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Seasons Greetings to all

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We would like to wish all our customers safe motoring over the Christmas Holidays and all the very best for 1995!

A Year of Activity at Romsey Primary School

With our grade 3/4 pupils being "sunsmart" during their annual camp at Point Lonsdale this week and staff completing their report writing on pupil's progress, it really does start to feel as if the end of our first, very significant year at the new site, is close at hand.

So much has happened this year that it seems much longer that 12 months ago that we were debating whether work on the new complex would really be completed to a stage that would enable us to move into the school prior to Christmas. That is now all history. We then occupied the school on the very first day of the year. The school being officially opened by the Minister for Education on the first day of Winter. Now, with the first day of summer just past, the thoughts of many turn to planning for our second year.

In 1995 we will have just two prep grades. These pupils will be welcomed to the school by our teachers on Tuesday & Wednesday of this week and the parents of new pupils will be welcomed by parents and staff at the information afternoon planned for 2.30pm on Tuesday. The formation of all other classes will be displayed on notice boards on December 19th at 2.30pm.

As a School of the Future in command of an annual budget exceeding \$1m we plan to implement our recently completed charter, that will be our guide for the next three years. Last Wednesday evening the school council met to ratify the charter which reflects the input from the staff parents and community. These groups were acknowledged for their support and constructive comments used by the writing team in formulating this important document. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continuing support & interest in your school. School Council endorses my wish that the school remains as open as possible for community use.

We are proud that we can trust the community to use facilities responsibly.

On another very positive note, we are very glad to have been able to host regular activities for eight community groups this year. It was my pleasure last week to send a personal thankyou to 135 parents who have provided classroom assistance to the staff this year. Many of these parents are almost daily visitors to our school and without their support and interest we would not be able to undertake programs with as much adult supervision or effectiveness.

To all those who voluntarily distribute, collate and type copy, as well as those who advertise in the Romsey Rag I would like to pass on a special word of appreciation. This publication has grown from the school's desire to reach the wider community and now after 114 monthly editions we can all be proud that this community run publication is totally self funding & still aims to serve our "Caring Country Community".

It is really impossible to personally thank all those who have contributed to the success of our school but I trust that the following sincere message reaches you.

*May the Blessings and Peace of this Season,
be a focus for Family celebrations this
Christmas and provide the Joy that will be
highlighted in your memories throughout the
new Year.*

Merry Christmas to All.

Trebor Turnham - Principal:

for the Staff & Council at Romsey Primary School.

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

Romsey Golf Club are now offering a summer membership of \$60. This entitles you to play golf at any time excluding club competition during the months December to March inclusive. Anybody interested please contact Rod Campbell on 295 629 A/H. Also a reminder about Twilight Golf which is held Thursday evening, commencing at 5.00p.m. Our Annual General Meeting was held on 30th November, 1994. The following people were elected:-

President	:	P. Norton	Captain	:	S. Toy
Vice President	:	R. Cole	Vice Captain	:	R. Rea
Secretary	:	R. Campbell	Handicapper	:	D. Gaunt
Treasurer	:	R. Baker			

Wishing all our members a happy Christmas and all the very best
for the New Year.

Rod Campbell,

Christmas Symbol

A new symbol for Christmas ?
Why all the fuss ?
Well..do candles or reindeer hold
meaning for us ?
For candles & reindeer speak not
of His birth,
When first as a man He came
down to earth.
Now holly & snow covered
landscapes are fine:
But what do they tell us of
God's Son divine ?

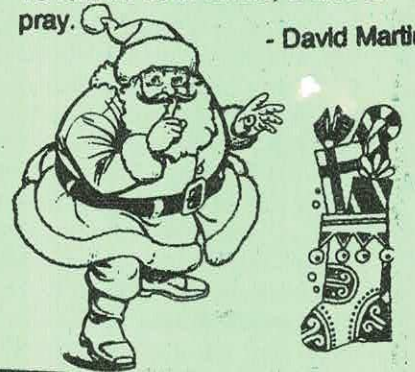


Now here's a suggestion,
(Bizarre, I confess and colored by
local conditions I guess.)
But why not a poor farmer's grass
covered hut ?
Let's update our thinking

- get out of the rut.

