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### ROMSEY COUNCIL NEWS : ROMSEY RIDING

A supplementary valuation for the period 1.10.93 to 31.3.94 has been carried out. It included 43 new buildings and 21 new assessments. The 'new' value of privately owned land in the Shire of Romsey is now \$30,176,335.01.

Council, with the assistance of the Kerrie Community, have purchased the Kerrie School for \$70,000. We are still negotiating with the Directorate of School Education for the acquisition of the old Romsey Primary School Site.

Recycling is on again. Collections will be confined to the township areas and all recyclables will be collected on a weekly basis. It is hoped the new contractor will be successful. Residents are asked to support the recycling program to ensure its success.

Residents will have received an options paper regarding Council/Municipal Restructuring. Council will be debating the matter at its meeting of 6th July. If you are asking "what benefit is there in restructure /amalgamation for me", the answer is probably "very little". Romsey has virtually the lowest rate and lowest debt in the region. Still, Council has basically been directed to go through the processes, so we, the Council, will do our best to ensure that maximum benefit, in the circumstances, can be obtained.

Asphalt footpaths at the school crossing and Main Street between Robb Drive and Five Mile Creek will be completed in early July. Concern has been expressed to Vic Roads regarding the maintenance re-seal on the Melbourne Road, south of the town, showing stripping/lifting. Vic Roads have accepted full

responsibility for the faulty re-seal and will repair the work later this year or early next year at no cost to the Shire. They were also 'chipped' about removing their signs when so much loose stone was left.

If you have not registered / re-registered your pooch by the 15th July then do not be surprised if you receive a \$200 penalty. No excuses accepted for non-registration after this date.

Are you a business owner? The National have installed a night safe. We have been chasing one for years, we now have one, and you would be a fool not to use it.

Finally, Council are organising free tetanus injection sessions for residents. Dates, times and places to be advertised soon. When did you last have a shot?

Till next time,

Rod Conway 295 027  
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**At the moment we are looking for more volunteers to help with the delivery of the Rag.**

**If you are able to help in any way please contact Helen Watts 295 250 or Margaret Howatson at the Book Exchange.**

**Most of the typing is done by Margaret Howatson at the Book Exchange. The Editing and Publishing is carried out at the Romsey Primary School on the first Friday in each month.**

**Collating of the Rag is done by a number of volunteers on the Monday following the editing.**

**It would be appreciated by all if the items to be included in the Romsey Rag are delivered to Margaret before 9am of the first Friday, if possible by the Wednesday. The cut off time is 9am of the first Friday.**

**Our next Romsey Rag will be printed on Friday 5th August.**



## FRIENDS OF MACEDON RANGES - PROJECT DAYS FOR JULY

Sunday, 17th-Tuesday 19th - Pine wilding removal or track maintenance. If wet, plant collection and identification.

Where - Department of Conservation and natural Resources, Macedon Work Centre, Nursery Road, Macedon.

When? - 10am-3.30pm (ish?)

Bring? - Appropriate clothing and tools, ie. Overalls, hat, gloves, footwear, Sunscreen and plant and bird identification books, if you have them. Cut Lunch and Drinks.

Tuesday 19th - Come with the Walking Group. Meet us at 9.15am at the Chemist and we will car pool across. See you there, it is good fun.....

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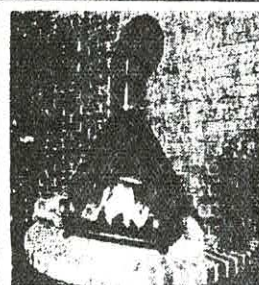
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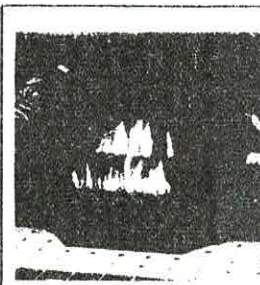
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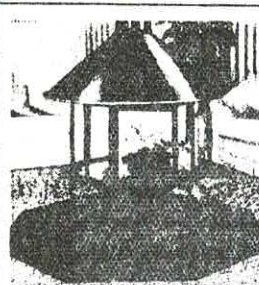
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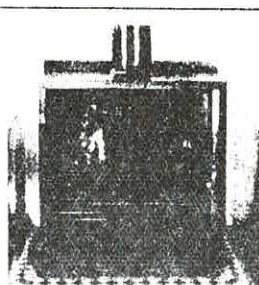
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RUNNERS UP R. BAKER & D. McLEISH 47 points

