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Proudly Sponsored this Month by: The Lioness Club of Romsey

LIONESS CLUB OF ROMSEY is a group of service minded women providing service to the local community and in some instances in conjunction with Lions projects Australia wide.

Over the past year alone we have had the hearing van to the Romsey Primary School and tested over 350 children from various schools within the Shire and only 7 were found to have slight difficulty which may not have been detected otherwise.

We always assist the R.S.L. with Anzac Remembrance Day Badge selling. We donate to various community groups who require our assistance.

The above is an explanation of the work your Lioness Club is involved in and we wish to sincerely thank the community for their on-going generous support, without this help we would cease to function.

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LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LIONS CLUB INC.

President: Pat Sullivan 295486 Secretary: Russell Neyland 295620
Treasurer: Werner Ladzik 291573 P.O. Box 10, Romsey 3434



"We Serve"

The President and members of the Lion's Club would like to extend to the residents of the Shire our thanks for the participation and attendance at our Christmas Carnival last year.

The night was most enjoyable with good weather and great entertainment thanks mostly to Darryl Cotton who again did a grand job of organising that part for us.

The Lions do not aim to make money on these carnival nights and this year we ran at a small loss. But we feel that the carnival is our Christmas Present to the community and it is money well spent.

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"A PATCH OF LANCEFIELD"

A group of enthusiastic, dedicated ladies meet every Thursday morning to share and sew their common interest of patchwork and quilting. After meeting regularly since June, 1990, when the group was first formed, and having seen many lovely items made by the ladies, 1993 was chosen as the time to share this beautiful revived craft with the public.

The Inaugural QUILT EXHIBITION will be presented on - SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH, 10am to 5pm and SUNDAY, 14TH MARCH, 10am to 5pm at LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL.

A small admission charge of \$2 per person will enable you to see everything from pincushions through to large quilts and help raise funds for our community facilities. There will be a door prize for "Viewers Choice" of both large and small quilt. For further details contact Triz Barnett on 291 296.

RED CROSS

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The Romsey Red Cross unit will be conducting their RED CROSS CALLING DAY on Saturday the 20th of March. If you are able to give it will be put to very good use. If you are able to help collect, please come to the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 9.30a.m. on Saturday the 20th for area allocation.

The next Romsey Red Cross meeting will be on the 26th March (Friday) at 10.30a.m. at the Mechanics Hall - everyone is welcome!

Mrs. P. Corner

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Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



*Ladies Morning Tea
Centre Vic. Motor Inn
Lancefield*

Monday 22nd March, 9:30am.

Speaker

Susan Owino

Susan Owino has spoken extensively to womens' groups across the State on the relevance of God's Word in today's society. Formerly from Uganda, Susan comes with a word of encouragement and hope for the women of Romsey and Lancefield.

Childminding facilities will be provided at the venue.

Cost \$4.00

*A community service, sponsored by:
Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship.*

As a family-based congregation of Bible believing Christians, we welcome you to our weekly Sunday morning service at 10.00am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall.

Children are an important part of every activity and kids up to High School age are taught the wonderful love of Jesus in children's ministry. Our youth group is available to meet the social needs of young people through our regular outings and activities.

Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a place where you can learn about Jesus Christ and the importance of being a Christian in today's society.

A gathering of warm and friendly people who offer hospitality, counselling and assistance to everyone. Enquiries can be made through Geoff Holland (minister) 295673 or Graham Mau 291488.



ROMSEY TOWNSHIP TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Following our Township's success in the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's 1992 Tidy Towns Regional Awards, the Romsey Township Tidy Towns Committee has reconvened for 1993 with our town again participating in the Tidy Towns competition.

For those of you who may not be familiar with Tidy Towns, the program is about people caring for their community/environment and it is about people working together to make their neighbourhood a cleaner, safer and more attractive place in which to live, work and play.

Apart from the obvious benefit of achieving a cleaner more environmentally aware town, by working together we can all share in the sense of pride that goes hand in hand when a township pulls together for a common cause.

The success of a Tidy Towns program depends on the combined efforts of council and the community and the committee would therefore like to extend an invitation to any residents interested in 'keeping Romsey a tidy town' to attend our April meeting.

DATE: Tuesday, 16th April, 1993

TIME: 7.30 pm

VENUE: Shire Offices, Main Street, Romsey

The committee would welcome any assistance you are able to offer.





PORCELAIN DOLL EXHIBITION

The Rotary Club of Woodend Inc. proudly presents a Porcelain Doll Exhibition by Valda Cook and Dawn Phillips to be held at the Woodend Community Centre, High Street, Woodend, on Sunday, 28th March, 1993, from 10.00a.m. till 4.00p.m.

- Porcelain Doll Display
- Demonstration of Doll Making
- Antique and Modern Dolls
- Dolls for Sale

Proceeds to community and youth projects of the Rotary Club of Woodend. Morning and Afternoon Tea available.

Admission - Pensioners & Children - \$2.00..Adults - \$4.00..Family - \$10.00.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

A very pleasant evening was spent by all who attended the 13th Annual Romsey Art Exhibition held on Saturday, 27th February.

In his opening speech, Shire President, Cr. Rupert Clarke, praised the artists on their work and mentioned how in a community like ours it is good that various groups of people can work to help each other.