It speaks to distinctly of things
down to earth,
Humbleness, poverty - Like He net
at His birth.
The cattle & sheep share its nightly
embrace
With folk who belong to the poor
human race.
Now Jesus was born in just such a
scene,
To Him, a disgrace it must not
have been.
So let's take the hut as a symbol
today,
To remind us of Jesus, & also to
pray.

- David Martin.



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Seasons Greetings

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*I would like to thank all my customers for
their support throughout the year and wish
them a happy, safe Christmas and all the
very best for a good New Year.*

Margaret Howatson, Romsey Book Exchange and
Romsey Secretarial Services.

ROMSEY CRICKET NEWS



With five rounds now completed, the club is again proving to be extremely competitive.

The A Grade side, captained by Tim McCarten now has three wins and is placed well in the top half of the ladder. Recent outstanding performances include:

Scott Smithwick 58

(Scott is only 15 years of age)

Darren Newnham 4-19. Paul Newnham 63.

B Grade still has only one outright win to their credit. Colin McCarten continues to be the star for the team capturing 28 wickets in five matches and taking 7-51 & 7-92 in the last two games. Recent top scores with the bat has been Aaron Dalton 50 and Peter Newell 46. Almost mid-season now, the B's are looking for some good performances with the bat to support the bowlers, to achieve a few more wins.

D Grade has continued to surprise many, and now are placed in the top couple with four wins. Good performances with bat and ball have continued, with: Les Cann 4-13, Captain Peter Johnston 74, Stuart Goudy 34, Shane Moore 5-33 and Daniel Jones 3-25.

D Grade is looking good to continue on their winning way and be a force in the finals.

In Junior cricket, the under 16's have played very well and are presently unbeaten and second on the ladder. In their last game beating Gisborne, they scored a massive 269 off 40 overs with: Captain Scott Smithwick 46, Richard Little 64 and Michael O'Brien 109 with his second century this year.

These three recently represented the District in a match and performed well with Michael O'Brien outstanding with 77 runs.

Romsey Cricket Club is thankful to receive the support it gets from the community and local businesses. The major sponsors for the club for the 1994/95 season:

Romsey Movieland Sarson's Garden Supplies
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Vinnies Meats.

The club has teams from U/12 through to A Grade and anybody wishing to play or help out in any way can contact Mal Mottram, Tim McCarten or Ian Miller for more information.

- Stuart Turnham

*** "Our Neighbourhood is Watching!"**

It is unfortunate that there is always a small element of thoughtless individuals who seem to take pleasure from vandalising community property. At Romsey Primary School we are grateful to the local police for their support with security and following up the reports made by observant residents. The highly sensitive, silent security alarms installed throughout the complex, have also saved the school from further damage & theft. Thankyou! *

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF.

Seasons Greeting from Management & Staff

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We recently held our presentation night and the following ladies were presented with their trophies;

Club Champion ;	Shirley Shelton.
Phylliss Mitchell Trophy;	Sharyn Logen.
Rose Scanlon Perpetual Trophy;	Darlene Baker.
Singles Knockout;	Leila Beasley.
Medal of Medalists;	Beryl Cole.
Ecclectic Trophy;	Mary Campbell.
Putting Trophy;	Shirley Shelton.

Congratulations ladies!

The A.G.M. was held on Nov. 9th and the following members were elected;

President;	Shirley Shelton.
Vice President;	Hazel Stammers.
Captain;	Mary Campbell.
Vice Captain;	Darlene Baker.
Secretary;	Leila Beasley.
Treasurer;	Sharyn Logen.
Handicapper;	Elaine Scanlon.
Publicity Officer;	Hilda Caly.

A big thank you to the out-going committee and the best of luck to the new.

Competitions on a Wednesday have finished for the year with some ladies continuing with social golf (or a million dollar skins game if you're willing). Five ladies travelled up the mountain to contest the Romsey/Mt. Macedon challenge, unfortunately we were unable to bring home the shield this year but plan to change that next year.

Twilight Golf has been going well and a invitation is extended to anyone interested in having a go to come and join us; Thursday evenings from 5.00pm, cost is \$2, bring your own meat for a B.B.Q. afterwards.



Merry Christmas and good golfing.

Darlene + Hilda.

