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From the new Vicar:

Thankyou all for such a wonderful welcome to myself and my family, Anna, Stanley, Austin and Anneke. We are very happy to be here, it looks such a beautiful place to live and we greatly look forward to working and serving this community in what ever way that we are able. Here are our church services to which all are welcome.

Sundays

9am

Family Eucharist:

St. Paul's, Romsey

33 Chauncey Street, Lancefield.

10:30am

Family Eucharist:

Christchurch, Lancefield

Vicarage: Christchurch.

(both services have Sunday School)

Tel: (054) 291 380.

Wednesday

(during Lent)

7:30pm.

Eucharist:

Christchurch, Lancefield

St.Paul's,

Every day

(except Sundays and Mondays)

9:05am

Morning Prayer:

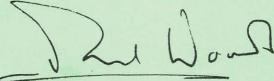
Christchurch, Lancefield.

Main Road, Romsey.

All Welcome

Please feel free to ring <u>anytime</u> for any pastoral or religious concerns. Although the best time to phone is in the mornings when I will mostly be in the office. The afternoons I wish to reserve for visiting and the evenings for meetings.

Reverend Paul Wood



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COMMONWEALTH BANK EXTENDS ITS SERVICE

The COMMONWEALTH BANK announces the installation of an AUTOMATIC TELLING MACHINE (ATM) at their ROMSEY BRANCH! The new ATM extends Commonwealth Bank's range of services offered to the local community. The ATM operates 6am to Midnight, every day of the week, and to use it you'll need a Commonwealth Bank card-based account with a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

"Using an ATM is one of the easiest, most convenient and most economical ways for our customers to access their money. It gives them direct access, so they can do their banking whenever it suits them, including outside normal banking hours" said Christine Whiting, Manager, Commonwealth Bank, Romsey. It is predicted that the convenience of out of hours banking will not only benefit residents, but also the district's retailers and other commercial businesses.

"We're committed to providing a full banking service for this community" said Christine, "And we'll be very pleased if local businesses are able to benefit from the introduction of our new ATM". Christine would like to assure any customers unfamiliar with using an ATM, that branch staff will be able to guide them through the simple steps. For further details about Commonwealth Bank card-based accounts, Personal Identification Numbers or how to use an ATM, please call into Romsey branch (Main Street, Romsey), or call Christine and her team on (054) 295 966 during banking business hours.

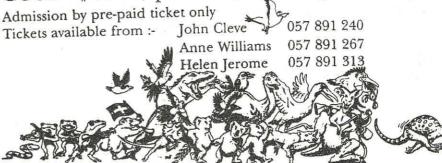
A COUP FOR THE DARRAWEIT GUIM TENNIS CLUB.

"A Pleasant Sunday afternoon with Ted Egan"

March 17th 1996, 4:00-7:00 pm

On the banks of Deep Creek, Darraweit Guim B.Y.O. - Picnic Hamper & Drink (Rug for sitting on

COST - \$15.00/person (School age children free



Help us make this as successful and enjoyable as possible. Note the date, tell your friends: spread the word.

Ted Egan, one of Australias foremost singers, song writers and story tellers will sing for his supper while you have yours!

On SUNDAY MARCH 17th 1996, the Darraweit Guim Tennis Club will host a Ted Ega concert, between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Come and join us to listen to Ted, on the Reserve at the junction of the Deep Creek and the No. 3 Creek, Darraweit Guim.

St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield / Romsey

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292 130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291 359; Sr. Frances (Convent): 291 582.

Mass times: Sat.

7.30pm Lancefield

Sun. for each month 1st & 3rd Sundays 8.00am Lancefield

2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays Romsey Lancefield

10.00am Romsey Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 A.M.Saturday. or by arrangement.

EASTER CEREMONIES Parish Reconciliation -3rd Rite - Lancefield Tues 26th March

Holy Thursday - Romsey 7.30pm 4th April -then to Lancefield.

Good Friday - 5th April Ecumenical Stations Of The Cross (details Uniting Church) Passion 3.00pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday 6th April 7.30pm Lancefield

Easter Sunday - 8.00am Lancefield / 10.00am Romsey

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

* 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295 672.

