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Mrs. Nell Anderson.
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CHILD MINDING

Mums, did you know that there is a child-minding service in the Romsey-Lancefield area? Well there is - for only \$1.50 per hour. This service is run by the Shire of Gisborne and is available to all in our district. Should you need to return to the work force, or simply go shopping in peace for an hour or two, phone Mrs. Bernadette Collins, Family Day Care Co-Ordinator on 282 200.

THE ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary once again provided refreshments for the huge crowd which attended the Community Market held at Romsey Primary School on Saturday, 26th October. The day was a great success for all concerned and brought with it some glorious Spring weather.

As one of the objects of the Auxiliary is to raise funds for the Fire Brigade, which is presently building a new fire station, we were all very pleased to have made a profit on the day. Will all members of the Auxiliary please note that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 25th November at 8 p.m. at the Group Headquarters (situated in Stawell Street). New members are always very welcome. For any queries, please contact T. Ogilvie, Secretary, on 295 715.

ROMSEY GUIDES LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The final fund-raising effort for the year is a Lamington Drive. Orders may be given, with the money, to any parents of Brownies or Guides, by 15th November. Delivery date will be 29th November. The lamington and sponge squares are \$2.50 per dozen or \$1.25 per half dozen.

We would also like to thank people who gave us Mars Bar labels last month. This has now finished. Thank you.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB

Disco on 15th November at the Uniting Church Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. On this night, it is hoped to determine the numbers who may be going on our proposed ice skating trip, planned for 29th November. Estimated cost will be \$6 which includes entry fee and skate hire. More information will be available at the Disco.

INTRODUCING THE COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE.....

to provide you with some background information on the way in which this Community Health Service will function across the four Shires of Metcalfe, Romsey, Newham/Woodend and Kyneton:

Community Health Services assist people and communities to enjoy the best possible quality of life by:-

- enabling them to create high levels of health,
- Assisting them to prevent ill health or delay the deterioration of their health,
- assisting them to restore their health wherever possible,
- providing the support services to enable them to live in their own community,
- where necessary, providing convenient referral to the appropriate treatment.

A major thrust of a Community Health Service is to work with the local community it serves, to identify local health needs and take action on these needs in order to improve the health of the community.

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE continued

A comprehensive approach to health is taken that encompasses the following aspects: biological or physical, social, emotional or psychological, and environmental aspects.

Health is seen not simply as the absence of disease, but as a relative state of well-being. Community Health Services, using the skills of a range of staff, assist individuals to deal with and adapt to illnesses, crises, life change, maturation and ageing, etc., in ways that enhance total well-being and promote independence.

A comprehensive approach to Community Health sees individuals in relation to the environment in which they live.

Any factors in this environment which are deleterious to the well-being of community members can potentially be modified to improve community health and well-being. Likewise, factors that are enhancing to community well-being can be capitalized on. If a problem affecting an individual is simply a visible symptom of something that potentially affects the whole community or groups within the community, it will be ineffective to confine action to the individual. Small Pox was not eradicated by treating its victims.

Karen Goltz,
Health Promotions Officer,
Cobaw Community Health Service.

As mentioned recently in the press, The Cobaw Community Health Centre has been funded and will begin operation in 1986. Karen Goltz, currently seconded from the Sunbury Community Health Centre is ascertaining needs within the community. As a result of this, it would appear that we will have :-

- A Speech Therapist
- Two Community Health Nurses
- A Social Worker/Psychologist
- Executive Officer
- Administrator

These staff positions will be advertised during Dec./Jan.'86. Mobile Services will be based in the town centres of Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek.

ROMSEY CARE GROUP

The Shire provides a booklet of information for new residents. Such families are visited and welcomed by local volunteers. If you can identify any new residents, contact Mrs. Rose McCarthy at the Shire Offices, or Rev. Adrian Pegler (295 351), Chairman of the Romsey Care Group. We CARE about YOU.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL RAFFLE:

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Salt on winning the tent which was the prize donated by Mr. B. Neish of R. & R. Hardware. Mr. Salt is currently building his own home in Barry St., Romsey and, co-incidentally, the family is living in a tent while the house is being completed!

BACK TO ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - A great success last weekend.

Past pupils and interested friends flocked back to register and renew old friendships. Many interesting stories were told and we were able to develop a clearer picture of the school's history. Although the earliest records were destroyed by fire, many years ago, most pupils possessed very vivid memories of their school days.

