

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

Results for the month
June 24th Monthly Medal L. Beasley
July 1st Too Cold and wet
July 8th Stableford B. Cole
July 15th Par K. Jekabsons

Sunday 28th June on a fine but cold day Helen and Doug Biggs and Beryl and Ron Cole went to Trentham for the Dalhousie Mixed Foursomes. A good time was had by all.

Thursday 2nd July Kath, Hilda and I went to Seymour to play in the Dalhousie Jean Wallder Bowl. After Kath and Hilda had a slippery start, the day improved and we only had a brief shower of rain while playing. Needless to say we didn't bring the Bowl home.

The highlight for July is always our bowl. We had 15 teams enter from Alexandra, Avenel, Euroa, Gisborne, Broadford, Lancefield, Marysville, Kilmore, Trentham and Woodend. The day was fine but cold weather and the soup on the course was appreciated by all the players.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors. Beau Warrener of Made to Measure Clubs, the National Bank, Romsey Pharmacy and the Bendigo Bank. With sponsors it is much easier to organise the day so a big thanks and it was good they were able to join us for lunch on the day.

The bowl was won by Broadford: Janine Cooke 33pts, Sue Stoddart 27pts and Annette Zol 30pts.

A Grade winner = Janine Cooke 33pts from Broadford.
The B grade winner was our very own Leila Beasley from Romsey score = 35pts.
Nearest the Pin on Hole 15 = Eileen Hall. Congratulations to all the Winners.

Recipe for this month

Kumara Soup

Ingredients
25g butter
1 large kumara chopped
1 onion chopped
1 large potato chopped
1 1/2tsp. hot curry powder
3cups liquid chicken stock
1 cup milk
Salt
Chopped chives

Method

Melt butter in a saucepan, add kumara, onion, potato & curry powder. Cook until onion is clear, stir in stock and bring to the boil.
Simmer gently until vegetables are tender
Puree in a food processor or blender until smooth.
Add the milk and salt, and reheat until to almost boiling
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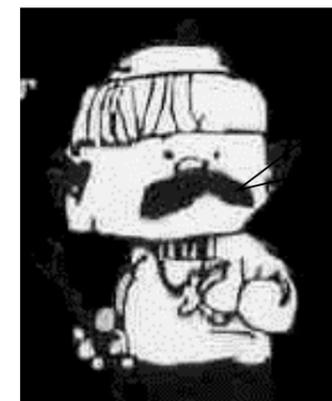
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Come along to a meeting and share a cuppa afterwards, or if you'd just like to get more information or ask a question, please get in touch with either:

President: Pat Muddyman 54285418 or **Secretary:** Alice Long 54296567

Despite the general misconception, craft knowledge is NOT a membership requirement and not all CWA members are good at craft! A smile and a little enthusiasm go a long way. However, should members feel inclined, there are plenty of opportunities to learn lots of fun and practical

crafts. If you think you would enjoy getting involved in the many varied activities held at Branch and Group level, contact us or attend one of our meetings to find out more as there is sure to be something to pique your interest. However, how much or how little you participate in extra activities is entirely your choice. All we ask is that members attend monthly meetings when they can, and the rest is up to you.

Our branch is committed to supporting several charitable organisations in the local area. These include raising funds for the Moira Kelly's Children First Foundation in Kilmore, who "provide a safe haven for children, irrespective of race or creed, who are in need of medical or emotional support". Our branch successfully nominated this organisation as the 2009 State Project of the Country Women's Association of Victoria. We supply "Pamper Packs" to the Oncology Department at the Kilmore District Hospital, and donate required grocery items/food to the Lancefield Food Bank. We also offer scholarships to schools, and donate funds to the local CFA and Red Cross. A large portion of the support that our branch provides to other groups, relies on our own fundraising efforts achieved through catering at functions, the sale of (dare I say it?) hand crafted items, and the proceeds from raffles and cake stalls. We are planning to hold a stall outside Romsey IGA Supermarket soon and will have lots of goodies for sale, as well as a raffle for a very beautiful hand crafted quilt. If you see us there, please come over for a chat and a browse. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated. Thankyou.

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Combined Service 30th August, 2009 at 9am. This combined service includes the Linked Congregations from Lancefield, Mt. Macedon, Riddells Creek and Romsey and will be held at the Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street. There will be a special morning tea after the service.

The Romsey Uniting Church Adult Fellowship meeting will be held on August 12th. This meeting will be a shared lunch and we will prepare stamps for the Uniting Church "Sammy Stamp" project.

Romans 12: 2.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Two words: *If only . . .*

If only things were different . . .

If only I could change my world I'd be happy . . .

If only I had other friends life could be so much easier.

If only . . .

We'd all like to change things, make life more comfortable, make it less of a problem.

There was once a Muslim teacher, a man who had lived all his life faithful to his beliefs. *"When I was young,"* he said *"I prayed for the strength and courage to change the world. But however hard I tried nothing much seemed to happen. As I got older I changed my prayer and asked just for the power to change the people round me, but*

even that seemed hard to do. Now I am an old man and I simply pray to God for the grace to change myself."

That's where change begins. Not in trying to shake the foundations of the world but in looking at ourselves with open eyes. Realising that if we want to change anything we have to begin with ourselves. It is no use criticising our neighbour, said Jesus, because he has got a speck of dust in his eye if your own eye is full of it.

Change begins with me, and it can begin today. Change in the little things, in the way we see each other, the way we react to other people. And the amazing thing is that when we begin to change, so do other people.

("Slower than Butterflies"

Written by Eddie Askew. (Deceased)

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Church Services during August, 2009

2 nd	9am.	Worship Service led by Rev Dr D'Arcy Wood.
9 th	9am.	Worship Service led by Robert Chaffe
16 th	9am	Worship Service led by The Worship Team
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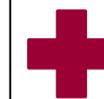
We have members from 7 – 70 years, and our emphasis is on fun and safety.

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Please contact Matt Gunn 54271592 or Alan

(Sandy)

Sandford 5422 1382 for further information.



