

Is it better to drive to a climate change rally or stay home and grow vegies?

Melbourne Comedy Festival celebrity Rod Quantock will host a debate in Macedon on

Saturday August 5th, 2006
At Jubilee Hall
Starting 7.30 pm

Cost: \$10 or \$8 concession.
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This debate is about the choices we make everyday between fighting for change on a political level or putting our energy into how we live so we reduce our footprint.

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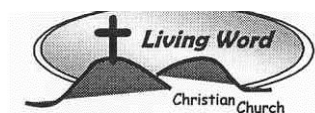
community by bringing people together to enjoy themselves while thinking politically.

For bookings and further information phone
Kate 5426 1952 or Rob 0408 319 660

Sustainable Gardening Expo and Open Gardens

Building on last year's successful expo, the Landcare groups of Riddells Creek have banded together once again to run another Sustainable Gardening Expo on Sunday the 8th of October from 10am to 4.30pm at Riddells Creek Primary School, Main Rd, Riddells Creek. At the free expo will be displays of environmental weeds, as well as information about the alternatives to plant in your garden. There will also be displays of irrigation products and water tanks (to be confirmed). During the day, horticultural writer Melanie Kinsey will speak about greywater use in the garden and Castlemaine author Kevin Walsh will speak about waterwise gardening. There will also be a range of Australian native plants for sale. The \$10 ticket (children under 18 free) for the three open gardens includes a garden of exotics, vegetables and Australian natives utilising tank, dam and greywater; an Australian native plant garden and a garden of roses and perennials featuring a large and beautifully landscaped pond. Morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be available at the school with all profits going towards the establishment of a vegetable garden at the school. For further information please go to www.riddellscreekeps.vic.edu.au or ring 0419 886 791.

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&

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Saturday - 7:00am

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Sunday - 10am

Guest Speaker

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The closing date for copy for the September Romsey Rag is Friday August 18th.
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Inspire
Women's Meeting

Wednesday
9th August
10:00am

Guest Speaker:
Ps Georgie Baxter
From
Brimbank Christian Church

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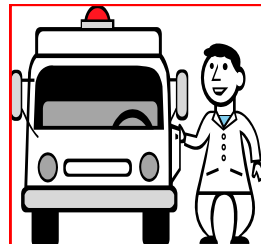
A Message from your local Ambulance Service

As a joint community service project from Rural Ambulance Service of Victoria, the Romsey—Lancefield Ambulance auxiliary and the Rotary Club of Romsey-Lancefield, Emergency Medical Information booklets will be distributed at the next Lancefield Farmers Market on Saturday 29th August, 2006.

These booklets contain patient information, medication details and medical conditions listed in a conveniently sized plastic covered holder. They can be stuck on the fridge or carried in the handbag and provide readily accessible information for paramedics and health professionals.

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TREES AND THE AIR WE BREATHE

Fact 1. As humans we require oxygen to breathe to remain alive!

Fact 2. Trees produce oxygen!

Question: What becomes of us if there are no longer any Forests?

JULY 30TH IS NATIONAL TREE DAY

There are a number of ways we can contribute to the health of our environment.



Tubestock Planting with Tree Guards

1. Plant a Tree or more

Whether you live on ¼ acre block, or 1000 acres, there is always room for trees. The obvious choice is to plant indigenous species. These are plants native to our local area which have evolved over thousands of years to

cope with our local weather and soils. Select a variety of shrubs and trees in tubestock size and plant 4, 5, even 6 rows deep. Although small, tube stock will establish quicker than larger pot sizes and will have a better root system. Pal up with a neighbour and create a 'double' effect. Remember, weed and pasture control is crucial around trees. Plant tubestock which has been grown from locally collected seed. (See your local Indigenous Nursery)

2. Protect the Trees you have

If you are lucky enough to have remnant vegetation on your property (that is naturally occurring indigenous species) it is crucial that you protect them. Remnant vegetation is usually represented by a very old, single gum tree standing in a paddock slowly, but surely dying. This tree dies for a number of reasons.

- The tree is usually outcompeted for water and nutrients by pasture/crops/weeds.
- The tree needs shrubs around it which provide an access route for small birds which eat leaf eating insects. A stressed tree can become prone to insect attack.
- The tree would naturally be growing with other trees and shrubs which would provide more shelter from wind.
- Grazing sheep and cattle cause compaction to the soil around and under the tree, restricting penetration of rain and oxygen into the soil. The nutrients in the stock manure is also very bad for the trees health.

How to Protect Remnant Vegetation

- Fence off the tree(s) from stock. You may be eligible for a Landcare Grant
- Get advice on what are weeds and what is native vegetation. Remove weeds.
- Once tree is fenced off and any weed issues are addressed the tree should be able to self



Remnant Gum Tree

propagate. This means when ripe seed falls from the tree it should be able to grow into a new plant. These seeds usually germinate on the 'downwind' side of the tree. With advice you will be able to plant suitable species nearby to create a mini-ecosystem. By letting these trees self propagate you are protecting an original gene pool.

OLD TREES HAVE NESTING HOLLOWS FOR WILDLIFE, INCLUDING PARROTS, BATS AND SUGAR GLIDERS – HOLLOWES TAKE MANY YEARS TO DEVELOP



3. Direct Seeding

If you have large areas of land devoid of trees, direct seeding is an excellent technique for planting trees. First the area must be controlled for weeds. Then a seed -sower (similar to a crop seeder) is pulled by a vehicle over the prepared area dropping seeds at a calibrated rate. The seed is locally collected indigenous species – both trees and shrubs including a variety of species. The seeds germinate and become established with little input. Direct seeding is a technique which can get many trees into the ground with much less labour and time compared to individually planted trees.



Direct Seeding

Weed control and fencing out stock is crucial for any of these tree planting and growing techniques

For Help and Advice

As a land owner, you do not need the expertise to undertake any of these tree planting techniques. There is help available from people who are knowledgeable within this field.

Contact:

- * The Macedon Ranges Environment Officer
- * The Landcare Catchment Management Officer (Romsey Office)
- * DeepCreek Landcare Group
- * Granite Ridge Indigenous Nursery
- * Western Plains Flora

(note: these 2 nurseries are not normal retail operations and require a phone call)

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – GREENING AUSTRALIA – AND DEEPCREEK LANDCARE GROUP

DIRECT SEEDING FIELD DAY OCTOBER 10TH

The Romsey Primary School in conjunction with Greening Australia and Deepcreek Landcare Group will be holding a Direct Seeding Field Day, inviting the community to witness a direct seeding demonstration around the school's boundary. See next months edition of The Romsey Rag and Lancefield Mercury for more details.

Kerri Mewett - Deepcreek Landcare

Grandma's Apron

Another principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven: it was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those old aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids: and when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas were shelled it carried out the hulls.

In the fall it was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out on the porch and waved her apron, and the men would know it was time to come to dinner.

It will be a long time before anyone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report



The weather continues to be kind to us on a Wednesday. The course is in top condition and the greens are great as a result of the hard work put in by the men and the new greens mower.

Thursday 21st July the Romsey Bowl was held. We were very fortunate to have some generous sponsors. Thankyou to Peter & Connie Garner our major sponsor. The day was made much easier with sponsors and it was pleasing that Connie was able to join us to make the presentations. Thankyou also to the National Bank for their donation of prizes for NTP's. Much of the food on the day was also donated for which we are also thankful. The Romsey ladies have a reputation for providing a good meal and again we were above par.

We had a full field with teams from Alexandra, Avenel, Craigieburn, Gisborne, Goonawarra, Hidden Valley, Kilmore, Marysville, Woodend and Yea. 17 teams in total.