Mrs. Gwen Connor (nee Green) was one of many who returned. She left Australia in 1947, lived in Kenya and Uganda for 15½ years, moved to Papua-New Guinea in 1961 and settled in Queensland in 1968. Upon returning for the 'Back To' she left a short story which may be of interest to our readers. It concerns her early life in Africa (contact Trevor Turnham at the School Office if you are interested.)

The local press recorded the general events of the weekend, however photographs taken during the weekend are and will be displayed on the notice board outside the P. Office. Thanks to local traders, a five-page spread in the Telegraph announced the weekend to many people. Thank you to all who made the weekend so memorable, especially the locals who freely loaned photographs or cuttings.

ROMSEY MECHANICS' INSTITUTEPenny Concert

This proved to be an outstanding success as the Hall was filled to capacity (plus a few more) and everyone was well supplied with cents.

Voting for the 20 acts raised the sum of \$777, with the winning act raising over \$80 in votes.

Ann Phefan, Romsey resident and actress (in "Prisoner" as well as other series on TV), compered the Concert in excellent fashion.

The Committee are very grateful for the support given to the Concert by the people on stage and the public who supported the function. We apologise to all who attended for the lateness of the evening, but there was just so much talent in Romsey!

Old Time Dance

One hundred and sixty people attended and had a very enjoyable evening. Quite a number came in old-time dress, to add a colonial touch to the night. The band was the local group 'The Revellers' (Derek Rea, David Allan, etc.) and they kept the evening swinging along. Hall funds benefitted by \$650 from the evening.

A Raffle, with prizes of a colour T.V., food processor and clock radio will be drawn early in December. Tickets are available from some shops in the town.

Photos taken at the concert and the Old Time Ball are currently on display at the Post Office and orders can be left there if people are interested. The photos taken at the 'BackTo' will be displayed shortly and, again, orders may be placed.

UPHOLSTERY - MOTOR TRIMMING - Spencer Way (295 304) After 6 p.m.

AMMAY - AVON - SEWING & ALTERATIONS - Phone Chris Witney on 270 457.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434.

The last few weeks have seen rapid and exciting progress on both major projects of the Historical Society - namely the restoration of the Sidney Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street, Romsey, and the preparation of the ex-Court House building in Lancefield for our permanent local history Museum.

It is hoped that both these places will be open to the public on a regular basis, but we are not quite up to that stage yet. However, any interested persons are more than welcome to come to the Working Bee at the cottage on Saturday 9th November at 9 a.m. (or later), or to come to our next Meeting at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute Hall on Tuesday, 26th November, at 8 p.m. Our Guest Speaker that night will be Dr. Rachel Faggetter, who is an authority on Museums and will no doubt give us much useful advice on setting up our Museum at Lancefield.

Many people came to the Open Day at the Sidney Seymour Cottage on Sat. 26th October and our loyal band of hard workers served Devonshire Teas and ran a Plants Stall. At 2 p.m., Shire President Cr. Ken Francis, introduced by our President Miss Helen Broad, officially unveiled a plaque commemorating the generous gift of the cottage, to the people of Romsey, by Mrs. Isa Allen. Another plaque was also unveiled, to record the grant of \$2,000 given by the Vic. 150th Anniversary Committee, towards restoration of the cottage.

The Historical Society was delighted to have a number of the descendants of Sidney Seymour present on the Open Day, and there are plans to hold a re-union of more of the family at a later date, at the cottage.

For those who have not seen the cottage yet, it is an early example of a pre-fabricated dwelling; the mahogany panels of which it is constructed were brought on a ship from England. At a later date the panels were painted, but now the members of the Hist. Soc. have stripped the paint off, using a hot caustic bath and much elbow grease (!) and the result is a beautiful mahogany cottage. There is still much to do, and we still need to furnish the cottage and maintain the garden.

For any enquiries re the Hist. Soc. please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Jean Newell, Tel: 295 522 or Assistant Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement, 295 317.

Membership of the Hist. Soc. is only \$4 per annum, inclusive of Newsletters.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

FASHION PARADE - thank you to everyone who came and made our fashion parade a success. We hope to clear \$1,000 so thank you for helping RED CROSS HELP. Thank you also to our lovely models. Thank you to these ladies who couldn't come and gave us a donation - Mrs. M. Madigan, Mrs. D. Holt, Mrs. H. Watts, Mrs. I. Wanden and Mrs. J. Francis.

BUS TRIP - A bus is going to Doncaster Shopping Town on Wednesday 13th November, leaving Romsey P.O. at 8.45 returning 4.15. Cost \$5.50. To book a seat please ring S. Shelton - 295 271 or B. Trotter - 295 205.