Australian Red Cross

Romsey Red Cross Unit

We have lost a very valued and supportive member, John Van Arkel. He will be sadly missed. To Lyn and her family, our sincere sympathy.

Our next meeting will be on August 11th at the Hub, Main Street, Romsey, 1.30 to 3.30pm. New members are most welcome. We offer friendship and support for new people in the community as well as our work for Red Cross.

Our special fundraiser for Red Cross will be on September 8th at the Hub at 2.00pm. Cherie from the Lancefield Nursery will share her knowledge about Spring Gardening. It will be a fun afternoon. Entry is \$5, and there will be a door prize and a delicious afternoon tea.

Isobel Hood

Romsey Red Cross

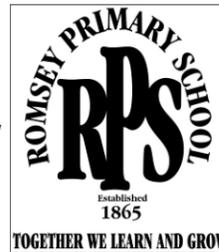
Romsey Primary School News

Holiday Improvements

During the holiday the school took the opportunity to begin a number of maintenance projects. A new fence has been constructed on the eastern boundary adjoining the property in White Avenue. The cypresses needed to be removed for this work and will no longer be a collection point for litter which blew across the oval. The school plans to extend the present corridor of native trees along this boundary.

The majority of fascia work which reinforces the timber with a metal covering completed. Along with this project the pergolas with the shade cloth have all been removed. The new steel and laserlight structures will be started in the coming weeks. Internally significant work has been completed with all the sky lights in the main building being cleaned or replaced. External skylights are still to be replaced and will be completed shortly.

Preparations have been made for the construction of the new 6 classrooms and flexible learning space with the installation of the security fence and the administration buildings being placed on site. We look forward to seeing the beginning and progress of this project during this term. The projected time for completion is approximately 7 months.



New Computer Lab and Server Upgrade

As part of a pilot program Romsey Primary School has received a new upgraded server. This gives staff and students better access to all programs and improves the school's storage capacity. Along with this the school has been donated 20 computers which have been set up in a lab for classroom use. Presently we are using the LOTE room for this, however with the new building we hope to separate these two facilities. The advantage of having a computer lab means whole class instruction can be offered at one time to teach new skills and use a range of computer programs simultaneously. It is worth having a look at the room to see how a class could use this excellent resource. Students and teachers are familiarising themselves with the new setup and reaping the benefits of improved access to Information and Communications Technology. Staff from central office has also been supporting students to learn how to use new communication and animation programs.

Parent /Teacher / Student Interviews

This week all parents and students will be meeting with their teachers for the second round of interviews this year. This is an important three way discussion involving everyone, and a time for students to share their new learning and social goals with their parents. Students also talk about their successes, look at work samples and teachers clarify and explain classroom work and discuss how parents can support their child's learning at home. We look forward to this opportunity to a close partnership with the school and families.

Local CFA Thanked

Last week, Year 6 DE proudly hosted an awards ceremony and morning tea for the Romsey District firefighters. The ceremony was to recognise the ongoing contribution that these people make to the community and keeping us safe. This event was the culmination of our theme "Hazards of Nature". It was a wonderful opportunity to forge a link between our school community and another community group. The students were wonderful hosts and demonstrated great maturity as they engaged in discussions with their guests. This was a culmination of an inquiry learning started in term 1 on "Disasters" which lead to the successful "New Book Fundraiser" for Middle Kinglake Primary School and has concluded with the local CFAs appreciating the recognition they received from the students of our school. When student learning connects to real life situations like this, it becomes memorable and helps them have a better understanding of the importance of community service.

Joan Gibbs
Principal



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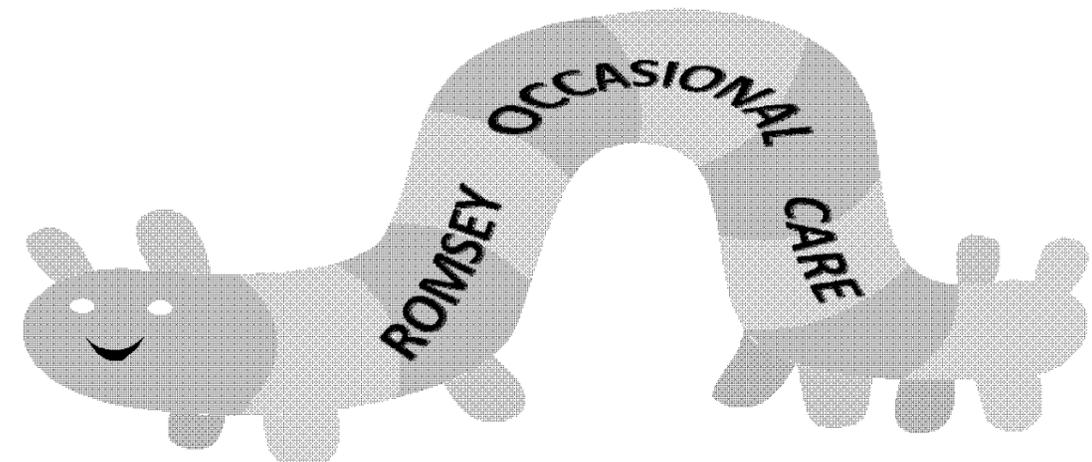
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The 1st Romsey Scout Group
wishes to invite all interested parties to
attend our AGM
which is to be held
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KINDER CORNER - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to Term 3

Can you believe we are half way through the year al-
ready?

The children have returned to kinder after the holidays full
of energy to begin another exciting term. The weather has
not been great but the staff always endeavour to have
some outdoor play in the program, to burn off some of that
energy.

Unit 2 said "bon voyage" to their assistant, Kay, last term
as she and her husband headed overseas for an extended
holiday. Kay is back this term with lots of stories to share
and a special corner set up to display her flags, maps,
books and mementos from the trip. The children were
rather taken by a book on Leeds Castle that they recreat-
ed it in blocks corner. It looked fantastic and very creative.
Many thanks to Amanda Burley for assisting in Unit 2 dur-
ing Kay's absence.

Wild Action visits the 4 year old classes

Have you ever held a python or touched a lizard?
Well, the 4 year old kinder kids have. The staff and par-
ents helpers weren't too sure but the children were thrilled

by the experience to be up close with Australian native
animals.