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ROMSEY COUNCIL NEWS

ROMSEY RIDING

December, 1994

The Interim Report of the Local Government Board for the North-Central has been released, and it is proposed that a municipality be created, to be called the Macedon Ranges Shire, comprising the whole of the Shire of Gisborne, the whole of the Shire of Newham and Woodend, part of the Shire of Romsey, excluding the Chintin, Springfield and Darraweit Guim areas, and part of the Shire of Kyneton, excluding the Baynton and Sidonia areas. This creates a new municipality with an area of 946.5 square kilometres, and a population of 31,860.

Further details can be obtained from Romsey Shire office (295 201), and any comments or submissions can be made to the Shire or to the Local Government Board.

Returning to the business as usual department, Council issued a Permit last month for the premises at 106 Main Street, Romsey, to be used as offices.

Council also allocated funds to each of the four Landcare groups operating within the Shire, to assist with the excellent works which those groups perform.

The plans by Council to subdivide and sell its land in Metcalfe Drive have been put on hold following submissions from adjoining residents. The portion fronting Desmond Crescent will now be set aside for use as a park, and investigations are under way to determine the best way to market the balance of the land without causing unnecessary adverse impact on the area.

Two reports have been received by Council in recent times, which impact on the rural nature of our Shire. One is a Land Capability Report, prepared by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This Report details the capability of land in the Shire for agricultural production, for building footings, for dam construction and for septic tanks. In line with State Government policy, these matters should be taken into account when determining planning permit applications in rural areas, and reference to this Report is intended to be included in the Planning Scheme.

The second Report is the draft Roadside Management Plan, which has been prepared in conjunction with Newham and Woodend and Kyneton Shires. The Plan has assessed all roadsides in the three Shires to determine their conservation value, and has developed management guidelines in conjunction with Government departments, the Councils and other community groups. This draft Plan is on exhibition at the Shire Office and public comment is sought.

Sad to say, this may be the last Romsey Riding Council Report. As your representatives, we would like to thank you for your support, comments, and even your criticism over the years. We hope that we have done a good job representing your interests through Council, and also would like to thank the officers and staff of the Shire for all their efforts.

We hope that everyone has a Joyous Christmas and can look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year. Please take care of each other and yourselves, and be careful on the roads.

Geoff Neil
295 523

Stephen Hendy
295 810

Rod Conway
295027



ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

Park Lane Romsey. Phone: 054 295637 or 018 356 400

Well, Christmas is fast approaching! There is a brief rundown on the activities at the Centre. We are also happy to announce that we will be opening a gymnasium and circuit gym at the Centre in mid-December.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tom and Andrea.

GYMNASIUM & CIRCUIT GYM:

OPEN DAY - SATURDAY, 10th December, 10am-1pm.

Come and see our new gymnasium and circuit gym. Enquiries: Phone Tom on 295637 or 018 356400

NETBALL:

Senior Mixed Netball

Registrations now being taken for the new season to commence on Wednesday nights in early February, 1995. Enquiries: contact Jo 291 893 or Tracey 296 215.

Ladies Daytime Netball

Registrations - Monday 30th January, 1995 at 9.30am. New season to commence on Monday mornings from Monday 6th February, 1995. Enquiries: Phone Michelle 296844; Julie 295885; Belinda 295893. New players welcome.

Junior Netball

Registrations now being taken for the new season to commence early 1995 on Thursday. Enquiries: phone Tom at the Centre.

BASKETBALL:

Daytime Ladies Basketball

Registration - 2nd & 9th February, 1995 at 9.30am. New season to commence Thursday, 16th February, 1995. Enquiries: Phone the Centre 295637. New players welcome.

Junior Basketball & Senior Basketball

Games resume - Monday 6th February, 1995 after Christmas break.

SQUASH:

Pennant Squash Competition

New season to commence Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 14th February, 1995. New players are most welcome. Enquiries: Phone Tom at the Centre.

Casual Squash - For bookings phone the Centre on 295637 or 018 356400

Court Hire \$10.00 per hour. Racquets available for hire.

VOLLEYBALL:

Daytime Ladies Volleyball

New season to commence Wednesday, 15th February, 1995. Registration Day, Wednesday, 8th February, at 9.30am.

Night Volleyball (Friday nights)

New season to commence Friday, 17th February, 1995. Registration to be held Friday, 3rd February, 1995.

TAEKWONDO:

Classes are held on Mondays, 6.30-8pm. Last class for 1994 - Monday, 19th December. Classes will resume Monday, 30th January, 1995. Enquiries: Phone Dave 291791.

