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The Romsey Rag Committee and residents combine to congratulate the Romsey/Lancefield Lions Club and Dr. Lindsay Francis on being recognised for their invaluable service to our community. The following are extracts from citation read at the Australia Day celebrations in Romsey - January 26th, 1995.

Citizen of the Year : Dr. Lindsay Francis

- * Anglican Church organist, vestry member and treasurer since the late 50's and also an occasional preacher.
- * Shire Medical Officer.
- * Chairman local Red Cross Unit for 18 years.
- * Member and Chairman of the Romsey Progress Association, Romsey Mechanics Institute and past Master of the Romsey Masonic Lodge.
- * Member of the Romsey/Lancefield Historical Society
- * Well known and respected in his profession as a Doctor
- * Resident of Romsey for over 42 years.

Major Community Contributions by the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club - Chartered 1973.

- Emergency power plant - Lancefield Hospital.
- Total of 15 Senior Citizens home units in conjunction with the Shire of Romsey, and the ongoing care & maintenance of same.
- Establishment of Lions Park and conveniences in conjunction with the Shire of Romsey.
- Major contribution to emergency housing in Romsey.

Minor Community Contributions:

- Continuing assistance to the sick, needy and disabled.
- Assisting the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.
- Sponsoring children to various camps for the disabled.
- Assisting with Camp Quality.
- Firewood provided for the needy.
- Gardening for the needy.
- Painting for the needy.
- Assistance with the purchase of computers and other educational aids for disadvantaged children.
- Continued assistance to Youth Groups and junior sporting organisations.
- Assisting many other community groups with fund raising.
- More recently organised a major contribution to drought relief in Southern Queensland.
- Sponsoring scouts to the Jamboree.
- Assistance in school Libraries.
- Door knocking for the Heart Foundation.
- Assistance with 'sight first'.
- Help with 'Hearing Dogs Appeal' to aid the deaf.
- Ash Wednesday Bush Fire cleanup.
- Christmas carnival and Carols by candle light (Non profit).

SUMMER SALE!!

ROMSEY SPORTS AND CLOTHING

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leggings
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Ladies T/shirts
from under **\$10.00**

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raquets,
Cricket pants,
shirts, jumpers,
shoes
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ALL \$3.95
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FOR SALE: Mobile Phone : Nokia N1000 (only 5 months old)

Includes - Desktop charger (with discharge) / AC Power Supply-Charger / 2 Batteries (11 hr. & 22 hr)
Carry Strap / Leather Carry Case and Belt Clip.

Features: Security Locking Facility / Memory Locations - 50 (Alpha & Numeral)

Memory Capacity - Numeric 32 Digits/Location - Alpha 16 Digits/Location.

Paid \$670.00

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ROMSEY LIVING WORD ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

Our first news letter for 1995.

A year that we pray will be full of exciting new opportunities and hope, in God, for the people of Romsey.

Church services at Romsey are held at 10:00 A.M, upstairs, Main Rd. Romsey.

Sunday school for the children is a very important part of the service. The children love their special time as is seen by it's popularity. We have an enthusiastic youth group who meet Friday evenings, 7:30 P.M. These nights are always full of expectation, this year being no exception. Please contact the number below on where they are being held as they alternate between Romsey, Seymour and Wallan.

The Living Word book shop is open Monday to Friday between the hours 1:00 - 5:30 P.M. Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. There is a great variety of Christian books, tapes, cd's videos for hire, gifts and cards to choose from. Stock is regularly changed.

Now for the exciting news about our Woodend Church!

There has been a demand for morning services, so we happily announce from Sunday 5th February, 10:00 A.M, at the Woodend Neighborhood Centre, Racecourse Reserve, Tylden Road Woodend, this will happen.

Pastors Sean and Rachel Greenwood will be pleased to welcome all new comers.

They are also holding a Bible study at the above venue, Tuesday evenings commencing at 7:30 P.M.

Any further inquiries may be made to them on (054) 296 264.

Enquiries for Romsey, Pastor Marilyn Hunter, office, (054) 296 362 or A.H. (054) 295 381.

◆ROMSEY COMPUTER CLUB◆

How to protect program diskettes

Discussion at the last meeting was centred around ClarisWorks on the Apple Macintosh. One point mentioned, which can be applied to all PC's and programs, is the backing up of program changes and important files, before adding any upgrades to your existing software.

Back-ups should be extended to your original installation disks too. Just make a disk copy (software licence permitting) and use the copies for any future installations, keeping your originals in a safe place. This way you can be assured that in the event of common diskette failure, through bad sectors etc, you will always be able to make another copy from your originals.

Finally to prevent accidental over-

write, on valuable originals and copies, ensure the write protect tab is engaged on the diskette.

A question posed by one member about obtaining maximum memory, for a particularly demanding program with large files, was answered by another with extensive notes to help guide the way.

