

Romsey Golf Club

Ladies Report

Clinic. The ladies have organised another clinic for Saturday 4th November 10am, meet at the clubrooms. If you missed the first clinic, we still welcome you to the next one and another early December. To help with numbers please reply to Hilda 54296538. The clinic is free we especially welcome beginners even if you have no clubs come along and give golf a try.

Saturday morning golf: Some ladies are interested in playing golf on a Saturday morning. Hit off 8.30am as the weather is warming up. If you would like to join us please ring Beryl on 54295411 to show your interest. We realise people will not be able to commit to play every week, but if interested we would welcome you so please ring. Beginners more than welcome as all levels will be catered for and play as many or few holes as you wish.

Twilight Golf Commencing Friday 3rd November at 5pm, 9 holes followed by a sausage sizzle. Adults \$5.00 Juniors \$2.00. Everyone welcome, no handicap necessary.

Now to bring you up to date as so much has happened since the last Rag. 27th Sept Stroke Monthly Medal winner Kath 34pts. Oct 11th Monthly Medal playoff Winner Beryl nett 75

Beryl played the Fisher Paykel Day at Kilmore on 20th Sept and enjoyed the course but found the greens tricky.

Lorraine Hilda & Beryl played in the Euroa Bowl on Sept 28th along with 129 other ladies. They were very happy with their field and I couldn't believe how well it flowed for a shotgun start with that many players. Well done to Lorraine who earned the runner up in 'C' grade trophy on the day. She reduced her handicap from 39 to 36.

Oct 4th Beryl & Lorraine represented the club at Gisborne Captain & Presidents Day and played Irish 6's with Fran & Connie from Gisborne. We were beaten on a countback, but won a lovely Lavender plant.

Hilda & Lorraine went to the 30+ day at Kilmore, on the 9th Oct and enjoyed the course.

Lorraine went to the Hidden Valley Fisher & Paykel Day on 10th Oct and played Stableford with their ladies and found the course extremely interesting.

On the 13th Oct Lorraine & Beryl filled in for Linda & Hilda at Croydon and played foursomes in the Doris Chambers Cup. Bruce came along as driver and caddy. After an early morning start (we allowed too much time for the travelling), we arrived at Croydon in plenty of time for a

cuppa and to wander around the clubrooms and scare ourselves with plan of the course and all the water. There was no water that came into play but as Romsey is building a new bunker we used Croydon for some early bunker practice. Needless to say we didn't score as many points as we would have liked, but we were far from last and didn't have to wait around for the afternoon for presentations. Thankyou to Bruce for driving and pulling my heavy buggy all day.

Sat 14th I took Ron to Woodend to play American pairs. We had good company and the afternoon tea was up to the usual high Woodend standard. No comment on the golf.

Sunday 15th was the club Presentation Day. We played 12 holes of golf followed by a BBQ and salads. Thankyou to the workers on the day, it was great to be out playing. After lunch Hilda did the presentations to the lady winners. Club Champion - Beryl Cole Nett Champion - Linda Wilkinson. Our Life Member Helene Newnham donated the trophy for this. Medal of Medallist Beryl Cole Rose Scanlon Shield - Beryl Cole Eclectic Linda Wilkinson Putting Beryl Cole.

The ladies would like to congratulate all the men winners; Neil Jarman presented their trophies.

Well done to Lorraine who managed to play golf 5 times in the one week and tell Bruce it was payback time.

The Back to Romsey Day was a fine sunny day and the men had the course in excellent condition for our visitors. Thank you to the men who mowed (we all know how fast the grass grows at this time of the year) and did the preparation. We had many good comments. We had seven previous members play and five locals. Visiting winner was Edith Ott on a countback and the local winner was Hilda. Mary West had replied to play but apologised on the morning, but was hoping to come to lunch to catch up with some of the other ladies. Unfortunately Mary was unable to come to lunch but we were fortunate to see her in the morning. Twenty-three ladies went to lunch at Hogan's Romsey Hotel and all enjoyed our meals. The noise level was up as people were busy catching up with each other. I went around and spoke to all the previous members and here are a few impromptu answers to some questions.

Question When did you start playing golf at Romsey?

Answers ranged from 1930's to 2000.

Question Which was your favourite hole.

Answer

LJ - 4th

PR - 9th

SS - 12th (when it was a short par 4),

FM, NS & HN - 10th

Question Memorable moment/incident

Answer

EO - Breaking handicap

LJ - Winning Melton Bowl

SS - Chipping in on 6th as a beginner

MC - Friendship

MM - Scoring a par on third after an airy

as 1st shot

NS - Not going OOB on the 12/18th

WL & HN - Winning championships.

Question Worst memory

Answer

LJ - 2 birdies in pennant at Romsey and not being able to count them on the eclectic or birdie comp.

EO - Going OOB 3 times on 1st while playing stroke.

DT - Clinic with a professional that upset her game.

LT - Hitting the wire around green replaying shot and hitting the wire again, also playing with husband at Kyneton and bending club on tree with her follow through.

HN - Playing pennant at Kyneton in snow & hail

MM - Searching for balls.

MC & SS & PR & WL - State of course, wet slushy & muddy gumboot condition.

After talking to some of the older past members it seems we today have a lot to be thankful for. No longer are the greens wired off, finding balls is not as hard as it would have been back then and unfortunately we haven't had rain to create any mud or slush.

Thankyou to Jenny and Hilda for organising the day everyone enjoyed it and are asking are we doing it again. We did have several apologies. The ones out of town were Marg Crump, Kaye Ponsford, Helen Watts, Ursula Turner, Lyn Gradie, Sue Morgan, Kath Rankin, Leila Richie and Margaret O'Brien.

Reminder to all lady members the AGM is Wednesday 1st November. Hoping to see you all there.

Recipe for this month (with apologies to some readers as we have published this recipe before).

Jelly Slice

Base 1pkt Marie Biscuits & 6 ozs melted butter

Mix together & press into base of slice tray.

Lemon Layer

400g can condensed milk, 2 teaspoons gelatine dissolved in ¾ cup boiling water Juice of 2 lemons

Blend ingredients together & spread over base & refrigerate until set.

Topping

1pkt jelly crystals

Make jelly according to directions, cool before pouring over slice. Chill until set.

Cut into squares to serve

*** Depending on size of slice tray you may wish to reduce amount of biscuits and butter.

Beryl Cole

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Council Ward Meetings

Local Councillors, Local Issues, Local Input

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's monthly Council Ward Meetings will be held in Romsey and Gisborne on Wednesday, 8 November to provide the opportunity for residents and other interested people to be informed on an ongoing basis of activities within their local area and for Councillors to seek resident views and input on particular issues.

