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ROMSEY SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

For the trivia minded, supplementary valuations of private properties of the Shire took place in September. On paper, the Net Annual Value of privately owned land in the Shire is now worth \$29,943,750.03. This is an increase of \$465,495 on the April 1993 N.A.V.

Once again the Shire will be running a bus over the school holidays to the Lancefield Pool. Times will be advertised in the local press and displayed on shop windows etc., but the pick-up point at Romsey will be the new Post Office, available Monday to Friday (inclusive) and on days where the forecast is 25 degrees or greater as stated in the previous evening's news bulletins.

Council has expressed to the Education Dept. interest in purchasing the old school site for use as a community facility. At this time, the Dept. has not indicated to Council a price, though it has stated we will have preference.

As mentioned last month, a turning lane will be constructed on Main Street at McIntosh Terrace (entry road to new school) and barriers have been placed at Railway Crescent and Station Street with McIntosh Terrace to facilitate the one-way traffic flow.

Confirmation that roadworks on the Woodend Road (between Couzens Lane and Glenfern Road) will also commence in January, weather permitting.

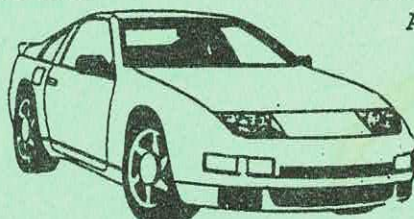
Finally, Rod, Steve and I wish all in the Romsey Riding a festive Christmas and New Year. We ask all residents to take care over the Christmas break and be patient, especially if driving a motor car. Please remember that detection for a drink driving offence will result in loss of licence, possibly loss of job and, if you are involved in an accident, you will probably void your insurance. Just a timely reminder for when you attend your work end-of-year function.

Till next year, ROD CONWAY STEVE HENDY and GEOFF NEIL
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1993 TIDY TOWNS JUDGING REPORT ROMSEY

Trevor Lagstrom of Keep Australia Beautiful (Victoria) visited Romsey on 15 October to assess the achievements of this historic town in the 1993 Tidy Towns Program.

The judge appreciated the opportunity of meeting with Shire President Councillor Geoff Neil, Councillor Steve Hendy and Glenn Owens, Assistant Shire Secretary, over morning coffee before being escorted by Stuart Turnham, Chairman, and Helen Clement of the Tidy Town Committee and Health Officer David Ireland on a comprehensive tour of Romsey.

Romsey, with the magnificent avenue of 90 year old elm trees extending through the main street and northwards into the distance, presented as an attractive and litter-free town. This is not surprising, as Romsey Shire Council and the Tidy Town Committee, with the support of an excellent community newspaper "The Romsey Rag", have been very active with their positive litter control campaign.

The Local Law Officer has issued Litter Infringement Notices for illegal dumping of litter on roadsides; 43 volunteers did a great clean-up job on Clean-Up Australia Day, and Primary School children picked up litter around Five Mile Creek on the next school day; but it is the education and information activities of the Tidy Town Committee that is especially commendable. Signage in the main street, Romsey Rag articles, an information display board which is rotated around banks and shops, a promotion day in the central shopping centre and an excellent approach at the Primary School are all very effective. All business houses involved, including the supermarket, where the judge viewed the information display, are commended for their participation in this important activity.

On the subject of signage, Romsey is congratulated on the attractive "Romsey is a Tidy Town" sign on the median strip of the main street. In heritage colours in keeping with the landscape, it delivers a very clear message!

Romsey Primary School was to have moved to the new site on judging day, but there was a last - minute change to those arrangements. Despite this difficult situation and timing, the school was neat and tidy and was obviously environmentally aware. A large photograph of the children assembled by the lovely old school building will be a treasured addition to the heritage of the school.

A highlight of the judge's visit was the recitation by Lauren Verity of Grade 6 of her poem: "A Tidy Town - A Tidy World". Well done, Lauren! Another was the impromptu signwriting along the fence where children had collected cut grass from the oval and woven it into the fence fabric to spell out: "Keep Australia Beautiful!" Even Principal Trevor Turnham was not aware that this was happening, and it is this kind of spontaneous response that makes our work with communities so rewarding. Thank you, Romsey Primary School.

The involvement of school children in collecting 12 bags of litter from Five Mile Creek as a Clean-Up Australia Day effort has been mentioned. All pupils share yard duty, using the bins that have been cleverly modified by the school to prevent crows entering and scattering the contents. Old tyres are re-used to mark bin sites and to anchor them in position.

Romsey Primary School newsletter carries regular Tidy Towns notices and reminders, and the school created posters and colouring competitions (using an adaptation of the popular "Garfield" poster) to highlight Tidy Towns. The Junior School Council and Staff work together to overcome environmental and litter problems.

The Primary School was involved in the Romsey Shire Council and Tidy Town Committee free tree scheme, with each child receiving two free Australian native trees together with planting advice. Students re-potted 700 tubed trees into 150mm pots, where they are being grown for planting at the new school next April.

There is strong support at Romsey for the kerbside recycling scheme, which commenced in March, 1992. The Tidy Town Committee and Shire Council actively promote recycling.

WHAT IS THE SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM?

The Safety House Program is a local community and Police child protection program that:

- Provides a safe place for children
- Provides children with the skills and confidence to feel safe
- Provides a network of safe places for children within the community

A distinctive yellow smiling house logo allows children to easily recognise an approved safety house as a safe place to go when they feel scared or threatened. School education programs reinforce the role which Safety House plays for children.



WHAT DOES BEING INVOLVED IN SAFETY HOUSE MEAN

Either your home or business can become a safety house if:

- Someone is on the premises during the times children normally travel to and from school
- Your home or business is easily accessible to children from the street
- Occupants over the age of 15 undergo a police character check

What do you do if your safety house is used?

