

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results for this month

Wed 29th April Foursomes L. Robb & B. Cole 35pts
Wed 4th May Stroke L. Beasley (29) 74 net
Wed 12th May Stableford L. Beasley (29) 38pts
Wed 20th May Par L. Beasley (29) square

This month I have been kept busy doing count backs as results have been close. Well done to Leila on her good results this month.

May 7th saw Lorraine, Jan and I travel to Seymour for their bowl and Thursday 13th May Lorraine Hilda and I played in the Yea bowl. The weather continues to be fine and sunny; needless to say we are looking forward to getting out the wet weather gear. Our course is in good condition and after the drizzle last week is greening up again. The greens have been maintained in excellent condition with the birds so far only doing marginal damage.

The next clinic with Beau has been organised for Saturday 27th June. The clinic is for new and experienced players, juniors and adults. 9.30ish for a 10am start. Please ring me for any more information and still turn up even if the weather is not kind that day as we can do some indoor activities.

This month we have celebrated four birthdays with

mine being a big "0". The girls managed to give me a surprise lunch. I must be pretty gullible as I was completely unaware of any whisperings or planning which must have been going on for a couple of weeks prior. Thank you to all involved and everyone for coming I enjoyed the day and am still in celebration mode as my birthday is lasting all year.

Recipe for this month.

Honeyed Chicken

1/4 cup of each: honey, Soy sauce, Char Siu sauce (Chinese Barbecue)
2-3 cloves of garlic
1 Tablespoon finely chopped ginger
6-10 Chicken drumsticks or wings

Mix all liquid ingredients then chicken. Place in a sealed container and refrigerate, preferably overnight. Line baking dish with heavy foil. Place all ingredients on foil.

Place on middle oven shelf on a medium heat for 40-60 min.

Turn chicken regularly to ensure marinade does not burn.

Enjoy!

Sesame Seeds can be sprinkled on prior to eating.

Beryl Cole
54295411

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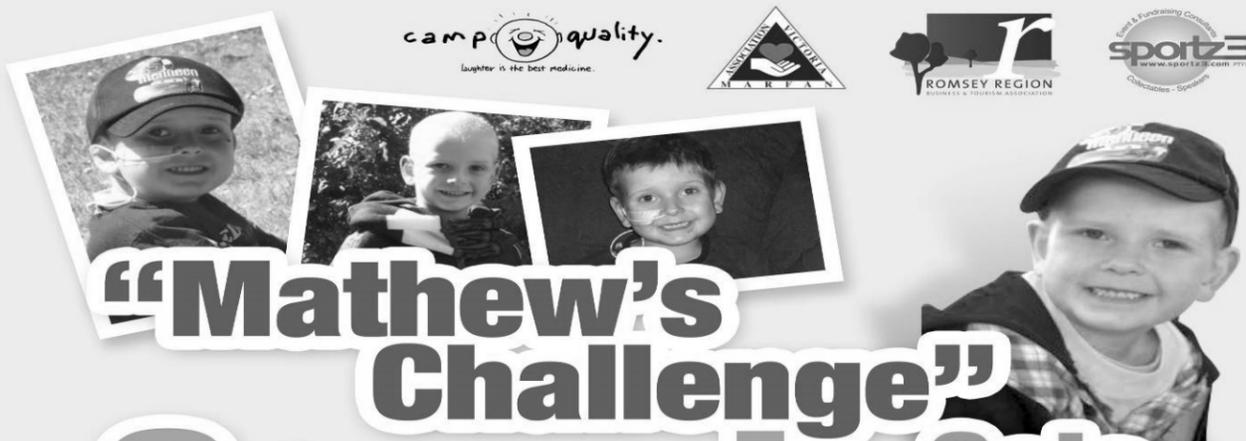
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State Budget delivers for the Macedon Ranges

This year's State Budget brings some great news for our region with increased funding for local schools and our emergency services.

The highlights include \$6 million from the State Government to upgrade Gisborne Secondary College. The College will now provide more educational opportunities and resources for our young people by constructing new food technology kitchens, a Science Learning Centre comprising of three Science Labs and a Science IT Room as well as a new canteen and senior student lounge.

I'm also pleased to announce that the historic Mount Macedon Primary School will be upgraded in the next financial year, and Gisborne and Romsey Primary Schools will also be upgraded through the Labor Federal Government's *21st Century Library and Learning Neighbourhood* program.

In recognition of the essential role that emergency services play in our community, the Romsey CFA will receive a replacement Light Pumper Truck and Gisborne and Woodend SES will receive new Road Crash Rescue kits to increase assistance at car accidents. The Budget also includes a new police station for Riddells Creek.

To improve rail services along the Bendigo Line, the State Government is also spending \$204.6 million to start the process of electrifying the Sydenham Line to Sunbury. This project will increase the capacity and reliability of the service between Sunbury and Sydenham which will in turn improve the service along the whole of the Bendigo Line.

Overall, the Brumby Labor Government is investing in our schools, hospitals, public transport and community services to ensure our local infrastructure meets the growing needs of our community while providing opportunities for local jobs in this difficult economic climate.

Warm regards,
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REFLECTIONS continued—by Jan VanArkel

KNOWLEDGE only comes in time and experience.

Eventually I joined the bank as well. Six month later we moved to Melbourne to save four-hourly travel six days a week, as the banks were also open on Saturdays mornings. We lived in rented accommodation for four years. In the meantime we bought a large block of land in Pascoe Vale. It took me a year to build our house. When we moved in our first child was on the way. This made me think about the future. I decided to do an accountancy course at the R.M.I.T. For this I had to do HSC-English first.

Five years later I graduated. On the last class day the lecturer called the students together. He started with the question: "Did you ever hear me say 'I know'?"

He then gave us each a paper with the words:

The beginning of knowledge is to confess ignorance and only a fool says 'I know'

A new episode of my life began. Of course, with the graduation papers in my pocket I now knew everything there was to know about business, or so I thought. I quickly found that the **real learning was only beginning**. What you were never taught was about people, who they were and how they reacted to adverse conditions.

To run an efficient organisation seven critical elements are needed: (1) the ability to **communicate** up and down the line. (2) To gain the **trust** of people and prove to be worthy of it. (3) The ability to **discuss, negotiate** without creating a disturbance. (4) The ability to **listen**. (5) Always be **positive**. (6) People need to be active, **boredom** destroys enthusiasm. (7) Do not use **fear**. It took many years to learn. These seven elements became my platform.