Despite the fine sunny day with only a light wind the scores were not great. Trentham won the bowl with 85pts. E. Ott (16) 25pts, C.Collings (18) 30pts and E. Hourigan (24) 30pts

A Grade was won by J. Banon (24) 31 pts from Kilmore and the B grade winner was M Warrener (34) 34pts from Woodend.

NTP 1st & 13th S Wettenhall and the 10th B. Bellman

Wednesday golfing is continuing with our small band of ladies and we would like you to join us.

Sorry to the regular readers wondering about a recipe for this month but my advice is to have a month off.

Beryl Cole 54295411

Romsey Primary School Events

Party Plan Extravaganza

2nd August in the PAC. 3pm-7:30pm \$2.00 entry fee. Raffles and Door Prizes to be won. Please contact Belinda Williams (04072038260 for any queries or if you would like to be included as a consultant. Some of the companies involved are Creative Memories, Body Shop at Home, Wall buddies, Aromatherapy, Emma Page, plus many more!!

Trivia Night-"Winter Wonderland

Prizes for best dressed!! Friday August 25th, 7pm for 7:30 pm start. Held in the gymnasium.

\$15.00 per person (10 per table)

Hot supper included, tea and coffee provided. BYO alcohol. Door prizes to be won! Great prizes can also be won on the spinning wheel. Tickets available at the school office or contact Louise Noel (5429 6394)



Dampening down expectations

The long dry may have broken on the mid-July weekend, but that there's no cause for celebrations just yet. Heavy rains came just days after some rural and semi-rural home owners – with myself in the mix – had to buy in water.

There's a long way to go before all the tanks, dams and storages are anywhere near full, and we need to continue to apply our water-saving strategies.

Water Minister John Thwaites has introduced permanent water-saving measures, and I endorse the need for the Macedon Ranges Shire to be equally vigilant on water use and wastage.

We live on the driest continent on earth, and with our ongoing growth as a Shire we need to ensure that we have access to sufficient, drinkable supplies to meet our future needs.

So while one big downpour doesn't signal the end to the long dry, we need to ensure that water conservation is always a part of our thought streams.

It's a child's future for Romsey

While the Shire's population projects for the next 25 years show a big growth in older people as part of Australia's ageing population, we need to keep in mind the needs of our next generation.

A range of facts and figures have been compiled in an excellent report by Dr Lorraine Beyer from the Council's Social Planning Unit, and they show that by the year 2031 Romsey is predicted to have 360 more children aged up to 14 than we had just five years ago.

We will also have an extra 123 15-19 year-olds and an extra 178 20-24 year olds, so it's obvious that we need to be thinking about and planning for future needs.

In 2001 we had 1260 people aged 24 and under, and by 2031 we will have 1921 – so we need to ensure that we have sufficient educational and recreation facilities available. If you want more information on the report, visit the Council web-site www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Romsey presently has 109 childcare places, and the report estimates we will need 146 by 2030.

We will need 17 more kindergarten places, while the report estimates that the number of our students in our local primary school will rise from the present 528 students up to a projected need for 592 pupils.

So we need to plan. Realistically, I might not be your elected Council representative in another 25 years – but that doesn't take away the responsibility of us all to think about Romsey's needs a couple of decades down the track. The future's in our hands.

Henry Bleeck.

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

Youth Fest is a one day music festival for young people and those that are young at heart. We are currently accepting expressions of interest from market/ stall holders to participate at this event.

Youth Fest will be held at the Kyneton Show Grounds, 12pm - 8pm, Saturday 21st October 2006.

For further information or to apply to hold a stall please contact Melissa Prescott, Youth Development Team Leader on 5427 8221.

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

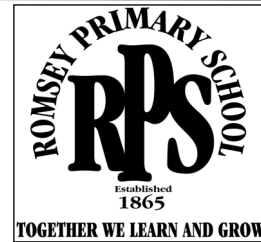
Geoff Long (President) on 5429 6567 or Jeni Clampit (Secretary) on 5429 5480



Romsey Primary School News

Performance and Development Culture Accreditation

School Council President Mrs Jenny Stillman & I were honoured to be presented with a framed certificate of Accreditation last week, for the processes we have in place in staff performance and development. This certificate recognises the dedication of our staff in reaching the standards of Performance and Development Culture as required by the Department of Education and Training. Liz Beatie the Parliamentary Secretary for Education congratulated our staff on behalf of the Minister for Education. Romsey PS is proud of reaching this achievement which only 13 schools in the Loddon Mallee Region out of 170 have reached. The accreditation means more than 75% of our staff believe the school supports individual professional growth and development. It shows we have a comprehensive induction program for new staff, and each member has an individual development plan. Quality professional development assists both individual teachers and teams of teachers to use multiple sources of data to improve student learning outcomes.



High Distinction Award in Mathematics

Romsey students showed that they could match students nationally when they competed in the Australian Schools Mathematics Competition held recently. RORY SUTHERLAND received a high distinction award in this competition. This year's competition challenged a whole range of mathematical problem-solving abilities. High distinctions place students in the top 1% group. Distinctions were awarded to Stephen Tobin, Dylan Dremel, and Adam Formosa placing them in the next 10% of students. Credits were awarded to:- Connor Whelan, Cortni O'Donnell, Lisa Mearns, Amy Scales, Aaron Munyard, Elke Smith, Kelsea Williams, Charlie Meson and Jed Richardson. Congratulations to all students who excelled in this national competition.



The Walking School Bus is coming to Romsey PS.



New fencing has been installed to contain the mosaic garden at the school entrance.



A recent upgrade to our second frog pond has made it waterproof

Joan Gibbs
Acting Principal

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE - JULY

Friends are people that are close to us, care for us, and are people we feel we can do the same to. Acts of friendship are accepted and reciprocated.

In the Bible one of the greatest models of a Christian friendship is the friendship between two characters in the Old Testament David and Jonathan. Jonathan was Saul's son. Saul was very jealous of David. The reason for Saul's jealousy was that He was king and should have been getting all the attention. But David had saved the people of Israel from destruction by killing the Giant Goliath and thus became the hero of the people of Israel. What a cocktail to start with. But in the end, Jonathan and David became best of friends.

What were some of the characteristics of this friendship? How important are they today?

In the first verse of 1 Samuel 18, which reads, "Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself." we find two characteristics of the friendship of David and Jonathan.

The first one being that Jonathan and David became one in spirit. In other words, they were like minded.

Or to put it another way, they became as one in the spirit of God. The second of these things was that Jonathan loved David as himself. This comes from Jonathan's understanding of Jewish teaching. Jewish teaching is just the Old Testament and in Jewish teaching people are told to "Love your neighbour as yourself." A command that Jonathan is obedient to. That command would be hard to do if you felt you couldn't love yourself. But given that as Christians, God has called us to love each other his way, which is perfectly, we should therefore be able to love others and make friends and thus, love ourselves. This says to me that the command "Love your neighbour as yourself." lends itself to good friendship in terms of the Bible. However, in terms of friendship, Jesus extends the extent of that love when he says, "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends." So the two things that the bible says about friends from David and Jonathan are that they are one in God's spirit, and that they love each other as they would love themselves.

In the story of David and Jonathan, how are these principles lived out?

In one instance, we see that Jonathan warned David that his father, Saul was going to kill him. Warning his friend against his father's wishes. In other words, he protects his friend from danger. Not only that, he sticks up for his friend David when his father wants to kill him. Let me show you how. In 1 Samuel 19:4-5 we read, "Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, 'Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?' He tries to find out why His father wants to kill his best friend. In other words, he puts his life on the line for his best friend. At this stage, it appears a pretty one-sided friendship given that Jonathan seems to be stick up for David. But in our bible reading, David shows us a key ingredient in this friendship, trust.

Especially given the very interesting and elaborate scheme that Jonathan has devised. Let me remind you of it.

