

# The Romsey Rag: June: 1993 No. 97

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**Constant change - That's Life !** In Romsey during the last month or so we have witnessed the brilliance of Autumn glory reflected in our street trees and gardens. Now the leaves are dead, the trees are bare and we experience the cold damp air of winter. Seasonal change is one thing, but is there a change creeping into the people of Romsey? A change that is divorced from our country traditions, of optimism and trust. Syd Wheller initiated the term, "a caring, country community". A community to which many of us moved for "quality of life" and the fresh honesty that has been a traditional trait of Australian country life. We live in a growing community that has and will continue to be affected by economic hardship and the strains this brings to family living. Romsey however is still a small town, where what people say or do can be transmitted with lightning speed via the grape vine. As we have seen in the past, there have been times when such communication has elicited speedy, caring, supportive response to disaster or misfortune. As our Primary pupils pledge each Monday, we "respect the rights of all people," the rights to privacy, to individuality, freedom, and space. As epitomised at the recent funeral of Mrs Doris Carroll, and during the recovery of Margaret Howatson, this is a caring, country community, that recognises the value of life. " Lord, Help us to recognise need before assistance is requested, to evaluate change objectively and accept the opinions of others. Help us continue to work together in support those in need, for it is the need of love and friendship that will never change.

**Dates for Your Diary:**

N.B: Items marked \* are detailed in the following pages of this month's Romsey Rag.

- \* Tues June 8th Enrolments at Romsey Kindergarten  
Community Safety House Committee Meet at Romsey Primary
- \* Wed June 9th Romsey Primary. 7.30pm Education Sub Committee Meeting  
4pm Closing date for School Council Nominations - Romsey P.S
- Thurs June 10th Thursday Night Bingo at Mechanics Hall \*
- \* Fri June 11 Romsey Red Cross meeting 10.30am
- Mon June 14th **QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**
- Tues June 15th 1st Romsey Scout Group Council Meeting 8pm
- Wed June 16th 7.30pm Romsey Primary School Council Meeting
- Wed June 16th - 7.30pm Preparation for Puberty - Cobaw Community Centre
- Thurs June 17 Thursday Night Bingo at Mechanics Hall \*
- \* Fri June 18 Factory Clearance- fundraiser for Kerrie Primary School
- \* Sat June 19 Factory Clearance- fundraiser for Kerrie Primary School
- Sat June 19 Vic. kick coaching Program on Romsey P.S oval
- Thurs June 21 Thursday Night Bingo at Mechanics Hall \*
- Wed June 23 7.30pm Preparation for Puberty - Cobaw Community Centre
- \* Fri June 25 CFA family fun night 7pm at Brigade H.Q - (Old Court house)
- M - F June 28-July 2 District Schools Music Camp
- Wed June 30 Pupil Free Day Romsey Primary - Parental interviews
- Thurs Ju 1st Thursday Night Bingo at Mechanics Hall
- \* Fri July 2 Closing date for next month's Romsey Rag articles
- Fri July 2 2.30pm Primary schools dismiss for Term 2 holidays
- \* Thurs July 15 Closing date for registrations - Ladies social Basketball



Readers of the Romsey Rag are reminded that Bingo operates every Thursday Night in the Mechanics Institute. This is organised by Romsey Primary St Mary's Lancefield, and 1st Romsey Scout Group. All groups would like to see you and would be most appreciative of your assistance in running the n

## SHIRE OF ROMSEY HARD GARBAGE COLLECTION

A further hard garbage collection is proposed in township and current domestic garbage areas as below.

|                              |                      |                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Riddell/Clarkefield          | Monday & Tuesday     | 19th & 20th July |
| Romsey                       | Wednesday & Thursday | 21st & 22nd July |
| Lancefield/Rochford          | Friday               | 23rd of July     |
| Darraweit/Bolinda/Monegeetta | Monday               | 26th of July     |

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COME AND SAY GOODBYE ..... The Williams are leaving town for sunny Stockholm! We are having an Open House on Sunday, 27th June, starting at noon with a BBQ. Trevor, Cathy, Ben, David and Sarah would like to see you Sunday afternoon. Because we are going overseas, we have for sale the following items:-

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After lots of phone calls and a great amount of to-ing and fro-ing, we survived the last minute withdrawal of a teacher and finally made it to our first class. We have found eighteen keen students, willing to spend time on Wednesdays learning a language. The venue is the Music Room at Lancefield Primary School. Our Italian is not quite musical (yet!) but we are working on it. Planning is underway for next term, so if there are some more would-be students (of any age) out there - get in touch.

Robyn 291 208 or Andy 291 751

Ciao.

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AEROBICS

STEP AEROBICS ARE NOW IN ROMSEY !!!

| <u>ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL</u> |        |           |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Monday                       | 6.30pm | STEP/TONE |
| Tuesday                      | 7.00pm | STEP      |
| Wednesday                    | 9.15am | TONE      |
| Friday                       | 9.30am | STEP      |

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|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Monday                           | 9.30am | HI/LO |
| Thursday                         | 7.00pm | HI/LO |

Bring your own mat.  
Enquiries: 291 451.