I started as a junior auditor and ended as a senior auditor and found to my horror that people were scared of auditors. I had to change that fear and used elements of my platform.

I left auditing and became a company accountant, then a systems analyst with a special task force with a large car manufacturer working in the section re-writing the company manual to bring some uniformity with the international sister companies. The next position was as company secretary in a large-scale shipping and container-handling organisation.

The company had to start from scratch; there were no cranes, no wharves and only two promising companies as clients. Everything was on drawing boards. Ships were in the early building stages and would not be completed for two years. I became involved in negotiations with prospective clients internationally as well as negotiating with the unions on the wharves and stores. At least once a week I set down to talk to fellow executives, management staff on the wharves and staff in the office.

I learned to talk, negotiate and sort out problems with the unions and ship owners from different countries. It was a whole new ballgame. I kept the teams going using the seven elements. On leaving the company the Boards complimented me in writing of that fact.

If some of what I said so far makes you angry, I am sorry. Take it out on me.
To be continued in REFLECTIONS 3.

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Monday 29th June
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World Café Forum

Living Well - Ageing Even Better

Following on from a series of community consultations across the Shire, the emerging themes and ideas from the community and service providers will be explored at these World Café Forums.

Please give us just a couple hours of your time to tell us what you think works and what more needs to be done to age well in our community.



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World Café Forum—Living Well Ageing Even Better

Do you know if you are a female aged 60 you have a better than even money chance of living to 80?

Ageing well involves many factors including housing, transport, health services and the community you live in.

Speaker:
Roland Naufel will discuss ageing well and how it applies to the Macedon Shire Health Providers approach to Ageing Well. In a thought provoking session, Roland will highlight how many overseas communities are finding their own answers to living well as we grow older.

Roland was CEO of one of Australia's largest aged care organisations when he realized that we need to fundamentally change our approach to growing older. Roland's talk will focus on the best of international practice and ideas for what he calls the four C's of ageing well:

Choose: to live well
Contribute: do something
Connect: social and spiritual
Control: keep it!

World Café - World Café is a process that seeks to create conversations that matter. It has been used with great success with professionals and community members by many large and small organisations in the government, private and not profit sectors.

You will also be asked to share your ideas for living a long and happy life and how they might apply to you. We need you to help us know what to do to ensure your community supports you to *live well and age even better*.

News from Riddells Creek Montessori Pre-school

Does your child turn 3 this year? Unlike many kindergartens, the Macedon Ranges Montessori Pre-school at Riddells Creek is able to welcome children from their third birthday, and is currently accepting new enrolments.

The new Extended Hours Session, on a Friday until 2.15pm, has proved very popular. The children bring a packed lunch, which is of great excitement, and continue to enjoy pre-school activities into the afternoon. It is anticipated that this will be added to the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions by the end of the term.

The focus this term is on 'People in the Community and how they help us'. This will mean some special outings and visits for the children: a visit from a local hairdresser; a trip to the Fire Station; a friendly visit by the Police; and an outing to the Post Office, where the children will post a letter to themselves for the postman to deliver back to them.

The children had lots of fun at our recent 'Grandparents Session', where they gave their Grandparents a guided tour of the pre-school and showed off some of their work and activities. Also, the 'Mother's Day Treat' session allowed the children to pamper their Mum and make them feel extra special. Thanks kids.

The pre-school is still taking enrolments and offers a kindergarten program for 3 to 5 year olds during 3 morning sessions per week on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Sessions start at 9.15am. A playgroup is also run at the school for 2 to 3 year olds on a Wednesday from 9.30am to 11am.

To arrange a tour of the pre-school or receive a Scholarship Application form please phone 5428 6376 or email macedon.ranges.montessori.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or visit our new website

Not On My Watch

The Romsey Outline Development Plan (ODP) formulates Romsey's growth & direction until 2021 and beyond.



The recent public consultation period for the Romsey ODP closes on 5th June and to date the feedback received has been excellent, well done. A public meeting was organised by residents on 21st May and approximately 100 attended. Two senior council planners voluntarily conducted a presentation of the ODP outlining its history, current status and future steps.

The two main areas of concern were the proposed location of the industrial park on Barry St and the proposed rezoning of residential properties to "Business4" on the Melbourne side of the Mobil service station. Opposition to both of these elements of the plan was unanimous. The meeting was a success and my thanks goes to the Mayor, Cr John Letchford and Cr Roger Jukes who attended, those who gave up their time to organise and facilitate the meeting and those residents who made their voices heard.

The next step in the process is a further revision of the document which will take into account your comments and submissions.

The feedback I have received has been consistent with the sentiment expressed at this meeting, Romsey does not want heavy industrial traffic routed through the centre of town.

Not on my watch.

Cr Henry McLaughlin
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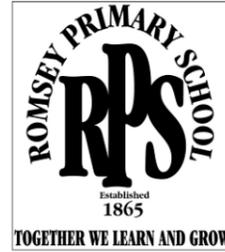
Romsey Primary School

The Chooks are Here!



After many working bees, finally the Chook Shed is finished, fox proofed and ready for use. Last week we welcomed to our five new members of Romsey Primary School, HENrietta, YOKO Ono, Audrey HENburn, Omlette and Scrambled, our five new chooks. Each class is rostered to have a week to look after the chooks which will involve feeding them pellets and compost (from the classrooms) and making sure their house is clean and tidy and that they have fresh water each day. They have settled in well and we have collected three eggs so far. These will be used in

the Kitchen Garden Program or if we have excess they will be sold.



Peer Mediation



Congratulations to the 24 students from the senior unit who trained as Peer Mediators on Friday with Mrs Ellis and Miss Romaszko. The students went through an intensive training program and learnt many valuable strategies for conflict resolution. Role playing a range of scenarios helped the group to work through the 6 step process of mediation. The mediators have not only learnt skills to help them resolve their own problems but also will be in the playground to help their peers to find solutions for their problems.

Classroom Helpers Program

We have a new group of parents and grandparents who have completed the Classroom Helpers Program. This is a four week course lead by Jo Emond and Doug Scale, which assists parents to support their children's learning either in the classroom or at home. Initially parents saw a video about the digital learning revolution and how education has changed since they were at school. The program has four sessions, Speaking & Listening, Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Along with a teacher presentation there were plenty of opportunities to explore and discuss their perceptions and how education is changing. Parents were encouraged to visit classrooms during the program and we facilitated a visit to a Year 6 class to see the "1 to 1 learning" where each student has a Netbook. This is a highly effective tool for students as learning can occur at anytime, anywhere, at school or at home.