AEROBICS:

Last class for 1994 - Tuesday 20th December, 1994. Classes will resume Tuesday, 31st January, 1995- as follows - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.

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♦ROMSEY COMPUTER CLUB♦

Membership has more than doubled!

At our recent club meeting, on November 20th, we had the pleasure of welcoming several new members to the fold.

Interesting conversation included discussion on subjects such as, the expected demise of DOS with the anticipated release of Windows 95, where to buy a bargain computer, desktop publishing and putting your wit into personalised cards, a programmers role in the work place and their education.

Many points were discussed and shareware was exchanged. A member bought along his Sharp lap top for sale, and if your interested in contacting him about it, I would be happy to pass on his phone number.

A few people took advantage of the excellent prices available on software and accessories by making purchases and placing orders for Christmas.

**Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year
to everyone!**

**Due to the Christmas period
being a busy one for all of us, our
next meeting will be held on -
Sunday January 22nd 95'**

**For details call
Deb Burge on
295 719**

WANTED

Our club is in need of more members who use Apple Macintosh. There will be many advantages from swapping games, to copying shareware and chatting about problems and solutions.

Young people who have an interest in games etc are most welcome, they are the future of our club. It's open to all ages and is **FREE!**

One of our members is interested in any games or educational programs to suit a 3 year old and wants to find others with similar needs.

I would like to hear from anyone who is keen to join the club or could host a future meeting at their home.

Dear Editor,

Whilst driving through Lancefield the other day, I noticed a sign for a gallery. Well I decided that as I had a few minutes to kill I'd stop and have a look. I'm glad I did! I discovered a little treasure house. I've since gone back there and finished all my Christmas shopping. Let me tell you what I found.

For my mother I found a beautiful silk scarf - hand-dyed and Australian made - so I bought another one to mail to a friend in England. I picked up a teddy bear for a young nephew and discovered to my amazement that it was handmade right there in Lancefield. It is simply beautiful. A large glass platter was just right for my brother and his wife. I had been looking for some of those beautiful Windsong wind chimes and found them there, and cheaper than other shops.

Fathers are notoriously hard to shop for but I was given a great idea by the proprietors. I bought a big terracotta pot from the nursery at the property and filled it with delicious edibles. They have wonderful things like cherries and macadamia nuts in brandy, prunes in port, figs and walnuts in rum, port and clove jelly, lots of mustards and vinegars and chocolate coated coffee beans - just the sort of thing my dad would love but not necessarily buy for himself.

I also discovered some absolutely beautiful lead crystal plates and vases and paperweights. I didn't know that crystal was made in Australia let alone Victoria but the owners assured me that it certainly was and that this particular craftsman would be exhibiting his work in Lancefield in March next year. I asked to be put on their mailing list so I will not miss out on the opening.

I bought some glass balls for our Christmas tree, some cute little notepad sets featuring Australian wildflowers that I can send to friends overseas. They are light and won't cost much to post. They have some lovely greeting cards that I hadn't seen before and gift wrap and boxes that are really terrific. I found it very hard to choose from the work of several potters on display - all well made and each so different in style. They have little wooden toys and jigsaw puzzles for little kids, candle making and pot pourri kits for bigger kids and so many other exciting things I had to go back a second time and find something for myself - a gorgeous hand-dyed silk t-shirt that feels so good on my bare skin. The best part about this place is that it's so close and handy - I don't have to travel to Melbourne any more - I travel to:

**The Gallery Lancefield
33 High Street
Lancefield.**

Signed,

A Happy Shopper.





SHIRE OF ROMSEY

ROMSEY OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek OSCH Programs are currently running a fun raiser to enable us to purchase a parachute. The chutes are designed for the response and rhythmic movement intrinsic to parachute play. All program Co-Ordinators agree the parachute is great fun and will add to the variety of activities being offered to your children.

Our raffle is on display in the Shire Offices. The winner of the raffle will receive an Evergreen Alder Tree (Donated by Romsey Garden World) with approximately 50 Scratch Tickets attached to it. The scratch tickets were donated by the parents of the children attending OSHC. The success of the raffle would not have been possible without parent participation. We thank you all.

If you wish to purchase a ticket to win the "Scratch Tree" please call into the Shire of Romsey office or your nearest OSHC program. Raffle will be drawn on Monday, 12th December - Good Luck! Romsey Before and After School Care would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Kim Challis.