"Then Jonathan said to David: 'Tomorrow is the New Moon festival. You will be missed, because your seat will be empty. The day after tomorrow, toward evening, go to the place where you hid when this trouble began, and wait by the stone Ezel. I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target. Then I will send a boy and say, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I say to him, 'Look, the arrows are on this side of you; bring them here,' then come, because, as surely as the LORD lives, you are safe; there is no danger. But if I say to the boy, 'Look, the arrows are



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beyond you,' then you must go, because the LORD has sent you away. The story used here show the intimate communication David and Jonathan have as friends. The signal for things to happen was arrows Jonathan shoots beyond a certain point. And if the arrows go beyond David then he must flee. It is very similar to signals that are used in various homes to let loved ones know we have arrived safely somewhere. I know people use various numbers of phone rings to ensure that someone has arrived safely at a particular destination. However, that's not the end of the friendship because at the end of verse 23, Jonathan says, "the Lord is witness between you and me forever."

But does David follow through with the scheme? The arrows went past. But did David flee? No. Instead of fleeing, David bowed down before Jonathan three times with his face to the ground as a sign of reverence to his close friend. The reason he did this was because if he had left when the arrows went past, he felt that he would not have seen Jonathan again. And he was right. That's how close their friendship was. So close in fact, that they put their lives on the line for each other as good friends do. This leads me to another question, who else do you know has put their life on the line for you so that you can be his friend. Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends." Friendship involves sacrifice. It involves giving up something so that you can be friends with others. God did that when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus gave us a chance to be God's friend by putting his life on the line for us. How do we respond to this offer of friendship? Our response to this offer of friendship is to accept it and to put our trust in the one offering this friendship, Jesus. From that, we end up one in spirit with Jesus. And from that, we learn to love one another, as God would want us to. Therefore, based on what's been said today, that makes him the perfect friend if we are prepared to accept him as a friend.

Today, we've learnt what the bible says about friendship. We've learnt that the friendship of David and Jonathan involves loving each other as themselves. We've learnt that the friendship of David and Jonathan involved being one in Spirit. We've also learnt that the friendship of David and Jonathan involved each of them putting their trust in each other. Let's think about how our friendships can be like David and Jonathan's. Not only that let us also think about how we can be friends with Jesus.

That's the view from the vicarage for this month.
Yours Faithfully,
Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar
Christ Church Lancefield with St. Paul's Romsey
Phone no.5429-1680

Please feel free to be a part of our services anytime. They are as follows:
9.00am – Celebration of our Lord at St. Paul's Romsey every Sunday
10.30am – Celebration of our Lord (with Sunday School) at Christ Church Lancefield every Sunday.
10.00am – Wednesday Celebration Service.
If ever in Romsey, please check out the best Op Shop in the Ranges opened Friday 12:30pm – 4:30pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.**Tuesday 22 August - from noon**

Everyone is welcome to our famous 'Helen Broad' Lunch at the Anglican Hall, Lancefield. The modest charge of \$5 covers not only lunch, but also a guided walk afterwards to see our Local History Museum and Archives at the former Court House building, Main Road, Lancefield. Do come and join us. Enquiries and bookings to Secretary, Jean Clement, 5429 6522

Note: There will NOT be the usual evening meeting at Seymour Cottage, Romsey on Tuesday 22 August, but normal schedule of 4th Tuesday at 7.30pm will resume from September.

Romsey Football/Netball Club

It is now the business end of the season and the finals are approaching. The performance of our teams is of concern (except for the under 18's) we are capable but we need to reach the next level, if we are to achieve success in the finals.

Unfortunately the RFL awarded us with only a qualifying final. Lancefield was awarded the Grand Final for the fifth year in a row. We will endeavour to obtain a season the RFL executive next year, to see that finals are awarded fairly between all clubs together with the financial benefits.

The Ball was a great success and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who helped particularly Mano, Tracey & Alan. We have Hypnotist night in August - so please come along. We had the event last year and it really is a remarkable show. See Mano for tickets.

We have a few more home games, so please come along, bring the kids, support the teams and have a family day.

John Lynch
PRESIDENT



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Winter Lunch**BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

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The Army camels are coming back and the **2nd Telstra Country Wide Mobile Phone Toss** again has wonderful mobile phone prizes to be won. Some market stalls are still available, call 5428 5317 for information.

We are proud to announce that our 15th Annual Spring Fair will be
sponsored by CHESS Property Consultants of Romsey.

Many parents are presently considering their educational plans for their pre-school or primary aged children for 2007.

Perhaps a **Bolinda Educational Experience** is what you are seeking for your children? An information Morning Tea will be held at school on **Thursday 24th August at 9.30.** for those people considering their options. Drop the children at Kinder and come straight down the road from Romsey, past the Monegeetta general store and we are on the corner of the next right hand turn into Mullalys Road. Look for the brochure in your Kinder, talk to your teacher, or better still, talk to some of our parents, 5428 7181, 5428 5265, 5429 1930, 5429 5521, they will only be too pleased to speak with you.

If you can't attend, then give us a call, we would welcome you at any time, drop in for a 'cuppa' and a chat about

what a **Bolinda Educational Experience** can do for your children.

Correspondence continues between the Grade 5-6 children and our very dear, long time pen friend, author Jackie French. When Bolinda children first wrote to Jackie in 1995, Jackie had only written 2-3 books, she has now taken that total to 115 with translations into 18 languages and she has dedicated three books to the children of Bolinda. Jackie still hand writes letters to every child from the school who writes to her. She truly is our "special friend". Last week we went to Kyneton to see the stage adaptation of one of Jackie's award winning books, Hitler's Daughter. This book won the Children's Book Council Book of the Year Award in 2000, the Wow! Award from the UK and has been listed as a 'blue ribbon' book in the USA. Over 800 students from local schools saw two performances in the Town Hall. The director had heard that our school were special friends of Jackie's so we were very lucky to be invited backstage after the play to meet and talk with the cast and see the props at close hand.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of a **former Principal of Bolinda, Jim McQualter, 1951-1953.** Last year Jim had seen our Chess Team Captain proudly wearing his Bolinda uniform in the Bendigo newspaper after we had qualified for the State Championships. Jim promptly sent a letter of congratulations to the Team and followed up later with a letter of encouragement and support. Jim was 81 years old and never lost his love of Bolinda or the happy years he spent here.

We are in the middle of a makeover at the moment with painters, carpenters, plumbers and arborists all doing their thing around the school, all helping to give Bolinda a new and fresh feeling and appearance.

Well, that's some of the Bolinda news for this month - Cheerio for now.

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Mobile: 0408 380 962

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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

On the 25th June the Romsey Church held a special celebration for the Uniting Church Birthday. Romsey & Lancefield Uniting Churches have been linked for many years, and now we are linked with Riddells Creek and Mt.Macedon. Members from the four churches took part in the combined worship at 10.30am. After worship we adjourned to the church hall for lunch. This was a great day sharing with friends from other congregations.

Meditation:

He went up into the mountain to pray. He was there alone. It is evening. The Sea of Galilee lies before your eyes. In the west the splendid scarlets and golds have faded. To your left, mountains run down steeply to the sea. Jesus is climbing up a spur of one of these mountains, seeking quiet in the hills; seeking to push back the tumultuous demands of all there is to do, to pray. But in the east, clouds have gathered that mean a storm. The water of the lake turns from amber to steel. The wind strikes chill and cold, then the swish of the rain. Jesus sees in front of Him a shepherd's hut on the hillside, He makes for it to avoid getting soaked, lights the simple lamp He finds within, and kneels to pray.