Grants Success

Romsey Kindergarten has been successful in gaining a
grant from Macedon Ranges Shire Council, to launch a
Sustainable Environment Program.

Romsey will be leading the way for this program with the
intention of other kinders in the Shire doing something
similar in the future.

The program will involve a guest speaker appearance
from RMIT, development of a number of initiatives in the
grounds of the kinder and a community engagement pro-
gram to name just a few of the concepts planned.
Stay tuned for further details.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sue Hayes, President, Committee of Management
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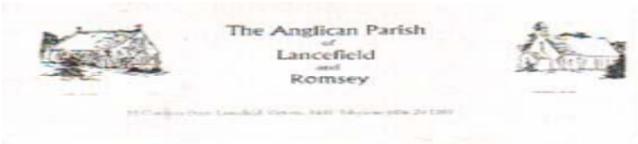
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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE.

Dear Friends

Commandment number 5 says, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

It is interesting to note the placement of this command. The first four commandments talk about people's relationship with God, which is the most important relationship one can have otherwise hell beckons. This commandment talks about the second most important relationship – family. For the original hearers of this command, this meant that children should obey their parents, and when they became adults to continue to respect and care for them. We need to remember there were no pensions in those days and no homes for the aged. It is a command which underlies the responsibilities of family ties.

Jesus reiterated this command as did St. Paul but Paul added a warning to fathers not to be harsh with their children. Quite surprisingly, Jesus added that our love of God must come before love of Father, mother, brother or sister. Today, family solidarity and the role of parents as guides and disciplinarians for their children have to be reaffirmed. We would, however, want to heed St. Paul and insist not only that children obey their parents, but also that parents respect their children. Parents need to take their role seriously and conscientiously and children need to be obedient and respectful.

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

Special Events

Our next Sunday @ Six on Sunday 23rd August 2009 with dinner at 5:30pm and a short service starting at 6pm with loud, lively music.

The topic next month is: What is the true source of faithfulness? 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 15th August 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.

Open Church Week.

We will be opening the churches at Lancefield and Romsey for Quiet prayer and reflection during the week on Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September and on the following Sunday 13th September – we will be celebrating "NATIONAL BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY" at both of our centres.

General Announcements

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 or a copy of our program, please contact Rev. Leroy Coote on 0417-679-682.

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REFLECTIONS. (4)

KNOWLEDGE comes when you learn to listen

I was referred by the employment service for an interview with the Principal of the Glenroy Technical School. There were two interviews. I noticed during the first interview that he was in possession of all the documents the Commonwealth Employment Service (executive section) had on me. During the second interview he told me what was bothering him. Offers were made but I made it clear from the start I only wanted to teach, not to take charge of administration or make promotion.

The decision was made and it was off to teachers college, part time as I was exempted from subjects because of my tertiary qualifications.

I received my papers qualifying me to teach.

Remember that I came out of the business world where many changes had taken place, where the workers were already involved in modern techniques and where the whole business system was going through rapid changes.

I was told to take over G.B.E (General Business Education). Easy I thought, but found to my horror that the books used by the students were well out of date. There was no mention at all about modern financing, no explanation of credit cards, which were already taking over the easy but dangerous ways of the credit card system. The normal cheque and deposit systems were rapidly becoming old hat.

There was a lot of poverty in the area and parents just could not afford new and up to date material. Unemployment was high and becoming worse. A number of parents played the pokies in Moama every weekend, and lost money on the so-called "free" excursions.

I started to write notes to hand to the students. I photocopied newspaper articles and handed it out and allowed these to be used for discussions and for debate. It livened

up the classes. The most difficult matter was to have real discussions and debate and that had to be taught.

The first two sessions with discussion and debate almost finished up as a revolution in the making as the parental political views became the centre of it all.

I did the same with the subjects for secretarial studies. This too was well out of date and needed to be brought in line with what happened in the real world. In offices secretaries were no longer just typing and filing. Efficient offices were moving away from typewriters and small computers were on the way in. Shorthand note taking was also well on the way out. Secretaries were becoming letter writers, and often had to organise executive dinners, flight bookings, and car hire and made sure what their bosses were supposed to do on the day as an executive. I discussed the mail with my secretary and I would say: "This letter shows the writer did not know what he/she wanted. See what you can do with it". My secretary would produce a nicely worded letter in response.

What did I do with the secretarial practice course? Taught the students how to write letters, how to arrange flights, car hire, how to organise executive dinners. I took them to restaurants like the William Anglis School for cooking and catering to teach layouts and table manners and ethics. They liked to take part. I took groups to public meetings, forums, protest meeting. The instruction always was **'learn to listen, analyse what is happening, think carefully before asking a question and whatever you do never ask in anger. Anger never solves a problem.**

All the girls got jobs. Most of the girls got the job they wanted, even before the end of the course. Yet we were heading for a recession and the unemployment numbers in general grew.

To be continued in REFLECTIONS 5.

By the late John Van Arkel

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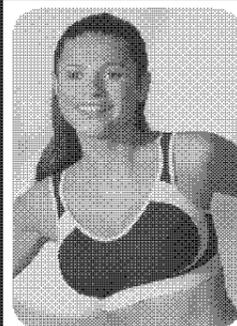
As the organiser of 'Mathew's Challenge' Comedy Gala & Auction Fundraiser, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who contributed to this extremely worthy cause. On behalf of those who assisted me, 'Mathew's Angels' - Nicki Ferraro, Anna Quigley & Mia Fichera, thank you for all the overwhelming donations of goods & services.

I truly believe that this event went a long way towards galvanizing the community of Romsey, which is something I am humbled by & will never forget.

The \$35,000 raised will assist Mathew with ongoing medical costs now & in the future. I sincerely hope this will somehow ease the immense burden on one beautiful 4 year old boy.

The following quote is from a gentleman who attended the event; "There was one factor that is extremely hard to measure, that is the power of a 'local community's strength.' It has shown that the days of community spirit are not declining and is a credit to you all." I could not have summed the experience up any better.....