- You need to comfort the child
- If necessary call the police and then follow their instructions



The Scout Group conducts a recycling centre, where glass, cardboard, aluminium cans and plastic PET bottles are collected. The Scouts delivered the kerbside recycling bags to householders and their operations have suffered little from the introduction of the Council service.

The Shire of Romsey has encouraged recycling by means of a \$10 rebate on any composting bins purchased from a retailer within the Shire. The local Mitre 10 store sold 20 bins at a reduced price in support of Romsey being a Tidy Town at the special Free Tree and Promotional Day on 15 May 1993. Romsey Tidy Town Committee has also issued information sheets promoting composting.

An excellent ongoing project by the Lions Club is the continuing development of parkland along the Five Mile Creek. The Lions Park near Main Road is increasingly popular. New playground equipment was installed this year, and the annual Carols by Candlelight drew 1100 people. This is a valuable and commendable community project by a worthy community organisation.

Beautification of Romsey continues. The historic elm avenue has received tree surgery maintenance, and infill planting has been carried out where appropriate. Further street plantings will add to the character of the town as they mature. The Publicity and Free Tree Day co-organised by Council and Tidy Towners drew over 800 people, and 2200 native trees were given away. The occasion was used to further promote the Tidy Towns objectives.

Small local neighbourhood parks have been developed, with additional playground equipment installed at Coleraine Drive and Desmond Crescent. The Tidy Street Competition, for which the Tidy Towns judge is shown three finalists from which to choose the winner, encourages beautification as well as freedom from litter and participation in the recycling scheme. A distinctive and attractive street name sign is placed at the entrance to the winning street. A high standard of care and pride was again evident this year.

This report began with reference to Romsey as an historic town. It is pleasing to note that the preservation of their heritage continues, and the judge could sense the pride of his hosts as they pointed out places and buildings of particular significance.

* Romsey Mechanics Institute, the foundation stone for which was laid in 1884, has survived a major fire and the ravages of time to be an attractive, mellow and - significantly - useful asset to the town. Its current uses are as diverse as the home of the Elderly Citizens' Club and classes for Jazz and Tap Dancing!

* The Romsey Lancefield and District Historical Society is commended for its involvement with "Barton", a superbly maintained and rare transportable cottage (c.1850) and the Old Court House (c.1888), now the headquarters of Romsey Fire Brigade, which maintains the site in excellent order.

* The former Post Office (c.1890) is now part of the Shire Offices, and will be maintained intact externally to enhance the streetscape. The Shire Offices main building (c.1888) was originally the Commercial Bank.

* Privately owned premises which are preserved in excellent state include the former National Bank (c.1877; the former Post Office Hotel (c.1867), now known as The Romsey Hotel; the former Oddfellows Hotel (c.1871); the former Galway Arms Hotel (c.1871) and the General Merchants Store (c.1877). Renovations and restorations have maintained the heritage aspects (including colour) of these buildings and retain the heritage style of the Romsey Townscape.

* The various churches in Romsey are well maintained by their respective congregations. Of particular interest is the bluestone Uniting Church, tucked away in a side street.

Romsey has completed a very creditable year of activities aimed at making this delightful town more liveable for its residents and attractive and interesting for visitors to enjoy. The Shire of Romsey, Tidy Town Committee and other community groups, together with the residents, are congratulated on their achievements in only the second Tidy Towns entry.

We recommend that copies of this report be released to all those concerned and to your local media.



ROMSEY TOWNSHIP JUDGES JUDGES REPORT - Ctd.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Join the safety house program by:

- ☐ Becoming a safety house/business holder
- ☐ Displaying the safety house letterbox plaque or business sign
- ☐ Becoming a local committee member
- ☐ Becoming a monitor of safety houses in your street
- ☐ Getting involved in safety house activities such as yellow days and "IMA" promotional shows
- ☐ IMA is a national safety house character used to promote the program

* If interested please
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Michael Lane 295566

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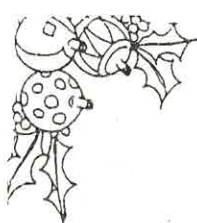
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reopen at 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. sharp.

We do many activities inside and out and have a friendly and happy environment
for all children involved.

Nat and I hope to see old as well as new faces back in 1994. If you wish to book
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We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a very safe New Year. See you in
1994.

Kim & Nat



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LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LITTLE ATHS.

The Little Athletics Centre
has had a substantial increase
in numbers this season, and
this has enabled us to begin
coaching twice weekly.

Judging by enthusiastic responses
sessions are much appreciated by
our developing athletes.

LAST COMPETITION for the first
half of the season is on
SATURDAY, 11th DEC.

Coaching will finish on this
date and will resume 17th and
21st JAN. Competition begins
with our regular Saturday
program on 22nd JANUARY, 1994.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

INFORMATION FROM 291 751 or
295 968.

DID YOUR LAST FUNCTION CLASH WITH OTHER EVENTS?

How often have you organized a fundraiser, only to find it clashed with other Clubs' activities?

It has been suggested that a fundraising planner/diary be compiled to alleviate the problem of too many activities being organized at one time. Many Clubs would then gain maximum benefit from their fundraising activities. The planner would be kept in a communal place and accessible to all. Many Clubs will be organizing A.G.M.s and planning their next events in the near future, so please give some thought to this idea.

Full details need not be left; just approximate time, e.g. Term I etc. Similarly, the full year's details need not be left; term by term or six-monthly would be sufficient.

Please contact Romsey Rag with your suggestions. Coming events could be published in the Romsey Rag each month.