MUSIC TUITION AVAILABLE - ROMSEY

Piano, 'Cello, Trumpet - Megan and Robert Smithies on 296 352.

ROMSEY FRUIT MARKET

NORMAL TRADING HOURS WILL BE:-

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LES AND CLAIRE McGOWAN

A Thank-You.....

To all our customers that supported our MILK BAR over 7 years, we thank you for your smiling faces, laughter and chats.

We will miss the kids we have seen grow from Kinder to High School, best wishes to you all.

We apologise to those who did not know we had sold the shop. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas Season,

Best Wishes, Dawn, Annette, John O'Loughlin
and the Girls

C.F.A. AUXILIARY

The CFA funds were greatly boosted by Bruce and Muriel's hard work with Dollar Discounts during November. The Brigade are indeed indebted to them and thank you to all our volunteer helpers.

It would have been great to report that Shire residents took the opportunity to visit the 2-Day Display and see Videos regarding the preparation of properties and what to do if a fire should go through, but only a minority did. It was disappointing.

Thanks were given to Sen. Sgt. Ian Goss who attended our November meeting to discuss the Disaster Protocol and in what way we, as an auxiliary, can assist.

Safety House Committee

A member of the Safety House Association of Victoria Inc

Our Committee needs your help! We are in need of a "Secretary" and "Monitors" to help keep this worthwhile program operating for your community. If you can help us, please contact Michael Lane On 296 506 or Anne Hendricksen on 296 426. We also would like to welcome to the team another commercial business being James Kelleher Solicitors, a commercial Safety House in the Main Street of Romsey. Our next meeting for the year will be a break-up and farewell to Jackie Paarman, our current Secretary, who has been a great help to us all - so come along to the Romsey Primary School at 7.30p.m. Monday 5th December then following with a light supper and refreshments afterwards. Hope to see you there. Our Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year for 1995 - until next time,

Regards,
Anne Hendricksen,
Publicity Officer.



ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK COMMITTEE

The Committee of the Romsey Park would like to advise residents that ANOTHER free electric BBQ is about to be installed near the Rotunda - this is our second attempt at providing this facility to the users of the park - the first one, installed three months ago, was stolen within 24 hours and the brickwork damaged beyond repair! Alongside the BBQ and Rotunda a large Children's Play area is also being installed before Christmas so hope our local children enjoy this exciting new equipment! We would just like to ask the local people to keep an eye on this new equipment so that everyone can benefit from it.

Our Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the users of the Park a Very Merry Christmas and a sporting New Year to you all!

Sam Howatson,
Secretary.

WORKING MUMS - Need a safe, friendly, place to leave your children? Experienced Mum (I have been childminding in Romsey for seven years) - references available. Reasonable rates with flexible times with no penalty rates. Please phone Judy on 295 692.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS....

Our Ladies are doing well in the Tournaments winning both fills at Kilmore! The first fill being won by Jean Cropley/Brenda Isenberg, Helen Seymour and Helene Newnham and the second fill being won by Margret Boldiston/Fay Sanders/Kath Ireland and Wanda Scanlon - well done ladies!

Our Men's Pennant sides are doing very well so keep up the good work! Legacy Day at Woodend was won - for the third year in a row, by Albert Caneva/Mike Dobson/Alan Morrison and Neil Coker. Albert and his team of Mike Dobson/Alan Morrison and Brian Cushen were also runners-up in the Sunbury Invitation Trader's Day - great bowling boys! The Club Championship is down to the Semi's with Dave Cropley, Leo Wels, Albert Caneva and Sam Howatson still in there! Good bowling to you all!

Christmas Break-Up is being held on Friday, 16th, Twilight, starting at 5.30 - names on the board please.

It has been a very exciting year for us all at Romsey with our new synthetic green giving us all-year-round bowling and we wish all our fellow bowlers a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, New Year.

Margaret Howatson,
Publicity Officer.



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Christmas Eve Celebration

Service Sat. 24th. 7:30 pm.

The children's ministry concert will be held on Sunday 11th Dec. in conjunction with our main service. A great time for the kids to invite their friends, and for folk to come and see our children's ministry first hand.

Actually the month of January will be an exciting time. As part of our holiday programme, we will have David Abbott visiting from U.K.

David works with children all over the world, and will be in our church on Sunday 15th Jan. The House of the Rock youth camp for 9 to 14 year olds will be held in conjunction.

