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The Romsey Rag.

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130 Main Street Romsey

ROMSEY LIONESS CLUB : P.O. BOX 166, ROMSEY. 3434

President:

Barbara Dobson 295 874 Secretary: Carol Bradley 295 958.
Treasurer: Bev Large 296 367

The Romsey Lioness Club would like to hold an annual Debutante Ball in early May each year in Romsey. The age of Debs would be from 16 to 20. We hope to keep the cost at an affordable level so that any girl wishing to make her debut will not miss out, this, however, does not mean that the standard would drop in any way.

We are asking for expressions of interest from the public on whether this would be a viable alternative. If you have any questions or wish to make any comments or suggestions, could you please contact one of the above or put in writing and send to P.O. Box 166, Romsey.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT:

At our Annual General Meeting, held at the home of our Foundation Member, Mrs. Marion Spring, on Friday, 5th August, several new members were welcomed, and Trish Corner and Dot Lunn were both specially thanked for their many years of service to Red cross and to our Community. Sincere Sympathy and our loving support were extended to Dot in the sad and sudden loss of her much loved husband Colin. We will all miss Dot in Romsey, but as she has now moved to live in Rosanna to be close to her son and his family, we wish her health and happiness in the years ahead with Gods Blessing and our love.

Helen Clement offered to be Acting Secretary until our next meeting when hopefully this position will be filled. Helen was re-elected as President with hopefully a Vice-President to be elected at next meeting also. Trudie Linsten was elected Treasurer and Leanne Eames Assistant Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, 14th October, at 1.30pm in "Miss Milley's Mercantile Craft Shop" where we will enjoy a Devonshire Afternoon Tea. New members will be very welcome to join us.

A Display and Sale of Danny Blum Summer Range of Knitwear and Frocks will be held in the Romsey Uniting Church Sunday School Hall on Thursday, 27th October at 10.30am with a donation of \$4.00 to cover morning tea expenses. Everyone will be welcome to attend and support this function with proceeds to aid the Drought Relief Appeal for N.S.W. and Queensland.

Red Cross Christmas Cards, Diaries, Calendars and gifts will be available for sale during November.

A special celebration for the 80th Anniversary of Red Cross in Victoria will be held on Tuesday, 11th October at 11.30am at Moonee Valley Racing Club Reception Rooms. A display of many Historical Red cross Articles will be presented and a special luncheon served. Tickets at \$10.00 per head available from Helen Clement 295 317. Transport and free parking available.

ROMSEY SPORTS & CLOTHING : STOCK NOW ARRIVING

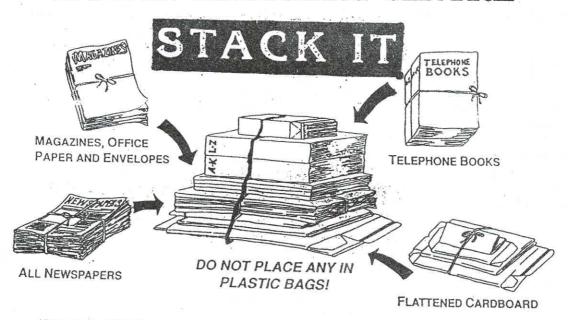
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No cardboard or paper in the bag. It must be tied seperately.

The following items are NOT collected
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NO Margarine or yogurt containers
NO Coloured plastic containers or general plastic
NO Plastic supermarket bags
NO Plastic Biscuit containers

Melton Recycling Centre Phone (03) 743 0158

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

- * We are particularly proud to have just produced this one hundred and eleventh edition of the Romsey Rag. This monthly publication has been continually produced by the school as a service to our "Caring Country Community", since the first Edition was published in 1984 as part of our School Improvement Plan.
- * With a great range of community and school activities life is certainly busy and varied at our school.
- Last month we conducted a survey of parents in order to the community's identify expectations of our school. 97.67% of the surveys were returned, analysed and reported to an 'Open Public' meeting held on August 25th. This meeting actively involved parents in a range of processes that ratified the findings indicated by the survey and helped us to "Chart our Future" as a School of the Future.
- * With the School Medical Examinations in full swing as well as the Life Education Van and the Dental Van currently at school, we are very much aware of Health and Hygiene. The Dental van, sited at Romsey will also service families from Darraweit, Bolinda and Clarkefield.
- Last week's Soiree', produced by our music teacher, Mrs. Christine Rowlands, attracted a large number of parents who were able to watch 100 pupils perform The their new musical skills. featured. "Kids on program Keyboards," Flute, Clarinet, Recorder and Guitar groups as well as performances by the Choir Violin and Gymnastics groups. Cello lessons may commencing soon for our pupils. Representative children will also be performing at the Daffodil Festival Kyneton Wednesday.
- * Enrolments for 1995 are now invited. Interested parents may wish to pick up an enrolment information package available now at the school office. As our enrolment numbers dictate our staffing, facilities and funding entitlements, we hope to complete enrolments by the end of this term, September 16th. If you are aware of any child who will turn 5 years of

age by the 30th April, 1995, please have them contact their local Primary School. Parents are requested to have completed immunisation certificatese for their newly enrolled children, handed into the office before the first day of 1995. These can be obtained from the Shire Health Officer.

