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## NEWS FROM LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC.

The Committee of Management would like to acknowledge the generosity  
of local families who have made substantial donations to the hospital,  
in recognition of the care received by a family member nursed at  
Lancefield. On recommendation from the nursing staff, the money  
has been used to purchase 2 asthma pumps and a syringe driver. It  
is hoped that these items will be of benefit to the wider community.  
The syringe driver enables a metered analgesic dose to be administered  
constantly to patients with intractable pain, thus making it easier  
for families to cope with the nursing of their loved ones at home.  
These pieces of equipment can be hired from the hospital.

KATHARINE CLARK.

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## HEART RISK SCREENING (Cholesterol Testing)

Monday May 7th 9.30 - 4 p.m. Kyneton. Tuesday May 10th, 10 - 8 pm  
Romsey. Monday May 14th 9.30 - 4 pm. Woodend. Thursday May 17th,  
9.30 - 4 p.m. Woodend. Friday May 18th, 9.30 - 1.30 p.m. Tedesdale.  
\$5 per test. Fasting not required. Bookings essential - 22 3011.

Heather Wilson, Community Health Nurse.

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### ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dr. Lindsay Francis and Drs. Paul and Sally Carter are delighted to announce that Dr. Michael Williams will be joining the practice on 7th May 1990. As from this date surgeries will be held every morning at Riddell's Creek and Lancefield and there will be two doctors on duty in Romsey. Phone (054) 295 254 all hours.

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### HUME/CALDER LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

The Romsey sub-committee of the Hume/Calder Life Education Centre will have possession of the Johnson and Johnson promotional van on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May 1990. The van is specifically designed to be viewed by adults. The van will be situated on the lawn area in front of St. Mary's Hall, Main Street, Romsey. There will be no charge involved so don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to find out all about Life Education Centres. There will be sessions in the evening as well as during the day. Anyone is most welcome to attend. For more information and session times contact Kerrie Reardon on 295 201 or any of the other committee members: or after hours 295 013.

John Gradie	270 469
Lyn Brown	295 776
Jenny Jacobsen	295 643
Mary Campbell	295 629
Rhonda Wilkins	295 842
Russell Neyland	295 620

All Community Groups will be receiving letters shortly inviting them to attend one of the sessions.

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### SHIRE OF ROMSEY MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

At the annual meeting held on Monday 30th April 1990 the following persons were elected as officebearers for the coming year:

President	-	Mrs. Rosemary Wischniewski
Vice President	-	Mrs. Helen Clement
Secretary	-	Mrs. Trish Corner
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Trudie Linsten
Roster Secretary for Romsey	-	Mrs. Joy Barton
Roster Secretary for Lancefield	-	Mrs. Brynhild Hirst.

Many thanks to Mr. Alan Matheson who had held the position of President for the past four years. Thank you Alan for a job well done.

We are still looking for volunteers for delivering the meals, if you are interested please ring Rose or Kerrie at the Shire Office. Many thanks to all the volunteers for their great job in delivering the meals and helping the service to run successfully.

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Strange as it may seem I have not been a lonesome voice in the wilderness regarding certain aromas from the Pig Farm. I wait with bated breath to see if Council are to do something constructive since they met recently.

H. WATTS.

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"A Caring Country Community where Breathing is Not Dangerous."

Birds In Our Garden Pt. 1. To those people who accept the philosophy that "oils is oils" - as in that t.v. commercial - "boids is boids" and there is no need to discriminate between pests and predators - birds that eat your fruit, nest under your roofs, remove your compost, scratch out your seedlings and intimidate other birds and those that help control insect pests.

