

## THE ROMSEY RAG

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### ROMSEY SHIRE - BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FORMED:

At a public meeting held in the supper room of the Romsey Mechanics Hall last Wednesday night, Mr. Ross Preen (a representative from Melbourne) addressed a group of residents who were interested in forming a Bicentennial Planning Committee for the Romsey Shire. The aim of the group is to notify representative organisations and plan a 12 month celebration of Australia's 200th Birthday. The group were introduced to existing plans through video tapes that reviewed Australia's rich and varied history and heritage. The Romsey committee will be one of 210 Victorias local groups organising community celebrations.

The theme "Living Together" is to be emphasised in all publicity and throughout the Bicentennial Year. It was unfortunate that there were no representatives from Riddells Creek present, however, the next meeting of the new committee will take place in Riddells Creek on Wednesday, 28th May, 1986, with the aim of explaining the committee's role in the community and eliciting community representatives from Riddells Creek.

The committee have elected their interim executive:

Chairman: Mr. Trevor Turnham; Secretary: Francis King; Treasurer: Gwen Crossman.

It was pleasing that the committee represents many of the areas within the shire and by active local association members.

The Shire have agreed to match the Commonwealth Grant making a total of \$7,200.00. The committee would welcome any suggestions from community groups which they could develop for the Bicentenary Year, 1988. An emphasis should be placed on, on-going programs which will have a lasting and significant impact on the community. A similar State Government Grant may also be matched by the Shire. We look forward to full co-operation from the community as this planning draws to a climax. Suggestions maybe made in writing and left at the Shire Offices at any time.

### ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB:

There will be no further Youth Club until the 6th June, when we will be having a Video Night. Please check notices in shop windows.

M. & K. HORNSBY : Bobcat & Tipper Hire. Industrial and Commercial Concretors.  
Phone Mark : 054/295791. 21 Todd Lane, Romsey.

### WANTED: LADY GOLFERS WHERE ARE YOU?

The Romsey Golf Club needs you. Weekly competition has commenced but if you feel you are a beginner and would like to go around the course on your own or with other beginners please feel free to come down Tuesday mornings and we can arrange this for you. Members are reminded hit off time is 9.30am. so please be there early enough to have your name in the draw. Further enquiries - President: Mrs. Lorraine McIlldowie, 295747 or Beryl Cole 295411. If you have transport difficulties we can also help with that.

### NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA : ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GROUP:

All mothers are invited to our next meeting to be held on Thursday, 29th May, at 10.00am. at the home of Mrs. Jenny Elliott, "Muston Ridge", Kerrie Road, Kerrie. Phone 270260. The topic for discussion will be "Breastfeeding and Weight Gains" to be followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. (Sausages and bread provided 50¢ each). Anyone requiring further information or anyone with a breastfeeding problem ring - Mary 295629; Dot 285378; Pam 295502.

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COBAM FAMILY DAY CARE:

Family Day Care is a co-ordinated day scheme where children are cared for in the homes of carefully selected care givers. The co-ordinator/field worker regularly visits Family Day Care homes.

This scheme is now operating in the Shire of Romsey, the type of care available consists of occasional care, emergency care, regular part time care, full time care, before and after school care and holiday care.

The children in care are looked after in a warm caring atmosphere which provides a family type environment catering for each child's special needs.

As a caregiver you care for children in your own home on a full time or part time basis.

Caregivers are urgently needed in the Romsey Area.

For further information on the scheme, please contact Maureen Kelly, at the Shire of Romsey, Tuesday or Friday 9am to 12.00noon. Phone : 295201.

CAROL'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT AEROBICS will continue over the May holidays and finish on the 21st May. There will be no night classes during the winter. Monday morning Aerobics will continue except for the May holiday period.

A special family Aerobics and games night will be held on Thursday 22nd of May from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Children must be of school age. Come along for some family fun. Cost will be \$2.00 per family or an individual charge of \$1.00. It will be a great night in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Enquire to Carol on 295590.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No.9. by Syd Wheller.