Safety House Committee

The Romsey Safety House Committee would like to welcome to the team another Commercial Safety Householder, being Jandi Hair Salon, Main Street, (next to Commonwealth Bank) and would like to hear

from anyone wishing to become a Safety House. Please contact: Michael Lane (295 566) or Anne Hendricksen (295 891). Our next Meeting is Monday, 6th Dec. 7.30pm at the Romsey Primary School, (Staff Room).

Our Committee would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy holiday. As we have been operating for one year, we are having a stall at the Lions Club Christmas Carnival and will be giving away balloons, badges and stickers. Hope to see you there!

Regards, Anne Hendricksen, Publicity Officer.

ROMSEY FISHING CLUB INC.

2.40am Sunday, 21st Nov. 1993. The sky is clear, the air is crisp. What a day for a fishing comp. off San Remo. After a brief detention by the Victoria Police (asking whether we intended to visit any more Night Clubs) we arrived in San Remo at approximately 5.30a.m. Gear and people loaded, the skipper headed for the Flathead grounds. Three hours of drifting had a reasonable bag of about 50 Flathead and a couple of Gurnard. One line was set for shark but despite a steady stream of berley (supplied by various participants convinced that salvation could be found over the edge of a boat) none were to be seen until later when we headed closer inshore to the reef. At this point, what looked to be an eight foot Mako was hooked and lost (along with the skipper's new reel.) A little later on, another shark had a go at a bait set on a hand line. This one also had a laugh at our expense. The reef also proved very productive for Blue Throated Wrasse, Leather Jacket, Parrot Fish, Senator Fish and Tasmanian Perch.

We pulled anchor at about 12.30pm and headed back to shore for some refreshments and a B.B.Q. This move was welcomed by many of the seedier members of the party. The weigh was a highlight despite no huge figures being registered. The biggest fish went to Rick Paull with a Flathead of 1 kg. Biggest bag went to Pat Carra with Lindsay Paull right on his heels being only 2gm behind. Most species in a bag went to Norman ?? with a total of six species. In all, the day was enjoyable if not a little disappointing with the small number of fish caught.

First comp. for 1994: Lauriston & Malmsbury Reservoirs SAT. Dec. 13. Start time 6.00am; Weigh-in at 6.00pm at the ROMSEY HOTEL. 1994 "out of comp" weigh-ins have commenced with Des Walters (2 Brown Trout) and Pat Carra with a Redfin of 400gm.

ROMSEY FISHING CLUB INC.
1994 FISHING ITENARY

- JANUARY** Sunday 9th Eildon (Frazer National Park) Trout & Redfin
Family Day Start time 10am (if taking a boat arrive
earlier to get into the water. Weigh in 3pm.
Meet and Weigh in location: Turn right at Rangers
Office- first Carpark on the left.
- February** Sunday 13th Eildon (Delatite Arm) Trout & Murray Cod.
6am start - 2pm weigh in
Details to be finalised.
- March** Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th Swann Reach Bream & Est. Perch
Details to be finalised.
- April** EASTER WEEKEND "Open Competition"
ANY LOCATION IN VICTORIA fresh or salt water.
Start time 6am Good Friday
Weigh in 6pm Romsey Hotel
- May** Sunday 15th Lake Eppalock (destination ??) Redfin & Yellow
Belly.
Family Day Start 10am - Weigh in 3pm
Details to be finalised.
- June** QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - CRAY TRIP
Details to be finalised.
- July** Sunday 10th Warrnambool Surf Trip
Depart Romsey Hotel 3am
Return approx. 6pm Weigh in prior to leaving WBL
Cost: approx \$15-\$20.
- August** Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th Lake Mulwala Murray Cod
Accom. Shoreline Caravan Park.
Details to be finalised.
- September** Sunday 11th Newland/Hepburn/Dean Reservoirs Trout
6am Start - Weigh in 2pm Newlands Picnic Area.
- October** Sunday 14th Cairn Curran (location ???) Trout & Redfin
6am Start - 2pm Weigh in Caravan Park Carpark
B.B.Q facilities available if family want to come along.
- November** Sunday 13th Charter
Details to be finalised
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1st ROMSEY GUIDES

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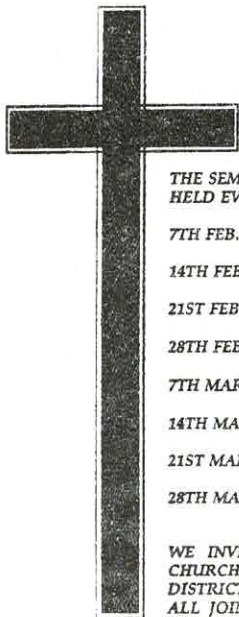
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The Library welcomes return of late material.

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Regional Library Manager

DRINK DRIVING

Currently, we are working with the Victoria Police to have the criteria to become a Safety Householder amended from "any conviction for drink driving" to "multiple convictions for drink driving". Multiple being more than one. It is felt by both organisations that previously this clause has discriminated against a lot of respectable people in the community. However, if a person has more than one conviction for drink driving then it **may** indicate other problems that would not be suitable to a Safety Householders. This is still in the process of being accepted by the Police Department and until such time, police officers conducted I.B.R checks will continue to knock back applicants with a conviction for .05%. However, being refused status as a Safety Householder seems to be a light penalty in comparison to other countries:

World-wide "bloody idiots"

The following article was found in *Police Life*, it originally appeared in *RAAF News* and *La Pilota*, a Texan publication. It lists how penalties around the world vary greatly for drink driving offences.

Malaya - Driver is jailed and, if married, his wife joins him in prison.

South Africa - 10 years in prison or \$10,000 fine, or both.

Turkey - The drunk driver is taken 20 miles from town and forced to walk back under police escort.