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ROMSEY DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES - SUPPORT GROUP- A.G.M. 29th April, 1993:

Office Bearers elected at the A.G.M. were as follows:-

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| PRESIDENT: | Sybil Francis |
| SECRETARY: | Dawn Honicke  |
| TREASURER: | Lynette Finn  |

MANY THANKS TO THE OUT-GOING COMMITTEE.

Your Leaders are:-

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Brownies:</u>  | Bronwyn Frost                     |
|                   | Rhonda Wilkins                    |
|                   | Kerryn Rennie                     |
|                   | Christine Addison (Junior Leader) |
| <u>Guides:</u>    | Marion Skovdam                    |
| District Leader : | Helena Thompson 295 325.          |

As you can see, we only have one Guide leader and she is overseas at the moment.  
We are desperately in need of more leaders for Guides.  
If you can help, please let me know, as it is impossible to run the unit with only one leader. Helena Thompson: 295 325.

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LADIES SOCIAL BASKETBALL - THURSDAY MORNINGS - ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Registrations now being taken until 15th July for Winter competition commencing 22nd July.  
Contact Elizabeth on 296 014 or 295 637. A great fun morning and good for meeting new faces. (No experience necessary.)

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UNITING CHURCH - SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING on SUNDAY, 20th JUNE, 9 - 10am.

There is no charge for this special morning; lots of things to do, and finishing with a party time. All ages are welcome. Trish Corner.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS - Next Meeting Friday, 11th June, at 10.30am, Mechanics Hall, Romsey.

Our thanks to Mrs. Maureen Ralph for opening her home for us to hold our last Meeting; it was greatly appreciated.

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ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS

The Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens are saddened by the loss of their long-time member George Milley. George was our President for ten years and only retired because of continuing ill health. However, he was still an active member until his recent death. We all convey to Becky and family our heartfelt condolences. Vale George. B. Clarke.

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Romsey residents and Romsey Primary School extend their sympathy to the family of Mrs. Doris Carroll who died last week, aged 94. Mrs. Carroll was the oldest surviving ex-pupil of Romsey Primary School still living in Romsey.

Enrolments 1994 - ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN

Enrolments for 1994 are being taken at the Kindergarten on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month until 31st July 1993, from 11.30am to 12 noon. Children must be 4 years of age on or before 30th April 1994. Proof of age and a \$3 booking fee are required. Enquiries: Phone Chris Martin 285 153.

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KERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

FACTORY CLEARANCE - Sunbury Square Shopping Centre: Friday, 18th June, 9am - 9pm, Sat. 19th June, 9am - 5pm. All Australian-made clothing; boys, girls and adults' Sleepwear, Skivvies, Tracksuits, Firsts & Seconds, prices range from \$5 upwards.

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TUTORING in FRENCH

Second year Uni. Student available to coach Yr.7-12 French students, \$10-15 per hour. Tel: Christy after 7.00pm weekdays, 296 335. À Bientôt! (See you soon).

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LIONESSE CLUB OF ROMSEY

Winner of "Mystery Flight" Raffle, drawn on May 8th 1993, was Steven Bowen of Sunbury. We thank everybody for their support.

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C.F.A. FAMILY FUN GAMES NIGHT

A Family Fun Games Night has been organized for Brigade and Auxiliary families on Friday, 25th June at 7pm, at Brigade Headquarters (Court House) in Romsey. No cost involved but a plate of goodies and your cold drinks will be appreciated. Any enquiries: Tel. Helen 295 250.

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THE R.S.L. THANKS YOU

The President, Secretary and members of the Romsey Lancefield R.S.L. WISH TO THANK YOU for contributing to the ANZAC DAY APPEAL. Special thanks to the Lionesses and to all who contributed through letters and the business people of both towns.

C. Johnston, Hon.Secretary

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ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

You are cordially invited to attend  
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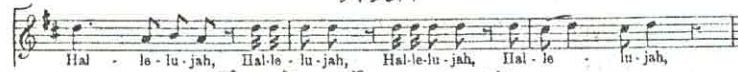
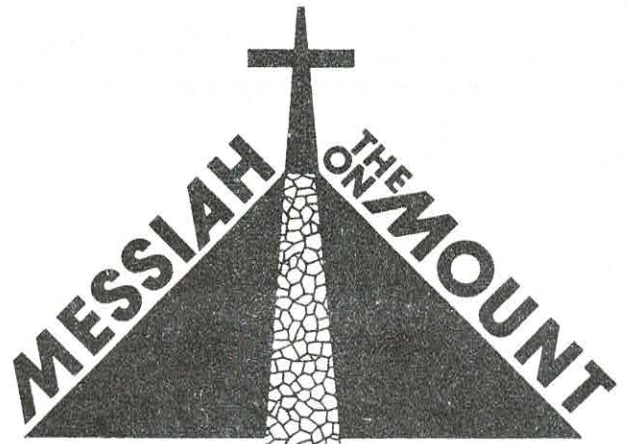
King's Scouts  
Queen's Scouts  
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On Friday, 10 September, The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, is holding a Dinner for past King's Scouts, Queen's Scouts and Baden-Powell Rovers.