Education Week

At our Open Day last week a large numbers of parents enjoyed the opportunity to visit their childrens' classrooms. Students were engaged in a range of Literacy and Numeracy activities. Of particular interest to parents is how the Interactive Whiteboards work and how students confidently use them to demonstrate their learning. In Performing Arts students were moving to piano cues and in Visual Arts students were making colourful masks. During Physical Education students were busily practising their skipping skills in readiness for Jump Rope for Heart, to be held on 11th June. Students will be raising money for the Heart Foundation on this day.



Our preps are currently studying Australian animals as their class theme. These are a selection of their drawings of some of our iconic creatures.

You are invited to visit the neighbours

On the Queen's Birthday weekend 6, 7, 8 June

For three days over the Queen's Birthday Weekend, community groups and tourism businesses in and around Heathcote are offering special attractions that include wine, food, music, art, history, and natural attractions.

For those in Romsey and Lancefield, Heathcote is just a short drive north. From Romsey through Lancefield take the Lancefield Tooborac Rd, one of the most picturesque drives in the state. You enter the Heathcote region at Tooborac where you'll find two wineries plus a hotel with a boutique brewery. Bring your camera!



Or, take the Burke & Wills Track just north of Lancefield and you'll meet up with the Kyneton Heathcote Rd at Mia Mia. Turn left towards Kyneton, cross the historic Redesdale-Mia Mia bridge and continue down the road to Kyneton Olive Oil where you'll find not only olive oil, olives and tapenades but also several winemakers showcasing their wines, cooking demonstrations, and a gourmet wine dinner on Saturday evening. On the way to Heathcote, stop at 'The Redesdale' and take a petanque lesson.

The Heathcote community groups involved in 'Heathcote on Show' include the Golf Club where you can share a round with kangaroos, the Bowling Club which welcomes visitors, the Heathcote Artists Group which has an exhibition in the RSL Hall in High St, the Lions Club Bush Market on Saturday morning at Barrack Oval and the Heathcote Historical Society which has an exhibition at the Old Gaol. You can also join the members of the Heathcote Film Group at screenings on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tourism businesses are offering special lunches and dinners, there's music at four venues, art exhibitions at four places, a tasting of international beers, a vintage wine auction, several vertical wine tastings, with discounts of up to 30 percent at some wineries. Add to this the natural attractions of Heathcote including the Pink Cliffs Geological reserve, mining relics and the Heathcote Graytown National Park – and there's something for everyone. Full program details with contact details for all bookings are at www.heathcote.org.au, you can collect a program at the Visitor Information Centre, or you can call the visitor Information Centre on 5433 3121.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday:

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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.

YOUTH MASS

There will be a Youth Mass at the 10 am Mass on Sunday 7th June at Romsey. In order to practice singing and the music, there will be practices in the Romsey Church at 4.30 pm on Fridays. Please bring any instruments you may play. Please encourage young people to be aware of and to join in these occasions.

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2 at St. Mary's has begun with a flurry. The students are busy in and out of the classroom. Most year levels are focusing on Science this term, in particular transformation. They are experimenting with chemical change and looking at how things can transform from one state to another.

Several of our families attended the ANZAC Day ceremony at Romsey. A special thank you to Erin Mitchell, Amy Frost and Zane Stevenson, who as a sign of respect, placed a wreath on behalf of St Mary's community.

During the week beginning Monday 4th April, the Catholic Education Office along with Catholic schools celebrated family life. We recognised the importance and value of families. On the Friday he had planned to walk to Lancefield Park to eat lunch. Due to the weather we remained at school and participated in activities in Prep-6 groupings. It was fantastic to see so many families join their children for a shared lunch.

Enrolments for 2010 year prep have been open since last term. Please ring the office if you have an enquiry. If you were unable to make it on the Open Day please phone the school to make alternate arrangements. With new buildings going ahead later in the year, St. Mary's will be an exciting place, abuzz with activity and growth.

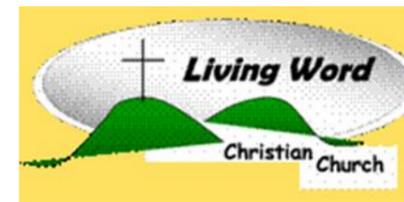
Our year 5 and 6 students were involved in a golf clinic run by Vic Golf earlier in the term. Tony Paige taught the students to chip and John Rebbeci from the Lancefield Golf club came along to encourage the students to consider golf as a sport. Congratulations to Aaron Tame who competed in the Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association Swimming championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Monday. Some year 5 and 6 students traveled to Essendon on the 4th May to take part in the **Interschool Social Justice Conference**. We joined students from 10 other schools to explore social justice issues such as poverty, equality and human rights. The conference aimed to encourage our students to become ambassadors for social justice within their schools, knowing they can make a difference. The students heard the real life stories of 2 children from the Philippines. The organisation is called Bahay Tuluyan. Their aim is to educate and provide for children in need in the Philippines. They will visit our school later in May.

The grade 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 17th May. We ask God to bless and care for the students and their families.

On Tuesday the 5th of May 29 children from Grades 3 to 6 travelled to Hanging Rock to represent St. Mary's in the CDSSA Cross Country Championships. All of the children who participated gave it their all and we are proud of every one of them. A number of students placed in the top ten in their events including Jack and Tara O'Sullivan, Victoria Meyer, Jude Taylor, Alan Sinclair and Nicholas Zaharakis.

Of these children Jack, Tara, Victoria, Jude and Alan all made it through to the Loddon Campaspe Zone Cross Country Championships at the Bendigo Jockey Club on Wednesday, May 27th. Congratulations once again to those who proceed to zone finals and to all those who participated.

Please remember to contact the school office on 5429 1359 with any enrolment queries.

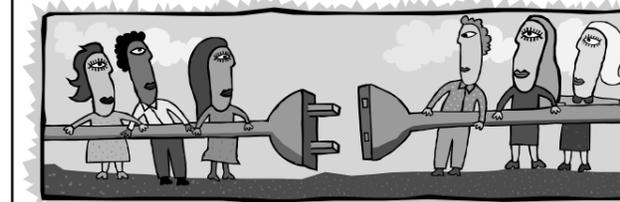


Living Word Christian Church (LWCC) GROWING GREAT COMMUNITIES BY GROWING GREAT PEOPLE

I feel God stirring my heart about our connections. Who are you connected with? Who do you learn from? Who speaks into your life? Who influences you?

