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1000 Copies of the Romsey Rag are now distributed to readers every month !

Proudly sponsored this month by our local readers !

On Good Friday, approximately one hundred and forty people from the Lancefield and Romsey Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches walked "The Way of the Cross" in the streets of Lancefield.

We began at the courthouse -
a motley crowd -
every man and his dog.
Bishop, priest, elder, child,
babe in arms;
woman, determined that age
shall be no barrier,
driven chauffeur-style from point to point.
From the courthouse,
as our Lord had done,
we walked
with heavy wooden cross
splintering shoulders
for a time.

We walk, and sing -
one hundred, forty more -
voices joined, we know not why.
Why sing?

Why sing when death
may come
around one corner more?

But singing lightens step,
and joins us in intent -
to walk the way,
to stop, to pray,
to read;
then shoulder cross
and walk some more.

A motley lot -
our voices raised
pray one prayer,
together,
in different words.

Astounded onlookers stare.
What holds these people
to waste a perfectly good holiday
together?
Why walk at all?
Can walking
bring a loved one back?
A Lord who dies
at Lancefield.
and Golgotha?

But walking - stopping - walking on
encapsulates in ritual
a grief beyond bearing.
Together,
we work through grief,
and find forgiveness
and love.

And grief there is,
for our part
in the waste of human life.
But like some child
reading last page first,
the coming joy of Easter day
compels us forward
to work, by walking, through emotions
inexplicable.

Past one church -
doors open, inviting.
Another, and then a third.
My church
- yours,
and someone else's.
Walking the way of our common Lord.
The joy of unity -
of solidarity -
overwhelms,
and knits us together.

Different words -
the same prayer!
Different buildings -
the same Lord!
We walk in the dark
as children of light,
because we walk
with the one who is light.

May he shine brightly
for you,
too.

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Secretaries of local associations are asked to note that:

* an updated list of contact persons will be printed in next Month's Romsey Rag
Please advise of any changes by phone (295099) or in writing before May 6th.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

We hope all "Romsey Rag" friends have enjoyed a safe, happy and holy Easter celebration and we pray that all who travel during the school holiday period will travel with care and caution and enjoy safe arrivals home again.

During Lent we shared together with Wednesday evening services at Romsey Church and each evening of Holy Week we shared worship and fellowship at Lancefield. We will walk the way of the cross with other local christians on Good Friday morning meeting at the Court House Museum in Lancefield at 10 a.m.

Services of Worship for April will be Holy Communion on 3rd April at 9a.m. in Romsey and 10.30 a.m. in Lancefield on Sundays 10th, 17th and 24th with Communion Services again at both Churches on Sunday 1st May.

Our Uniting Church Fellowship and Guild Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th April in the Sunday School Hall when Roma Clement will show us how to make posies and pretty bows.

Our Youth Group programme details can be obtained from Chris or Rhonda Orton on 296 108.

May the spirit of joy and new life in Christ continue from our Easter celebrations to flow each day throughout the year among our local community residents as we share love and concern for others. We pray especially for all lonely elderly folk and we remember families struggling with health or unemployment and financial problems - may God bless them with hope and courage to overcome their difficulties.

Rev. Elaine Callister is available to help with the pastoral concerns and for baptism, marriages and general counselling - she can be contacted at 25 William Street on 295 351 (except Mondays), any other days she will welcome all calls and we ask you to respect her well-deserved day off.

Our Know Your Bible Study Group will begin a 10 week study on the Book of Proverbs on Monday 18th April at 1.30p.m. in Romsey Sunday School Hall Meeting Room. New members will be welcomed - the only cost is \$4 for the Study booklet. If you are interested contact Helen Clement on 295 317.

ROMSEY 'LIVING WORD' ASSEMBLY OF GOD

"WE LIVE WE LIVE, BECAUSE HE IS RISEN"

We have just celebrated the greatest demonstration of love, that one could have, for another.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross, that we can have life, and life more abundant, now. Freedom and victory is ours, because Jesus defeated the power of sin in our lives.

This love flows for us today, and we at the Living Word, live daily in the knowledge of that love. We freely accept this wonderful gift, and we freely give it out. In our society, we need to know, and believe, that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. This love awaits all that choose to receive. "Living Word" Church belongs to the "Assemblies of God" world wide. We are a recognised church by the Australian Government, consisting of more than 800 churches. WE DO NOT purport to be the only "true" church. The Bible, God's Word, is our Melways to life. If it is not there, we do not advocate it as a way of living, or teach it.

Service Times are Sundays at 10.00a.m. Once a month, evening service is Sunday at 6.30p.m. (See Book Shop Window for details). Midweek meeting is Wednesday at 7.30p.m. We are situated in the "Upper Room" above our Christian Book Shop. The shop is non-profit, and a great variety of Christian books are available. Our aim is to be of service to the whole community. We have lay-by, and endeavor to supply any special orders on request.

Further enquires - contact the Church Office and Book Shop on (054) 296327 or P.O. Box 164, Romsey, 3434.

