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THE ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Romsey Rag will continue this year hopefully sponsored by generous donations as in the past and will bring you up to date information regarding our community.

THE ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary is starting this year off by again proudly sponsoring the Romsey Artists in their 5th Art Exhibition and Sale. This is the Fire Brigade's main fund raising activity for the year. Last year the opening night was socially and financially very successful and we are hoping for the same support this year.

Invitations to the opening night for this year have been sent out and we apologise to those interested people who have not received one and would like to invite you now. Tickets are \$10 a double and \$5 a single and may be obtained by ringing Beryl Cole 295 411 or Eleanor Moritz 270 411. If you are unable to attend on the Saturday evening we would love to see you on the Sunday. The Exhibition will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission is 50¢ and morning and afternoon teas will be available in the hall. For the convenience of people wishing to purchase paintings bankcard facilities will be available.

The Auxiliary is also proud to have nominated Mr. Chris Johnston for Shire Citizen of the Year, and wish to offer our congratulations to him. We feel his is a very worthy winner.

Thank you to all the "Captains" in our effort for the Australia Day Parade. It was a long walk!!

Our next meeting will be held at the Group Headquarters, Stawell Street, on March 25 at 8.00 p.m.

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SEWING AND ALTERATIONS:

Zips, hems, flares into more fashionable straight legs, reasonable prices. Contact Chris Whitney, 270 457.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS

The first meeting for 1985 will be on Wednesday, February 13 at 10.00 a.m. when Mrs. Berry McDonell will speak on "Co-ordinating Welfare in Times of Emergency".

This is a subject that everyone needs to know about, especially in the bushfire season, so everybody will find it a most interesting morning at the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Bring a friend.

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VALE - ROY SHARP

Much sadness was felt in the community when it became known that Mr. R. Sharp had passed away. "Roy" who had been ill for quite some time was only a young man and much sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Roy was a "gentleman" and great family man and highly respected in our area. A man of great faith and a wonderful worker for St. Paul's Church. His example to us all was one we should all try to emulate.

INDIAN BANQUET

The Kilmore Broadford Rotary Club are holding an Indian Banquet at the Kilmore Gold Club on Friday evening, February 15. Tickets are \$15 a single with proceeds going to Rotary International's projects to relieve hunger and suffering overseas. Limited tickets still available. Telephone 295 413 after hours.

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INSTANT MUSCLE For all the jobs you meant to do but haven't had time.

Instant Muscle is a scheme initiated in April 1984 by the Kilmore Committee for the Development of Youth Employment.

Simply it is based on providing an odd job service to the households and businesses throughout the Shire of Kilmore. The service undertakes all those jobs you meant to do, but haven't had time.

Instant Muscle is designed to provide a badly needed community service for the area and is a non profit scheme. It is catered not only for the low income earners, the disabled and the pensioners, but also for every resident of the Shire.

Instant Muscle will: mow the lawn, pull down an old shed, dig the garden, clean the windows, rip up that concrete path, sweep the leaves, cut the hedge, wash the dog, comb the cat, clean the house, sweep out the stables, woodchopping, and anything else that needs Instant Muscle.

Reasonable rates from (and usually) \$5 per hour. Just call: Stephen Prideaux (057) 82 1322.

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HUMOR

At the conclusion of a concert two ushers were applauding harder than anybody else. People seated nearby smiled appreciatively at the two music lovers - until one of them stopped applauding and the other one was heard to say, "Keep clapping. One more encore and we're on overtime".

A businessman had two windows in his office. One was easy to raise and the other always gave him trouble - so he labeled one "his" and the other "hernia".

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - TENNIS COURTS AVAILABLE

This area was officially opened on the last Friday of last term and since then has been used by a number of people. The sign, kindly painted by Mr. Eddy Pleban encourages public use of this facility and suggests that the key may be obtained from the Treasurer Mr. Krammer 295 477 or the Principal, Mr. Turnham 295 413. The School Council are keen that this area is well cared for and used. The cost to the public is \$1 hour.

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ROMSEY UNDER 14 CRICKET TEAM (Indoor Cricket Rules)

Playing away at Macedon over the past 2 weekends, the Romsey team compiled 10 for 254 successfully defeating Macedon who were 25 for 136. Well done fellows. It is nice to see a successful Aussie Team.

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THE BEATRIX POTTER DISPLAY AT DROMKEEN - RIDDELLS CREEK

The Dromkeen Collection which at the moment is featuring the beautifully illustrated works of Beatrix Potter opened recently and will be available to be viewed until April 4, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on weekdays and 9.00 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Sundays. If you haven't yet seen the collections of children's literature available, this is an ideal opportunity to take the whole family. Dromkeen is the home of the "Oldmeadows Book Sellers" and is situated on the left as you enter the township of Riddells Creek after travelling from Monegeeta.

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HELPFUL HINTS

- Remove a stamp easily by placing the envelope in the freezer for a few hours. The stamp may be lifted off with tweezers.

- Sew a pocket on the knee of children's trousers. It reinforces the area that gets the most wear, as well as being a colourful and hard wearing addition.

- Keep a plastic bag handy when baking. If the phone rings, slip your hand inside. Saves a hurried wash of hands and a messy telephone.

- If your child has trouble holding a glass, slip several rubber bands around the glass at regular intervals. The glass will be much easier to grip.

- Don't despair over a poor batch of pastry. If it breaks during rolling, simply roll between two layers of foil, greaseproof paper or plastic food wrap. It can then be lifted into the pie dish with ease.