LADIES WINNERS K. JEKABSON & D. BAKER 50 points  
RUNNERS UP on c/b S. SHELTON & L. BEASLEY 48 points

NTP	1st & 13th MEN	L. GAUNT
	3rd & 15th MEN	P. NORTON
	10th MEN	R. BAKER
	3rd & 15th LADIES	V. NEWELL
	10th	E. CLIFTON

#### SUNDAY 24 HOLES

A GRADE SCRATCH	D. GAUNT	86
A GRADE NETT	D. GAUNT	80 2/3
B GRADE SCRATCH	M. MULLALY	100 PLAY OFF 1st
B GRADE NETT	R. BAKER	79
C GRADE SCRATCH	D. BELLCHAMBERS	101
C GRADE NETT	D. BELLCHAMBERS	75 2/3
AM 12 HOLES NETT	D. BELLCHAMBERS	38 1/3

PM 12 HOLES NETT  
TEAM EVENT

#### LONGEST DRIVE

NTP 1st	G. BILTON
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NTP 10th	M. MULLALY
LEAST PUTTS	D. GAUNT
JUNIOR NETT	K. LAMBERT
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which is kindly donated by Phyllis.

1/6/94: Queen Elizabeth - Stableford:

1st. S.Shelton, 2nd. V.Newell, 3rd. H.Stammers  
4/6/94: Romsey Tournament Ladies 4BBB was  
won by K. Jekabsons & D. Baker, 2nd.  
S.Shelton & L.Beasley on a count back from  
E. Scanlon & B. Cole.

8/6/94: 1st round of Championships.

1st. S.Shelton, 2nd. S.Logan, 3rd. L.Beasley.  
15/6 - 2nd round: 1st D.Baker, 2nd. S.Logan  
on a count back from V.Newell.

22/6 - 3rd and final round - 1st. M.Campbell,  
2nd. S.Logan, 3rd. D.Baker.

29/6/94. Doris Chambers Foursomes, winners  
were - S.Shelton & M. Campbell, Runners up  
were D.Baker & S.Logan.

Congratulations to Sharon & Darlene who  
played and won over at Mt. Macedon on their  
Captain's-President's day.

**Congratulations to all our winners this  
month!**

It is great to see Helene up and on the road to  
good health again. We wish you well.

That's all for this month - Good Golfing!

Virginia Newell - President.



# Learning Assessment Project



A new way of monitoring progress in primary schools

**S**TARTING next year, the progress of Victoria's primary school students will be assessed statewide for the first time. The Board of Studies has begun to explore how this might be done.

This exploratory work is being done under the title of the Learning Assessment Project. A group of educators has been appointed to assist the Board, and the details of some basic recommendations will be available soon.

These include recommendations on which year-levels will have the statewide assessments.

The Learning Assessment Project is closely related to another major task the Board is doing – the drawing up of a Curriculum and Standards Framework for Victoria. This new framework will guide the development of curriculum in Victorian schools from Prep through to Year 10. As its name suggests, the framework has two parts – curriculum content and standards of student achievement.

Like the Learning Assessment Project, the Curriculum and Standards Framework will also be introduced in schools next year.

The Learning Assessment Project will provide ways of expanding the assessment methods used in primary schools, and it will assess the progress of students against the standards described in the Curriculum and Standards Framework.

In this way, the Learning Assessment Project will be closely connected to what is taught in our schools. Moreover, the assessment methods which emerge from the project will be woven in with the kinds of assessments teachers already do in classrooms all the time.

It will mean that twice during a child's seven years in primary school, there will be a point at which his or her progress in the statewide curriculum is assessed against statewide standards. This will give the student's parents and teachers a broader guide than is possible at present about his or her progress.

The Learning Assessment Project was launched in April by the Minister for Education, Mr Hayward.

The assessment methods which emerge will be conducted in all Government schools. The Catholic and Independent school sectors will be encouraged to take part.

The Board is at present consulting educators to determine what form of assessment will be used. At this stage it is anticipated that children will be assessed in a variety of ways to establish their levels of literacy and numeracy, their skills in reading and comprehension, and their knowledge in other important areas. It is anticipated the assessment will eventually encompass the eight Key Learning Areas of the curriculum.