COUNCIL NEWS

An informal submission has been received regarding a multi dwelling development on Lots 1,2 & 5 of Romsey Gardens (I/S White Avenue and Main Street). This would also require a re-zoning application. Council have informed the applicants to submit a Development Plan proposal in conjunction with a site specific planning scheme amendment for Council and community comment i.e. put all your cards on the table and lets see what you have to offer. Council have been offered the old school building. Prior to making a decision on the purchase, it would be good to know the community's views on its potential uses. If you have an idea, please jot it down and place your suggestion in the letter box by the front door of the Shire Office. Roadworks in Barry Street west of Wrixon Street are virtually complete. Most people have seen a new road go down one day, with Telecom or the S.E.C. etc come along the next day and dig it up. Well, Barry Street was sealed on a Friday with a water main breaking the following Monday, west of Metcalfe Drive. You can't win!!

Footpaths around the town will be constructed shortly. Initially we will seal across the plantations for the school crossing, Main Street between Robb Drive and Five Mile Creek, with a sand path along Barry Street between Park Lane and Tickawarra Road. Preparatory work will be attended to on the Collier Close - Main Street footpath with a view to sealing it next financial year. A reminder that rates are due and payable by 10th April. As the 10th is a Sunday, Council will accept payment on Monday the 11th. Interest of 12% backdated to October if not paid on time. Dog registrations are also due for payment. Signs reminding people excessive dust is created by their speed will be erected in Hutchinsons Lane. This has resulted in a request from residents after continuous lack of courtesy from road users. Discussions will be held with executives of Elgas, the distributors of L.P. gas, regarding the feasibility of having a reticulated L.P. gas system installed in Romsey Township.

Finally, a plea to those parents who park in Main Street service road and White Avenue to pick-up their kids after school. Please don't. As well as the dangerous situation created by children darting between parked cars (particularly White Avenue) A considerable amount of your money was spent ensuring adequate parking is available in Station Street. If parents persist in parking in the aforementioned locations then 'No Parking' signs may need to be erected (\$100 each - your money) and will be vigorously enforced (Penalty \$40 - \$60). Nature Strips and plantations are not meant for motor cars, especially in winter.

LANCEFIELD TO SUNBURY BUS SERVICE

The revised Lancefield/Romsey/Monegeetta service will now extend all trips to Sunbury.

The early morning and late afternoon services, will now provide workers and students with a service to Sunbury, which will improve connections to Melbourne and locations in between.

A service will also operate on Wednesdays and Fridays departing Lancefield at 10.00am returning at 2.10pm providing opportunities for shoppers or those attending appointments.

For information on train services from Sunbury phone the -

PTC's Transport Information Centre - (03)6170900

ROMSEY TO MELBOURNE FARE

Weekly \$ 50.70

10 Weekly \$374.00 (50 days) ie. \$7.48 per day

KYNETON BUS LINES

Phone : 054 / 221 634

John McCarthy : 054 291 282

Customers Please Note:

* Train services operate between Sunbury and Melbourne with bus connections at Sunbury for Monegeetta, Romsey and Lancefield destinations. No service on Weekends or Public Holidays (Train times current at date of publication)

Stopping Locations

- Lancefield** 1. Post Office
2. Cr. High St. & Romsey Rd
- Romsey** 1. Cr. Lancefield Rd & Palmer St.
2. The Old Post Office
3. Shell Service Station

- Monegeetta** 1. EDG Proving Ground
2. Cr. Riddells Creek & Melbourne Rd.
- Sunbury** 1. Railway Station

TIMETABLE

STOPPING LOCATIONS	MONDAY TO FRIDAY		Wednesdays and Fridays Only
	Bus	Bus	Bus
Lancefield	6.45am	5.30pm	10.00am
Romsey	6.55am	5.40pm	10.10am
Monegeetta	7.00am	5.45pm	10.15am
Sunbury Arr	7.20am	6.05pm	10.40am
Dep	Train	Train	Train
	7.35am*	6.21pm*	11.05am*
Melbourne	8.20am	7.02pm	11.47am
Melbourne	Train	Train	Train
Sunbury Arr	6.31am*	5.19pm*	12.45pm*
	7.14am	6.07pm	1.29pm
Dep	Bus	Bus	Bus
	7.20am	6.10pm	1.35pm
Monegeetta	7.40am	6.30pm	1.55pm
Romsey	7.45am	6.35pm	2.00pm
Lancefield	7.55am	6.45pm	2.10pm

SHIRE OF ROMSEY

Payment of Rates

Those ratepayers who have not elected to pay Council Rates and Charges and State Deficit Levy by instalments are reminded that the final date for payment without incurring an interest penalty is 10th April, 1994. However, because 10th April falls on a Sunday this year, rate payments will be accepted on Monday, 11th April without incurring an interest penalty. Rates which remain unpaid after this date will be charged interest at 12.00% per annum from 20th October, 1993.

Peter R. Johnston. SHIRE SECRETARY

ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are taken at the Kindergarten on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month between 11am and 12 noon.

For 4 year Kindergarten, children must be 4 years of age by 30th April in the year that they attended.

Enrolments are also welcome for the vacancies in the 3 year old groups for this year.

Enquiries may be directed to
Sherryn Bryant (054) 296 320

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Next Bus Trip will be held on 13th May, 1994. It is going to Airport West Shopping Centre and the Tabaret. The bus leaves the Lancefield Neighbourhood House at 9am. sharp and returns at 3.30pm.

