

Romsey Golf Club Ladies Report

The cold wet Wednesday 20th April saw seven ladies brave the cold wet day but sense prevailed and we abandoned play after we were all wet and feeling miserable. 27th with better conditions we played Mulligan's and Leila was the winner with a 71 nett. Monthly medal day 4th May saw Leila's good form continue as she won again. 11th May: We managed to play 9 holes with Beryl winning. As you can see we may be somewhat silly but we do call it quits when the weather is too bad. So please come and join us on Wednesday mornings at the clubrooms about 9am for a 9.30 hit off. We will share clubs if you just want to come and have a go.

Jan, Kath and Lorraine went to Alexandra for their Bowl early on April 14th. They travelled through fog but once on the course, this dissipated. They were relatively lucky on the day although rain threatened, they only had to put up the umbrellas and don the wet weather gear early. This course offers its own challenges with the race course occupying the middle of the golf course. At least this time there was no race in the immediate future and the grass had been cut short allowing you to find your ball and hit off the track if necessary. Kath had problems with her electronic buggy while the other two had problems with their vests. (They were a lot more comfortable after swapping vests at the end of the day.) On April 21st: five of our ladies (Kath Leila Lorraine Jan & Denise) took part in the Dalhousie District 30+ Handicap played at Lancefield. They had lovely weather although we were prepared for the worst as the day before they had been drenched. The course was in very good condition although there was water in the creek that flows through the course and the new dam offered some members a challenge. The short par 3 over the water tested some players' accuracy when you have to avoid the bunkers as well. Leila managed this hole very well winning NTP and making her birdie putt (2 for 5 pts). Great job Leila. After a slow start Lorraine's swing "clicked" and she ended up with 39 pts to be runner up in her grade.

28th April: Kath, Beryl and Denise travelled to Marysville for the Sandy Wilson Bowl. They had a full field and put on a magic day. The weather was delightful—warm and sunny with no wind, and the course was in excellent condition. Their course is slowly recovering from its devastation and with Greg Norman's input, offers water challenges over streams and lovely new bridges. The trees were all beautiful but there was very little bird noise and no birds to be seen. At the 9th hole, a long par three, Kath felt great to get on the green for nearest the pin only to be beaten by Beryl and yes, I am enjoying the honey. The prizes they presented were different and appreciated by all the winners. No one would have been unhappy with a large fruit and veggie hamper or a bucket of potatoes for the runners up. Beryl was happy with her 36pts and Kath her 32pts and Denise enjoyed her day out. On leaving Kath discovered her phone missing so after being bitten by a bull ant we returned to the course and found her phone and two pairs of golf shoes we had also left behind.

The Women's Golf Victoria Autumn Country Tournament was held at Euroa on May 3 & 4. It was a 36 hole stroke event and Lorraine managed to score 72, 73 Kath 77, 74 and Beryl 77, 79. (How can anyone play so poorly when the course was so good?). After packing the car with extra clothes and golf gear, we set off for an overnight stay at Euroa. We were lucky and had a pm. hit off the first day and am. the second day. After a quick stop at their local supermarket to get last minute essentials and a coffee, we hit the fairways. It was a lovely day and quite a few players found

they were over dressed and had to roll their winter slacks up. (Thankfully the fashion police weren't there) and some needed to put up sunshades. There were lots of helpers on the course spotting for wayward balls and devilish crows. One spotter was seen to leap off her chair, pick it up and run for safety. The 12th, a short par three also has a water hazard but this should not come into play but some managed to try their hand at difficult shots. Officials were travelling around in their buggy checking on the flow of the games and thinking they were safe at the edge of this fairway and they were watching the tee offs. A group had to yell 'fore' as a wayward hitter actually cleared their buggy but only just and hit a tree immediately behind them, bouncing back and allowing a clear shot to the green. Some people have all the luck. The company was lovely and it was great to play with ladies from other districts. Kath had a disastrous hole, the same tree seems to leap out and attack her ball each time she plays Euroa. This time her ball just did not want to go past it. The eleventh hole usually causes problems as it has a lovely stream flowing through it. Often someone in each group managed to try their luck at the water hazard and kept the spotters busy fishing for balls or locating them on the banks. On Wednesday we were up early as we needed to be on the course at 7:00am. We were presented with a different challenge of dew on the grass, less run and a chill in the air. The sun finally rose in the sky and this was difficult as it was so low sun visors weren't much use. Lorraine won NTP on the 12th with a great shot finishing 8 inches behind the flag. The tournament sponsors gave some of us the opportunity to shop and renew our wardrobes. Tuesday 10th May Jan and Kath played 4BBB at Goonawarra in their Captain & President's day. They enjoyed the course and said there was no wind but plenty of water. Thursday 12 May, Kath Lorraine and I went to the Seymour Bowl. The drizzle started before play started and we were told it would ease. Who were they kidding!! The weather continued to be wet all day. Not heavy rain just wet. Kath had 37pts and was runner up in C grade

Recipe for this month

Mushroom Bisque (French for soup)

500gm mushrooms
4 cups chicken stock
1 medium onion chopped
90gm butter
4 tablespoon flour
3 cups milk
1 cup cream
Salt & white pepper
Tabasco sauce
2 tablespoons sherry.

Slice 6 mushroom caps and sauté in 1 tablespoon of butter (reserve for garnish)
Simmer rest of mushrooms covered with stock and onion for 30mins.
Melt remaining butter in a saucepan, add flour and stir with a wire whisk until blended.
Meanwhile bring milk to the boil and add to butter flour mixture and stir vigorously with whisk until sauce is thickened and smooth.
Stir in cream
Add salt & pepper & Tabasco sauce.
Reheat add sherry and top with reserved mushrooms.
Serves 6-8.

Beryl Cole

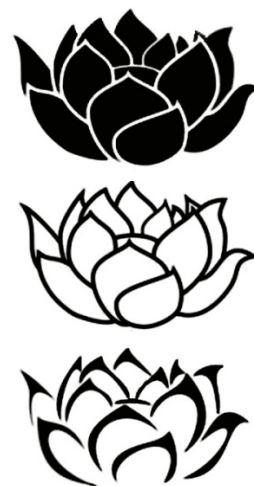
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Romsey Golf Club - Men's Report

Saturday April 16th: Stroke

Players hit off under clear skies in the Club's stoke competition, however as the afternoon wore on the skies darkened and intermittent winds rose to play havoc on some holes but the rains held off. The day's winner was Chris van derVliet with a fine 97/29/68 on a count-back from Bob McLennan; 82/14/68. Other good rounds came from veterans Les Gaunt; 79/9/70 and Andrew Clement; 82/11/71.

Sunday April 17th - 2001 Pennant Round 5.

All three of the Romsey teams had strong chances of making their respective finals as they headed off for their final 2011 pennant matches. Results were:

The "Scratch" team went down to Woodend 4/3 at Euroa. Woodend to play Alexandra in the final.

The 1st handicap team recorded a strong 5/2 win over Hidden Valley at Mt Macedon. These teams to again play in the final.

The 2nd handicap team recorded a steady 4/3 win over Euroa at Woodend. Romsey to meet Lancefield in the final.

Saturday April 23rd - Stableford

Players watched ex-Romsey member, Daniel Gaunt, in the 3rd round of the 2011 Volvo China Open before heading out to play in the club's Stableford competition. The afternoon started out cold and overcast but the clouds soon lifted and the sun came out for a wonderful autumn afternoon. Winner on the day was Kev Milner with a fine 43 points, runner up was Mick Nichols with 41 points. Other good performances came from Craig Wood, 39 points, Andrew Laing, 38 points and Mat Hall with 37 points. Nearest the pins went to Andrew Laing - 15 and Ron Walker - 16. (Volvo China Open - Daniel ended the day with a fine -12 however he was still 6 behind the leader).

ANZAC Day, Monday April 25th; Stableford

Local musician and RGC member, Rob Smithies enthralled players before hit-off at the Anzac Day stableford competition with his moving rendition of "The Last Post and Reveille". A fitting tribute to all those we remember on this special day. Winner on the day was consistent veteran Les Gaunt with 37 points. Equal runners-up were Keith Hocking, Anthony Lakey, John Boyce and Andrew Laing. The only NTP went to junior Daniel Wright - 15th.

(The Volvo China Open - Daniel had a steady par, 72, final round to finish on 12 under and take equal 31st place.)