Now imagine that you are on the mountain, too. The storm is on you, you see a light shining from the window of the hut and you rush up to it, seeking shelter. Glancing through the window, you see who is there, and you turn away. Shelter or not you feel you cannot intrude on His seclusion. But He has heard you. He rises, flings open the door. For you there is his smile, His word of welcome. Then the door closes. Just you and Jesus. Jesus and you.

I will not try to imagine some of the things he would say to you. I know, I think, some of the things He would have to say to me. But if he said nothing, His presence would say everything. I think at first you would lift your eyes to His. Then somehow I think you would drop them. It is hard to

look into eyes that search the uttermost depths of the heart. Yet, if it be hard to look at Him, it is harder not to look at Him. After a while you would look again into those dark, clear, steady eyes and find them not searching, but shining with compassion and you would see the answer to all your prayers. You would know that He believed in you. A tremendous confidence would drive away all your fears. A sense of unbreakable security would possess you because you would know yourself forgiven, understood, accepted and loved.

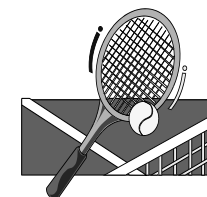
Now the storm has passed. It is long after midnight. He sees you a little way on your path homewards. Then He turns back to pray. The thought of parting seems for a moment more than you can bear. Then you feel that you never can really be parted from Him, though He goes His way and you yours. Something marvellous has happened. He is still with you. He is dwelling within you. There has been a new birth. Something mystical has happened for which there are no words.

The wind is hushed now. A crescent moon sails quietly through the last racks of storm-cloud. You stride back to your home on feet that scarcely touch the mountain turf; back to a life that can never be the same again. For in your heart there is an inward strength, a sense of complete well-being, an outgoing love and an ineffable peace. They do not belong to this world, and nothing in this world can destroy them.

"Ah," you say, "but this is imagination". The hut, the light, the mountain, yes! **But not the Presence.** Unless the New Testament is a lie, then this experience is for you. Perhaps it will mean a discipline, but look and listen and you will see and hear. "Our fellowship is with the Father and with His son Jesus Christ."

Jeni Clampit

Taken in part from the book 'A Private House of Prayer' by Leslie D. Weatherhead.



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PO BOX 288 ROMSEY 3434

President: Bev Beaumont 5429 6189

Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622

Treasurer: Louise Conlan 5429 6595

Courts Progress

- The Tenderer for the re-surfacing has been appointed, and works should commence soon and hopefully be completed by the end of August.
- You may have noticed other works happening at the courts. We are very fortunate to have the foundations for new lighting to the 3 "soon to be re-surfaced courts" in place, with poles to be installed soon.

We are very excited that both of these projects will be completed within the next few months, and look forward to a much renewed tennis club and facilities for the Romsey Community.

Mid-week Ladies Season Success

Congratulations to the section 1 team from Romsey who won the Grand Final this season!!! Elaine, Mandy, Bev, Debra and Gail have succeeded once again. Well done. The new season commences after the school holidays, on Tuesdays.

Social Tennis – "Hit and Giggle"

Social tennis is continuing at the Romsey courts (weather permitting) on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am. Come along for an informal hit, some exercise and fresh air. Just bring a racquet, suitable footwear and a sense of humour!!! Please ring Eileen French to express interest or for more information on 5429 3391.

New coach

Andrew Peake, our newly appointed professional club coach has completed a term of tennis lessons at our courts. Coaching is available from 5 years of age and for all ability levels, including social hitters and competition players. Contact Andrew on 0412 225 792, or by email at peaketennis@hotmail.com

Club Contacts

Club coach – Andrew Peake 0412 225 792 Social Tennis – Thursday Morning at 10.30am – Eileen French 5429 3391 Mid-week Ladies – Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189 Senior Saturday Tennis(Open) - Darlene - 5429 5186

Explore The Writer



Is the urge to write, bubbling away inside you – just waiting to burst out?

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Unleash your creativity, or simply reflect on life experiences, at a writing workshop to be run by Romsey Neighbourhood House in conjunction with Romsey Writers' Group.

The Workshop will be run by local writer, Dee White.

No writing experience is necessary! Just come along (with pen and paper), have fun – explore the writer in you!

Where: Romsey Primary School

When: Saturday 12th August – 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Cost: \$20

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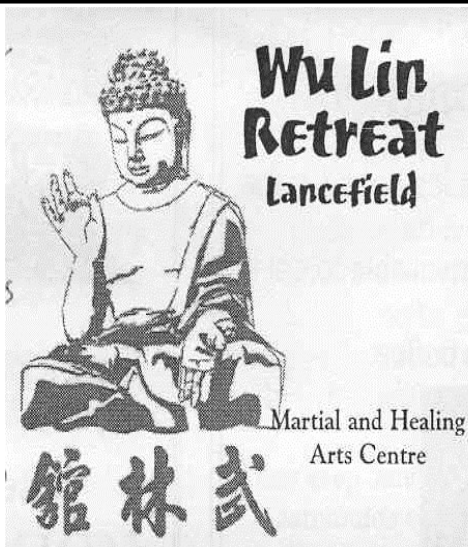
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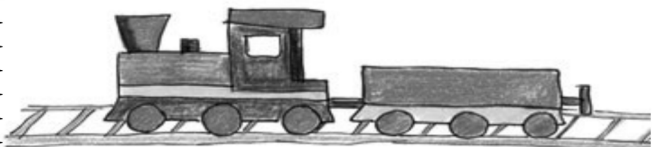
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it only means it pleased their eyes
to see such a handsome bunch.
Norm had set up all the cards for a
group of forty-four
but then he had to re-adjust as one
more came through the door.
The teams were set up for the day
with every one addressed
so everyone took up their place to
play from east to west.
The first eight ends went very fast
and the weather it was fine
So everyone just downed their bowls
It was soup and sandwich time.
When Norm had finished with his
plates and had his cup of tea
he then calls out About next week
the list is there, feel free.
They all get back to the game once
more to finish what they started
to find a winner for the day before
we have departed.
Two dozen ends is what we've done
and to all it's been a day of fun
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The Romsey Golf Club is honoured to have Les Twentyman as guest speaker at our dinner on Saturday 2nd September. Les Twentyman is VICTORIAN OF THE YEAR and a youth worker with the Open Family. This is an excellent opportunity to hear a prominent worker with street kids speak at a reasonable price in our own town. The tickets are \$40 each which includes a 3course dinner.

We encourage you to book early, as seats are limited. Tables of 10 can be booked or individual tickets are available.

Les Twentyman will have his book-

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HOUSE NEWS

Romsey Community House Inc.
A Learning and Activity Centre
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Vic 3434

The Romsey Community House Inc. in conjunction with local writer Dee White, is running 2 winter Writer's Workshops on Saturday August 12th entitled "Explore the Writer in You" (Cost \$20, at Romsey Primary School between 2 and 4.30 pm) and on Saturday October 14th entitled "Writing the Story From Start to Finish" (Cost \$20, at Romsey Primary School between 2 and 4.30 pm). If you are interested in attending either or both of these workshops please contact Robyn Moore on 0412 275 152.


While discussions and plans for our permanent venue in the Romsey Hub continue to progress, the Romsey Community House committee is about to join with members of the Riddells Creek Community House committee and representatives from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to form a working party. The objective of this group is to explore and hopefully secure ongoing funding for a paid Co-ordinator position for both houses. This would be a huge step forward in the development of the services and activities that the Community House will be able to offer our community.

For third term we are offering the following programmes:

- * **Yoga on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm at Romsey Primary School —contact Kim Oliver on 5429 2134**
- * **Drop-In Craft Mornings every Thursday at 10.30am at CFA Headquarters**
- * **Two Writer's Workshops with Dee White planned for third term—see our feature ads in this Rag**

Returning in fourth term will be Relaxation and Meditation with Karen Ruggieri For information about any of these programmes please contact Robyn Moore on 5429 5099 (BH) or 0412 275 152 (AH).