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ROMSEY Family Services are held Sunday mornings @ 10:00 a.m. at 7 Mitchell Court Romsey.

WOODEND Living Word has significantly grown and since 2004 now also holds Evening Services in Woodend on Sundays @ 6 p.m. in the Woodend Community Centre.

'POWERHOUSE' 'Powerhouse' meets Sunday mornings in Romsey and caters for the Christian education of children of ages 3-12 years.

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The development of the 'KidZone' Out of School program provides entertaining, creative and educationally stimulating activities for children, age between Prep to year 6. The program has grown enormously, numerically. Starting with only eight children we now provide services for over 120 children. The vision of KidZone has extended to Woodend where we currently provide After School Care and are in the process of also starting Before School Care.



'mainly music'

LWCC caters for the needs of young children's creativity, providing an opportunity for children aged between 0 - 5 to have fun together and develop simple learning skills whilst exploring the world of actions and music. This group is called 'mainly music' meeting regularly on Wednesday mornings @ 10:00 a.m. in Romsey. Parents are welcomed to fully participate and enjoy the scrumptious morning teas in an atmosphere which is friendly and very open.

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Probus Meetings are held at St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey at 10am on the fourth Thursday in each month.

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), as well as Coffee Mornings and Musical Afternoons.

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

The Guest Speaker at our August meeting will be one of our members Mrs. Jay Brooks who will speak of her experiences when working in Northern Queensland.

The outing for August will be a trip to the Melbourne Museum.

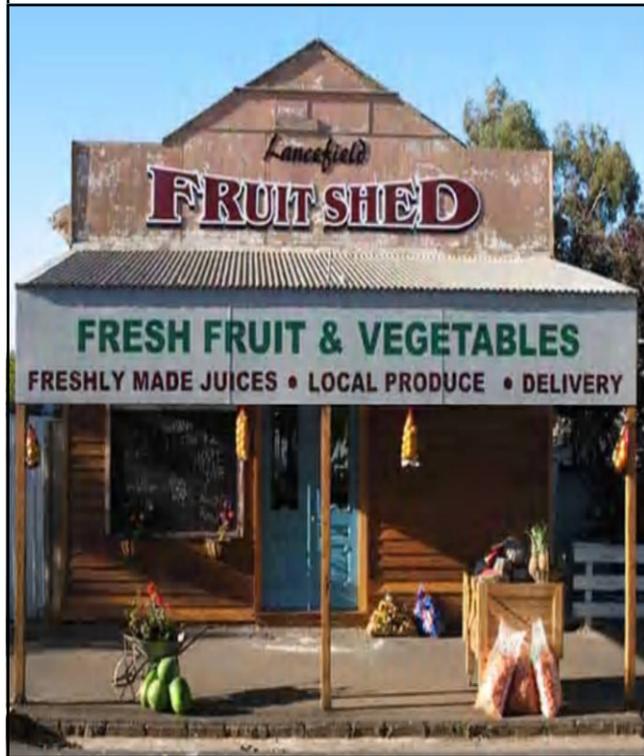
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The Strategy can be accessed from the home page by logging on to www.macedon-ranges.vic.gov.au or by phoning 5421 9616 to request a copy.

Feedback can be provided by correspondence or by attending one of 2 public meetings. Details as follows:

27 July or 10 August
The Victoria Hotel
High Street, Woodend
6.30pm

Please contact David on 5421 9616 to register your attendance.

Feedback can be submitted to ecodevadmin@macedonranges.vic.gov.au or to PO Box 151, Kyneton 3444 and will be received up until 5pm on the 19th of August 2009.



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Seymour Cottage is clearly marked "Historic Home" a few hundred metres down Palmer Street, on the left hand side of the roads, past the former Romsey Primary School. All welcome! Mark this date in your diary—August 26th. From 10 am. Enquiries to Jean Clement 5429 6522



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Macedon Ranges Shire Council, in partnership with five other leading health service agencies, have been working together to develop a multi-agency positive ageing strategy for the Macedon Ranges Shire.

At a special board presentation meeting held on 23 July in Gisborne, it was announced that the Department of Human Services will provide one-off funding of \$27,500 to assist with further development and implementation of the strategy.

Earlier this year, extensive community consultation sessions were held throughout the shire with more than 200 people attending to discuss the challenges and opportunities available to assist in the planning for, and development of, age friendly communities in the Macedon Ranges.

A range of ideas and emerging themes were identified during these sessions and were further explored at a series of forums, known as 'World Café Forums' held across the shire.

We all know someone who is growing older and wants to live and age well in their local community. Older people have strengths that can be developed that lead to better and healthier lifestyles and more than 350 people have registered their interest to be a part of this project that will provide such opportunities for older people in the shire.

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

The five local health service agencies participating in the development of this strategy are Kyneton District Health Service, Macedon Ranges Health Service, Cobaw Community Health and the Central Highlands General Practise Network.

To register your interest or to find out more, contact Brent Allan, Manager Community Services, Macedon Ranges Shire Council on 5422 0261.

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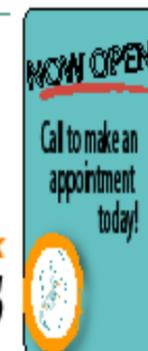
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Dion Brillanti – Victorian Junior Motocross Titles

Earlier this year, Gisborne Secondary College student, Dion Brillanti raced in the Junior Victorian Motocross titles in Ararat and was sitting 2nd in Victoria on the 250, 13yrs to 16yrs class. He was sitting 7th on points on the 125, 13yrs to 16yrs class. Now, he has just raced in the Victorian Motocross titles in Cobram. In his first race on his 250, he came 3rd, then, in the second race, he had a huge crash, got back on and managed to finish in 17th position. In the 3rd race, he came 1st! So, in the 250 class, he is coming 2nd overall in Victoria. On his 125, he is coming 3rd overall in Victoria.



Annual Supper Dance

It's on again, the 22nd Annual Supper Dance hosted by Heskett Primary School, featuring Darryl Cotton & Band at the Kyneton Town Hall on 29th August. This is the major fundraiser for this small school with a big heart. For the past 22 years Heskett P.S has hosted this spectacular night of great music, dance and good old fashioned supper for the wider community to enjoy.