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Children 8 years and under are invited to meet Santa Claus for breakfast at the Romsey Scout Hall on Saturday 10th December 1994 at 8.30 a.m. until 10.00 a.m. The cost for each child is \$3.00. Tickets are limited. Photo with Santa is available at \$3.50 each.

Contact: Helena Thompson on 295325 or Lynne Boyce on 295062

Please fill out forms below and leave at 118 Main St Romsey
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Breakfast with Santa

10th December 1994 at Scout Hall

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For all of you who have been asking what we are going to do for people affected by the Victorian Drought, it gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you Red Cross Victoria will

- provide financial assistance to families to
 1. help with cartage of water
 2. assist with Christmas expenses
 3. help with back to school expenses in 1995
- offer school holiday camps for primary school children with the help of Red Cross members

co-ordinate information sessions on assistance available for families.

If you wish to help Victorians affected by drought please forward your donations to the "Victorian Drought Fund". For more information contact either Wendy Perdon or Kerry Gartland on toll free 1800 131701.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT:

A sincere thank you to all who have assisted with our recent functions to aid Drought Relief and for those who were unable to attend the Dick Wicks Magnetic health Products Demonstration - a Catalogue of their items available can be obtained from Helen Clement (295 317) as goods can be sent by mail order from the Preston Shop.

Thankyou too to all who have purchased Red Cross Christmas Cards, Diaries, Calendars and gifts. These can still be purchased until 16th December from Mrs. Marian Mix (Meals on Wheels cook) at the Mechanics Hall Kitchen.

We wish all local residents a safe Happy Christmas time and hopefully a fire hazard free summer period. Red Cross first aid kits at varying prices can be ordered from Helen Clement (295317).

The first meeting for our unit for 1995 will be held on Friday, 10th February, at 1.30pm when new members will be very welcome to attend. The venue for the meeting will be announced before the meeting date.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 1995 "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD"

Nominations for the "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD" will be received up to 4.00pm on Friday, 6th January, 1995, at the Shire Offices, Romsey.

Individuals or Organisations may nominate any person that they believe would be a worthy recipient of the award.

(Cr.) Geoff Neil SHIRE PRESIDENT

ROMSEY COMMUNITY BINGO

As the current organising groups will be ceasing to run Bingo after the 17th December, 1994, is there any group, be it sporting or any other interested parties, who wish to take over this opportunity. Bingo as it stands now is due to resume on the 5th January, 1995 - the permit runs until April, 1995. There are a good number of people who will miss Bingo should it close and it would be an easier job to take over at this stage than to try to open Bingo at a later date and then obtain the following:

- A decision would need to be made rather quickly so that procedures can be covered.
- Please contact Carol - 295 958 or Lorraine 295 669 for further information.
- If no contact is made before 17th December we will have no choice but to make 17th December the last Bingo Session in Romsey.

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Outreach workers from this service will be present with information about our service, along with workers and information from a range of services in the housing and related fields.

KADYAAS provides transitional supported accommodation and general support services to: Homeless young people, adults & families including singles & families who are in danger of becoming homeless

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(FIRE CALLS ONLY 295 333)

The Romsey Brigade wishes to inform residents that Fire Restrictions come into force in the Shire of Romsey at 1am on MONDAY 12th December, 1994.

After this date NO BURNING OFF CAN BE CARRIED OUT without a written permit issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer at the Shire Offices.

We ask all residents to be conscious of the Fire Risk and Clean up around their properties.

For further information please contact the Brigade Captain: Ron Cole, AH. 295 411 or Secretary, Tony Barnes, 295 649.



We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Fire Free New year!

ROMSEY "LIVING WORD" ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH.

The Christmas season is now fast upon us all and what a very busy time it is. We at the "Living Word" would like to wish every resident of Romsey a Christmas that is filled with joy, peace and hope. The greatest gift was given to us over 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ. This gift is eternal, His very name translated from the Hebrew, means to live, to receive, to give promise of life, restore, forgiveness. These promises we have when we believe, that God gave His son to die that all may have eternal life (John 3:16). It is a time of thanks and gratitude for the "Christ" in Christmas.

The Sunday School teachers wish the parents of the children Seasons Greetings. The "Living Word" Saints basketball team wish their competitors and supporters a very happy Christmas.