*Christian Meditation Meetings...Tuesdays 8 - 9pm Romsey Phone Stephen 295 907

Special events / programs:

* Scripture Journey: A gentle look at the Holy Scriptures. Come and join us for coffee, and an informal chat. Feel free to ask questions or just listen. Play area available for toddlers. Everyone welcome. Tuesdays 1.30-2.30 Romsey Church Hall.

* FR. TERRY'S FAREWELL

Fr. Terry will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 24th March at Lancefield in order to say farewell to parishioners.

This will be an opportunity for people to thank him and wish him well.

* MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 9th March 8am Lancefield Presbytery

* MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Treat yourself to a weekend away with your partner; forget the hectic pace of life and enjoy each other's company. Marriage Encounter offers the ideal opportunity to build on that love relationship that is always there, but sometimes gets put aside. It is a perfect chance to be together and to enhance your relationship. Accommodation and meals are all arranged. Information ph. Erika and Peter Smith 03 9899 0824 or Carol and Jeff Friswell 054 477 992

* CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children who are in Grade 4 and below, Children's Liturgy will take place at each 10 o'clock Mass.

* REFLECTION DAY

Sr. Lynette Young RSJ will be the facilitator at a Reflection Day on 6th March in the Presbytery, Lancefield, commencing at 10.00am and finishing 2.30pm. The theme for reflection is **THE CROSS**.

BYO lunch. Cost...donation

* LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

These will be offered as a means of Spiritual preparation for Easter. The theme will be 'Hidden In Pain - Risen In Love' The times will be Thursdays 10.30am and in the evening at 8.00pm. The venue will be at St. Mary's Presbytery. These groups will commence on 29th February

*OLD PAPERS

St. Mary's School is still collecting papers. Please leave papers at the school anytime under the verandah.

* The Catholic Church welcomes those who are searching ... Have you ever wondered what Catholics believe? Do you find yourself asking questions concerning the purpose of life? Perhaps things have changed and you are being prompted by the Spirit to take another look at your Faith? Fr. George is available on 292 130 or ask a Catholic friend you know.

..... In Christ were created all things in Heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible....Before anything was created, Christ existed, and Christ holds ALL things in unity. (Col. 1:15 - 17)



The Church has traditionally taken time out, during Lent, for Christians to examine themselves, their direction, and their relationship with God. During this time, there will be mid-week communion services, as shown below.

As we move towards Holy Week and Good Friday, we move into Autumn, with leaves browning, and nature slowing down. We move towards winter with the knowledge that there will be a Spring, and new life will shoot forth again.

Our Autumn Lent and Easter season can remind us of the hope that we know of new life, in the face of death. You are invited to join us for any of our services through Lent, as we walk the way to the cross with Christ.

You are reminded that the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross walk on Good Friday this year will commence at the Lancefield Uniting Church at 10.00am

Minister.

Rev. Elaine Fragar 25 William Street, Romsey. 3434 Ph. 295 351

Romsey Secretary: Elizabeth Brown - 295 110

Services for March

Wednesday March 6th - 7.30pm, Romsey, mid-week communion.

Sunday March 10th - Lent 3 -(Harvest Festival) Romsey - 9.00 am Lancefield - 10.30 am

Wednesday March 13th 7.30pm, Lancefield, mid-week communion.

Sunday March 17th - Lent 4 Romsey - 9.00 am Lancefield - 10.30 am

Wednesday March 20th 7.30pm, Lancefield, mid-week communion.

Sunday March 24th - Lent 5 -(Parish camp at Lake Eppaloch) Romsey - 9.00 am (Baptism of Mitchell Scordia) Lancefield - 10.30 am

Wednesday March 27th 7.30pm, Romsey, mid-week communion

Note: Daylight Saving time ends on the morning of 31st March. Check your clocks for these services.

Sunday March 31st (Palm Sunday) Romsey - 9.00 am Lancefield - 10.30 am

THE STATION

By Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision.

