

- THE ROMSEY RAG -

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"The demise of the Romsey Examiner several years ago deprived Romsey of its own regular news sheet, therefore the Romsey Rag provides readers with the local news that is not of significant importance to make the pages of the local papers we receive each week.

So it is with pleasure that I sponsor this edition and extend congratulations to all who voluntarily write, edit, print and deliver The Rag - please, keep up the good work.

TOM REYNOLDS, M.P.
Member for Gisborne
Shadow Minister for Sport
and Recreation"

St. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN:

Do you have a child who is 2 years or older? Have you booked him/her in at the Kindergarten. If not, do so now. Contact Julie Fitt (Directress) - 295 294.

ROMSEY RED CROSS:

A very good thank you to the people of Romsey and surrounding districts for giving so generously when our members called during the March door-knock. We collected \$1,500 which was marvellous. I would like also to thank our members who gave up their time (and it does take a long time) especially when you stop for a cup of tea and a talk. Also it is not an easy task - imagine the shock on one members' face when she knocked on the door, heard the footsteps coming up the passage, then heard the door lock, and then the blind is pulled down! I am glad she could laugh about it, and it didn't put her off. THANK MEMBERS! and also Pam Neil who kindly helped with calling in her estate.

We would like to wish our president Helen Clement a very speedy recovery from her trip to hospital, and we hope she is soon 100% fit again.

Shirley Shelton

ROMSEY BROWNIE/GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION:

The Annual General Meeting of the above association is to be held in the Scout Hall on Tuesday, 14th April at 1.30 p.m. It is important that all parents of children involved attend this meeting.

C. Graco - 295500

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CORNER CRAFTS ROMSEY VILLAGE - 295639:

Patons Wool, knitting books & accessories, Cottons, Ribbon, Lace, Card, Remnants, Craft-glue and other Craft supplies.

Fleeces for the Hand-Spinner.

Fleecy Tracksuiting Remnants, Just arrived - Beautiful Ceramic Ornaments. Childrens Pyjames and Slippers, Cabbage-Patch Kids Clothes. Hand crafted gifts made by local Crafts people. Alterations and Repairs by Margaret McIntyre, zippers replaced. Fittings by appointment on Wednesday mornings at Corner Crafts.

Agent for Gisborne Dry-Cleaners - In by Wednesday 5 p.m. - Back 10 a.m. Friday.
Cane baskets, seagrass boxes, fans, hats. etc.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY-SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

- April 12th - PALM SUNDAY: Holy Communion, St.Paul's, Romsey at 9 a.m.;
Christ Church, Lancefield at 10.30 a.m.
Blessing and distribution of palm crosses at both services.
Parishioners are reminded of the Peace Picnic on the lawns of
Bishopscourt following the Peace Service etc., at 3 p.m. when
the speaker will be Fr. Brian Gore.
- April 15th - Wednesday : Holy Communion, Lancefield at 10 a.m.
- April 17th - Good Friday: Ecumenical Service, St.Paul's, Romsey at 10 a.m. The guest
preacher will be Sister Aileen of the Community of the Holy Name,
who is Sister in Charge of the Mission to the Streets and Lanes,
Fitzroy. The service will include the singing of the Anthem,
"He Came in Love".
- April 18th - Saturday: Easter Liturgy, Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Holy Communion at
Lancefield, commencing at 7.30 p.m.
- April 19th - Easter Day: Holy Communion - 9 a.m. St.Paul's, Romsey 10.30 a.m., Christ
Church, Lancefield.

*Please Note: The Easter Eve and easter Day services will include the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Revd. Len Brassington,
Vicar.
Phone - 291380.

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK:

Already we have a lot of people interested and helping with the proposed book. Costs will be kept to a minimum by using these generous volunteers to do a lot of the time-consuming research work. (And more people are still needed for this). We have plenty of sources of information, including the old newspapers of the district, (The Lancefield Mercury, Lancefield Chronicle and Romsey examiner), the Historical Society's Archives at the Court House Museum, and of course the La Trobe Library and Public Records Office in Melbourne.