Saturday April 30th; April Monthly Medal - Stroke and Putts

With a number of players having a round at Alexandra in preparation for the 2011 Pennant Finals it was a good opportunity for a "smokey" to take out the April Monthly Medal. However Andrew Laing kept up his recent fine form to win, 91/21/70, on a count back from Ron Walker; 98/19/70 Andrew also took out the only NTP, the 15th (The Money Hole) so he had a very fruitful afternoon. Least putts went to Ron Walker with 26.

Sunday May 1st - The 2011 Pennant Finals

The eight Dalhousie District Pennant Finals were held on Sunday May 1st, the two courses to host the finals were Alexandra and Seymour. Both of Romsey's teams played at Alexandra. A good contingent of friends and relatives

travelled to Alexandra to cheer the players on. Unfortunately it was not our day with both teams being beaten. The 1st handicap team fought out a tough battle with Hidden Valley before finally going down with the last pair on the 18th, 4/3. The 2nd handicap team did not play up to their ability and were well beaten by Lancefield 6/1. Congratulations to our pennant captains and all our pennant players, Romsey Golf Club came within a pinch of making all three finals. Also, our congratulations to the Hidden Valley and Lancefield teams.

Saturday May 7th - 4BBB Stableford Knockout.

Players hit off under clear skies and with almost no wind competition for the final eight spaces in this event was going to be tough. Teams were playing for the Ampol/W. E. Tom Shield, the oldest of Romsey's Shields, it was first awarded in 1965. At the end of the day the top eight teams went on to the finals stages of the event. The top eight teams were; A & G Clement (Winners with 45 points), W & B Robb, J Laing & P Chalmers, A Lakey & D Van DenHeuval, A Laing & M Hall, L Gaunt & M Thornton, C Gaunt & S Poulton and J Boyce & K Dunn. Wayne Robb took out the NTPs on 15 and 16. The 1st semi-finals in this event will be played on Saturday May 14th.

Saturday May 14th - Semi Finals of the 4BBB Knockout.

Freezing winds and overcast skies greeted players as they hit off in the semi finals of the Ampol/W E Tom Shield. All finals were close and there was some excellent match-play as teams scrambled to win or halve the final holes. Three players, not in this event, played handicap match-play. After the club's near misses in the recent pennant finals there were some very close matches.

The day's winners were; M Hall/A Laing D J Boyce/K Dunn 3/2, M Thornton/L Gaunt D B & W Robb 3/2 and A Lakey/D Van DenHeuval D J Laing/P Chalmers 3/1.

NTPs went to M Hall 1 & 16 and L Gaunt 15.

Romsey Red Cross Branch meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street (off Murphy Street).

Members of our Outreach Team have been busy visiting some of the Flood affected areas in Victoria.

Thanks to all who attended the Fashion Parade, we will be holding another event with Kay's Fashions in September.

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Daytime Scottish Country Dance Class to Begin

Woodend Scottish Country Dancers are starting a day-time class on Thursday afternoons at the Buffalo Sports Centre, Woodend for those who want to improve their mind and body fitness and have fun at the same time.

Scottish Country Dancing is the most elegant of the various national country dance styles and is not as physically demanding as highland dancing. It is like barn dancing in that dancers form a set and move through various dance formations within that set for each dance.

The class is taught by Lis Thomas from Castlemaine. "The great thing about Scottish Country Dancing is that it gives you both physical and mental exercise," said Lis. "Dancing is such a good way to get some aerobic exercise and, because you are listening to music and participating in the dance, you don't notice that you are huffing and puffing a bit. You also have to think about what you are doing, so the grey cells get a work-out too."

For weekday classes, there is no need to wear a kilt or any special clothes: casual wear is the norm. Scottish Country Dance music includes lively jigs and reels and elegant strathspeys as well as hornpipes. A variety of instruments are used including piano, violins, accordions and bagpipes.

Lis said that anyone between the ages of 12 and 70 who is reasonably nimble on their feet can learn the steps and people do not need to come with a partner. She added, "We have a lovely group in Woodend - people from all walks of life who enjoy dancing together followed by a sociable cuppa afterwards."

A group of new dancers is just about to start. Lis said, "Now is a good time for people interested in Scottish Country Dancing to join because then all the beginners can start together."

People interested in joining should contact Lis Thomas on 54724736.

"Some members of Woodend Scottish Country Dancers enjoy dancing a strathspey together" Photo credit: Jeremy Williams"



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Woodend Art Group's Winter Art Exhibition- Queen's Birthday weekend

The Woodend Art Group is holding its 4th Winter Art Exhibition on the Queen's Birthday weekend, Saturday the 11th June to Monday the 13th June 2011, 1000 am to 500 pm. The exhibition will be held at the Woodend Art Group's art rooms at the Woodend Railway station.

The exhibition is an opportunity to enjoy and buy quality paintings in both traditional and contemporary styles from artists in the area. Paintings will be in a variety of mediums including oils, watercolour, pastel, mixed media and the children's folio club.

A gold coin donation entitles visitors to a raffle ticket for a chance to win the daily door prize, a donated painting from a local artist. Tea and coffee will be provided, along with a log fire adding to the ambience of The Winter Art Exhibition. There will also be artists at work during the weekend.

The Woodend Art Group runs art classes each term in a variety of mediums. For further information telephone Amanda Candusio, President, Woodend Art Group, on 5423 5144.



Mayor's Message



Council's draft Budget for 2011/12 will be presented at a Special Council meeting on Wednesday 15 June for adoption.

This budget is both affordable and proactive, and importantly, this is the fourth year in a row that Council has kept the increase to below 5% - the lowest increase in the history of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

The 4.1% increase means that rates and charges on a residential property valued at the median level in the shire will be \$1,433 – a difference of \$57 compared to last year.

We've placed a greater importance on taking care of our environment and this budget provides for additional resources in strategic planning and aged care services, the introduction of a new green waste collection service, plus the creation of local employment opportunities for outdoor staff in our Operations area.

It includes a \$12.7m Capital Works Program that includes projects such as:

- Construction works on roads and bridges - \$4m
- Footpath and bicycle paths - \$350,000
- New flooring for the Romsey Recreation Centre - \$90,000
- Improvements to the Aquatic and Fitness Centres in Gisborne - \$95,000
- Romsey Sports Precinct - anticipated total cost is estimated to be \$5m
- Development of Hanging Rock Reserve, Woodend - \$600,000
- Car parking in Stawell Street, Romsey - \$25,000
- New street lights in Edgecombe Street, Kyneton - \$40,000
- Purchase of 12,600 green waste bins - \$675,000
- New multipurpose court, Tylden - \$140,000
- Complete refurbishment of Kyneton Mechanics Institute - \$1m
- New furniture for the Kyneton Mechanics Institute - \$25,000
- Renewal works to the Gisborne Mechanics Institute - \$35,000

It also includes a range of new initiatives that will improve the natural environment, upgrade infrastructure and enhance services for young people and aged older persons, such as:

- Part one of the proposed Indoor Sports Stadium, Gisborne (anticipated total cost is estimated to be \$6.8 million)
- Additional Visitor Information Services - \$61,500

- Improvements to Council's online capabilities - \$45,000
- Improvements to Council buildings - \$85,000
- Clearance of power lines and spraying of roadside vegetation - \$95,000
- Additional drain cleaning works - \$51,500
- Open space reserve maintenance - \$27,000
- Rural Living Strategy - \$30,000
- Additional resources in strategic land use planning - \$84,000
- Woodend Township Structure Plan review - \$75,000
- Kyneton Outline Development Plan Stage One - \$80,000
- Riddells Creek Outline Development Plan Stage One - \$80,000
- Macedon Planning Overlay Review - \$20,000
- Gilbert Gordon Oval, Woodend Master Plan - \$10,000

What's On

BABBA is showing at the Kyneton Town Hall on Friday 24 June at 8pm. Cabaret table seating is available on the night so why not pack yourself a delicious supper, bring it along and experience a fun-filled night of musical entertainment. Seats are also available in the upstairs balcony area. Phone bookings: 1300 88 88 02.

The Queen's Birthday long weekend offers an opportunity to explore our beautiful region and attend events such as the Woodend Winter Arts Festival, Kyneton Olive Oil Harvest Launch and the 4th Winter Art Exhibition by Woodend Art Group just to name a few.

For further details log-on to www.visitmacedonranges.com or drop into a Visitor Information Centre near you.