If you have any suggestions for activities or programmes please contact the above numbers or write to us at P.O. Box 418, Romsey.



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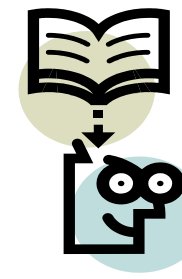
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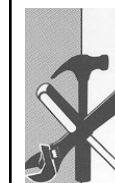
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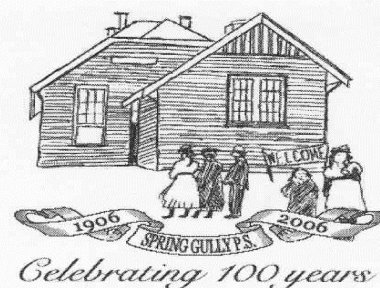
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PROGRAM

Friday, October 20, 2006.

- School Program from 2.00pm until 3.15pm. Current students involved in yesteryear program.

Saturday, October 21, 2006.

- Registrations, Opening Ceremony and Roll Call.
- Open School - displays, photos and memorabilia.
- The Launch of the "History of Spring Gully Primary School" book.
- Dance Strathfieldsaye Sports Club from 7.00pm until 11.00pm. \$15 per head. Drinks at bar, BYO supper.

Sunday, October 22, 2006.

- Ecumenical Service - 11.00am at school

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Congratulations must go to our former junior Shane Jones who will travel to Sri Lanka next month with a Victorian development squad as he continues to progress his way through the Victorian pathway.

Training and Junior Registration is set to commence early in August with a new coach and some new junior coaches. The club has a lot to offer with a vibrant atmosphere and an opportunity to play at varying levels from A Grade through to the Under 10 Milo Program. If you or your children wish to become part of the cricket club in the form of a member, player or sponsor please don't hesitate to contact Tim McCarthy on 0403 036 654 or Michael Richardson on 5429 6369 for any further information. Alternatively you can send an email to tmac31@bigpond.net.au

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):
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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, Coun-
cillor and Guide. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ecumenical Songfest
Date: Sunday, 6th August
Time: 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Venue: Lancefield Mechanics Hall
Each year the Churches join together in song. Each of the Churches will sing three hymns from their worship and all are welcome to join in with the singing. Come and share soup and bread afterwards.

Women's Retreat Day
St. Mary's Parish Lancefield/Romsey is offering a Women's Retreat Day "*Creative Ways of Meditating*" on Monday, 9th Oc-
tober at The Lancefield Golf Club Rooms. The day will be facil-
itated by Helen Barnes, a Josephite Sister who has wide experi-
ence in leading days of reflection and meditation.
Date: Monday, 9th October
Venue: Lancefield Golf Club Rooms
Facilitator: Helen Barnes RSJ
Title: Creative Ways Of Meditating
Time: 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (approx.)
Cost: \$20
Bookings are essential ... please phone Florence 5429 1399,
Agnes 5429 1727, or Sr. Frances 5429 1582.
More information next month.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS
Mr Brendon Lawlor has been appointed Principal of Holy Ro-
sary School in Derby, Western Australia. Congratulations and
good luck are certainly in order. Brendon has been the Deputy
Principal and Year 6 Teacher since 2001.
On behalf on the staff, students and parents I would like to thank
Brendon for the loyalty and commitment he has displayed. Many
of the students and parents will have fond memories. I would
like to thank Brendon for the support he has shown myself and
the staff over the journey. He will be missed.
The Centenary Colonial Dance: In support of the Parish Cen-
tenary, St Mary's school came up with the idea of having a
dance/sing along evening. This will happen at the Laurie Green
Pavilion on **Friday, 4th August**. To cover the cost of the hall,
heaters and a band we are asking just \$22:00 per family. Band –
'Tyquin's Lane'.

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 students who represented our
school at the **Winter COBAW sports** at Boardman Reserve in
Sunbury. The students played football and netball. They are to
be congratulated for the manner in which they behaved. We are
very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Lisa Adamson and Clare
De Jong for their assistance.

BINGO!!
Beginning August 10th, every Thursday evening
St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

Doors Open	EYES DOWN
7.00 p.m.	7.30 p.m.
30 games ... finishing 9.30 p.m.	
\$3.00 per book	Canteen facilities
No entry fee	Free tea and coffee

SIP
WHY MARRIAGE?
Jonathan & Karen Doyle speak on the spirituality & theology
of marriage & sexuality and why they began their ministry in
schools

Holgate's Brewhouse, Woodend
Tuesday 5 Sept
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8.00pm.....Speakers
8-9.30pm.....Conversation

NO door charge but collection will be taken to cover
expenses

For information: Marg Holgate 54295907

Relive the Gold Rush!

Don't miss the fabulous Paramoor Farm Fayre

It's on again! The fabulous Paramoor Fayre will be held on Fathers' Day, September 3, and will be even bigger and better than last year!

In the glorious olde worlde ambience of the Paramoor Barn and among and between the surrounding sea of tents and marquees, the life and times of the great Victorian Gold Rush will be celebrated in style.

About 50 local craft and produce stalls, the "Celts and Cobbers" folk musicians, vintage and classic cars, dancers, children's entertainment and maybe even Paramoor's grand old Clydesdale horses will combine to celebrate and relive one of Victoria's most historic, exciting and turbulent eras.
There have even been rumours that Caroline Chisholm will be present! And not just on the \$5 note! Certainly, there will be plenty on display about the work of this great lady who helped emigrants in the mid to late 1800's.

Come along and join in this memorable day, which promises fun, excitement, wonderful food and excellent wines — and, even if you don't find gold, your memories of this fun-filled day will remain golden!

Dad will love it! And what better way to spend Fathers' Day?

Paramoor Farm is located at 439 Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe (along Calder Highway near Woodend.) There's plenty of parking. Admission by Donation.

For further information Tel 5427 1057.

"ATTENTION CITY COMMUTERS"

The Lancefield Romsey Commuter Bus offers a Mon-Fri return service direct to the CBD at the cheapest rate available in the shire. Currently **\$40.00 per week** for per-
manent travelers.

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3 pick up points in Romsey, arrives CBD 7.40am
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arrives back in Romsey & Lancefield 6.30pm
Seats currently available.
For more details ring Muir on 0354 255505

Macedon Ranges - Calendar of Landcare Events (April 2006)

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 confer-
ence organisers: Waldron Smith Management, 61 Danks Street West,
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207, Tel: 9645 6311,

Email: info@wsm.com.au

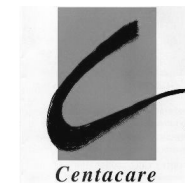
Conference website: Visit the International Landcare Conference web-
site via the following
link:www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au

Parenting for Success After Separation



This six week program is designed to suit people who have separated. The program looks at the affects of separation on children and how to respond to their needs including feelings, ages, stages and access visits.

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Date: 7th August – 11th September 06 (Monday's)
Place: Kyneton Shire Offices (Newman Room)
129 Mollison St, Kyneton
Child Care: Kyneton Neighborhood House (34 Mollison St)
Cost: No cost for child care or for the program.



For further information contact either Leonie on 54 211 607 at Cobaw Community Health or Yeni on 54278252 at Macdon Shire Offices, bookings are essential.

Ripper Reads

False Impression – Jeffrey Archer

You can call Jeffrey Archer what you like – former conservative M.P, conman, criminal – but he does write a ripping good yarn. Whilst he whiled away his time at H.M.'s pleasure writing three prison diaries, his first book since being released is well worth joining the reservation queue for. Short chapters make for suspense as the reader follows art expert Dr Anna Petrescu in her attempt to foil her ex-boss' actions of murder, fraud and theft. A good holiday read.