A DISASTER TRAINING REGISTRATION SESSION is to be held in the meeting room of the Romsey Mechanics on Tuesday 12th November commencing at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

Congratulations to Marion Spring for being presented with her long service medal with 2 bars for 45 years service. A long time serving Red Cross. Well done!

Our December meeting has been brought forward to Wednesday 27th November, at 10 am in the meeting room of the Romsey Mechanics. New members most welcome.

Christmas cards, 1986 Diaries etc. will be on sale in front of the Newsagents on Fridays and Saturday mornings during the month of November. Also raffle tickets for a prize of "Air Travel of Your Own Choice" to the value of \$4,000 - Price \$1 a ticket. Wouldn't it be lovely to fly off and see how the other half live!

Shirley Shelton (Secretary)

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The Romsey Rural Fire Brigade would like to congratulate the following students of the Romsey Primary School who were local winners in the Fire Prevention Poster Competition. Wendy Brants, Prep. Grader, Natasha Dalton, Grade 3/4 and Samantha Davies, Grade 5/6. Well done Girls.

With the fire danger period nearly upon us, the Brigade would appreciate the assistance of property owners in the construction of fire breaks around their properties and along roadsides by slashing or ploughing.

We also have an excellent publication on hand titled "Your Country Home" published by the Country Fire Authority and is very relevant to people living on farms and small farmlets and retreats in our rural area. Please contact us if you require a copy.

The next meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday the 12th of November. Romsey Group Headquarters, Stawell Street, Romsey.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Captain R. Cole - 295 411, or Secretary P. Green - 295 338.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB ASSOCIATES

To conclude the 1985 Romsey golf season, the Members and Associates joined together and held a Presentation Dinner on the 11th October. The evening was enjoyed by all and thanks go to Lyn and Vicki and Laurie Thomson for once again providing the entertainment.

Trophies were presented by Margaret Barbour, the Associates President to Mary West - A Grade Champion. H. Newnham - A Grade Aggregate and the Birdie Competition and Eclectic competition. J. Johnson - Rose Scanlon Perpetual Trophy - A. Grade Aggregate over season. B. Cole - Most Improved Beginner and 36 Handicap Aggregate. (Beryl's thanks go to Geoff Moffatt, Peter Mitchell and Stan Cornish for the Saturday morning coaching clinic).

A presentation was also given to Joan Tom who has since left the district and will be greatly missed by the Romsey Associates.

The Annual Meeting of the Associates was held on 14th October. The elected Office Bearers are President Lorraine McIl Dowie, Secretary Beryl Cole, Treasurer Elaine Scanlon. Captain Helene Newnham.

FIRST AID PRESENTATIONS

A 100% pass rate was gained not only by the Grade 6 pupils at Romsey Primary School, but also by the adult class that was comprised of parents and teachers.

Congratulations and presentations were made by the District Secretary of Red Cross, Dorothy Lunn at a special assembly last Friday afternoon. Thanks for the courses were issued by Brent Spear (Grade 6) on behalf of the graduates, to Dr. Allison Killoh, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Francis and Mrs. Helen Clement.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION Following the recent tragic accidents which have effected the lives of local residents recently, it is timely to emphasise that the message from 'Accident Prevention Week' is that care is required at all times. It's people who cause accidents and this theme of 'safety' is to be highlighted by a Primary Schools Poster competition - entries will be displayed and judged at the Kilmore Show on December 7th. Children from all grade levels are invited to enter the competition, posters being left with local schools for collection by Rotary Club Members on December 5th.

NOVEMBER ATHLETIC SPORTS

This Friday November 8th, will see a bustle of athletic activity on the Romsey Ovals as children from the local Rural Schools (Darraweit, Heskett, Clarkefield, Bolinda, Kerrie and Newham) combine for their annual sports program, which will run from 9.30 - 3 pm.

Meanwhile the Romsey Primary School children will also be competing in their own inter House Athletic Sports program, commencing at 10.30 am with the sprints and then a tabloid of standardised activities.

A barbecue sausage sizzle (25¢ each) will be provided for children at the school during lunch hour. Parents are cordially invited and may join the B.B.Q. and share a 'cuppa' under the trees near the old residence.

Presentation of House trophies are planned for 3 pm.

INTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM November 15th at Lancefield Ovals. Again local parents are invited to take their children to the Lancefield Park for activities planned to start at 10 am. Children unable to go with parents may catch the bus which will leave Romsey P.S. at 9.00 am. Entry to the Park is \$1 per program. The standardised program and the tabloid of minor games will involve all children from St. Marys, Lancefield P.S., Wallan P.S. and Romsey P.S. The scoring allows for a very fair competition between all schools, no matter how many children compete.

FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Christine Rowlands, who has been a teacher of infant grade children at Romsey for a number of years, has recently been successful in her application for the half time music role at Riddells Creek P.S., a position to which she is eminently suited judging by her teaching at Romsey. We congratulate Christine and wish her the best in her new position.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB ASSOCIATES

We would like to remind people the Golf Club Progressive Dinner is to be again held in February. Please watch further editions of Romsey Rag for more information. To help the organisers prepare and update their invitation list, we welcome new residents and even old residents, who may be interested in an enjoyable evening with entertainment provided to ring and have your name placed on our mailing list. Please ring L. McIlidowie 295 747 or B. Cole 295 411 before December 1st.

The above people will also be able to give you more information if you wish to join the golf club and play with us.

ROMSEY JUNIOR CRICKET

Romsey Junior Cricketers have had a successful start to this season with both teams enjoying wins in the early rounds.

The U/14 team has won both its first two games comfortably, however with the standard of competition increasing over the next few games, the boys will have to work hard at training to improve their skills with the bat and ball. Phillip Jones had a big day with the ball in round two, taking 6 wickets for 3 runs including a hat-trick and five of his wickets came in one under.

The U/12 team is well placed with one win and one loss after round two. This team consists mainly of boys who are having their first season of cricket and it is remarkable to see their improvement over the last few weeks as they learn the basic skills of cricket.

Both teams are being well supported by parents. The Managers of the two teams would like to thank these parents for their support as it is essential.

As there is a shortfall in our budget for this year we will shortly be having a fundraising raffle and ask all parents and Romsey/Lancefield residents to support it, as there are now over forty young boys involved in this group and the cost of equipment is quite high.

Mike Ellis (Co-ordinator)

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 4

Shrubs and Trees Around the Home - Pt. 1

The advantages of gardens of one kind or another have not just been discovered - they have been known for centuries. For some, gardening may be a hobby and to such people a sermon on the advantages of a garden around the home would be preaching to the converted. For many home owners however, gardening is a chore, an obligation to society and a desirable improvement to a property, but in no way a form of recreation and often a bore. Much depends on individual attitudes to life and the pressures of other obligations to family or employment as well as other social demands on time and resources. However, I believe that if a rational approach to the problem is adopted, the burden can be kept to reasonable proportions.

While well kept lawns, beds of colorful annuals or roses, trimmed hedges, fruit trees and vegetables may all be desirable or even necessary to the happiness of some people, they are nevertheless the most time-consuming elements of a garden, and in no way essential to the achievement of pleasant surroundings. Although their upkeep can be facilitated by the use of more suitable equipment such as adequate water outlets and the use of short 3/4" (19 mm) hoses instead of long 1/2" (12 mm) hoses, better pest and weed control and cultivating equipment etc., they still require more attention than a grass and weed free garden of trees and shrubs - especially natives - once weed-suppressing ground covers have been established. Other benefits such a low maintenance garden can provide include privacy, bearing in mind that well chosen and suitably sited trees and shrubs will often do more than paling fences, especially on more undulating or steep areas or where multi-storey buildings overlook lower sites. Air purification, reduction of wind force and noise as well as control of dust and temperature are further benefits that can be achieved by careful planting of selected trees and shrubs which may also provide refuge for useful birds and add value to a property.

The haphazard planting of unsuitable trees - especially tall growers, those with invasive roots and poorly trained specimens - close to buildings can however create future problems with foundations, drains etc. or cause damage during storms and fires. It is worth remembering that there are trees which have no place around a home and places which should have no trees. As in all things, success is most often achieved not by accident, but by design.

Syd. Mielter

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Peter Jacobsen President, Lee Howells Secretary and Glenice Preston Treasurer.
We would encourage enquiries and new membership fees for 1985-1986 are:

New Member Family \$60.00, Single \$30.00
Existing Family renewal \$55.00, Single renewal \$28.00
Junior \$7.00 Key \$3.00.

Fees may be paid at Wanden's Pharmacy.

Anyone wishing to use the centre for any daytime activities, please contact
Lee Howells 295 348. Your enquiries would be most welcome.

It is proposed that a relay team of Primary School children will run the "Monument
Classic Run Cross-country" which is a feature of the Kilmore Show during the first
weekend in December. The children will carry a relay baton containing a message
which will be read upon their return to the Kilmore Showgrounds. Professional
runners or fit adults may also contact Mr. Trevor Turnham to collect entry forms
for the 8.9 kilometer hilly course.