The eight Key Learning Areas are: The Arts, English, Health and Physical Education, Languages Other Than English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and Environment, and Technology.

The Minister has given the Board of Studies some important guarantees about how the information gained from the Learning Assessment Project will be used. These include guarantees of confidentiality, and an assurance that the assessment data will not be used to make comparisons between individual students, schools or teachers, or in teacher or school principal appraisal. These guarantees are outlined in more detail on page 3.

The project will provide Victorian education with a clear framework for monitoring, improving and reporting on student learning.

The introduction of the project is in keeping with developments in other Australian states and overseas. Significant assessment programs have been introduced or are being considered in all states and territories except the ACT.

OECD countries such as New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada, Holland, Sweden, the USA, and the UK have introduced testing and reporting of student achievement at state and in many cases at national level.

## How the project will help students

Students will benefit through the information the project gives their teachers and parents. For the first time each student's progress will be measured against statewide standards set down in the Curriculum and Standards Framework. Furthermore, this will be done during their primary school years when it is crucial to know whether they have acquired basic literacy and numeracy.

With the information provided by the project, teachers will be able to ensure that all students are given a proper grounding in Key Learning

Areas. They will also be able to give special assistance to students who are having learning difficulties.

## How the project will help parents

Parents have a right to accurate information about the progress of their children. They are entitled to know whether children have learning difficulties and what is being done to assist them.

In addition to the range of information they now receive from schools about their children's progress, parents of primary school children will now be told how their children are performing against the statewide standards set down in the Curriculum and Standards Framework. In short the Curriculum and Standards Framework will advise parents and teachers what students throughout the state are expected to learn at particular stages of schooling, and the Learning Assessment Project will show how well they have learnt it.

Once parents have an accurate assessment of their children's progress they can be more effectively involved in helping their children.

The project will also help validate and give parents increased confidence in the information they already receive from schools about their children's progress.

## How the project will help teachers and schools to help students

The project will build on excellent work already being done by teachers at all levels of schooling to assess and report on student achievement. It will give teachers a new source of information about their students and help validate their own assessments.

The project will:

- help teachers identify difficulties experienced by students and develop programs to tackle these difficulties;
- give teachers a yardstick for measuring their students' strengths and weaknesses against statewide standards at two crucial points of their primary schooling;
- help teachers prepare teaching programs;
- help teachers prepare students for the transition to secondary school.

It follows from all this that the project will provide schools with a new and valuable source of information to help them develop teaching programs and policies.

The Victorian community will benefit from improvements in primary schooling as the data from the project are used for programs to improve literacy and numeracy and to help students with learning difficulties. ♦



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**1st Romsey Scout Group**

All members of the Group would like to sincerely thank the community for the support received during the recent chocolate drive. Excellent support has also been provided to the Jamboree organising committee which raising funds for a contingent of Scouts to attend the Jamboree in Western

Australia. Their next effort will be a raffle and I'm sure you may be approached by a smiling, pleading face.

We are greatly encouraged that, despite the onset of winter the group continues to grow. We are proud of our Joeys, cubs and scouts and the support they receive from parents. We would however, like to hear from any adult who would be willing to take on the onerous responsibility of Leadership. Consistent attendance, planning and the ongoing meetings at local ad district level are some of the expectations that can be explained by our Group Leader - Trevor Turnam. Please contact him on 295 413 if you feel that you are cut out for this regular, voluntary commitment.



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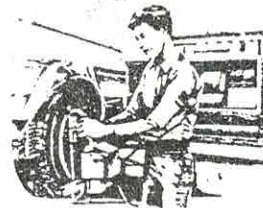
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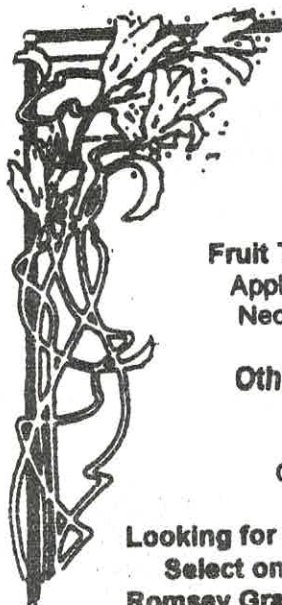
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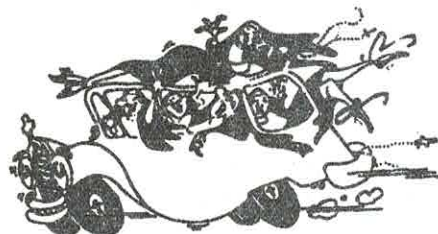
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## *Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship*



Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. We are a Bible based community church and invite you to attend our family service. We sing the latest in contemporary gospel music and include lots of fun and activity in our childrens programme. We believe in proclaiming the gospel throughout the community, and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord.