Our connections can make the difference between life and death. Many times we place ourselves in environments and situations that drain us and pollute our souls. We need to be intentional about making right connections.

We need to be connected to God. This is always our first priority and it is also our greatest privilege in life. We are connected to Him at the moment of salvation but we must ensure we stay connected and in tune with Him every moment of every day. We also need to be connected to great people. You have the ability to choose your friends. The Bible gives us some good advice about making friends: A person who has friends (wants friends) must be friendly himself. Don't wait for friends to come along; initiate. When you see someone who inspires you, uplifts you and encourages you, initiate a coffee.



Make time to sit with someone older and wiser; make a connection with someone you can learn from. Be proactive. Be intentional. Cut off from negative influences and stay connected to God and people that will be a blessing to you.

Blessings,

Living Word Christian Church Regular Sunday Service Times:

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6pm - Woodend Community Centre,
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Probus is a mixed club for men and women. There is a guest speaker at each meeting. We have an outing on the third Wednesday of the month. (Either a trip or luncheon)

We also have coffee mornings and musical afternoons.

Persons interested in this club and those who wish to have more information please contact the President or Secretary at the above phone numbers.

Our Guest Speaker at our May meeting was Mike Ringham – Test Cricket Scorer

On May 20th we celebrated our 9th Birthday with lunch at the Lancefield Nursery Café. The food was very nice, well presented and the service was excellent. A great place for a meal.

Coffee Mornings for June—Abitta Red Café, Romsey

Our outing for June is a steam train journey -Castlemaine to Maldon, Wednesday 17th June.

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Time: 7pm – 7.30pm start
Venue: The Grange (CentreVic Motel)
Lancefield (Melbourne-Lancefield Road)
Cost: \$35 per person with drinks at bar prices
Dress: After 5



RSVP: 27th June 2009
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- **Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)**
- **Your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.**

Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school. If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

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DVD Review

Cranford



Cranford in the 1840s is a small northern English town on the cusp of change. The railway is pushing its way relentlessly towards the town, bringing fears of migrant workers and the breakdown of law and order. This lavish BBC period drama is based on three of Elizabeth Gaskell's novels. There are superb performances from a spectacular cast. The costumes and settings are beautifully detailed and authentic. The social concerns of the time are reflected in the plot and there is great affection for the finely observed characters even at their most ridiculous. It's moving, very funny and wholly satisfying.

Book Review – Non-Fiction

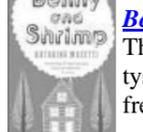
Planet Cake by Paris Cutler



This beautiful and contemporary cake-decorating book is set out in the style of a cooking course, working from learning how to make and decorate the simplest of cupcakes to the creation of stunning, elaborate cakes. Every single cake is beautifully photographed and explained step-by-step, enhanced by coloured illustrations and photos.

Even if you are not into elaborate cake decorating this book is lovely to look at with tips you can use even for the most basic of cake decoration.

Book Review – Fiction



Benny and Shrimp by Katarina Mazetti

This quirky, down-to-earth love story of two thirtysomethings who are totally chalk and cheese is refreshingly light to read and becomes slightly addic-

tive. Desiree is a widow; she works as a librarian and loves the urban lifestyle. Benny is a bachelor farmer. They meet in the cemetery where Desiree contemplates her late husband's austere gravestone, and Benny lovingly tends his parents' rather over the top plastic garden tomb.

Told in alternating short chapters from Benny and Shrimp's points of views, (Shrimp is Benny's nickname for Desiree), we get their individual takes on the progress in their relationship. A best seller in Sweden.

Book Review – Teen Fiction

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare



In a book slump after reading Twilight? Nothing compare to the Story of Edward and Bella? Try *City of Bones* which is the first book in the trilogy *The Mortal Instruments!* This story had everything I was looking for. A Teen urban fantasy with adventure, supernatural and of course forbidden love. This book is a definitely worth your time and if you loved the twilight series, then I know you will love this trilogy.

Magazine Review

MiNDFOOD editor-in-chief Michael McHugh



Editor-in-chief McHugh is known for launching *Delicious* magazine and creating *Notebook* magazine. MiNDFOOD covers beauty, fashion, home, news, photography, travel, cars, puzzles, culture and health – all with an environmental and social conscience. The benefit of the mag's wide scope is that after you've read it, you feel far more in-

formed - it's like an overview of everything you can see/do/eat/know.

Romsey Uniting Church

Pohlman Street, Romsey. 3434

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 Church Council Chairperson: Noel Shaw - 5429 5509
 Secretary: Jeni Clampit - 5429 5480



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

Activities in June:

On Wednesday, June 10th the Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship is holding their "Winter Luncheon". Our Guest Speakers on that day will be Rev. Dr. John Smith and members of the Christian Motorcycle Club from 'God's Squad'. See advertisement in the Rag.

Dr John Smith is Founding Director of Concern Australia (a social justice and welfare organisation based in Melbourne - and the International and Founding President of God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club which has now been operating in Melbourne for 37 years and is also located in New Zealand, United Kingdom, Norway, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, USA, Italy and the Ukraine.

John is an author, a cultural anthropologist, a most challenging business speaker, a teacher and lecturer, a biker, a defender of the poor and marginalised, a lover of jazz and blues music, a gifted evangelist, an elder of the radical Discipleship Movement, and a prominent social communicator.

John is Superintendent of St Martin's Community Church in the inner city Melbourne suburb of Collingwood which seeks to meaningfully communicate and contextualise the message of the Gospel and a Christian worldview to the holistic needs of all, especially those who feel alienated or outside the influence of other churches.

Concern Australia, is a well established Christian mission and welfare organisation helping change lives by responding to physical, relational and spiritual needs of marginalised and disadvantaged people (especially youth) through love, justice, mercy and compassion.

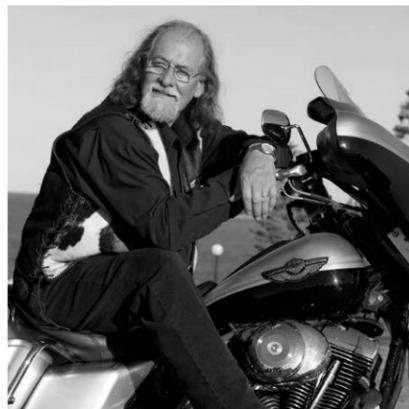
Background Information:

God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club was established in the late 1960's in Sydney, Australia and founded on a broader basis, under the leadership of John Smith, in Melbourne 1972, where the club colours have been flown ever since. Since its birth, out of the counter culture Jesus movement days of the late 60's it has continued, over three decades, to devote its efforts amongst those on the fringes of society.

