-12**

**For Goalkick 2006**

**Registration at Dixon Field Clubrooms**

Saturday March 18th 10a.m. - 12noon  
Contact  
Stefani 5428 8980



## After the Carnival

Romsey Primary School and the Parent Club would like to thank the Macedon Ranges Shire Council and Councillors for their support of our recent Carnival, and the huge number of people and businesses who so generously made donations and gave their assistance in many ways:

Chess Property Consultants for the advertising board  
Lancefield Fruit Shed  
National Bank Australia  
Mitre 10 Romsey  
Bendigo Bank  
Western Water  
Pedallers West Sunbury  
Romsey Auto Care  
Bay Tree, Romsey  
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Macedon Ranges Meats, Romsey  
Bunnings, Sunbury  
Pet Shop, Romsey  
A&N Fencing  
Desmond John—Mini Golf  
Mobil, Romsey  
Finger Lickin' Charcoal Chicken, Romsey  
Safeway Sunbury  
Roomours, Romsey  
Linda Green—hay bales  
Romsey CFA  
Romsey Scout Group  
Flashdance Bootscooters  
Romsey Aerobics Team  
Gymnsatics Club  
Kyneton Brass Band  
Muller Family  
Wilkinson Family  
Ariwize Pyrotechnics  
Social Club Books

The Members of the Romsey Primary School rock band  
All students who performed on the day  
We would also like to say thank you to all those staff members, parents and students who gave their time to organise stalls, make goods and help set up and run activities on the day of the Carnival, in particular:  
Brian Tannenberg  
Tony O'Dwyer  
Robyn Moore  
Cath Calder  
Christie Brown  
Denise Crommie  
Barney Healy  
Joan Gibbs  
Amy Skinner  
Sue Little  
Pia Frisby  
Sue Nolan  
Doug Scale  
Karren Baker  
Leanne Stewart  
Joy Watts  
Chris Dickinson and her canteen helpers  
Members of the Romsey Primary School Council  
Classroom teachers  
Carnival Committee members and members of the Parent Club  
Students who helped prepare goods, and set up on the day  
Student Council members  
All families who made donations to support class room activities associated with the carnival.  
All families who sold raffle tickets.

Thank you also to everyone who helped clean up on the night and on

Saturday morning. It was a huge task after a very long day, and a very long lead up to the Carnival.

### Winners of the raffle:

1st Prize—iPod donated by National Bank Romsey : Joy Ennis  
2nd Prize—Wheelbarrow and gardening goods donated by Mitre 10 Romsey—Rielely Pyne  
3rd Prize—Picnic hamper and shower timer donated by Western Water : Lever family  
4th Prize : Trailer load of firewood donated by Muller family : G.Evans  
5th Prize—Bike helmet donated by Pedallers west Sunbury : Joanne Holibone  
6th Prize—Easter basket surprise : M Denis.

### A Note of Apology

Due to unforeseen circumstances on the night the Cha Cha ride was unavailable. We know that many people were disappointed, as we were, that this ride did not eventuate. The arrangement we had for the provision of rides was primarily with Irvine Amusements, who were able to meet their obligation to provide the Jumping Castle, Giant Slide, Merry-Go-Round and Chair-O-Plane. The Cha Cha was to be provided by a different company, and we regret that this did not happen, for which we apologise, but are not responsible. This ride was advertised in good faith.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Carnival and supported this major fund-raising event, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2008.

## Assistance Sought from Landcarers

### Help Locate Flora Species

Below is the copy of a letter that was recently sent to me by Terri Williams (Department of Sustainability and Environment - Bendigo) seeking assistance with the location of specific flora species in North West DSE region, which includes all of Macedon Ranges Shire.