This year's theme will be Science Fiction/Fantasy. Come dressed as your favourite Science Fiction character for your chance to win the coveted prize of Best Dressed! In addition to Darryl Cotton & Band playing great tunes, there will also be opportunities to bid on silent auction items, or enter into a raffle.

Tickets for this Annual event are \$30 per person, supper included. This evening is for big kids only, sorry no children allowed. BYO alcohol, doors open at 7.30pm. All tickets are non refundable.

So if you need something to shake off the winter blues this is the perfect evening for you and your friends. For enquiries contact Kerry at Heskett Primary School Tuesdays or Fridays on 5427 0330, for ticket sales contact Amanda or Sylvia on 0429 627 878 or heskettdance@gmail.com

Beyond Blue, One in Five, The Sunrise Foundation, Cobaw, Macedon Ranges Health, V-Line & The Cultural Development Unit presents

Let's Break the Silence

Macedon Ranges Shire Council in association with beyondblue: the national depression initiative, One in Five and the Sunrise Foundation, are proud to announce the first "Let's Break the Silence" depression awareness evening aimed at men 16 – 45 at the Town Hall – Kyneton (129 Mollison Street, 5 minutes walk from Kyneton Station) on Saturday 22nd of August 2009 at 8pm.

Depression and Mental Illness touches more people than all of us often acknowledge. Our aim is to make the community more aware that one in five people suffer from depression or a mental illness and we as a community can make a difference by making it easier for people to get the help they need and supporting them along the way.

Let's Break the Silence will have several key speakers on the night including Nathan Thompson ex North Melbourne, live music from Tim Rogers from You am I, Damian Callinan with his comedy show Spaznuts, The Dead Salesmen, finger food and many more surprises will ensure everyone who attends has a great night. Plus heaps of fabulous give – a – ways.

Tickets cost \$30 and the money raised will go towards the three sponsors. Patrons can purchase tickets through the Town Hall – Kyneton Box Office 1300 88 88 02 or over the counter at any Shire customer Service centres (Kyneton, Woodend, Romsey & Gisborne).



DVD Review

The Girl who leapt through time



Makoto Konno is a girl attending high school in Tokyo. She realizes she has the power to go back in time and re-do things (called a "time-leap") when she impossibly avoids a fatal accident at a train crossing one day. At first, Makoto uses her power extravagantly to avoid being tardy and to get perfect grades on tests, and even relive a single karaoke session for about ten

hours. However, things begin to turn bad as she discovers how her actions can adversely affect others. An award-winning Japanese animation which makes great family viewing.

Book Review – Non-Fiction



Vintage Melbourne: beautiful buildings from Melbourne city centre by Peter Fischer

Melbourne has a special place in the hearts of many Victorians, from those who visit from the country as well as its' residents.

Vintage Melbourne takes you on a tour of 42 of the most beautiful historical buildings in the Melbourne city centre. The buildings selected for inclusion in this book were chosen for their visual, historical and architectural interest. Each image is accompanied by a detailed and fascinating history of the building. It is amazing how many buildings are familiar and interesting to read their history.



Book Review – Fiction

Six seconds by Rick Mofina

Canadian author Rick Mofina has written a rollercoaster-like suspense thriller that sweeps across countries and continents. Six Seconds is a story of war, vengeance and terrorism. It explores the war in Iraq and its damaging affect on everyone involved from soldiers to terrorists to the innocent and the repercussions that are felt long afterward. It's also the story of painful loss, guilt and redemption sought by people who are worlds apart and separated by culture and personal beliefs. Not too deep, not too wordy, complex enough, likable characters: Six Seconds moves along at a breakneck speed. Perfect rainy weekend read!

Book Review – Beginner/Young Fiction



Zac Power series by H.I. Larry

Zac Power is an ordinary kid that goes on extraordinary Missions. Encountering mechanical sharks to deadly plants, from a deep submarine mission to a jungle adventure. Zac has the coolest gadgets stink bombs, Virtual reality glasses, to track changer sandals..... This brilliant series for reluctant readers is jam packed with gadgets, missions, baddies and edge of your seat excitement! Zac Power Test drive for beginner readers with Zac Power for more advanced readers.

Magazine Review

The Week

Haven't got time to read the newspapers properly but like to keep-up-to-date with what is going on? *The Week* is unlike any other magazine in Australia – it is a digest of the best Australian and International news and current affairs analysis and opinion. At the end of reading *The Week*, you'll be completely informed, not to mention entertained. *The Week* also covers the lighter side - everything from gossip and sport to food, travel and the arts.



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**Explore the History of Dar-
raweit Guim and Celebrate
Landcare Group's 21st Birth-
day**

Landcare in Darraweit Guim has come of age. In 2009, the Upper Maribyrnong Catchment Group is celebrating its 21st birthday. On Sunday 2 August, the group is holding an oral history forum in Darraweit Guim to celebrate twenty-one years since it became an "official" Landcare Group.

A panel of locals and ex-locals has been assembled to provide their insight into what Darraweit Guim was like in their younger days and how the town and its surrounds have changed over the years.

It will be a very special community event with the panel providing insight into work life, transportation, school days, shopping and sporting activities, social events, and the changing landscape of the region over the years.

The two-hour forum that starts at 3pm is being held at the Darraweit Guim War Memorial Hall, Bolinda Road, Darraweit Guim.

The forum is FREE and all are welcome. The atmosphere will be decidedly informal, so bring along your photos of the local area for display, or other memorabilia, and share in the memories.

The celebrations will be followed by a warming winter meal.

The forum is being held to remember and learn about the area's past, to celebrate the Landcare groups 21st birthday, and to acknowledge the significant contribution that Landcare has made in the local area.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Tuesday 28th July 2009.

To RSVP and for more details please contact Peter (tel: 5789 1292) or Georgena (tel: 5789 1403) from the Upper Maribyrnong Catchment (Landcare) Group .