If you are on the "Wanted" list, or know of anyone who is -- Branch would like to have their addresses to ensure they do not miss out on what will be a most memorable event.

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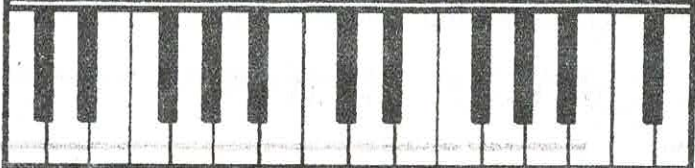
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Over the past few months our members have made a momentous decision - to convert our grass bowling green to a synthetic surface.

The advantages -v- the disadvantages of grass to synthetic were carefully considered and the various suppliers scrutinized. We then decided to settle for the 'King Heylan' synthetic green and construction or should I say destruction commenced in mid-May and weather permitting will be completed mid-July. An up-date on the progress will be given in the next issue of the 'Rag'.

Our Ladies held their Annual General Meeting on Friday, 7th May and the executives and various committee members for season 93/94 are as follows:

- President: Jean Cropley
- Snr. Vice President: Margaret Howatson
- Jnr. Vice President: Fay Sanders
- Past President: Marj Davis
- Secretary: Dorothy Thompson
- Treasurer: Rena Moore
- Press Officer: Margaret Howatson
- Match Committee: Marj Davis/Jean Johnston/Helene Newnham
- Catering: Dorothy Thompson
- Management Committee: Jean Johnston/Dorothy Thompson
- Delegates: Jean Cropley/Dorothy Thompson.

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On THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, the Romsey Ladies are hosting a "LUNCH-N-BROWSE"!! This will be a showing of Pat's Cottage Ceramics, Dried Flower Arrangements and Hanging Baskets.....and a lovely lunch will be served. 12 o'clock for lunch at the Clubrooms in Romsey Park. More details will be issued in the local press and the next edition of the 'Rag'.

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The Annual General Meeting of Romsey Bowling Club Incorporated was held on Wednesday, 2nd June with a good attendance. The Executives and various Committees were made up as follows:-

- President: Laurie Thomson
- Snr. Vice President: Sam Howatson
- Jnr. Vice President: Leo Wels
- Secretary: Norm Thompson
- Treasurer: Bruce Robb
- General Committee: Brian Scanlon, Rod Campbell, Martin French, Peter Mitchell, Chris Johnston, Tom Seymour, Ken Newnham, Dave Cropley, Brian Cushen and Laurie Barrows
- Selection Committee: Sam Howatson, Brian Scanlon, Dave Cropley, Bruce Robb and Fred Bell
- Green Committee: Norm Thompson (Director); Sam Howatson and Brian Scanlon
- Match Committee: Ken Newnham, Leo Wels, Peter Mitchell, Graeme Cuthbert and Laurie Armistead
- Bar Committee: Tom Seymour (Director), Andrew Laing, Chris Johnston and Sam Howatson
- Public Officer: Norm Thompson
- Delegates to CHBA: Sam Howatson, Norm Thompson, Laurie Thomson
- Management Comm. Reps: Ken Newnham and Brian Scanlon

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS....

Gardener: Dave Cropley  
Press/Publicity: Margaret Howatson  
Social Committee: Andrew Laing, Margaret Howatson, Jean Cropley, Margret Boldiston and Fred Bell.

President Laurie gave special thanks to Chris Johnston who, after being Treasurer for twelve years has handed the books over to Bruce Robb. Chris was President for the six years preceding these years, a total service to the club of 18 years - and we managed to catch him on a couple of committees again this year! Thank-You Chris from us all.

We have a few of our 'oldies' scattered far and wide at the moment - Toby Heath is in Castlemaine Hospital, Massa Cardillo is in Greenvale and Bob Shaw is up in Lancefield. We just like you all to know that we are all thinking of you.

Our sad condolences go to Becky with the passing of George Milley last month. George loved his bowls and over the past few years when he wasn't able to bowl himself gleaned much pleasure from sitting watching Becky show us all how to do it!

Margaret Howatson

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## LANCEFIELD ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

May was cross-country month for St. Mary's, Romsey and Lancefield Primary Schools. Lancefield P.S. organized the annual cross-country run between the three schools on May 12, out on the Golf Course - a great spot for the 2 and 3 kilometre runs. On a cool, overcast day (great for running but not so good for standing around!) the one hundred or so 8 to 12 year olds took the field in their different age categories. The children had trained hard and their effort showed in the results. "Honours" were spread between the schools and many Personal Bests were achieved.

The following week the schools bussed their cross-country runners to Bendigo for the Regional Championships. Bendigo provided a racecourse, some tracks through the bush, a beautiful sunny day and a cast of thousands. At every age group there were four races with 200 or more entrants in each division.

Our local runners distinguished themselves with some tremendous results:

James Davies (SM) won his race, once again coming in just in front of Scott Clark. Both the Birminghams, Joel and Collis (LPS) won their races. Although Collis is too young to go on to the State Championships later in June, the others as well as Jade Jamieson (LPS) and Brent Rowley (RPS) will go down to Bundoora to compete against the best in the State. Romsey won three teams awards (U-10's, U-12) and Lancefield retained its U-9 team award.