Winter tasks. In The Orchard: If you managed to get a worthwhile crop of clean fruit from disease free stone or from fruit trees without preventative spraying last winter and spring you have been very fortunate and many gardeners would like to share your secret. I refer particularly to apricots and apples which in our orchard were given the usual copper fungicide sprays in winter but missed out on follow-up fungicide sprays in spring due to unsuitable weather, resulting in a large amount of diseased fruit. Fortunately, peaches, peacharines, nectarines, plums, pears and quinces were not affected, having apparently been adequately protected by the winter program.

Pruning of deciduous fruit trees is usually done in June and July, and failure to attend to this regularly each year from the time trees are planted will eventually result in unthrifty, broken down trees often producing enormous crops of second rate fruit or overgrown trees with fruit out of reach on high branches. It is worth remembering that hard pruning induces strong growth provided growing conditions are satisfactory, and delaying pruning for several years after planting also delays the building up of a strong framework which the tree will need in later years.

Pruning demonstrations are held at V.C.A.H. Burnley Gardens in July by the Department of Agriculture who have a large amount of literature available on this and other gardening subjects. A similar demonstration may be held in June at 13 Metcalfe Drive if interest is shown and grafting material may be available in some cases.

THANKS NOTICE:

I wish to thank the many well-wishers who phone, called, sent "get well" cards, provided transport and otherwise supported my wife during my recent holiday in hospital.

Syd. Wheller.

ROMSEY BROMMIE/GUIDE LA.:

Newly elected office bearers following the recent Annual Meeting are -- Mrs. Lindy Shone, President; Mrs. Carol Graco, Secretary; Mrs. Beryl Cole, Treasurer. The next general meeting will be held on Monday, 26th May at Carol Graco's home in Rankins Road, Nonegetta. 295500.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILLIARY:

Monday the 28th saw another successful year finish. At the Annual Meeting, Robyn Moore and Kathy Williams are continuing as President and Treasurer and Jan Williams is the new Secretary with Teressa Ogilvie Assistant Secretary.

Members are reminded of the games night on May 10th - have you replied to Beryl Cole 295411 yet???

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 11, ROMSEY. 3434.

This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th May at 7.30pm at the Court House Museum, Lancefield. (Next to Police Station). The focus will be on any information that people may have on -

- (a) the original site of Lancefield (on the creek, north of present town), and
- (b) on Tickawarra district, near Romsey.

We hope that anybody who may have information about the history of either of these areas will please share this with us, either before May 27th, or at the meeting. In later months, we will focus on other parts of the surrounding districts, but if you have photos or even reminiscences on the two areas mentioned, please help us to record as much of the early history as we can, before it is lost forever in the mists of time. We hope that, by setting a specific date for each area, it will be more successful than generalising. Contact Person : Mrs. Dorothy Viney, Tel: 295584.

The Sidney Seymour descendants' reunion on Sunday, 27th April was most successful, inspite of wet weather, and raised the surprisingly high figure of nearly \$900 through the efforts of many of our members catering all day for the large crowd. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Our Court House Museum, which contains a most interesting display of photos and memorabilia of the district, is open on the 4th Sundays 1-4pm, so Sunday 25th May is the next date. On that day we shall also be welcoming members of the Millumbik Historical Society, (Greensborough area) for a visit to Romsey and Lancefield. Catering help required again! but only morning tea this time, plus selling items such as our jam, cookbooks, lavender bags and mugs to visitors at the Cottage at lunchtime. Enquiries to Mrs. Jean Newell, 295522, or Mrs. Helen Clement, 295317.

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#### SMALL FARMERS SEMINAR:

Mr. Noel Howard, General Manager, Ford Tractors and Implements Division, will speak at 7.00pm, Tuesday, May 6th at the Kilmore Royal Oak Hotel regarding Farm Machinery. Slides and General Information will be made available. This will be the second last such Seminar organised by Kilmore/Broadford Rotary Club who cordially invite any interested person to this meeting.

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#### ARBOR DAY:

Last week we celebrated in local schools with an emphasis on trees and their importance in the environment. At Romsey Primary School all 9 grades planted their own shrubs to create an arbor around the old principals residence which is currently used for canteen and teaching areas. On Wednesday afternoon, Councillor McIlldowie ceremoniously planted 4 small trees donated by the Shire. Cr. McIlldowie emphasised the theme of the week and encouraged the children to watch the trees develop throughout the eaars.