Of the many species that visit our garden, the red wattlebird, white-plumed honeyeater, whiteback magpie, and ravens (crows), are the most reliable and useful predators on the various insect pests. Over recent years however, flocks of silver-eyes, thornbills and a few black-headed and yellow-faced honeyeaters as well as spotted pardalotes and eastern spinebills have remained with us for a few weeks while black-faced cuckoo shrikes, crimson rosellas, restless flycatchers have paid short visits with nankeen kestrels, blue cranes, black-shouldered kites, welcome swallows, galahs, sulphur-crested cockatoos, mudlarks and spurwing plovers often "violating our air spaces". Sparrows, starlings and mynahs are always here, starlings being the worst pest.

Only in the last few years have we really had problems with pest birds - the English blackbird in particular which, as well as eating our fruit, continually and deliberately removes mulch from garden beds to deposit on the paths, where, presumably we should apply it in the first place and let them place it on the garden. Another suggestion for people who enjoy their warblings is to make a tape recording, play it back, enjoy it and destroy the birds, although destruction may not be necessary if the birds can be made to believe another has claimed their territory and is ordering them off.

SYD WHEELER.

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#### SITUATIONS VACANT

The Romsey Rag has vacancies (volunteer basis only) for people to assist with typing, collating, duplicating and the delivery of "THE RAG". No experience necessary. Please ring Beryl 295 411 or Sybil 295 968.

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#### ROMSEY DISCOUNTS

Shop 2/110 Main Street, Romsey.

We have in stock: shampoo, conditioner, bubble bath, wipe off, window cleaner, liquid washing detergent, soap on tap, nappy wash, blue laundry powder, wool wash, super detergent, tile and grout cleaner, lemon disinfectant, pre wash fluffy. Bring your own containers: also, stationary, cards, wrapping paper, party items and gifts. Lots more, come in and browse around.

SUE & DEBBIE.

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#### ROMSEY RED CROSS

The Romsey Red Cross unit met on the 27th of April at the Mechanics Hall. Thanks were expressed to everyone who helped with Red Cross calling with our flood victims in North Australia. Red Cross will be working hard in that area to help meet needs. The next meeting will be held at Helen Clements home "Bankglen" out at Springfield. The meeting will commence at 10.30 with morning coffee. Everyone is welcome. The date is Friday 22nd of June.

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"HOMELESS YOUTH IN THE SHIRE OF ROMSEY"

This will be the topic of Kyneton and District Youth Accommodation Worker, Lyn Allan when she speaks at the next meeting of Romsey Uniting Church Fellowship on Wednesday May 23rd at 1.30 p.m. in the Sunday School Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey. All interested persons are invited to attend. Enquiries: 295 225.

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The Crown Jewels are being polished in readiness for June 23rd. This is our special invite to one and all to join us for the Last Chance Deb Ball and Dinner at the Mechanics Hall 7.30 p.m. B.Y.O. Drinks and glass. Dress, Black and White. Debs are being presented to their Majesties at 8.15. Cost \$25 per person, dancing until 1 a.m.

Book as a single, couples or tables, anyway you wish but book. Last year some folks had to miss out. R.S.V.P. with payment to Romsey Primary School 6.6.90.

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FIREWOOD

Grey Box/Iron Bark \$65 per cubic metre or \$10 per 100 kg.  
Phone 295 734.

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Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is an inter-denominational and spirit-filled congregation of believers, with a commitment to present the gospel within the local community. We are a family orientated church and provide a comprehensive childrens ministry in conjunction with our Sunday Services. The good news in our midst is that Jesus has come full of grace and truth, and as the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world.

Two important events this month are the mens breakfast on Saturday 12th and a Ladies Luncheon on Friday 25th with former Ugandan National Susan Owino as speaker. These days are open to everyone and enquiries and bookings can be made through Geoff and Lorraine Holland on 295 673. We welcome all to join us in our regular Sunday Morning Services, held weekly in the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 10.00 a.m.