Castles in the Air – Judy Corbett

Some people build mudbrick houses, some renovate for recreation and some people buy a 16th century crumbling Welsh castle, complete with bats and dry rot and can't believe their luck.

In this delightful tale Judy Corbett relates the still incomplete saga of how she and her partner Peter are resurrecting the ancient Gwydir Castle in north Wales.

To say that this couple are dedicated historians, with a touch of eccentricity, is putting it mildly. When they first decided that they wanted a house of their own Judy harboured a dream of buying a ruinous old mansion and renovating it as accurately as possible, while Peter said "he would be happy to fall in with anything, provided that the house was pre-1670 and had held Royalist allegiance during the Civil War; living in a Parliamentary house was out of the question." With this sense of adventure, or is it masochism, they set off on what could well be described as their dream of a lifetime. An enjoyable read.

At the Beach – Postcards from Crabby Spit – Roland Harvey

A nostalgic summer memory as Henry and Penny's family head off to the beach for their annual summer holiday. Great illustrations with all sorts of humorous inclusions dance across each double page spread. A postcard addressed to Grandma on each tells the reader what the family is up to.

A map of Crabby Spit on the endpapers also helps to locate all the places mentioned in the book. And to complete the fun there is an absentminded cyclist who loses one of his belongings on every page for the reader to find.

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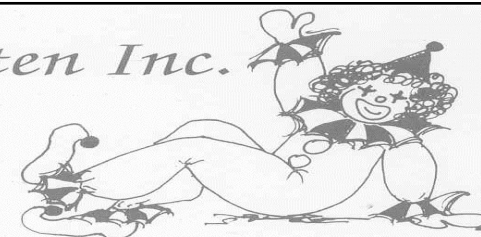
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KINDER CORNER - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Recently, in the process of collating information for Kindergarten Committee tasks (grant application and a meeting presentation), I was reminded how important a kindergarten is to a community. For new families to the area (and Romsey attracts many), it is often the first point of regular social contact from which friendships can grow between parents and children alike. The parallel function with the Maternal and Child Health Centre and close ties (geographical and working) with the Romsey Primary School make for a special "children's precinct" in Romsey.



School Transition

The first week of August features the beginning of formal transition visits to the Romsey Primary School for the 4-year-old classes. Children will initially spend time in each of this year's prep rooms in small groups with this year's prep students. These visits precede those in final term when children will have been allocated their prep teacher and fellow classmates for next year. This great transition program means that when the first day of school next year arrives, the children will already be familiar with their new environment.

Baby Bathing

The 3 year olds were this week treated to the rather unusual kinder event of a baby being bathed. Baby Sophie was the perfect performer, and there was no shortage of willing helpers! It was a "reality home corner" experience!

Kinder On Display

As you venture into the National Australia Bank, watch out for some impressive artwork from the Unit 1 children on display for your enjoyment. Getting the Kinder "out and about" is an important initiative this year. We hope you enjoy it. Many thanks to the Romsey National Australia Bank for assistance with this "installation".

Building Relationships

The Kindergarten Committee recently had the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Suzie Taylor, Co-ordinator of Family and Children's Services with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, to an evening Committee of Management meeting. Suzie had kindly initiated the trip following an earlier daytime visit to see the Kinder "in action". Both occasions were great opportunities for the kinder teachers and committee members to build a strong working relationship with this department of Council.

New Equipment

The photographs you see are an example of what a wonderful digital camera can do. The Kinder has recently purchased a new camera for the use of staff and parents within the confines of the Kinder. Therefore, none of the priceless moments that make up kinder life will be missed!

Speaking of new equipment, the kinder staff are looking to acquire a range of equipment to compile a Science Kit. Articles you may have at home of no further use to you which are on the following list could be dropped off at Kinder or you can arrange collection by phoning the Kinder on 54295294. Required equipment – aquarium, magnifying glasses/cubes, specimen containers, bug catchers, measuring scales, egg timers, compass, rain gauge, prisms, telescope, binoculars, lock and keys, stethoscope, magnets, rulers/tape measures, clocks, measuring vessels/cups, thermometers.

Open Day

The Kindergarten Open Day is fast approaching, with 9th September not too far away now. Keep the date free if you are interested in seeing what makes the kinder "tick"!

Jenny Stillman
Committee of Management



Lancefield and District Farmers Market continues to support local producers



Macedon Ranges residents are encouraged to venture over to lovely Lancefield this month and become part of the ever-increasing national movement to support and relish local primary producers quality produce in defiance of the large amounts of cheap imports from countries other than Australia.

The Lancefield and District Farmers Market was established in March 2003 by members of the Lancefield Neighbourhood House, and it continues to grow and flourish as a part of contributions to sales of great Victorian produce, consisting of producers from the immediate local area and further afield in cases where products are not made or available in the region.

This community project is a great example of bringing a simple solution to an issue that sometimes people may find hard to address – with many supermarket chains opting to buy produce from other countries, unable to see that when that is all people have access to, they are involuntarily contributing to the demise of the small primary producer in this country.

The Macedon Ranges boasts large areas of quality soil and generally good rainfall. Perhaps you may think about growing some produce to sell at the market? We have space available at a reduced rate for backyard producers of fruit and veggies and would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to be a part of the diverse mix the market offers.

The success of Victorian farmers' markets relies on the continued support of local people. They are not intended to be a tourism asset primarily, though have enjoyed good attendance from people visiting the region interested in learning about local produce and fine wines the region produces.

So come on over to Lancefield this month and enjoy the great social atmosphere in the town's centre plantation, whilst tasting and learning about food, primary production and the issues facing farmers and food producers today. Lunch is available at the market- community sausage sizzle with locally produced sausages and Scotch oven bread plus vegetarian indulgences from Organic Sunrise Foods, McGowan's Café, Mad Gallery, Macedonia Antiques Centre Café, Lancefield Bakery, Glen Erin Grange, Cleveland Winery and Lancefield Milkbar.

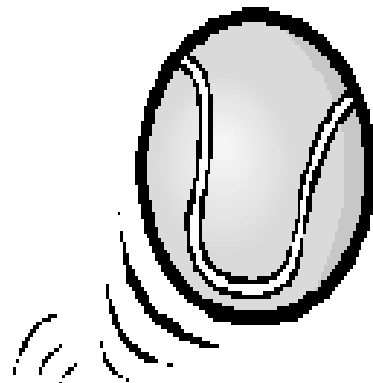
Plus there is free face painting for the kids and entertainment from local buskers!

Saturday, August 26th from 9am till 1pm. Get in quick for best selection. Please remember to bring your re-useable bags, baskets or trolleys. For more information please call the coordinator, Meggs on 0407 860 320.



ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB – Coaching Lessons

You are invited to Romsey Tennis Club to participate in tennis lessons with newly appointed club professional Andrew Peake. Coaching for all ages, starting as young as five and for all ability levels. Lessons for everyone including social hitters, club & non-members, competition players or tournament players. Have fun, get some fitness & meet new people. Don't have a racquet, no problem we will provide one for you. Please call Andrew Peake for further details or send an email to peaketennis@hotmail.com



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROMSEY COMMUNITY BANK

One of Romsey's newest arrivals turns one later this month – and there are no tentative first steps for this toddler. And we're all invited to the first birthday party on Saturday, August 12.

The Romsey Community Bank has hit the ground full of running in the 12 months since it opened its doors for the first time on August 10 last year.

In that time it has put more than \$20 million worth of business on its books, and has become a key financial institution for residents and businesses of the Romsey area.

Bank chair Maureen Wiltshire said she was proud of what has been achieved by the community-owned Bank in a short 12 months.