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#### SCHOOL NEWS:

The teachers are very pleased to finally move into their new classroom complex north of Palmer Street. This block houses the 62 grade 5 and 6 pupils. Grade 3 have moved from the Art Room into a classroom vacated by Grade 5. We are all grateful that Mr. Burns has been able to return from sick leave to teach his grade 4 pupils, and we thank Miss Mickins, the District Relieving Teacher for her assistance in caring for these pupils throughout Term 1.

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding a special Mothers Day Flower Stall on Saturday, 10th May at - outside Puxley's Newsagents. We look forward to your support.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE:

Jean Sale at the School on 4th June from 3pm -- 7pm. Bargain priced quality Jeans for Kids and Adults.

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DRESSMAKING & ALTERATIONS & AVON Phone : 270457. Chris Whitney.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS:

Thankyou to all the ladies who supported our Garden Party at Kerrie, we raised \$450.00 which was marvellous. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Elder, Mr. Ken Armstrong and Mr. John Laing who all helped make our function such a success. What a way to break the drought, organize a garden party! Our Red Cross Calling in March raised \$1,134.00 which was due to our hard working members and the generosity of the people of Romsey and surrounding districts, so a very big thankyou to everyone. Red Cross will certainly make good use of your money.

An invitation is extended to everyone to a

WINTER FASHION PARADE : Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm., at the Romsey Mechanics Hall.  
Light Tea and Drinks. Cost \$10.00

R.S.V.P. 26th May.

S.Shelton : 295271

H.Clement : 295317.

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Shirley and Ron Pateman have taken over Markhams Bakery and are running the business as a milk bar. Take-away Foods, Home made Soup and Fresh Bread are available, as well as the usual range of sweets, drinks etc. All cakes are filled with real fresh cream each morning. The shop is open from 8.45am - 9.00pm. Shirley would like to thank all customers for putting up with any inconvenience caused over the past weeks. Our growing pains have sorted themselves out now!! The Romsey Rag would like to wish Shirley and Ron every success and welcome them to Romsey.  
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FOR INTERESTED PERSONS:

Andrew Peacock and David Cadman will be speaking at a meeting to be held at the Mechanics Hall on Wednesday, 25th June. They will also be available to answer any questions which you may wish to ask.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Admission is \$5.00 and supper will be served.  
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BICYCLE RIDING - SAFETY AT NIGHT:

It has been noticed on different occasions that quite a few of the young people in the town are riding bicycles at night without lights and helmets. Unfortunately these youngsters are very hard to see in the dark especially from the rear. Reflectors are not a substitute for tail lights and some children do not even have reflectors on their bicycles. Please make sure when riding a bicycle at night that the tail light is working, do not rely on reflectors. Also try to wear clothing that is easily seen, not too dark. In other words, All cyclists when riding at night must have good bright tail and headlights  
BE SEEN : BE SAFE.  
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LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONY CLUB:

Congratulations to our eight girls who turned out last Sunday in the drenching rain, so well presented and performed so well, despite the extremely adverse conditions, for the Central Zone Elimination day at Kilmore. Although our teams were not placed in the final few, we are extremely proud of you all girls.

We extend congratulations to the winning teams, 1 Whittlesea, 2 Beveridge, 3rd Sunbury, 4th the Dressage areas and Beveridge took out the Honours in the Games & Novelties events, losing only 1/2 a point over-all. Thankyou to all the super long-suffering Dads who have transported and encouraged our girls throughout and to Val and Don our grateful thanks for your never ending patience and guidance. To our two new members who supported everyone present on the day, standing in the rain and helping where necessary - thankyou.

Our next big event to look forward to is the Lowden Shield Day to be held at Beveridge on 29th June, where all points won by individual effort accumulate to benefit the Club towards winning the shield. We hope many of you are able to attend.

After last weeks rain, how lovely to have a glorious sunny day for this months rally, where we welcomed two new girls from Romsey and their families to our club. We enjoyed an excellent attendance and lovely to see so many interested parents enjoying the sunshine along with the girls. Enquiries: Val Mustow (Sec.) 291549; Joe Smith (Pres.) 295524.  
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ITEMS FOR THE ROMSEY RAG SHOULD BE HANDED TO THE ROMSEY POST OFFICE BY - FRIDAY, 30th MAY.