Each month we combine with other local churches in the district for a joint celebration and outreach service. We are also planning some exciting combined youth activities.

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship has a strong missionary involvement in several countries. Geoff Holland (minister) is a member of M.F.I. - ministers fellowship international. Over the next few weeks Geoff will be involved in a preaching ministry trip that will take him to Kenya, Nigeria and Uganda.

We conduct several home groups in the district, and offer hospitality and assistance to those in need.

We welcome your enquiry regarding any of our activities to Geoff Holland 295673 or Graham Mau 29188.

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## **ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH:**

**Minister:** Rev. Elaine Callister - 295 351. 25 William Street, Romsey.

Weekly Sunday Family Worship and Sunday School classes for all ages at 9am with Holy Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

A very Happy Celebration to celebrate the 17th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Uniting Church in Australia was shared by our Parish worshipping together in lancefield Church on Sunday 26th June and having a birthday party following the service.

June has been a busy birthday month with several "special" birthdays and we wish all of Gods Blessings to Mary McIntyre, Marion Spring and Trevor Turnham, in the years ahead.

Thankyou to Betty Brown for inviting us all to a Soup and Sandwich lunch at her home on 29th June to help boost the funds in our "Barbara Smith Memorial Organ Fund". We all enjoyed a very pleasant (and profitable) occasion.

July U.C.F. and Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27th at 1.30pm at the home of Leanne Eames , at 7 Collier close, Romsey, when we will sort and trim stamps to be sent to the Uniting Church "Sammy Stamp Fund"

On 26th June the Uniting Church of Lancefield/Romsey celebrated seventeen years of being "Uniting." It was a great celebration - and we were delighted with the greetings we received from all the other churches in Lancefield and Romsey. Our theme was "Jesus has broken through the barriers" - and we see this in the increasing cooperation between the churches.

In a time when women's health issues are beginning to be recognised more by our society, the Gospel reading for this day was appropriate. It told the story of the woman who had had bleeding for twelve years, and was healed and affirmed by Jesus. I offer my meditation on this to the community - particularly to women - as an encouragement and affirmation.

Elaine.

Unclean woman  
alone, in a crowd.  
Unclean woman,  
ashamed, fearful.  
fearful of company,  
of being found  
in the crowd.  
Fearful of life.

A glimmer of hope -  
a man who can heal,  
coming this way.  
A glimmer of hope -  
pulled back by the fear of failure.  
A glimmer of hope -  
smothered by the fear  
of being caught  
- caught touching,  
caught defiling,  
caught asking attention.

A man who can heal,  
but waylaid already;  
already busy,  
and with more important matters.  
The child of an official, no less!  
A dying child -  
death exercising indiscriminate  
carelessness.  
Hope falters to a tiny ember.

But he comes!  
He comes!  
he is near - so near  
that the reaching of a hand  
can touch!

Dare she?  
Ought she?  
No time to debate  
the ethics,  
or morality,  
or theology.

Just his hem.  
If she but touch -  
and the hand darts out  
in sudden determination;  
yet carefully,  
unnoticed,  
one of a crowd  
of touching, pressing individuals.

And the surge of power -  
of new life -  
of a new awareness of self.  
A new woman!  
A woman who dared!  
A woman who touched,  
when the world forbade touching.  
Wholly human,  
wholly female,  
healed in completeness.

But the unnoticed touch  
is felt by the master.  
In touching, someone has known  
new life.  
She must be affirmed -  
not in secret,  
but in the totality of her being,  
in public!

Trembling,  
she takes the unimaginable path,  
and speaks;  
speaks of fear,  
of loneliness,  
of intolerance, and austericism;  
speaks of healing,  
of affirmation,  
of being female.

And she is affirmed -  
female in God's image,  
capable of healing faith -  
worthy of time, of attention, of love.