Thank-you to the Romsey Rag, for the opportunity to contribute throughout the year, and may your success continue in 1995.

A special Christmas Eve carol service will be held in Seymour, and the Christmas Day service in Romsey will begin at 9:30 am. For further information, please contact Pastor Marilyn Hunter at our Church office and Book Shop on (054) 296 327 or write to P.O. Box 164, Romsey 3434.

Don't forget that the Christian Book Shop is in the main street; there is a wonderful range of stock in at the moment. After looking at our special Christmas window, why not pop in to say hello and Merry Christmas?

May 1995 be the year of fulfillment to all in Romsey.

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THE TEENAGERS ANSWER

We read in the papers,
We hear on the air,
Of killing and stealing
And crime everywhere.
We sigh and we say
As we notice the trend;
"This young generation -
Where will it end?"
But can we be sure that
It's their fault alone -
Isn't our own?
Too much money to spend,
Too much idle time;
Too many movies of
Passion and crime.
Too many books
Not fit to read;
Too much of evil
In what they hear said.
Too many children
Encouraged to roam
By too many parents
Who won't stay at home.

Kids don't write the books
That paint a gay picture
Of gangsters and crooks;
They don't make the liquor,
They don't make the drugs
That addle the brain.

It's all done by older folk
Greedy for grain.
And in how many cases
Do we find that it's true,
The cry of 'delinquent'
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We thank you for your support throughout the year and wish all
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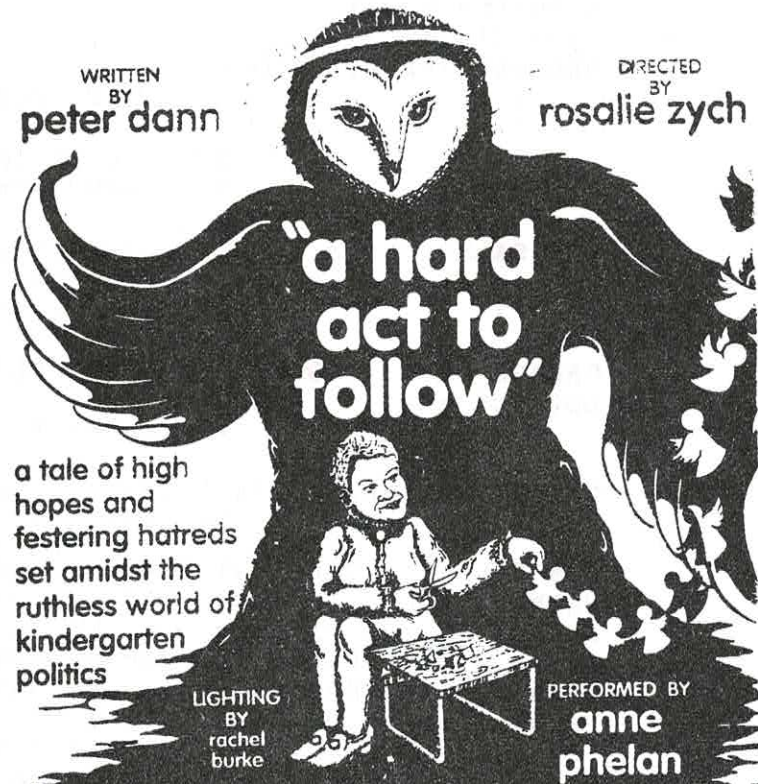
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CHRISTMAS

Shops bedecked with Christmas splendour;
 piped music -
 carols we will grow to dislike
 with their frequency;
 children clamouring,
 demanding, persuading -
 "Santa's in this shop -
 Can I?
 Please?"



Take time.

Christmas cards - not too late yet,
 but already five have come,
 and one from someone
 not on our list!
 Did we get one last year
 from her?
 Prune the list,
 but add on - more and more;
 Card rate postage.
 Can we cut the cost any?

*Take time.
 Remember.*

Where for Christmas dinner?
 His place?
 or hers?
 or just our own this year.
 Traditional?
 What about bonbons?
 Can the oven hold
 a larger turkey?
 And sweets!
 Remember how high the children were
 last year?



*Take time.
 Remember
 the baby born.*

Are the children
 too old
 for Santa?
 Will the stockings
 still be hung?
 What about gifts
 for the old gentleman
 and reindeer?
 Is it just more pretence,
 or valuable tradition?
 "You got more than I did!"