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Romsey Primary School News

Education Week 2011

Romsey Primary School had a very busy Education Week, with activities and events both within the school and in the wider Romsey community.

- We were very grateful for the support of local businesses with our "Adopt a Shop" project, in which each class displayed student work in local shop windows. This created a lot of comment from people who would otherwise have no connection with the school, and was a very positive way of publicising some of the great things we do at Romsey Primary School.
- The Minister for Education Mr Martin Dixon visited the school, and was very impressed with our buildings and facilities, as well as the work being done in classrooms.
- Our choir and aerobics teams wowed the people of Romsey who attended the Bendigo Bank Community Grants evening held at the Mechanics Hall. Their performances, as usual, were very polished and of a high standard, and enjoyed by all present.



- On Thursday May 19th we invited parents and other guests to our Open Evening, and we were overwhelmed at the number of people who came along for a tour of the school. Many of our students showed their own guests around, while other tours were conducted by "official tour guides", member of our Student Council.
- Another feature of Education Week was our Scholastic Book Fair, and sales on our Open Evening boosted our total to \$2000 worth of sales for the week. From this we will receive \$400 to spend on new resources.
- The last day of Education Week was "Walk (or ride) to School Safely Day", which saw groups of students, parents and staff meeting at various locations around town to walk to school together.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to a very successful Education Week.

Garden Award

During the Minister for Education's visit it was announced that we had won the Primary School's Garden Award for May. Each month one school in Victoria wins this award. We won it for the hot houses our Year 5s have made to protect the plants they are growing as part of their weekly Seed to Table Program. At the end of the year the ten monthly winners go in a draw to win a ride on mower so please everyone keep your fingers crossed that we are the lucky recipient. Debbie Daks, a local artist and judge of the Annual Garden Awards presented the award, which is a print of one of her paintings. Debbie has kindly volunteered to work with our students to create a mural on the wall outside the art room and she has already begun work on this. One of Debbie's paintings is on display in the school foyer along with contact details should you be interested in purchasing any of her work.



Thank You

In support of our school's gardening program, we have had a very generous donation of a Masport mower from the Skinner family. This piece of equipment is both very much appreciated and needed, and will go a long way to keeping the veggie garden looking its best. Thank you to Sharon, Brad, Seth, James and Shelby for your support.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our 76 very enthusiastic runners who competed at Hanging Rock in the Interschool Cross Country competition. All our competitors participated with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. Eleven students who finished in the first 10 placegetters of their event, will go on to Bendigo to compete in the Division Cross Country Championships. Good luck to Georgie P, Keeley R, Corey J, Abbie Q, Annalea P, Maddy P, Lachlan J, Jack F, Janelle S, Chris J, and Brody W.

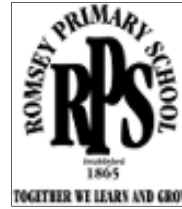
Thank you to Mr Tannenberg and Mrs Horton for their organisation of this event, and to the staff and parents who went along to cheer on our athletes.

Readiness For School Information Evening

Two of our staff, Casy McGuffie and Jo Emond, ran a session for parents of students who may be starting school next year. This session provided information to help parents decide their child's readiness for the transition from kindergarten to primary school in 2012, by looking at all the factors that indicate that the child is ready. If you are thinking of enrolling your child at Romsey Primary School next year, and you are not sure about their readiness to start school, please feel free to call the school on 5429 5099 to discuss your questions.

Enrolments for 2012

Enrolments for 2102 are now being accepted at Romsey Primary School. Enrolment and information packages are available from the school office. If you require any information please contact us on 5429 5099 or by email: romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



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Winter Luncheon 8th June, 2011.

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Church Anniversary.

The Uniting Church in Australia will celebrate the 34th Anniversary of Church Union on 22nd June, 2011.

Can we live your way?

"If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. Again, if you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do as much. And if you lend only where you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you?... You must love your enemies and do good; and lend without expecting any return; and you will have a rich reward; you will be sons of the Most High, because he himself is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

Luke 6: 32-35

I've been reading some of your teachings, Lord, and frankly, I feel rather stunned.

For ours is a tit-for-tat society.

Exchanging favours, or trade, insults, or compliments, we expect returns for investment – of money or love – not to squander favours on those who can give nothing back.

Your way is impractical, Lord, it just wouldn't work.

Why, you ask us to love those who hate us, to lend, not expecting things back; to be kind to the selfish, and always to love or to give with no strings attached.

Can we not even look for a word of thanks?

We surely can't live like that.

And yet – it's the way that you lived.

And to live like that is to grow to be sons of the Most High God, you have said.

No reward of material things could equal that.

Your way was not a business-like way, but it worked.

Lord, you were big enough not to humiliate those who were helped by you.

You did not rob men of their confidence, but gave new dignity.

When you saw someone down and out, you didn't look down in disgust, or toss a coin, you got alongside him, and helped him to his feet, and then slipped quietly away.

No condescension, no seeking of rewards.

I want to live your way, Lord.

Conversations with God by Joy Merritt

Church Services during June 2011

5 th	9am.	Worship Service
12 th	9am.	Worship Service and Eucharist conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones
19 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by the Worship Team.
26 th	9am	Worship Service conducted by Rev. Avril Hannah-Jones

A Quiet Winter Night

Winter is well and truly upon us; a time for soup, open fires, and quiet nights in. In June **Sunday@Six** will be suitably seasonal, starting with soup at **5.15 pm**, and then a Taizé-style service at **6 pm**.

Taizé is an ecumenical community based in France. Its history goes back to 1940 when the then 25-year-old Brother Roger left Switzerland, his birthplace, for France, the country his mother came from. For years he had been ill with tuberculosis, and during that long convalescence he had discovered a call to create community.

During World War Two Brother Roger provided shelter for refugees fleeing the war in the small village of Taizé, which was close to the demarcation line dividing France in two. Sensitive to the beliefs of those he was sheltering, Brother Roger prayed alone; he often went to sing far from the house, in the woods. So that none of the refugees, Jews or agnostics, would feel ill-at-ease, each person in the community who wished to pray was asked to do so alone in their rooms.

In autumn 1942 a retired French officer, a friend of Brother Roger's family, warned that everyone should leave at once. Until the end of the war Brother Roger lived in Geneva and it was there that he began a common life with his first Brothers. They were able to return to Taizé in 1944.

Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred Brothers, Catholics and Protestant, from around thirty countries. By its very existence Taizé is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

Taizé has its own particular worship style. Three times each day, everything stops on the hill of Taizé: the work, the Bible studies, the small-group discussions. Bells call everyone to the church for prayer. Hundreds, sometimes thousands, of young adults from many different countries pray and sing with the Brothers of the community. The short songs sung over and over again express basic truths in few words. Then the Bible is read in several languages. At the centre of every prayer service, a long moment of silence offers an irreplaceable opportunity to encounter God.

The June **Sunday@Six** will be a Taizé-style service, led by young people from Brunswick Uniting Church. This quiet, meditative style of worship seems particularly suitable for the quietness of winter, as the nights draw in.

Sunday@Six is held at Romsey Uniting Church, 25 Pohlman Street, Romsey.

All services are at 9am at Romsey Uniting Church & 10.30 am at Lancefield Uniting Church

5 June: Ascension - Rev. Adrian Pegler

12 June: Pentecost - Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones, Eucharist

19 June: Trinity - Lay Worship Team

26 June: Rev. Dr Avril Hannah-Jones

26 June: Sunday@Six, Romsey Uniting Church

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Old Primary School Site Update

There has been much recent discussion regarding the future of the old Romsey Primary School site, currently on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's list of assets for disposal.

The Monegeetta Room at the Community Hub was full for the "Save Our Public Space" meeting convened by GRAAP on Monday 16th May 2011 to discuss this historic site's future. The three East Ward councillors – Crs. Donovan, Morabito and McLaughlin – were all in attendance.

The evening was opened by the GRAAP President, Raelene Mottram, who explained the purpose of the evening was to



explore support for the retention of the site for community use rather than be sold off for private development. She also read a list of apologies from those unable to attend before introducing a panel of speakers. This included

Vanessa Meredith (GRAAP Vice President), Tino Fichera (local business owner), Hugh Drummond (Macedon Ranges Shire Arts Advisory Committee) and Greg Powell (Rotary). They each spoke to the merits of the site being retained as a public space and how it could be advantageous to our growing town's amenity for both local residents and visitors to the region. The notion of a recreational and cultural facility centrally located to compliment the sporting facilities at Romsey Park was discussed. Questions and comments were taken from the floor with the mood being

strongly supportive of such an aesthetically pleasing land parcel being retained for the community.