Council is again offering booster immunisations to school children. Prep grade Oral Sabin and C.D.T., and Grade 6 Girls and Boys Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) - the date has not bee set yet.

Our Shire Council is conducting a survey regarding the improvement of Health, and Health Services in the Shire. We would urge you to make the most of this opportunity and return your completed form to the Shire.

- * Information sessions will be provided by our staff on September 6th and 9th in the form of "Prep / Kinder Kitchen Teas". The final information session will be held on Tuesday 6th December at 2.30pm.
- * Maths Competition successes: A special word of congratulations to Matthew Tobin, Gr.4 and Shane Jones, Gr.5, who achieved High Distinctions (this equalled the top 1% in the State). Other pupils at Romsey in the University Competition Maths N.S.W. certificates received 16 distinction and 7 certificates of credit. A total of 214,000 students in Australia, New Zealand, Papua and New Guinea, Singapore, Fiji, Thailand and Vanuatu, participated in the competition.
- Finals: Korfball State Throughout this year pupils have been enthusiastically engaged in Staff have this new team game. been coaching children lunchtimes and during their sports periods. As a culmination of this process and to encourage children even more, two teams will compete in a very long day of State Finals at Bacchus Marsh this Friday. We wish them well.
- * Our Junior School Council (J.S.C.) have arranged basketball coaching with Mrs. Elizabeth Clarkeson. the first of these lunchtime sessions began on Monday Thankyou Elizabeth.

These statements will be of particular intereest to the parents whose surveys indicated that Primary Schools should be

involved in teaching a range of sports.

- * The J.S.C. are also in the process of gaining feedback from the pupils as to the likes and dislikes they have for our school. They are involved in providing the J.S.C. with their "vision for our school in the Future". I believe their views will be quite interesting.
- * Bingo! An important planning night will be held on September 5th. Bingo is an important fundraising function for several local groups. If you have ideas to improve the Bingo or are willing to assist, please contact the school as soon as possible.

*NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) is a peoples choice of those teachers in Primary and Secondary Schools who represent excellence in their vocation. To highlight the launch of these awareds, large, red, shining apples were presented to our staff members at School Assembly on Monday. Application forms for any nominations are available at any school.

"Great teachers deserve our thanks and the gift of an apple has long been the traditional way that children have shown their appreciation to their teachers.

why the Australian That's Scholarships Group has used this National symbol for the 'Excellence in Teaching' Awards. The annual awards program will honour those teachers who best excellence in the represent teaching profession.

Parents know that a large part of our children's future rests on the skills and care of the nation's teachers. When I was a teacher I had the pleasure of working with some exceptional people who managed to give their students something extra. There are many excellent teachers in Australia who deserve to be acknowledged for dedication young their to It is for them that Australians. NEITA was created.

I'm proud to be part of the very first ASG National 'Excellence In Teaching' Awards and I welcome your involvement.

If you know a teacher who goes above and beyond the call of duty, and just gives that little extra, show your appreciation by nominating them for this exciting award program."

- Trever of Turnham

LITTLE ATHLETICS: A NEW BEGINNING?

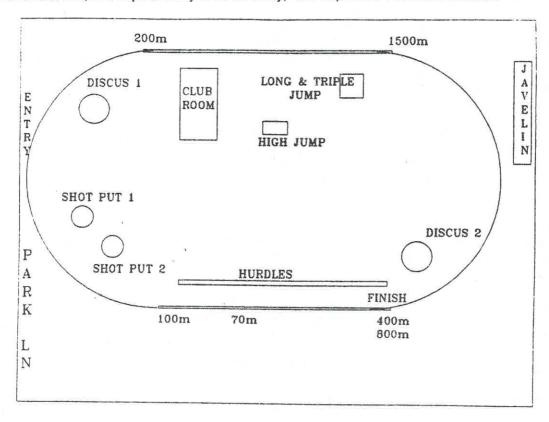
Some may have noticed the recent flurry of activity at our new venue in Park Lane, Romsey. The major preparatory work has now been done, with the generous assistance of Council, lan Wilkins of Slashez, Peter Garner of Peco Constructions and our regular band of die-hard supporters.