Hand Brake Turn gives at risk young people a "hand", "brake-ing" their predicament and "turning" their lives around. It provides learning, personal support and links to future employment in the automotive trades to young men and women.

Values 4 Life is an interactive schools seminar program which has been operating now for 40 years. In an entertaining and relevant way it tackles contemporary and important issues such as sex, love and relationships,

resilience, drugs and alcohol, bullying, identity, families, peer group pressure, current affairs. The program reaches some 18,000 students each year and does not receive government funding. Steps Outreach Service. Since 1985, Steps Outreach Service has been supporting homeless young people and marginalised families in inner Melbourne. The Concern Australia Steps team works on the streets at night engaging with homeless young people who congregate around Flinders Street Station. Inside Out is a program which for 17 years has worked with young men exiting the juvenile justice system by providing them with transitional accommodation. Livewires. Concern Australia's Live Wires project is a free and accessible after school program for children aged 5 to 11 who reside in and around the Collingwood Housing Estate. The program includes games, arts and crafts, a homework program, a literacy program, a cooking program, the provision of nutritious evening meals, and a chance to have great fun while building relationships with positive role models. The goals of Livewires are: increased school attendance, improved social skills and community integration, improved health and increased literacy. These programs do not receive government funding.



Church Services during June, 2009

7th	9am.	Worship Service – conducted by Rev. Adrian Pegler
14th	9am	Worship Service and Communion conducted by Rev Dr Avril Hannah-Jones
21st	9am	Worship Service – conducted by the Worship Team
28th	9am	Worship service conducted by Rev Dr Avril Hannah-Jones



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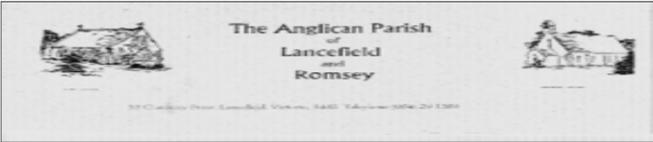


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Dear Friends

Commandment number 3 says, "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."

We often hear people say, "Jesus Christ" out of frustration. We also hear people react with the phrase, "Oh my God!" in many situations. In many cases, this is the only way that people hear about God or Jesus.

When the commandment was originally written, the name of someone was not just a label but encompassed the whole person. The meaning of this was that when someone was given a name, it encompassed their whole character.

Throughout both the Old and the New Testament, the name of the Lord is revered. Here's one example from each.

Psalm 113:2 reads, "Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore."

Acts 2:21 reads, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

In both cases, respect to God's name involves praising Him and us seeking to be saved by Him.

This commandment is about respectful use of the name of the Lord and therefore respect to God the person. Disrespect will result in a black mark against your name from God. A black mark that can be removed if we call on the name of the Lord to save us.

That's this month's view from the Vicarage in a year where I hope and pray we

"Seek the Divine in 2009."

Rev. Leroy Coote
Vicar

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 21st June 2009 with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with loud, lively music. **The topic next month is: Let's try a little**

kindness. This located at Christ Church Lancefield – 33 Chauncey St, Lancefield.

"Does anybody have those unfinished craft projects sitting around?

Don't have a time or place to finish them?

Then have we got both for you.

The "Unfinished Symphony Group" is starting soon.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 20th June 2009.

Time: 1pm – 3pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation.

Bring along your unfinished "symphony" and friends.

For further details, please contact Mrs Jenelle Coote on 5429-1680."

Welsh Choir Coming to Romsey.

Come and see a special performance by the Welsh Choir (see ad elsewhere in this paper.)

Date: Sunday 23rd August 2009.

Time: 2pm

Where: Romsey Mechanics Hall

Cost: \$25.00

All Proceeds to assist the work of Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey.

General Advertisements:

1. You are cordially invited to any of our Services: 9:00am at Romsey located at 77 Main Street, Romsey and 10:30am (with children's program) at Lancefield located at 33 Chauncey St., Lancefield. All our Services are "Worshipful, Anglican and Relevant."

2. Our Church Youth Group meets from 5pm – 7pm every Sunday Evening – now in two locations. Grades 5 and 6 meets in the Lancefield Anglican Church Hall.

Years 7 and up meets in the Lancefield Uniting Church Hall. Cost \$4.00 to cover dinner and future activities. Anyone in Grades 5 and up at school is welcome to come along and see what fun activities we do. All our leaders have up to date "Working with Children's Checks".

For further details on any of our activities, please contact Rev. Leroy Coote on 0417-679-682.

Romsey Auskick Kids Star at Etihad Stadium

Monday May 11th was a huge night for 5 children from Romsey Auskick who represented Collingwood Football Club in an Auskick Rules game at Etihad Stadium.

Michael, Jarod and David from Year 4 and Thomas and Nicholas from Year 5 at Romsey Primary School ran onto the field with children from the Buckley park and Broadmeadows Auskick Centres.

They played against children from other metropolitan centres, representing St Kilda Football Club. The match ended in a draw. They all played exceptionally well, and with great sportsmanship. They had a fantastic time. It was a great experience for them. Auskick Coordinator at Romsey, Tony O'Dwyer, thanks all the parents who allowed their children to participate on the night (being a school night) and for their assistance.

Right: Romsey Auskick players in action at Etihad Stadium.



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Koala Help

Since late February, the Romsey Primary School Community has been supporting a Bendigo based Wildlife Rescue Volunteer Group with caring for bush fire effected koalas. This group specialises in koalas which are difficult animals to care for. Romsey volunteers have been involved with a weekly delivery of koala food. The koalas come from the Redesdale and Kilmore East areas and eat only certain species of gum trees including Swamp Gum, Manna Gum and Candlebark. These gum species do not grow within the Bendigo region and so it has been crucial to source food out of the area.

Nearly 20 koalas have been cared for with injuries including burnt paws, animal attack injuries, infected eyes, dehydration and kidney problems from not having fresh leaves to eat. More than half the koalas have been released back into the wild as close to where they were collected as practical.

Food is still required for the remaining koalas including a mother with a baby who are not quite ready to be released.

Can you Help?



The Bendigo Wildlife Rescue group is run by volunteers and would be very grateful for any help it receives.

Volunteers are needed to make a delivery to Bendigo on Saturdays or Sundays, even as a on-off assistance. Branches can be cut and loaded for you to take to the Bendigo Wildlife Shelter. There is typically 50 small branches up to 1.5metres long. If you have any of these trees as a supply source it would help or if you can cut and deliver the gums it would be very helpful to provide a break for a small tiring group.