The evening was hosted by the Fire Brigade Auxiliary and funds for the Brigade are boosted by the week-end's display and sale of the local artist's work.

Although attendance was down on previous years, 24 paintings were sold, and over the week-end the Auxiliary received in the region of \$1,700.

Helen Watts,
Secretary.

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Thanks to the numerous people who helped in many different ways to assure the success of the Art Show, and a special thanks to Leonie Armistead who held the reins single handed....Helen and Gwen....

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SHIRE OF ROMSEY

V LINE BUS SERVICE

REMINDER NOTICE

Residents are reminded that the revised Lancefield/Romsey/Monegeetta Service extends all trips to Sunbury.

The early morning and late afternoon services, provide workers and students with a service to Sunbury, which has improved connections to Melbourne and locations in-between.

A service also operates on Wednesdays and Fridays departing Lancefield at 10.00a.m. and returning at 2.10p.m. providing opportunities for shoppers or those attending appointments.

This service is being run for a trial period. Indications are that utilisation rates remain low. Residents are advised that unless the service is well patronised V Line is likely to withdraw it.

For further information on the bus service phone Kyneton Bus Lines on (054) 221 634.

For information on train services from Sunbury phone the PTC's Transport Information Centres on (03) 617 0900.

Peter Johnston,
Shire Secretary.

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FAMILY PORTRAIT

The Romsey Kindergarten has organized a professional photographer to come to the Kindergarten over the weekend of 20th March. Don't miss this outstanding offer to have your family portrait taken in colour and presented fully framed, normal \$60 value for only \$10, Portrait size 10inch x 13 inch.

For further information and appointments please phone Wendy O'Meara 295 173 or Kaye Thorogood 296 111.

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CHILDCARE

Mother willing to look after children in her own home; safe, friendly atmosphere. Reference available. Reliable; have been doing it for five years. Reasonable rates. Phone Judy 295 692.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

St. Mary's Lancefield-Romsey Parish Fete - Sunday, 28th November.
KEEP THIS DATE FREE.

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Come to the
**CLARKEFIELD
COUNTRY FAIR**
4th APRIL 9:00am to 5:00pm
Clarkefield Reserve

- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY:
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| MERRY GO ROUND | FOOD & DRINKS |
| CAMEL RIDES | SPINNING WHEELS |
| MAGIC CLOWNS | SIDE SHOW ALLEY |
| MARKET STALLS | HOLE-IN-ONE |
| BANDS & SINGERS | COMPETITION |
| PONY RIDES | JOY RIDES |
| AUCTIONS | TRADE SITES |
| WAGON RIDES | LOTS MORE |

MONSTER RAFFLE to be drawn - prizes include
Ford Laser Hatch
DEMONSTRATIONS BY FIRE BRIGADE, SCOUTS
AND DANCING SCHOOL

Admission plus a delicious BBQ and spit roast meal
\$4.00 per Adult
\$1.00 per Child

Stall holders welcome.

All proceeds go towards Clarkefield's
"Multi Purpose Function Centre".

Enquiries : John Morgan 054 285 397
Ivan Wadsworth 054 285 358

HELP BUILD OUR NEW
FUNCTION CENTRE AT
CLARKEFIELD
AND MAYBE WIN A
FORD LASER HATCH GL.



**ONLY 600 TICKETS
AT \$50 EACH.**

2nd Prize AKAI 34cm Colour TV
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Drawn on 4th April at the Clarkefield Fair.

Tickets now available from

John Morgan Clarkefield Railway Station 054 285 363
Alan Lenders Clarkefield Primary School 054 285 121

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

As you have been made aware through previous newsletters, a **school's staffing and funding entitlement** to conduct educational programs is set strictly by a formula based upon the number of children enrolled at the school on census day in February each year.

As our figures at **Romsey Primary School** were 334 on census day, Feb 4th 1993, we had an entitlement to 17 Effective Full time teachers (EFT). This figure legitimately included one child whose father had signed an explanation that the child and his mother, were on extended holidays overseas and would not be attending another Australian school before returning after the census date.

The Directorate of Schools' Education auditor visited Romsey on Feb 12th and after checking the figures as accurate and complementing the staff on the neatness and accuracy of their records, noted that another pupil had already enrolled on Feb. 8th thus making our legitimate total at that date 335. Since that time other children have also entered the school. As a direct result of our increased enrolment we became eligible to an additional one EFT, and (two .5 time permanent local) teachers were selected from the "Pool of excess Teachers" created at the end of 1992.

On Wednesday morning March 3rd, I received a direction from Audit branch in Melbourne, that, despite any increased enrolment after the census date and as a result of the pupil holidaying overseas not returning by the end of February, our census figure would be adjusted to 333 and **our staffing entitlement reduced to 16 EFT.**

The overall effect of this situation on our established programs is that Mrs Cooke & Mrs Batty will be again placed in the "Pool of (STRT) Short Term Relief Teachers", who will be expected to cover the absences of staff in schools up to one hour's travel from their school base. When not used in this way they will be employed in a teaching capacity, at their base school. Mrs Batty will commence at her base at Riddells Creek on Tuesday March 9th and Mrs Cooke will continue to be based at Romsey Primary.