The schedule of meetings, including venues and times, for the remainder of 2006 until June 2007 is listed below.

Conduct of Meetings

All Council Ward Meetings will have the following structure and agenda

- The meetings will be chaired by the relevant Ward Councillors
 - All meetings will commence at 7pm and aim to finish at 9pm
 - Members of the public may list items for discussion as part of General Business* by contacting Stephen Mahon on 5422 0352 or stephen@macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
 - Generally the agenda will be
 - Local Projects Underway
 - Local Planning Applications in the system
 - Strategic Work Underway
 - Special Items of Interest raised by Councillors
 - General Business*
 - Service Request forms will be available to allow minor and routine requests to be documented and dealt with by the relevant unit.
 - Meetings will be held at halls and other suitable venues in townships across the Shire.
- * Members of the public raising items of General Business are welcome to address the meeting on their issue.

Schedule of Meetings

2006:
Wednesday 8th November 2006, 7pm at Romsey Mechanics Institute
Wednesday 8th November 2006, 7pm at Gisborne Mechanics Institute – Meeting Room

2007:
Wednesday 21st February 200 – 7pm – Malmesbury *
Wednesday 21st March 2007 – 7pm – Riddells Creek *
Tuesday 24th April 2007 – 7pm – Macedon*
Wednesday 16th May 2007 – 7pm – Woodend *
Wednesday 20th June 2007 – 7pm – Lancefield *

* venues to be confirmed

Lancefield-Romsey Lions Club Inc.

In conjunction with the Romsey Sunday market being held on the 26th of November, the Lions Club will be conducting a community garage sale.

This is your chance to clean out your house and garage and provide yourself with extra spending money before the Christmas season. Why not come along and have a fun day without all the stress of advertising and having to run your own garage sale from home? If our latest market is any indication, there will be a steady stream of traffic to ensure a good result. We had a number of new stallholders, a beautiful day and many happy customers!

For further information and bookings call 0438 414 245

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB INC.

Golf/Bowls Clubhouse
(Competition Times only) Ph: 54295385
Secretary, Kevin Dunn Ph: 54296761
President, Robert Preece Ph: 97444585
Membership Fees: Adults \$230
Juniors \$35

Competitions held on Saturdays at 12.30pm.
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Results

23 Sept	Monthly Medal M Clement (31) 61
30 Sept	Stableford C Gaunt (+1) 38
7 Oct	4B Stableford/Guest Day J & J Molloy 42 pts
14 Oct	Par 71 (Altenate Layout) R Rea (15) 73

Club Presentations were held on Sunday, 15th October. The day started with 12 holes of golf followed by lunch. A great day was had by all. It was brought to our attention however, that the current Club Champion has yet to win the Monthly Medal! Keep practicing Deano!

Friday Twilight Golf - 9 holes

Commencing 3rd November at 5.00pm.
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PO BOX 288 ROMSEY 3434

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Secretary: Kaye McNamara 5429 5622
Treasurer: Louise Conlan 5429 6595



Project Completed!

We are extremely pleased to announce the completion of the resurfacing of our tennis courts – don't they look great!!! All players including junior comp., senior comp., mid-week ladies, coaching kids, and social have now used the courts with much pride and pleasure.

To achieve this result we have been very fortunate to have had the support of the Macedon Ranges Shire, Councillors, Joanne Duncan and the State Government Department of Sport and Recreation, Fran Bailey and the Federal Government, and Tennis Victoria. The local branch of the National Bank, Romsey Primary School, and other local businesses have also been very supportive. We certainly couldn't have raised all of those funds needed without the constant help of the local residents and community, and mostly through the huge effort by a small band of very dedicated club members. Well done everyone to achieve a great sporting facility for the town.

And have you seen the courts lit at night????? Fantastic!!! We are extremely grateful to a wonderful group of local business and tradespeople who contributed their effort and time to light the courts for the community.

(A full list of contributors for us to thank will be in next months Romsey Rag.)

***** Watch for announcements of Social night tennis events, Family Open Day etc. All of the local community are welcome to attend.**

The Hiring of the Courts – both day and night - is now available to both members of the club and the community.

Costs:- Free day use by members
\$10 per hour per court for non-members
\$10 per hour per court for night hire for members
\$20 per hour per court for night hire for non-members

Please contact Bev on 5429 6189 or Kaye on 5429 5622, for court hiring or membership forms.

Social Tennis – "Hit and Giggle"

Social tennis is continuing at the Romsey courts 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.

Tennis coach

Andrew Peake, our professional club coach, can provide coaching from 5 years of age and for all ability levels, including social hitters and competition players. With the addition of lights, coaching times will be extended.

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
Junior Saturday Tennis - Mandy Green – 5429 5191

ROMSEY DR. PAUL GRINZI WINS DOCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



Dr. Paul Grinzi a GP at the Romsey Medical Centre has been awarded the Dr. Khulod Maarouf-Hassan Memorial Award for General Practice Registrar of the year by his general practice vocational training group, the Victorian Metropolitan Alliance (VMA). The award is in recognition of his outstanding contribution to general practice, professional expertise and ongoing professional development and is issued with a \$500 grant which will be used for further professional development.

The C.E.O. of VMA, Mark Rowe, explained that this newly created award for excellence is named after Dr. Maarouf-Hassan who was stabbed and killed at her practice in Noble Park in June this year.

In addition, Dr. Grinzi has been awarded the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners PWH Grieve Research Foundation award. This award of \$2500 supports a plan of study in medical education.

Dr. Grinzi is a most worthy recipient of these awards, according to the Romsey Medical Centre's director Dr. Noel Cunningham. "Paul's professional activity extends well beyond being a very popular and competent GP in Romsey. He recently completed a major research project, teaches medical students, GP's and GP's in training. Paul is now embarking on further study in dermatology." Dr. Grinzi's special interests in general practice include skin disorders, mental health and counselling as well treatment and management of alcohol and drug problems.

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You may like to have a cuppa and perhaps learn more about the history of the church.

The dates the church will be open in November are as follows:
1-3pm Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Please come and take advantage of the quietness and serenity in this lovely bluestone church.

From Cr Henry Bleeck

East Ward Community Meeting

A Wednesday community ward meeting will be held at 7pm on the 8 November at the Romsey Mechanics Institute. Good communications between the community, councillors and council officers builds bridges, and this is your chance to meet your representatives and officers and be updated on Shire activities and get answers to your issues. Updating our community on what the Shire is doing in the East Ward is important for the community and Council so we all understand on what is happening in the East Ward.

