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1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

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The Scout Group have Parent Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. There are 2 Cub Groups and 1 Scout Group. The Scouts hold bottle drives every second month, the next one being on Saturday, August 17. Please leave bottles on nature strip on this day and they will be collected. The 1st Romsey Scout Group are to be congratulated as they have won a Hall Award as follows:

At the Area Annual General Meeting held at the Essendon Civic Centre on Tuesday July 30, 1st Romsey Scouts were presented with "GOOD HOUSEKEEPING award which involves Hall Security and Cleanliness and Clear Identification of hall. Good Administration and Communication within the district. (Hoadly Area Commissioners Award). The new coat of paint certainly helped. The Chief Commissioners Award was also presented to Rod Campbell for Services.

The Scouts receive money for films developed by Film Pak. For further particulars contact Mr. Jeff Lawton, Old Farm Way, Romsey. 295 521.

The next Parents meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7 8.00 p.m. Scout Hall.

Please do not forget BOTTLE DRIVE on Saturday August 17. Please leave bottles on the nature strip. Bottle Drive commences at 9.00 a.m. The streets where bottles will be collected are the Main Street and all streets running off it. If people have a number of bottles to be collected in the shire please ring Watt 295 250, Smithwyke 295 688 after 6.00 p.m. or Clampit 295 480.

A very successful Jampot Jamboree was held thanks to the community. In excess of \$200 was collected.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

1985 sees the celebration of 120 years of the Romsey Primary School 100 years since the first Romsey Mechanics Institute was built, as well as Victoria's 150th Birthday.

In order to celebrate these milestones the following events are being planned by a joint committee of the Primary School and the Mechanics Institute.

Friday October 25 : at the Romsey Mechanics Institute the community are invited to a Penny Concert which will be held in the evening utilising local talent. The audience will be admitted free and will vote for the best items (1 penny (cent) per vote. Prizes for the best acts will be awarded.

Saturday, October 29: There will be a Community Market in conjunction with the celebration of a "Back to School" in the school grounds.

In the afternoon at the Mechanics Institute old time films will be shown.

In the evening at the Mechanics Institute there will be an old time ball. It is hoped that those attending will wear old time costumes.

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Anniversary Celebrations (Contd.)

Please keep the weekend of Saturday, October 29 free and tell all ex-Romsey friends and relatives that they are very welcome to join us on this weekend.

Watch further editions of the ROMSEY RAG and local papers for more details.

DRUG AWARENESS

VENUE: Christ Church Parish Hall, Chauncy Street, Lancefield.
DATE: Wednesday, August 14.
TIME: 2.00 p.m.
SPEAKER: Mrs. Maureen Erickson, Social Worker/Counsellor with Addcare.

The Addcare Service is a care referral and information service for people affected by drugs and alcohol problems. The person affected may be the user or a member of the users family.

Further information or brochures)03) 8989511.

MACEDON RANGES MONTESSORI PRE-SCHOOL

In February of this year a Montessori Pre-School was established in the Old School building at Riddells Creek to service children in the Macedon Ranges and surrounding areas. We currently have 25 children attending and others registered from Bullengarook, Bolinda, Clarkefield, Gisborne, Kerrie, Macedon, Mt. Macedon, New Gisborne, Riddells Creek, Romsey, Sunbury and Woodend. Information available through Romsey Primary School Office or phone 286 376. Enrolment enquiries welcome.

HAVE YOU ANY UNWANTED FOOTY BOOTS OR ESSENDON JUMPERS?

Romsey Primary School would like any suitable boots or jumpers for pupils to wear when playing footy. These items may be left at the school with our thanks.

A NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR ROMSEY

Romsey Primary School have recently installed an all weather Notice Board just near the western entrance to the school. School notices, newsletters and current community news will be posted each week.

EDUCATION HANDBOOK 1985-86

One of the Education Department's projects for Victoria's 150th Anniversary Year celebrations is the publication of the Education Handbook. The Education Department's Handbook contains information about all Government High, Primary, Technical and Special Schools and facilities in Victoria. All schools will receive a set of the handbooks.