We have also been busy little bees about town and "stung" most traders and business' for sponsorship of this venue. Their response has been marvellous. They have demonstrated their commitment to the community in a generous and tangible manner.

It's now our turn, to justify their faith in this Community. Yes folks, it's a Working Bee!! We ask all who have an interest in Little Aths to join us on Saturday the 10th, with the final preparation of the athletic complex.

On the day we hope to - Complete the final levelling of the track; Construct the Shot and Discus arenas; Edge and fill the Jump Pit; Convert the existing cottage into a Club Room.

What gets done on the day will be what the kids get to compete on, it can be as good or poor as you want to make it. The saying goes "Many Hands Make Light Work" and there's plenty of 'Light Work". We thankyou for taking the time to read this, and hope to see you on Saturday, 10th September from 9am onwards.



WANTED - FOR ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS PLAYERS

FOR THE SUMMER SEASON COMMENCING 8TH OCTOBER, 1994. All STANDARDS - BEGGINERS TO ADVANCED - JUNIORS, MIDWEEK LADIES AND SENIORS.

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME...CONTACT NORM 295 308 or VAL 295 338.

(Names must be in by Monday, 12th September).

LITTLE POPPETT - SALE!!

ALL WINTER FASHION HALF PRICE

ALL SUMMER STOCK (Including New Seasons 30% OFF!!

ALSO SPECIAL TABLE FLEECE ITEMS \$3.95

SKIVVIES - \$2.95 SOCKS - \$1.00

Romsey "Living Word" A.O.G CHURCH

We at the "Living Word" Romsey, are very excited at the great and wonderful things God is doing.

Three weeks ago at Woodend, we had a very successful outreach. Churches from Seymour, Wallan, Euroa and Tongala and not to mention ourselves, all belonging to Highway Fellowships Inc. contributed to this success.

The weather was perfect for the many outdoor activities, and all those who attended and participated were totally entertained.

As a result from this success, Woodend has now commenced a regular Sunday night Church service, at the community centre.

The premier service on Sunday 28 August, attended by all the above Churches, was an exciting beginning to the establishment of the Church.

On Sunday 11th September, the youth of Highway Fellowships, will be totally conducting the evening service. Many weeks of preparation and planning for this night will ensure that all will be blessed, when they see the potential for the future in our youth. This service will be taking place in Seymour, so for more information on this night, and any queries regarding Woodend, please contact Pastor Marilyn Hunter on (054) 296327, or (054) 295381.

'Living Word Church' belongs to the Assemblies of God, world wide, and do not imply to be the only "True" Church. We are a government recognised Christian Church, with a minimum of 800 Churches in Australia, and growing weekly. The Bible is our handbook of life, we live it, and teach it.

We are situated upstairs, in 'the Upper Room', the corner of Romsey Central and Main street Romsey. Service times are Sunday 10am, with a monthly evening service at 6:30pm. See our book shop window for the next service. Midweek meeting is on Thursday, at 7:30pm, in the 'Upper Room.'

Our Christian book shop is a place where all are welcome, it is becoming guite the place to meet and have a chat. The shop is a non-profit organisation, and has a great range of Christian books, relevant to all Christian denominations. We are only too willing to order items not in stock, and we also have a lay-by service. Our purpose is to serve the community, and to spread the love of God to all. Feel free to come in and browse, or just to say hello.



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B.P. AWARD PRESENTATION

ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB

The Romsey Cricket Club held its junior registration day on September 3 at the clubrooms. Some boys may not have had the opportunity to register on this occasion but they can still register by contacting Ian Miller on 270 319. Any queries regarding the junior teams would also be welcomed by Ian. This year Romsey will field junior teams in the U/12, U/14 and U/16 competitions and people of any ability are invited to play for the club.

Senior training has also begun already and with teams in A, B and C grades the club is looking for players, both old and new to play cricket for Romsey this season. Training is held on Sunday mornings at 10am and on Thursday nights from 5pm at the moment.

Romsey is looking forward to a successful season both on and off the field and would encourage all players to attend these training sessions as the season commences in October.

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PH: Deb Burge on 295 719 Mon - Sat. 10 am - 5 pm.



SHIRE OF ROMSEY

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WHAT IS THE HOME

MAINTENANCE SERVICE

The Home Maintenance program is a support service for frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers. The service is aimed to help people live independently in their own home by providing necessary maintenance, repairs and minor modifications to their home and surrounds.