If there are items you would like raised, contact your councillors or Stephen Mahon on 5422 0352 so information is available on the night.

Helping our terms of trade

Shopping locally is a key factor in ensuring that our local amenities, businesses, trades and services continue to grow and develop into the future. A healthy and vibrant commercial precinct in Romsey, and in surrounding towns, helps ensure that we have the convenience of shopping locally and that we have choices and options. On a recent visit to our local branch, I noted that the Community Bank is promoting the concept of supporting local businesses and community activities. I heartily endorse this.

I remember that Lancefield's main street was relatively stagnant five years ago, before the Community Bank opened, and it is now a lot more vibrant and vital, with more choices and options for shoppers. Shopping locally also saves us time and money, particularly with fuel prices the way they are today. Of course, there are times when people will have to go to the big regional shopping centres to find specific items they need. However, if we shop locally we are helping our area to grow. So let's think about it next time we have to go and spend some money.

Endurance riders coming back to town

Our Macedon Ranges region is again hosting one of the key races in the annual calendar of the Victorian Endurance Riders Association. Around 70 riders and their horses are expected to make Lancefield Park their home on the November 18 and 19 weekend, with the race to start about 4am on the Sunday. They will ride two 40km legs, leaving the park, our through the Seven Ways, down Bridies Lane and into our picturesque Cobaw Ranges to do a circuit through the bush. The Macedon Ranges area is well represented in the Association, with locals such as Carl Adamson, Wendy Bootle and Ken Bradley prominent, both as organisers and racers.

The Lancefield race was held as the State championship last year, and the locals expect the Victorian titles to return to our local course in 2007. Australian endurance horse racing attracts international attention and riders, although it doesn't yet have the same profile here.

Anyone interested in learning more about the sport, or able to help as marshals or organisers for the event, should ring Carl Adamson on 0409 867 585 or Wendy Bootle on 5428 6471.



Henry Bleeck.
Your Local Macedon Ranges Shire Councillor.
5422 7027

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Romsey Primary School News

School camps for middle (years 3&4) and senior (years 5&6) students

In the first week of this term Middle Unit students travelled to Swan Hill via Bendigo Deborah Goldmine for their school camp. This was a great experience for these students who are studying "Times Past" this term. The students were kept very busy with a wide range of activities, gaining insights into the life of our pioneers.



In the third week of term the Senior Unit students had an exciting and exhausting time at Healesville and Toolangi for their camp. This camp is focussed on adventure activities, team building and problem solving in a beautiful mountain environment. All these lucky students had a great time!



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School Sport

Within the school we continue to provide a range of experiences through our Physical Education lessons and our sport program. The focus of the program is skill development, fitness and having fun. In sport students also learn the skills of healthy competition and fair play within an encouraging positive competitive environment.

The Prep-2 Units is currently focusing on ball handling skills and the introduction of minor games. The very energetic teachers and students in this unit also are currently participating in aerobics three mornings per week. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the teachers and students and the children's developing attitudes towards health and fitness.

The students in years 3 and 4 took part in cricket clinics run by Cricket Victoria. With the cricket season about to commence this was a great opportunity to build skills and an interest in the game.

In the senior unit we are focusing on games. Bush dancing is also a focus in our lead up to Graduation.

Mrs. Ellis' class is currently involved in a unit on netball. This is part of our district cluster and involves a group of teachers in a professional learning team called "Thinking Players in Sport". The teachers

have been working with Dr. Ken Davis from Cricket Victoria. The aim of this group is to develop children as thinking players when they play sport. During the development of this unit of work students focus on the correct use of space as a successful strategy.

Softball

Our boys and girls teams both trained every day in the lead up to the regional championships. These teams achieved this level through being district champions. Both teams did very well in a very strong competition- the Boys finishing as runners up at the zone.

Athletics - Zone Championships

On Monday October 9th, 14 of our students competed at the Athletics Championships in Bendigo.

We had students competing in hurdles, relays, 200m, 1500m, shot put, long jump, high jump and triple jump. These students had achieved success at the district level. We had many strong performances with Nathan Blair (hurdles and triple jump), Jake Lever (high jump), and Cortni O'Donnell (shot put) now progressing through to the State Championships.

Golf Championships

On Monday October 16th Daniel Wright represented Romsey in the state final of the golf championships. Daniel gained a very creditable 15th in a strong field of 92.

Senior Student Presentations

This term senior students completed a research project on Orang utans and why it matters that they are endangered. Over two evenings these students presented their work to their parents. Firstly they performed their musical item developed with Mrs Furfaro using the rainforest as their focus. Then they used their power points, photo stories, posters and booklets to provide their information and explain their beliefs. The use of technology was astounding and the information very interesting.

At the conclusion of each group's presentation, parents were invited into the Art room to view the magnificent creations developed with Miss Skinner's support. This project was very successful and enjoyable because students worked well as teams, many spending their recess and lunch times on aspects of their project, and all learnt much from each other during the process. They also made their teachers and parents very proud and should feel very pleased with themselves.

Garden Awards

Recently we received notification that Romsey Primary School has again been recognised as the Regional winner (Category 3) in the Schools' Garden Awards. This is for larger primary schools in our region that covers a vast section of the state from Gisborne to Mildura. This is

an outstanding achievement as we have been Regional winners in 2000, 2003 and 2005. The school garden awards recognise significant achievement in:

- Student involvement
- Parent, teacher and community involvement
- General appearance and use of grounds
- Special features
- New developments, and
- Grounds facilities

We will now be judged by the state judges on November 3rd. On this day the state judges will fly in by helicopter at 2.45pm. We are planning a memorable welcome for these visitors on this day and parents and friends of the school are most welcome to come along and join in the excitement and celebrations of our school's achievement.

Recent grounds projects completed have been the new school amphitheatre featuring artwork by our artist in residence Diane Thompson, and senior students and the direct seeding project. The new amphitheatre will soon be the focus for small class performances and a beautiful addition to our lovely school grounds. Students and Visual Art teacher Amy Skinner should be very proud of this achievement. Direct seeding is a very efficient method of re-vegetation. Using the expertise of Greening Australia's Jim Robertson, students recently participated in this open day, learning a great deal on the interrelationship of indigenous plants and animals.

Enrolments 2007



Most parents who are intending to start their children at Romsey Primary School in 2007 have already made contact with the school and filled out enrolment forms. As we are now considering our class make up for next year now, if you are intending to send your child to our school next year and have not already made us aware of this please do so now. Parents who wish to find out more about our great programs, positive learning environment and outstanding facilities can contact the school for an appointment with the principal and arrange for a tour of the school.