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Romsey Recreation Centre

Romsey Junior Basketball

The Romsey Junior Basketball Grand Finals were played on the 16th of June., with a great finish to what was one of the most successful seasons of Junior Basketball in many years.

Under 13 Competition

3rd & 4th Playoff - **Green 10** defeated **Yellow 9**

Top Scorers: R. Sutherland – 10(Green); D. Reynolds – 5 (Yellow)

Grand Final Result—Navy 30 defeated **Red 6**

Top Scorers: T. Lever – 6 (Navy); J. Lever – 15 (Navy); A. Munyard – 4 (Red)

Navy were the dominant team for most of the season, and continued to show top form into the grand final despite a gallant fight from Red. Congratulations to all children who played of a fantastic effort. Also a big thank-you to our hard working local basketball referees for all their dedication throughout the season.

Under 16 Competition

3rd & 4th Playoff - **Navy 41** defeated **Blue 23** Top Scorers: L. Adamson – 6 (Navy); B. Meyer – 6 (Navy); J. Edelston – 19 (Navy); J.Canning – 6 (Blue); D.Wright – 8 (Blue); B. Thorogood – 7 (Blue)

Grand Final Result—Red defeated **Yellow** by default.

Several players were struck down by a mysterious flu, and unable to play. Disappointing as this would have been a top battle. Hopefully all players will be back next season to settle the score! Congratulations to all our under 17 players, they have really showed some great talent this season. Also a big thankyou to all the coaches who volunteer their time every week to help the players learn more and improve their game. The new season of junior basketball will start July, 2009.

Romsey Senior Mixed Netball

The Senior Mixed Netball Competition is midway through it's current season. The current ladder is:

1 No Idea	12	193%
2 Team Name	9	116%
3 Connect	7	78%
4 Fubar	7	65%

Romsey Daytime Ladies Netball

The Daytime Ladies Competition is midway through it's current season. The current ladder is:

1 Miracles	8	208%
2 Antiques	5	167%
3 Wizzies	5	69%
4 Mixtures	2	41%

Romsey Junior Soccer

We are currently looking for players for our upcoming junior indoor soccer competition. We have sourced a new Referee/Coach from Gisborne who is keen to start spreading their knowledge with Romsey players.

We hope to start a Junior under 17's competition (Monday), a junior under 13's competition (Friday) and a junior under 10's program (Friday &/or Monday). Anyone wishing to enrol should contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on 5429 5637. Those who have already enrolled thank

you for your patience. We will endeavour to get soccer up and running as soon as possible.

Senior Mixed Basketball / Men's Soccer

The Romsey Recreation Centre is hoping to start a new season of senior sport on Wednesday nights. We are taking enrolments for Senior Mixed Basketball or Men's soccer. We will start the most popular program so if you are keen to play let us know.

Anyone wishing to enrol should contact the Romsey Recreation Centre on 5429 5637.

Romsey Occasional Care

Occasional Care is coming to Romsey!

Rebecca Wilson is starting a fully licensed occasional care program at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Take advantage of this great opportunity and enrol your child today.

Sessions run every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Bookings and enquiries should be directed to Rebecca Wilson

Ph: 0409 407 696

romseyoccasionalcare@hotmail.com

Fitness Circuits – Knockout Chicks

Ladies Fitness classes are back at the Romsey Recreation Centre every Monday and Wednesday morning from 10.15am.

Mum's with Kids? - Take advantage of the discount offer when using childcare.

Classes cost \$14.00 per session or \$10.00 with childcare*

Bookings and enquiries should be directed to Melanie Traynor

Ph: 0430 370 360

melanie@tpfitness.com.au

*Please note: childcare fees to be paid directly to Romsey Occasional Care

The Romsey Recreation Centre is home to the following associations:

Romsey Occasional Care

Operates: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Mornings

Contact: Rebecca Wilson – 0409 407 696

Romsey Netball Association

Play: Monday's from 7.00pm, Wednesday's from 5.30pm & Thursday's from 4.30pm

Contact: Chris Dickson – 5429 5582

Pilates

Operates: Monday's from 2.00pm

Contact: April Banes – 0427 150 976

Romsey Tennis Club

Play: Midweek & Weekend Competitions; Court Hire

Contact: Bev Beaumont – 5429 6189

If you have any questions relating to the sports, facility or programs that are run at the Romsey Recreation Centre, please contact Brooke or Christina on 5429 563

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Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

UPDATE

Romsey Is Online - Romsey Website Launch

After months of planning and frenetic distribution of information to the community, the Romsey website, www.romsey.org.au, was officially launched on Monday 20th July at a gala banquet dinner held at Soltan Pepper Restaurant. Approximately 80 guests attended this exciting event, including Joanne Duncan (State member for Macedon), Nadine Wood (representing Fran Bailey, Federal member for McEwen, who was overseas), MRSC Mayor John Letchford and local East Ward councillors Joan Donovan and Henry McLaughlin. The website designer, Ben Jarris (Sharp Design) demonstrated the website live and guests had the opportunity to test it out for themselves.

Mayor Letchford announced that the sum of \$5000 has been pledged from the discretionary funds of five MRSC councillors to assist with the website design cost. This pledge of financial assistance was greatly facilitated by a submission and presentation to the councillors by the RRBATA Website Subcommittee (Tracey Newnham and Melanie Traynor).

RRBATA wishes to thank Melanie and Adam Soltan for making their wonderful restaurant available for this very memorable community event.

More Thanks

The Romsey Website Project was supported in many ways by many people. RRBATA wishes to acknowledge this assistance for this project from the following:

Ben Jarris, Sharp Creative Agency - *website design, logo, moral support*

Melanie and Adam Soltan—*making Soltan Pepper available for the launch*

Elise Gow Photography—*website photography*

David Rodden (IGA), Romsey Community Hub - *table displays*

Kath Brundell—*media release*

Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank, Lancefield and Romsey Historical Society, Romsey Toy Library, Romsey Kindergarten Inc, Romsey Playgroup, Romsey Community House—*letters of support*

Businesses, Community Groups, Sporting Clubs - Get Into Cyberspace Now!

Already, many local businesses and other groups have listed on the Romsey website. Its capacity to give an accurate snapshot of this town is dependent on its content.

