

EDITORIAL

May we at the outset, thank those Romsey residents who passed on encouraging comments to the Editorial Committee following the introduction of the Romsey Rag last month. May we also apologise to those who live well out of town and who were unable to pick up a copy from the Newsagency more copies will be available this month.

The ROMSEY RAG is designed to provide residents with accurate, current information each month, but because we operate on a voluntary basis and rely on contributions of news from local secretaries and interested people, this publication relies ON YOU. To this end, we have incorporated a sheet on which your written contributions, suggestions and ideas can be jotted down. Closing dates for items will remain at the 10th of the month and these can be left with Ron at the Romsey Post Office. Donations to defray costs can also be left with Ron. Sponsorship of future editions - contact Trevor Turnham 295 490 or A.H. 295 413.

This month's ROMSEY RAG is sponsored by the Romsey Primary School Council and our thanks are extended to this group.

We also remind you of the Community Market which will be held on October 20 in the newly decorated Mechanics Hall. Although this Market is organised by the School any interested group who wish to hold a stall or sell items are invited to do so. Please contact Sandra Strack on 270 472 for further details.

The Romsey Ratepayers Association can also be contacted on 270 472. Please note that contributions left for publication will generally be printed as they appear and the Editorial Committee accept no further responsibility for the accuracy of these items, but reserve the right to accept or reject items.

Editorial Committee - Trevor Turnham, Val Lobb, Beryl Cole, Bev Large

REV. GLASS LEAVES ROMSEY:

Rev. Geoff Glass conducted his final service at the Lancefield Church of England on September 9. We thank Rev. Glass for his assistance to the community in the years he has served Romsey and Lancefield. He will be inducted into the St. Michael's Broadmeadows Parish on Tuesday September 25.

1985 PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:

If you know of anyone who could be interested in enrolling Prep children who turn 5 years old by June 30 1985 please encourage them to pick up enrolment details from the Kindergarten or the Romsey Primary School.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB - COMING EVENTS:

A General Meeting of the Romsey Youth Club will be held on Tuesday September 18 in the School Library at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Roller Skating Night to be held at Rollerena Sunbury on Friday September 21. Leaving Romsey Post Office at 7.00 p.m. Cost \$2.75. We would like parent assistance with transport please. - Bev. Large, Secretary.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TENDERS:

1. Mowing of the school oval and large grassed areas fortnightly from October 1st to December 20, 1984. Monthly from 1st May to September 30, 1985 (excepting school holidays).

A large tractor and mower would be required for this contract. This tender is contracted on a rate per each cutting service.

2. Mowing of school lawns and garden maintenance including whipper snipping fence boundaries, removal of incinerator ash to tip etc.

This tender is to be contracted on an hourly rate basis.

Tender close on October 12 and should be addressed to the Principal, Romsey Primary School, Main Street, Romsey.

ROMSEY MECHANICS INSTITUTE:

During this year the Mechanics Institute has undergone renovations totalling \$51,000.

The work carried out has included substantial improvements to both male and female toilets. These are no longer public toilets, as they are accessible only from within the hall now. Handicapped people are provided for, hot water is available, extra basins and mirrors are fitted, vinyl tiles are on the floor and these areas have been painted.

The hall foyer has been painted and so has the main hall. In the hall acoustic tiles have been installed to improve appearance and sound quality. A color consultant advised on the color scheme. Anchor points have been installed on the walls for decorations. All that remains to complete the planned work is to instal new stage and window curtains. Vinyl tiles have been laid in the kitchen and supper room.

The Committee would like to thank those people and organisations who made donations to the appeal held early in the year. An amount of \$2264.00 was raised. The Committee had to borrow extra funds to complete the work and would be grateful for further donations if you have not already done so.

We wish to thank Mr. Duncan Barton who designed the renovations and drew up the plans (at no cost) and the Shire of Romsey and its officers for their assistance - without their assistance the work could not have taken place.