Any assistance is most welcome. Please contact Kerri mob: 0408 988 455 or Anne mob: 0425 741 586



MAKING SENSE OF WINE

Better known as a Romsey film maker, in his other life Alan Young was the author of 20 wine books, university lecturer and international wine judge. During nearly 40 years Alan Young has researched or given seminars in almost all the wine growing regions of the world from Chile to China and Canada to Germany including Portugal, Spain and France; Russia is the single exception. Alan Young's biography is listed in the French edition of Who's Who in Wine.

While living for 20 years in San Francisco, he and his wife Norma conducted the International Wine Academy; he gave seminars in more than 200 North American cities. They have now decided to offer these seminars in two Macedon Ranges towns. The first will be offered in Lancefield Neighborhood House on the Saturday-Sunday weekend of June 6-7, 2009 between 10am-4pm. Classes are limited to 14 people.

A similar event will be held at Romsey Community House on two successive Saturdays 13 & 19th June between 10am-4pm. Cost for each event is \$10 to cover handouts and bread - plus students are asked to bring 3 bottles of wine, preferably all different.

The seminars, also known as "Wine is Fun" will offer such basic information as how to understand wine labels, to cooking with wine, to such learned knowledge as how to judge wine quality without ever putting it in your mouth! (An interesting exercise but with a limited future!)

The Youngs moved to Romsey six years ago primarily to establish a small, cold climate experimental vineyard which has been planted with 11 varieties of vines only from the cold climate vineyards in Europe and North America. Four varieties are the only ones in Australia and in 2008 and 2009 they made wine from the American French hybrid Chambourcin. Other than NSW, these the only red Chambourcin wines made in Australia and appears to have great potential in the Macedon Ranges.

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Help us, and we'll help you more!

by Bill West

COMMUNITY banks in Lancefield and Romsey have made a positive impact and helped many local organisations since being established in the two neighbouring towns - but they will be in a position to pour much more money back into local projects if more customers come on board!

That was the overwhelming theme to emerge from a gala presentation evening in the Romsey Community Hub on Wednesday evening.

Representatives of a large number of local clubs and organisations which shared in over \$40,000 in the most recent community grants allocation by the Lancefield and Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, the locally owned company in charge of the two banks which are franchised under the Bendigo Bank's umbrella, were present, as was district MP Joanne Duncan.

Bank board director Trevor Turnham was master of ceremonies, and after three numbers from the Lancefield Primary School choir, Ms Duncan opened proceedings. Ms Duncan recalled when the "big banks" were leaving towns in droves, and the Bendigo Bank had come up with the community banking concept, now embraced by people who are keen to support their own towns and communities. Ms Duncan said she hoped people and organisations in Romsey and Lancefield continue to support their own community banks, and new customers add to the benefits which flow back into the town.

Board chairperson Maureen Wiltshire outlined how the Lancefield Community Bank had come about after a small group of enthusiastic people had determined that something had to be done to stop the town dying when it was left without banking services. Face to face banking had returned when the Lancefield Community Bank opened, and eventually a Romsey Community Bank had opened as well.

Ms Wiltshire said board members had warmly embraced the concept of returning profits to the community, and said she was really excited to see over 50 community organisations have benefitted in the record funding distribution made recently.

"The money we have been able to give out to the community has made a real difference," she said. Ms Wiltshire said the slogan: "I did something for my community, I did my banking today" certainly rings true as far as the Romsey and Lancefield community banks are concerned.

She outlined details of previous funding allocations, how the 500 local shareholders have received dividends, and how a vibrant business community in both towns is making a difference in people's lives.

The local board members were individually introduced, and thanked for giving so much time and expertise to help the community.

Senior bank manager, Rod Browning, spoke passionately about what the two community banks can do for locals, what they can do for their customers, and what they can do for the community.

"Our bank is your bank, it is all about you," he told the community representatives.

Mr Browning revealed he had previously worked for one of the "big banks", but now realised through his role in the last eight years that the community banking concept was by far the best approach.

He praised the local bank staff for their outstanding dedication, and introduced them to the audience, amid applause (there was special reference to James Smithwick, who gets married tomorrow).

'BIG, BIG THINGS'

Mr Browning said with increased community support, through banking at the two community banks, "big, big things" could be achieved for both towns.

"Come and give us a try" was his message to locals who may be banking elsewhere.

Mr Browning pointed out that Macedon Ranges Shire Council banks with the community banks.

"The more people that come in our doors, the more (money) we can throw out," he said. His final message was for those locals who may have taken out banking loans "out of town". Get on the books with us and you are going to benefit our towns; we're a bank with the same rates, or better. All we're saying is give us a try," he said.

Jenny Stillman, from the Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association, and other groups, and Gordon Charles (Lancefield Bowling Club) spoke enthusiastically about their experiences with the community banks helping the organisations they are connected with.

Mr Charles, a retired banker, expressed special thanks to Mr Browning and his staff for what they have done to help Romsey and Lancefield.

Supper enabled many of those present to find out more about banking services through the two community banks, as well as express appreciation for the financial support their organisations have received.

Community spirit: bank board chairperson Maureen Wiltshire (left) and district MP Joanne Duncan at Wednesday night's gala presentation evening.



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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

The Romsey ODP - a Contentious Issue

RRBATA members were in attendance at the recent community meeting held on Thursday 21st June at the Community Hub to discuss the latest version of the Romsey ODP. Representatives from the Shire's Planning Department explained the current version and listened to concerns from those community members in attendance. RRBATA has sought comment about the current version of the ODP from its membership so as to be able to draft a response to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. It is apparent that, even within our membership, there are vastly differing levels of satisfaction with this document. RRBATA Committee of Management will formulate a response to reflect this and, hopefully be inclusive of those common ground sentiments.

RRBATA Networking With Other BATAs and MRSC

Recently, RRBATA was represented at a Macedon Ranges Business and Tourism Associations Open Forum convened by the Economic Development and Tourism Unit of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council. Attendance at this was most valuable as it gave an insight into the challenges faced by other BATAs. The Shire hopes to develop ongoing communication and interaction between the BATAs. BATAs should not see themselves fighting solitary battles of relevance in their own towns and serve a valuable function in the Macedon Ranges as a whole.

The Romsey Web Site (romsey.org.au) is nearly here!