To book your seat on the bus please ring 291 214 or AH. 291 889. Cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. To ensure your seat please pay before the 13th May.

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KERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the KERRIE HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 13th of APRIL, at 7.30P.M. to discuss the -

FUTURE OF THE SITE OF THE KERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL.....

It's recent closure has given the community the opportunity to use its facilities and grounds.

It's National Trust Heritage listing has made it a unique site for the Romsey Shire.

Any clubs/groups/or individuals that would be interested in the retention of this site for community use are invited to attend. Your support is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

For futher information contact:

Marlene Leckie on 270 202 or
Chrys Antonis on 270 433.

FOR SALE: 1 Ladies Size 8 Deb Dress.... \$300.00 O.N.O. Phone Manda
Please phone Manda on 296 514.

FOR SALE: 1 Wooden Cot with Mattress V.G.C. \$80 - 1 Wedding/Deb Dress
(White) Size 8 - \$150. Please, phone Wendy on 295 951/296090

SAFETY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Annual General Meeting : Monday, 28th March, 1994

The Romsey Safety House Committee held their A.G.M. at the Romsey Primary School on Monday 6, 28th March, 1994. Our Committee for 1994 are as follows:-

President:	Michael Lane	295 566	Publicity Officer:	Anne Hendricksen	296 426
Vice President:	Neil Rowley	295 460		Geoff Neil	295 523
Secretary:	Jackie Paarman	295 124	Monitors:	Stephen Hendy	295 810
Ass. Secretary:	John Rogers	295 461		Michael Lane	
	(C/- Romsey Police Station)			Jackie Paarman	
Treasurer/Education Officer:				Neil Rowley	
	Trevor Turnham	295 413		Anne Hendricksen	
Monitoring Co-ordinator:					
	Rhonda Wilkins	295 842			



Our General Meeting followed. Thanks to all that were present. We are Looking forward to working together for another successful year in 1994.

The committee wish to inform the community that they would be very pleased to forward information, speak with interested parents and invite House Holders to apply to become Safety Houses in this area.

Anne Hendricksen. Publicity Officer

LIONS CLUB OF LANCEFIELD ROMSEY

CAR BOOT SALE

ON SATURDAY 9TH OF APRIL
NEXT TO CATHOLIC CHURCH MAIN ST ROMSEY
FROM 8.30AM

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG AND TEST YOUR MARKETING SKILLS SELLING ALL THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS YOU HAVE STORED. IF THEY ARE TOO LARGE FOR YOUR BOOT PUT THEM IN YOUR TRAILER.

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BARGAINS GALORE

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED ITEMS THAT YOU MAY LIKE TO DONATE TO THE LIONS CLUB WHO WILL TURN THEM INTO CASH TO ASSIST WITH OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS, THEY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PLEASE CONTACT
PHONE GEOFF 295324
ALAN 295079



TIDY TOWNS

Residents would now be well aware that the "Recycling Debate" has been very seriously undertaken by Shire Councillors. As the market for recyclable items has now been greatly diminished and the costs of recycling collection rising, we should all try to reduce our waste.

By re-using newspapers for example, (for which there is virtually no market and therefore no interest in recycling), we would reduce some of the bulk going to the tip.

Over the next three issues of the Romsey Rag we will be publishing your ideas to eliminate unwanted newspapers at home. Please take time to brainstorm and share these ideas with our readers.

Have you tried:-

- * Using a thick mat of newspapers on garden beds, under mulch. It is a lot cheaper than "weed mat", decomposes in time and is an effective weed barrier.
- * Wrapping up your compost or lawn clippings in newspaper. It is cleaner to handle and if a few sheets are used and then watered, it will rot down quickly.
- ** Let's have some of your ideas for next month!

ROMSEY RAG

We are being informed that some persons are NOT receiving a copy of the Romsey Rag, especially on the New Estates. If there is NO letter box at your home, then NO Romsey Rag is left. I am sorry but it makes it too difficult for our volunteers.

Helen Watts - Distribution Co-ordinator.

A WALKING GROUP meets every Tuesday at 9.15am at the Chemist. All grades of walkers are most welcome. We have lots of fun as we exercise and see our beautiful countryside. No cost involved - just a good pair of shoes.

Helen Watts

FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

Thank you to all who bought tickets in our Easter Egg Raffle. The marvellous basket of eggs donated by Bruce and Muriel Neish, was won by Debbie Marshall. Bruce and Muriel's hard work with 'Dollar Discounts' once again was a huge benefit to the Fire Brigade. We cannot thank them enough for their support.

Helen Watts - Secretary

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Hi! Here is a brief rundown on what is happening this month at the Recreation Centre. We hope to see YOU soon!
Tom and Andrea.

School Holiday Program:

We have mapped out our Holiday Program for the week commencing Monday, 11th April and have included activities for all ages.... so there is no excuse for being bored!

For the Pre-school and early Primary School children we will have the "Plaster Fun" sessions where children paint and decorate plaster moulds. Moulds cost from \$2.50 to \$3.00 each and paint brushes, smocks, etc. are provided. These sessions will be available daily.

The Fairy from "The Wishing Well" in Gisborne will be telling fairy stories and entertaining the children on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1pm to 2pm. Cost will be \$2.50 per child.