We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are travelling by train. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hill-side, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damming the minutes for loitering - waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm I8". "When I buy a 450L Mercedes Benz". "When I put the last kid through college". "When I have paid off the mortgage". "When I get a promotion". "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!".

Sooner or later we must realise there is no station no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly out-distances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm II8:24 "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it". It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad.

It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rub us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along.......The station will come soon enough!

THE R.O.C.K. CLUB (Reaching Out and Caring for Kids)

We had our first Club Meeting on 25th February with 33 children in attendance. We were thrilled with the response from the children, who all expressed their enjoyment with the fun games, drama segments, slide stories, singing and teaching.

Next meeting to be held on Sunday 10th March is "Bring a Friend" day. Meeting to be held at the Romsey Mechanics Hall between 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Mini-bus available to pick up children and return home

All interested children please contact Steven and Maureen Milner on 291 465.

ROMSEY 'LIVING WORD' A.O.G. CHURCH.

At this very point in time, Churches everywhere, including Romsey are experiencing NEW LIFE in their services. People are coming to Church and enjoying a freedom that has not previously been in their lives. They do not leave the same as they come in. They have discovered that there is hope and purpose and even though circumstances seem tough, they can still have peace and joy through them.

God is doing a new thing in His Churches and it is great to be a part of it.

The "Living Word" Sunday service is held at 109 Main Rd. Romsey and begins at 10:00 A.M. A monthly service is held commencing at 6:30 P.M. The next evening services will be on 10:3:96 and 31:3:96. Be early to get a seat as we have between 100 to 200 people attend.

The Romsey "Living Word" "Saints" and "Angels" basketball teams played against each other on Tuesday night. What a great game it was.

The score was even up until the last few seconds when a three pointer was scored and the Angels won by one point. Players and spectators had fun and even the "refs" had trouble blowing their whistles in between laughing.

The "Young Adventurers" for grade one to six are now having regular outings. The last one was to the Rialto Tower. The Youth meet weekly and they also adventure out into all kinds of activities. These groups are open to all in the community and are a wonderful opportunity for the young people to expand their circle of friends and to experience different activities.

To enquire further Ps. Marilyn Hunter may be contacted at our Church Office on $054\ 296327$.

We also have home group meetings on Thursday evenings, held at various homes and commencing at 7:30 P.M. These are open to all who would like to come and ask questions in a relaxed and friendly environment. The ladies have their meeting on Friday at Lancefield at 1:00 P.M. and is a great opportunity for ladies to be able to relax and relate with each other. All welcome.

The "Living Word" bookshop is there for you to drop in and have a browse and chat. We have a good range of books, videos, cards and an excellent supply of childrens activity and reading books. Most things if not available in the shop can be ordered in.

The Woodend A.O.G, Church is also experiencing new growth in their Church, with people travelling even from Kyneton to be a part of what God is doing. They hold their service in The Neighbourhood Centre, Tylden Rd. Woodend at 10:00 A.M. A Bible study group is held Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M. Pastors Sean and Rachel Greenwood can be contacted on 054 296264.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

Romsey Red Cross Unit members will meet on Friday, 8th March at 1.30p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jean Johnston "Wenellen Park" Main Road, Romsey. Red Cross Calling will be concentrated on the weekend of 16th and 17th March and if any local residents are willing and able to assist in door-knocking for a few hours, please contact Helen Clement on 295 317. A Fund-Raising "Morning Coffee" featuring a display and sale of Danny Blume Winter Fashions will be held on Thursday, 11th April at 10.30a.m. in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall in Pohlman Street, Romsey, with a donation of \$4 to aid our fund-raising efforts.

- Romsey Primary School News - March 1996.

A Real Family Bush Dance - March 30th

This family event that was so successful last year is being repeated at the end of this month and promises to be even bigger and better. Donated raffle prizes have been generously donated by Mrs Kay Thorogood, NewsAgency, Gillian Gorrie's Pottery and numerous other surprises from other sponsors. Adults \$7.50 Family \$20 Children \$3, Rob Carroll's popular live BYO Picnic Barbecue, Chips and drinks Tickets currently on sale at the School available. Uniform Shop which is open on Monday & Thursday afternoons or ring Mrs Noelle Barmby 295873 at other times for tickets or enquires.