But now of this will be published until we raise some more money! The project relies on some financial support from the community, so please do not think that your "small donation" is not needed; it most certainly is! Large or small, any help will be most gratefully received, and acknowledged by receipt.

Romsey Shire Book - (contd.)

An Account has been opened at the State Bank, Romsey entitled: ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK, A/c. No. 30065. Donations can be paid in directly to the Bank, or by mail to P.O. Box 11, Romsey. Receipts are available either way. A complimentary copy of the book will be given to all donors of \$100 or more.

Please respond to this project as generously as you can, and tell your friends about it. A list of all donors, names (only) will be printed in the book, so we hope to have YOUR name recorded for posterity. It really is a worthwhile project, to record our history for all future generations, and I am certain we will be proud of the book. Enquiries to: Mrs. Jean Newell, (054) 29 5522.

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IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 17.

Shrubs & Trees Around The Home Pt. 3. The benefits to be obtained from boundary or windbreak plantings of trees and shrubs around the home were mentioned in previous articles (Pts. 1 & 2). However, observations of attempts to achieve these benefits indicate that many plantings are doomed to failure. In many cases, not only have unsuitable plants been chosen, but failure to adequately prepare planting sites, plus lack of ongoing maintenance have meant that many plants have failed to make progress and others have died.

As most small plants from containers take several months - or years in some cases - to establish a root system capable of competing with other vegetation such as grass and weeds, for moisture and nutrients near the surface before penetrating deeper in order to survive dry periods, it is essential to remove all such growth before planting and to maintain this freedom from competition until plants make substantial growth. Preparation of a planting site by rotary hoeing or digging and follow-up weed control by hand hoeing or spraying with suitable weed-icides is the most satisfactory procedure - less thorough preparation usually producing less satisfactory results.

As mentioned in a previous article, an even more dedicated approach is necessary with most fruit trees, and neglect of proper cultivation practices will usually eventually result in either death or in overgrown, pest ridden unmanageable trees more of an eyesore and a liability than an asset.

Syd. Uheller

RED SHIELD APPEAL:

Dear Residents,

I am writing to you once again to enlist your support for our annual Red Shield Appeal door-knock, which is to be held in your area on the 14th June, 1987.

It is this Appeal which provides us with vital funds to maintain our high level of community service.

We have valued the service of families in Romsey/Lancefield have provided over past years. We do hope that you will be able to support us again this year.

Please notify me at your earliest convenience so that I can make the necessary arrangements for materials,
Thanking you in anticipation.

Gregory Gray (Lieutenant)
COMMANDING OFFICER
Phone (057) 841 636

ROMSEY LEISURE CRAFT GROUP:

Romsey Leisure Craft Group meet every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Uniting Church Hall. We do all types of Handcraft of our own choice, and members pass on their ideas to those who wish to learn. New members are always welcome.

Pat Lobb.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Very shortly all Club Groups will receive an invitation to THE TRIVIA NIGHT on August 14, BUT this does not mean individuals are not welcome EVERYONE IS. All you will need to bring is drinks, a glass, \$7.00 and your "thinking caps." Mark your calendar for the 14th August, 1987 its to be a Great Night.

Helen Watts.

A CONSUMER SERVICE:

DO YOU KNOW IT IS NOW CHEAPER TO SHOP LOCALLY THE REASON?

The latest R.A.C.V. Report, the cost of running a 6 cylinder motor car has now reached \$100 per week.

Add this to your shopping list it certainly makes shopping locally a good proposition in fact, you save money. We are here to serve you with fair prices. 7 days a week.