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COUNCIL NEWS

As residents, we often wonder what Council does for us. We pay rates, the grabage is picked up weekly, and the pothole is eventually filled. In recent weeks, two things have occurred in this Riding that have taken your Riding Councillors 3 years to achieve. We are very pleased that we are able to see something tangible for our efforts. The first item is the earthworks being undertaken for the new Romsey Kindergarten/ I.W.C. A lot of people have put in considerable effort to see this venture come to fruition. There is still a considerable amount to do but we can see a start. It is no longer something that was just talked about. The second item is a new timetable from V Line in relation to public transport between Lancefield and Sunbury/Melb. Some may comment that it doesn't go far enough, but it is a start. In effect, you can now travel between the three towns (Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek) mid-morning and mid-afternoon, go to Melbourne and be back to pick the kids up from school. It is for a trial period, we need your support now to ensure we keep it and possible if demand is there, extend it

and tailor it to further our needs. Instead of driving your car, use public transport. If we don't use it, we lose it.

An application for dual occupancy has been received for 30 Metcalfe Drive. Council has resolved to require advertising, further information from the applicant and obtain a report from our planning officer on dual occupancy and the effect it will have on our infrastructure (e.g. water, etc.). An application for a 18.3m x 12.2m x 4.3m high shed in Ida Close was refused as it would be prejudicial to the amenity of the area. Perfect Grounds cafe have applied for a B.Y.O. licence. The decision has been deferred pending a response from the Liquor Licensing Commission. The ranger reports that on a number of separate occasions sheep were attacked near the Romsey Primary School. A number of dogs have been seen and the owners are facing fines for dogs wandering loose at night. There are disturbing reports of dogs in packs of up to 5 seen at night in certain areas.

Finally, dog registration were due for renewal on 10.4.90. Failure to register any dog over 6 months old renders the owner liable to a fine of \$200. Dogs found by the Ranger to be unregistered will cost their owners a minimum of \$75 late fee. Failure to register as directed will result in a \$200 infringement notice.

Till next time: Doug Newnham. David Mitchell. Geoff Neil.

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#### THE GUID AND BROWNIE LOCAL ASSOCIATION REPORT 1990

The Romsey Guide and Brownie Local Association have had another successful year together as a parent support group. We have raised a good amount of money which has gone towards the training and equipping of the Guide and Brownie Leaders, for their work with the girls. This money has been raised through many different fund raising activities some of these being: The delivery of phone books to residents of Romsey. The running of cake and produce stalls during the year. The running of raffles. The running of Lamington and chocolate drives.

Our thanks are extended to all the parents who have helped and hard working leaders to make these functions a success. I would also like to express our thanks to Sue as this is to be her final year in Guiding. Disappointment was felt on the retirement of Mrs. Lorraine Shufflebotham and Mrs. Pat Mulionger during the year. We formally welcome Eleanor Kissack who is assisting Mrs. Lawton with the Guides. Thanks also must go to Mrs. Beryl Cole and Mrs. Lorraine Robb for their help and guidance during the year. Thank you to the few mums who made the effort to come to our meetings during the year. Your interest is essential and appreciated. Our leaders of the Guides and Brownies are always very co-operative and helpful and that good communication and support is also appreciated.

Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Helena Thompson for her support to us as an association and for the generosity she showed in photocopying our L.A. notices free of charge. May you all have a very successful 1990-1991.

Patricia Corner - Secretary.

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Hobbytex Fabric Paints available in Romsey. For catalogues, parties, lessons or general enquiries phone Wendy Brants 295 913.

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#### LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Two months have passed since my last contribution to the Romsey Rag, but we are still an active club with some interesting meetings ahead of us. Next Meeting: May 28th - David Holmgren - Perma Culture in the Home Garden. June 25th - Doug Bryce - Slides, Video. July 23rd - Perrennial Garden Slides (visit to Norgate Nursery, Trentham, Day trip.

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August 27th - Greg King. September 24th - Stephen Ryan (details on both later). October 22nd - L. Johns - Bendigo Fern Farm. Remember anyone can attend, cost is nothing but bring some supper, always 8 pm, Lancefield Hall, fourth Monday of every month.