Musical Arts Performance at Romsey Primary attracts other schools.

The Australian Contemporary Dance Co. Are performing the Doll Maker. The main idea is for the children to be actively involved in how a Director works with the performers. The main performance will be followed by small group workshops. The children from Clarkefield & Bolida Primary Schools will be joining us for this happy occasion.

Voting Voting Voting Together with the hype that has accompanied the Federal election and the Tasmanian State election and a forthcoming Victorian state election, it is not surprising that Civics has been on the curriculum agenda for our Year 5/6 students. They too however have been involved in their own very serious election process and just last Tuesday morning the following students from Years 5 & 6 were elected solely by their peers to represent them as Junior School Councillors. Our congratulations are extended to:

Year 6. Matthew Tobin, David Lamb, Mark Sheehan, Terri Gay, Rebecca Fewster and Bradley Hayes. Year 5. Erin Moore, Brodie Sheehan, B.J. Nettelbeck, Grant Irvine, Kimberley Briggs and Brendan Moro.

These children will be presented with their J.S.C. badges at a future Monday Morning Assembly

School Council Elections are also in the news and the interest shown in the election for the Romsey School Council and the support received by the school should indicate that we not only will have an election for the vacant positions but will have an election which is expected to be well supported by our parent voters.

VANDALISM: I believe that is because our facilities at Romsey Primary School, receive such a high level of community use that we are not usually troubled by large amounts of vandalism, however it is disturbing that this thoughtless action necessitates the expenditure of great amounts of time and money. Security lights that are smashed, graffiti that is scratched into paint work, pickets ripped from fences or plants deliberately destroyed are not examples of behaviour we can be proud of in Romsey. Romsey changing? Would the witnessed kicking in and theft from a local shop (as occurred recently) have happened 5 years ago? Community pride and spirit should be reflected in all of us. This is a great place to live and has a great community. prove it!

curriculum evenings: All parents have now had the opportunity to attend these special evenings designed to clarify how and what your child will be taught this year and what expectations we share for the child's benefit. Parents with children in the Prep classes have also been involved in formal teacher/teacher interviews. All Parents are ofcourse aware that they can raise queries or request interviews with staff at any mutually convenient time of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS: Certificates were presented at yesterday's morning assembly to - Zara Hermann, Jodi Lloyd, Sarah Holmes, Matt Little, Craig Salt, These children participated in Brenton McAdam. the Round Robin Tennis Competition at Woodend last Wednesday, 21st February. The results were -Boys singles won by - Brenton McAdam - he will compete in the State Championships in Bendigo. Boys Doubles - Matt Little and Craig Salt were Girls Doubles -Jodi Lloyd and Zara runners up. Hermann lost the final in a tie break. had a very enjoyable day and special thanks to Sandra Lloyd for looking after them during the day and to Sue Little and Sandra for transport.

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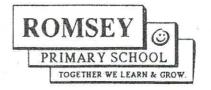
Last Thursday week was indeed a hot busy, but successful day and my special thanks are expressed to the PSE committee for initiating the event but particularly to the great number of volunteers who cheerfully participated and provided loads of encouragement to the children. There were many regarding positive comments passed effectiveness of the organisation, the equipment and the value of the activities. I am sure that when the interschool sports come around at the end of the year the program may well reflect many of those enjoyable activities. My thanks again to the Parents' Club members who have already pledged support for that event.

Learning Assessment Task (LAP): The LAP is just one of a range of assessment tasks administered by staff throughout the year. It will be administered to all children who are present at school in year 3 and 5 Its two parts consist of teacher assessed tasks in Science and English held between 12th and 25th March and centrally assessed tasks in Maths, Science and English held on 26th and 27th March. The results are used to report to parents and teachers on student learning outcomes against the Curriculum and Standards Framework (CSF). Confidentiality of individual student results is guaranteed.

If you would like to know more or participate in the type of tests and experiences the pupils will be asked to complete, feel free to come along on at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening and join our special work shop for parents.

Watch out for the Special activities in Junior Sports Week 18th 22nd March and plan to support the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal Barbecue for children that week. Let's show them we Care!