"Oscar the Clown" will perform and run a clown workshop. This session is highly recommended and is suitable for 3 to 10 year olds. Children will have the opportunity to apply their own clown make-up also. Session is on Wednesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm and costs \$5.00.

For the older children, there will be our **Sport Sessions** each morning 10am until 12.30pm. These consist of supervised team activities including Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Badminton, Squash, Soccer, Table tennis and Billiards. Cost \$3.00.

There will also be a **bus trip to Highpoint** to see a movie and have lunch on Friday. The bus will depart from the Centre at 10am and return by 3.30pm. Cost will be \$5.00 including movie ticket (children will need some money to purchase lunch). This outing is suitable for 10 - 17 year olds.

Places are limited for sessions, so don't delay your booking! For further details contact the Centre on 295 637 or 018 356 400.

Hours of Business:

Please note that our hours will be altered over the School Holidays as some classes and competitions take a break. Aerobics classes will be continuing throughout the holidays however, so ladies there is no excuse!

We will be closed Good Friday to Easter Tuesday.

Squash News:

Casual squash costs \$10.00 per hour per court. Racquets available for hire. We also have a range of racquets for sale at very competitive prices. Bookings are advised and can be phoned through to the centre on 295 637 or 018 356 400.

Netball News:

Ladies competition starts Monday night, 18th April - so register now!

Junior competition starts Thursday, 21st April. Junior Netball training on Friday nights, 4.30pm to 6.30pm at \$1.00 per head. Enquiries - Angelique 291 915.

Aerobics:

Thursday nights 7pm-8pm Low Impact Class \$5.00 per session.

Now special offer 10 sessions for \$35.00. Enquiries - Sara (03) 489 0970.

Basketball News:

Register now for Senior Mixed Basketball Winter Competition to be played on Sunday nights. Nominations for individual players and teams taken. Enquire at the Centre today.

A Jumpshot Basketball Clinic with Bruce Bolden will be held at the Centre on Sunday, 1st May at 12noon until 5pm. Cost 15.00. Book now at the Centre.

Junior Winter Competition starts Tuesday, 3rd May for U14 & U16, and Wednesday, 4th May for U11.

Taekwondo:

Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Qualified Instructors - Haksup Hapkye Club.

Enquiries - Phone Dave 291 791 or the Centre.

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD WATER BOARD

Ratepayers are reminded that Water and Sewerage rates/charges notices for the period 1st April, 1994 to 30th September, 1994 will be sent out shortly.

Once again these notices are for a 6 month period only, however, the notices will also include a charge for water consumed during the period 1st October, 1993 to 31st March, 1994. This charge will be at the rate of 60 cents per 1000 litres.

Ratepayers will recall that the calculation and levying of rates and charges changed on 1st October, 1993, nevertheless, ratepayers are once again strongly encouraged to read the important information contained on the back of the rate notice. The information provides ratepayers with details in respect to the alteration in the billing process and payment dates.

Peter Johnston,
BOARD SECRETARY



Safety House Committee

A member of the Safety House Association of Victoria Inc

The Romsey Township currently has 39 Safety Houses and 6 Commercial Safety Houses. Anyone interested in wanting more information regarding a foster care program for you at home or would like to join our team as a Safety House, please contact Anne Hendricksen 296 426 or Michael Lane 295 566. We wish everyone a safe happy easter holiday.

Our next meeting will be held at 7.30pm at the Romsey Primary School on Monday, 2nd May, 1994. All Welcome.

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COME AND TRY.....

Adults Jazz starting back on
Monday, 18th April - 8 - 9pm
the Romsey Mechanics Hall.
Bring a friend or Mums bring
your teenagers.

Come and have some fun
learning a dance together -
a good way to keep fit.

Enquiries to Carol on 295 590.

WANTED TO BUY

GAMEBOY GAMES -

Please Phone 295 692.

ROMSEY DISTRICT

GIRL GUIDES:

The 1994 Annual General
meeting for the Romsey
District Girl Guides Support
Group, will be held on
Wednesday, 20th April, at
8pm in the Scout Hall.



7.45pm Saturday 12th March. The rain had just begun to fall with a fairly stiff Southerly behind it. 10 minutes after the tent went up the rain stopped. This is the way the weekend continued in St. Leonards, with the fishing to match.

Fortunately, some 500 km Eastward, things were a little more promising for the eight (or so) members of the club that decided to make the trek to Swann Reach. Those attending, stayed at the Tambo River Caravan Park where Ron Hamilton (prop.) looked after them well - providing excellent accommodation at very reasonable prices.

The first ady landed well over 100 Bream but due to incorrect measurement specs. most were returned to the water for someone else to catch. (very sporting of the boys I think.) The remainder of the weekend didn't provide quite as much action but there was plenty to keep everyone on thier toes.

The Biggest Fish went to Les. Benjamin (approx. 33cm) but could easily have gone to Brian Mundy had it not been for a faulty (?) draw string on his scaling bag which allowed (?) the fish to swim to its freedom. As a consolation Brian Picked up the Biggest Bag with 5 fish. The Biggest Fish (jnr) went to Grant Carra.

The officers from the Department of Conservation and Lands were on the ball and all of our members were deemed legal (just). Unfortunately for some other anglers who felt themselves to be above the law; they will be facing the legal system. With an impending fine of \$2,000 plus \$80/fish AND confiscation of thier gear; the purchase of a \$20 Amateur Angling Licence is well worth the investment.