Time has passed;  
a child awaits  
the touch of life,  
and a woman walks through a crowd  
stupified in disbelief.

He touched a woman!  
an unclean woman!  
he affirmed her faith,  
and broke through barriers  
with the power of a god!

Elaine Callister, 1994



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## **ROMSEY VETERINARY CLINIC**

**CONSULTING HOURS:**  
Mon-Fri. 9.00-10.30am  
          4.00- 6.00pm  
Sat      9.00-10.30am  
Sun      9.30-10.30am  
At other times by appointment

### **RAT BAIT POISONING (except QUINTOX)**

Rat Poison's affect animals by interfering with the blood clotting mechanism, so it kills rats and mice by causing them to bleed to death. All animals and man can be affected in the same way.

Bleeding, particularly in the gastrointestinal tract occurs in the body on a daily basis, however no signs are seen if there is an effective clotting mechanism. However if anticoagulants, Vitamin K antagonists eg. Ratsack is ingested or the animal suffers from one form or another of haemophilia, bleeding will not be controlled and significant blood loss can occur. When mouth or gut bleeding occurs detection is easy, however if there is a knock to the chest bleeding may occur into the chest and until laboured breathing is observed a bleeding problem will go unnoticed.

**Suspect Rat Bait poisoning as a POSSIBILITY when:-**

- [1] Lethargy, not eating, pale gums
- [2] Faeces very dark (black) or covered in fresh blood.
- [3] Persistent bleeding from mouth and/or nostrils.
- [4] Prolonged vaginal bleeding in unsprayed bitches.
- [5] Laboured breathing.

Dogs are affected more frequently than Cats due to their different eating habits however Cats will eat ratbait if accessed.

Secondary Poisoning ie. eating dead/dying rodents poisoned by ratbait has not been reported. Signs will not develop immediately after a single intake and may occur days to weeks later. Modern rat poisons have a longer duration of action therefore prolonged treatment is required. If severe blood loss has occurred a blood transfusion may be required together with Vitamin K injections, and sometimes drainage of blood from the chest after effective clotting has been established to allow normal breathing.

It is imperative when placing Ratbait to confine it to locations inaccessible to pets and storage of unused packets kept such that animals and children cannot access.

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### **AROUND YOUR ROMSEY HOME No.20**

**Fruit Trees - Winter Pruning.** As the pruning of fruit trees and to a lesser extent other trees and shrubs, requires a certain amount of skill which can be acquired only by a considerable amount of observation of tree growth, understanding of principles and practice and hence a fair amount of commitment, it is strongly recommended that home gardeners obtain a good book on the subject or at least, some of the relevant "Agnotes" from the Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Affairs and attend pruning demonstrations whenever possible.

However, to clarify any confusion in the minds of those with little or no gardening experience, it should be pointed out that one of the main objects of pruning is to promote strong growth as soon as possible after planting by severe cutting back of any existing branches of young trees to develop a strong framework growing in the right direction and ultimately capable of carrying satisfactory crops of fruit with little or no damage to the tree. While this may have to be continued for several years, it should be remembered that severe pruning is not conducive to fruit production as most deciduous trees bear on the weaker, more horizontal growths of last year or older which should be thinned out over the ensuing years according to cropping requirements consistent with the production of good quality fruit of reasonable size.

Finally, to obtain maximum results with minimum effort and cost, it should be borne in mind that most fruit trees can each produce hundreds of fruit over a short season when mature and a few well-maintained trees will be more rewarding than a large number of neglected ones, therefore multi-grafted trees will give a greater variety over a longer season with less labour and expense than single-grafted trees of several different varieties sometimes necessary to ensure cross-pollination for satisfactory crops. Windbreaks, mulches, fertilizers and adequate water during growth are other necessary requirements. - Syd Wheller.

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### **ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT:**

Romsey Red Cross members will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Red Cross in Australia at our Annual General Meeting on Friday 29th July at 1.30pm in Romsey Mechanics Hall Meeting Room. We will have a special afternoon tea with our Regional President attending. New members will be made very welcome.



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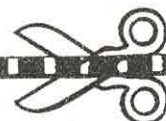
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## ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

One of the advantages of our new Synthetic Green is that we can now bowl through Winter - weather permitting. This is an open invitation to all bowlers or persons wishing to try the sport to join us at the following times:-

**SUNDAYS:** Mixed Bowls - 1.00 p.m. start. 2 games of 10 ends.  
**TUESDAYS:** Ladies Bowls - 10.30 a.m. start. 2 games of 10 ends.  
 B.Y.O. Lunch, cuppa provided.