These effective, locally selected teachers have been conducting the Art program throughout the school, as well as assisting with Language instruction and organising the Perceptual Motor Program and Library programs for Infant grades. Their regular contribution will be missed by staff and pupils alike. These programs will now rely on class teachers and voluntary parent assistance.

The facts are clear. * Under the changed Directorate of Schools Education guidelines, we will not be eligible for any additional teaching staff this year, despite the long established pattern of growth experienced by this school.

* Under changed staffing schedules 334 would have entitled us to 17 EFT in 1993 in 1992 the entitlement would have been 18 EFT. We now have an entitlement to 16 EFT

* The Schools Bulletin earlier this year stated that " Increased enrolments after audit would have no effect on staffing."

* The census figures as verified by audit were legitimately completed.

*** As the result of a loss of staff, established programs have been severely disrupted, and we as a total staff are united in our disappointment concerning this effect on the teaching programs at Romsey Primary.**

New School Progress: Since speaking to with the parents of the pupils in the grade 3/4 unit at their Curriculum information evening recently, I outlined some of the plans we have for moving to the new site. At that stage it was proposed that the children would vacate their current buildings up to six weeks before the date on which the school was to move into the new school, and move into the Gym or the local church hall. As a result of the builders demands to take possession of the buildings at the end of this term, considerable negotiations were initiated.

I am pleased to inform parents that the **grade 3/4 children will not have to move out of their current classrooms before moving to the new site.** Two similar Mod 5 buildings (held in Melbourne in case of major fire), will be moved onto the new site and totally refurbished. This will greatly reduce any delays in completing the surrounding landscaping and the total contract. All portable classroom stock on our existing site will be removed to other schools, before the end of the school year.

Despite the fact that the Ministry has to date only been forthcoming with half costs for the road construction costs, we are of course very pleased that the Shire Council has decided to proceed with the establishment of the **roadworks and external parking areas in Station St** - between the School and Kindergarten sites.

At the next **School Planning Committee** meeting to be held this Thursday evening the 11th of March at 7.30pm, the Shire Engineer Mr Chris Bannon will present the plans for the Station St road and parking development. He will also be looking for opinion from the Committee/ school, regarding the direction of traffic flow along Station St which it is planned would be a one way road.

At approximately 8pm our architect Mr Peter Jones will present suggested interior color schemes and answer questions regarding the development of the school. Samples of furniture will also be on display.

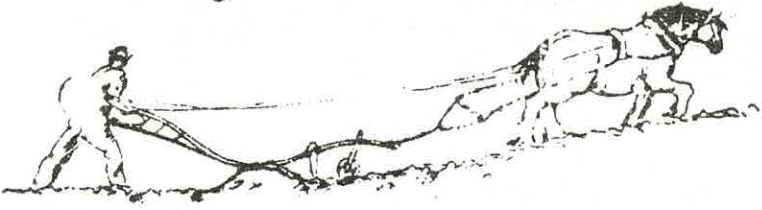
Tidy Towns: A clean, tidy environment engenders pride. It is for this reason that we thank all those who took part in the Shire's "Clean up Australia Day program conducted last Sunday morning. Please remember that the Glass recycling depot next to the Scout hall is well used but does not accept paper. Leaving paper or cardboard there is a littering offence. as part of the School's contribution to the clean up effort, all children participated in a detailed "emu bob" inside the school yard and along the outside boundaries of the school.

Thankyou to all concerned.

- Trevor Turnham - Principal

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.



SIDNEY SEYMOUR COTTAGE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - ROMSEY MARKET DAYS

This historic Cottage, which was given to the people of Romsey, will be open on a regular basis in 1993, on Romsey Market days, i.e. last Sunday each month. Why not come and see what has been done recently by our members? There are many improvements and a variety of projects still to be done, with scope for your talents if you care to join us. The cottage is in Palmer Street and well signposted on Open Days. (The Primary School road) Enquiries to John Clement 295 417. Working Bees for the Cottage will now be held on the day before it is open to the public, i.e. Last Saturday each month, 9am to 12 noon.

SIDNEY SEYMOUR DESCENDANTS' REUNION - SUNDAY 21st MARCH

The third reunion will be held at the Cottage on Sunday 21st March; Historical Society members are providing soup and basket lunch of sandwiches and slices as a fundraising effort. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please ring Elaine Lobb on 295 321.

CEMETERY TOUR - SUNDAY 28th MARCH

A guided tour of Lancefield Cemetery will commence at 2pm on Sunday, 28th March, as a tribute to the pioneers of the district. Cost, which will include afternoon tea at the Court House Museum after the Tour, is: ADULTS \$3; FAMILY \$5; STUDENTS \$2. Come and learn some interesting history of your district.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - APRIL 27th

Well-known Melbourne Antiquarian Book-Dealer, Mr. Kenneth Hince, will be our Guest Speaker on April 27th. We invite all interested persons to a Casserole Tea from 6.30pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Supper Room, before the Guest Speaker at 8pm. Cost \$5 per head. Mr. Hince has agreed to answer questions and offer valuations on a limited number of old books.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST... WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT - Mrs. Josie Francis, and Vice President Mr. Ron Viney, elected at our A.G.M. in February. All other Office Bearers remain the same. We look forward to an interesting and achieving year, and would welcome interest from young people who may like to form a Junior Group, or Sub-Committee. Please contact the Secretary, Mrs. Jean Clement (295 417) with any suggestions or enquiries.