Prepared By: Terri Williams (Threatened Species Project Officer - DSE)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Terri Williams and I am one of the Threatened Species Project Officers from the Biodiversity Group at the Bendigo DSE. My position entails me locating, monitoring and conducting studies on the Red Swainson Pea (*Swainsona plagiotropis*), Slender Swainson Pea (*Swainsona murrayana*), Small Scurf Pea (*Cullen parvum*), Southern Shepherds Purse (*Ballantinia atipoda*), Matted Flax-lily (*Dianella amoena*), Clover Glycine (*Glycine latrobeana*), Creeping Hop-bush (*Dodonaea procumbens*) and Fragrant Leek-orchid (*Pterostylis sp. aff. bicolor* (Woorndoo).

In this position I try and locate as many of the above species as possible. The reason for this is to obtain a more accurate count of the species throughout the North West DSE Region. This is used to determine its status. By accurately accounting for the populations it can be determined whether the species is endangered, threatened or stable. Another part of this is to possibly set up study plots to learn more about the plants habits and whether they are increasing at a site and possibly determine why.

If the property owner wants to participate in the study I will let them know what I am doing and give them any infor-

mation that I get if they are interested. Assistance by the landholder is always welcome if they want. If the landholder wants to learn more about the plants I am happy to meet with them and discuss it.

I will in no way try and control the management of the site unless requested by the property owner. Assistance in managing the site may be available if requested.

If you have any questions at all please contact me on 5430 4389 or 0407 523 079 or email: terri.williams@dse.vic.gov.au  
Thank you.  
Terri Williams  
Threatened Species Project Officer  
Biodiversity Group  
North West Region  
Department of Sustainability and Environment  
Box 3100, Bendigo Delivery Centre, Bendigo, VIC 3554

## Landcare Resources

### Landcare Marquee

The National Landcare Program has supplied two landcare badged marquees to the Victorian Landcare and primary industry sectors. Currently the Victorian Landcare Network is determining a system for distribution in conjunction with Ian Linley (State Industry Landcare Coordinator). At present one marquee is housed in Shepparton, and the other in Gippsland. For more information on accessing a landcare marquee for an up-coming event, please contact: Ian Linley, mobile: 0428 330 122, email: ianlinley@bigpond.com or Karen Brisbane tel: 5832 1133 (Goulburn Murray Landcare Network).

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## BRIAN DUNLOP EXHIBITION AT BANKART GALLERY

On Saturday 11 March 2006 Bankart Gallery welcomed over a hundred visitors to Lancefield to open the Brian Dunlop exhibition. Brian Dunlop is one of Australia's most established and respected artists with work hanging in the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra and in every State Gallery throughout Australia.

Salvatore and Valerie Trigila curated the exhibition and proudly showed the range of gouache, oil paintings and lithographs in the gallery to the opening crowd. There has been enormous interest in the exhibition from local art groups and the wider community.

The oil paintings present a sensitive and intimate view of life and lifestyles in Turkey over the past five years. Subjects chosen are of ordinary people pursuing their tasks whether it is selling fruit, manning the corner store or offering popcorn! Dunlop provides the viewer with a chance to communicate with his chosen subjects.

The exhibition will be available until May 2006 and all are invited to share in this unique experience. At the same time, the gallery is previewing sculpture work by Dalia in the courtyard. Dalia will be presenting her paintings and sculpture in our next exhibition at the end of May, 2006.

### PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ON BRIAN DUNLOP'S WORK

Bankart Gallery invites anyone interested to come on Wednesday 19 April 2006 at 7.30pm-9.30pm to hear a presentation on Dunlop's work from the early days through to the present. There will be a discussion time afterwards with supper served in addition to a glass of local wine. Cost \$10.00 per head  
Bookings can be made by ringing 54 292 435 or emailing us on [info@bankartgallery.com](mailto:info@bankartgallery.com).

### WOODEND TOURIST INFO GROUP VISIT THE GALLERY

The gallery was delighted to host morning tea to the Woodend Tourist Info group who kindly visited the area to further familiarise themselves with the attractions that Lancefield offers. The photograph shows the large group of volunteers who spent the morning at the gallery offering comment and support. We thank all who participated in this fantastic community venture.



## Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434  
Supply Minister Marion Latham Mobile: 0408 380 962  
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*

**'IF ONLY . . .'** Surely two of the saddest little words in the whole English language - or any other language for that matter, and not many would claim never to have used them. They always speak of disappointment, or regret, or self-reproach or opportunity lost which, if grasped at the time, would have made a world of difference. Vain longings for what might have been.

On the first Palm Sunday Jesus rode a donkey towards Jerusalem. The crowds cheered and shouted their Hosannas and threw down garments and branches of trees along the way in a fervour of glad acclamation.

But the storm clouds were already gathering, and before long the betrayal by Judas, a sham trial, and Pilate washing his hands of the whole affair - Hosanna turned to mockery and derision. Then cruel, degrading execution: and darkness covered the earth, and the veil of the temple was split in two. Judas in bitter remorse, flung down his ill-gotten thirty pieces of silver and the tomb received its dead and was sealed with a great stone. All hope had gone, only bitter disappointment was left. It was the end.

The disciples ran away and hid themselves for fear that they might suffer the same fate; and it was easy to imagine them saying with despairing lament - "If only we had persuaded him not to go to Jerusalem; if only we had known the true nature of Judas; if only Pilate had stuck to his belief that he could find no fault in this just man; if only..."

But they were wrong. They were wrong because the gloom of that first Good Friday gave way to the glory of Easter Day; and the great stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty.

The cry went up - "He lives; he is risen"; and in due time

the Holy Spirit came down, and the world would never be the same again.

So with our own "if only's". Disappointment can give way to renewed hope; yesterday's regrets can be forgotten in the promise of tomorrow; if the door of one opportunity is allowed to close, another can be opened. What might have been can yet be. There are still blessings to be counted and friendship and fellowship to be cherished and enjoyed.

**If only** we can venture in faith and just accept and believe that -

When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way.

- Jack Mitchell (deceased)  
(Jack Mitchell was Jeni Clampit's father)

Services at Romsey Uniting Church during April.

- 2nd. 9am. Worship and Sunday School.  
Service conducted by Rev. Colin Knox
- 9th **Palm Sunday.**  
9am. Holy Communion and Sunday School  
Service conducted by Marion Latham
- 14th **Good Friday**
- 16th **Easter Day**  
9am Worship and Sunday School.  
Service conducted by the Worship Team
- 23rd 9am. Worship and Sunday School  
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## 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



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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.



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

27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield

Cnr. Main Street & Barry Road, Romsey

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

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Frances Guinane Convent: 5429 1582

School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls School: 5429 1359

Parish Website: [www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield](http://www.users.bigpond.com/stmlancefield)

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

**1<sup>st</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### CAKE STALL:

**Date:** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

**Venue:** in front of IGA Supermarket, Romsey

Get all your homemade cakes, biscuits and slices for Easter. Don't forget to buy a ticket in our Easter Raffle. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and the raffle will be drawn after the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

### EASTER MASS TIMES

**Reconciliation – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Romsey

**Palm Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Holy Thursday – 13<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30 p.m. Romsey

**Good Friday – 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Way of the Cross

Passion Service: 3.00 p.m. Lancefield

**Easter Vigil – Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7.00 p.m. Lancefield

**Easter Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April**

8.00 a.m. Lancefield

10.00 a.m. Romsey

### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



The Prep/Grade One students and their parents were involved in an activity called **Prep's in Pyjamas** with facilitator Barbara Bretherton. The theme of the night involved spirituality in the home and how we are able and responsible for this in our children's lives.





## Current Grants and Opportunities from John Robinson-Landcare Coordinator

**Dear Romsey Rag, group members, Landcarers, and staff working on environment-related issues in the Maribyrnong and Werribee catchments and beyond.**  
Please have a look at the information below on some current grant opportunities.

### Summary

#### 1. Envirofund Round 8 - closes 28 April 2006

#### 2. Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program 2006 - closes 18 May, 3 August, & 19 October 2006

#### 3. Australia Post/Landcare Community Development Grants Program - closes 31 May & 29 September 2006

#### 4. PPWCMA Calendar of Grants and Incentives

### 1. Envirofund - Round 8

#### Applicant eligibility

Applicants must be a legal entity, such as: an incorporated association; a body corporate; a company; a trust; a partnership; an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation, council or incorporated association; or an individual person.