Next month's comp. will be held over the Easter Weekend and is an "open comp.". This means that any fish caught within Victoria, Southern NSW (as far Nth as Bega) or Eastern South Australia (up to Kingston) is eligible for weigh-in. Fish caught between 9am Friday 1.4.94 and 6pm Monday 4.4.94 are eligible. If you are unable to make the final weigh-in at 6pm at the Romsey Hotel a witnessed receipt of the type & weight of the fish, including date caught must be submitted to either P. Briggs, P. Carra or S. Horyna no later than 7.30pm Monday 11th April (ie. before the next Committee Meeting).

Final numbers for the Mulwala trip (August 13 & 14) are required asap. Please put your name on the sheet at the Romsey Hotel. We also require numbers for the July Warrnambool Surf trip. This is not a weekend trip and a bus and BBQ will be provided.

The May comp. at Eppalock will be held at the Metcalfe Pool Caravan Park. This comp. starts at 10am and is a FAMILY DAY. There is an entrance fee of \$4/car (poos. more for boat). A kiosk and toilet and BBQ facilities are available.

For more information on the Romsey Fishing Club Inc. ring Pat Carra (president). 296 139 or Stuart Horyna (secretary) 295986.

What are Demerit Points

When you commit a traffic offence in Victoria or Interstate there may be up to 3 penalties imposed.

If you get enough of them, you may lose your licence.

If you get 12 points in any 3 year period you will be given the option of keeping your licence, for 12 months or undergo a 3 month suspension.

If the 12 month option is taken and any points are collected within the 12 months, then your licence will be suspended for 6 months.

If you elect to undergo a 3 month suspension, VicRoads will issue a separate suspension notice which shows the commencement date of the suspension.

Demerit Point Offences	No. of Points
1. Exceeding the limit by 45km/h or more	6
2. Driving at high speed (exceeding limit by 30km/h or more, but less than 45 km/h)	4
3. Speeding (exceeding limit by more than 15km/h but not as described in 1 or 2 above) or driving at excessive speed approaching an intersection, school or pedestrian crossing	3
4. Disobeying traffic control signal, sign or police directing traffic	3
5. Failing to give way	3
6. Driving without wearing seat belt, or a properly adjusted & fastened seat belt, riding a motorcycle without helmet or driving with unrestrained passenger under 18	3
7. Driving on wrong side of double lines, or divided highway	3
8. Risking colliding with alighting, boarding or waiting tram passengers	3
9. Disregarding Notice of Unroadworthiness	3
10. Careless driving	3
11. Improper overtaking or passing	2
12. Turning or stopping without signalling	2
13. Turning improperly	2
14. Failing to keep left	2
15. Failing to dip headlights	1
16. Driving at night without headlights & tail lights on	1
17. Exceeding a speed limit by 15km/h or less	1
18. Following too closely (after 1/1/92)	1

****THANK YOU!**

ROMSEY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE LEARN & GROW.

The children and staff at Romsey Primary School wish to pass on their most sincere thanks for the community's support of our school and particularly for our walkathon. At the end of term we had raised \$2,485.91 for the Walkathon and donated \$300.00 to the Royal Children's Hospital. Because of the success of the Walkathon, very early next term, the children will be using the newly extended adventure playground and recently purchased sports equipment.

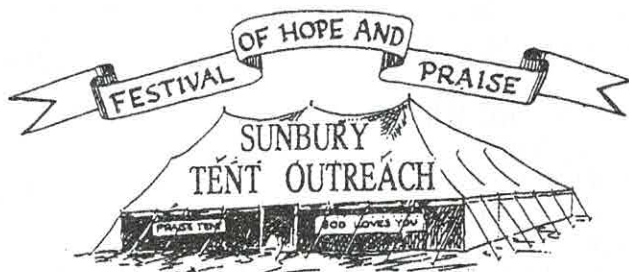
Thankyou. !!!

We trust that everyone has a safe and happy Easter so that together we can look forward to a new term and the official opening of the school during Education Week.



Romsey and Lancefield christian fellowship is a community church that worships each Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Our service centres on Jesus Christ as we sing a wide range of contemporary music and teach from Gods word. We minister the whole gospel to the whole family, and have three separate childrens groups on a Sunday.

At the end of the month we combine with seven other Pentecostal churches in the area to host the regional Festival of Hope and Praise to be centred in Sunbury.



APRIL 22nd - MAY 1st

EVERY NIGHT 7:00pm.

MINISTRY

BILL BEARD & TEAM

MUSIC BY:-

JOHN SEGOND & WARRICK MARSH

BIBLE DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN! THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED!
THE SICK ARE BEING HEALED! LIVES ARE BEING RESTORED TO SANITY!
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We invite your enquiry concerning the tent ministry or any other matters we may assist you with. Geoff Holland (minister) can be contacted on 295673.