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PARENTS! RELATIVES! FRIENDS!

Romsey Community Bingo needs help! Any interested community members welcome. The joint efforts of representatives from 1st Romsey Scouts, Romsey Primary School and St. Mary's combine to raise funds. If you are interested in helping any Thursday night, please ring 29 5099.

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HUGE GARAGE SALE - Whelans Place Romsey.

Browse through an entire street of bargains on Sat.13 & Sun.14 March, 9-4pm.

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GOING AWAY?

Experienced, reliable pet carer available. Ring Jean on 295 417.

ROMSEY FISHING CLUB NEWS

Well, fellow anglers and anyone else who cares to dangle a line in the vain attempt to catch a fish or two... The Romsey Fishing Club's first trip was held on Sun.14th Feb. at Lauriston Reservoir. A great day was had by all. We had a turnout of over twenty adults and just as many kids. Numerous fish were caught with our Club Secretary Sue Briggs jaggng the only trout (a brown) and, as Fate would have it, the biggest fish caught. Well done Sue. Ricky Paul gets the award for the first fish caught for our new Club, a Redfin, well done Tricky Ricky. It must have been something to do with home grown mud-eyes. A special thank you to Russ Staley, our game fisherman-cum-Surf Lifesaver, who after seeing Peter Briggs (Club By-Laws Officer) fall into the water and commence floundering in the shallows on slippery rocks, made several casts in his direction in the attempt to catch a mere-man. When this failed, Russ put on his togs and skull cap and rescued the poor soul/sole. Well Peter you did a good job; after keeping the kids out of the water all day you had to prove to them that it was wet.

Now on a serious note. The Romsey Fishing Club is now an Incorporated body. It is also affiliated with the Victorian Piscatorial Council (Metropolitan Anglers' division). As a result of this affiliation (thanks to Pat Lewton of the V.P.C.) we have a number of raffle tickets for sale, half of the monies raised will go to support our Club; the other half go to the V.P.C. and will assist in the stocking of our rivers. For a dollar each, this is what you could win:-

- 1st. Trip, Australia or overseas, or prize to the value of \$2,600.00.
 - 2nd. Trip to Tassie for two persons, 7 days or prize to value of \$1,300.00.
 - 3rd. Gippsland Lakes cruise or prize to the value of \$1,000.00.
- There will also be 7 consolation prizes to the value of \$100 each.

The next Romsey Fishing Club outing will be on 14th March on the Maribyrnong river, from the Maribyrnong river bridge (Anglers Arms Hotel) up to the ford at the back of Sunshine golf course; it is about a 4km stretch of river. Depart Lions Park, Romsey at 9.00am commencing 10.00am with the weigh-in there on site at 3.00pm. BYO picnic lunch, drinks and bait. The Fishing Club will bring a community B.B.Q. for use by its members. Any inquiries please phone Pat 296139 or Sue 295857. New members are welcome. Just a Note:- We are looking for sponsors..... if you can help.....give us a call.

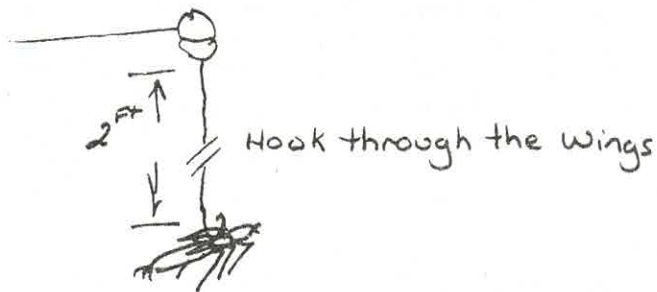
Watch the following shop windows or notice boards for any upcoming outings:- Romsey Newsagency; Vin Dipp's Butcher Shop; Romsey Hotel; Romsey Bakery; Bob's Garage; (he is fixing my car); Romsey Sports Store; Romsey Hardware; Shell servo-T.A.B.; Medical Centre.

I thank all these people for their help and encouragement in advertising the Club.



A running sinker.

How to hook a mud-eye under a float.



Good fishing to all.

Pat Carra.

****LOST****

Male ginger cat, wearing red flea collar. Missing since Wed.24th Feb. from Romsey Heights Estate. If you have seen "Charlie", please ring 296212.

FOR

1 Colonial Adjustable Base. Blanket Shelf. Paid \$420 will sell \$150 O.N.O. - Excellent Condition.

1 Coonara Wood Heater 1000 - Free Standing - Complete with Flue. \$650 O.N.O. - Excellent Condition.

Phone : 296 249.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN GET TOGETHER

Are you a Mum or Dad at home alone with your child or children? Or just at home alone? Do you need to get out of the house and meet other Mums or Dads and their children?

If the answer is YES, why not come along and have a cuppa and a chat with us? We meet fortnightly at the Romsey Maternal and Child Health Centre on Mondays between 1 - 3pm.