Congratulations to all the competitors for their efforts at Bendigo.

Good luck to Brent, Jade, Joel, Scott and James for the State Championships.

## LANCEFIELD FUN RUN

It wasn't exactly a wild and woolly day but the breeze didn't make for an easy run up the hill for the first half of the race. However, after the turn, the downhill with the wind behind made up for the battle in the first half. The race was won by Tim Byrne from Woodend who won the Men's Race in just under 35 minutes. Vicki Whitty finished in 41.48 to just edge out Sally Stavely to take the Women's prize. First local runner home was Anthony Smith. It was good to see that there was a number of juniors in the race. Special mention must go to Carolyn McCarthy who at only 11 was the youngest competitor. She did the 10K in only 54 minutes. This came after winning the local schools' cross-country the Wednesday before and performing strongly in the Regional Championships in Bendigo the Wednesday following. Good on you, Carolyn, fantastic effort!!!

Lancefield Harriers will again be organizing the Fun Run at the Lancefield Show. This is on Sunday 17th October this year. We have a 10K course, as well as a 3K loop to cater for the non-masochists.

## ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB INC. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wed. 9th JUNE, at 8.00pm.

All members of the Cricket Club are reminded of the A.G.M. which will be held on Wed. 9th June at 8.00pm at the Romsey-Park Clubrooms. All other people are most welcome.

Contact Secretary Paul Browitt: B.H. 03 603 2606 A.H. 054 295 552.

Romsey Cricket Club would like to hear from anybody who may be holding old Club Score Books (Seniors). Please contact Paul Browitt 295 552 or Paul Newnham 295 286 or Mal Mottram 295 018.

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## ROMSEY JUNIOR SOCIAL MIXED NETBALL

The next Meeting of the Romsey Junior Netball will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30p.m. at the Romsey Recreation Centre. All interested parents are welcome to come along.  
Mrs. P. Corner.

The Romsey Golf Club is in the process of compiling names for a "Hole-in-One Honour Board".

If you have had a hole-in-one or know of anyone who has, please forward Competitor's Name, the date of the hole-in-one and on which hole it was scored, to - The Secretary, Romsey Golf Club, P.O. Box 200, Romsey, 3434.

Where possible, verification will be required

## ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

Golf Clinic to be held on Saturday 19th & 26th June 9.30am-12.00pm. Cost \$6.00 a session. For beginners & advanced golfers, male & female, young & old. All welcome! Ring Beryl Cole 295 411 to let her know you are coming. We can supply clubs if needed. Come along and see if you like the game, or just want to improve your game. BE THERE - there will be tuition from a golf professional.

The Romsey ladies have been very busy playing in tournaments and pennant. Pennant is over for another year, the scratch team Woodend-Romsey did very well for their first time up in the big time, winning 3 matches. We defeated Alexander 4-1, Shirley & Pauline won. We lost our last two matches 2-3 against Seymour, Pauline won her match and we lost 1 1/2 - 3 1/2 to Kilmore and Pauline squared her match.

The Romsey handicap team in the Central Division had a good year and finished 4th. Romsey defeated Gisborne 10th May 3-2, Beryl, Leila and Mary won. 17th May Romsey played Woodend (the winners of Central District) and were beaten 4-1, Carol won.

### RESULTS FROM WEDNESDAYS

12.5.93 - Flag Day - 1st Mary Campbell 92-30-62, 2nd Leila Beasley 94-31-63, 3rd Carol Daniel 109-39-70

19.5.93 - 4BBB - 1st Carol Daniel & Hilda Caly 49 pts, 2nd Virginia Newell & Mary Campbell 45 pts, 3rd Leila Beasley & Jean Johnston 44 pts.

26.5.93 - Macedon Romsey Challenge - Six ladies came over from Macedon to play for the shield, and we won it back! Well done. Our winners for the day - Monthly Medal were 1st Carol Daniel 44 pts, Carol broke to 37. Well Done. 2nd Leila Beasley 38 pts, Leila broke to 30. Well Done. 3rd Pauline Sloane 37 pts. Pauline didn't go out point 1!

31.5.93 - Central District Pennant Wind-Up at Gisborne. Congratulations to Sue Morgan & Leila Beasley who won the CDAA Canadian Foursomes Pennant Pair. The shield has come back to Romsey again.

1.6.93 - Romsey Classic Milk Tournament - A big thankyou to Pura Milk Dairies Ltd. who sponsored our tournament, it was greatly appreciated. We had forty-five ladies playing from fifteen clubs. The winners were - A Grade Scratch - Kerry Peterson (Avenel) 80-11-69 A Grade Handicap - Helene Newnham 88-24-64 - Helene broke her handicap to 23. Well Done. B Grade Scratch - Virginia Newell 95-30-65. B Grade Handicap - L. Iser (Broadford) 98-36-62. N.T.P. 10th K. Peterson. Straightest Drive - B. Sincock (Goonawarra).

Thankyou to all the ladies for their lovely cooking it was greatly appreciated. Thankyou also to John Laing and the men at the working bee for getting the course in A Grade condition.