BARRIE & MOLLY SWANN'S FOODSTOP, 120 Main Street, Next to the Mechanics Hall.,
Cheapest range videos in Town. We will Deliver. 295357.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD FELLOWSHIP _ CHRISTIAN:

Last month the Fellowship presented meetings of inspired Bible Teaching from American Evangelist Rick McKnight. Many people from the Local Community experienced the blessing of knowing Christ's total victory over sin, as a personal revelation in their own lives. This month we present Philip Baker from Wellington, New Zealand in special meetings on Wednesday, April 8th.

Philip is a graduate of the Rehma Bible Training Centre - Tulsa - U.S.A., and has ministered extensively throughout Australian and New Zealand, speaking at Bible Colleges and churches of all denominations. He is recognised as a Bible Teacher with a specialised ministry to children. Philip Baker Meetings - Wednesday, April 8th - Jill Connells Home, Lancefield. 10.30 a.m.
Mechanics Institute, High St.,
Lancefield - 7.30 p.m.

As a fellowship we also continue to meet each Sunday morning, alternating between Romsey and Lancefield.

We meet at the following locations -

- April 12th - Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Romsey Mechanics Hall
- April 19th - Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Lancefield Guide Hall
- April 26th - Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Romsey Mechanics Hall
- May 3rd - Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Lancefield Guide Hall.

Any enquiries concerning the Fellowship are invited to Geoff Holland 295673 or Philip Hemphill 291672.

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COUNCIL NEWS:

Another factory is to be built on the Mitchell Court Industrial Estate. Of the 8 lots available, 4 now have factories operating or in the course of construction. The application for the radio tower in Regan Drive has been deferred to the April Meeting.

Council were extremely disappointed with the response to the 'Out of School Hours Programme'. About 60 families showed interest initially but when the crunch came (the crunch apparently being cost - approx. \$15.00 wk.), only one application was received. A cost/funding estimate is to be prepared for a new Community Complex to incorporate a kindergarten, infant welfare centre, senior citizens etc. The development is considered for Council land at Main St./White Ave., intersection. This project could take a few years to come to fruition. The developer of Falbury estate (Bet. White Ave., and Digby Drive) has apparently agreed to alter plans so that the belt of Cypress trees can remain. Thanks to Digby Drive residents who brought this matter to our attention.

A Riding Meeting discussed the estates open drain problem, Old Farm Way street scheme, playground equipment and re-surfacing the footpath between the hotel and Five Mile Creek. More on these later.

Finally, a reminder that rates are due and payable on 10.4.87. We all 'shudder' at the cost, but we ask that people sit down and actually read their notice. You will find that Council only get about half of what you pay. For example, rate notice - \$800, Shire of Romsey receives \$390, sewerage rate \$150 and waterworks \$260. The Romsey/Lancefield Waterboard is entirely separate from Council. As can be seen by the example Council get \$390 while the Waterboard receive \$410. One rate notice is used for convenience and cost saving as is the one place of payment but in actuality you are only paying \$390. Council rates, the rest Council doesn't see. In Melbourne you have two notices, one from the Council and the other from the M.M.B.W. We stress this is a very 'loose' example in dollar terms but hope you can see Council do not have as much money to play with as some people think, though we are trying to provide value for the rate dollar that we do pay.

Till next time!

John LAING
Ken FRANCIS
Geoff NEIL

Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434.:

As you read this, we will be in the middle of Heritage Week (April 5-12), which is an important time for Historical Societies. We like to focus at this time on collecting information about our heritage, or history of the district. So, if you have been meaning to look through that old box of photos, or clear out a cupboard, please do it right now! or come and tell us the snippets of history that we can write down and record in our Archives.