**THURSDAYS:** Men's Bowls - 11.00a.m. start. 3 games of 8 ends.  
 Lunch provided at nominal cost.

**ALL ENQUIRIES** to Norm or Dorothy Thompson on 295 421.

One of our most well respected lady bowlers passed away recently after a long illness - Marj Cuthbertson. Our condolences to Jim and family.

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### MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Junior Winter Season Registrations

Registration forms for the Winter Junior Basketball Season must be submitted by 7.30pm, Tuesday, 19th July. Committee Members will be available to collect your form at the Tony Clarke Stadium on the following dates:

June 14th & 15th. 6-7.30pm  
 16, 23rd & 30th 6-9.30pm  
 July 19th, 6-7.30pm.

You can post your Registration Form with a cheque for \$20. made out to MRABAJ (not required if you have already registered and played in the Autumn Season) to:

MARABA-Juniors,  
 P.O. Box 222, Macedon. 3440  
 The Winter Season commences during the week beginning 24th July.

It is anticipated that the existing nights will continue for each group. That is -

Tuesday : Under 12  
 Wednesday : Under 16  
 Thursday: Under 14/Under 18

### ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The 1994 season is half way over, with the Senior and Reserves sitting on top of the ladder, and our Third Eighteen are showing a lot of promise.

This year the Club has a Restricted Club Licence thanks to the past Committees. The Clubs bar times are:-

Thursday 4.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.	Saturday 12 noon to 11.00 p.m.
Friday 5.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.	Sunday 12 noon to 6.00 p.m.

We also cater for meals, for bookings ring Dianne on 295 267.

The 1994 season has brought an influx of new players into the Club. Most of them live locally and have fitted in very well. It is nice to see a lot of local support for the Club this year with an increase in sponsorship and the Club thanks them for their support.

Majors Sponsors for 1994 are:-

C & T O'Deas, McLeish's Supermarket, Romsey Newsagency, Romsey Milk Bar, Forbes Automotive Care, Baglee Oil, Mitre 10, Romsey Fuel & Produce, Romsey Smash repairs, Sarsons Garden Supplies, Carol's Fuels, Romsey Auto Care, Vinny's Quality Meats, Movieland, Romsey Driving School, Romsey Roofing, S & L Drainage, Gerry Brinkhuis Bricklaying, Lancefield Sales & Service, Clamon Angus Stud, Romsey Sand & Gravel, Elgas, Frosts Sawmill, Newnham's Earthmoving, Bill Badger Motors, Newnham's Electrical, Newnham's Bobcat Hire, T.J. Scott & Sons, P & M Thomas, Romsey Sports Store, Alford Plumbing, Romsey Glass, Entity Homes, Peter Gay First Aid, Warburton Builders, Man Power, Palmer Tube Mills, H.J. Reece, C.B. Printing, Steel Line Doors, T & C Reilly Plumbing Services. Romsey Chemist.

The Club would sincerely like to thank these sponsors for their continued support.

So please come down and support your local Football Club and see the changes

The Draw for the rest of the season is as follows

2nd July Romsey v Lancefield;	23rd July Woodend v Romsey
9th July Wallan v Romsey;	30th July Romsey v Sunbury Rovers
16th July Romsey v Macedon;	7th August Kilmore v Romsey

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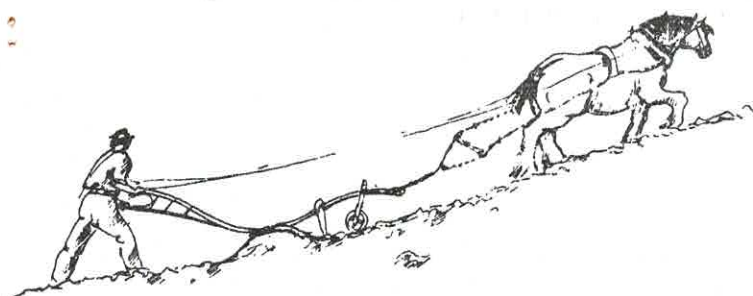
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Mrs. Jean Clement, 295 417.