Barney Healy
Principal



BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful and very successful **15th Spring Fair**. This was a great day out for the family and we sincerely thank the communities of Romsey and Riddells Creek for your continued support of our little school. The school is also so very appreciative to our major sponsor, **CHES Property Consultants of Romsey** and of course all the donations given from local businesses and groups who are a great support each year. You all know how hard it is for schools to work for the fundraising dollar every year and your support is very much appreciated. Any major activity like this takes a huge amount of planning and preparation by an enthusiastic band of parents and teachers. They in turn are supported on the day by all the other school families who willingly contribute to their school for the benefits of their children.

The Bolinda Hall was a picture of daffodils, Spring flowers, arts and crafts and children's entries with prizes given to all categories. Good food and wine, camel and pony rides, competitions, plenty of children's activities, entertainment and 30 market stalls all helped make the day so successful. If you missed the Fair this year, you will have to make an extra effort for the second Sunday in September next year.

Grades 3456 had a marvellous **Camp to Swan Hill**. Probably the highlight being when our paddle steamer cruise was cut short through engine trouble and we had to 'abandon ship' by walking the plank onto the riverbank where we were then returned to Swan Hill by bus. It was a lovely day for a trip along the river but it will be long remembered for the breakdown. The Pioneer Settlement is a wonderful place for the children to learn first hand about our forebears who played such an important part in the opening up of the Mallee under often terrible conditions.

As mentioned last month, Mrs. Lee's class have been working with the Southern Ranges Educator, Loren Peavey, to design and build **solar boats**. The competition was held at Gisborne Secondary College on September 12 and the children went off to test themselves against the might of all the other primary schools in the area. There were 56 boats lined up to test their speed and after the first round our boats were in 2nd and 4th positions. All boats were allowed to make modifications and at the end of the day both our boats were in the top 10 which was a remarkable achievement. Our team that qualified 6th fastest has qualified to proceed on to Scienceworks for the State Finals in October. A great effort from a small school.

It is always quite amazing when **ex-students** drop into school to reminisce over their school days. Whether it be from 2 years ago or 60 years ago, ex-students never forget their old school, teachers and the children they went to school with at the time. I had **Lesley Shennan** [1964-1969] visit Bolinda the other day and she was just so pleased to see her old school and indeed the room where she had spent so many happy days. I was able to show her the Register with her details and she took a lot of video footage to take home with her to the Northern Territory. If any readers went to school with Lesley and would like to make contact, please give me a ring and I would be happy to pass on details.

Most parents have now made their educational plans for

their pre-school or primary aged children for 2007. If you are new to the area or are still worrying about what to do, talk to some of our parents, 5428 7181, 5428 5265, 5429 1930, 5429 5521, they will only be too pleased to speak with you, or drop into school for a 'cuppa' and a chat about what a **Bolinda Educational Experience** can do for your children.

Needless to say, we are extremely proud of our school. Looking back through my earliest Community News records, I thought it interesting to see that in 1996 we had a visit from a former Olympian, Martin Ralph, to speak to the children. Here is what I wrote then:

Martin was a canoeist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, took part in World Championships, and coached at the Victorian Institute of Sport. Martin brought along his official team tracksuit and participation medal to show the children. He spoke about his sporting experiences, his Olympic events, his coaching and he even gave a terrific juggling display !!

Martin also gave the children a great insight into how goals have to be set, aimed for, worked at, and then hopefully achieved. You may not become THE best in the world, but you have succeeded if you achieve YOUR very best.

This applies in sport, in school, in life, no matter what your age !!

Certainly we can all still learn from this great advice. Martin consequently sent his three children to Bolinda and has been School Council President for five years.

Finally in closing, after 13 years at Bolinda I am retiring and this will be my last Bolinda News article. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Bolinda working with marvellous parents, wonderful staff and fantastic children. Consequently I leave Bolinda as the second longest serving Principal since 1870 with rewarding and lasting memories, knowing that I have done my very best for the children, parents and the school. I would like to sincerely thank the communities of Bolinda, Romsey and Riddells Creek for the wonderful support you have given both the school and myself over the 13 years. Best wishes to you all.

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

Keith Jenkins - Principal - 5428 5317

The editors and readers of the Romsey Rag would like to thank Keith most sincerely for his contributions to the Rag over a considerable period of time, and to wish him health and fulfilment in his retirement.

- The Editors

Bullengarook Landcare
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Implications of Climate Change

Speaker: Rob Gell
Venue: Bullengarook Rec. Reserve
Friday November 1

6.30pm - BBQ 8.00pm - Speaker

ALL WELCOME

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(from "Living with Climate Change" Australian Greenhouse Office – available from the Bureau of Meteorology website)

You are invited to our next social BBQ & speaker evening, where the guest speaker is Rob Gell, leading Environmentalist and television presenter. Rob will discuss Climate Change and its impacts - a topic of vital interest to everyone, particularly given the current drought, pressure on water supplies and predictions for continuing dry and warmer temperatures. The evening commences with a BBQ at 6.30pm (BYO everything) followed by the presentation at 8.00pm. If you would like to come just for the presentation, that's fine. All Bullengarook residents and visitors are welcome. Please let us know if you intend to come, however, so we can plan seating and refreshments.

For further information, contact Greg Morvell (greg.morvell@netcon.net.au) or phone 5428 9101, or Norris McCarthy (nandlmccarthy@bigpond.com) or 5428 9320

Romsey Outline Development Plan

On 11 October 2006 the Planning Committee adopted the Romsey Outline Development Plan (ODP) for consultation purposes.

As part of the consultation program the ODP will be outlined at the Community Ward Meeting on Wednesday 8 November 2006. This meeting will be held from 7.00pm at the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

If you are unable to attend the Ward Meeting, two dates have been set aside to discuss the plan:

Friday 27 October 2006
Wednesday 1 November 2006

The ODP will be on public exhibition until Friday, 24 November 2006 and is available from Council's website (www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au) and Council Service centres.

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November 24th

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December 9th

Romsey Mechanics Hall 7.30pm

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Ripper Reads

Backpacks, boots & baguettes: walking in the Pyrenees – Simon Carter & Mick Webb

This is my kind of travel book! Just the right balance of geographical and historical information coupled with the personal experience of walking (or hitching, or bussing or training) this stunning chain of mountains that divide France and Spain. The authors are old friends and alternate the writing of chapters. As their writing styles are remarkably similar – full of deprecating humour, wry observations and the classic English trait of understatement – the narrative flows seamlessly. More of a problem is the lack of even a rough map, as there are so many valleys, cols and peaks described that a visual indication of their approximate location would have been helpful. However as the authors' enthusiasm for these mountains is infectious this book could well be the catalyst for the reader to go and explore this magnificent area – personally.