THE OBJECT OF THE SERVICE

To make the home safe, secure and functional to assess home maintenance requirements and provide advice and assistance on maintenance matters.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SERVICE

Could include the following tasks:-

- maintenance (e.g. blocked drains & pipes)
- cleaning and repair of spouting
- fixing broken windows
- repairs to steps & floors
- installation of ramps
- fitting rails in bathrooms and toilets etc.
- Garden maintenance (e.g. lawn mowing)

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST

People using the service will be required to pay a small labour charge and full price of materials used.

The charge is based on yearly taxable income ranging from \$3.50 to \$15.00.

The Home Maintenance Officer will undertake a confidential assessment and determine the fee which will be paid. People will not be disadvantaged due to their inability to pay.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions in respect to the home maintenance service, please contact Council's Home Maintenance Officer, Keith Stammers or Community Services Officer, Rose McCarthy on telephone number (054) 295 201.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The personal details of clients, including the home situation, disabilities and amount paid by each service user will not be disclosed without the authority of that person.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB



Winter Bowls has proved to be very popular with both Ladies and Men. The men's bowls on a Thursday has enjoyed perfect conditions throughout the winter with some 40 odd players every week! Thank you especially to Norm and Dorothy, Cath, Jean and Anne and others for all their hard work. The extra income will certainly boost our finances at a time when they are quite static.

Day on the 25th September at 1.30p.m. Presidents Sam and Jean hope all our members will be there and invite any new bowlers to join us. Our condolences to Dot Lunn and Marj Carey at this time. Hope to see you all on the 25th! Good Bowling, Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer (296 090)

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1994

At the Hospital

At 8 p.m.

Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer.

ALL WELCOME.....

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

AEROBICS:

* Classes: Tuesday nights at 7.00p.m.) With Barbara Thursday nights at 7.00p.m.) " "

* All classes are low impact and suitable for beginners.

* Cost - \$5.00.

INDOOR SOCCER: COMING SOON TO ROMSEY!!!

Anyone interested in playing in either a junior or senior competition please register your name at the Rec. Centre.

SQUASH:

Casual squash bookings: \$10 per court per hour. Racquets available for sale and for hire. For bookings phone Tom on 295 637 or 018 356 400.

BASKETBALL:

Registrations now being taken for junior and senior competitions to commence early October. For details contact the Rec. Centre.

NETBALL:

Registrations now being taken for the summer season for juniors. For details contact the Rec. Centre.

Tel: (054) 295 637 or (018) 356 400

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL LADIES.....

SEPTEMBER 19th is a FREE MORNING TEA AND DISCUSSION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR BREAST EXAMINATION.

It concerns all age groups 15-100 years. No one is immune to problems and it does happen to people who say "It won't happen to me!"

Come and meet ladies who have had breast problems, see a video and obtain information leaflets.

It is an imformal discussion over a cuppa. Starting at 10.00a.m. at the Fire Brigade - Old Court House in Stawel Street. (Children will be cared for - please supply playlunch or such and a favourite toy (not valuable).

PLEASE JOIN US.....

FIRE BRIGADE AUXILLARY

Meetings re-commence on Monday, 26th September at 8.00p.m. at the Court House, Fire Station Headquarters. Everyone will be made welcome....Helen Watts, Secretary.

TOY LIBRARY FOR ROMSEY

The Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee has established a Toy Library. It is proposed that this service will operate from the Romsey Infant Welfare Centre every second and fourth Tuesday from 1.30p.m. to 3.00p.m. Membership is \$20 per year or \$25 for two or more children. If you would like to offer a variety of educational toys to your pre-school children, please contact Julie Sexton on 237 242 or the Neighbourhood House on 291 214 Tuesdays-Thursdays. The Neighbourhood House also offers a Knitting Group Tuesday 1-3p.m. Yoga Monday evening, a bus trip to the Craft Show - Exhibition Buildings on 16th September. Expressions of interest are called for in ceramics, calligraphy and Tai Chi. Child care is available for courses. If you are interested in any of the above please contact the Neighbourhood House.

RIDING LESSONS

Qualified EFA Level I Instructor - Group or Single - Beginners to Advanced. Ride our pony or yours. Please phone - 285 366.

WANTED.....

One - PeeWee 50 or similar size Motor Bike. In good condition. Please phone - 295 646.

FREE TO GOOD HOME.....

One - Female Bull Terrier Cross approx. 2 years old. Brindle in colour - answers to the name of "Sheila". (Not suitable for children). Please phone 295 848.

FOR SALE - CHILDRENS SWING SET....

Tubular Steel coloured Green, with Green and Yellow Swings. Comprises two seater Lawn Swing, Twin Glide Swing and Two Single Swings. Never assembled, still in box. Currently advertised for \$199 in August, 1994 Toyworld Magazine. Sell \$165 O.N.O. Please phone: 295-201 (B/H) or 292 079 (A/H) ask for Dawn.