Members: Your next meeting's competitions are:

1. Best bloom.
2. Chrysanthemum.
3. Potted foliage plant.
4. One parsnip.
5. Collection of 3 different vegetables.

See you there, hopefully.

Greg Parks	John Severson	Doss Keating
President	Secretary	Publicity
Lancefield	291 759	295 840.
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Romsey Calisthenic College - TRIVI. NIGHT. Saturday June 2nd. 8pm. Romsey Mechanics Hall. \$10 per family: \$4 adults: \$2 children. B.Y.O. Supper and Drinks. Tea and coffee provided. Further information ring 291 679.

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THANK YOU - St. Pauls Kindergarten would like to thank the following people for their generous donations towards the kinder's Easter and Mothers Day raffles: Romsey Riteway Supermarket: Hardwicks Butcher: Suzanne's Totally Natural Beauty Therapy Studio: Mrs. Pat. Marshall. Thank you also to all the people who purchased our Easter raffle tickets. 1st prize: A. Boxhall. 2nd Prize: T. Moore 3rd prize: unclaimed.

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#### SHIRE NEWS SHEETS

Immediately following each monthly council meetings a Shire news sheet is produced, reporting the decisions and discussions of Council. Interested parties are reminded that they may collect copies of this newsheet from their nearest Shire newsagent on the Thursday or Friday following the second Wednesday in each month.

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The Romsey Primary School invites you to attend a fashion parade on Tuesday 22nd May 8 pm. Venue: School Gym. Cost: \$5 per head. Supper provided. There will be a large range of exclusively "Aussie Made" garments ranging from childrens 2-16 teens and adults extra S - extra L. Tickets available at school or ring Vicki Kelly 295 180. Bring a friend. All welcome.

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#### TUTORING - Romsey Area.

Experienced primary school teacher available to tutor children in all primary grades and subjects. Cost \$20 per hour in your own home \$15 per hour in my home. For any queries please ring Mrs. Diana Ellis (A.H.) 295 141.

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Motherhood is a skilful occupation, satisfying yet difficult and demanding. It is an occupation that stays with a woman all her life, that she can't resign from, yet it provides immense rewards for all who join it. With this in mind, National Mothering Week this year (May 6 to 13) has the theme of

MOTHERHOOD .. A CAREER OF A LIFETIME.

Organised by the Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia, the week aims to raise the status of women's work as mothers. This year the Association is focussing on women's preparation for this vital career. Usually there is some training involved in taking on a career. We feel preparation and training should be extended to

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routinely include parenting in school courses, antenatal classes, postnatal discussion and support groups. Community groups such as Nursing Mothers' offer women a means to increase skills and develop confidence as mothers. We know what an enjoyable yet touch career Motherhood can be, and we congratulate all Grandmothers, Mothers and Mothers-to-be and recognise their talents, dedication and perserverance. Many local Nursing Mothers' Groups have activities planned for National Mothering Week. Get to know your local group by contacting Dot Chandler on 285 378 or Lynette Finn on 295 860.

During National Mothering Week the Romsey/Lancefield NMAA Group will be having a coffee morning at the Lancefield Community House (Mechanics Hall) on Thursday 10th May from 10 am. All welcome. We will also be having a cake stall in Romsey from 9 am on Saturday 12th May.

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#### HOLIDAY IN THE SUN

Surfers Paradise time share unit to let from 9th - 23rd June. Sleeping 6 people in a lovely modern decor, self contained apartment. Situated in the heart of Surfers and right on the beach edge. Other facilities for your use include indoor heated pool, tennis court, BBQ, Sauna, spa and recreation room. All this for \$500 a week. Phone Bill and Lois Knox (075) 528 844.

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SUZANNE's Totally Natural Beauty Therapy and Nail Studio.  
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Mothers Day Ideas. Gift Vouchers for:

Facial with free eyelash tint or free eyebrow shape.