On Thursday 19th May, a GRAAP delegation and a number of other interested community members were present for a meeting with the Hon. Martin Dixon (Minister for Education) during a visit to Romsey. This meeting had been facilitated by Donna Petrovich, MLC Northern Victoria. Minister Dixon had visited the site and was interested in the presentation delivered to him. He adjourned to the Community Hub to discuss this and other local issues with MRSC councillors.

So, GRAAP remains positive in its quest to lead the charge for the old primary school site to remain in public use and encourages those who support this quest to write or email the Minister and other political contacts as listed below.

Meanwhile, for further information please contact **Raelene Mottram (GRAAP President)**, phone 0428 928908, Email graap@exemail.com.au.

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Cr. Joe Morabito CrJoeMorabito@bigpond.com

Cr. Joan Donovan CrJoanDonovan@bigpond.com

GAS HEATER SERVICING

Well Winter is now well and truly here. You have all probably been running the heaters flat out for the last few weeks trying to keep warm. But ask yourself, when was the last time you had your gas heater serviced?

Did you know that all gas heaters should be serviced every two years by a qualified Plumber or gasfitter?

Energy Safe Victoria has recently launched a campaign to ensure all gas appliances are serviced, checked and regularly maintained by a licensed or registered plumber every two years.

The campaign will include an extensive television, radio, cinema and newspaper advertising coverage designed to make the public aware of the dangers that faulty appliances can cause.

You may have already seen one of these ads outlining the danger of CO2 (Carbon Monoxide) poisoning which can leak from an incorrectly installed, old or faulty heater appliance or flue.

CO2 is the gas produced when a burning gas appliance is in operation, CO2 is an invisible, odourless gas and is deadly.

When you book a plumber or gasfitter to do a service on your gas appliance ask them if they can test for Carbon Monoxide in the room. Only a qualified plumber or gasfitter with the appropriate equipment will be able to carry out this task and should be done on every gas heater service.

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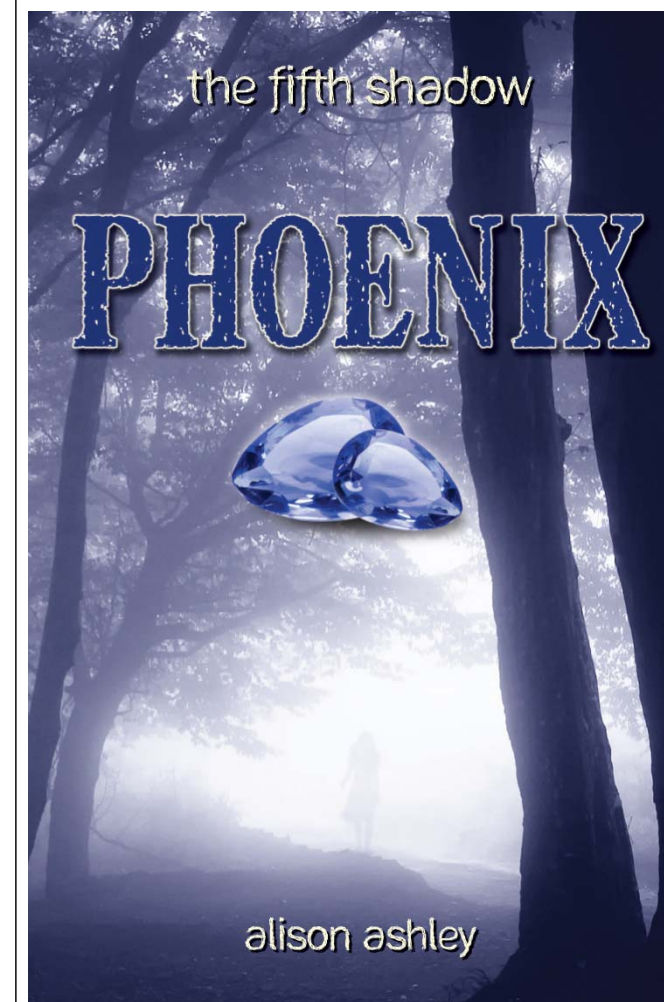
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Where: Romsey Community Hub
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When: Saturday 18th June 2011
 Time: 2PM

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RSVP AlisonAshley@warrambuccabooks.com.au

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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT AMBULANCE AUXILIARY REPORT

Hi to everyone as winter is approaching. Reports from the branch indicate that as usual our paramedics are very busy and along with all our essential service personnel are hoping for a safe and healthy year for everyone. In recent meetings we have had a demonstration by paramedic Kate Christie of the new TCO/CCO smart kits used for multi emergency accidents and have agreed to purchase two for the branch. We are very keen to be able to assist in providing the latest available equipment for our local paramedics. Congratulations to paramedic Rob Lane, his wife Jan and all their supporters and friends on the opening of the One Stop Op Shop in Romsey which is providing much needed funds for the "Live Free" Teen Challenge program. We encourage everyone to get along and support this worthwhile cause. Our auxiliary is gearing up for an exciting fundraiser during July. Escape the winter blues and join us at the Ambulance station on Saturday July 2nd at 2pm for a special afternoon tea and view the beautiful and extensive linen range from Lorraine Lee.

The Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary is always looking for new members and welcomes ideas and enquiries. Please contact President Helen Richardson ph 54296369

Romsey/Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary

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Time : 2.00 pm

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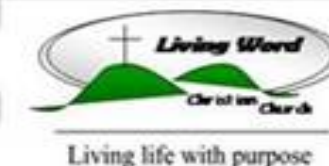


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6pm @ Woodend Community Centre Woodend



Church Office:

7 Mitchell Court Romsey Vic 3434; Postal Address: P.O. Box 164 Romsey Vic 3434
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What Time: 11.45am
When: Wednesday 8thth June, 2011
Where: Romsey Uniting Church
Pohlman Street, Romsey 3434
Cost: \$10.00

“Come And Enjoy A Food and Fellowship Day”
Our speaker will be Rhonda Sutton
the Responsible Travel Advocate for the Uniting Church who will speak about alternative travel arrangement, so that local people reap the benefits of the tourism dollar. She runs study tours so people can actually experience the local culture and visit some of the overseas funded projects.

Trading Table and Door Prize.

RSVP. Alice Long 5429 6567 Jeni Clampit 5429 5480
By 30th May, 2010





ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

Weekly Tennis Fixtures
Tuesday morning ladies doubles - 10.00am start
Wednesday afternoon coaching - 3.50pm start
Thursday afternoon coaching - 3.50pm start
Thursday night men's & mixed doubles - 7.30pm start
Friday morning social tennis - 9.30am start
Saturday juniors singles:doubles - 9.00am start
Saturday seniors mixed doubles - 1.30pm start

Competition News - Juniors
For the first time in several years the Romsey Tennis Club has 5 teams competing in the MRTA winter season. This is a great effort and commitment by all the players and I would like to personally thank the parents that supervise, drive, umpire and open up the courts each week. Your help is greatly appreciated by the club and coaches. After round 3 a great start to the season by all teams with every team in the top 4. Three of them are on top of the ladder at this stage. Let's hope they keep up the good work and continue their form into the remainder of the season.
Thanks, Andrew Peake - Club Coach

Ladies competition news
The current MDLTA season played on Tuesday mornings is nearing the business end and we have 2 out of our 3 teams heading towards the finals. Good luck to those teams.
The section 7 team led by Nicki Ferraro who is dominating at the net, is in top spot and looking to go back to back in taking out the flag. The section 5 team is also in the final four. The other teams should take note that Andrea Alford's 1st serve is only getting bigger and could be the game winner come finals time. Last speed check was near 170km/h, that is fast!!!!!!