FOR SALE....

- 1 x Girls Malvern Star 20" BMX style bicycle (pint & White),
 \$75.00 Excellent Condition.
- 1 x Trampline Springs and Mat in excellent Condition \$100.00.
 Please phone 295 306.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH:

Rev. Elaine Callister, 25 William Street, Romsey. Phone: 295 351.

Services for September will be at 9am each Sunday with a Family Holy Communion Celebration on Sunday, 4th September for Father's Day and Family Worship Services and Sunday School Classes on Sundays 11th, 18th and 25th September with Special Children's activities to be held during the school holidays.

We are sad to have Cheryl and Peter McDonald of Old Farm Way, and their family Cara, Lori, Rhett and Clay leaving us at the end of September. We will all miss them but thank them sincerely for their yeas of dedicated worship and fellowship with us. Cheryl has been the reliable caring leader of our Young Wives Tuesday Morning Group and we thank her for all she has done in that capacity. Cheryl, Cara and Lori have all given assistance teaching in our Sunday School Classes which has been greatly appreciated. We all wish the McDonald family all of Gods Blessings as they move to live in Essendon, and we pray they will enjoy health and happiness there in the years ahead, assuring them of a warm welcome whenever they are able to visit us in Romsey.

Sad news also was to hear that Dorothy Holt had a fall and fractured her ankle. We all wish her a speedy

recovery and pray that her injury will heal fully.

Recently we have shared in a 'Quiet Day' led by our Presbytery Minister, Rev. Robin Pryor, on Sunday, 28th August and a 'Grief Support Afternoon, led by Rev. Elaine Callister for grieving families of recently deceased members of our parish. These occasions were appreciated greatly by those attending.

Two Cake Stalls have proved very successful to help our Sunday School raise the necessary funds to send two of our children to represent us at the Synod Meeting which commences on 16th September. We thank all who assisted at these stalls.

NB. Change of date - for our September U.C.F. Meeting which will be a week later on Wednesday, 5th October. We will meet at 10am for Morning Tea and Devotional meeting then at 11.30am we will go to Kyneton for a Picnic Lunch in the Gardens followed by a visit to the Kyneton Historical Museum. New members will be very welcome to join us.

"A Date for your Diaries" please keep Friday, 28th October free for a Parish Progressive Dinner. Further details in October Romsey Rag.

"A word from the Uniting Church Minister"

I've been saving my pocket-money, and yesterday bought myself "SIM CITY 2000" - a programme for the computer which simulates the development of a city - with the operator as Mayor! (It's the closest I think I'll ever get to such a position. You have no competition from me, Geoff!) I "made" a city last night, but was disappointed that after a short time many buildings which had been such a joy to watch in development became disused - ugly grey. What right had people to move out of my city?

This morning I tried again, and discovered that if I bulldozed the disused buildings, other new buildings would take their place. Renewed hope. Then I discovered that my bulldozing removed power supply to whole areas, which quickly became more grey, disused buildings. More disappointment. But if I reconnected power as quickly as I could, new buildings would again appear. More hope!

I can see this could be addictive! But the game says much that is true of our community. We are all experiencing times of disappointment, and times of hope. The new lambs and calves are wonderful signs of spring - but the continuing lack of rain is a real source of worry to people on the land. Many of us have had to deal with the death of a special person - but new babies are born, and our remembrance of the people we have loved so dearly brings a special warmth, and an added dimension to the world in which these children will grow. The Shire faces a great unknown in the future restructuring, but at the same time, the work of community services continues - people in need are given loving support, and as a community we grow closer together as we face the unknown future.

The brilliant yellow of the daffodils speaks of spring even before spring is upon us. Even in the cold winter soil, they shoot, and they are already here for the first day of spring. They speak of a hope which is unexpected in the time of cold. As a community we can experience this hope. Spring is the season of Easter for the Northern countries - the time of new life. In Australia we affirm Easter life while moving toward Winter - walking by faith, knowing that through dying we experience life. As a community, we walk together in hope - but also in careful, thoughtful work, as in SIM CITY!

May the God of hope and new life breathe into our community in times of darkness, and draw us closer to each other and to him.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY FAREWELLS SENIOR STAFF MEMBER

Council's Director, Community Services; Margaret Hughes has recently resigned from her position with Council and accepted a new appointment as Extended Care Coordinator at the City of Greater Geelong.

Margaret came to the Shire of Romsey from the former City of Newtown at Geelong in April, 1993. During her last day at Romsey Margaret said that what she will remember most was the warm feeling she received at being welcomed into the hearts of the people and community. She also said that the strength and commitment that had been evident in the various community groups had impressed her greatly and she was sorry to leave that all behind.