Copy of the secondary handbook is now available at the school office. The primary and special volume, the largest volume in the series, will be published later in the year.

100,000 students transfer each year. The handbooks are essential to assist parents who are moving house, or have children in transition from Primary to Secondary Education.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR - 1985

Combined Youth Service Report. A Special evening service was conducted at the Romsey Uniting Church recently. The theme for I.Y.Y. is Peace Participation and Development. The following are excerpts from young leaders' comments:

Karen Joiner: I have been asked to share with you what PEACE means to me: As a member of a family, Nationally, Internationally, and personally.

As a part of a mily, I would say Peace is the security of knowing that there is always someone there to listen to, talk to or have fun with.

Peace internationally and nationally would be people enjoying each others company everywhere.

Peace to me personally is having the love of family and friends.

Kate Peglar : I have been asked to say a few words about participation by yough people in the Church.

The Church is meant to be a fellowship of sharing, loving people - all of them helping each other in living and worshipping. While some adults talk about youth as the Church of tomorrow, others tell us we are part of the Church today - just like the gentiles in the Bible reading.

From now on it is up to us to take our share in the life of the Church, and for the adult members to encourage and assist us to do so.

OBITUARY: "POP"

One of Romsey's older characters, and known to everyone as Pop of Shamrock Lodge, died last Monday.

He was Grissin Taylor, 62 years, who has lived at the Shamrock Lodge for the past five years. Because of an accident some years ago, Pop had difficulty with his speech but was always friendly and loved to talk with people even though much of it was by sign language. His funeral was held last Wednesday at Kilmore.

MISSIONARY SERVICE IN INDIA

Geoff Holland's Missionary service in India will be for three weeks and community members will be interested to know that Geoff has given this time to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We wish him well and support his family during his absence. We will endeavour to keep readers informed as to his experiences.

GOLF CLINIC CONTINUES

Stan Cornish spoke to the group last Saturday re golf percentages and how to improve. Peter Mitchell will continue the free instruction during Geoff Holland's absence.

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

Thanks to the Guides, Scouts and other helpful community members a total of \$1000 was raised for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Thanks to all who collected and donated.

ROMSEY DISTRICT GUIDES AND BROWNIES (BLACK FOREST REGION)

75 YEARS OLD

On September 5, 1985, the Guiding Movement will be 75 years old. To celebrate this day, each district all over the world has been asked to light a bonfire on this day.

At Romsey we will be meeting at the Scout Hall at 6.00 p.m. and combining the bonfire with a sausage sizzle tea. (B.Y.O.)

As from August 17 the Romsey Guides and Brownies will be part of the newly formed Black Forest Region. To celebrate this day, Guides and Brownies and Leaders will be meeting at 1.00 p.m. at the Sunbury Memorial Hall to take part in the street parade, starting at 1.30 p.m. The Moomba Float will be in attendance and the girls will have a chance to meet the State Commissioner and Staff. Some of the girls will be wearing international uniforms, from other countries and some will be wearing guiding costumes from previous years.

Closure of 2nd Romsey Brownie Pack

Over the past twelve months we have been advertising for Brownie Leaders, unfortunately without success. As three of our four Brownie Leaders are leaving we cannot do anything else but close one of the Brownie units, transferring the girls to the other unit. Whilst we realise this is a backward step for Guiding in Romsey, we cannot continue without people coming forward and training as Leaders. The remaining Leader does not even have a child involved but is still willing to give of her time, and herself for the small girls.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN by Syd. Wheller

Most deciduous fruit trees will grow and bear reasonably well, although usually several weeks later than Melbourne suburbs, provided they are properly planted in well drained soil, protected from strong winds, heavily pruned each year until a strong framework has been established, and more moderately thereafter, sprayed with the right materials at the right time to prevent diseases and control insect pests, fertilized and watered when required to encourage growth, kept free of competing weeds, mulched in summer to conserve moisture and inter-pollinated with other suitable varieties where necessary by bees or by hand if bees are absent. Penalties in the form of poor tree growth or death, over-production of poor quality fruit and consequent broken down branches, pest damaged fruit, partial or complete crop failure, management difficulties with overgrown trees and inaccessible fruit on high branches are to be expected eventually where these matters are neglected. Proliferation of pests to the annoyance of neighbours may also occur.