We also have speakers visiting us once a month, talking about a wide range of topics that interest the Mums and Dads at our get-together. The next time we meet is on 15th March, for a cuppa and a chat.

On 29th March, our guest speaker is Bob Marks from National Australian Financial Management and he will be talking about "Money Matters for Children". Some of the issues to be discussed are 'Life Insurance' and 'Saving Plans'. For further information, ring Kerry Reardon on 295 201.

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SAFETY HOUSE SCHEME

The Romsey Safety House Committee which was established in Oct.92 has been a very active group and is putting into operation a very beneficial service to our younger residents of Romsey. Council is very supportive of the work being undertaken by all participants of the Safety House Program and congratulates the Committee on their efforts.

The Romsey Safety House Committee would like to announce our A.G.M. on Monday 5th April, 7.30pm at the Romsey Primary School in the Staff Room. ALL WELCOME. The General Meeting will follow at 8.00pm. BYO plate supper & chat afterwards. Our LCC would like to thank the following local businesses for their generous donations: Nat.Aust.Bank, Lions Club Romsey, Tom O'Dea Auto Spares, Romsey Auto Care, Romsey Golf Club, Community Services Committee. Also our apology to Sergeant John Rogers; the Feb. issue printed Senior Constable Rogers.

WHO CAN BE A SAFETY HOUSEHOLDER?

To become a Safety householder, interested people need to:-

- *be available during the times that children are travelling to and from school, Mon.-Fri. 8-9am and 3.30-4.30pm.
 - *have a telephone.
 - *have clear and safe access to the front door or shop entrance.
 - *be aged 16 years or over.
 - *accept the responsibilities of being a Safety Householder.
 - *be prepared to have their details checked against police records.
- Safety Householders need not have children attending Romsey Primary School. Senior citizens and parents at home with small children are ideal. Shops on the route to school are also good places for Safety Houses.

"MONTHLY MONITORING"

Our LCC will monitor their zone once every month. This is to ensure the highest security for the Program and that all uses of Safety Houses are reported. All houses in each monitoring area, not just Safety Houses, should be checked. This is an important safeguard to ensure that only authorised Safety Houses display the sign.

LCC check to see that:-

- *all house plates and signs including Zone and school signs are in good condition;
- *all designated Safety Houses are displaying the Safety House sign;
- *each Safety House sign is clearly visible;
- *signs have not been placed on unauthorised houses.

A monitoring slip goes into each Safety Householder's letterbox to remind them their house is being monitored and to keep them in touch with our local Safety House committee.

WED.5th MAY IS NATIONAL SAFETY HOUSE AWARENESS DAY.

IMA 5th Birthday - more details and celebrations in next issue,
regards from Publicity Officer, Anne Hendricksen.

SALE SALE SALE SALE SUMMER CLEARANCE

25% off all adults and childrens footwear.
Adidas, Puma, Sfida, Aerosport, Slazenger, Dunlop.
30% off all Cricket Shoes.
Yakka workwear at discount prices.

Lots of Bargains - Be Early Be Quick.
Sale finishes 19th March.

Romsey Sports and Clothing Phone 295716.

Portrait and Figure Painting.

personalised Service at reasonable cost. I will also take classes by negotiation
I trained at the Victorian Artists' Society under Shirley Bourne
(previously a student of Max Meldrum)

Phone Ruth on 295 697: if you have any queries.

WHAT'S ON

HEART HEALTH SCREENING:

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE will conduct a heart risk screening program in March at Romsey, Woodend and Kyneton. For just \$5.00 you can have your blood pressure and cholesterol measured, your body mass index determined. These will be discussed with you in the context of other risk factors. Most importantly we will discuss options about action you can take to reduce your risk of heart disease.

MONDAY 15th MARCH 10am-8pm - Wedge Street, KYNETON
WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 10am-8pm - Community Centre, WOODEND
FRIDAY 19th MARCH 10am-4pm - Community Health Centre,
97 Main Street, ROMSEY
SATURDAY 20th MARCH 9.30-1pm - Community Health Centre,
97 Main Street, ROMSEY

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - Phone 22 3011 for an appointment.

CHILDBIRTH-ANTENATAL EDUCATION CLASSES IN ROMSEY:

Antenatal-Childbirth Education Classes begin on Tuesday, 2nd March, at St. Mary's Hall, Romsey - 7pm to 9pm.
Six sessions covering all aspects of pregnancy and childbirth.
Cost: \$30 (\$20 Concession) For bookings contact : Cobaw Community Health Service : Phone 29 6011 (Wed and Friday) and 22 3011 (Mon, Tues, Thursday).
Be early to reserve a place.

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB : MID WEEK LADIES:

Any ladies wishing to play Competition Tennis during next season please contact M.Ralph (Pres.) 295197 or C.Bradley (Sec.) 295958. Names need to be in by end March.



ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Some great news to start off with!
Both our Division 1 and Division 3 Men's Pennant sides have made it into the finals.
A great achievement for such a small club.

Good Bowling Men - we know you will all be out there trying!
Another achievement we should all be justly proud of is the fact that our Ladies Pairs Champions went on to represent their club in the Central Highlands District Ladies Bowling Association Champion Pairs held at Wallan Bowling Club on the 17th and 18th February and won every match to become the Champions for this season. Congratulations, to Marj Davis and Rena Moore, we are all very proud of you both!