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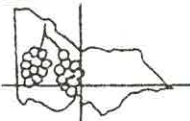
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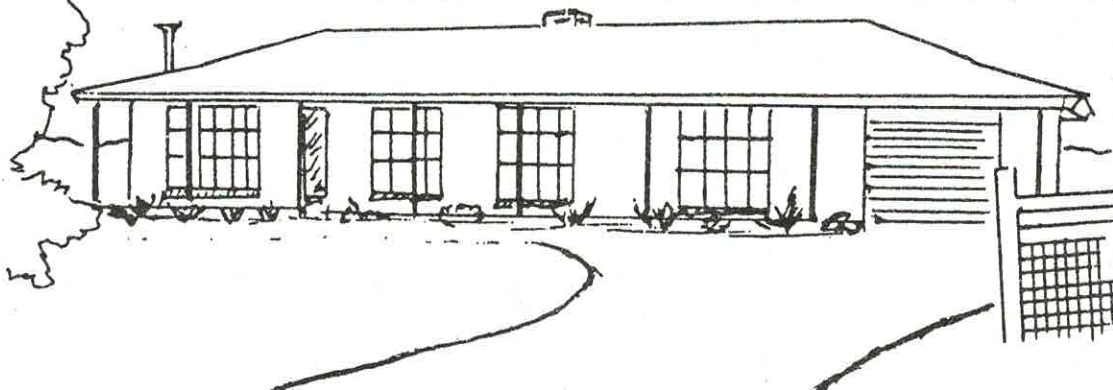
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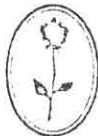
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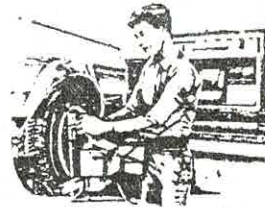
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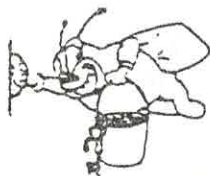
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Schools of the Future has grown out of a simple but powerful idea: schools perform best when the school community makes its own decisions.

The Schools of the Future program has set out to release the potential of our schools to be the best they can.

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This doesn't happen in isolation, of course. All schools develop their teaching and learning programs within a broad Curriculum and Standards Framework presently being established by the Board of Studies.

And the increase in schools' authority and responsibility is matched by strict standards of accountability for both educational standards and money.

But Schools of the Future can now develop their own teaching and learning programs—programs that reflect the aspirations of their communities, the interests and talents of their students and the knowledge and skills of their teachers.

Schools of the Future will also decide for themselves on the mixture of staff that best suits their needs.

The school charter

At the heart of a School of the Future is its school charter.

All Schools of the Future must develop their own school charter. If the school council is like a school parliament, then the school charter is the school's constitution.

The charter describes how the school will give the best possible education to its students with the resources in its budget.

It is a commitment to quality developed by the school for the school.

As parents, you have a vital part in developing the school charter. It is drawn up by the school council, where at least a third of the members must be parents. All other parents have a chance to comment on a draft of the charter.

And it is not a mere document. It is also an understanding between the school council and the Director of School Education. It sets the standards for which the school is held accountable. It is the basis on which the school reports to its community.

Each School of the Future develops its charter within guidelines provided by the Directorate of School Education. These guidelines draw on the experience of principals of primary schools, special schools and secondary colleges.

Your child's school charter is your guide to the school's goals and priorities, to its view of what education should be, to how it plans to spend its money, to how its

performance can be judged.

It is also your guide to the subjects or learning areas offered by the school and to all its special features. Another part of the charter is the student code of conduct. This sets out the behaviour expected of students and the way the school will deal with disruptive behaviour.

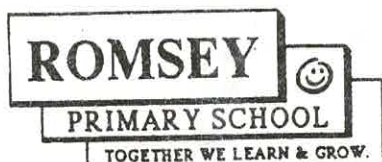
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Schools of the Future are designed to make the most of the energies and abilities of the whole school community—students, parents, teachers, principals.

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LOCAL WATER BOARD TO BE AMALGAMATED

The Romsey-Lancefield Water Board is to be amalgamated with the Shire of Bacchus Marsh (Water Services Division), Shire of Melton (Water Services Division) and the Macedon Region Water Authority.

The actual commencement date for the new Board has not been finalised. The view of the Minister for Natural Resources, The Hon Geoff Coleman, is that the new Authority should commence on 1st July 1994.

"The amalgamation decision is a disappointing one for the Romsey-Lancefield Water Board" said Board Chairman, Cmr. Kevin Tully.

Water Board representatives met with the Minister for Natural Resources in January this year. The meeting was arranged by the local State Member Tom Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds along with other local State Member Mr. Dick Defegely attended the Deputation.

It was clearly demonstrated at the Deputation via financial data that the best short and long term interests of the Romsey-Lancefield residents in relation to the provision of water services and waste water services was via the continuation of the current Board. The Minister acknowledged during discussions that it would be difficult to identify any benefits by amalgamating the Romsey-Lancefield Water Board with other Authorities. However via advice from a member of his staff and then a letter to the Board he is proceeding with the amalgamation.

"The State Government is reforming the Water Industry on a statewide basis. Any change of this size will mean winners and losers. Unfortunately the residents of Romsey and Lancefield will be a loser" Cmr. Tully said.

The loss will be in three major areas.

Firstly the Board is in a very sound financial position. It has an untreated water supply and very low water charges in comparison to other Water Boards. Recent indications through a resident questionnaire are that the clear majority of residents don't want treated water.