The Oatmeal Ark – Rory McLean

If I read all the suggested 'good reads' that were offered to me I would probably do nothing else for several months. However this amazing travel book was one that I did read on recommendation and after visiting Canada I appreciate its ending even more. On the front cover is a quote, 'one of the most original and innovative travel books for years' and if you can make it past the first chapter, which can be slightly confusing as all the different characters are introduced, you are well on your way to discovering a wonderful travelogue and historical read all about the settlement of Canada from the eastern Maritimes to BC on the west coast. Aside from the content, which provides many items of interest, the structure of the novel has the main character Beagan 'travelling' with 4 of his ancestors, now sadly all deceased, and is an incredibly novel means of blending four stories and historical eras into one.

Unforgettable places to see before you die – Steve Davey

With an unforgettable title like this you just have to delve into this book and discover more. Davey has listed his own selection of 40 places, scattered worldwide, both natural and constructed that he considers unforgettable. From Angkor Wat to the Galapagos Islands, from the Taj Mahal to Lake Titicaca every page offers a visual feast and fascinating information. There is also a paragraph on how to get there, the best time to go and places to stay for each destination. After reading this, Monet's Garden at Giverny, Ephesus in Turkey and Machu Picchu in Peru all beckon. However as I discovered a long time ago, one lifetime just isn't going to be long enough!

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

All Saints' Day

The reality of the communion of saints comes consciously to the fore with the annual celebration of All Saints' Day observed on the Sunday after Pentecost in the East, on November 1 in the West, or, wisely, on the nearest Sunday to this in many Protestant churches. This is the day when the church recalls the great tribe out of every nation and people, proclaims the following of Jesus according to the beatitudes, and allows the subversive memory of the friends of God and prophets of all ages and the hope of our communion with them to take centre stage.

In a particular way this is a day that celebrates the great host of "anonymous" whom the world counts as nobodies and whom the church, too, has lost track of but who are held in the embrace of God who loses not one. Canonized saints have their day on the calendar, but this is the day for everyone.

In a particular way, this day that remembers persons whose lives made a difference but who are otherwise not officially remarked becomes a day of celebration of women. It is not facetious but merely brings the present state of affairs to its logical conclusion to point out that since the official roster of saints names mostly men, simple arithmetic indicates that the majority of those celebrated on All Saints' Day are women.

This day also lifts up victims of injustice crushed by historical evil and in this way this feast is subversive. For while the murderers may have triumphed over their victims on earth, this remembrance of the suffering of those without a name affirms a future of the defeated thereby writing a different kind of history from that done from the perspective of unjust victors. The suffering is not erased, but noted and commended to God's care. A community that remembers in this way puts itself in alliance with the oppressed even now.

On this day we also remember those whom our hearts have personally known and loved, those who nourished and created us as human beings and those who helped us through rough times. This is our immediate cloud of witnesses, beloved faces held in living memory. The errors and failings may have affected us in deep ways; their

goodness, too, is intertwined with the fabric of our loves, leaving a deep imprint on the way we now vie for life in all its wholeness. If their death is recent, grief is fresh; but we dare to trust that Holy wisdom has not allowed them to perish but has received them into unimaginable life forever. Entrusted to God's mercy, these are *our* saints. A community that remembers in this way underscores the dignity and importance of every one of its members.

A community that keeps festival in this way unleashes liberating force by the power of the Spirit to critical and practical effect.

Excerpts from Friends of God and prophets by Elizabeth A. Johnson (used by permission)

News from the Romsey Uniting Church:

A short while ago the church arranged to have the pine trees on our western boundary removed. This was done as it was considered they were a fire danger and the property at the back of the church housed transport trucks and fuel.

When these trees were removed the amount of room they had taken up was amazing. We didn't envisage such a huge space.

We are now in the process of having a fence placed between the two properties and will arranged for landscaping to be done.

We will keep the community up to date on the progress of this project through the medium of the Romsey Rag.

Jeni Clampit

Services and activities during November

5th 9am. Worship and Sunday school
Service conducted by Rev. Adrian Pegler

12th 9am. Holy Communion and Sunday School
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LABATA Lancefield Business and Tourism Association

This month's meeting for LABATA was hosted by Mad Gallery on Tuesday 10th October. We were pleased to welcome two new faces, Lea and Brian Smart from Smart Bowen Therapy Clinic, who have joined the association in support of the town.

LABATA is seeking to support local businesses and have a shop local campaign and late night shopping for Christmas. A retail-traders sub-committee was formed to work quickly towards developing some strategies. Keep your eyes open when out and about in Lancefield for our upcoming events. Councillor Henry Bleeck was asked for clarification on footpath signage costs and trading hours that may affect local traders.

Kathy Preston (President) reported on Tourism Macedon Ranges and their new "Passport to Stay" campaign which was launched on the 16th of October. The "Passport to Stay" is a condensed pocket sized "booklet of offers" from businesses throughout the Macedon ranges, which will have a large print run and be distributed to all household throughout the Shire. Again, keep your eyes out for this special booklet which will arrive in your letterbox and is full of exciting offers. If you visit all 9 villages in the Shire and redeem one offer you can go into the draw for a major prize.

LABATA is looking to having joint meetings with other BATA committees in the near future. The next meeting of LABATA is to be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th November at Lancefield Old Bank B&B, 1 High Street Lancefield. All welcome.

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KINDER CORNER ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have embarked upon what is a busy time of the year for everyone. Summer is almost here and Christmas is just around the corner. The days seem to fly by and there is never enough time. Life can be very frantic at this time of the year. How grounding it is to see our young children in their pre-school setting, with their own simple and (mainly) happy agendas. Their uncomplicated enjoyment of life's simple pleasures, which doubles as learning disguised as play, is refreshing for us adults who too often get overwhelmed with the complexities of daily life. I know my own personal angst at probably being, yet again, disorganised with Christmas shopping will be tempered by the excitement of the festive spirit in my 5 year old as he constructs his Christmas themed creations at kinder!

Flying Bookworms Land At Kinder



On Tuesday 3rd October, the Flying Bookworm Theatre Group visited Romsey Kindergarten to give a performance to the 4-year-old kinder children. This highly regarded ensemble had the children captivated

with their costume changes and lively show. Audience participation was a feature, with the children confidently and enthusiastically becoming involved.