"Community support has enabled us to grow as steadily as we have, and we want the community to attend the free birthday celebrations," Mrs Wiltshire said.

"There will be a sausage sizzle in front of the Bank, on the corner of Main and Stawell Sts from 10.30am, and a big birthday cake for us to cut and celebrate.

"In keeping with our community theme, the Bungawitta Playgroup will be running the sausage sizzle for us.

"There will be a coloring competition for the children, plenty of giveaways and an appearance by Bendigo Bank's mascot, Piggy."

Mrs Wiltshire said the first anniversary came just a month after the Lancefield Community Bank celebrated its fifth birthday.

"Our Banks combined have given the community of the district confidence into the future," she said.

"The community knows that our whole reason for being is to provide banking services to our towns, and that we're here for the long haul.

"The Lancefield and Romsey branches combined have a total of more than \$70 million of business on the books, so this demonstrates the confidence that our residents and business community have in us.

"But we never rest on our laurels, and our two locally-based managers, Natalie Cullinger and Rod Browning with our local customer service staff are always on hand to discuss banking needs with our customers or potential clients."

Mrs Wiltshire said the two branches are operated by Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, a company of more than 500 local shareholders with a board of directors of 10 local residents and business owners.

Do you care about the future of Gaming in Victoria?

The Victorian State Government is conducting one of a series of hearings for the *Review of Gambling Licences Post-2012 (Gaming Machines)*, in Kyneton.

The hearing will be held on Friday 4th August, 2006, from 12pm – 3pm at St Mary's church hall, Hutton Street, Kyneton.

The focus of the hearing will be on the previous written submissions made to the Review by Council and others.

Members of the public may attend the hearings as observers. Those attending will be asked for their details for recording in the attendance register at the venue.

Council's submission to the Review can be viewed on Council's web site at www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au under 'Notice Board'. It is also listed on the Department of Justice web site <http://www.justice.vic.gov.au> where further information about the review is available.

For any further information contact Ms Lyn Malone, Department of Justice, telephone 03 8684 1957 or contact Dr Lorraine Beyer, Social Planning Coordinator, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, telephone 5427 8237.

LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

34 Heddle Road, Lancefield

Correspondence to PO Box 89 Lancefield Vic 3435

Clubhouse Phone: 5429 1922 **Secretary Phone:** 5429 2079

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

www.lancefieldgolfclub.com.au

Saturday and Sunday Mixed Competition Results

10 June S.Hawkins(11) 43; J.Hecker(13) 42

14 June G.McDorman (12) 34

17 June R.Sparke (25) 36; S.Dickie (27) 36

2 July G.McDorman (12) 32

8 July T.Hyland (6) 39; S.Hawkins (10) 37

16 July **Winter 1000** G.Hecker 40, P.Howden 37,

S.Kelly 39

J.Hecker 36

Tuesday Mixed Competition Results

(Legends)

13 June T.Allen (12) 35

20 June P.McGill (10) 39; T.Allen (hole-in-one on the 3rd hole)

27 June R.Mau (10) 66; A.Maloney (19) 68

4 July R.Mau (9) 34

11 July B.Morris (9) 31

Winter has certainly taken its toll on golf in recent weeks. A couple of Saturdays have been very unkind to golfers. The Memorial Reg Lockens Matchplay Knockout competition has reached semi-final stage. The final will be staged between the

winners of Craig Davenport and Trevor Lambert, and Rob McHenry and The Inaugural 'Winter 1,000' was held on Sunday 16th July. Despite the previous day's rainfall of two inches, the course played extremely well. Some runoff meant there was a little more water in the creeks and dams but another good wetting soon, would be much appreciated.

15 teams from Lancefield, Barham, Mt Macedon, Kilmore, and Tullamarine enjoyed the day's golf and a hot lunch. The winners of the \$1,000 prize were a team from Lancefield: Gary Hecker (40 points), Peter Howden (37 points), Steve Kelly (39 points) and Joel Hecker (36 points) for an excellent, best 3, total of 116 points. The Runners Up were from Kilmore: C.Simpson(30), I.Simpson(31), G.Bubeck(39) and C.Hanson(39). Thanks to Carole Mee our 'Events and Promotions' Organizer, Ken Fagan, our President and Barry Brennan, Captain, all of whom worked very hard to make this day a success. It is envisaged that this event will be held on a regular basis.

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



Gary Hecker
Lancefield Golf Club



LANCEFIELD BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION - LABATA

LABATA is busy preparing final arrangements for the **Lancefield Inaugural GIG**. We will present to the town "SPECTRUM" (Mike Rudd, Bill Putt and Robbo) and a support act. On Saturday 9th September 2006, doors will open at 7.30 pm at the Lancefield Mechanic's Institute Hall, Cnr High Street and The Crescent. This will be a licensed event, (strictly no BYO) and supper is provided. For \$20 a ticket you will have the time of your life!

Local vigneron will be showcasing their wines on the night and donating wines to be raffled. Beer and soft drinks will also be sold. Other local businesses will be donating items to be raffled / auctioned – so don't miss out on this wonderful night.

At a recent LABATA meeting, Cr Bleek reported that there were many applications for the Community Funding Scheme. Unfortunately, various groups applied for in excess of \$250,000 and only \$100,000 is available for distribution. Successful applicants should be advised in early August. He also reported that the Shire needs to develop a strategy for the future of our mature trees as we can't afford to keep pouring water on trees when water so scarce. They are currently undertaking a tree audit and will then look to develop a comprehensive program over the next 1-2 years. The Great Divide Walking Trail will be extended to include Mt Macedon and Hanging Rock and it may extend towards Lancefield.

Tourism issues were discussed and the Tourism Macedon Ranges Inc – "Passport to Stay" campaign. Keep your eyes out for this exciting business and tourism package which will be launched to all Macedon Ranges Shire residents in October this year.

Have you seen Lancefield's Visitor Information Outlet? Unfortunately the tourism signage is incomplete at the time of writing this article, but we have a wonderful interactive facility at the Grange Motel, Main Road, Lancefield. It is tucked away on the verandah of the building to the right of the main entrance and it features historical aspects of Lancefield and also what to see & do and where to stay. There are comprehensive brochures about Lancefield and the Macedon Ranges – essential for any students doing school projects on our town!

Our next meeting is our AGM at BankArt Gallery, 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 August 2006 – everybody is welcome and each LABATA person is encouraged to bring one new person. We will be considering our membership fee, and looking at what activities LABATA will undertake in 2006-2007. We will also be holding elections for all Committee positions.

The Hot Shots At Hesket

Hello, our names are Chris and Faye and we are in Gr 6. We are writing a report on a team who visited our school early this term. The team is the Australian Champion Skippers, "The Hot Shots". Our school has had a very good skipping team for many years. The team started when we signed up with the Heart Foundation and joined the "Jump Rope For Heart" (JRFH) program. This program tries to get kids exercising and having fun through skipping. We are a demonstration team so we travel to other schools and events each year to demonstrate different moves and show our skipping routines. After that we work with the children from the school and teach them some of the tricks and help them to make up their own routines.

At the end of term 2 we got a phone call from the JRFH people in Melbourne. They told us that the "Hot Shots" were coming to Victoria and asked if some of our skippers could billet the team for a few days? We sent notes home to the skipping team families and there were five who could help. This was just the right number. During the last week of the holidays we were very excited as we waited for the "Hot Shots" to arrive. When they arrived we were surprised a bit because, unlike us, they had members who were over 20! Our oldest member is in Yr 7 or 8. The Hot Shots went off to performances in Melbourne during the day and came back to stay with us at night. On the 1st Monday of term they came to Hesket to give a performance and then to work with our team to show us new tricks and Double Dutch routines. There was a big crowd of parents and friends to see them and they were great. Everyone was amazed by the tricks they could do. We are now working hard to try to learn some of the tricks and to put them into our routines. It was good having the Hot Shots stay with us and to watch and learn from them.