We have arranged the following "Open" times for this purpose:-

April 5, Sunday:	Court House Museum, Lancefield 10-12 and 1-4 p.m. Tea/coffee available.
April 6, Monday:	court House Museum, 1-4 p.m.
April 8, Wednesday:	Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer St., Romsey, 1-4 p.m.
April 9, Thursday:	Court House Museum, Lancefield, 1-4 p.m.
April 11, Saturday:	Sidney Seymour Cottage, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

If you are unable to come during Heritage Week, please contact Mrs. Dorothy Viney, our Archivist, to arrange some other time. (Tel:- 295584)

Copies of our Newsletter will be available at the above venues, giving details of our programme for the year and other information. Annual subscription to the Society is only \$4, including Newsletters, and our activities are many and varied! Next month's meeting will focus on Rochford history, (May 26 at Lancefield M.I. Hall) so please let us know if you can contribute to that. Any enquiries re the Historical Society can be directed to

Jean Newell (295 522) or Helen Broad (291 297).

RANDOM RAGGINGS by "RAMBLER":

Romsey Bowling Club lost their weather - delayed Grand Final in Division 2 of the Central Highlands Bowling Association by a convincing margin of 24 shots on March 29th. The victors were Kyneton Gold who had remained undefeated all season. However, second place represents a very successful season. Congratulations to the locals!

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Vandalism, whether on a large or small scale, is both senseless and abhorrent. There is no way in which it can be defended or justified. Several recent incidents around the town are, therefore, of real concern.

The up-rooting of memorial shrubs at the Uniting Church is the latest example. This not only damages the shrubs (whether fatally is not yet clear) but is extremely hurtful to the feelings of the people who provided the plants in memory of loves parents of spouses.

This behaviour prompts the question of responsibility. There are the culprits themselves. However, when they are school-age children (as seems likely in the shrub-pulling instance) what of the parents? Nowadays, too many parents don't seem to know, or care, where their young people are during leisure time - or if they have gone to school when they should. So, who is really to blame?

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It was a little sad to see the poor local support for the Nostalgic Movie Night advertised in the last "Rag". There was a reasonable attendance but, apart from one group booking, very few Romsey families took the chance to enjoy a family outing without the travelling usually involved. The old movies were of great interest and most entertaining. The nostalgia began with some old advertising slides and was heightened by the live piano accompaniment to the silent films. An excellent supper was included in the admission price, thanks are due to the Sunbury Parents and Friends of Braemar College who organised the evening. A word to those who simply didn't bother to attend. Don't let us hear you complain that there is never any family entertainment in Romsey.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONNY CLUB INC. NEWS:

At the AGM, which was held during March, a number of new people were elected on to the mittee. The Committee Now consists of:-

- President: Mr. Joe Smith
- District Commissioner: Mr. Geoff Shone (Subject to P.C.A.V. Approval)
- Secretary: Mr. Geoff Shone
- Ass. Secretary: Mrs. Yvonne Lehane
- Treasurer: Mr. Rich Howells
- Committee Members: Mrs. Sue Glasby
- Mrs. Bonny Russell
- Mr. Ian Steer
- Mr. John Annett
- Mr. John Moore.

These people have formed a very enthusiastic committee who are dedicated to the continued improvement of the Club and its effectiveness within the Equine Community. The Committee has engaged a very experienced jumps instructor and is currently negotiating to obtain the services of a top class riding instructor capable of improving the horsemanship of all members.

New members are always welcome and parents are invited to contact any of the above committee members to find out more about our club activities.

A cake stall is to be held in Romsey on April 11th and a progressive dinner on May 23rd to Aid our Fundraising Program - please support these efforts to assist us helping our local youth.
John Moore.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONY CLUB has received permission from Royal Children's Hospital Appeal committee to collect again this year through the Lancefield, Romsey, Clarkefield areas. A door-knock shall be conducted throughout the streets, by members. Last year was a great success and very rewarding for tired members. Good Friday, April 17 will be the time to dig deep into your pockets.

Mr. Donald Mustow wish the Lancefield and District Pony Club Inc. Members (children) every success with their competing in the future. As we were unavailable for renomination to previously held positions, we thank members for support since foundation.