Kinder Goes to the Library

Sunny days saw the kinder children recently embark on a walking excursion to the Romsey Library that was much enjoyed. There was the opportunity for some craft activity as well as the important function of introducing children to the whole library concept. Add in the process of the walking excursion and one can see that the activity was educational (and fun) on several fronts.

Some Children Prepare To Leave

The 4-year-old kinder classes will be embarking on their final stage of transition to school this term. For those moving on to Romsey Primary School, they will soon be informed of their class teacher for next year as preps. They will spend time in their prep class setting with their prep classmates on several occasions before the end of this year. This almost ensures that the only tears on day 1 of school next year will be from the parents!

New Kinder Children Arrive

Thursday 16th November will be Orientation Day at Romsey Kindergarten. This is a day when next year's kinder children and their parents will meet their teachers and classmates in their classroom setting. Much preparation is involved leading up to this day. The teaching staff, bookkeeper and committee of management (especially the enrolment officer) work hard to ensure that orientation is rewarding for all involved.

Planning For Next Year

The kindergarten committee of management has already begun to think about next year by enthusiastically encouraging parents to become involved with the committee. This is an independent community-based committee of management. It is responsible for the entire management process of the kindergarten, and has all the responsibilities associated with running a small business. Policy development and revision, quality control, enrolment management, community interfacing as well as the traditional fundraising are all important roles of this committee. I invite anyone – **yes, that includes all of you Dads** - with a child enrolled over the next two years who is interested in becoming involved to contact Jenny Stillman (0412-349849) to discuss it further.

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HOUSE NEWS

Romsey Community House Inc.
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The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Neighbourhood House Inc. was held on Wednesday October 25th. It was attended by representatives from council, the local community and the Lions Club. In his report Chairperson Barney Healy outlined the activities of the committee over the previous year. He paid particular attention to the support received from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for the House as it now exists, and for its future as a part of the planned hub development in the Main Street. The generous support enjoyed by the House from the Romsey CFA and Romsey Primary School in providing venues for House activities was also acknowledged. A summary of the programmes undertaken was presented by Robyn Moore, and John Russell gave a brief overview of the House's financial position. Anne-Louise Lindner representing the Macedon Ranges Shire Council spoke briefly to the meeting, congratulating the committee on its efforts and reaffirming the support of the council in the future. On display were the concept drawings and plans for the hub development. This project is cause for great excitement for the future of the Community House. An election of a new committee was held with all of the old committee and some new members elected:

Chairperson: Barney Healy
Secretary: Karyn Gottschling
Treasurer: John Russell
Public Officer: Robyn Moore

Committee members; John Van Arkel, Lisa Weston, Louise Noel, Tony O'Dwyer, Karren Ruggeri, Heather Russell and Ged McLaughlin.

We welcome our new members Louise Noel, Ged McLaughlin and Heather Russell, and thank everyone for their passion and commitment to this important project. The evening concluded with a light supper in celebration of our achievements to date.

The Programmes We Currently Run Are:

- * Yoga on Wednesday nights at 7.45pm at Romsey Primary School —contact Kim Oliver on 5429 2134
- * Drop-In Craft Mornings every Friday at 10.30am at CFA Headquarters

RETURNING ON NOVEMBER 14TH (TUESDAY) Relaxation and meditation with Karren Ruggeri at 7.15 at Romsey Primary School

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



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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Our water shortage has taken up a significant percentage of news time lately. Our farmers are in drought. They are losing money because they cannot plant the crops that they need in order to survive. For many that are reliant on the land, this is a time of despair. It is even more despairing for some given how our society expects things instantly.

Times of drought are not a new problem. The story of Elijah in the Bible is one such example. It tells us that the land he was involved in was in severe drought for a number of years. Then after the people had sought out the Lord and prayed to him, the people were rewarded with much rain.

Another verse in the Bible says this, "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray

and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." God says He will heal the land if people turn to him. A suggestion was put to me recently about having a time where we as a community come together and seek God's healing of the land.

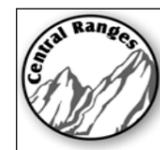
If anyone is interested in being part of such a gathering, then please contact me and I will endeavour to get something happening.

God has done much healing since the creation of our land, so I believe that He is able to heal our current water shortage in a manner that would blow us away.

That's the view from the vicarage this month.

Yours in Christ
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What's Happening To Our Town?

Do other readers find the recent spate of vandalism and crime in our town as disturbing as I do? We have a beautiful environment in Romsey, in which most of us take great pleasure and pride. So it is very annoying and frustrating to see that a few individuals choose to use their spare time and energies in destructive activities around the town. Presumably these people get some vicarious pleasure from this destruction, but I would like to issue a challenge to them by suggesting that their energies could be much more constructively used in helping our community, and just maybe they could discover that there is much more pleasure and satisfaction in doing something useful for someone else than in destroying a great rural environment.

Name and address supplied.

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 22nd November, 2006

Lancefield  Kindergarten

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Christmas House Decoration Competition

The Association invites you to join in their Christmas competition simply by decorating your home or business in a Christmas theme.

Competition categories will be.

- Best decorated house – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes.
- Best theme – 1st prize
- Best illuminated window – 1st prize.
- Best decorated business – 1st prize

A change to this year's competition is that no entry form is required so to participate just decorate your house or business.

Entry is restricted to Romsey Region only.

Secretary
Ron Cole 54295411



ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 3434 or
Research Enquiries to: P.O. Box 101 Lancefield 3435

Romsey History Book—Now Half Price

This excellent, hard-cover, 312 page book, published in 2004 by West Bourke Books, is now selling at half-price for \$25! We thank Peter Mitchell and his team at West Bourke for kindly remaindering the book to the benefit of the Historical Society. It is very much appreciated.

Books may be obtained from Jean Clement, Tel: 5429 6522, or by post (add \$10 P&P) from PO Box 11, Romsey 3434. The books are also available on Open Days at Lancefield Court House Museum (1st Sundays, 1.30-4.30pm) or Seymour Cottage (3rd Sundays, 1.30-4.30pm)

Romsey –Lancefield Avenue of Trees –COME ON, REDBACKS!

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A.G.M—Tues 28 Nov 7.30pm at Seymour Cottage. Agenda includes changes to constitution



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Bowen Therapy Comes To Lancefield

Business Profile

SMART BOWEN® Therapy, one of Australia's leading Bowen Therapy schools has relocated its offices to Lancefield, and opened a Bowen Therapy clinic at 30 High Street. Brian Smart formerly of Kangaroo Island SA and Lea Smart formerly of Margaret River WA came together in 2003 and moved to Queensland. Whilst enjoying their time there they both longed for a cooler climate, rural landscape and town that they could grow and become involved with on a more personal level that was reflective of their previous earlier homes. Brian and Lea are both very experienced therapists, who offer a range of Bowen Therapy and other services, treating people, horses, pets & other animals.