Trevor Turnham - Principal



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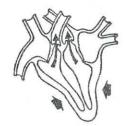
MARCH 1996 NEWSLETTER

In March we welcome back Cathy Carter (Shelton) after some six months of maternity leave, and say farewell to Dr. Paul Muirden who is getting married on the 2nd of March. Dr. Muirden is looking forward to an extended honeymoon travelling the world for six months. Dr. Francis will be working at the Romsey Medical Centre for a few weeks in March and April and a more permanent replacement doctor will be with us from August onward.

Our monthly review will focus on hypertension (high blood pressure).

Hypertension is one of the most common medical conditions needing long term treatment in Australia. About 17% of men and 13% of women have high blood pressure. With increasing age, blood pressure lebels and the incidence of high blood pressure rises. There are generally no signs or symptoms of high blood pressure, so you should be checked regularly to ensure your levels are within a healthy range.

Blood pressure is measured as two numbers, eg 130/85 mmHg. The first number is the systolic pressure, the second is the diastolic;



Systole - pressure in the arteries as the heart is contracting or pumping blood around the body.



Diastole - pressure when the heart is filled with blood before its next contraction or beat.

For most people, blood pressure: less than 140/85 is desirable; between 140/85 and 160/90 is borderline high blood pressure; at 160/95 and over is considered high.

For most people there is no specific cause for their high blood pressure and is likely to be affected by factors such as:

a family history of hypertension;

lack of physical activity; high alcohol consumption;

obesity; high intake of salt; smoking.

Modifying your lifestyle to address some of those factors can lower your blood pressure and reduce the need for medications.

For many people, medication is needed to keep blood pressure under control. There are a number of medications available, so discuss the choices with your doctor. If you are on medication, take it as prescribed and be sure to discuss any problems with your doctor also.

THINGSHENDERNINGSHENDERNY

The Romsey Medical Centre has recently purchased a series of health related booklets on a wide variety of topics which patients are welcome to borrow. Please contact the nursing sister on duty at the centre.

The school of experience never changes: it always has and always will issue its diplomas on the roughest grade of sandpaper.

A hug is the perfect gift - one size fits all, and nobody minds if you exchange it. - Ivern Ball.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, but it sure beats a blank stare for starting a conversation.

If you are looking for someone with a little authority, I have as little as anyone.

- Bervl Pfitzer.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Every third Sunday of each month 2:00 pm at BUNGAWITTA in ROMSEY

Bring a plate & \$1.00 entry fee <u>Call Deb Burge 286 977</u> or Stuart McMinn 295 563

IN THE PLANNING - We will be offering to fix your PC configuration and software problems FREE! That's right no charge. Just bring your PC along with your original software manuals and disks to our meeting. You don't have to be a member, or become one, we just want to help.

Priority will be given to people who book their PC's with us. NO assistance will be given to problems with pirated software as pirating is illegal. If you are unsure of what this means please call us on the numbers above. Privacy of HDD contents is assured.

Watch this column for meeting dates, proposed events, general club news and helpfull computer tips.

Anyone can build a PC

e proved, at our February meeting, that anyone is capable of putting a computer system together.

The hands on computer building workshop drew plenty of interest from the community. Both young and old showed they wanted to learn more about the inside story on the beige box.

Extensive notes were handed out and listed most of the components/ attachments on the motherboard. The notes will be available to anyone wanting a copy and are at the beginners level. Our information is helpful to those wanting to know more about PC jargon and how it all fits together.

Now you are all probably wondering just what type of system we built. It is a 386 DX/40 with 8 meg of RAM, 2

HDD's, multi media, communications computer and yes we did get it going again.

The system will be used at club meetings to copy our extensive list of FREE shareware titles for members, give demonstrations on software packages and access other computers.

If you are curious about our club, whether you own a PC or not, then come along to a meeting or give us a ring on one of the numbers listed.

The club feels it has most to offer in the area of supporting people to understand more about their software packages with helpful tips from other members and informative guest speakers on subjects ranging from the Internet to backing up software. We have it all.