Margaret said she was looking forward to taking up her position in Geelong and in particular she was pleased to be returning to her home and family.

Following Mrs. Hughes resignation Council advertised for a replacement, however, in the light of the impending review of local government in this region Council also decided to make the position subject to a 12 month contract.

Those residents who may require advice, guidance, assistance or support in the areas of Home & Community Care and Community Health Services before Mrs. Hughes replacement takes up his/her appointment should contact Mrs. Rose McCarthy on 295 201 or Cobaw Community Health Service on 296 011.

DISABLED PARKING STICKERS: Where deemed necessary by a Medical Practitioner, Disabled Parking Stickers are available from the Shire Office. Please contact Mrs. Rose McCarthy for more information or application forms. Forms need to be filled in by applicant and applicant's medical practioner.

THOSE LOOKING AFTER LOVED ONES NEED CARE TOO.

THE CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

for the Districts of Kyneton, Romsey & Woodend, meets alternate Mondays from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND OR TO USE OUR TELEPHONE SUPPORT For further information contact:
John Symons (Carer)
Cobaw Community Health Service
Shires of Kyneton
Newham and Woodend
Romsey



FOR SALE: Marmet Pram - Folding - Detachable Body - Navy \$50; Wooden Baby Change Table \$20; Steelcraft Baby Rocker \$10; Series 3 Car Seat (hardly used) \$50. Phone: 296 385.

WORKING MUMS...NEED SAFE, FRIENDLY, PLACE TO LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN? Experienced Mum, have been childminding for six years in Romsey, references available. Reasonable rates with flexible times with no penalty rates. Please phone Judy on 295 692.

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Sat: 9.30-4pm

Sun: 12-4pm

Buy or Exchange Books/Typing (Resumes, Application Letters, etc./
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Press/Essendon Discount Blinds/All ABC Products/Campion School
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Pottery/Local Artist's Paintings/Ladies Sleepwear/Lingerie/
Children's Wear/Flair Accessories (Earings, Scarves)/Dried Flower
Arrangements/Babies Hand Knitted Clothes/Ladies-Men's-Children's
'Nearly New' Clothing - lots of bargains (sold on consignment...
please ask Margaret for details if you wish to sell good clothing)
LATEST....Now Ticket office for BASS...Book your tickets here....
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Please feel free to come in and browse...Margaret

Sports & Recreation Victoria Facility Development Program 1995/96 SHIRE OF ROMSEY

Written advice has recently been received from Sport & Recreation Victoria that all Councils are being invited to submit applications under the "Sport & Recreation Facility Development Program" for funding in the 1995/96 financial year.

Funding for projects will be under the following categories:-

- * Indoor aquatic facility development
- Major multi purpose facility development
- * Minor multi purpose facility development
- Major single purpose regional facility development.

In all cases, Sports & Recreation Victoria will give consideration to allocating grants up to 25% of the cost of the facility.

This year Sports & Recreation Victoria has introduced a new category aimed at providing capital works to expand opportunities for young people to access sport and recreation activities. In this category, consideration will be given to allocating grants up to 50% of the cost of the facility.

Only Council's (whether individually or in groups) are eligible and, in general, the land on which the facility will be built will be on Council land or crownland or land owned by a public authority or land held for public purposes by trustees. Maintenance works are not eligible for funding.

If your organisation is planning to construct a sporting or recreation facility then you are invited to submit an application for Council's consideration as part of its consideration of the Sport & Recreation Victoria Facility Development Program 1995/96.

Application forms and funding guidelines are available from the Shire Office, Romsey by telephoning (054) 295 201. Intending applicants are strongly encouraged to read the funding guidelines as an understanding of the way in which the program work is essential.

Applications for Council's consideration must be submitted by no later than Wednesday 14th September, 1994. If all information is not available by that date, then the application should still be submitted and further details can be provided later.



Romsey & Laucefield Christian Fellowship



At Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship we have being staging men's breakfasts for several years now. With interesting speakers to encourage us, we gather men from throughout the Macedon Ranges district, and generally have many church groups represented. (See this months notice)

Our weekly Sunday morning family service is held at 10:00am. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. We feature a full gospel style service, with the latest in gospel music and a strong emphasis on the word of God. We seek to bring the relevance of a personal experience in Jesus Christ, to the whole family and whole community.

Geoff Holland (minister) is affiliated with Ministers Fellowship International, and has ministered on five continents and many different countries. As a church we have a strong committment to missionary outreach both locally and overseas. In the later part of this month Geoff and Lorraine will be in India and Pakistan for itinerant preaching engagements.

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Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a locally based church, with a strong committment to the local community.