Applicants that are not a legal entity must arrange for another legal entity (eg. local government or an incorporated community group) to accept and administer the Funding Agreement and receive the funding.

**Applications close:** Round 8 applications close at **5pm on Friday 28 April 2006.**

**Funding:** community groups and individuals can apply for grants from Envirofund of up to \$50,000 (GST inclusive) to carry out on-ground and other actions to target local problems.

**Matching Funding:** applicants for Round 8 are asked to contribute \$1 (ie cash or in-kind) for every \$1 sought from Envirofund.

**When will the funding be available:** from July 2006

**When can projects commence:** successful applicants will have 18 months to complete their projects, commencing in August 2006, at the earliest.

**How many applications can a group submit:** applicants that are incorporated community groups (such as Landcare groups) may submit more than one application. Other applicants are still limited to one application.

#### Eligible activities

Many of the activities that were eligible in Round 7 are still eligible in Round 8, although with a different focus and some different limits. For example, weeding and feral animal control are still eligible, but in more limited circumstances. Among the activities that are **eligible** for Round 8 include, but are not limited to:

1. Native vegetation planting or other works to stabilise soil or conserve biodiversity/habitat
2. Fencing or other management techniques to protect and preserve habitat
3. Controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality
3. Awareness-raising activities that directly lead to significant local on-ground benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use.
4. Relevant skill and knowledge development for resource

managers and users through education and training where this is required to achieve the local on-ground biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use objectives of a project.

5. Weed control on public land, but only where there is a high biodiversity conservation benefit and where it is clearly the most cost effective way of achieving that benefit, otherwise will only consider weed control activities that are a limited but integral part of projects that address broader natural resource management issues.

6. Feral animal control to protect threatened native species or ecological communities where the species or community has been identified in national or State threat abatement or recovery plans.

7. Demonstrations or trials of new techniques for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems.

8. Monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will have a clear local benefit for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource management.

9. Purchase of small equipment by community groups where such equipment is a legitimate part of a larger Envirofund project.

#### Ineligible activities

The ineligible activities are the same as for Round 6, with the inclusion of the following:

1. These Round 7 (2005 Drought Recovery Round) activities: temporary feedlots; shelter structures; desilting, decommissioning or constructing dams; maintenance of plantings funded under previous rounds of the Envirofund.
2. Fencing for the purpose of paddock subdivision or cell grazing, or yards for stock management.
3. Activities designed to raise revenue such as production of publications to be sold on a cost-recovery or profit basis.

#### Whats new in Round 8

Among the new aspects of the program for Round 8 are:

1. The standard rate paid by Envirofund for fencing has been increased to \$2,500 per kilometre.
2. A Fencing Management Agreement is required for project fencing funded by Envirofund at more than \$800 per kilometre, an increase on the previous rate of \$600 per kilometre.
3. Purchase of small equipment by community groups is now eligible where such equipment is a legitimate part of a larger Envirofund project.
4. The funding of dung beetles is now eligible if they are a minor part of a larger project focused on sustainable agriculture.
5. The costs of hiring equipment and of contractors to undertake earthworks to install water infrastructure are now regarded as part of the cost of water infrastructure, to which applicants are required to make a cash contribution.