2.6.93 - Queen Elizabeth Trophy - Stableford.

1st Mary Campbell 43 pts Mary broke 30-38. Well Done.

2nd Beryl Cole 33 pts C/B

3rd Leila Beasley 33 pts.

Social Event - Monday 19th July - Knitwear Display. In the Clubhouse 1.00 pm. \$2.00 entry. Afternoon tea - All welcome. Lovely jumpers on display, just what we need if you live in Romsey.

Shirley Shelton.

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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH



Church Services for June are at 9am with Holy Communion celebrated on 6th June and Family Services and Sunday School on 13th, 20th and 27th.

The Annual Luncheon for the Uniting Church Fellowship Group, when other neighbouring Church groups join us, is to be held on Wednesday 23rd June at 12 midday in the Sunday School Hall. The Victorian Moderator, Mrs. Nancy Bomford, will be our Guest Speaker. We are pleased that she will be with us as we celebrate the 16th Birthday of the Uniting Church in Australia. If you would like to join us, please contact Roma Clement 295 225.

Our ecumenical "Know Your Bible" study group continues to meet each Monday afternoon in the Sunday School Hall, 1.30 - 3.30pm and we are currently studying the Book of Numbers. New members will be very welcome.

Our Property & Finance Committee recently elected 4 new members and we welcome Peter Mitchell, Grant Newman, Jay Brooks and Helen Quinn and look forward to their contribution.

Our Youth Group continues to meet every second Friday evening and is open to all young people from Year 7 onwards. If your son or daughter would like to join us, they would be most welcome. They do not have to be Church members to be eligible.

Our last outing was to the exciting A.F.L. Match at the M.C.G. - Fitzroy v. Essendon - last Friday evening when a bus load of teenagers travelled from Lancefield and Romsey. Future activities include our famous Annual Karaoke Night on Friday, 9th July; popular Bush/Disco Dance; and our legendary snow weekend trip. Numbers at our meeting and events vary from 25-40 most nights, and if your teenager friends would like to join us, tell them about our planned dates etc. Further youth group information: Chris Orton 296 108.

We are saddened that our Minister Rev. Adrian Pegler's term in our Parish is now nearing completion and we pray God's blessing on him, his wife Alison and their family as they plan for the future, and we ask God's guidance as we look for a replacement. For all counselling requests, and for Baptisms, Marriages or general pastoral care, Adrian is available on 295 351, or at 25 William Street, Romsey.

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WEEK FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Ecumenical Service for all local Christians to celebrate the week for prayer and Christian unity will be held at 11am Thursday, 10th June, at the Roman Catholic Church, Lancefield. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP is a Bible believing Church with a ministry to serve the local community in a variety of ways.

Our next activity for women is a children's clothing afternoon tea on Thurs. 17th June at 1.00pm at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. Open to everyone, with a winter range of casual clothes at reasonable prices. Enquiries: Lorraine Holland 295 673 or Julie Mau 291 488. We provide hospitality, counselling and a wide range of Christian based services in conjunction with our home groups and "One Way Club" youth activities.

If you have not considered the relevance of the Bible in today's society, or are just looking for somewhere to fellowship, we invite you to our Sunday morning service. We meet weekly at 10am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall, and have a comprehensive children's ministry. The preaching of God's word is an important part of our gathering, while we sing a wide range of the latest choruses and Christian songs - a great place to meet people and know the reality that Jesus Christ saves. When people love to worship God together and begin to praise, something great generally happens.

Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a warm and friendly congregation where people love Jesus and love one another.

Geoff Holland (Minister)

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# ROMSEY

## TOWNSHIP TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

### NEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED:

Stuart Turnham was elected Chairman of the Romsey Township Tidy Towns Committee at its AGM in May. Stuart is looking forward to carrying on the excellent work performed by the past Chairman Adrian Cropley.

### DOOR TO DOOR WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICE:

A recent survey of various streets in Romsey has shown that nearly half the households do not use the weekly door to door recycling service provided by the Shire Council through Bells Recycling. Please remember to recycle all your paper, cardboard, glass, aluminium cans and PET (Soft Drink clear plastic bottles) by placing out next to your garbage bin on the same day as garbage collection. If you do not have a recycling bag contact the Shire Council on 295 201

## HOW TO MAKE COMPOST

### WHAT TO USE IN MAKING COMPOST

Most organic materials which will readily decompose are suitable for composting.

Materials which you may add to the compost heap include:

#### Garden wastes

Grass cuttings, non-woody garden prunings, leaves, flower and vegetable remains.

#### Kitchen wastes

Vegetable peelings and leaves, fruit peelings and cores, cooked table scraps, tea leaves, coffee grounds, egg shells, stale bread.

#### Paper and cardboard

#### Sawdust and wood shavings

#### Animal manure

#### Woodfire ash

#### Seaweed

Materials which you should **not** add to the compost heap include:

#### Woody garden clippings

Branches, roots (unless chipped)

#### Some garden wastes

Pine needles, cypress clippings, rose cuttings and other garden wastes with thorns or nettles.

#### Weeds

Seeds, bulbs and runners, for example, couch grass, oxalis, sorrel.