The web site information packs are almost ready for distribution to all businesses, community groups and service providers. Members who attended the May RRBATA gathering were privy to a sneak preview of some more of the wonderful range of photographs taken by Elise Gow (Elise Gow Photography) to reflect "Romsey life" on the web site. This website is an opportunity for Romsey to be showcased to both local residents and those wishing to visit or move to the area. Community groups, non for profit groups and charitable organisations will be entitled to a FREE listing. Any groups or businesses wishing to receive information about the website should contact Tracey Newnham (newlec@bigpond.com, phone 0409 511439) ASAP. The gala web site launch night is planned for 20th July and will be a sumptuous finger food evening at Soltan Pepper Restaurant to celebrate this Romsey project.

May Meeting-Marketing of Small Rural Business

An enthusiastic audience at the May meeting of RRBATA (Monday, 18th May at the Community Hub) experienced a presentation from Mr. Rob Pearse (Pearse Marketing and Communications) on the subject of marketing in rural and regional communities such as Romsey. Rob succeeded in not only informing and educating his audience, but also prodding those in attendance to think very hard about the who, why and how of marketing. Rob has offered his services at no cost to assist the RRBATA marketing subcommittee formulate a strategic plan of its aims, objectives and process.



Romsey Businesses Feature as Finalists in the Business Excellence Awards

Romsey has placed three finalists in the Macedon Ranges Business Excellence Awards, sponsored by Powercorp:

- 1. CUTTINGS. Culinary and Botanica** - finalist for Excellence in New Business
- 2. Soltan Pepper Restaurant** - finalist for Excellence in Food and Beverage
- 3. Sapphire Hairdressing** - finalist for Family Friendly Business

These awards run throughout the entire Macedon region and are quite prestigious, requiring a vigorous submission procedure. Many submissions were entered from quite a wide variety of leading businesses, and the competition is strong. This is a real credit to the businesses of Romsey to place three finalists. The winners will be announced at the Gala Awards dinner, to be held at Macedon Views, on Thursday evening, 28 May. RRBATA is proud of the achievement of these businesses to make it to the finals of these awards.

Upcoming Guest Speakers at RRBATA

The upcoming monthly meetings at RRBATA are looking interesting. The **June 15th meeting** will feature *Ann-Louise Lindner from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council* to speak on the process of Community Planning. Lancefield has commenced this process under the Shire's Community Planning Program. Romsey is not yet featured on the Shire's schedule for this process, but is hoped that Ann-Louise will give RRBATA and other community group representatives an insight into the process and what strategies we may already be able to implement.

The **July 20th meeting** will be the *gala web site launch* function to be held at Soltan Pepper restaurant. This will be a sumptuous finger food function will be a hot ticket with numbers limited. Please do not hesitate to contact Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com) if you wish to reserve a spot at this exciting occasion.

Our **August 17th meeting** will feature *Brett Hartnett from Merrill Lynch*. Brett is a local resident who will provide insight and reflection on the current economic situation both locally and globally.

Next RRBATA Meeting:

Monday 15th June 2009 at 7.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
Members and non-members welcome

Membership Enquiries: Tracey Newnham (Secretary) mob: 0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com

PROUDLY SUPPORTING A LOCAL EVENT

Mathew Stannard - just 4yrs old & one of Romsey's own

This is Mathew Stannard.

Earlier this year, Mathew's parents, Kerry and Steve, were informed by doctors that he had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia. Mathew already suffers from Marfan syndrome which is a multi system genetic disorder of the connective tissue found throughout the body, effecting the heart, lungs, eyes, skeleton & nervous system. Mathew's younger brother Shaun (18mths) has also just been diagnosed with this condition.

The Romsey community has rallied to the cause & organised a fundraiser for Mathew - 'Mathews Challenge Comedy Gala' - which will be held on Friday, June 19th. Comedians Tom Gleeson & Claire Hooper will headline the night, to be held at Glen Erin at Romsey.

Tickets on sale Monday June 1st 2009. & available from the following local businesses:

Romsey Newsagency, Chess Property Consultants, Cuttings, Romsey Auto Care & Romsey Post Office

On the night, comedy performances will be interspersed with door prizes, a raffle, live & silent auction, from which all proceeds will go to the 'Mathew Stannard Trust', established to assist with his health & wellbeing.

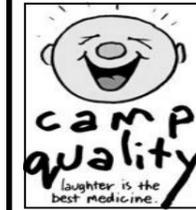
The event is registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria & proudly supported by Camp Quality & Marfan Association Victoria.

How can you help?

We are currently seeking donations of goods & services suitable for prizes or to be sold at auction. No contribution is too small. **To donate goods or services, contact either - Melanie Traynor 0430 370 360 or Nicki Ferraro 0438 178 891**

To find out more about -

- Camp Quality, contact Tim Maruff (03) 9329 6566
- Marfan Association Victoria, contact Sally Ferguson (03) 5784 1357



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June 5-8 (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

The **Woodend Winter Arts Festival** has quickly achieved a reputation for presenting some of Australia's finest musicians in intimate settings, alongside literary events

featuring acclaimed writers, children's entertainment, and exhibitions of the fine arts.

This year the program goes international, with expatriate performers Li-Wei Qin, Anne Harvey-Nagl and Christine Stevenson from Singapore, Vienna and London respectively travelling to Woodend to appear exclusively at the festival.

Over the weekend, 16 one-hour recitals will be performed at St Ambrose Church and St Ambrose Hall in Templeton Street, Woodend.

Festival goers will be treated to the exceptional talents of harpist Alice Giles; pianist Christine Stevenson; mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell and theorbist Samantha Cohen; violinist Anne Harvey-Nagl and pianist John O'Donnell; Ensemble Gombert and Accademia Arcadia; cellist Li-Wei Qin and pianist En Pei Lin; and cellist Josephine Vains and her string virtuosi friends.

Raising the tempo on Opening Night will be the Sydney-based Flamenco Crew, while Japanese drummers Wadaiko Rindo will follow up on Saturday with a workshop and energetic performance for both the young and old.

On the literary front, well-known writers Arnold Zable, Don Watson and Catherine Deveny will talk candidly about their

work, while *Botanical Riches* will be discussed by Michael McCoy and Richard Aitken.

Leading arts academics Dr David Hansen, Felicity St John-Moore and Caroline Williams Mora will present a special series of fine art lectures, *The Cultural Pavlova*.