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If we can be of assistance, we invite your enquiry to Geoff Holland on 295673 or Graham Mau on 291488.

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ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB NEWS

It was disappointing to have a very small attendance at the Club's A.G.M. held on 25th August. As a result of that meeting Norm McAdam and Helen Quinn are only continuing in the President and Secretary positions in a caretaker capacity until new office bearers can be found. It is to be hoped that these positions will be filled fairly soon as the summer season preparations have already begun - please support your Tennis Club!

OPEN DAY - This year will be combined with a working bee commencing at 10.30a.m. on SUNDAY, 2nd OCTOBER. Lunch will be a BBQ followed by an afternoon of tennis. Come along and enjoy a very social day.

It is hoped that a Junior Round Robin Tournament will be held at the courts on Saturday, 1st October. All interested juniors should ring Norm McAdam on 295 308 for details.

Lastly, but most importantly, all persons interested in playing Summer Tennis should put their name down NOW - all names need to be in by Monday 12th September so that teams can be organised. Ring Norm on 295 308 or Val on 295 338.

NEW PLAYERS ARE MOST WELCOME.

H. Quinn, Caretaker Secretary.

LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Lancefield-Romsey Little Athletics participated in the winter cross-country for the first time this year. A small band of enthusiastic athletes trained each Thursday and competed in the Lancefield Harriers Centennial Fun Run, the Little Athletics regional championships at Benella and the State Championships at Brimbank Park. The results of all the hard work were to be seen in our achievements against the best in Victoria. In tough conditions and in large fields, Aiden Moore was fifth and Emma Francis eighteenth in U8, Chris Oates 21st and Michael Francis 32nd in U10. Now we know what to expect - watch us go next year! Little Aths Summer season starts in October with our new oval starting to take shape. We have had great support from local business people who have been very generous in helping the establishment of our new facilities. Over the last few weeks the Centre members have been working hard to prepare the track, throwing rings, jump pit and storage area. LRLAC is a small, friendly club which encourages fitness, skill and enjoyment in athletics. Children from 5 to 15 compete at the centre for two hours on Saturday morning. For the keen athletes we have qualified coaches taking training sessions twice a week, competions against other LA centres and Regional and State championships. We foster healthy competitiveness and skill development leading to improving each participants personal bests. LA is also an active sport for parents. Parents are rostered to help at the Centre several times per season. LA runs courses for would-be coaches and officials and for those with the time and interest it is a rewarding way to share in our children's development. Any one who wants to know more about Little Athletics please ring Andy on 291 751 or Phil on 295 968. ***

Thank You to Everyone......
For your good wishes, gifts and surprises - I don't think anyone has celebrated a BIRTHDAY so well with so many great friends. It has been a magnificent time.....Thanks, Helen. X X X

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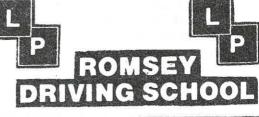
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ROMSEY TIDY TOWN COMMITTEE meet at 7.30pm every second Tuesday in the month at the Shire Offices, you are more than welcome to join us. Tidy Towns Judging will take place late in September. Get together with your neighbours and ensure your streetscape is tidy.

ROMSEY FISHING CLUB.

INCOMMING PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Our objectives for the new season, up and comming events and functions is of course memberships in particular Family memberships. I make it the aim of every member to try and indroduce two new members to the club. I also thank the past sponsers of the club and ask that they continue to support the club in the same way that they have been. Sunday Sept. 11th. we have a family day outing to Newland/Hepburn/Dean reservoirs. Object have a good time with your family and catch fish. I would like to see as many people there as would like to go. I see that our membership was listed at 54 member last season. It was a shame that I never got to meet more than half of these members, are you like Richmond supporters, only come out of the woodwork when the action starts up, well how about it get on the band wagon for the new season. As we take on the challanges that lie ahead in increasing our membership, lets ask ourselves, am I a fisherman, or am I just another bloody member of the fishing club. Our club has few fisherman, But we seem to have quit a few members.

BAIT COLLECTING by Pat Carra.