Warm climate fruits such as lemons, grapefruit and passionfruit are unlikely to succeed unless given the protection of a north facing wall or similar barrier, as well as the requirements of other fruit trees. Most small growing berry fruits are however, usually less demanding. Given the time and enthusiasm necessary, the growing of fruit in the Romsey home garden can be quite rewarding. Detailed information on this subject is available from the Department of Agriculture, plant nurseries and technical bookshops or libraries.

VICTORIA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY - CELEBRATION OF GARDENS IN VICTORIA

Open Day at 13 Metcalfe Drive on March 3 being a warm and sunny day attracted a stream of visitors from places such as Werribee, Heathcote, Whittlesea, Kilmore, Strathmore, Sunbury, Heidelberg, Lancefield, Macedon, Riddells Creek and Broadmeadows, as well as three or four from Romsey - an estimated total of over 100. A later unscheduled visit on April 21 by a District Group from Eltham of the Society for Growing Australian Plants (S.G.A.P.) was also made. It is hoped that good weather will also prevail on our next official "Open Day" on Sunday, September 29 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

RIDDELLS CREEK SECOND AGRICULTURAL SHOW

On Sunday, September 8 at the Riddells Creek Reserve, it is hoped to display a large range of garden grown native flowers and possibly some exotics as was done last year and the support of interested groups and individuals is invited. Enquiries Syd. Wheller (054) 29 5513.

FOR SALE

Yves Rocher "Beauty from Plants", skin care and cosmetic products are available in Romsey from local consultant. For a private show or with a few of your friends, contact Penny Baxter 295 745., for more information on how you can earn free gifts as an Yves Rocher hostess.

WINDARRING CHINESE COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

70 people attended a Chinese Cookery demonstration given by Windarring, at the Mechanics Hall on Thursday, August 1.

The food cooked for the demonstration was raffled and won by Wendy Gosden and Margaret Boldiston, both of whom would not have to worry about what to serve for dinner that night.

Spring rolls were passed around for tasting and a light luncheon was served. This even raised approximately \$500 to aid intellectually handicapped people. Good work, Windarring.

LADIES SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of this Group will be held on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, at 8.00 p.m. in the Lancefield Uniting Church Vestry.

This will take the form of a Craft Night under the guidance of Glenise Hughes from the Lancefield Craft Shop, and will be the first of two nights, the second being September 11.

If you are interested in participating and have not let Maree Clarke know, please ring on 291 477 as orders need to be placed for materials. All Welcome.

JOHN CARTER 295 484

Carports, verandahs or pergolas. Wood or Steel construction. Free quotes.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 10.00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Romsey Hall. An invitation is extended to everyone to come along and help Red Cross help.

Spring and Summer Fashion Parade to be held Tuesday evening, October 8. Please keep this date free.Shirley Shelton 295 271.

ROMSEY GUIDE/BROWNIE LOCAL ASSOCIATION (L.A.)

We would like to thank the parents who sold lamingtons and sponge squares and the people who ordered them. This was our second term fund raising effort, and we are happy with the outcome. The lamingtons and sponge squares will be delivered to Romsey on August 9. If parents find it convenient to pick up their order please ring Beryl Cole 295 411 before the 9th otherwise we will endeavour to deliver your orders to you.

Parents are advised that the L.A. are going to start a uniform shop to assist the leaders. We are seeking used Brownie and Guide uniforms which can be either donated to the L.A. or sold on your behalf. Contact Helena Thompson 295 325.