The Board has a very good reticulated water and waste water systems and has planned well for future expansion in relation to capital works and the financial impact on residents including a sewerage reticulation system at Lancefield.

"The Board has a very low debt, a low water charge, a true user pays water system and a well planned future all of which are not likely to continue with an amalgamated authority" Cmr. Tully went on to say.

The second area of loss is likely to be in customer service. Whilst this is difficult to measure the Romsey and Lancefield residents currently enjoy an efficient locally based service which is likely to decline with a larger Authority due to distances and loss of local knowledge in particular.

The third loss to the Romsey and Lancefield residents is likely to be no local representation.. The new Board will be a State Government appointed skills based Board with the possibility of no local representation.

A copy of the Boards submission as part of its Ministerial Deputation is available for perusal at the Shire Office.

Cmr. Tully concluded "The Romsey-Lancefield Water Board stands for affordable service delivery and customer satisfaction. It is very sad that the efficiency and effectiveness of the Romsey-Lancefield Water Board over many years is not being recognised and the Board not allowed to continue to serve the Romsey and Lancefield residents. This State Government decision will clearly be an additional financial cost to the Romsey and Lancefield residents."

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Results from Gradn Finals held 21st and 22nd of March:

Seniors - A - Grade : Jets defeated Adders : 52-37;

B - Grade : Bazonkas defeated Warriors : 60-40.

Most Valuable Player Awards: Vanessa Sim, Lindsay Hunter, Chad Holland.

Juniors - Under 10 : Rollers defeated Devils : 20-17.

Coaches - Ian Wilkins/Denise Doolan.

M.V.P.S.: Jennifer Campbell, Ryan Wilkins, Craig Salt.

Under 12 : Bullets defeated Hawks : 41-42.

Coaches Tanya Freestone/Paul Whelan.

M.V.P.S.: Adele Odering, Wendy Freestone, Andrew Hamilton.

Phillip Conway.

Under 14 : Suns Defeated Giants : 46-44.

Coaches : Jim Barnes/Mrs. Ritchie.

M.V.P.S. : Darren Salt, Shane Davis.

16 & Under: Spectres defeated Pistons : 32-50.

Coaches : John Perry and Jim Barnes.

M.V.P.S. Sally Hamilton, Shaun Hunter, Adrian Tully.

THE NEW SEASON BEGINS ON THE 3rd and 4th OF MAY, 1994. DUE TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF REGISTRATIONS AND LIMITED COURT TIME THE AGE GROUPS FOR THIS SEASON WILL BE UNDER 11's, UNDER 14's, 16 AND UNDER.

PLAYERS MUST PICK UP THEIR SINGLETs AND FIXTURES FROM THE STADIUM (ROMSEY REC) ON THE 19th OF APRIL FROM 5.30 ONWARDS. A ROUND ROBIN WILL BE PLAYED ON THE 26 & 27th OF APRIL TO BEGIN THE SEASON.

ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPETE IN THIS.

SENIORS; REGISTRATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR SENIOR TEAMS. FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE ROMSEY REC CENTRE. ENQUIRIES 295 637.

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Cost : \$50 per team registration, \$25.00 per team per week for scoresheet. Insurance is \$12.00. Registrations close 21st April.

BRUCE BOLDON is coming to the Romsey Rec Centre for a jumpshot Clinic. 1st of May at 12-5p.m. cost \$15.00 - spectators \$1.00.

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C.W.A. NEWS:

The Romsey C.W.A. members are commencing Craft Sessions on the third Friday of each month. Time 10.00a.m., venue the Meeting Room at the Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Romsey.

The first session will take place on Friday, 15th April when Mrs. Phyllis Mitchell will demonstrate paper flowers. BYO Lunch.

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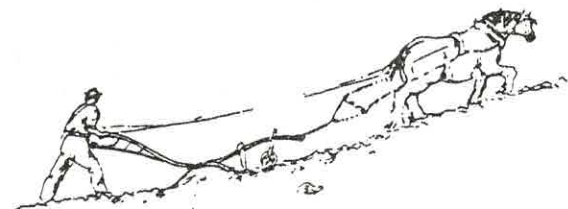
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10am - 4pm.

All sorts of interesting old farm machinery will splutter and chug into life again, for a special display at Lancefield Court House on Sunday, 17th April, 10am - 4pm.

The Museum will also be open, so for \$2 you can watch the machinery, see the Museum and have a free BEQ sausage! What a bargain! There will also be Devonshire Teas available.

We hope you will find time to bring the family, to see how the pioneers managed in the "good ol' days".

ANTIQUES VALUATION NIGHT - FRI. 27 MAY, 7.30pm, ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL

Don't miss this! Our main event for 1994; a chance to have a panel of experts value your precious antique item. Even if you do not wish to bring along an item, it will be interesting to see other people's treasures. Entry will be by ticket only. Please contact Mrs. Elaine Lobb (295 321) for tickets @ \$15 each, which will include supper. Numbers will be limited for this event.

NOTE: Owner of the Macedonia Antiques Centre at Lancefield: BILL COLEBY, will be supporting the Historical Society by offering his expertise for this event.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - are now due for 1994. For \$10 per head, you receive newsletters through the year, and you are supporting a very worthy cause, i.e. preserving the history of the district. We would appreciate hearing from past members, and we welcome new subscribers too. (P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434).