Manicure: Pedicure: 9carat Gold Nails: extension tips with free cuticle condition: Make-up for special occasions: body waxing: make-up kits and nail care kits.

\* Sorry for any inconvenience for wrong phone number printed in last months Romsey Rag.

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FOR SALE: Couch and 2 arm chairs. Ideal to have as a second lounge setting in a rumpus room. Cost \$100 or nearest offer. Ring Tony or Di 295 141 after hours.

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Good homes wanted for delightful young Standard longhaired Daschshunds two males and 1 speyed female. Make wonderful childrens pets. Enquiries (054) 295 525.

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NUTRI-METICS - If you are in need of any Nutri Metics please feel free to ring and order. Catalogues available.  
Phone Kim 295 791.

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#### WEIGHT WATCHERS

Overeat over Easter. Lose those extra kilos and join a friendly group of people. Learn how to keep your weight off for a lifetime. Thursday:Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman St, 7 pm.  
Lecturer: Gayle Ryan.

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# Romsey Sporting News.

## ROMSEY BADMINTON CLUB INC.

The Macedon Ranges Association night competition starts the 2nd week in May with four teams from Romsey being entered.

The Saturday morning practice continues starting at 11.00 a.m. The practice includes training of juniors and anyone who wishes to have a social game may attend. Cost \$2. Racquets for hire \$1.

For more information ring: Jan or Craig Peet 295 365  
Mary or Daryl Wallace 295 681.

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## LADIES BASKETBALL COMPETITION

New season starting Thursday morning 7th June 1990 at Romsey Recreation Centre. Registration taken at Centre on 24.5.90 at 10.00 a.m. All enquiries M. Rea 295 816 or P. Camilleri 295 637. New players welcome.

Pam Camilleri - Romsey Rec. Centre.

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Junior Golf Program will commence on Saturday May 5th at 9.00 a.m. All juniors 8 years and over are welcome and the club will conduct several coaching clinics. The cost for the program will be \$5 or a junior membership for 12 months can be purchased for \$10. Each junior must have suitable golf clubs and footwear. Any enquiries can be made to Allan Graco 295 500.

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## LADIES GOLF NEWS

We have started off our season with some good weather and good golf. On the 11.4.90 Pauline Sloane won with a 91.30.61 and broke her handicap to 29. Congratulations Pauline. Pauline also won the putting on the day. On the 18.4.90 Pauline kept up her good form and won again. Shirley Martell won the putting. On the 28.4.90 we welcomed back Beryl Cole who had been working on Wednesdays. Beryl hadn't forgotten how to play as she won well with 30 stapleford points and broke her handicap to 29. Congratulations to Beryl.

On the 2nd May we invited the ladies from Rylong to play and 8 ladies came and we had a very enjoyable game and lunch. Pauline still playing very consistently won our Monthly Medal, the longest drive was won by one of our new members - Virginia Newell.

## "HEART HEALTH TRY GOLF CLINIC"

Clinics sponsored by the National Heart Foundation - are being conducted for the beginner and advanced lady golfers. Clinics will consist of 3 hours coaching. Full swing - 1 hour - Sandy McCaw 4 times Aust. Champion. Chipping and Putting - 1 hour - Priscilla May, Former Tasmanian State Player. Pitching and Bunkers - 1 hour - Jocey O'Rourke, 3 State Titles. Cost per person \$5 for the 3 hours. Venue: Kyneton Golf Club. Date: 25.5.90. Time: 9.30 or 1 p.m.

For further information or to register your name contact: Priscilla May 22 2209 or Jocey O'Rourke 22 2349. This is a great opportunity, don't miss out. EVERYONE WELCOME.

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SPECIAL OFFER - for this term only at Carol's Low Impact Aerobic sessions. You pay only \$15 for either Monday or Thursday morning sessions from 9.15 till 10 a.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Sessions commence on Monday 30th April and Thursday 3rd of May with creche available for 50 cents.