FAREWELL TO THE OLDE FAMILY

Leaving Romsey's sunshine for warmer Queensland weather, the Olde family will be
long remembered here. We wish Misty, Jade and Skye all the best as they settle
into their new school. Ros. and Luke will enjoy the longest swimming season at
Yeppoon near Rockhampton.

St. Paul's Ladies Guild will hold a Street Stall on Friday 29th November at 1.30 pm.
Cakes, produce and fancy goods will be on sale. Please give us your support.

All Welcome - Iris Davis - Hon. Secretary.

UNITING CHURCH FETE - This Friday 8th November from 2.30 pm till after teatime.

Mums & Dads! No need to cook tea on Friday night - come with the family and have
a BBQ Tea at the Uniting Church grounds - northern end of Pohlman St., Romsey.
Plenty of stalls and activities for the kids.

The Fete will commence at 2.30 pm, so if you can't stay for tea, do come early
and perhaps have a Devonshire Tea and buy some home-made cakes for the weekend.
There will be a Plants Stall, Trash & Treasure, Crafts (p-rhaps you can buy some
Christmas presents?) and all sorts of other Stalls to browse through.

See you there this Friday.

ROMSEY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OF LANCEFIELD HOSPITAL

A Theatre Night will be held on Tuesday 10th December at the Melbourne Theatre
Company performance of "Seasons Greetings" in the Russell Street Theatre.
This is a satirical comedy with Ann Phelan and Freddie Parslow.

Champagne and chicken sandwiches will follow at the Theatre afterwards.

For information please ring 295 254 or ring Peg Tom 295 443.

THE LORD MAYOR'S CAMP AT PORTSEA

Dates: Monday 20th January - 29th January, 1986 (10 days).

Cost: \$97.50 per child.

Age of eligible children: 9 years to under 13 years on the date of departure.

Some financial assistance may be provided to ensure that no child has to stay at home due to lack of funds. Further information on this aspect is available from the Shire Office.

Two leaders (at least 18 years of age) are required to go with the Romsey children. Council will pay the camp fees of these leaders. Should you know of anyone who is willing to assist in this capacity please refer them to the Shire Secretary.

Brochures giving full details of the camp and enrolment forms are available and will be sent on request to the school or shire office. Application forms must be returned by Friday November 22nd.

Brian F. Carne - Shire Secretary.

"BACK TO CHURCH SERVICE"

At the service at the Uniting Church, which also celebrated its 120th anniversary this year, the Rev. Adrian Pegler spoke about the nostalgic pleasure of looking back to the initiators of the institutions celebrating their anniversaries. However, he pointed out that to honour their foresight we should share their vision of looking ahead. If we do this we can be as creative as them and similarly provide something of benefit for future generations. He indicated that this was of importance in both church and community.

THE ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP is in touch with external educational bodies with a view to their providing adult education classes in the near future. However, we also have local resource people willing to provide courses. Accordingly we invite people interested in classes in:

Yoga
History of Art of the Middle Ages
Horticulture

to advise our Secretary, Helen Clement (295 217). As soon as a suitable number of interested people register their interest with Helen, we can begin to make specific plans for courses early in 1986.

Perhaps the old woman who lived in a shoe had so many children she didn't know what to do, hadn't known what not to do.

He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool - avoid him.
He who knows not and knows that he knows not is a child - instruct him.
He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep - awaken him.
He who knows and knows that he knows is a wise man - follow him.

No matter how good a friendship may appear, there are secrets it should not hear and sacrifices that should not be required of it.

ROMSEY HOUSE RESTAURANT

Ron & Beryl Mallam, "retired"? caterers, are now running the Restaurant/Tea Rooms at Romsey House. (Jean & Graham Newell and family live in the other part of the house).

The Restaurant is open for dinner on Friday nights from 6 pm and serves very reasonably priced A La Carte meals, for example, Soup \$1.50, Roast Sirloin of Beef \$8.00, Roast Turkey \$8.00. Sweets are \$1.20 and Cheese Platter \$1.50. Tea/Coffee \$1.00.

All soups and sweets are homemade and no frozen vegetables or packet foods are used.

On Sundays the Restaurant is open from 11 am until 5 pm for traditional Sunday roast lunch, or for lighter meals, snacks, Devonshire Teas etc. The same reasonable prices apply.

Ron & Beryl can cater for a limited number of private functions, on Saturdays, or a weekday, or perhaps on a Friday night.

The Restaurant can cater for up to 30 persons.

For enquiries or bookings, please ring Ron & Beryl on 295 628 or Jean Newell on 295 522.



If you have a news item you would like included in next months ROMSEY RAG please fill in the section below and return it to the Romsey Post Office by Friday December 6th 2.00 pm.

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