Norway - Three weeks' jail with hard labour, and one year loss of licence. A second offence within 5 years and the licence is lost for good.

Finland & Sweden - Driver is automatically jailed for one year with hard labour.

Costa Rica - Police remove offending driver's plates from the car.

Russia - Driver's licence is revoked for life.

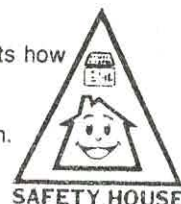
England - One year loss of licence, substantial fine and jailed for one year.

France - Three year loss of licence, one year jail and \$1,000 fine.

Poland - Jailed and forced to attend political lectures.

Bulgaria - For a second offence, the driver is executed.

El Salvador - Each first offence is also the last offence, as the drunk driver is executed by firing squad.





Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a Bible believing and Christ centred community church. Through a wide range of Christian based activities we seek to be a blessing to you, and especially as we approach the Christmas season.

We could wish you peace, joy, happiness and good health, but these alone are not enough. In today's world, we need more than just nice words and good thoughts. Traditionally at Christmas we look back to Christ's birth nearly 2000 years ago, and yet at times have difficulty fitting an historical event into the turmoil of today's world.

Actually, to know the story of Christ alone is not enough. We need to know that He came to die and rise again to be our Saviour and friend. So not only do we wish you a merry Christmas, but we wish you Jesus, the only one who can fill the emptiness in our life. We say that Jesus is the reason for the season.

We invite you especially to our Christmas Eve celebration service, held on Friday, 24th December at 7.30pm in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. It may be years since you have attended church, but you are welcome, and your family too, as we put Christ in His proper place during this festive season.

Our regular Sunday morning services are held at 10.00am in the Romsey Hall. Sunday, 12th December is the annual children's ministry concert.

If we can assist you, we invite your enquiry to Geoff Holland (Minister) on 295 673, or Graham Mau on 291 488.

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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

We plan to farewell our Minister Rev. Adrian Pegler and his family - his wife Alison and Tim, Chris and Kate (who were 3 teenagers when they arrived at the Manse 10 years ago and now leave us as 3 very fine young adults) - at our Annual Christmas Carols Evening, commencing with a family tea at 6pm on Sunday 19th December in the Sunday School Hall. Community members who would like to join us will be very welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. It will be a good opportunity for us all to thank the Pegler family for all they have done to help and support us in their time of ministry in the Lancefield/Romsey Parish, and to wish them God's blessings as Adrian begins his time of ministry to the Parish of Alexandra.

Services for December/January are as follows:-

Sunday 5th Dec. Holy Communion, Confirmation and Sunday School at 9am.
Sunday 12th " Sunday School Anniversary Service Presentation to the

congregation and Birthday Party for Jesus following the service. The children are requested to bring a gift suitable for a child their own age, to be given to needy families at "CARE" Mission at Broadmeadows.

Sunday 19th Dec. Family Worship 9a.m. Family Tea 6p.m. followed by Carols at 8p.m.

Christmas Day)
Sat. 25th Dec.) Parish Service at Romsey at 9.30a.m.

Sun. 26th Dec. Parish Service at Lancefield at 10a.m.

Services throughout January will be conducted by Lay Preacher Mrs. Elizabeth Brown (Betty), as follows:-

PARISH FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10.00 am.

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2nd Jan. Holy Communion at Romsey; 16th & 30th at Romsey, 10.00am.
9th & 23rd Jan. Parish Services at 10.00am at Lancefield.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH (Continued)

Our new Minister, Rev. Mrs. Elaine Callister, who has recently successfully completed her Theology Studies, will be inducted into our Parish to commence her Ministry to her first Parish on Friday, 28th January at Lancefield Church at 8.00p.m.

We welcome Elaine and her family - her husband Ray and family Andrew, Brendan, Roslyn and Nathan, to Lancefield/Romsey Parish and we pray that God will richly bless us all as we witness together as a Parish to our local community and the wider Church in Australia also.

Elaine will be pleased to meet any member of the Parish if they care to call at The Manse, 25 William Street, Romsey, or telephone 295 351, and she looks forward to making as many home visits as she can in the first few months of 1994.

The Lancefield and Romsey Uniting Church Fellowship Groups farewelled and thanked Alison Pegler (our former Romsey President) after our A.G.M. on Wed. 24th Nov. with a Bus Trip and Luncheon at Daylesford Convent Gallery when a very pleasant outing was enjoyed by everyone.

During November and the first two weeks of December, we have been collecting grocery items to be sent to "CARE" Broadmeadows to make Christmas time a little easier for needy families.

Youth Group activities include an over-night camping weekend which will be held early in the New Year, as most members of the group are busy with exams now.

Mrs. Roma Clement resigned as Secretary of Romsey U.C.F. & Guild after ten years of sterling service. She was appropriately thanked at our A.G.M. on 24th Nov. and we are pleased to have her continue as our Organist/Pianist and also resident Florist.

Office Bearers for Romsey U.C.F. & Guild in 1994 are:-

PRESIDENT:	Mrs. Helen Clement
VICE PRES:	Mrs. Sue Quarrell
SECRETARY:	Mrs. Jay Brooks
TREASURER:	Mrs. Verna Johnston

We will need helpers, cooks and waitresses to help us cater for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner at Romsey Mechanics Hall on Monday, 13th December at 6.30pm. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Helen Clement (295 317).

For all pastoral concerns, Rev. Adrian Pegler can be contacted at 25 William Street, Romsey, or telephone 295 351.

We wish all Romsey Rag readers a happy, Holy Christmas with God's Blessing for safe holiday travelling and a happy, fulfilling year for all as we remember all who are struggling through difficult times. We will continue to pray for peace in God's world.