NEXT SEASON - Starting in late July
If you or anyone that you know would like to play in a ladies team next season then please do not hesitate to contact the club at anytime. We have a few new ladies that are starting up next season and the club is looking to have a 4th team. It is a great social sport and there is a spot for players of any standard. We have teams in Section 1,5 & 7 so we have got you covered. I also must mention that all our ladies team at Romsey put on a beautiful lunch as well after each home game. I am not sure if it matches the standard of the Soltan Pepper but it comes very close. A special thanks to Bev and Louise who do wonderful work with the club on a yearly basis and especially with the ladies teams. "GO ROMSEY"

Tennis Lessons in Romsey

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Coaching News
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Club News
Friday morning social tennis - for any retirees or those that have a free morning, come along for a hit of tennis then off to a local eatery for a coffee and a snack. For further information please call Eileen French on 0412-787213

Ladies - Do you want to play tennis?
The club currently has 3 teams competing this season in the Tuesday day competition and is looking to put in 4 teams the following season starting in late July or early August. All playing levels are welcomed. Please call Bev or Louise for further information on how to get started or come down for a hit.

Membership
Membership is available for a 12 month period. Cost for adults is \$115 and \$65 for juniors. This gives you unlimited access to the courts during daylight hours when the courts are playable. A court key can also be purchased with your membership. Contact Bev Beaumont on 5429-6189 or Louise Conlan on 5429-6595.

St. Mary's Parish - Lancefield & Romsey			
Parish Priest:	Fr. George O'Connor	Presbytery:	5429 2130
Pastoral Worker:	Mrs. Joanne Reuther	Presbytery:	5429 2130
School Principal:	Mr. Anthony Falls	St. Mary's Primary:	5429 1359



MASS TIMES
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7.00 p.m. (summer time) Lancefield
6.00 p.m. (winter time) Lancefield
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
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2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday of the month:
8.00 a.m. Romsey and 10.00 a.m. Lancefield

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REGULAR EVENTS
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Spiritual Guidance: Last Tuesday/Wednesday of each month at the Presbytery, 27 Chauncey Street, Lancefield. John Stuart, Counsellor and Guide. Appointment necessary. Tel: 5429 2130 for more information.

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St Mary's Primary School News

What a busy last week of Term 1 was had in Prep /1. On Monday there was a water incursion hosted by Western Water where the children were part of an interactive activity based session where they were encouraged to use water wisely. On Tuesday Prep/1M were lucky to be part of the contemporary maths session run by Doug Clarke from ACU, they participated in hands on activities to deepen their understanding of number facts equalling ten. Wednesday the children prepared for their Easter hat parade by completing an invitation for parents and the St Mary's community during literacy, they then measured their heads and constructed a design using cylinders and circles to make their hats during our maths session. Thursday was fun day where we decorated our hats for the parade in the afternoon and with the help of our great parents made rice bubble Easter nests- Yum!
Term 2 will be a very busy Term at St Mary's both in and out of the classroom.
On Sunday 1st May, 28 children from the school and parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Term the children will focus their learning on Civics and Citizenship, they will explore rights and responsibilities. The senior levels will examine the different Governments we have in Australia and how decisions are made.
On Friday May 6th The Years 1 and 2 had a visit from Ambulance Australia, they participated in scenarios about what to do in an emergency as well as getting a tour of the Ambulance and all the equipment.



There is much excitement in Years 5 and 6, as part of this unit the students will travel to Canberra on a 5 day camp departing Monday 16th May. The students will visit the National Museum, the Civic Centre, the National Institute of Sport, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint and heaps more...
The Years 3 and 4 are also excited about their 2 day urban camp in June, they will be visiting the Melbourne Museum, the MCG, National Sports Museum, Eureka Skydeck.
Students in Years 3 to 6 will complete in the COBAW sports cross country at Hanging Rock on Tuesday 17th June.



ROMSEY BRANCH – COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VIC. INC

Hello, everyone, once again. We hope all mums, grandmas and great-grandmas had a wonderful Mother's Day.

*Have you noticed how cold it is,
Now that Winter has arrived,
No sense in sitting home,
Feeling dejected and deprived.*

*Come along to our warm meeting,
And maybe meet a new friend,
You'll be made so very welcome,
Who knows where it could end.*

I think my expertise as a poet is almost over. Next month, I may have to write a joke. Keep reading about the Country Women's Association, Romsey Branch and learn all we are doing in our small town, and you may get a laugh as well.

The month of May saw many of our ladies man a stall outside IGA Supermarket. A copious amount of cakes, biscuits, preserves and craft work was sold, all provided very generously by our ladies. It was a very cold day, but the warmth we received from our many customers made up for the cold wind blowing through the car park.

Craft days continue to be busy. Last month we made a number of items for our Kindergarten. These were delivered by Elaine and Val and the Kinder staff was delighted. More items for this wonderful place for our very junior residents are planned for June Craft Day. Romsey Primary School have

advised that they would like library bags, chair bags, cookery class aprons, etc. and will provide us with the material to make these items. We continue to support the Kilmore Caladenia Aged Care Facility and we will be making cushions, tablecloths, etc. for them at our June Craft day.

To all the people who visited us for our Pete Smith day, we hope you had an enjoyable time and no doubt had a wonderful afternoon tea.

May and June will see our ladies visiting Gisborne for a Games Day and over to Trentham for a display of old and new lace and a demonstration of traditional lace making – this sounds very interesting. Of course, the well-known afternoon teas will be enjoyed.

Our Association Day will be held on August 4th. This will include a display of Lavender featured items – china, crockery, embroidery, etc. etc. For those with an allergy problem, no strong perfumed articles will be featured. We do hope you will be able to join us. Flyers and invitations will be around the town from mid-June. This presentation will be followed by Devonshire Tea – all for the princely sum of \$5.

All interested ladies who would like to get involved in C.W.A., please contact our Secretary, Val Jordan, Telephone 5429 2311. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month and Craft Days on the 3rd Thursday. If craft and cooking aren't your scene, come along anyway, as these are the very minor aspects of being a CWA member. It doesn't matter if you can't sew, knit, crochet or cook. A good chat and the friendship we offer is well worth a visit.

Val Jordan, Branch Secretary.

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Lancefield & Romsey Community Banks

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PAYS DIVIDENDS WITH OUR BANK

The Lancefield and Romsey Community Bank branches have distributed a further \$36,000 to local groups and organisations to help them with much-needed upgrades and projects.

Bank chair Doug Newnham said that for the third year running, contact was made with groups based in Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding areas to determine their needs. Representatives of the 36 groups gathered for a presentation at the Romsey Mechanics Institute on May 18th to acknowledge their cheques and celebrate their achievements.

"A key Bank priority is to share our profits with the community, and it's the support of local residents and businesses that enable us to make this community dividend," Mr Newnham said. "The more that residents and local businesses support our banks, the more we can generate profits to put back into the community for local benefit."



Our two Community Bank branches are operated by Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd, a company with around 500 local residents and businesses as shareholders. Mr Newnham said the feedback from groups which benefited from the grants last year was tremendous, and our Banks are happy to help out again.

"These grants are made possible by our shareholders and customers supporting our Banks," he said. "Members of our community should know that if they support our Banks with their business, that generates more profit to return to the benefit of our local groups and organisations."

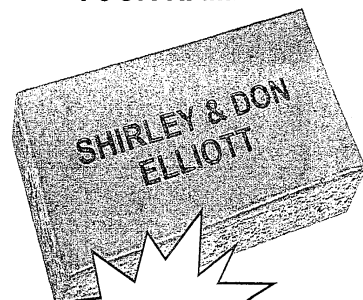
Mr Newnham said the community will also benefit longer term from the exciting development from the Community Bank to build a "bank of the future" on the old produce store site at 105 Main St, Romsey. The development will include a range of other businesses to broaden the shopping choices for Romsey residents, and lock in the future of the Community Bank in the town. The latest round of grants for Romsey and Lancefield and other sponsorships comprising a total distribution of \$68,000 so far this year were just a part of the Community Bank revolution around Australia. Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network, covering more than 550,000 customers and more than 270 communities around Australia, has distributed \$68.4 million back to local communities since the first branch opened in 1998. This year's grant program brings the amount returned to the Romsey and Lancefield communities by grants and sponsorships since our first branch opened 10 years ago to more than \$300,000. Mr Newnham said Romsey, Lancefield and the other branches around Australia provide their communities with even more than just quality banking services.

"We deliver employment opportunities for local people, keep local capital in the community, provide an excellent local investment option and provide a source of grants and revenue for important community projects," he said.

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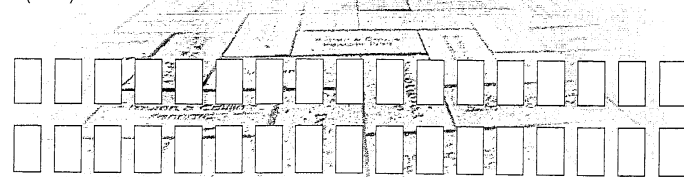
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With this edition of the Romsey Rag is a special order form so that you can be a part of this special event. Past and present families are welcome to purchase any number of pavers that will be laid at Romsey Kindergarten. This is a great way to record your special part of Romsey's history.