Remember <u>Lourdes</u> and <u>Fatima</u>? Sr. Lucia (the remaining Fatima seer and now aged 89) believes the <u>MEDJUGORJE</u> apparitions are connected to Fatima.

Chestnut Hill presents:

'Marian Apparitions'

A theatrette video and talk by Tony Murnane (from Chestnut Hill Marian Lodge, Kalista)

* Is Mary the mother of Christ appearing in our world today?

* How and why are people's lives changing after they visit Medjugorje?

* What evidence is there that she does appear?

* What is the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Medjugorje?

* What is the message of Medjugorje?

Tuesday 19th March 7.30pm

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ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Pre-season training has been underway now for four weeks under the guidance of new senior coach Garry Templar. Numbers have been good so far with many new faces around including a number of last year's under 18 players.

Doug Mills was recently appointed reserves coach, replacing Peter "Concrete" Brown who has been appointed senior coach at Melton Centrals. During March, we will be holding our pre-season Night Series with eight clubs competing for prizemoney totalling \$2,400.00. We are very pleased to receive the support of the R.D.F.L. Umpires Association who will supply a full compliment of umpires for each match during the series. Admission is only \$3.00 with full catering facilities available on the night.

1996 NIGHT SERIES

Monday	4th March	6.50pm 8.45pm	Riddell Harcourt		Campbell's Cr. Greenvale
Wednesday	6th March	6.50pm 8.45pm	Romsey Maldon		Pascoe Vale Melton Cent.
Monday	11th March	6.50pm 8.45pm	Greenvale Romsey		Riddell Campbell's Cr.
Wednesday	13th March	6.50pm 8.45pm	Pascoe Vale Melton Cent.	-	
Wednesday	20th March	6.50pm 8.45pm	First Semi Final Second Semi Final		
Wednesday	27th March	8.00pm	Grand Final		

One of the most important areas of a football structure is that of training staff. This year, we have lost several of our trainers due to work commitments. We are therefore looking for new people to assist P.J. and Cheryl, our two most senior trainers. If there is anyone holding a St. Johns First Aid Certificate or maybe interested in learning sports training techniques, then you would be made most welcome. The club supplies trainers uniforms and covers the cost of registration, insurance and courses. If you are interested, then you can drop in on training nights or contact Rob McIntyre on 28 5276. We also require water carriers for all three teams. These positions offer an opportunity for people of all ages to have an on-field involvement during the season.

Rob McIntyre, FOOTBALL MANAGER.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

We hope all those who attended the Art Show had a very enjoyable time. If you have not heard by now you know you missed out on our lovely raffle prize of a dozen local wines! Thank you everyone for your support and to all my faithful helpers and cooks, a special thanks. We could not organise anything like the Art Show without your backing.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary is on March, 25th, at 8pm at the Court House.

Bring any ideas you may have on the Art & Craft Weekend to be held in October for Fire Awareness Week.

Helen Watts, Secretary.

LONG AGO

Long ago in the days of old This was a different place I am told. Aborigines roamed the land With plenty of time at hand. Their sacred meeting place Is where I go when I need space. When I let my mind go free Lovely picture I do see. When I think of days gone by Of our history, I want to cry. The future is in a child's hand. And whilst united we can stand, But for the future there must be a past And tales of people to make it last. Of people that were brave and strong, People that travelled far and long. People that when busy would take on more And for their country go to war. To our parents we do owe Our life and what makes us so. To our ancestors we must bow To them we owe the world as it is now. And if death should make us part The people of old shall be in my heart.





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NEW PROJECT FOR 1996

Historic buildings and significant sites in the townships of the former Shire of Romsey will be identified in a project to be undertaken by the Historical Society. At the February meeting it was decided to list places of interest and assemble information on them. A printed guide, and plaques to mark some of the sites, is also under consideration by members.