**REMINDER!!** Rare opportunity to visit the NOTE PRINTING AUSTRALIA centre (where our currency is printed) at Craigieburn. The bus trip leaves Lancefield Post Office at 5.30pm, and Romsey OLD Post Office at 6.00pm, on TUESDAY, 26th JULY. Cost is \$15 per head, which includes the tour, inspection of their Museum and Supper. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please telephone Mrs. Elaine Lobb (295 321) or Mrs. Jean Clement (295 417). Non-members will be welcomed.

**NEXT MEETING:** The above trip will be in lieu of our July Meeting, so the August Meeting will be at Lancefield Court House on Tues. 23rd. Visitors are always welcome.

## ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE : SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Come and join in the fun at the Romsey Recreation Centre during the holidays. There is something for everyone!

Activities include:-

- \* Plaster Fun - "Plaster Fun House" comes to Romsey!  
Fun for all ages. Times : 10am-12.30pm Daily  
Cost: Prices range from \$2.50 to \$4.00.
- \* Sports Sessions - Supervised team games including Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, Squash, Badminton, Tabletennis, Billiards, Soccer, etc. - Suited to school age.
- \* Magic Show & Workshop - "Lawrence the Magician" will entertain the children and show them how to do some tricks! Suitable for 3 years +  
Time: 1-2p.m. Tuesday 12th July Cost: \$5.00.
- \* Fairy Stories - Fairy Velvet from "The Wishing Well" in Gisborne will entertain the children with fairy stories.  
Time: 1-2p.m. Thursday, 7th July. Cost: \$3.00.
- \* Bus Trip to Movies - Depart at 10am from Centre to go to Highpoint to see "Blue Chips" starring Shaquille O'Neal and Nick Nolte and have lunch then return to Centre at approx. 3.30p.m.  
Time : 10am - 3.30pm - Friday, 15th July Cost: \$5.00 (includes ticket)  
N.B. - Parental consent must be obtained.

Bookings are advised as places are limited. For further information contact the Centre on 295 637 or 018 356 400. Hope to see you soon!

### LADIES DAY-TIME NETBALL

Register now for the new season to start Monday, 25th July.

### LADIES DAY-TIME BASKETBALL

Register now for new season to start Thursday, 28th July.

New players welcome.

SQUASH SEASON to start Tuesday and Wednesday 5th July.

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### MIXED NETBALL

To start 6th July on Wednesday nights. New teams and players welcome.

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## ROMSEY LIVING WORD ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

The living Word is certainly a Church on the move (see below) and a rapidly growing Church. The word of God is surely moving around Romsey. Each week we see new faces in our Church, and last week at our youth meeting, there were over forty enjoying the B.B.Q. and fellowship. When the word of God is spoken and lived, growth and change are the obvious results. Life becomes something to enjoy and look forward too.

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

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

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

### ATTENTION LADIES ATTENTION LADIES

#### ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION LADIES "SHOP TILL YOU DROP"

A shopping spree is being organised for Friday, July, ~~22nd~~ 23rd. This is an opportunity for the ladies of Romsey, who don't get to shop in Melbourne, to come along for a fun day of bargain hunting and getting to know each other. There is a choice of outlets for you to decide. I suggest that you come to the book shop and fill out one of our preference sheets, so that we go to the places where you want to shop.

Seats are limited, so don't miss out. Book early, and by the way, there is no fee. Full details are provided in your registration slip.

For further inquiries please contact our Church office and book shop on (054) 29 6327, or P.O. Box 16 Romsey 3434.

### ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE INC. Box 201, P.O. Romsey, 3434.

After advice from the Romsey Shire Council the Book Committee is now an incorporated body. The Committee sincerely thank the Council for their advice and support over the years of our affiliation with them. We also thank the Council Representative for his assistance to the Committee.

There are still copies of the Shire History Book - "When Memory Turns the Key" selling at \$25.00 each and available from the newsagencies at Romsey, Lancefield, and Riddells Creek; the Antique Centre at Lancefield and the Shire Office at Romsey. The photographic booklet "Reflections" sells at \$8.50 and is also available at the above outlets. The Committee met on the 30th May to discuss the progress of the next booklet which covers the history of Kerrie, Rochford and their districts. Gavin Smith has been compiling the history for some time and expects it will be ready for Christmas. The Lancefield and Romsey township booklets are being compiled next and we hope will be available next year.

Dorothy Viney,  
Hon. Secretary.

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