Pavers cost \$25 each, and orders are due at the Kindergarten no later than June 24th 2011. Orders and payments can be placed in the correspondence box located opposite Unit 2 at the Kinder.

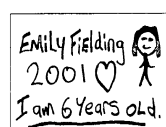
For further information contact Jodee on 5429 5160

Please use the template below to design your paver and return it with your order on the form printed on the left of this page. The instructions for designing your paver are printed below, and the template is the actual size available for your design. If you want to order more than one paver please feel free to copy the template.

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(ONE NAME PER PAVER) Please follow these simple steps when creating your hand drawn image.

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Sample image #1

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Sample image #2

This is Wrong.

Template for your paver (Actual size)

Lessons from Recessions: Cash is Still King

While economists and pundits may argue about whether Australia was officially in a recession recently, there is no doubt in the business community that the past several years have brought on a substantial amount financial uncertainty. Both consumers and businesses alike have watched the economic crises, both at home and abroad, from the same disturbing viewpoint. They have also both taken the same lesson from these troubling times: Cash is still king.

With consumers cutting back on discretionary spending, limiting the amount of new debt they are willing to incur and keeping their cash in the bank, businesses in every sector have had to keep an ever closer eye on their own cash reserves. Not only have businesses had to watch current cash reserves, but also take an increased look at future cash flows as they become more constrained while consumers tighten purse strings.

And even as the world economy rebounds, experts say that those purse strings will continue to stay tight. Kit Yarrow, PhD., writing in *Psychology Today*, says that the "consumer will not return to rampant pre-recession spending levels. They've become more conscious and mindful about all the costs of consuming—those being money, security and time. And they've learned new ways to shop."

These new and unpredictable consumer spending patterns ripple through the economy, where even business-to-business suppliers see increased hesitancy from their retailer customers to ramp up inventory or invest in production or service capacity increases. In fact, a recent study by American Express of small companies indicated that 49% had cash-flow concerns. While some businesses continue to hunker down and take a "wait and see" approach to future growth investments, others are taking a new approach to cash flow to deal with the new realities of the post-recession world.

In working with a vast array of businesses and business owners, the businesses we see most successfully positioning themselves for stability, and even high growth, are taking lessons from the recent downturn by changing the way they look at their cash flows. In reviewing a representative sample of mid-sized businesses (those with turnover between \$200,000 and \$5,000,000), there is a common trend. What we are seeing is that the most stable and successful mid-sized businesses are doing a much better job at analyzing and forecasting their cash flows so they can be managed in a way that achieves growth objectives. In comparison, businesses that continue to simply manage current bank cash balances are less able to head-off the common problems associated with insufficient cash flows.

By taking action to accurately forecast cash flows, even up to a year in advance, the most successful businesses are finding that they no longer need to hoard cash in the face of uncertain economic times. According to Paul LaRock a principal at Treasury Strategies in Chicago, "Too many companies get blindsided by unfavorable movements in cash flow that are predictable if they really sat down and thought through it." In fact, many local businesses are finding they can take the cash flow discipline that the downturn forced on them to outgrow competitors that lack the forecasting and, therefore, ability to plan for and fund growth efforts.

So, it seems that cash flow is still king, and businesses that have best learned to forecast and control their cash flows are becoming "king of the hill."

McMahon Osborne Group is now running a series of workshops to help local businesses owners predict and control their cash and cash flow. For details of all times & events email karen@mcmahonsoborne.com.au

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Law Week in Bendigo for Seniors

Nine years ago, 89-year-old pensioner Clem made a verbal agreement with his son that he would receive care and accommodation in return for investing in his son's property. Clem sold his home, gave his son and daughter-in-law a large sum to re-fit and extend their house, and moved in with them.

A month ago Clem's son separated from his wife and moved interstate. Clem's daughter-in-law is not prepared to honour the original agreement and has asked Clem to move out. Clem has few savings, no protected interest in the property and nowhere else suitable to live.

Tabitha O'Shea, a solicitor for Seniors Rights Victoria in Bendigo, says that this is an all too common situation for seniors. "What starts out as a suitable arrangement for an older member of the family, can end up difficult, stressful and destructive, especially when there is a family breakdown".

The 1996 census showed that 20% of people over 65 years of age who lived in private dwellings, shared them with children, relatives or friends. It is estimated that less than 1% of these people have formal agreements in place. This can mean the older person's interest in the property is not legally protected.

Ms O'Shea said "We encourage all family members to sit down and discuss the options for accommodation when considering a 'granny flat' arrangement or anything similar. This will enable all concerned to have a clear understanding of the agreement and to protect their respective interests".

"Often a solicitor can help them draft a document which will formalise the agreement".

"It is far better to discuss and formalise an agreement before situations occur which could possibly jeopardise any one person's interests or end up with the older person becoming homeless".

Ms O'Shea will present a free seminar "Granny Flat Arrangements" on Tuesday 17th May from 10:30am to 12:00 midday as part of Law Week. The seminar is open to seniors and other family members and will cover setting up a granny flat arrangement or family agreement, preventing risks, as well as tips for seniors. For further information and to reserve a seat, contact Elaine at the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre on 5444 4364.

For further comment, please contact Tabitha O'Shea on 0407 329 279.



Next RRBATA Meeting:

General Meeting
Monday 20th June 2011 at 7.30pm
Romsey Community Hub
Supper Provided.

ALL WELCOME

Mt Payers "Hello Dolly" Review

I wish to congratulate the production team, cast and crew of Hello Dolly on the wonderful theatre experience presented. From the moment the orchestra started I felt fully engaged. I had expected an amateur copy of the Barbra Streisand classic, but the show was much more than that! The general chorus sounded like an experienced choir, while the march scene in the hat shop and the antics of the waiters in the restaurant were quite polished and funny. Cornelius and Barnaby interacted so well that they would pass as old friends – Barnaby's innocence and vivacity were uplifting. Horace made Scrooge and Grumpy Old Men look like wimps – except when Miss Money was described! I was surprised to see him mellow at the end and show real affection. Irene Molloy has a wonderful singing voice and seemed to be really taken with Cornelius.

As for Dolly, she owned the stage and kept my attention every moment with her expressions and body language. She had the cheerful and cheeky presence of Bette Midler, and at times the seductive air of Mae West. Her singing voice was wonderful and matched the mood of each song.

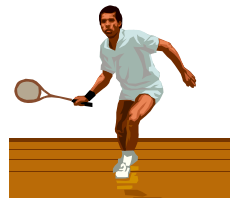
I will try to see the show again before the season ends, and have been encouraging my friends to go as well. Well done to all!

- An appreciative audience member.

Hello Dolly runs until 4 June. Visit www.themountplayers.com for more information.

New Squash Seasons Starting soon

The Macedon Ranges Squash Club continues to attract new players but there is still a spot for you if you are interested in playing. We cater for all levels of players and our club has a great social atmosphere. So if you are new to the area or just want to meet some new people and get fit, contact us about playing squash at Kyneton or Romsey.



We have new competitions starting soon so why not contact Bill Hutcheson on 0488 348 898 to have a free hit of squash and a chat about the competitions. Competition in Kyneton is on Wednesday or Thursday nights while the Romsey competition is offered on Tuesdays.

Romsey District Netball Association Inc

President—Sarah Giri. Phone 0466211358

* A big thank you goes to the Vixens Netball team for our very successful fundraising day for our club.

* We are taking expressions of interest for a netball camp at Royal park during school holidays. Please contact Sarah on the above phone number if you are interested.

* We have a website coming very soon—watch the Romsey rag for more information.

* Netball is currently being played on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and now "new" Net Set Go is held on Monday nights.

Competitions available are:

Net Set Go—5 to 10 year olds

Under 9

Under 11

Under 13

* A Big Thank You to our sponsors—Super IGA, Chess Property, Sarsons, Sportsco (Sunbury) and Charlu Romsey.

Registrations For Monday Night Ladies Comp—Starting Mid-July

If you are interested in putting a team in please contact Chris on 5429 5582 by Friday June 10th.

Also—we are looking for badged umpires for our Monday night Ladies Comp. If you are interested please contact Chris 5429 5582.