We have a Ladies Champion too for this season - Jean Johnston!
Great bowling Jean with runner-up being Marj Davis after a very good game (25-22). Jean won her first championship last year after coming very close for many years - so look out she might be on a roll!

The club games are being played off individually which can take a bit of time but I can tell you that the final of the Mixed Pairs will be between Tom and Helen Seymour and Brian and Wanda Scanlon - should be a great game.

Our club hosted a luncheon on Friday, 26th February, for RVBA President, Mr. Norm Knopp and his official delegates. Romsey was the last stop on a whirl-wind tour of all the clubs in the Central Highlands. Lancefield Bowling Club had hosted the delegation and members of both Lancefield and Romsey to Morning Tea and a game of bowls then all the men bowlers (around 50) proceeded down to Romsey for luncheon. Our Ladies excelled themselves with both the presentation of the clubrooms and the meal provided - true country hospitality. They were all very impressed (and very full!) and Mr. Knopp presented our club with a commemorative pennant. Our club officials were also presented with mementoes of the visit. The winning team of bowlers, Albert Caneva/Brian Scanlon/Hec Reid/Martin French received beautiful china mugs engraved with the details of the delegate's visit. A very special keepsake.

Our last Friday night Twilight mixed bowls was on 5th March (due to daylight saving!) These Friday nights have been enjoyed by all and will certainly be continued next season. Thank you to all who participated from your Social Committee. A special thanks to Tom for keeping up the supplies and to Romsey Hot Bread Shop who made the party pies and sausage rolls to spec order every week!

This long week-end sees our Mixed 4's on Sunday 7th which is sponsored by the National Bank, Romsey, and Tony Griffin of Balgee Oils. Monday is the Men's 4's which is fully catered for by the Romsey Ladies and sponsored by T.J. Scott & Son (Funeral Directors) of Kyneton. The prizes are \$400 for the winning team and \$200 for the runners-up - so you can guess they will all be out there trying!

Presidents Day is scheduled for Sunday, 21st March - names on the board please. A reminder too that Presentation Night is on Friday, 2nd April and tickets are now available from me...

A big hello from us all to Bob Shaw and Toby Heath, who, I believe, are keeping them on their toes up at Karinya.

Margaret Howatson,
Publicity Officer.

ROMSEY & DISTRICT JUNIOR SOCIAL NETBALL

The next season of the Romsey & District Junior Social Netball will commence in April. Parents who are interested to help with the netball are invited on the 25th of March at 7.30p.m. in the upstairs room of the recreation Centre.

Mrs. P. Corner, Secretary.

The Romsey & District Junior Social Mixed Netball Association will commence their season in April. Boys and Girls between the ages of 8 to 16 are invited to play.

Registration will cost \$10 for 8 to 16 year olds and \$17 for over 16 year olds at 1/1/93.

Game Fees will be - Junior 8-16 \$20 and Senior Over 16 \$22.

Registration Nights will be Thursdays 11th and 18th March from 6 to 7 P.M. at the Romsey Recreation Centre.

Mrs. P. Corner, Secretary.

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THE ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB invites interested players to register for our U/10, 12, 14 and 16 teams for the 93 season, which starts on 4th April.

Please contact David Little on 291 849 for further information.

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ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The Romsey Football Club is currently running its Night Series, with teams from Romsey, Lancefield, Wallan, Riddell, Broadford, Maldon, Campbells Creek and Nth. Fawkner competing for prizemones worth \$1,500.00.

The preliminary rounds will run on Monday and Wednesday nights with the semi-finals on Wednesday, March 17th and then culminating with the Grand Final on Wednesday, March 24th.

Two matches are played on each night with the first game commencing at 6.00P.M. and the second game at 8.00 P.M.

Admission is \$3.00 and there is food and refreshment outlets available around the ground.

Training has reverted back to Tuesday and Thursday nights and it has been encouraging to see plenty of new players attending pre-season training.

Membership Tickets are available from the Committee, with this seasons tickets being \$30.00 for Single and \$50 for Family.

With admission to games increasing to \$5.00 a Romsey Football Club Membership offers a substantial saving if attending all Home games during the season. It is also a great way of showing that you support your local team and allows access to the Club's Social Club facilities.

Facilities we are hoping to improve over the next year with assistance from the Cricket Club and Junior Football and Cricket Clubs.

First game of the Home & Away Season is against Sunbury Rovers at Sunbury on April 17th, with our first home game against Woodend/Hesket the following week.

The Netball Girls have also been planning for the coming season and there has been interest from many new players wishing to compete in the Two sections during the Football season.

As is always the case at this stage of the year, expectations are high for the coming season, but with the injection of new faces on the Committee, Coaching Panel and Playing area, there is an air of confidence that 1993 will be a successful year for the Romsey Football Club!

Looking forward to seeing you at Training or at our Matches during the season, Rob McIntyre, President.

GOSSIP IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST IDLE CHATTER

When we use the word gossiping it usually refers to meaningless or malicious chatter. When women spend time together talking it is usually referred to as gossiping, that is, time wasted with inconsequential or silly chatter.