AN APOLOGY

to those who could not attend the last club meeting due to a change in venue and date.

Future meetings will be held in Riddells Creek. Car pool available.

**Next Meeting - 2 pm
Sunday, February 26th**

For details call
Deb Burge on 286 977

If you have any questions regarding your PC and how to get the best out of it, or just like a chat, come along to our next meeting. All ages are welcome, no fees or membership required.

For Sale

IBM Compat - 486 SX-20. 4 meg RAM, 2 x IDE 85 meg HDD's, 5.25 FDD, SVGA mon, mini twr case, 101 k/board, mouse, microphone, j/stick & more. Ph Andrew 283 249.

Apple 2E clone - comp & k/board. Ideal parts only \$20. Apple Mac/IBM k/board needs minor rep \$10. Micro Polls HDD model 1335 (Western Comp), controller card & leads 70 mb good cond \$50. Mother Board (Western Comp) 386 DX25 Intel chip, 4 meg RAM & maths co-proc. Bus controller not working. Ideal parts or repair. \$75. o.n.o. Ph Russell 295 620

Australia Day 1995.
We celebrate again
at the local park -
Australians together,
sporting red, white and blue flags,
tucking into the bread-wrapped sausage
oozing tomato sauce,
encouraging talent,
acknowledging heroes.

Australia Day 1995.
We celebrate
amidst uncertainty.
Awards presented by -
no, not the Shire President,
but the interim administrator.
Flags held aloft -
but for how long?
Will this be the flag
next year?
Will there be a fair
next year?
Will we have heroes
next year?

We live as people
packed for the move.
Here today,
and maybe tomorrow;
maybe.
Live today
as though nothing would change -
planning,

and executing plans -
yet always
prepared for the change.

And our calling forth of heroes
takes on new meaning.
The Lion's club,
the local doctor,
signifying for us
the people we would emulate
in a changing environment -
solid character
on which to build
in a quick-sand world.

And we continue
to call forth our heroes -
Mary of the Cross,
or the local Church organist;
God-given gifts of faith,
of encouragement
to move,
and grow,
and find new life
in the midst of the quick-sand.

May God continue to bless
this lovely community
with heroes to call our own,
and the grace and love
to acknowledge them.

**Rev. Elaine Callister,
Romsey Uniting Church.**

NETBALL DAYTIME LADIES

Monday Mornings at the Romsey Rec Centre - Registration day 30/1/95

Starting Day 6/2/95. Anybody interested please phone :

Michelle Thomas 296 844/Julie McHenry 295 885/Malinda Skinner
295893. Or leave your name at the Rec Centre.
New players most welcome! We will pay \$8 badge/\$4 Unbadge/Game.

ROMSEY DISTRICT JUNIOR TOURNAMENT NETBALL

Training is to start from 3rd February at Romsey Rec Centre \$1 per
child. Teams to be picked - 11 Under and 13 Under - 4 to 5 o'clock
15 Under/A + B - 5 to 6 o'clock. Only nine girls will be picked
from each section. Tournaments that the team goes to are held
once a month on Sundays and are played around our local areas and
as far as Bendigo, Albury, etc.

Daytime Netball is starting 13th February. We play on Monday
mornings and each player is put into a team. If you are
interested in playing a social game of netball please contact
Michelle Thomas 296 844 or Tom at the Rec Centre 295 637.

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

The Ladies have made a welcome return to the course after the Christmas break. Wednesday mornings are now underway and all old members, new members and not-so-old members and anyone else interested in coming down for a hit will be made most welcome. We meet at 9.00am for a 9.30am tee off on Wednesday mornings.

TWILIGHT GOLF: The twilight competition is still going strong. We had a field of 18 on the evening of Thursday 2nd and a good time was had by all. This is a great time for some real social golf and is a wonderful way to spend an evening. Anyone is welcome to join in this competition, there is a \$2 comp fee and we bring a sausage for a BBQ afterwards - coleslaw and bread provided. Happy golfing....may all your putts go in!

REDBACK NEWS - ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Committee and Members of the Romsey Football Club would like to wish all our supporters a happy new year and we are sure you will join with us in wishing success to our coaches and players for the upcoming 1995 season.

The committee is already at work planning our social calendar for the year, and a copy should be available for the next edition of Redback News. We would welcome all community members to participate in our functions and invite you to enjoy our licenced bar facilities currently open (during the off season) on Friday evenings from 5.00pm till late. A COURTESY CAR and driver will be available each Friday to drive you home (locals only) if you have one or two too many. Please note that as a licenced club members' guests may only be signed into the club a maximum of three times, after which they must become members themselves to enjoy the facilities. A special social membership is now on offer at the low cost of \$20 per year.