Adults Jazz Ballet classes start on Tuesday 1st of May and are held every Tuesday night in the Romsey Mechanics Hall from 8 till 9 p.m. Pay \$34 for a term of \$4 per session. Enquire - Carol 295 590.

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#### THE ROMSEY RAMBLER

The lack of public transport has been a limiting factor in Romsey's development. Therefore we must welcome the new bus service arrangements which commence this week. While there may not yet be a great deal more flexibility than before, it is a beginning and the co-ordination with the V-line network so that travellers can get an inclusive bus-rail fare is a boon. However, there is still a long way to go. Not all the trains are covered and their range itself is restricted. For example, if anyone wants to work late, or attend an evening meeting or entertainment, they are obliged to provide their own transport. The choice of Riddell's Creek as the station to meet the train, instead of Clarkefield where the previous bus service operated, is also a mixed blessing. While there is no significant difference in terms of distance, and Riddell's Creek is a little more convenient if the bus is to run on into Sunbury, there are other things to be considered. Morning departure has to be several minutes earlier and arrival on the return journey a similar period later extending the travelling time overall. The bus schedule will also have to allow for the long 60 km zone into Riddell that does not apply at Clarkefield. It has long been an interesting anomaly that Clarkefield station is manned all day while Riddell's Creek has not been manned after about 2 pm, yet the only station to have trains not stop is Clarkefield. Nonetheless, we must all hope that it is a real beginning. It does make one wonder "what if?" with regard to the old railway line. If it had still been there it would surely be viable now. Interestingly the line does not appear to be hopelessly compromised between the southern end of Romsey and Clarkefield. However, the capital costs are such that I don't foresee a re-opening as a possibility. While, of course, through and beyond Romsey the old route has been effectively cut. We can dream!

The apathy that greeted the Shire's laudable attempts to get natural gas for our towns when the main went through to Kyneton was very disappointing. But no more so than the statistics of convenience which the Gas & Fuel Corporation used to justify not working towards an early connection. As I recall they said on the one hand that there would be an annual loss of some \$800,000 given the response of our citizens. But, on the other hand they suggested that just one industrial user (presumably of a certain minimum size) would make the supply possible. For that amount of difference it would have to be some industry. Still, the point remains that, given our current building rate the demand must grow. More important, the cost and inconvenience would be less had the work been done - of putting in the main pipelines at least - before so many more roads and houses were constructed, e.g. the Romsey Heights estate. I have seen the disruption in a small country town when that town was sewered. Trenches, holes, piles of earth in driveways, gardens, backyards etc. for weeks and weeks. Not a pretty sight, and most inconvenient.

I gather the provision of natural gas is still an issue. It is certainly the cheapest power source and relatively clean (perhaps next only to electricity). The next time you get the chance can I suggest that you support the efforts of your Shire to get another service for our community.

Adrian Pegler.

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Romsey Ladies Netball Association is holding a bus trip on Sunday 17th June to the Melbourne Glasshouse to watch Australia play England and New Zealand. Cost is \$20 adults \$15 juniors which includes bus fare. Bookings can be made with Bev Gaunt 291 200 Karen Davidson 295 244 A.H. Joanne Deakin 295 489. Tickets must be paid by 21st May.

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ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

At our April Meeting we had David Mitchell address us on historic buildings in the district and related topics. The members found the talk both informative and stimulating. Chatting to a V.C.E. student later, she found it most helpful in suggesting plans for her chosen topic of History of Lancefield and Romsey. We wish her well. We look forward to similar visits from students and other interested people at our next meeting when Maureen Meyer will speak on Genealogy and Tracing your family which will be at Seymour Cottage in Palmer Street on May 22nd at 8 pm. A cordial invitation to all. Our Egg Decoration display on May 2nd was most interesting. During the afternoon Mrs. Mary McIntyre and her sister Mrs. Ivy Amess were made "Life Members" of the Society. Unfortunately Ivy was not able to be present - a small deputation went to see her in hospital where she is recuperating and presented her with her badge. Hurry up and get well, Ivy. We congratulate both these ladies who join our foundation life member Mrs. I. Allen. Our Progressive Dinner bookings are rapidly filling. This will be held on May 19th. First course is at the Farmers Arms at Lancefield at 6 pm. There can be no door entries. Applications to Box 11 Romsey accompanied by \$15 per head donation.