This is your opportunity to be listed for **FREE** if you are a community group, sporting club or non-for-profit organisation. For as little as \$20 *per year*, businesses can be listed under specific categories. For further information, contact Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com).

News, Reviews, Events – Get Them Posted Online

Sporting results, fundraisers, markets, performances, news items and general information can all be listed at no cost on www.romsey.org.au. Just email info@romsey.org.au to submit your information for posting. RRBATA is committed to keeping the site current and welcomes submission of timely information for listing. If you have any queries, please contact Tracey Newnham (0409 511439,

newlec@bigpond.com).

The Romsey Bags Have Landed!

By now, you may have noticed the “Romsey Bags” out and about in the town. There are two types featuring the Romsey Region logo: the red grocery-type of bag will be for “everyday” use and freely available at a reasonable cost through outlets such as the IGA. The “stylish” off-white/cream canvas bag is available at Cuttings Culinary and Botanica and has already been subject to huge demand! For further enquiries or if you wish to purchase some for distribution through your business, please phone Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com). Please note that RRBATA is passing these on “at cost” to those purchasing them— no profit is being made. RRBATA supports the use of these bags as part of our “Shop Local Shop Romsey” and “Romsey Pride” philosophy.

MRSC Economic Development and Tourism Unit Helping RRBATA

Recently, RRBATA committee members (Jenny Stillman and Tracey Newnham) met with the members of the MRSC Economic Development and Tourism Unit (Kylie Lethbridge, Danielle Phyland and Leanne Davey). Assistance with the formulation of a strategic plan for RRBATA was offered. A meeting in conjunction with Tourism Alliance Victoria will be organised by MRSC to facilitate this process. Information was also offered which will greatly assist RRBATA’s Christmas Decorations initiative. This was an activity which was sorely missed last year, but will return bigger and better this year. The links being forged with the MRSC are very valuable and will greatly assist RRBATA to define and fulfil its objectives.

June Meeting Report - A Taste of Community Planning

The RRBATA meeting held on Monday 15th June at the Romsey Community Hub featured Kirsten Larwill from the MRSC Community Planning Unit who spoke about the concept of Community Planning and the MRSC’s experience with this process so far. Various community groups (including the Lions Club, Rotary, CWA, Community House, Romsey Rag, and Bowls Club) and the Bendigo Bank had accepted RRBATA’s invitation to attend this meeting to get a taste of what “community planning” is all about. Unfortunately, Romsey is not yet scheduled to be included on the MRSC’s funding cycle for active assistance with this process (it could be at least 18 months away). However, those in attendance became aware that there are preliminary processes (such as networking between all of the groups) which could be undertaken ahead of any more formal process. Kirsten made herself available to field enquiries on this topic at any time. So....watch this space.

Upcoming Guest Speakers at RRBATA

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.

Thinking About Membership?

RRBATA is only as good as its membership. The Committee is considering a number of exciting initiatives for the year ahead – consider being a part of these by becoming a RRBATA member so as you can be heard!! *Membership Enquiries:* Tracey Newnham (Secretary) 0409 511439 newlec@bigpond.com



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The Winner of the Romsey Lancefield Rotary Club’s raffle is: Carole Hamilton Barwick (of Romsey) with ticket number 1620. Tickets were sold as far away as Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Tasmania and Queensland. There was only one prize for the \$2 ticket: a 6x4 trailer, a ride on mower, a push mower and a brush cutter.

The raffle draw was made at the Rotary Change-Over Dinner at The Grange (CentreVic) on 4th July 2009 by Assistant Governor of Rotary District 9790 Peter Gibson. The raffle scrutineer for the evening was Ghislaine Coghill who watched over 6000 tickets go into the Rotary barrel on the evening.

Special thanks to all the hundreds of locals who purchased one or more raffle tickets. The Rotary Club specifically thanks Rotarians Keith Rickards and Karen Stevens who gave of their time visiting local markets over the past 6 months in all types of weather. Funds raised will go to sup-

Romsey Primary School

80's Night

Friday 4th September

At the school gymnasium
7.30pm—12 Midnight

Tickets just \$15 each.

Come dressed as your favourite 80’s idol—let your imagination run wild!

Tea / Coffee provided.
BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Book your table of 10 by contacting the school on 5429 5099

*Also featuring:
Fun and games throughout the night—
raffles, dance competitions
including the best
“Moon Walk”
and “Risky Business”.*

port our work in all local schools with books and scholarships. Special thanks to Mick and Jodie Bannon from Romsey Mowers for the provision of the mowing equipment.

Pictured: The winner, Carole Hamilton Barwick on her new ride-on mower

Rotary President Rod Frost, Mark Shepherdley, (PP) Greg Powell, Carole Hamilton Barwick (the winner), Karen Stevens, (PE) Keith Rickards, Diane Powell





The Romsey Bags Are Here!

The Romsey Bag is an environmentally-friendly way for you to endorse your town and are incredibly useful. Whether you choose the **red grocery-type of bag** for "everyday" use or the **stylish off-white/cream canvas bag**, both feature the Romsey Region logo.

They red and cream bags are available NOW at Cuttings Culinary and Botanica, Sapphire Hairdressing, Romsey Post Office and Traynor Fitness. Gillmay Arts has the cream bags only. Romsey Newsagent, Romsey Fresh and Romsey IGA have the red bags only.

For further enquiries or if you wish to purchase some for distribution through your business, please phone Tracey Newnham (0409 511439, newlec@bigpond.com).

Romsey Website Launch 20 July at Soltan Pepper



Jenny Stillman, RRBATA, Mayor John Letchford, Councillor Joan Donovan, Councillor Henry McLaughlin



Mayor John Letchford, talking about the website



Mrs Patricia Muddyman, CWA, Mrs Val Jordan CWA Central Highlands, Mr Frank Muddyman, Masons

Family Craft Market

Saturday 8th August

At the

Romsey Mechanics Hall
Main Road Romsey

9.00am – 2.00pm

This is our Fathers Day Market so come along and purchase something for Dad, and support your local Market

- Variety of stalls
- Childrens activities- plaster painting (cost of purchasing plaster piece up to \$10.00 plus \$2.00 for the cost of the paint)
- Prize for the best Artist and the youngest Artist
- Sausage Sizzle, includes hamburgers, egg & bacon rolls/sandwich, also gluten free food available, lots more.
- Monster Fathers Day Raffle

The Romsey Family Craft Market is held on the second Saturday of each month



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Email: romseyhouse@bigpond.com

Phone 5429 6724
If no answer—leave a message, we will get back to you.
Romsey Community House is located at the Romsey Hub, 96 Main Street, Romsey.