#### Garden wastes recently sprayed with pesticides.

#### Meat Scraps

#### Toilet waste or septic tank sludge

#### Used Paper tissues

#### Diseased animal carcasses and plant material

#### Treated pine sawdust and shavings

#### Wastes which do not decompose — metals, glass, plastics.

For best results coarse materials should be chopped or ground into small pieces before being added to the heap as this will speed decomposition.

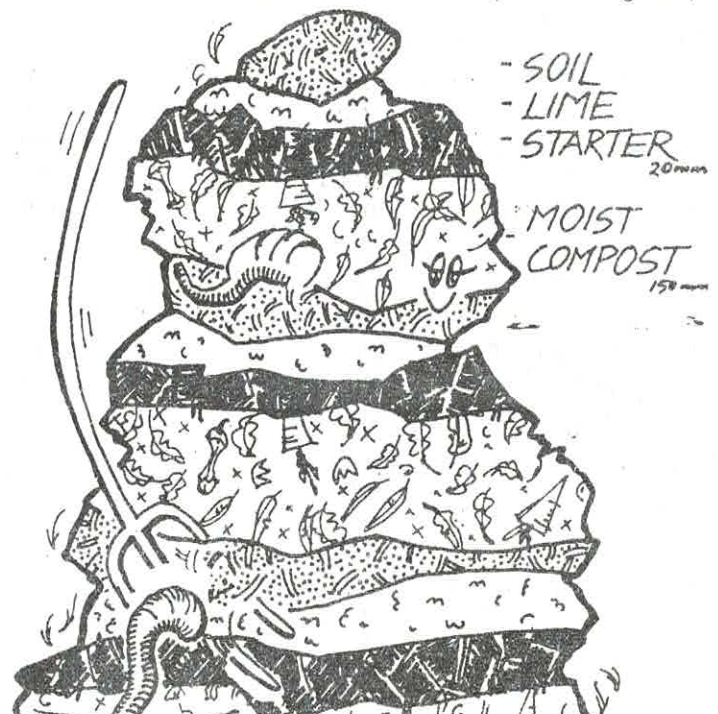
## Building up the compost heap

For maximum efficiency a compost heap should be built up in layers of about 150mm. Each layer of vegetable matter should be moistened if dry, sprinkled with a thin layer of lime and then covered with soil to avoid attracting flies and the escape of smells. The process is repeated until the heap is the required height.

A 20mm layer of 'starter' material can be added to the top of each layer to increase the rate of decomposition. Animal manure or blood and bone meal can be used.

Turning the heap with a fork will also speed up decomposition. The more frequently it is turned the faster the material will decompose. If the heap is turned every third day after it is built, the compost should be ready for use in a fortnight. After turning, the heap should be covered with soil. It may be left unturned, however the process will take about a year.

The heap should be sufficiently moist so the composting material feels damp. However, it should not be allowed to become water-logged as it will soon begin to smell. If the compost becomes too moist, absorbent material such as sawdust, straw or manure can be added and the heap turned regularly.



This is the first in a series of summaries of the talks given at the Home Buyer/Owner information Night, and comes from the Macedon Region Water Authority. It is important to remember that if you cannot come to an agreement about your loan or debt with any bank/government authority or Shire, you can get independent advice from the Cobaw Emergency Accommodation Service (C.E.A.S.) or a financial counsellor.  
Contact: Lisa Delaney on 272 894 or 296 011.

RECOVERY OF OVERDUE TARIFFS AND CHARGES

Under the provision of the Water Act 1989, The Authority must allow 28 days from the issue of the first account, before any recovery action can be commenced.  
Penalty interest, at a current rate of 15% per annum, can be applied on a daily basis from 28 days after the tariff becomes due.  
If payment is not made, or an agreement for payment not entered into, the Authority has three options under the Water Act 1989:-

1. to reduce, restrict or discontinue water supply;
2. to undertake recovery action by litigation;
3. in extreme cases, to sell or transfer ownership of a property.

HOW TO AVOID RECOVERY ACTION:

1. Contact the Authority's Revenue Section without delay, if you cannot possibly meet the payment deadline, and discuss your problem with Revenue Staff.
  2. Establish your financial status and:
    - (i) decide whether you can possibly clear the debt within a short period of time after the deadline; this is generally acceptable but penalty interest may still apply
    - (ii) decide whether you can pay off your debt by making realistic payments on a weekly or fortnightly basis; penalty interest will continue to be applied periodically on any overdue balance.
- In both instances such proposals are to be discussed with Revenue Staff and be mutually acceptable to both parties. Any agreement is to be submitted in writing by the debtor and forwarded to the Authority within 5 working days of the verbal acceptance.
3. Any request for deferment or waivering of Tariffs and/or Charges must be submitted in writing, giving any and all relevant reasons and details for such request.

ROMSEY HOTEL BISTRO

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FOR LUNCH AND DINNER

- \* We offer a wide variety of food at affordable prices with freshness and quality guaranteed.
- \* Every child's meal comes with a free service of ice-cream and topping.
- \* Wednesday is our \$9.00 all you can eat pasta night.
- \* Thursday is a recession buster family discount night with all main meals at 10% off.
- \* For lunch and dinner every Sunday we are offering a three course meal for just \$13.50 from our specially set menu which includes roast and fish of the day.
- \* Take-away meals are also available.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the new improved Romsey Hotel Bistro.  
John and Cath Managers.