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LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC.

It has been a very productive year at the House. All the courses have been well attended, by men, women and kids. We are interested in hearing from anyone who has further ideas for possible future courses.

The Bus trips to the Vic. Market on Fridays have been very successful. We hope that they will continue in the New Year and we will look at the possibility of going to new places. The last Bus trip will be on 10th Dec. to Vic. Market, leaving the House at 9.00am and returning about 3.30pm.

THE OP SHOP has had a great response of both donations and patronage, leading to greater awareness of what else is happening at the House. 16th Dec.- last OP SHOP for the year, plus BBQ (BYO). The new Committee of Management wish the community a safe and happy Christmas & prosperous New Year. Enquiries: CHERYL COTTON, Co-Ordinator, Tel: 291 214.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

From time to time some of my parishioners have urged me to contribute to "The Romsey Rag" some of the pieces that I write for our monthly parish newsletter. However, I have been reluctant to do so because in that situation I am writing for a different purpose and I have not felt that it altogether matched the aims of the "Rag". Perhaps my vision was too limited, but that was my feeling.

However, with Christmas approaching maybe a seasonal message is appropriate. I begin with a pertinent comment addressed to our Church's recent Synod by Professor Nigel Watson (who is about to retire after 29 years as Professor of New Testament studies - indeed his first year co-incided with my last one as a student). He referred to the publication in 1950 of the writings of a Chinese Christian scholar to the effect that "the important thing about Jesus is not so much to define Him as to behold and believe". Nigel affirmed that this view is still, and will always be, appropriate. After all, we cannot really define Jesus. He is too big for our human definitions. Rather, we might see Jesus as defining us. In this Season, as once again we recall the stories of His Birth, it is a time to look to the Manger in awe at this sign of God's love for His world. While you go about your normal duties and your special Christmas responsibilities think about the Holy Baby.

Behold Him!

Believe Him!

May His peace be with you, in this His Season, and forever.

Adrian Pegler,
Uniting Church,
Romsey.

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE are looking for expressions of interest from people interested in studying a VCE subject next year. Classes are held at night and babysitting is available. Some of the subjects offered are:-

English Literature	Human Development & Society
Psychology	English
Australian Studies	Drama

For further Information please ring the House on 291 214 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10am and 3pm.

Closing date for registration is THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

IMPROVING MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION IN ROMSEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

It is our intention to petition Telecom to install a Cellular Base Station in the Romsey area to enable better performance of Mobile Telephones. This would help business in the area by making communications more reliable and also for those who are also concerned about their security whilst on the road a Mobile Phone is a definite reassurance in case of breakdown. For those who are interested the petition will be at Romsey Sand & Gravel and of course the more who sign, the more chance we have of improving our service.

Grant Rothwell, Denant Communications

ROMSEY BROWNIE & GUIDE SUPPORT GROUP - Members of the Group would like to thank the Romsey community for the support shown of their fund-raising activities this year. We would also like to acknowledge and thank once again the support of McLeishe Supermarket and in particular their sponsorship of our recent 'BREAKFAST WITH SANTA'. This was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Tony Barnes and the Romsey CFA for their help.

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SHIRE OF ROMSEY - PRESS RELEASE - DOG & CAT OWNERS

A copy of the "10 Commandments" for responsible dog and cat owners is available in a pamphlet from the Shire Ranger:-

1. Feed an adequate balanced diet.
2. Supply clean cool water at all times.
3. Provide a cosy dry sleeping area.
4. Provide your dog with regular exercise and family contact.
5. Protect your pets health - vaccination, worms, fleas.
6. Register your dog with the Council by the age of 6 months and ensure tag on dogs collar and on dog at all times.
7. Confine the dog to the property at all times, esp. at night. Cats should be kept in at night.
8. Train the dog so that it is not a nuisance to neighbours, for example barking or attacking people or other animals.
9. Desex your pet if not required for breeding. Prevent unwanted litters.
10. Ensure your pet is adequately cared for when you have a holiday or time away.

POINTS TO NOTE:

You should not own a dog or cat if you do not practise these "10 Commandments".

You should only keep a dog or cat if you have the time and money to care for it properly.

If you are caring for somebody else's animals, even for a few hours, you are responsible for the actions of those animals.

If you find a dog, you are required to notify the Council Ranger. Keeping a dog that you find, without notifying the Ranger, may leave you liable for theft.

Remember all dogs must be registered with the Council and wear tag on collar at all times. Registration is not expensive. FINES ARE.

Further information or copies of the "10 Commandments" can be obtained from the Ranger, Shire of Romsey, Main St. Romsey (054) 295201. The Ranger, Mr. David Bachelor, may be contacted after hours for emergency matters only on 018 510 179.

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ROMSEY OP SHOP

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If you think your child requires individual, intensive assistance in language areas or maths, no matter what level your child is at, contact me now to arrange an assessment during the holidays. Further information: ROSE SEYMOUR on 295 914. Assistance can also be given to adults & non-primary school students. REFERENCES AVAILABLE.



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FOR THIS MONTH, THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS TREE IN EACH CHURCH FOR YOU TO PUT PRESENTS UNDERNEATH FOR THE MISSION TO STREETS AND LANES. THEY HAVE REQUESTED THIS YEAR THAT THEY BE LEFT UNWRAPPED SO THAT PARENTS CAN WRAP THEM FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN. THIS WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE IN FITZROY.

TO THE COMMUNITY....

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS ON BEHALF OF MY PARISH AND MYSELF, AND TO WISH YOU EVERY GOODNESS FOR 1994.