It is interesting to find out about the origin of the word "gossip" - it is time when we share problems and stories and give support to each other.

I heard this story from a friend of mine who is researching the way, traditionally, midwives have gained and shared their knowledge.

Apparently, in Medieval England, a woman would invite several close women friends or relatives (at least six) as well as the local midwife to attend the birth. Their role was to prepare the room for the birth and to support the woman while she laboured and after the baby was born.

This included sealing the room from air and daylight and lighting it with candles, so creating a special place in which to give birth.

Only the midwife and the women chosen were allowed to enter this birth place. When the labour was in progress the women would while away the time talking about other births they had attended, sharing stories and probably some good ideas about how to manage the labour pain. In essence this is a sharing of wisdom.

The women chosen to attend the birth were given the title of god siblings, in much the same tradition as people may have chosen friends or relatives to become their children's god parents.

This term, god sibling, was commonly shortened to gossip and the practice of women being together at births and sharing stories became known as gossiping. Some gossips, having attended several births, went on to become midwives and so passed their special knowledge from generation to generation.

We can learn a lot from the wisdom of women of yesteryear. We have a great deal to tell each other about the way we feel, the way our bodies work, what makes us sick, and about what can help us. As we well know, just talking is a wonderful healer.

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WHAT'S ON....

PARENTING SKILLS - LIVING WITH CHILDREN

Introductory Program II - March, 1993. Inquiries: Kerrie Reardon - Romsey Shire Community Services Officer - Phone 295 201.

Course Facilitator: Family Counsellor - Cobaw Community Health Service.

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The Romsey Office of Cobaw Community Health Service will hostess a TEDDY BEARS PICNIC for the Region's Family Day Carers and their families on Wednesday, March 31st, from 11.30a.m. to 1.30p.m. There will be Teddy Bear Activities and a prize for the best dressed Teddy. BYO Sandwiches and Rugs. Any interested persons welcome to attend. Venue: Rear of 97 Main Street, Romsey.

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Our SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, Tamara Dowling, is happy to announce she is available for consultation in the Romsey Offices of the Cobaw Community Health Service. Ring 22 3011 to book an appointment.

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Phychiatric Nurse, Adele Walker, is also available for consultation in our Romsey Offices every Tuesday afternoon. If you would like to make an appointment to see her here in Romsey, please ring 22 3011 to organise a booking.

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CAROL'S JAZZ BALLET

Bookings can be made on 295 590. All classes from 4.00 till 6.00p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. Call Carol for details.

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LANCEFIELD COMMUNITY HOUSE

DRAWING CLASSES - Commencing Saturday 13th March -
Saturday Morning - 7 Y.O. and Upwards
11-12.30 - Cost \$2.50 per child
Saturday Afternoon - 13Y.O. and Upwards
1 - 3 p.m. - Cost \$4.50 per child

Commencing Wednesday 17th March -
1 - 3 p.m. - Adults - Cost \$4.50.

Materials: Children: Pencils, Paints, Pastels and Crayons. Paper or Sketch Pad
Adults: Lead pencil "6B", Paper or Sketch Pad.

All mediums for Adults and Teenagers catered for.

MATHS - Basic Maths information morning. Wednesday, 10th March 10am. Meet the Teacher, discuss what you want. Teacher: Penny Smith.

COMPUTER - Introduction to Computers. This course is designed for people who have little or no experience with computers. Learn computer terminology, What is an operating system(DOS), How to format floppy disks, etc.....
Course is limited to 10 people. Contact House for further information. To be held at Lancefield Primary School. Evening Course - possibly Thursdays, of term 2. Contact No. 291214.

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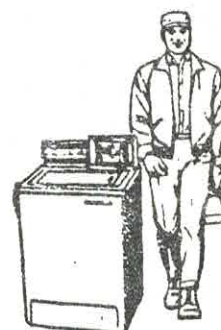
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33 Chauncey Street,
Lancefield. 3435
Phone: 054/291380

SUNDAY: 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (except 1st Sunday in month) : CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD
9.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday School : ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY
10.30am Parish Eucharist & Sunday School : CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD.
1ST. SUNDAY in the Month : 9.30am FAMILY SERVICE.
Next Family Service - 8th April, Romsey - PALM SUNDAY.
Procession of Palms and Donkey - Morning Tea to follow.
WEEKDAYS : TUESDAYS: 7.30pm. HOLY COMMUNION ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY.
WEDNESDAY: 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD.

THIS TIME OF LENT : ALL ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF HEALING:

The Rev. Vernon Cohen will be talking about what Healing Ministry is all about. Come and hear and dispel the misunderstandings of this important spiritual gift.
7.30pm. Wednesday 31st March at Christ Church Lancefield.

HOLY WEEK: For all Christian People

Tuesday April 6th . Taizé at Christ Church 8pm. An evening of Prayer and Song under candlelight. For young people, for families, for singles, for the old
Wednesday April 7th. Sedar Meal and Compline 6.30pm. St. Pauls Romsey - Celebrating the Jewish Passover.
Maundy Thursday. 8pm. Commemoration of the Last Supper - Christ Church Lancefield.
Good Friday. 10.am. 'WAY OF THE CROSS' Street March - Romsey.