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ROMSEY SPORTS & CLOTHING phone 295 716

All senior and junior football boots discounted. Junior football boots available for \$20. Great assortment of good quality Exacto, Le Coq Sportif, Reflex windcheaters now in stock.

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The Kyneton and district Youth Accommodation Group is pleased to announce the expansion of its service to the Shire of Romsey. KADYAS will be operating from the Shire of Romsey offices every Tuesday between 9 am and 5 pm. KADYAS provides transitional supported accommodation and related support service which include: referral to emergency accommodation. Independent living skills. Advocacy concerning, social security, education, employment, accommodation, Austudy etc. Bond and relocation application. Counselling and referral. Housing emergency fund. Support accommodation. For further information or assistance please don't hesitate to contact Lyn Allan or Glen Gordon at the following offices.

Kyneton	Mon-Fri.	9 - 6 pm	phone	22 3073
Romsey	Tue.	9 - 5 pm	"	29 5201
Woodend	Fri.	9 - 5 pm	"	27 2300

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## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

### 125TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

This International Year of Literacy is also being celebrated by Romsey Primary School for their 125th Anniversary, which will be highlighted during Education Week in September. Co-operation from planning groups such as the Historical Society is greatly appreciated.

### NEW SCHOOL PLANS:

Plans of the new school may be viewed in the Romsey Primary School staff room and for the first time these include the elevations as well as the complete floor plans. The School Planning Committee are meeting fortnightly with the Architects in order to finalise tendered documents well before the end of the year.

MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER STALL will again be held on Saturday 12th May in the Main Street, with children being able to purchase small present for Mother at school on Thursday 10th.

### JAPANESE INTERN ARRIVES:

"The Tomodachi" or Friendship Program, which was so successful last year involving four Japanese ladies and five schools has been expanded this year to include Darraweit Guim and Wallan Primary Schools. Miss Kumi Tanno was greeted by three local families at Melbourne Airport during the holidays. This lady is a very conscientious and quiet, co-operative member of our staff who is enjoying working with Mrs. Ryan's grade 5/6 at the moment. The children of that particular grade are being challenged to speak nothing but Japanese during their classroom lessons this week. Mrs. Pam Ryan is herself a very keen student of the Japanese language and has enthused her pupils who are more than ready for the work Kumi will be doing with them.

### BREAK-IN AT ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL:

I am pleased to report that the young men responsible for taking goods from the school during the holidays have seen fit to return them in good order and apologise for their actions. It is unfortunate however that the doors left open during this theft allowed graffiti artists and vandals to follow them making the job of cleaning up an expended Fire Extinguisher in the office area a difficult one for the school cleaner.

SPECIAL THANKYOU to the parents who made our working bee on the last Saturday of the holidays so successful. This now conditional working bee held just before the children return to school ensures that the yard and garden areas are nice and tidy.

### ARBOR WEEK:

Next week throughout Victoria, children and parents are encouraged to become aware of the importance of trees and if possible plant some of their own. Children at our school will be doing this as well as enjoying special lessons regarding the environment and conservation. How about discussing this at home or sharing a garden task together during Arbor Week.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY actually spans the ten days from Ascension to Pentecost. Our District's annual Ecumenical Service to mark this "Week" will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 3rd June, at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Romsey at 3pm. District Christians are all invited to testify to their common faith by attending this service.

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Items for the next Edition of the Romsey Rag should be delivered to the Romsey post office by 1PM on Friday 1st June.

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