Fr. Jeff O'Hare

DURING JANUARY, THERE WILL BE NO 8.00am HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. BOTH WILL RECOMMENCE IN FEBRUARY. FOR YOUR DIARIES. OUR TWILIGHT FAIR WILL BE ON FRIDAY EVENING THE 25th OF FEBRUARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED- PRELOVED GOODS PLEASE PUT THEM ASIDE FOR OUR STALLS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE GIVE FR. JEFF A CALL. 291 380.

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ROMSEY "LIVING WORD" A.O.G.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

1. The Romsey Rag

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are involved with the publishing of the Romsey Rag for their devotion to the people of our community and we would like to extend Christmas greetings to them, their families and all of the readers of this wonderful asset to the Romsey community. We are pleased to be able to send at least 3 representatives to help collate the Romsey Rag and a further 3-4 to help distribute this our local newspaper throughout the Community.

God is building His Church and the gates of hell WILL NOT prevail! 1993 has certainly been a year where we at the "Living Word" have seen God move miraculously & powerfully. To GOD be the glory for the building that HE has supplied us with. He is bringing the people into the Church and we are taking the Church into the community.

2. The "Living Word" Christian Bookshop

Our Christian Book Shop is situated on the corner of Main Street and the Romsey Central Shopping Centre. We are a non-profit organisation and have a wide range of Christian Books relevant to all Christian denominations. All Koorong Catalogue Specials are available at cost price WITHOUT extra postage and handling! We also stock Christian posters, gifts, games, crafts and many other things. With Christmas fast approaching we stock a wide range of suitable gifts for all ages so why not take advantage of our lay-by system. Our purpose is to be a service to the whole community. We are now the only Christian Bookshop between Bendigo and Melb. Feel free to come in and pay us a visit.

3. Ladies Aerobics

This year we have also established an aerobics class for ladies and teenage girls in the community free of charge. Every Tuesday evening we have at least 20 ladies in attendance. Many thanks to Janine Wilkinson who travels from Seymour to Romsey to instruct our ladies.

4. The "Living Word" Bus

We thank God for His provision of our church Bus which is used daily for our bible college students to travel to and from Seymour, and is also available for everyone in our church who need transport to attend the many different activities that we are regularly involved with.

5. Church departments.

Both our Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon fellowship Meetings are progressing well. We usually always have a 100% turn up to both meetings of all those who are at home and not working. (both men & women)
Service times are: Sundays - 10:00am. with a once a month evening service at 6:30pm. (See our Notice board outside the Church for the date of our next Evening Meeting)

Midweek Meetings : Wednesdays - 7:30pm. in the Upper Room.

Fridays - 1:00pm. at 46 Stawell St. Romsey.

Our after School program for 8-14 yr. olds is held on Monday Evenings from 4:30-6:00pm. meeting at the Church.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

For further enquiries please contact our Church office & Bookshop on (054) 296327 or P.O.Box 164 Romsey, 3434.

FOR YOUR NUTRI-METICS - CONSULTANT - PLEASE RING 270 203.....

CHILDMINDING - Pre-School or School Age - Low Rates - Romsey Area -

References available - please ring 295 755.....

HELEN and ROBIN WATTS send seasonal greetings to all friends and acquaintances
We are going to save a tree or two and not send cards.....

Is it just me or do you all have a problem with cars pulling out in front of you at the Goonawarra and Monegeetta junctions! Don't drivers realise the traffic they are joining is legitimately doing 100K! Its going to cause an awful accident one day!

Helen.

ROMSEY BOOK EXCHANGE



Romsey Arcade, 102 Main Street, (between Commonwealth Bank and Shire Offices). Telephone (054) 295 709 or 295 724 after hours.

Buying and selling secondhand books....latest hardbacks only \$5..... and you do not have to bring books in to buy. Pop in for a browse and I will explain. I also have a good range of new books for Christmas presents or order from the huge range advertised on the ABC - Books/Videos/Music/Toys - and as a special service to the people of Romsey I will take telephone orders for Christmas and deliver them to your home at no extra cost, just give me a ring, an easy way to do your Christmas shopping!!

I also offer a confidential typing service - resumes, letters, reports, school assignments, all at a very reasonable rate and discount for students - whatever age!

My wee shop is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 till 3p.m. and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 5 and Saturday morning 9 - 1p.m. This has been a very "busy" year for Sam and I to say the least and I would just like to thank all the people of Romsey for their support - you certainly are a caring community out there!

A Merry, Healthy, Happy Christmas to you All! and of course a GUID NEW YEAR!!

Margaret Howatson.

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE

THE LAUNCHING OF "REFLECTIONS"

The History Book Committee are pleased to announce their second book - "REFLECTIONS". This publication is a booklet of historic photographs of the Shire of Romsey. The Launching will be at DROMKEEN at RIDDELLS CREEK on THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER at 5.30p.m. by Mr. Tom Reynolds, the Minister for Sport and Recreation. There will be light refreshments and all are welcome!

"REFLECTIONS" will sell at \$8.50, posted will cost \$10. The books are available from Newsagents at Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek, the Shire Office, Romsey, and the Museum, Antique Centre and Centrevic, all at Lancefield.

"REFLECTIONS" would make a nice Christmas present consisting of 32 pages with 65 photos.

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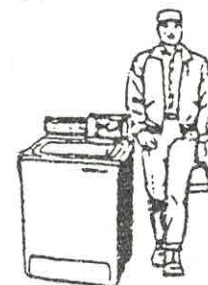
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1.DOGS AND CATS

Since humans have placed animals under the restrictions of domestication, many problems have evolved which have necessitated Veterinary advice and treatment.