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ROMSEY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

On Saturday 7th May, the Romsey Football Netball Club participated in the Riddell District Football League's "Pink Footy & Netball Day" at Romsey Park. The club felt the need to recognise and support people and their families affected by Breast Cancer and all the fabulous efforts from the Committee, Members and supporters on the day helped to raise the phenomenal amount **of \$11,500** to go to the Breast Cancer Network Australia.



Breast Cancer Network Australia

The day kicked off with all 3 Netball teams donning Pink



uniforms for their matches against Wallan FNC and the Senior Team also wearing Pink jumpers in support of the BCNA. A Ladies Luncheon with approximately 100 women from the Romsey community heard from guest speakers Pam Ryan (Olympian and Commonwealth Gold medallist) and a honest and open "journey" from Breast Cancer survivor and local resident Vicki Morrison. At half time of the senior match, the crowd wearing pink wigs and balloons in hand, with special messages attached took to the centre square and made a memorial line and released hundreds of pink balloons in recognition of those who have lost their battle with , those who are fighting and those who have survived Breast Cancer. A very poignant moment for everyone involved.

The night time events started with a few head shaves, 6 people from the football community Casey Kidd, Julie Jedwab, Lachlan Skinner, Dan Hartley, Justin Patterson and Peter Billan either dyed their hair pink or shaved it off. A wonderful effort from these people to raise in excess of \$2,500 for the cause...

Many very special people helped get the day off the ground namely The Romsey Netball Squad, Helen Barrow, Lauren Rizio, Sophie Clement, Rachel Whitehead, Denise Barnes, The Blair Family, Tammy Dawson, The Skinner Family, Mel Burlak, Brooke Xihira.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors : Langham Hotel, , Romsey IGA Riddells Creek Party Hire, Romsey Primary School, Lancefield and Romsey Lions Club. Lancefield Country Practice, Moonee Valley Racing Club, Redback TipperHire, Lakes Entrances Country Cottages, Cash Converters Sunbury, Natio, Brooks Sports, Lancefield Spa, Chemart, Tracey Barber Le Reve, Joey's R Jumping Castles Body Tunes Massage, Nail Lounge Sunbury, Cheryl's Clippers, Hollywell Cottages, Totally Enhanced, Kyli's Cakes Kilmore, Romsey Post Office, Romsey Pharmacy, Cuttings & Botanica, Cakers Delight. .



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What an extraordinary book the Holy Bible is! It is still the bestseller even in the 21st century and reveals the past, present and the future. . The Bible itself gives us the instruction on how to study certain topics. We find it in Isaiah 28:10 " For precept must be upon precept.....line upon line..... here a little there a little."

"The most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader..... The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, "here a little and there a little. Ed.123" No other book will be used but the Bible alone.

Have you ever wondered what does the Bible say about: What will heaven be like, Biblical description of hell, Are the dead really dead? The USA in Bible prophecy, Coming world blackout, Colossal city in space ... You can have 27 topics clearly marked in your own Bible and follow them easily.

This free Bible Marking course will be held on Sunday 19 June at 3:00pm. Please register your interest on ph. 5428 3575 and if you do not own the Bible, do let us know so that we can provide one for you.

All are welcome!

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
18 Barring Road, New Gisborne
Ph:5428 3575

Romsey Toy Library



discover - imagine - play

Toy Library has had a very busy and positive start to the year. We have been busy with a spring clean of our premises and giving it a fresh new look. Our new open hours have been well received with many locals visiting the Toy Library for the first time and excited by what we have to offer.

We were also the lucky recipients of a "2011 Building Our Community Grant" in the amount of \$500 from the Lancefield & Romsey **Community Bank**©. This grant has enabled us to purchase some new toys for members to enjoy. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support the Bendigo Bank continues to give the Romsey Toy Library.

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone for the toy donations we have recently received. It is fabulous to have such a generous and supportive community.

In the midst of our on going stocktake we have been going through all of our toys, getting rid the old and tired and making room for new! These are just a few of the toys we have recently purchased: -

Up & down rollercoaster	Play tunnel	Tennis trainer	Jumping sack race	Junior quilts
Nintendo DS and games	Vtech Progress laptop	Stampabout stilts	Egg & spoon race	Animal croquet
Fisher Price walkie talkie	Fisehr Price digital camera			

Our Open Day held on Saturday 16th April was not well received but we will continue to try and spread the knowledge and awareness of the benefits of Toy Library.

The key to our success is having toys that your children will want to play with that you may not be able to afford or have the space to own. Also, the great thing about Toy Library is that you have the chance to trial toys with your kids before you buy. There is nothing more frustrating when you splurge on an expensive toy only to discover that it ends up in the corner gathering dust. It is also fantastic for kids to always have access to something new to play with and keep the toy clutter in your home to a minimum!

Toy Library is also a great resource when it comes to school holidays, birthday parties, rainy days or when friends/family are staying and you're looking for new, exciting (and cheap!) things to keep your kids entertained. We are in the process of building up a "party pack" for special occasions and have some great group activity games that kids of all ages and adults can play.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a member or even slightly curious about our service please drop in during our open times or contact us via phone or email (see below). Our full-price annual membership fee is \$25 per family. Playgroup members and grandparents are able to join for the discount price of \$15.

Opening Hours: -

Tuesday	9.30am to 10.30am (prior to Story Time)
Thursday	10.00am to 11.00am (prior to Rhyme Time)
Saturday	By appointment ONLY

Email - romseytoylibrary@gmail.com **Fiona Quigley** – 0408 110 054 **Hannah Ellis** - 0401 085 125

The Gisborne Singers

The choir is in full rehearsal for the next concert on Sat 6th August 2011. This is described as 'Music and Art for Pleasure' and is a light-hearted cabaret style concert with a carefully selected range of songs from folksongs, to contemporary classics, recitations, musicals and more. Patrons will be seated at round tables and bring their own refreshments and supper. This should prove to be a fun night at Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne.

Doors open at 6.30pm with an Art and Craft exhibition and the show commences at 7.30 pm;

The Gisborne Singers would like to welcome new members of all ages. Don't be shy. We rehearse at 7.30 pm each Tuesday and there is no audition, just come along to a rehearsal and see and hear for yourself at [Holy Cross Primary School, New Gisborne](#).

More---see our website at www.gisborne-singers.org.au and/or contact our Musical director—Stephen Brockman on 03 9380 1444 or 0414 289 444.

St Paul's Anglican Guild

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Order forms are available from Romsey Post office, and from Meryl—Phone 5429 1392 (Lancefield)

Orders due by: Sunday June 19th 2011

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10.00am at St Paul's Church Hall, Romsey

11.30am at Christ Church, Lancefield.

Enquiries to: Meryl (Lancefield) 5429 1392
Doreen (Romsey) 5429 6060

Congratulations to the winners of our recent raffle at our Street Stall:
1st. Prize—E. Lobb 2nd. Prize—J. Murray
3rd. Prize—Jake Cummins 4th. Prize—Mary (from Bolinda)
Thank you everyone for your support.

Local schools encouraged to enter ResourceSmart Awards

Donna Petrovich, State Member of Parliament for Northern Victoria Region and Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment, is encouraging all schools, teachers and students in regional Victoria to join the popular ResourceSmart Schools Award.

Entries are now open for the awards which recognise and reward Victorian schools, students and teachers for initiatives and achievements in using resources wisely and increasing their sustainability at school and in their communities, said Mrs. Petrovich.

"I urge all schools to enter the awards, whether they are new to sustainability or have been running sustainability programs for years," said Mrs. Petrovich.

"The Baillieu Government supports Victorian teachers and students to build sustainability into every aspect of school and community life and these awards are a way of acknowledging and rewarding their achievements."

The 2011 awards offer a total of more than \$45,000 in prizes, gifts and travel to assist schools with sustainability projects.

Schools can also have fun with the annual Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge to dramatically reduce the amount of food packaging and rubbish at school, with a measurement day on 27 July and to celebrate their ongoing commitment to reducing resource use.

In addition to the Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge Awards, schools can enter any of the following five categories of the ResourceSmart Schools Awards:

1. Biodiversity Smart School
 2. Energy Smart School
 3. Water Smart School
 4. Waste Smart School
- Community and Partnerships Smart School

The awards, an initiative of Sustainability Victoria, align to the program modules of energy, waste, water and biodiversity in the ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic Framework. This Framework looks at sustainability in primary and secondary schools across environmental, economic, social and educational areas and is part of the broader national Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI).