An exhibition *Art in Clay* by the Macedon Ranges Potters and a talk by world famous Kyneton company Flynn Silver are further attractions for the broader community. Other famous locals set to appear are pub philosopher Roger Sworder, and founding member and bass player of *The Seekers*, Athol Guy, who will present a 90-minute retrospective on his broad experiences in music, advertising and politics and offer a personal blueprint for following one's dreams.

Among a terrific line-up of children's events is a performance of *Tubby the Tuba* by the Scotch College Orchestra with *Playschool's* Alex Papps, and free library sessions on Saturday with authors Lee Fox and Simmone Howell. Lee created the much loved characters of Ella Kazoo and Jasper McFlea, while Simmone is the author of *Notes from the Teenage Underground* and *Everything Beautiful*.

Handel's *Coronation Anthems* and *Royal Fireworks Music* will be performed by Melbourne's outstanding chamber choir Ensemble Gombert directed by Woodend resident John O'Donnell, and baroque chamber ensemble Accademia Arcadia, which was formed in 2001 by Jaqueline Ogeil. The Sunday performance will be followed by a fireworks display on the St Ambrose Oval.

Organisers recommend booking for events now to avoid disappointment as some tickets have sold out in the past. Tickets range from free to \$45.

Festival Music Passes to all recitals are \$195 (saves over

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KINDER CORNER - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mothers Day Celebrations

When writing last month's Kindergarten News, the children were busy finishing off their Mothers Day gifts and practising their concert songs. Staff and children all put in a huge effort on the day and a lovely morning tea was served by the Committee. Unit 1 even did a song using sign language as well as their voices.

Autumn

With the autumn leaves falling around town, the children have made some very creative art work utilising twigs, leaves, nuts and coloured paper. The rooms look great with the orange, brown, yellow and red art work.

Goods and Services Auction

As our main fundraiser for the year, the Committee are preparing for the bi-annual Goods and Services Auction to be held in August. Keep on eye out in next month's column for further details.

Kinder Readiness Presentation

A good crowd attended the recent Kinder and School Readiness presentation. Christine Murphy, Pre-school

Field Officer from St Luke's spoke about preparing to make the sometimes difficult decision of whether your child is ready or not to commence kinder. The audience was asked to reminisce on their own start of kinder/school experience and how it made them feel. Those that could remember that long ago (which was a challenge) had a range of emotions from excitement to terror, relaxed to nervousness about their experience so deciding how best to assist your child through the kinder and school experience can be daunting as we try to protect them from what we as parents, possibly went through.

For those that were unable to attend the presentation, please speak to our staff or contact me to receive a copy of the presentation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Fri. 9.00—5.00pm

Saturday

by appointment only

9.30am—1.30pm



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will get back to you.**
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sey Hub, 96 Main Street, Romsey.

Programmes and Activities for Term 2 2009

April to June

All activities will be conducted at Romsey Community House unless stated otherwise.

Yoga with Kym Oliver. Wednesday 7.00 -8.30pm, access through side door. Cost: \$140 for 10 week term. Casual Rate \$18/session. All enquiries and bookings direct to Kym Oliver on 5429 2134.

Walking Together Program All groups meet Romsey Lion's Park (Near the creek), Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 10.30am, Enquiries and bookings to Heather ph: 5429 5895

Drop in for a Cuppa weekdays 9.30 – 5.30 – All Welcome
Tea / Coffee - Gold Coin donation

Writers Group

First Monday of the month, Romsey Community House at the Hub, 7pm – 8.30pm Convener: Dee White

Drop In Craft Mornings

Bring along your own craft every Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm during the school term. Convener – Karyn Gottschling

Counselling – Counselling, information and referral service by appointment. Phone Amanda Summers 0411627204.

Knitting Group – Every Wed 2 -3pm. Cost \$5 session.

Children and Anger

A practical course on managing anger in children presented by counsellor Amanda Summers. Saturday June 6th from 10-11.30am. Cost \$25 per person. Handouts and a cd are included in the cost. Limited to 8 participants. Bookings essential.

For Term 3:

Pilates for Beginners—expressions of interest

Computer Basics— Computer hardware, using a mouse, the desktop, icons, files & folders, my documents, using Windows explorer, and lots more

Computer Basics 2: Builds on skills already learnt including creating & maintaining a file system, maintaining your computer's environment, Installing / uninstalling software, protecting your computer, common applications (Word, Spreadsheets, etc), internet applications, basic internet skills.

Internet Basics

Microsoft Publisher Basics

Discover The Writer In You—expressions of interest

Also planned for the coming term:

Cooking for one or two: A six week course in conjunction with DVA and Nutrition Australia
Food Handlers Certificate Course
Coffee Barista Certificate Course
Internet Access Program
Understanding Loss & Grief 18th July (day time 10am –12 noon) & 17th September (evening 7-9pm)
Tuning Into Kids—23rd July—20th August

Responding to Children's Anxiety—30th July 7-9pm
Responding to Children's Anger—August 27th 7-9pm

Other courses being planned:

Chinese Medicine

Aged & Disability Information session

Diabetes education

Keep an eye out for the full term 3 brochure

What's Happening at the Community House?

On Saturday May 23rd the House had an open day to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week. Thank you to Helen and Judy who were the main organisers of this event, and to the Scouts who assisted with a sausage sizzle. Thanks also to Peter O'Rourke for his donation of sausages, and the other local groups who attended on the day to promote their own organisations. We were a little disappointed with the response—it would have been nice to see local people taking a little more interest in what happens in their own town. Maybe next time....

Special Projects:

Our projects officer Vanessa Meredith has been working very hard on a number of projects to enhance the capacity of the Community House. These include:
A successful application for funding for public internet access at the House. This grant has enabled us to purchase 5 new computers and furniture for our computer room, and the ability to offer free internet access as well as additional computer training programs.

An application is with Macedon Ranges Shire Council for a Small Communities Grant for the purchase of additional computer hardware and software designed for use by disabled people. This will also enhance our computer training capacity.

An application has been submitted to the state Government for a Men's Shed grant, and additional planning and discussion continues to support this application.

Co-Ordinator Hours:

We are hopeful that there will be state government funding available later this year for paid coordinator hours for the Community House. We have had many letters of support for this from local groups and individuals, and have written to the Minister for Community Planning and Development, Peter Batchelor to plead our case.

Volunteers Needed!

The House continues at present to operate entirely with volunteer labour. Judy, Helen, Robyn, Heather and Heather are doing a fantastic job, but need more help. If you can spare an couple of hours a week or fortnight, please call in and speak to our office coordinator Helen and find out more about the House and how you can help.

Remember—it's your House!