As with ourselves, dental hygiene is a significant consideration for your pets health. Although there are a wide range of commercial pet foods, they predispose our pets to plaque formation..gingivitis.. (inflamed gums)... gum recession...halotosis(bad breath)... and finally periodontal disease. Once this occurs teeth become loose in their bony socket, requiring removal or simply fall out. Feeding fresh/uncooked meat on the bone and dry food restricts the development of teeth problems(dry food alone will not prevent, only slow the process).

As with our own teeth regular check-ups aid in early detection of problems and preventative measures can commence. We recommend 6-12 mth checks, particularly with animals with existing dental problems.

2. HORSE DENTISTRY

Filing horses' teeth is as important as regular dental assessment for dogs and cats.

Due to our restriction of horses to paddocks, with at times limited feed in quantity and quality, we feed concentrated feeds which with the masticatory action (chewing), lead to abnormal wear of the teeth. Sharp edges develop on the horse's teeth and as horses were not specifically designed to wear bridles and bits, these sharp edges can cause problems when the horse is being ridden. The sharp edges on the outside of the upper teeth can lacerate the cheeks when pressure is applied to the horses mouth via the bit. This causes the horse to toss his head (in pain) making it difficult to ride, not to mention unpleasant for the horse.

Regular rasping of the teeth (every 6-12 months) is necessary. Younger horses may require more frequent attention. Your local Vet. will be able to advise you regarding this.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Shire of Romsey and Romsey-Lancefield Water Board Office will be closed from 3.00p.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1993 until 9.00a.m. on Monday, 3rd January, 1994. In case of emergency only, the following telephone contacts are available:-

ROADS	291 281
DOGS & STRAY LIVESTOCK	018 510 179
WATER AND SEWERAGE	286 180

PETER JOHNSTON, SHIRE SECRETARY.

1st Romsey Scout Group

With Christmas almost with us, it would be easy to forget our final Working Bee at the Scout Hall on Saturday 11th Dec. between 1 - 5pm. Please help to make this a date.

A special thankyou has been received from the "oldies at Karinya" following the annual Christmas carols presented by the Cubs.

Please keep in mind that there is no waiting for any of our sections. Leaders would be very keen to welcome enquiries from children of any age group.

Although our group has undergone some major changes in the past 15 months, we have grown in strength and co-operation as a group. I would sincerely thank all, those who have assisted in providing active, instructional programs for the boys and girls. I acknowledge the work, co-operation and fellowship of our leaders, committee members, parents and the youth members themselves.

Thankyou. In providing Service to others we all benefit and grow.

May the Blessings of Christmas remain with you all

as together we strive to live together in harmony. - Trevor Turnham G.L

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WOULD SINCERELY LIKE TO THANK ALL LOCAL AND OUTSIDE TRADER'S FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT THEY GAVE TO OUR FETE ON SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER. WE RAISED IN EXCESS OF \$7,000.00 AFTER EXPENSES.

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Romsey Post Office
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Romsey Callisthenics
Romsey Irish Dancers
Lancefield Butchery
Lancefield Hair Care
Lancefield Motors
Denis Linchan Carpet Cleaning
Rosalie Mc Carthy
Theresa Mc Carthy
Springfield Fire Brigade
Kismet Park Primary School
Glendale Nursery
Mt. William Advanced Trees
Caithness Lancefield
Lancefield Fruit Supply
Target Stores

O'Dea's Spare Parts Romsey
Romsey Mobil Service Station
Chem-mart Chemist Romsey
The Strawberry Patch
Little Poppett Children's Wear
Gum Nut Florist
Mc Leish's Riteway Supermarket Romsey
Perfect Grounds Cafe
Sunbury Shape Shop Figure Toning
Hardwicks Quality Meats
Romsey Police
Carol's Jazzers
Lancefield Home & Rural
Crickhollow
Lancefield Hotel
Lancefield Hardware
Bill Badger
Rose Mc Carthy
Nadine Cussack
Bernie Halpin
Olinda Nurseries
Samson's Garden Supply
Colourscope Riddells Creek
Country Cuttings
Herb Farm Monument Creek
K-Mart Stores

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:-

1st Mr. B. Markham - Giant Christmas Stocking
1st Miss C. Zoch - Bicycle, 2nd Mr. J. Cussack - Porcelain Doll,
3rd Mr P. Anderson - Christmas Hamper
Stall Raffle winners were:- Plants - 1st Mrs. A. Barry - Gift Voucher, 2nd Mrs. M. Redmond
- Basket Flowers, 3rd Mr. Max V. of Woodend - Small Tree
Cake Stall - 1st Mrs. J. Else - Decorated Christmas Cake. Guess how many lollies went to Simon Smith.

Thankyou from the Fete Committee

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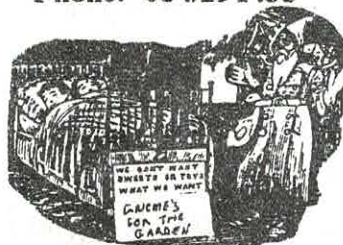


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The Shire of Romsey will be co-ordinating a collection and distribution of feed items and new or used toys. These goods will then be distributed to families in need for Christmas time.

The drop off points for the goods will be:-

<u>Romsey</u>	-	Shire Offices, 97 Main Street, Romsey
<u>Lancefield</u>	-	Lancefield Community House, (Lancefield Primary School Residence) 78 High Street, Lancefield
<u>Riddells Creek</u>	-	Riddells Creek Police Station, Main Road, Riddells Creek

Good will be accepted at these venues from the 23rd November - 7th December and then distributed in mid-December.

For more information contact Rose McCarthy or Margaret Hughes at the Shire Office on (054) 295 201.

PETER JOHNSTON,
SHIRE SECRETARY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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Thank you to all those who supported the "Danny Blume Day" - we raised \$95 which went towards the Flood Relief Appeal.