WANTED - WANTED - WINTER CLOTHING:

A tragic fire about two weeks ago destroyed the warehouse of the Uniting Church's "Care-Broadmeadows" agency. The major part of the loss was their stock of winter clothing and blankets.

The Romsey Uniting Church ladies are receiving gifts of these items to pass on as soon as possible to replenish the stocks that will be required in the agency's aid programme when winter comes. Anyone able to help should contact Dorothy Thompson (295 421)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- April 5 - 12 Historical Society Heritage Week.
- April 14 Romsey Brownie Guide Local Association Annual Meeting
Scout Hall - 1 - 30 p.m.
- August 14 Romsey Primary School Trivia Night.

Due to absence and illness of volunteer staff, the Romsey Rag has less items than usual. It is important that contributors ensure that articles are in promptly by 2.p.m. the FRIDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GROUP.

The next meeting of the Nursing Mothers will be on Tuesday, 28th April at 8p.m. at the home of Mrs. Mary Campbell, William Street., Romsey. Discussion: CHILDREN & SAFETY IN THE HOME
Guest Speaker : a St. Johns Ambulance Officer. Anyone having difficulties with breastfeeding can contact trained Counsellors - Mary Campbell (295 629) Dot Chandler (295 378) or Pam Irvine (295 502) for support and assistance. All calls are confidential

Robyn Moore 295 690

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILLIARY:

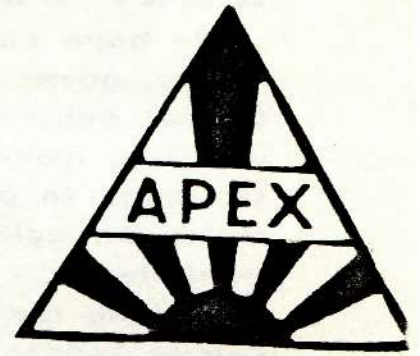
Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th April at 8p.m. at Group Headquarters, Members a plate please.

Robyn Moore - 296 690

ITEMS FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2. P.M. ON FRIDAY, 1st MAY, 1987 - THANK YOU. Compilers reserve the right to reject or include any item presented for print.

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EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Trevor Turnham, Bev. Large, Beryl Cole, Shirley Shelton, Ann Zonneveld.



ROMSEY APEX CLUB

NEEDS YOUR

HELP

NEW MEMBERS . If you want to make new friends in the
of and your family then APEX could be for you. Apex is a
der 40 years of age and their families. Our aim is to have
possible while improving our community.

e to our next Dinner at McCoy's
on Wednesday April 15th at 7:00 pm.
e Quinn on 295 358 for more

We urgently need
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What does Romsey Apex do ?

We have fortnightly dinners, visits to other clubs, sports nights, guest speakers on a wide range of topics, discussions on topical subjects, reports on projects we sponsor, film nights, debates, working bees, organise to help the needy, supply firewood to pensioners, raise money for charities, sponsor overseas self help projects, and host of other interesting activities

Socially we have had BBQs, Parties, Wine Bottlings, Film Nights, Family Sports Days, Picnics, been to area Gala Balls, Trivia Evenings, helped each other with work around our houses and generally lived life to the full.

You will never be lonely again if you join APEX , WE ARE AN ACTIVE BUNCH.

**Make New friends for your
FAMILY Join Apex**

What is APEX ?

Apex is a young men's community service organisation, founded in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, on March 10, 1931, by 3 architects - Ewen Laird, Langham Proud and John Buchan.

It is now operating in 9 countries in the Pacific Asian hemisphere and it is a member of WOCO (World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs).

It is a non-sectarian and non party political organisation. The word "Apex" represents: "The height of ambition". Membership age limits are 18 - 40 years.

The ideals of Apex are:

To make the Ideal of Service the basis of all enterprise.

To develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship.

To provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and building better communities.

To promote International understanding and friendship.

**APEX is Great if you are NEW
to Romsey or Lancefield.**