**More information on Envirofund**  
Potential applicants should visit the Envirofund website via the following link: <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html> where information about how to apply for funding under Round 8 and copies of the guidelines and application form are available. For questions regarding Envirofund please call the Envirofund hotline on freecall: 1800 303 863 or email: [envirofund@daff.gov.au](mailto:envirofund@daff.gov.au)

**Getting a copy of Application Form and Guide**  
**Download:** applicants can download the Guide and Application Form as a **Word document** or a **PDF** from the website link <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html>

**Hard copy:** a registration form requesting postage of a hard copy of the Guide and Application Form is available on the website. If access to the internet is a problem, potential applicants may request information be sent to them by contacting Natural Heritage Trust on freecall: 1800 065 823 or email: [ciu@deh.gov.au](mailto:ciu@deh.gov.au)

### 2. Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program

**Who can apply:** any school or youth organisation that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects

**Amount:** grants of up to \$500 (including GST) are available  
**Closing date for applications:** the remaining three Rounds of grants for 2006 will close on **18 May, 3 August, and 19 October 2006.**

**Purpose:** the program helps young people participate in local Landcare projects, on their school grounds, and/or within their local community and environment.

**What can the funding support:** the grants may fund on-ground rehabilitation or restoration works. For example, projects may meet a direct environmental need (eg erosion, water quality, or weed issue), or involve the purchase of indigenous plants. In addition, the program may also fund conservation of natural resources, environmental monitoring programs, waste minimisation, using school grounds as learning centres, or undertaking an environmental field trip.  
**Project requirements:** the program targets six major themes/issues relevant to our natural environment including energy, waste/recycling, air, biodiversity, water and land. In addition, projects need to have an environmental education focus, provide practical outcomes, and directly involve and increase the environmental knowledge of youth.

**The Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program also encompasses the following grants:**

#### Melbourne Water Young Watercare Grants:

Schools and youth organisations in the greater Melbourne area are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 (inc.GST) for water-based environmental projects. There is one round of these grants per year and the closing date is 18 May 2006.

#### BI-LO Junior Landcare Land Grants:

Schools and youth organisations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$500 for land-based environmental projects. The remaining three Rounds of grants (same as Mitre 10) for 2006 will close on 18 May, 3 August, and 19 October 2006.

#### Australia Post Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grants:

Schools and youth organisations are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$500 (plus GST) for funds in the biodiversity category. The remaining three Rounds of grants (same as Mitre 10) for 2006 will close on 18 May, 3 August, and 19 October 2006.

**More information & guidelines:** for more details, guidelines and application forms for each of these grants contact Rebecca Millard (Landcare Australia), tel: 9662 9977, or email: [rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au) or go to the following website link: [http://www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=6](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6)

### 3. Australia Post/Landcare Community Development Grants Program

**Who can apply:** any community group undertaking strategic projects to care for the environment, including Landcare groups, youth groups and indigenous groups. If your group is not incorporated you will need to form a partnership with

an organisation that will accept responsibility for administering the financial aspects of your grant.

**Amount:** grants of up to \$3,300 (inc. GST) are available for local community projects

**Closing dates for 2006 Grants: Round One - 31 May 2006; Round Two - 29 September 2006**

**Purpose:** to enhance the capacity of community groups to undertake Landcare and other environmental projects

**What can the funding support:** environmental projects such as those that meet a direct environmental need (eg erosion, water quality, or weed issue), field days, tools and equipment, promotion to encourage volunteer involvement, propagation and care of indigenous plants etc.

**Examples of possible project types:** newsletter printing/postage, rehabilitation/restoration using indigenous plants, water conservation, environmental monitoring, setting up Landcare groups, improving native animal habitat, training, planning/mapping Landcare projects etc.

**How many grants are available:** groups may submit multiple applications (but are only eligible to receive one grant per year). Networks may support applications from more than one group.

**When does the project have to be completed:** grant funds must be spent within six months from the date funding is received.

**More information, guidelines and application form:** please contact Landcare Australia on tel: 1800 151 105, or go to the following website link to download a copy: [http://www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=9](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=9)

### 7. PPWCMA's Calendar of Grants and Incentives

For comprehensive information on existing grants and incentives see the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority's Calendar of Grants and Incentives. Please contact me for a hard copy version of the grants calendar, or go to the following website link to download a copy: [http://www.ppwcm.vic.gov.au/funding\\_calendar.htm](http://www.ppwcm.vic.gov.au/funding_calendar.htm)

regards

John Robinson

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