Our Break-Up Meeting is at Trish Corner's home at 11.30a.m. on the 10th December, 1993. You are welcome to bring a plate and join us.

Appreciation is extended to the C.F.A. Ladies who came and shared in our meeting in November.

Seasons Greetings to all.....

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. P. Corner, Secretary.

C.F.A. AUXILLARY

The Dollar Discount Stall was a resounding success and will be returning on 10th and 11th DECEMBER with even more items. Please see advertisement in this Romsey Rag.

The Auxillary are very grateful to Bruce and Muriel Neish, who are a Romsey family, for all the time and energy they donated to aid the Fire Brigade. The money raised goes towards buying new and maintaining old equipment so necessary to protect our homes, businesses and property in times of fire. It is a big expense. The Brigade is voluntary, so unless a compulsory levy is set for each rate payer, and it would have to be substantial, then collected with the rates for example, fund raising to benefit us all has to be.

A revised fire catering roster has been handed out - would those concerned please alter the following phone numbers - Waldron 270 320; Caly 295 528; Smtihwick 296 316.

The 14TH ART SHOW will be on 26th February, 1994 - mark your callender. Everyone is welcome!

We wish all readers a Happy and above all Safe Festive Season!!

Helen Watts,
Secretary.

AN UPDATE ON OUR NEW SCHOOL

Over the past few weeks you may have noticed that there has been little published comment regarding the new school. Although there has been some signs of activity, we have all been very despondent at not being able to occupy the complex as planned. Although this will mean that the children will not occupy the school this year, **pupils will be dismissed** for the Christmas holidays two days early, **on December 15th**. This will enable staff to move stationery and personal supplies into the classrooms that they will occupy in 1994. The builder is aiming to complete and hand over the buildings on December 13th.

The setting of the actual moving and completion dates has been further complicated by **vandalism**. On several occasions teenagers have been seen running over roofs. By jumping down they have damaged corrugated sheets which have to be replaced.

On a more positive note Grade 6 children have planted out a large garden bed in front of the new canteen, and with the expert assistance of Mr. Sid Wheller, have repotted tube stock donated by Council.

With only days of school left in 1993 everyone's busy role is further complicated by the extremely late move to the new buildings. I fully appreciate that the weekend before Christmas is not the most opportune time to ask for parent support in finalising the move, however this will be our final opportunity to remove furniture before the buildings are transported. It is expected that **portables will be removed** in the final week of term. This early movement of buildings will not only assist receiving schools having the rooms refurbished, but will enable this site to be clear before it is auctioned.

The normal conclusion to the year is busy enough but with our major move to contend with as well, I am very reliant upon parental assistance. **Working Bees have been organised for Saturday's 11, 18th December** and we would be pleased to see any helpers on these dates between 9am and 12.30pm. I realise that with Christmas approaching rapidly many parents will be unable to assist due to family commitments. Please contact me if you can assist even for an hour, or two, because planning will mean the efficient use of labour and the effective use of time.

We will be using every classroom in the new school next year to accommodate the **368 children we have enrolled**.

All staff are currently involved in formulating classes for next year. **Final class lists** are posted on the notice board outside the office at 3.30pm on **December 13th**. Our larger than normal Prep grade intake will be taught in the three classrooms which are closest to the Kindergarten at school carpark. This will be a real convenience to parents picking up children and will facilitate our on going transition program and links with the kindergarten teachers.

Orientation Day for Parents of New Pupils, Tuesday 7th December at 2pm sharp in the Library at the new school. At this time new parents will meet the Prep Teachers, Parent Club members and be able to buy/order uniform items for 1994. This will co-incide with the Grade 6 Orientation Day at their chosen Secondary Schools. **At 9am on 14th December, Kindergarten children** will meet their new teachers at the Kindergarten, before walking across the road to spend time in their new classrooms and have an hours orientation activities at the new school. All current pupils will have visited their new classrooms after 11am on December 14th during their orientation visit.

You are invited to visit the complex for a tour of the facilities on Sunday, 19th December, 2.30-4pm. Please extend this invitation to any other interested members of the Community.

Please note that the year is further complicated by having to evaluate the **Cleaning Tenders** which are currently being invited to clean the new complex (an area of 2280sq.m). Applications from Incorporated Companies will be accepted up until 4pm, 10th December, 1993. A Copy of Contract can be obtained from and queries answered by contacting the Principal, Mr. Trevor Turnham. (054/295099)

The New Romsey Primary School site will continue to encourage community use of its facilities. A full Year's Certificate Course in business computing using IBM Laptops will be conducted by TAFE next year. An Information Evening will be held at 7.30pm, December 13th in the old school staffroom. Currently a 'heavy machinery practical instruction program' is being conducted by TAFE on the school site.

We fully expect other community groups to be interested in hiring facilities. Enquiries regarding conditions and fees for hire can be obtained from the school office. As yet there is no date for the Little Athletics group to move to the new site and they will continue to meet on the old school's oval each Saturday morning. Karate and Gym Groups will also continue at the old site until there members are notified of a change.

Thankyou. This single word, so often glibly used, does not convey our genuine, sincere appreciation for all that friends of the school have achieved over the past years. This year has been no exception and so it was not really surprising that we sent out 150 personal invitations to a thankyou morning tea, planned for Tuesday 7th at 10.30am. Parents have assisted in every program run by the school, and we are proud of the co-operation and effectiveness of this team work. It all helps to emphasise the value that we place on parental interest and participation - **Thankyou!**

"May the Peace and Joy of the Christmas Season remain with you and all those who care for you, throughout the coming year."

Trevor Turnham - Principal
for the Staff and School Council at Romsey Primary School