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 26th April, 8pm at the Lancefield Court House Museum. Visitors most welcome. Enquiries to Secretary Jean Clement, Tel. 295 417.

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

On Saturday 26 March Romsey Golf Club held its opening day for season 1994 with a mixed and mens Canadian competition.

In his opening address Vice President Sam Howatson thanked our sponsors Movieland, Griffen Petroleum, McLeish Riteway and Pink Schnapper who are an important part of the clubs operation.

Winners for the day were:

Mens: R. Baker & M. Dobson
Mixed: R. Campbell & M. Campbell
Longest Drives: S. Toy, B. Cole
Straightest Drive: M. Dobson, L. Beasley
NTP: L. Thomson, R. Baker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rodger Baker who scored a hole-in-one on the 10th. I don't think he has stopped smiling since.

As part of our fundraising we are having a 'Last Man Standing' raffle. Tickets are \$10 each with the prize being \$1000 worth of goods. The ticket also entitles the holder to 12 holes of golf and a BBQ lunch on the 15th May when the raffle will be drawn. Tickets are available from all members.

GO - GO GOLF AT ROMSEY

Romsey Primary School Grade 3 and 4 students recently tried their hand at Go-Go Golf. Developed as part of the Australian Sports Commission's Aussie Sport Program, the game was launched by Australia's top ranked golfer, Greg Norman, at Huntingdale during the 1992 Australian Masters.

Specially sized Go-Go Golf Clubs, P.V.C. balls and tennis balls were used to introduce the children to the skills involved in swinging a golf club. Games and activities made it fun to learn.

This was just a taste of the pleasures of a new game for many of the children, and thanks must go to the Junior Development Officer for the Victorian Ladies Golf Union, Andrea McColl, and her team of volunteer helpers. Those golfers who assisted Andrea were Judy Rothe who is V.L.G.U. Representative for the Dalhousie District, Pauline Sloane, the Junior Officer for the Dalhousie District, Leila Beasley, Junior Organiser for the Romsey Golf Club, and Margaret and Kate Dennett from Lancefield Golf Club.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

It has been a hectic month for our Ladies with all the various tournaments and the club games have now all been concluded. The 21Up has been won by Jean Johnston with Helene Newnham runner-up. The Champion of Champions was played off at Wallan and our Ladies President, Jean Cropley, was runner-up to May Coustley. Well done Jean!! The Men's 21Up has also been played and Albert Caneva won that one with Ken Newnham runner-up.

The Mixed Pairs is also finished with Jean and Dave Cropley the winners with Norm and Dorothy the runners-up. Well done to all our members.

URGENT NOTICE.... PRESENTATION NIGHT is on 15th APRIL (yes, I did type March last month!) and tickets are \$17 a single. This includes your meal and Dave Allen is going to sing for us. Tickets are now available from myself and I would appreciate it if all members and friends wishing to attend could purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

Doutta Galla visit is on Thursday 7th April with the Ladies Invitation Day on 12th April. Our Presidents' Day is on Sunday, 17th April at 1.00p.m. and please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Good Bowling,

Margaret Howatson,
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ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

With a beautiful start to Autumn we have had great turn-up of Lady Golfers.
March 9th : Was Monthly Medal Stableford with winners - 1st S. Shelton;
2nd L. Beasley and 3rd H. Stammers N.T.P. S. Shelton.

March 16th: Match Play - Winner B. Cole.

March 21st: Romsey Ladies Golf Challenge Bowl sponsored by P. & V. Newell

Electrical Contractors of Romsey, was played in superb conditions. Our
course was fantastic, thanks to John Laing and some of our male members.

We had a playing field of 51 ladies which was a very pleasing result.

The winners were from Woodend G.C. - I. Liefman, T. Altheim, R. Baernreuther
with a total of 110 Points.

'A' Grade won by M. Higgins 42 Pts. and 'B' Grade won by B. McDermott 41 Pts.
Thank you to all our ladies who put in their time to make this day so
successful.

March 23rd: Stableford - was won by 1st L. Beasley, 2nd B. Cole and
3rd V. Newell.

March 28th: 1st Round of pennant - played at Broadford. Romsey-v- Seymour
Romsey came home with a squared round. Well done! Next round is at Kilmore
Romsey -v- Trentham.

March 30th: Flag Day - winner was Beryl Cole who carried the flag through
to the 20th hole.

That's all for this month, wishing you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

President: V. Newell.

P.P.S. WELL DONE to Leila who has had a great month of golf!

Leila has broken her handicap THREE times -look out everyone!

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB are wanting to hear from anyone interested in
playing tennis in the Winter Season. We need players on Saturday -
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The Midweek Ladies are having a social hit on each Tuesday during
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We have a lovely social day on Tuesdays and we invite any players
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5th March. We very much appreciate their help. Several outlying areas
are still being covered and the final total is not yet available.

Members from several other Red Cross units in our Region 28 attended
our "Wool Do It Day" with Linda Ryan of Pyalong and we were pleased with
the result of that function with \$400 being raised to boost Red Cross
Funds.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 8th April at 1.30p.m. in Romsey
Mechanics Hall Meeting Room and new members will be very welcome to
join us.

Helen Clement (295 317)