Comprehensive reports on society activities were made at the Annual General Meeting last week. The President, Robert Clement, thanked all the members who had contributed to the functioning of the Society throughout the year, particularly the Office Bearers. He congratulated Dorothy Viney on completing ten years as Archivist of the Society, and expressed appreciation for such a commendable dedicated voluntary effort over so many years. During the year groups from Balwyn and Kyabram visited Sidney Seymour Cottage and the Lancefield Court House Museum, with refreshments provided by the Society. Some members were pleased to be able to host a visit of two groups of Romsey Primary School children to Sidney Seymour Cottage. The children were generally very interested in the old house and the historical items contained in it.

A great deal of work was done at the cottage during 1995 to repair the damage caused by termites. This included removing the damaged floors in two rooms, digging away the earth under the floor, re-stumping the west room, and replacing the floor with new boards. This work was done by members George Lobb and Robert and John Clement, with the skilled help of Mr Jack Parkhurst, which was greatly appreciated. Mr Parkhurst also made and hung a wooden door for the kitchen. John Clement, the Cottage Co-ordinator, said that now the floors are repaired functions can be held at the cottage again, and it is to be hoped that this will encourage others to share in maintaining and restoring our historic asset. Working bees are held on the morning of the second Saturday in the month to keep the grounds and buildings in good order. Any help at these is most welcome. The outside woodwork of the court house at Lancefield has been painted and the window blinds repaired. The society is grateful to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council for their assistance with the painting. The Archivist, Dorothy Viney, reported that attendances at the Museum were about average during the year, as were the requests for information on family research. Mrs Viney thanked the Court House Co-ordinator, Jim Hall, for maintaining the grounds at the court house.

All Office bearers were re-elected for the coming year. These are: President, Robert Clement; Vice-president, Ron Viney; Secretary, Tom Newton; Treasurer, Helen Broad; Archivist, Dorothy Viney; Social Activities, Elaine Lobb; Cottage Co-ordinator, John Clement; Court House Co-ordinator, Jim Hall; Macedon Ranges Heritage Council, Dorothy Viney; Newsletter, Maree Waldron and Mary Hall. Subscriptions remain the same at \$10, and are now payable.

The next meeting will be held at Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, at 8 pm on Tuesday, 26 March, when the historic building project will be discussed. Anyone with ideas about this, and those with an interest in the history of the former Shire of Romsey, are most welcome to attend.

My 'new life' started three years ago on 8th March....thanks to the miracle workers at the Alfred and Dr. Paul and all the staff at the Medical Centre (and Craig and the girls at the Chemists who keep me rattling on!) and of course our caring community. Please talk to your loved ones about organ donation - I have the forms at the shop.....

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A Note of Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the large number of local people who were especially caring towards me at the time of the accidental death of my beloved partner Merran Lawless in December last year. I have still to come to terms with Merran's death but would like to thank the following people who were particularly kind _. Paul Green, Marge and Norm Davis, Lee and Rick Howells of Monegeeta; Linda, Melissa, and Amanda Skinner, Reg Marriner, Sgt Geoff Neill of Kyneton Traffic Operations, Joe and Lina Morabito, Jenny May and family of Gisborne, Snr Constable Andrew Manciniak of Romsey police, Jenny Harrison, Chris Whitney, and the Habib family. I hope to write to you all soon.

Graham Noonan Barry Street

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE.

- Occasional Child Care is now available at the Neighbourhood House. Elaine Smith, the childcare Co-ordinator has been working for the last couple of months towards the House being registered as a Children's Services Centre and Committee members have helped in working to make the Centre a happy and stimulating place to leave your child for a couple of hours. So if you need a break from the kids for a few hours, call the House for bookings on 291214. Sessions will be for 2.5 hours and cost is \$4.00 per session per child.
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- Lancefield Fun Day and Woodchop Saturday, 9th March - stalls are available for selling craft and other goods at a cost of \$10.00 For bookings please call the House on 291 214.

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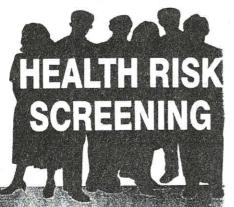
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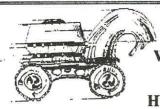
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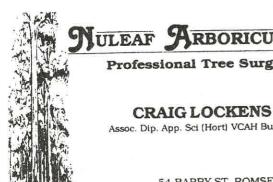


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