## COUNCIL NEWS

NATURAL GAS HEATING - What is it of recent time that makes one think of natural gas heating. We know that the Gas & Fuel refuse to connect the town as domestic usage is negligible (in dollar terms) and there would be no return on the investment (ie. cost of connection etc.) Gas & Fuel state that if we had an industrial user of natural gas, financial viability would be assured. Do YOU know of an industrial user of natural gas? Would they open up in Romsey? Council WILL provide incentives. ASK!!

The Supplementary valuation for the Shire (period 1.10.92 to 31.3.93) has been completed. Currently, the value of privately owned land in the Shire is \$29,478,255.03.

The Riding is assisting the Bowling Club to have their green re-surfaced with "synthetic grass". Total value of this project is \$70,000 plus.

Works on Station Street are proceeding as best can, given the vagaries of the weather this time of year. It is still hoped to have it sealed by school opening. The Minister of Education still refuses to see a deputation from the Shire regarding Station Street road funding arrangements. We will keep trying.

The extensions to the Recreation Centre came in under budget to the tune of \$38.25. Revised project cost was \$165,928.75. An excellent effort by all involved.

Finally, there will be another hard garbage pick-up of unwanted goods in July. Full details this column next month.

till next time, Steve Hendy, Rod Conway, Geoff Neil.  
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The Romsey branch of Cobaw Community Health Service would like to thank the local people for their support. Our office has been open, here in Romsey, for about 2 years now and over the last 12 months we have been pleased to see you access our service for your varied health enquiries and updates, family support and accomodation queries. Unfortunately we have just farewelled our fantastic réceptionist-secretary and are waiting at present for a replacement. We wish Katrina well and we ask you for the time being to leave your message on our answer machine and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We apologise for any inconvenience to you.



### WHAT'S ON

#### Antenatal/Childbirth Education Classes

These classes are commencing 1st June in Romsey and will be held thereafter for 6 consecutive Tuesday nights (7-9pm) until July 6th. The 6 sessions cover all aspects of pregnancy and childbirth. Cost \$30 (conc \$20).  
Phone 296011 or 223011 to book and reserve your place.

#### Living with Children

A parent education program offered to the local community by the Shire's Community Services division and facilitated by Cobaw Community Health Service. For enquiries and to register your interest ring Margaret Community Services Officer on 295201.

# Changes to Local Education-

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With the many policy changes that the new State Government is currently implementing so quickly, it is essential that we do not let the opportunity pass, to inform the community of the most recent proposals which will have a real effect on our lives. New terminology and organisational patterns are emerging and these often confuse the real issues that need to be communicated to parents.

Due only to changes in the Regulations, the new School Councils will take office as from the 1st of July this year after election procedures are completed in June. At Romsey Primary School

we are again currently calling for nominations for school Council membership. Nominations must reach the Principal by 4pm on June 9th and the election meeting will be held in the staffroom at 7.30pm on June 23rd. Nomination forms, and expectations of School Councillors are available at the school office.

School Councils will take on even more important roles than ever before. Just one of these will be to ensure the "Provision of Quality Education facilities and programs". In a new document entitled "A Quality Provision Framework for Victorian Schools", released by the Minister last week, he clearly outlines the community planning necessary to provide sound educational facilities. I urge all interested parents to read the booklet in full. Copies are in the hands of all teachers and school councillors as well as being available on at the school office.

"The Quality provision Framework is designed to create the highest quality of Educational opportunities for students.

\* It challenges School Communities and the Directorate of Schools Education (DSE) to examine local patterns of schooling.

\* It recognises that some schools were established long ago to satisfy curricula and community need that have since changed dramatically.

\* It complements the planning for 'Schools of the Future' to develop educational resource viability.

\* It is responsive to changes in the educational, social and economic environment.

The Quality Provision Framework:

\* recognises changing demographic patterns & the need for redirection of existing resources to meet better the educational needs of this and future generations of students

\* establishes points of reference for curriculum, funding and facilities, which take cognisance of the type of location of schools and the need to optimise resources to deliver quality education.

\* ensures consultation with local school communities on any proposals for change

\* provides guarantees for students, parents, teachers, principals and school communities affected by changes.

The major results expected when the Quality Education

Framework is implemented by school communities are:

\* greater clarity as to what constitutes a quality learning environment and how it can be achieved

\* enhanced richness and diversity in school curriculum provision

\* significantly improved school buildings through the upgrading and maintenance of facilities.

\* processes to ensure a quality education is sustainable, despite changing circumstances

\* an extended period of stability resulting from the consolidation of our school system.

The Quality Provision Framework assumes that school communities:

\* will wish to provide quality education for their students

\* with appropriate guidance and processes, will recognise when there is a need to change schooling arrangements and will seek to do so.

It is anticipated that the Minister's decisions to change schooling arrangements will be based on substantial community support. However where the DSE perceives that students are being disadvantaged because of a school or group of schools not willing to consider change, recommendations considered to be in the best interests of students will be made to the Minister."