Health, Fitness & Well Being

Pilates for Beginners

Improves flexibility, strength, balance and body awareness. An 8 week course commencing 20th July 12.30-1.30pm. Term Cost \$96.00 (\$12/ session).
Convener: April Banes. Bookings essential.
Ph: Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Yoga - With Kym Oliver.

Wednesday's 7.00 – 8.30pm. Cost \$140 per 10 week Term.
Casual rate \$18/ session. Ph: Kym Oliver 5429 2134

Responding to Childrens' Anxiety

Presented by counselor Amanda Summers. A practical course on managing anxiety in children. Cost is \$25 – Inc. handouts and cd. Date: 30th July 7-9pm. Bookings essential. Minimum numbers apply. Ph: 5429 6724

Responding to Childrens' Anger

Presented by counselor Amanda Summers. A practical course on managing anger in children. Cost is \$25 – Inc. handouts and cd. Date: 27th August 7-9pm.
Bookings essential. Min numbers apply. Ph: 5429 6724

Chinese Medicine

Come and be informed about the benefits of Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture and Shiatsu. Presented by Chinese Medicine Physician, Peter Gigante.
Date: 6th August - 7.30 - 8.30 followed by question time. Gold coin donation.

Diabetes Education

A qualified Diabetes Educator will provide information about all aspects of Diabetes including education, care, lifestyle and diet at a minimal fee.
Watch the Romsey Rag for further details

Walk Together Program:

Meets at the Lions Park (near the creek) 9.30am every Tuesday. For further details contact Heather 5429 5895.

Counselling services available from Amanda Summers.
Phone 54296724 for further details.

Social & Creative Activities

SIA (Seniors Info & Activities Group)

This month's feature is a 1hr information session on All you need to know about Mobile Phones. Followed by a light lunch with tea/coffee, then spend time playing cards/games & socialising. Cost: \$5.00 inc. 28th August 11-1.30pm
Ph: Romsey Community House 5429 6724
Next Months Feature: The services available to the Aged & Disabled in the Macedon Ranges. (Last Friday of the month).

Youth Pizza Night

This will be a youth information evening. Includes follow up from the Youth Forum
Ph: 5429 6724 to register your interest. August 20th—5-7pm. No cost.

Children's Forum

This is a powerpoint presentation about Police. Come and meet Constable Kenny Koala and gain information on police training, police stations & interview rooms, the various roles and responsibilities of officers, detector dogs and much more.
Ph: 5429 6724 to register your interest. Watch the Romsey Rag for further details

Knitting Group

Every Wednesday 4-5pm. Adults \$5.00, Child 12 under \$2.50 Art & Craft Room.
Bookings essential. Contact Heather 5429 5895

Craft Group meets every Thursday from 10.00am.

Drop on for a cuppa any week day 9.30 -5pm. Gold coin donation.

Educational

Tuning into Kids

A parenting program that teaches awareness, understanding & regulating of both

children & parents emotions. Learn how to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness & teaching. Gain skills in assisting children in problem solving & to verbally label their emotions whilst guiding their behaviour with appropriate limits. Cost: Gold coin donation for tea/coffee Dates: Every Thursday 23/07/09 – 20/08/09 (6 weeks)
Term 3 fully booked.
Register now for Term 4 Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Cooking for One or Two

This is a six week hands on cooking course funded by the Dep't of Veterans Affairs & run on behalf of Nutrition Australia. Learn how to prepare quick & easy meals.
Wednesdays 22nd July – 26th August, 10-1pm Bookings essential. Cost is \$6 per session or \$30 for 6 sessions. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Technology

Certificate Courses – Non accredited:

Computer Basics 1 – Evening Class

Learn about computer hardware, using a mouse, the desktop, icons, files & folders, my documents, using Windows explorer, and lots more.

This is an ACFE funded 10 week course 6.30pm - 8.30pm from 16th July – 17th Sept. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00

Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Computer Basics 11 – Day Class

Build on skills already learnt including creating & maintaining a file system, maintaining your computers environment, installing/uninstalling software, protecting your computer, common applications (Word, Spreadsheets, etc) internet applications, basic internet skills.

This is an ACFE funded 10 week course 10.00am – 12noon from 16th July – 17th Sept. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00

Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Microsoft Excel – Evening Class

An introduction to excel spreadsheets. This course runs over 8 weeks and is ACFE funded. Cost \$160.00/Concession \$55.00. Every Tuesday from 14th July – 15th Sept, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Bookings essential. Ph. Romsey Community House 5429 6724

Accredited BRIT courses:

Looking at a career in hospitality. BRIT are running the following practical & theory courses off site, at the Romsey Community House. Each course provides accreditation towards a Certificate in Hospitality (made up of 8 modules). Two of these modules will commence in Term 3. Contact the House for details. 5429 6724

Food Hygiene & Food processing (1 Module)

Follow Health Safety & Security Procedures (1 Module)

Barista (Coffee making) nationally accredited certificate course 2 days

BRIT Courses Update:

Over the next two terms. Romsey Community House is offering 8 out of 12 modules for a Certificate in Hospitality.

The following accredited modules are now open for bookings:

Food Hygiene (and Food Handling related subjects)

BRIT Accredited module

Tuesday August 18th and Tuesday August 25th
4.30—8.30pm at the Romsey Community House
\$155 per person.

Coffee Barista Course—A Nationally Accredited Course

Monday September 7th and Monday September 14th
4.30—8.30pm at the Romsey Community House.
\$145 per person

Phone 5429 6724 for bookings and information.