One of our members a large and jolly man by nature, took it upon himself on this fine and sunny day to collect bait, in particular . trout bait of the dragonfly pupa/lava delicta. MUDEYES FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN'T UNDERSTAND. He chose he location through several minutes of research, he'd heard that you could get mudeyes out of this dam close to town, and took himself off in his trusty H.Q. to the side of the road near this spot. On arrival he unpacked his shrimp net a bucket for the mudeyes and put on his gum boots. Taking up these vital fishing and bait colleting implements he proceeded to climb the fence to the dam. After taking several minutes to scale the fence he was safe on the other side, or so he thought, just then he felt this sliding sensation underfoot, upon looking down he observerd a 7 that is seven foot black snake with it's mouth wrapped around the calf section of his gumboot , Needless to say 16 stone of Des Walters levitated 12 foot off the ground , executed a half turn with a backward sommersault and a full pike. which any olympic diver would be proud of, and landed on the other side of the fence near the door of his car, which he promptly dived into. The snake on the otter hand not liking the taste of gum boots and fining morsel a little too small for his liking headed off across the paddock in search of a big healthy bullock to swallow. If you see Des he will show you the scare marks on his gum boots where this monster attempted to tear his leg

The Morale to the story is be prepared, wear the right clothing, you never know what can happen. Without the gum boots Des may have ended up in hospital.

off. I give him his credit he got his mudeyes.

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11, ROMSEY, 3434.

ENQUIRIES TO THE SECRETARY MRS.JEAN CLEMENT, 295 417. MEETINGS HELD 4th TUESDAYS.

RESTORATION - Court House Lancefield & Seymour Cottage Romsey

Work has been undertaken at both these historical buildings recently. Rotting windowsills have been replaced at the Court House Lancefield, as well as the decorative finials at each end of the building. Romsey Council contributed \$2000 towards these repairs. Historical Society members are also indebted to the Lions Club for their generous help of \$1000 for replacement of flooring at Seymour Cottage, due to damage by termites. This work will be commenced in the near future and then the Cottage will be opened again for inspection early next year.

Another restoration to be undertaken by the Historical Society, and one for which we are still seeking to raise funds, is the restoration of the grave of the first Anglican Minister of this district, Reverend John Christian MacCullagh, and his wife who died tragically young (27), for whom he conducted his first funeral service in the newly-built church at Lancefield. Their grave is in Lancefield Cemetery. Anyone wishing to contribute to this cause can send a donation to The Dean MacCullagh Fund, P.O.Box 11, Romsey 3434.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 27th September, at Seymour Cottage, Romsey, at 8.00pm. Visitors are always most welcome.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUTS NEWS:





The 1st Romsey Scouts attending the Jamboree in Western Australia, during the Christmas vacation would like to thank all those who have supported their fundraising functions. In particular, thanks go to those who attended the great **Trivia Night** last Saturday evening and to our Sponsors.

The Scouts, Cubs and Joeys are an active lot pursuing a range of activities. The **Joeys visited** the Army Camp at **Puckapunyal** last weekend, and our large scout group enjoyed a recent **bush camp** at Lancefield, extending their initiative and pioneering skills.

We are in need of Leaders for our sections and so if you have any interest in this area, please contact the Group Leader - Trevor Tumham, 295 413 AH.

Our large "Wallaby Cub pack" is also going to show off their newly acquired Conservation knowledge at a display in the Scout Hall on Sunday, 9th October, at

Conservation knowledge at a display in the Scout Hall on Sunday, 9th October, at 11.30am. An open invitation is extended to interested people to witness the presentation of badges and join in the sausage sizzle. (\$2.00 per head or \$5.00 per family, including sausages and drinks). Entry to the Conservation Show and presentation ceremony is free!!

If you wish to know more about -

 Joeys Contact J.S.L.
 Margaret Lynch
 295 512

 Cubs Contact A.C.S.L.
 Heldi Carroll
 295 813

 Scouts Contact S.L.
 Peter Gay
 295 749

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St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield / Romsey

Fr. Terry Bergin (Presbytery): 292130; Sr. Patricia Day (School): 291359; Sr. Frances (Convent): 291582.

Mass times: Sat. 7.30pm Lancefield

Sun.	for each month	1st & 3rd Sundays	2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays
	8.00am	Lancefield	Romsey
	10.00am	Romsey	Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): Sat. 5-7pm and before Sat. night mass.

Prayer life:

* Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.

* Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295672.

Special events / programs:

* Charismatic Healing Mass: last Sunday of month, 5pm. Romsey church, followed by light refreshments.

* Scripture Journey: A gentle look at the Holy Scriptures. Play area available for toddlers. All welcome. Tuesdays 1.30-2.30 Romsey Church. Enquiries: Margaret Holgate: 295907.

*BEATIFICATION of Mary McKillop. If anyone is interested in attending this event please contact the

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*Hofbauer Centre Open Day. Sunday 4th. September 2.00pm.-4.00pm. 93 Alma Road East St. Kilda. This centre is a psychotherapeutic clinic combined with a training institute for Pastoral Psychotherapists, Marriage and Family Councillors, Pastoral Workers. The Centre offers comprehensive programs based on Christian Values over a three year period and a one year period. Further information 03 529 7861

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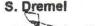
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