Schools entering three or more of the ResourceSmart categories will automatically be considered for the ResourceSmart School of the Year Award. There will be separate judging categories for primary and secondary schools, with one school recognised as the overall winner.

The 2011 ResourceSmart School of the Year winner will also be invited to the Premier's Sustainability Awards in 2012 to receive special acknowledgement from the Premier.

Entries close on 24 August, with the awards ceremony being held in November.

For further information on the ResourceSmart awards visit www.resourcesmart.vic.gov.au



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President: Mrs. Jean Buist 5429 1116
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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)

Friday Morning Coffee

Musical Afternoons each month.

Ten Pin Bowling each fortnight.

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

Our June meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd June, 2011.

On July 20th we will be going to the Tutankhamun Exhibition.

Media Release 11 May 2011

Debt waiver to help low-income debtors in financial hardship – we want your debts!

To mark the opening of Law Week on Monday 16th May, the Bendigo based Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre will launch an innovative bulk debt negotiation program to help low-income debtors in financial hardship.

The Centre is inviting people who live in the Loddon Campaspe region that receive a centrelink benefit and have significant personal debts to contact the Centre to see if it can assist to negotiate debt relief on their behalf.

Case example

Betty was drowning in debt. She simply couldn't afford to spread her disability support pension any thinner, juggling the costs of food, heating, medication while facing relentless calls for interest repayments. She had already negotiated several repayment plans for her credit card debt, but was falling behind again. What she really needed was a clean slate, so that she could meet her day to day living expenses without the pressure of debt collectors breathing down her neck.

How the plan works

Peter Noble, Principal Solicitor at the Centre said *"It's a no-brainer. Instead of negotiating hardship cases or repayment plans on a case by case basis, which wastes everyone's time, matters are bundled together where there is a common creditor (such as a finance company, insurer or utility service providers) and are negotiated together."*

The scheme, which has been trialed in metro areas but not in a regional setting, has proved hugely successful, wiping millions of dollars of debts, relieving hardship from hundreds of people who struggle from week to week just to buy food and medicines.

The scheme is good for everyone. It identifies those people that need immediate financial relief through debt waiver and fast tracks a resolution, helping the creditor to wipe a bad debt and move on."

For more information on the project contact Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre on 1800 639 121 and ask about the debt relief project.

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Dromkeen

Meet the Artist and Fun Sunday
12 noon – 4pm Sunday 26 June

Mark Wilson – Author/illustrator
Well known author and illustrator Mark Wilson will be demonstrating his artistic style and chatting to visitors, enabling them to discover the work involved in creating a picture book.
On exhibition at Dromkeen is the original artwork from *Angel of Kokoda*. Kari, a free-spirited mountain boy doesn't know why there is fighting in the village of Kokoda. But when he finds a wounded Australian soldier lying in a ditch, he knows he cannot leave him. Together they embark upon a perilous journey along the Kokoda Track ... Artwork from Mark's most recent book *Ben & Gracie's Art Adventure* explores the artist Frederick McCubbin and original paintings from this book will be displayed on the day.

Glenda Millard - Author
Glenda Millard, author of many award winning picture books and junior novels will also be visiting on the day. The artwork by Stephen Michael King from the series of stories on the Silk family written by Glenda Millard is on exhibition.

So come along with the family and enjoy craft activities for the children, watch an illustrator at work or purchase a book from the Gallery Shop and have it signed by Mark or Glenda. The gardens are a great spot for a picnic.

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Walk Together Program

Meet Eileen at the Lions Park, near the creek. **Tuesday's 9.30am - 10.30am.**

Gentle Exercise for Over 50's

Every Monday 10am—11am. These classes are designed to be fun and are specifically tailored to meet the capacity of each participant. Includes Balance, Mobility, Bladder Control and Joint pain. Chair based exercises available. Register now. Cost: \$5 per class

**Join us after for a cuppa and morning tea (\$2 Gold Coin Donation)*

Social & Creative Activities

Line Dancing

Mondays 9.30am-10.30am at the Mechanics Institute Hall. Cost: \$6 per class Open age.

Craft Group

Thursday's 10.30am-12.30pm. Come & practise a variety of crafts including; quilting, card making, knitting, smocking, embroidery, etc. Gold coin contribution on the day.

Art Classes - Working With Watercolours

Through the support of Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Romsey Community House are running a series of **subsidised** age specific art classes. In Term 3 we are running 10 week courses on Thursdays starting 21/07/11.

Adult (Daytime) 'A touch of Acrylic and Watercolour'

Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm. Term Cost: \$100 **6-8yrs: Clay work**
Time: 3.45 - 4.45pm. Term Cost: \$60 **9-15yrs: Clay work**
Time: 5.00 - 6.30pm . Term Cost: \$90

Adult (Evening): 'A touch of Acrylic and Watercolour'

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm. Term Cost: \$100
Book Early as class minimum & maximum numbers apply

Art Class Exhibition Starts 24/06/11

Writers Group

Meets on the 2nd Friday of each month 9.45 - 11.45am.

We share our work and ideas whilst providing encouragement, feedback and support. Gold Coin contribution. Phone Jack 5429 6095 or Lila 5429 3732.

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Hey De Ho Classes for Kids

Come & join Erin for lots of fun. Ages 6mths - 5yrs. Classes commencing soon. To book phone Erin on 0417 137 003

Drop in for a Cuppa

Any week day 9.30am - 5.00pm. Gold coin donation.

Chess Club

We are looking to start up an all ages chess club. If you are interested in either joining or running this group. Contact Helen at the Romsey Community House on 5429 6724.

Certificate Courses - Accredited Training

**RSA -Responsible Serving of Alcohol
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The above courses will run on various Saturdays in July, August and September. Ph: 5429 6724.

Pre-Accredited Courses

Computer Basics 1

Learn the basics of Microsoft Office Word 2007. This An 8 week course will run on Thursdays commencing 28/07/11 10am-12.30pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00

Computer Basics 2

Build your knowledge around computers, Microsoft Office and Word. Course will run every Tuesday from 26/07/11 for 8 weeks. 12.30 - 3.00pm Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

A 5 week course held on Thursday evenings from 4/08/11. 6.00 - 8.30pm . Cost \$150.00. No concessions available

Introduction to Quickbooks

A basic overview - This course is designed for those who have not previously used Quickbooks. 19th & 26th July 2011 7pm - 9pm Cost \$60.00

Quickbooks Advanced

Know the basics but wish to take it to the next level. This 8 week course will run every Tuesday 2/08/11 - 20/09/11. 6.30 - 9pm. Cost \$165.00 / Conc \$60.00.

***** 1 or 2 day Quickbooks courses are also available**

Non-Accredited Training Courses

Computer Maintenance

A 2hr class designed to teach the basics in hard drive & file clean-up. Wednesday 8/06/11. 7pm - 9pm. Cost: \$20

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LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL STRATEGIC FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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LODDON MALLEE DRAFT REGIONAL STRATEGIC FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN - Community comments

A comprehensive plan to manage bushfire for the next decade in the Loddon Mallee Region has been on public display for community comment for the last 6 weeks. The plan was on display and available at service centres of local Government, Emergency organisations and some utilities across the region. Electronic versions were available on line at the IFMP website and in summary form in an A3 giveaway. The comment period closed on April the 29th.

Seventeen comments were received on the plan from community members, government organisations, local Government and utilities. The electronic version of the plan on the IFMP website received 516 visits from 269 separate persons.

All comments received were insightful and will assist in improving the plan. Comments referred to matters of local, regional and State interest. An amended plan will be presented to the Regional committee for consideration in late May 2011.

Patrick O'Brien, the Chair of the Loddon Mallee Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning committee said.

"I would like to thank those in the community and partner organisations who took the time to consider the plan and where they felt the need, to contribute to its improvement. The plan provides the basis for our collective direction in the Loddon Mallee and appears to have addressed the interest of a large breadth of the community."

The feedback from the community has included comment on biodiversity management, legislative and regulatory powers, refinement of fire prevention strategies, and changes in State policy. Some of these matters have, or will be, referred to technical specialists for advice or the relevant organisation for follow up action.

Mr O'Brien further commented,

"The feedback from the community gives us some things to work on, but provides us with a great deal of confidence that we are heading in the right direction to improve our fire management activities in the Loddon Mallee."

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