Addressing the Heads of schools recently, the General Manager of our Region, Mr Ian Stevens foreshadowed the intentions of the Ministry, as set out above. He further outlined the timetable for the change processes. The documentation to which I refer above would be in schools by the middle of term 2, so that communities can come to grips with the thrust of the Framework in time for local groups to be formally set up to discuss the issues in term 3. Decisions would be with the Minister so that reorganisation procedures can be undertaken throughout term four. In short any school closures / amalgamations would take effect from the beginning of the 1994 school year. No more schools will close during this year.

Parents may not be aware that our Region has a higher percentage number of the State's Schools compared with our percentage share of the pupils attending state schools. Geography and history are responsible for this discrepancy.

Parents are ofcourse aware that there are a number of smaller schools in our local district close to larger facilities. It is for this reason that a task force will be set up in our area and we need to be informed as to the basis of its operation and have objective input to the recommendations that it will make next term to the Minister.

"If we are to improve the quality of our Primary Schools, we should actively pursue the following goals, where possible:

\* Provide planned experiences in the eight learning areas and have flexibility in the area of staffing and facilities.

\* Be able to form age level class groups at each age level or if they choose, establish multi-age groupings or composite classes, depending on the needs of their students. ..

\* Provide teachers with specialist skills in such areas as LOTE (Languages Other Than English) and physical

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education, ensuring more effective use of these teacher resources.

\* Provide a variety of programs to cater for individual differences.

\* Offer children increased opportunities for interaction with a range of students of similar age with similar interests, as well as opportunities to interact with older & younger children.

\* Offer children access to an increased number of adult role models.

\* be able to make organisational arrangements that best provide for the professional development of staff.

\* Allow teachers co-operatively to plan programs and to moderate assessment.

For all students to have the highest quality of educational opportunities we need larger Primary schools which can offer wider curriculum choices and better facilities. Therefore, school communities will be expected to review their schooling arrangements and consider plans to improve educational provision.

It is recognised that improvement to the educational provision of the kind outlined above will not be available to students in some isolated areas where there is no alternative to attending a very small primary school. In these instances, services specifically dedicated to isolated rural schools will continue to be developed so that quality programs can be provided in the eight learning areas."

Merger closure and structural change are the three perceived strategies available to alter the provision of Education in an area.

"Any change involving closure will be educationally driven and designed to give students access to the highest quality educational opportunities. At the same time it is important to protect the legitimate interests of all affected parties. There will be therefore guarantees to Students, Parents, Principals and the school community. These guarantees will be a mix of financial, resource and career security undertakings intended to provide certainty for members of school communities while changes are being implemented."

Parents should note that although all the quotes used above are derived directly from the recent publication, "A quality provision Framework For Victorian Schools", they comprise only a small portion of the information set out there and I would again urge you to be informed. Read the document and discuss the issues with others.

At Romsey Primary School our Education Sub-committee meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm to discuss issues such as these. You are always welcome to attend and participate in the open forum discussions that take place. Participation in education of quality is a right of our children so that together we can co-operatively "LEARN AND GROW."

## THE NEW ROMSEY SCHOOL.

Residents of Romsey can be justifiably proud of the planning, and the construction of the first phase of their new education complex in Station St Romsey. The current construction will be completed next term and is designed to accommodate the pupils from the existing school site in Palmer St. This project is the direct result of public lobbying over more than a decade.

The large new site will eventually house a P-10 college, i.e catering for the children from Prep to year 10 level, when the post-primary buildings, already master planned for the site, are constructed. (Students from a P-10 college would proceed to another secondary college to complete their VCE studies at years 11 and 12.) Unfortunately there is no time line for this second construction phase and given the current economic climate, the addition of the secondary component will be many years away.

The new Primary School buildings comprise a full administration area, staff rooms, large Library and counselling rooms. There are ten permanent classrooms in the main building, with large carpeted general purpose areas linking the two sets of five classrooms. New portable classroom buildings provide an additional four classrooms, which this year will be fully occupied by our grade 3/4 unit. The school also has a gymnasium, artroom, darkroom, music room and canteen, housed in another separate building which will be available for community use.

The staff will be inviting all interested people to view the facilities in operation, during the third week that the school is open. An open day is planned and will be advertised in the local papers.

The "old Romsey Primary School" site will be eventually cleared of all its portable classrooms and the land on both sides of Palmer St sold for residential purposes. The future of the "old red brick school house" has yet to be finally decided. The community, over many years has strongly requested that the building not be demolished and this has the full support of the Shire Councillors. It is highly unlikely however that the building be given to the Shire for community purposes and it is unlikely that the Shire would purchase the building for use as a Library, or community centre. Time alone will solve this particular concern but if you have strong feelings in this regard, make them known to your Councillors.

Bearing in mind that the new school is directly adjacent to the Romsey Kindergarten and Health Centre, and the Recreational facilities in Romsey Park, the total new Educational Complex will be highly used by young families and a source of genuine pride for our "caring, country community."

- Trevor Turnham - Principal Romsey Primary School.

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