C.W.A. EVENING BRANCH

On Wednesday, July 24, 21 ladies attended a meeting of the Country Womens Association's evening branch, held at the home of Mrs. Bev. Large. Two of these ladies came from Mt. Macedon. Lindy Neve, as guest speaker gave a very interesting talk on the Cobaw Community Health Service, the Romsey Care Group and the role of a Social Worker within the Shire of Romsey.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21 at 8.00 p.m. in the Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey. It was decided that we have a craft night, so bring your knitting, tapestries etc. and if you have any problems there is sure to be an expert handy. Perhaps some of you would like to bring along an article which you have made. If there are any ladies who would like to come along to our meeting on that night you would be most welcome.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB

On Friday, August 9 the Youth Club as such, will not be held BUT a talk will be given at the Monegeetta Army Camp on Army life and also explosives. This starts at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Parents are invited to attend. Those interested please make own way there or if you need a lift, please telephone Rob. McIldowie 295 747 or Chris Shanahan 295 316.

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS: Chris Whitney 270 457.

Also Amway home care products and Avon.



THE ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This Society meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 8.00 p.m. alternately at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall and the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. The July meeting was in Romsey so the August meeting on August 27 will be at Lancefield.

We have guest speakers at some of the meetings and use the other meetings to discuss business, which is mostly in connection with the two major projects of the Society: setting up a local history Museum in the Court House at Lancefield and restoring and furnishing the Sidney Seymour Cottage in Romsey (believed to be the oldest dwelling in Romsey and has been the generous gift to the Society of Mrs. Ida Allen.)

Newcomers are most welcome to come along to meetings, the membership fee is only \$4 per annum and funds raised are used for the establishment of the two projects mentioned above. On the other hand some members may pay the subscription in order to keep in touch via the newsletters which are produced 3 or 4 times a year. We are grateful for members of all degrees of involvement.

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Historical Society Notes (Continued)

If you would like further information about the Historical Society and its activities, please contact any of the following people:

President: Miss Helen Broad 291 297, Secretary Mrs. Jean Newell 295522
Asst. Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement 295 317, Treasurer Mr. Pat Toomey 285 327
Archivist Mrs. Del Edwards 295 653, Newsletter, Mrs. Judy Cope-Williams
295 428. Subscriptions and donations can be paid at meetings or posted
to P.O. Box 11, Romsey.

Next Saturday, August 10 there will be a cake and produce stall at
the Lancefield Kiosk, Main Street, from 9.30 a.m. Help or patronage
will be much appreciated.

And on Friday, September 20 we will be having a Progressive Dinner
more details in the September ROMSEY RAG.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - SECRETARIES AS AT JULY 1985

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB	Mrs. D. Robb	295 222
ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB ASSOCIATES	Mrs. D. Lunn	295 537
ROMSEY BROWNIE GUIDE LOCAL ASSOC.	Mrs. H. Thompson	295 325
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	Mrs. E. Francis	295 254
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COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION	Mrs. E. Anderson	295 263
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Carols Dancing	295 590	
Mandy Allford	295 355	
ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD ELDERLY CITIZENS CLUB	Mrs. E. Anderson	295 263
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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE	Mr. P. Green	295 338
ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUX.	Mrs. T. Ogilvie	295 715
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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB	Mr. P. Mitchell	295 447
ROMSEY GOLF CLUB ASSOCIATES	Mrs. E. Scanlon	295 371
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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD HISTORICAL SOC.	Mrs. J. Newell	295 522
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ROMSEY AND DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB	Mrs. G. Tillotson	295 224
ROMSEY KINDEPGARTEN	Mrs. J. Jacobsen	295 643
ROMSEY LANCEFIELD LIONS CLUB	Mr. B. Martin	291 415
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ROMSEY PROGRESS ASSOC.	Mr. D. Strack	270 472
ROMSEY PARK COMMITTEE	Mr. Mark Cruise	291 725

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ROMSEY PLAYGROUP	Mrs. S. Niedermair	295 627
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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mr. T. Turnham	295 490 (A.H.) 295 413
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ROMSEY RED CROSS	Mrs. S. Shelton	295 271
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