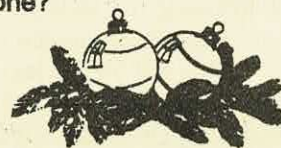
*Take time.
 Remember
 the baby born
 in poverty.*



Will the bank balance
 stand the strain?
 New school uniform
 and text books
 and stationery
 loom next year.
 Bankcard threatens to overwhelm us,
 and regular accounts -
 phone, electricity -
 can we cut corners?

*Take time.
 Remember
 the baby born
 in poverty
 to show us the way.*

Christmas parties -
 more invitations,
 and still more.
 Shall we go to this one?
 It will be politic!
 Work parties,
 school parties,
 Church parties,
 community parties,
 the candlelight carols in the park.
 Put donations in a basket -
 a tin of plain-brand
 won't break us,
 and may help someone
 "needy"!



*Time Is
 Running
 Out*

*Take time.
 Remember
 the baby born
 in poverty
 to show us the way
 to God.*



*And this time
 may just change our thinking,
 and our Christmas!*

*May God bless you.
 Elaine.*



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The Uniting Church in Australia Lancefield/Romsey Parish

Advent and Christmas

In Advent, we remember the God who comes. At Christmas we celebrate his coming - many years ago, in Bethlehem. And he continues to come as we open our lives to him. We have experienced a great deal of both pain and joy in this parish this year. As we celebrate together the God who comes, we look forward to the new life we can see ahead - the life which is like the flags of grass-seed, waving above the dry paddock. May the God who comes - the God of Advent and Christmas - bring you the peace and joy of renewed life.

The Uniting Church Manse family - Elaine, Ray, Andrew, Brendon, Roslyn and Nathan - not forgetting Buster, Terri, Boris and friends, three goldfish, and three white mice! (Guess who's a soft mother!) - give their loving greetings to members of our community.

We have many special activities coming up.

To celebrate the "Year of the Family", a family BBQ tea will be held on Friday 9th December in the Church grounds, from 6.30 pm - 10 pm. meat and salads will be provided. Please bring a plate or bowl of sweets or slices to share. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults, and \$18.00 for a family. Please invite your friends and neighbours to join us too. For tickets, please contact Jay Brooks - 296 163, Grant Newman - 295 409, Leanne Eames - 295 658 or Helen Clement - 295 317. There will be Christmas entertainment from 8.30 - 10 pm. Come and join the fun! Wear a touch of tartan if you wish.

"Know your Bible" Study Group will meet to study the book of James each Friday 10.30 - 12 noon, until 16th December. We welcome new members who would care to join us. Contact Helen Clement 295 317

Worship services:

Sunday 4th December. Advent 2 - Holy Communion services at Romsey - 9 am, Lancefield, 10.30 am

Sunday 11th December. Advent 3 - Romsey, 9 am, "Family Christmas" and Sunday School celebration, with lunch following the service. Please bring a plate of Christmas fare to share.

Lancefield service at 10.30 am is a "surprise service" followed by a Christmas lunch.

This will be the last Sunday School Sunday for both congregations, but during the holidays, special children/family activities will be incorporated into the regular services.

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Sunday January 1st, 1995 - a Parish Covenant service will be held at Lancefield, sharing Holy Communion, 10 am.

Parish services during January will be held at Romsey on 8th and 22nd, and Lancefield on 1st, 15th and 29th - at 10 am each Sunday.

Our best wishes are extended to René Corner, who will be attending a Science Summer School in Canberra, for 2 weeks from 31st December. This School is run in conjunction with CRA, and is supported by the Rotary Club.

Our minister, Rev. Elaine Callister will be holidaying with some of her family during January. We wish all travellers and holiday-makers safe travelling, and a happy festive season. May the Christ whose coming to earth we celebrate at this time richly bless you.

Minister: Rev. Elaine Callister 295 351

Parish Secretary: Robert Clement 295 225

EDITORIAL

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Peaceful New Year to all our readers.

The next publication of the Romsey Rag will be Friday, 3rd February, 1995. It would be appreciated if all material for publication could be given to Margaret Howatson by Monday, 30th January, 1995.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to Margaret Howatson for all the extra work she does each month, the members of the Walking Group and the Living Word A.O.G's and others who arrive at the school every month to collate the Romsey Rag and also to the people who deliver this publication.
Trevor Turnham.