Bowen Therapy is applied in a series of specific 'Bowen moves' made over key positions on the muscles, ligaments, tendons and connective tissue of the body. Bowen empowers the body's own healing resources, effectively treating muscular/skeletal problems whether acute or chronic. It is safe to use on the elderly or young, achieving balance and harmony, resulting in fast, effective and lasting relief from pain and discomfort.

Brian Smart, the founder of SMART BOWEN®, learnt the 'Bowen Technique', 14 years ago, which is based on the work of the late Tom Bowen of Geelong and Lea Smart originally trained with Brian & other Bowen schools 6 years ago. After many years of clinical, field practice and trials of new techniques, Brian and his wife Lea have further developed and made many advances in the technique.

Brian, a former ambulance officer, sports trainer and massage therapist has a strong history of 30 years in human health work, and instructs the people training programs.

Lea has over 25 years experience as an animal technician/veterinary nurse and former equine massage/trigger point therapist. Lea draws on her wealth of knowledge and experience in these fields and now specializes in instructing the animal programs and treating horses, pets and other animals as well as treating people.

The Smart Bowen Therapy - Lancefield clinic is open on Monday and Wednesday, 10am–7pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am – 5pm. Weekends/After Hours by appointment only. For appointments Ph: 54292010.



St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey

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

Parish Priest: Fr. George O'Connor
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Frances Guinane
School Principal: Mr. Anthony Falls

Presbytery: 5429 2130
Convent: 5429 1582
School: 5429 1359

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 7.00 p.m. Lancefield

1st, & 3rd Sunday of the month:

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

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

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

RECONCILIATION

After weekday Mass or by arrangement.

BAPTISMS

February, April, June, August, October, December.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Centenary Mass and BBQ

It is hoped that many will return to the celebration of our Centenary with Mass and a BBQ lunch. Bishop Connors will celebrate the Mass. All welcome to attend.

Date: Sunday, 5th November

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: St. Mary's Church, Romsey

Display of Photos and Memorabilia

There will be a display of photos and memorabilia for one week prior to the Centenary Mass and BBQ.

Dates: Sunday 29th to Sunday, 5th November

Times: * Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

* Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey

Ecumenical Carol Service

The combined Prayer & Carol Service this year will be held on **Sunday, 3rd December at 7.00 p.m.** in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. All welcome.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After 14 years of serving our Catholic Parish in Lancefield/Romsey, our Pastoral Associate Sr. Frances will be taking up a new ministry in East Melbourne. So many have got to know Sr. Frances and will miss her in our community. God bless her and may she continue her good work in her new role.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School Camp: The Year 5 and 6 students spent last Wednesday – Friday on camp. The activities included a visit to Werribee Zoo, Melbourne Aquamarine and the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre; this was only the first day. We stayed at Sunnystones Country Retreat in Bacchus Marsh. Other activities included a bush walk, survival games and a ropes course. Congratulations to the students on the teamwork and support they displayed at camp. Thank you to the staff who attended and the support they gave the children. It was certainly very busy and worthwhile.



Drive-In Movie and Fireworks

Movie: The Ant Bully

Date: Saturday, 11th November

Venue: Lancefield Oval

Cost: \$35.00 per car

For more information, please phone 5429 2258.

BINGO!!

Every Thursday evening

St. Mary's Church Hall at Romsey

Doors Open

7.00 p.m.

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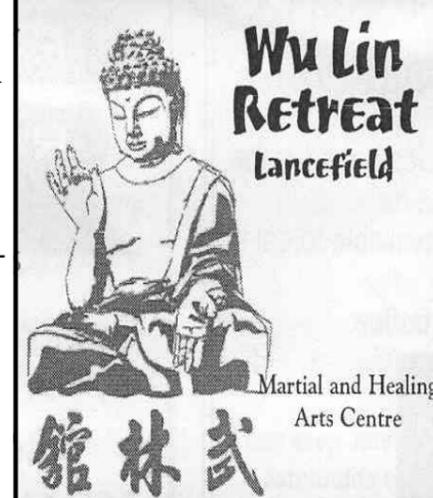
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**ROMSEY
LANCEFIELD
PROBUS CLUB**

Activities: October to December 2006

This will be our last News and Activity information article for 2006. and planning for 2007 has already started.

For **October** we had a lunch outing to the Wandong Australiana and for **November** we are out for the whole day in a comfortable coach. First to visit Harcourt for the fully guided Butterfly Sanctuary, the Orchid Show and the Display Garden. After lunch in the restaurant we go on another guided tour through the Buda Gardens and Homestead in Castlemaine and will continue on to The Chocolate Factory.

In December we have the 'End of Year Breakup Party'.

We have fortnightly Ten Pin Bowling mornings. You don't have to be good to take part as we are all very inconsistent and the scores are not the most important thing, **Having Fun Is!!!**

We also have a music afternoon once a month for the music lovers. Every Friday morning we enjoy morning coffee at the local coffee houses in Romsey and Lancefield.

Our guest speaker for September was Jean Buist (one of our members) who showed pictures of the great tours she and her husband had in France and on a boat trip from Amsterdam to Budapest and beyond. It was a most interesting.

Probus is a fun club comprised of people who have retired, partly retired and those about to retire. Our next club meeting is November 23rd (4th Thursday of any month, 10.00am in St Mary's Hall) For further information Ring Geoff or Alice 5429 6567



WEEKEND YOGA AT WU LIN RETREAT

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When
10.00am 2 Dec to
2.00pm 3 Dec 2006

Where
Wu Lin Retreat
47 Sherwood Court, Lancefield
4.5 kilometers north past Lancefield on the Toorabac Road

Cost
Full package: \$250 + GST per person

Saturday (lunch and dinner): \$102 +GST

Sunday (lunch): \$72 + GST

Bookings/Enquiries

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Yes, it's official. Winter is over and summer will be here before we know it. Now is the ideal time to prepare for the summer fire season. We haven't had very much rain this year. If this trend continues well into spring we could be in for an early fire danger season.

So be prepared. Take a walk around your property now and make a check list of tasks to be completed in preparation for the fire danger period.