Romsey Youth Group

Term 3 events.

August 4th Fun City

\$20.00

August 11th Youth Rally

\$ 5.00

* Guest Speaker – Shaun Hart *

August 18th Movie night

\$ 5.00

September 2nd Youth Alive

\$20.00

September 15th Bon fire & BBQ \$ 2.00

• Every other Friday night 'Hang Time' at the RYG Room 7 Mitchell Crt. Romsey.

Cost \$2.00

Who are we?

We are a group of young people who just love having a great time. RYG exists to impact the lives of guys and girls from Yr 7 to 12. We are a place to hang-out on a Friday night. As well as having awesome fun we look at the issues confronting our young people today. We ran events such as the Skate Comps, Commonwealth Games Day and 3 on 3 Basketball Comp. Don't miss out!!! Come along to our action packed RYG!!! Call Jess John for details and permission slips, or pick up permission slips from... **...Finger Lick'n Charcoal Chicken.**

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Macedon Ranges Shire Trust for Nature - Conservation Covenant Rebate

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- pest plant and animal management
 - fencing patches of remnant vegetation so as to manage grazing pressure
 - revegetating cleared land to enhance biodiversity, help limit salinity and to create 'Carbon Sinks'
 - fencing and revegetating waterways or protecting remnant grasslands, woodlands or forests with Trust for Nature (TfN) Conservation Covenants
 - Working together in Landcare or Friends groups to address issues that extend across boundaries and catchments.
- Each year private landowners voluntarily protect significant areas of native vegetation in perpetuity by placing a Trust for Nature Conservation Covenant over all or part of their land.

Macedon Ranges Shire Rate Rebate

In recognition of this contribution made by landowners that benefit our natural environment and the broader community, Macedon Ranges Shire offers a rate rebate over land protected by a Trust for Nature Covenant.

The rebate is a 100% waiver of rates over the area of land protected under a TfN Conservation Covenant. For example, if a landowner places a TfN Conservation Covenant over 100% of their land, they receive a rate rebate of 100%, for a Conservation over 50% of the land, a 50% rebate of rates. Please note that other Council charges or services costs are not rebated.

Obtaining a TfN Conservation Covenant and Rate Rebate

Contact one of the Trust for Nature representatives (see below) and make arrangements for them to visit your property. Trust for Nature will use their systems and assessment processes to determine if your property is suitable for a covenant. Council has no role in assessing properties. Not all areas of native vegetation are suitable for a TfN Conservation Covenant. Once a landowner makes an agreement with Trust for Nature, the legal process of Covenanting land is initiated.

Once the Covenant is in place, the Trust for Nature will notify Council. Council will adjust the landowners rates accordingly and notify the landowner of the changes. Council policy regarding the date the rebate applies from is still being determined, however the latest date a rebate will apply from, is the date the Covenant is placed on the property Title.

For more information contact:

Trust for Nature website - www.tfn.org.au

Chris Lindorf - Regional Manager (Port Phillip and Western Port Region) Trust for Nature - mob: 0437 952 421, email: chrisl@tfn.org.au

Elvyne Hogan - Regional Manager (North Central Region) Trust for Nature - tel: 5435 4062, mob: 0417 538 678, email: elvyneh@tfn.org.au

Lachlan Milne - Environment Resource Officer, Macedon Ranges Shire, - tel: 5429 9659, email: lachlanm@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Training

When/Where: to be arranged at a mutually convenient time and location.

Who can access EMS training: landholders and groups from across the Port Phillip and Western Port region can access the training.

Details: Environmental Management Systems (EMS) is a process to assess and improve environmental performance within your farming business. The Department of Primary Industries, in partnership with the Victorian Farmers Federation and the Department of Sustainability and Environment, is delivering EMS training to landholders to enable them to plan, implement and review their management practices to improve sustainable farming.

Why should landholders become involved? ☐

- To gain some recognition for environmental works they are already undertaking
- ☐ Benchmark their current practices
- Document future projects
- Gain ideas from other landholders
- Be better positioned for a "marketing edge"

What's on offer:

- An introductory talk on EMS to your Group
- FREE Workshops (including an aerial photo of your property) to implement a self-assessment questionnaire (benchmarking) and Action Planning

More information: please contact Carmen Zerafa (EMS Pathways Officer - Port Phillip and Western Port, Department of Primary Industries), tel: 5366 0057, email: carmen.zerafa@dpi.vic.gov.au

Hello everyone

What can you get for \$15 these days? Not much, I hear you say.

Well, at the Romsey Toy Library your \$15 will go a long way – it will give you six months' membership for the whole family!

So why not come down to St Mary's Hall one Saturday morning and check out the range – you are sure to be pleasantly surprised by our new range of educational toys for children from birth until 12 years.



We now have a great new multimedia range including CD-Roms, Leap Pads and the Leapster, a handheld interactive device with colour LCD screen and touch pen.

The Leapster games are so much fun, children often don't even realize that they are learning new skills or reinforcing existing ones while they are playing!

The toy library also has three Leap Pads – two senior and one junior – and a range of books to go with them. These are also great educational toys which are especially helpful with reading and comprehension skills.

Even if you have a Leap Pad already at home, there's great advantages being in the toy library, as you can supplement your own Leap Pad books by borrowing ours.

Forget about continually buying expensive new ones which the kids will get bored with after a while!

The only way for the Toy Library to prosper and grow is through annual subscriptions, so the committee has just revamped our fees to encourage more people to try the service.

So why not give us a go?

As well as the 6-month \$15 fee, there are yearly memberships available. Our fees include a concession rate for Health Care Card holders. The fees are \$25 per year per family (no restriction on number of children) and \$15 per year concession.

The committee has planned an open day for the toy library in October, so keep an eye on the Rag for further details closer to the time.

The committee is in the process of applying to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a grant to help us further improve the toy library range, with a special focus on items which improve fine motor and gross motor skills, as well as pretend/imaginative play materials.

We are also awaiting news on when the toy library's expected move to the new Romsey Community Hub will occur; hopefully construction will begin soon.

For those of you who are not aware, the Toy Library is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers which operates from the St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday mornings from 10am until 11.30am.

The library offers a range of toys, games and educational materials suitable for babies, toddlers and school-aged children.

Often, people donate toys to the library. If you have some items which you think we might find useful, please give me a call or drop in one Saturday morning, it would be greatly appreciated!

Quality toys are expensive and children quickly become bored with a toy once its play value has been exhausted.

By providing new play materials every week or two by using the toy library, parents can save money and significantly contribute towards the development and education of their children. So why not give the Romsey Toy Library a go?

If you need any further information, please contact me on 5429 6936. If you would like to view our range of toys or talk to a volunteer member, just drop into the library any Saturday morning.

I look forward to seeing you at the library!

AMANDA BURLEY
President

Romsey Toy Library Inc.



For Sale

Lincon Chordmaster (electric organ).

Excellent condition. \$150 Ph Mike (Romsey) 5429 5092



Community Safety Month 2006 – Do you have a role to play?



Community Safety Month is held in October each year and Victorians are encouraged to take the steps to increase their safety and the safety of others by organizing and participating in safety activities in their community.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council has organized a number of activities over the last three years in Community Safety Month to raise awareness of the role we can all play in making our communities safer.

This year, Council is seeking residents, community groups and businesses that have an interest in community safety and would be keen to work with Council to plan and run an activity/event/campaign during Community Safety Month.

To register your interest or for further information, please contact Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Development Team Leader on 5427 8247 or email alouise@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au