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**SATURDAY MARCH 20
SUNDAY MARCH 21 1993**

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- 3.2.93 Canadian Stableford 12 holes
1st B.Cole & C.Daniel 20 pts.
2nd S.Shelton & S.Smith 18 pts.
- 10.2.93 Stroke - 12 holes:
1st V. Newell 44 nett
2nd S. Morgan 47 nett
on a C/B L.Beasley 47 nett.
- 17.2.93 Stableford
1st B.Cole 44 pts. Beryl broke
her handicap from 25 to 24. Well done
2nd S.Shelton 40 pts.
- 23.2.93 4BBB at Goonawarra:
1st P.Sloane & B.Gaunt - 45 Stable
ford pts. Well done! The Romsey
flag is flying again.
- 24.2.93 Match play:
1st V.Newell 7 up
2nd E.Ott 5 up
- 3.3.93 4BBB Stableford
1st E.Scanlon & C. Daniel 53 pts.
2nd V.Newell & S.Logan 46 pts.

Shirley Shelton



LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

After a disrupted first half of the season, we were hoping for a better start to the second half. After a successful trip over to Kilmore, the next Saturday was lost once again to the weather. However this did give our under 10's a good chance to practise their new sport of walking - in private at home! The shock to the system of having to walk with locked knees and for one foot not to go until the other one had arrived was considerable. We'll be ready for it next year.

The Centre was represented this year at the Regional Championships. Our athletes relished the opportunity to compete against the region's best athletes at a great venue, recording several Personal Bests. March 6th brings our next P.B.Day with our Centre Championships two weeks later, on March 27th.

The final day for the season is our BBQ Fun Day & Presentations, to be held on April 9th, with Phil's usual (unusual?) array of novelty events. BYO raincoat and frying pan (for scrambled eggs). Information: 291 751.

LANCEFIELD HARRIERS

The Harriers will be organizing the "Lancefield 10" again this year. The date is Sunday, 16 May, 10am start, same course as last year. Entry will be \$6 and will include medals for all finishers and a BBQ lunch. More information, or to arrange a training run, 291 751 or (054)335 201.

WANTED: A holiday home for our pet dog. We are interested in locating a caring, loving, occasional home for our large gentle dog. If you are able to help us, call Rob on 295914 for details.



ROMSEY COUNCIL NEWS

ROMSEY RIDING

Residents will be aware that no tip passes were issued by Council for 1993. As of 1.1.93 all Shire residents are required to pay a \$5.00 tipping fee. If your load consists of tree prunings etc., these can still be dumped at the tip FREE OF CHARGE.

Many residents were unhappy about paying the \$5. with a petition presented to Council at the February meeting. As a result, sometime later in the year, Council will probably implement a "hard garbage" collection to take items that cannot, or people are unable to dispose of, through the weekly garbage pick-up.

Council have lodged an expression of interest in the Government sponsored Landcare & Environment Action Program for works at Riddells Creek. The program will run for 26 weeks and targetted to the 15-20 y.o. group. More on this later when finalised.

Works on the new school are progressing rapidly. Unfortunately the Government has not been as co-operative with providing funds to make the road outside (Station St.). total amount required to do the job properly is \$203,000. Government contribution is \$96,500, leaving a shortfall of \$106,500. Council have agreed to fund this shortfall to ensure the roadworks are of good standard but further representations will be made to Government for extra funding.

Finally, we are also trying to hold discussions with Education Department people regarding retaining the old/current school building and immediate surrounds for community use. This facility is very important to the township and its retention is being pursued vigorously by Riding Councillors.

till next time, Rod Conway, Steve Hendy, Geoff Neil.

AROUND YOUR ROMSEY HOME NO.16. Fruiting Loquat Trees.

Following reports of success in fruiting loquat trees in Romsey Township and Darraweit Guim while others in the district failed even to flower, an inspection of a tree budded onto quince at Darraweit Guim in November 1991, revealed a good crop of excellent, oval, thick-fleshed, single-seeded fruit on quite a small tree. Two seedling trees in Romsey are also reliably reported to bear well in most years, while that of the writer, budded onto quince and planted 14 years ago close to a lemon, grapefruit and macadamia, which all bear well, has flowered only once and never borne fruit, so buds from the other trees have been inserted in hope of success.

Inquiries from likely sources having revealed no likely cause recourse was made to Albert E Wilkinson's "The Encyclopedia of Fruits, Berries and Nuts" citing USA experience which states that "it (Loquat) thrives almost anywhere in California except in the mountain and desert regions, but does best near the coast. ... The variety Champagne does best in the interior and Thales on the coast".

It therefore seems reasonable to speculate that introductions to Australia, possibly by Chinese gardeners in the last century originated from several different climatic regions of China or Japan, giving rise to the unreliability seen in today's cultivated varieties when grown in climates dissimilar to their native habitat. -

Syd Wheller.



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APRIL ROMSEY RAG: Items for the April Romsey Rag should be handed at the Post Office BEFORE 9AM. FRIDAY 2nd APRIL. It is important that all material is in by this time.

Thankyou to the Editorial Committee - Beryl Cole, Sybil Frances, Trevor Turnham. Typing - Margaret Howatson and Jean Clement.