SPRING CLEANING CHECK LIST

- ❖ Remove or burn any accumulated rubbish. Now is a good time for a controlled fire, when you can appreciate the glow of the fire and the warmth of the flames. However, please remember to check with the appropriate authorities first, before you light any fires.
- ❖ Tidy the yard. Small piles of combustibles lying around the yard could result in buildings burning in a bushfire.
- ❖ Check your survival equipment. Is everything in good working order?
- ❖ Have a practice run through your fire drill.

- ❖ Review your emergency plan.
- ❖ Have you thought of your animals? You need an emergency plan for your farm stock as well your domestic animals and pets. Remember, animals can be difficult to handle when a fire threatens.
- ❖ Is there room for a fire truck at your house? Fire trucks need more room to turn and manoeuvre than the family car. If we are to assist in a time of need we need plenty of room to be able to access your property.
- ❖ Can we find you? Is the number of your house or property clearly visible from the road? Make sure that the number is on your letter box or near the front gate and is angled so that it can be clearly seen from both directions.

This is not the definitive list of things to check before the fire danger period, but it is a good beginning.

Check with your local brigade if you need advice on any of these or other issues, or if you have any question to which you need an answer.

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Hesket P. S. 2006 Concert "Around The World."

Hello, Pietro and Luke here writing about our school concert. One of the best things at Hesket is the School Concert. It is always in third term so during that term we do lots of singing, dancing and acting. Third term is a term of rehearsing and laughter. We have a whole school practice on one afternoon of each week. This really helps get the concert going and it is a good way for the new kids and the Preps to see just what goes on during the concert. In the past we have had to do most of our practice outside in the undercover area. Sometimes it was really cold and on wet days it was not much fun. This year we got a new portable and it is great. We could use the Gr 2 room for a lot of our practice; it was dry and just as big as the stage in Romsey where we have the concert. On good days we still had practice in the under cover area.



The grade 5/6's made most of their own backdrops.



Beth and Faye, our pirates

On the concert day we go to the hall for a final practice and to prepare the stage and the seating. We have a Fish & Chips lunch and have a great time doing all the acts and getting our costumes sorted out. Each class does two acts, there are the whole school opening and closing acts, the Ensemble always plays, the ensemble kids really love it, getting all the instruments on to the stage can be hard, but we've been doing it for a long time and all the mums and dads understand, even when the keys fall off one of the marimbas while the curtains are still closed! There are some skipping acts, the drummers play, there are some little acts the kids make up on their own and Mr L always does something, this year he came on dressed in a kilt playing the bagpipes. It was a great way to start the night.

On the night the teachers went crazy sorting out costume and getting the acts ready to go on. The closing act, "I've Been Around The World and "So Long, Goodbye" were fantastic. We had kids in pirate outfits and all sorts of strange costumes as well as airhostesses and pilots. It was one of the best of the concerts. All the parents cheered, clapped and whistled.



BUTTLEJORRK INC.

Buttlejorrk Annual Exhibition

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BUTTLEJORRK INC.

Buttlejorrk History
Established 1979

Buttlejorrk originated as a group of potters from the Macedon Ranges who exhibited together bi-annually.

The artists diversified into other mediums and so began the present group of mixed media artists.

Buttlejorrk Artists Today

A group of twenty-five, diverse practising professional artists in ceramics, jewellery, painting, sculpture textiles and woodwork.

Members exhibit annually in the Macedon Ranges and several members teach and exhibit nationally and internationally.

Members are invited to join the group based on the standard of excellence of their work and presentation folio.

Buttlejorrk Artists
P O Box 604
Gisborne Vic 3437

Group for mothers and grandmothers:

Orana family Services will be running a weekly group for mothers and grandmothers caring for children under 6 years of age. Come meet new people, share experiences, skills and stories over a cuppa. Topics include self-care, nutrition, skill-sharing, relaxation. Runs on Wednesdays during school term, 13.30-15.00pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church Hall, 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne. Gold coin donation. Children welcome.

Free Confident Parenting Course:

Orana Family Services invites all parents of children aged 0-6 to join us for a six-session parenting program. Topics covered include being a responsive parent, encouraging positive attachment, managing tantrums and misbehaviour, promoting children's language and development. Commences Wednesday October 4 -November 8, 10.30am -12.30pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church Hall, 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne. Childcare provided if necessary. Details and bookings: Nadine, 9302 2700.

Australia Day Award



Macedon Ranges Shire Council together with the Living Word Christian Church are sponsoring an Australian Day Celebration.

• Recognition award for Community Group

• Fun & Games for the family

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Media Release

*Sandra Taggart, a Macedon Ranges Cancer Survivor
Urges Locals to Support Relay For Life*



Local resident Sandra Taggart is urging people to become involved in the Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life which will be held on the weekend of March 3rd and 4th next year.

"Having survived Stage 2 Breast Cancer diagnosis in July 2002, I know how important it is to support The Cancer Council Victoria through Relay For Life," says Sandra, a long time resident of Lancefield, now of Romsey. "Only 70 years ago cancer was considered a death sentence, but I'm living proof this is no longer the case. The annual Relay For Life is a chance to give back and make sure advances continue to be made."

The Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life is an overnight event which begins at 3PM on Saturday March 3rd next year and concludes at 10 AM the following day. During this time, teams of ten or more will take turns to keep a baton moving around the track located in the football oval within the magnificent setting of Lancefield Park.

"Since 2002 our active and concerned community has contributed over \$400,000 to the fight against cancer with four Relays, the aim is to increase the figure to \$500,000 after the Relay in March 2007" Sandra said.

Funds are directed toward ongoing, world class cancer research, they help develop numerous programs to educate Victorians on cancer risks and ways of preventing cancer and are used in support services for those affected by cancer, all of which benefit local communities such as ours directly and Victorians as a whole.

"I think friends and family can sometimes feel a bit helpless when supporting a loved one with their cancer fight," says Sandra. "The Relay offers comfort on many fronts and participation in raising funds by forming a team to take part in the event is a great way to make a difference."

As well as the baton relay, the 2007 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life will feature local entertainers and a variety of musical performances from local schools. There will also be opportunities to remember loved ones lost and celebrate local triumphs over cancer through the Relay For Life Survivors Walk, which sees carers and cancer survivors join together in the ceremonial first lap around the football oval at Lancefield Park. The lives of cancer survivors and loved ones who have lost their cancer fight will also be remembered at the moving, dusk Candlelight Ceremony, with participants writing messages of love on hundreds of candle bags which will light the track through the night.

To register your team or to take part in the 2007 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life next March 3rd and 4th, contact Judy on 54291587, Robyn on 5423 7317 or the Cancer Council Victoria's hotline 1300 65 65 85, or visit www.relayforlife.org.au

2007 Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay For Life Media Rep:

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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.



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