For those interested, PRE SEASON TRAINING, starts on Wed. Feb 1st when the hard slog begins in our quest to improve on our efforts of last year and take out the "A" Grade flag as well as our third successive 2nd 18 premiership.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- : Annual golf day, date to be advised - all welcome!
- : Training started on 1st Feb and will continue on Mondays and Wednesday at 6.00p.m.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Day - Sunday 12th February BBQ Provided 12 to 2.00p.m.

Romsey Football Clubrooms - All welcome!

Phone enquiries to Peter Billan on 295 458.

CAROLS JAZZ BALLET

If your child likes to dance without exams or competitions - "Carols Jazzers" is a lot of fun at a low cost with an end of year concert. Classes for 1995 are as follows:-

- Mondays - 4.00 till 5.00pm Tinies Kinder and Prep
- 5.00 till 6.00pm Seniors Year 7 and Over
- Tuesdays - 4.00 till 5.00pm Juniors, Grade 1, 2 & 3
- 5.00 till 6.00pm Intermediates Grade 4, 5 & 6

All in Romsey Mechanics Hall beginning Monday, 6th and Tuesday 7th February. Enquiries to Carol on 295 590.

Romsey Primary School News -

With the recent , welcome rains and the fine sunny conditions that we have experienced over the past few days, we could not have created a better recipe for a return to school. The tinges of green grass are developing and quickly covering the large areas of brown, dead grass caused by our drought conditions. It was great to see so many parents attending our first assemblies last week. This seems to indicate that the strong support and community interest we have enjoyed in the past will continue.

On Thursday morning the whole school took time to remember not only Australia Day and our pride in our school and country but also to honor two local residents as "Our citizens of the year." The children were reminded that we all owe a great debt of gratitude to the many individuals and associations in Romsey who voluntarily serve the community in so many ways. Over the past three years the parents and pupils have been asked to nominate individuals who they believe should be recognised for the time and effort they have provided so willingly , in order to develop our "Caring Country Community in the heart of Victoria." This year Mr Doug Newnham and Mrs Dorothy Viney were honored by the school. Doug has occupied a number of high leadership positions with numerous organisations within Romsey, used his boundless energy and initiative & expertise to foster local developments. His time on our School council and his extended lobbying and planning for the development of the new school, backed by his more recent support of grounds developments at the new site, are indicators of his support. His continuing involvement with the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club and his past association with the Scouting group are recognised and we thank him and the members of these groups for their willingness to voluntarily and often very quietly provide services as they are needed.

Mrs Dorothy Viney is also a most worthy recipient of our esteem and thanks. Dorothy, together with members of the History Book Committee and the Historical Society have spent hundreds of hours in research, compiling documentation and maintaining the Local Museum in Lancefield. If we respect the past we can more adequately plan for a future that will continue to recognise the contribution of those who have provided assistance in laying the foundation for our community. Dorothy's conscientious efforts to develop our appreciation for our heritage ensured the publication of our history book, "When Memory Turns the Key", commenced in 1988. If you have not yet read this publication or visited Seymour Cottage in Palmer St or the local Museum in Lancefield, I urge you to put a few hours aside and do so soon. Congratulations and thankyou Dorothy.

Our assembly on Thursday also celebrated our first birthday. A large cake, baked especially by the Romsey bakery was cut to serve all our pupils. Our celebration came a little late this year as the children first occupied the school on January 26th 1994. With the public holiday declared for this date in the future, children will never again be at school on the 26th but we will remember this date with the first assembly every year. Established Plane trees were planted by

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every grade to mark this occasion and the Preps were able to receive the "Back to School Kits" provided by the D.S.E as presents.

Staff and pupils also welcomed back Mrs Lorraine Robb who will be teaching grade 1/2 during Mrs Bean's absence this term on long service leave. During the Christmas break, Mrs Higginson accepted a move to Heskett Primary School and I would like to thank her for her contribution to the school during 1994 and wish her well at our neighboring school.

During the Christmas vacation more than \$13,700 was spent of building and grounds improvements. Although we were not able to complete all the developments that were planned for this period, it is hoped that outstanding maintenance and developments will be completed at our working bee on Sunday 12 February 1-4pm. (We would welcome any willing workers.)

Curriculum /Information nights have been a feature of our early Term 1 planning for many years and are usually very well attended. These evenings provide opportunities not only for teachers to explain their expectations of the children and the organisation of the curriculum and school but they also provide an ideal opportunity for parents to question and discuss their concerns directly with the staff who will be providing the learning experiences for their children. Any interested person is most welcome to attend any or all of these sessions.