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A CELEBRATION OF GARDENS IN VICTORIA

Name of Owner: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wheller.

Location: 13 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey. 1 km west of township off Barry Street (Woodend Road) at the corner of Metcalfe Drive and Todd Lane.

Garden Description: The garden covers about 1/3 ha. and is in a corner block with an easterly slope. Hanging Rock and Mt. Macedon are only a two minute drive away. The house and garden were designed by the present owners using local materials in the garden together with some local plants. In the natural garden about 75% of the plants are Australian natives while the introduced material includes many conifers and South African proteaceae. There is a large vegetable garden and an orchard of multi-grafted trees.

Dates of Opening, March 3, 1985 and September 29, 1985.  
Free Admission.

No dogs, toilets in Romsey, children only if accompanied by an adult. Limited car parking, only part of the garden is suitable for wheelchairs. Demonstrations of budding and grafting and garden equipment will be given if interest is shown. Cutting material and seeds are available on request.

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Lst ROMSEY BROWNIES

Will commence Wednesday February 13, 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.  
A new leader to commence Term 2 is still urgently needed. If you  
feel you could help please contact Mrs. Dorreen Smith on 295 524.

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ROMSEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society members look forward to your continued support during 1985 with our plans to restore and redecorate and then to furnish our Historical Cottage, Sydney Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street Romsey and to establish an interesting collection of local memorabilia in our Court House Museum in Lancefield.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall on Tuesday February 26 at 8.00 p.m. when all new members will be made most welcome to help us plan our year's activities. Please contact either Secretary Mrs.H. Clement on 295 317 or Treasurer Mr. G. Smith on 295 207 if you would like further information or have any interesting items for our Museum.

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ROMSEY WINDARRING MICROWAVE DEMOSTRATION

The Romsey Windarring Committee is holding a Microwave Cooking Demonstration and luncheon on Thursday, February 21 at 11.00 a.m. in the Mechanics Hall. There will be a 3 course luncheon including wine, for a cost of \$10 per ticket, admission is by ticket only.

Numbers will be limited and tickets will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Tickets are available from Mrs. M. Mitchell 295 447 or Mrs. B. Trotter, 295 205.

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ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB

Are having a B.B.Q. on Friday, February 15 at Marg. Herbst's home in Woodend Road. Please check shop windows for further details.

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CAROL DANIEL'S AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES:

Are underway again. They are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall every Monday morning from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (creche available) and on Wednesday nights from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. So if you have overeaten over the holidays and need to lose a kilo or two come along and work it off.

Jazz Ballet is also taught on Monday afternoons for 5 to 9 years from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and 10 to teens from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00p.m. Any further details please ring Carol on 295 590.

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SITUATIONS VACANT - ROMSEY HOUSE TEA ROOMS

One or two extra people are invited to join the existing roster of those who run the Romsey House Tea Rooms, on a Sunday on a "share the takings" basis.

Helpers may work one or two Sundays per month, or if sufficiently interested may start opening on Fridays or Saturdays on a trial basis.

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Situations Vacant- Romsey House Tearooms (Contd.)

Applicants need to enjoy cooking and serving attractive food, (and cleaning up afterwards too.)

If you think you may be interested in earning a bit of money this way, please ring Jean Newell on 295 522 to discuss it.

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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD NURSING MOTHERS GROUP

The first meeting for 1985 will be held on February 27 at 10.00 a.m. at the home of Mary Campbell, Lot 1 Williams Street, Romsey. The topic is "Learning to Breastfeed", so if you have just had a baby or are pregnant why not come along to the meeting. Even if you are not sure if you wish to breastfeed or not still come to our meeting, it may help you decide one way or the other. All mothers and children are welcome. For anyone with a breastfeeding problem counselling is available by ringing either Mary Campbell 295 629 or Dot Chandler 285 378.

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BRIDGET - BEAUTY THERAPIST

2 days a week, Thursday and Friday at 156A Main Street Romsey. Telephone 295 481. Leg waxing, facials, lash tinting, manicure, pedicure. Free consultations.

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ROMSEY BOWLING ASSOCIATES

The Romsey Bowling Associates were saddened by the death of their fellow bowler and Immediate Past President, Pat Cruise two days before Christmas.

Pat was also President of the Central Highlands Association at the time of her death, she was a leading bowler, dedicated worker for her Club and extremely popular throughout the district as was shown by the large attendance at her funeral service.

Members of the Central Highlands joined with Romsey ladies to form a Guard of Honor at the Church.

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DANCING CLASSES

My name is Mandy Allford and I have studied Dance since the age of 3. I am now a full time dance student in Melbourne and my teachers are Tony Bartuccio and Jillian Fitzgerald and Jannett Ledelle. I have danced on Channel 9 adds and currently I am dancing in night clubs around Melbourne.

I teach Modern, Tap and Neo Classical. I hope to have my pupils dancing in competitions during the year. I am going to have classes on Friday nights:

- 3 years to 6 years - 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- 6 years to 9 years - 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- 9 years up - 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Private lessons can be arranged and I am going to start a Mothers Keep Fit Class. Fees will be \$2.50 per child. Telephone Fridays on 295 355. I hope to start some Saturday classes as well.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Neil Dyers have left Parkland Motors in Romsey and we wish them well in their new lifestyle and welcome the Allfords as new owners.

David and Maxine Schneeberger will be leaving the Romsey Newsagency in March and Bruce and Kerry Puxley will become the new owners. We do wish David and Maxine all the best for the future and welcome Bruce and Kerry to our community.

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