Prep Grade - Monday 13th Feb 7.30pm
Grade 1/2 - Monday 20th Feb 7.30pm
Grade 5/6 - Tuesday 21st Feb 7.30pm
Grade 3/4 - Monday 27th Feb 7.30pm

Road Safety: All school parents have been made aware of the changes to the speed limits within the township. Please be aware however that there is now a 40km speed limit on the Main Melbourne Road when the school crossing flags are displayed. This can be quite a shock for those who are becoming used to the new 70km limit through the township. It is also very necessary to note however that there is a greatly extended 60km limit on the Wallan Woodend Road. Awareness of these changes could save you hundreds of dollars.

Education Maintenance Allowance application forms are currently available at all schools. Please read local newsletters as to when these should be completed. It is in your own interest to check your eligibility with the school and return the forms ASAP.

Special awards were presented by the Principal during the Graduation ceremony last year to three of our grade six pupils. We congratulate them for their consistent effort, behaviour and example to other pupils. Awards were made to Megan Crozier for Citizenship and Reliability.

Luke Carroll for Sportsmanship and skill in a range of sports.

Ashley Hayes for Academic achievement & effort. Congratulations!

- Thankyou all for your continued interest and support of your local school. Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns at any time, do not hesitate to contact me on 295 099 BH or 295 413 AH - Trevor Turnham - Principal

HORSES at LANCEFIELD

The Lancefield Horse Festival was held in near perfect conditions on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December, 1994. The magnificent trees of Lancefield Park providing welcome shade for riders and mounts alike.

The Horse Festival is affiliated with the Equestrian Federation of Australia and proceeds are distributed to local charities and organisations. Sadly, entries were somewhat lower than previous years, but the standard remained high.

Competitors vied for a great range of prizes. They braved the heat putting their mounts through their paces; some with the hope of winning, others to introduce the young mount or rider to the atmosphere of equestrian competition.

Preparation of the entire recreation grounds was carried out by the Lancefield PARK Committee of Management, the Romsey Shire and Horse Festival Committee.

Official Lunches and a delightful public kiosk was well catered by the energetic and friend Springfield Fire Brigade Ladies Auxilliary. Campers woke to the smell of bacon and eggs prepared by the Lancefield Football Coub who also provided lunch and dinner both days.

The Horse Festival Committee sincerely thank the continued support of volunteers, sponsors, donors, advertisers, competitors, Lancefield Park Committee, Romsey Shire, Springfield Fire Brigade Ladies Auxilliary, Lancefield Football Club and St. John's Ambulance. We also thank the Lancefield Cricket Club for generously agreeing to forego their homeground advantage and play "away" so that the 2 day horse show could be staged.

Major Event Winners:.....2.....

Greg Brook Memorial Supreme Ridden Exhibit "Little Toff" (Hack over 15hh) ridden by Gary Beaton, Exhibitors Gary Beaton and Brian Scholes. Sponsored by Mrs. J. Brook & Family and Brook Associates, PR Consultants.

Sandhurst Farms the Great Country Taste 'D' Grade Championship Table 'AM 3'. "Rebecca Allen" on 'Summer Bay' sponsored by Sandhurst Farms.

Fred Wiltshire Memorial Showjumping Derby "Melissa Froesch" on 'Miss Cognac'. Perpetual Trophy donated by Friends of the Late Mr. Fred Wiltshire.

Australian Stock Horses 15th Annual Victorian All Breeds Working Horse Championship. "L. Richards" on 'Armonodark Yarraman'.

A.S.H.L.A. "Caroline Peat" on 'Headlines", sponsored by Mr. K. & Mr. C. Paterson and Mr. M. Walsh of Lancefield and Merlin Saddlery of East Kilmore.

We wish everyone a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. New members are welcome. Enquiries ktkto 291 233 or 295 372.

Annette Christopherson, Secretary.

LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB celebrated its 25th Birthday on January, 23rd at the Romsey Mechanics Hall with an afternoon tea. Guests came from as far away at Lockington. Club President, Mrs. Gwen Kennedy, welcomed everyone then introduced Shire Secretary, Peter Johnson who gave a short talk about the Club and its beginnings. He then presented the Club with an Honour Board of names of past and present Presidents and Secretaries on behalf of Romsey Shire. Mrs. Kennedy accepted it on behalf of Club Members with many thanks. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Nell Atkins at the piano and Mr. Norman Sheperd who gave old and new popular songs. He was also helped by Mrs. Gwen Kennedy Romsey and Mrs. Edna Barklay from Riddells Creek with hilarious results! Afternoon tea which was provided by the Shire was then served. The Birthday Cake was baked and iced by Mrs. Rose McCarthy who donated it to the Club. Mr. Ray Hemphill, one of the original Trustees was asked to cut it, each person receiving a portion. Many thanks to Mrs. Rose McCarthy and Mrs. Jill Barham for all their assistance. First prize in the raffle - a lovely vase - was won by Mrs. Esther Pearce and second prize - a glass water set - was won by Miss Pat Blackwell. A great time was had by all.

Margaret French.