... Noel Shaw, Honorary Secretary.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY MEALS ON WHEELS COMMITTEE

Invite all their volunteers to share in an informal afternoon tea gathering function to welcome back our cook Mrs. Marianne Mix after her recent overseas holiday. This function will be held on Friday, September 21 at 2.00 p.m. in Romsey House, Main Street, Romsey. Senior Citizen Club members and Meals on Wheels recipients will be very welcome also.

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The September meeting will be held in the supper room of the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Tuesday, September 25 at 8.00 p.m. when well known author and historian Mr. Peter Cuffley will be our Guest Speaker.

New members and new residents to the district will be particularly welcome to attend. Interested helpers for our Sidney Seymour Cottage in Romsey and our museum project at the Lancefield Court House are needed and donations of interesting historical items, letters, books, photographs, tools, furniture etc. will be gratefully accepted and placed on display with our collection.

Membership is \$3.00 per year. For further information contact Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement on 295 317.

ROMSEY LADIES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Romsey Ladies Netball Association is a relatively newly formed Association which is at present catering for the netball demands of approximately 150 women in the Romsey District.

Matches are conducted Monday nights at the Romsey Recreation Centre. The Association currently conducts three grades of matches, these being "A", "A Reserve" and "B". It is envisaged however that the increasing demand could see an extension of this format and consequently approaches may be made to the Recreation Centre Committee for an extension of time, which would enable matches to be played on two nights of each week.

The present committee of the Association is placing a large degree of emphasis on umpiring. Steps are currently being taken to enable prospective umpires to gain the required skills by way of theory exams and in due course clinics and practical exams which will be conducted by Victorian Netball Association representatives. The first netball umpires exam is to be conducted at the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Thursday September 20 at 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in studying the rule books and sitting the exams please contact Mrs. V. Green, 295 338.

The Association conducts two seasons of competition matches per year, the Autumn comp. which runs from March to June and the Spring comp. which commenced on September 3 and shall run until late November.

The aim of the Association is to encourage and promote the game of netball for women in the Romsey District, hence we extend an invitation to those women not already involved in our competition to come along and join us. Should anyone wish to persue the matter further please feel free to contact the Secretary, K. Richmond, C/38 High Street, Lancefield.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our parish is to share with our Anglican and Catholic friends in a door knock throughout the Shire in aid of the Combined Churches African Drought Relief Appeal on the weekend on 6th and 7th October (subject to Council approval).

The Lancefield congregation's Progressive Dinner is on Friday September 28. Romsey U.C.F. and Guild will conduct a Cake Stall in the kiosk on Saturday, September 29.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Romsey Uniting Church Youth Group continues to meet monthly. On Sunday evening we experienced a very enjoyable night under the guidance of Norm Thompson. Mr. Thompson video taped a production by the youth entitled "Romsey New Faces".

This month we have also been invited by the Lancefield Uniting Church Youth Group to share an evening at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Last month we accepted an invitation by the Sunbury Baptist Youth to attend a roller skating night. This was a great fun night and we hope more members will be able to attend on September 30.

The Youth Ministry unit of the Uniting Church have extended an invitation to attend a bush dance followed by over night accommodation in Church halls around Ballarat on October 20-21. We already have some starters for this activity.

Any further information contact Louise Turnham (President) on 295 413 or Susan Shaw (Secretary) on 295 509.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary has once again decided to support the Romsey Primary School at the coming Community Market on October 20. We wish to thank the School for the opportunity to raise funds for the auxiliary at the market.

The Auxiliary will again be making and selling waffles, hot sweet and savoury meat filled pancakes, soup, hot dogs in rolls, scones, tea coffee and cordial.

Don't forget to come out to the kitchen for morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea.

Could all members who were unable to attend our last meeting please ring me and indicate whether they are able to help on October 20 at the Community Market and if so, what time they prefer. Our next meeting is to be Monday November 12 at Group Headquarters... Beryl Cole.

RED CROSS - ROMSEY.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, October 3. - There will be a Fashion Parade again, at the Mechanics Hall in Romsey from 11.00 a.m. For further details and tickets, please watch for notices in the local shops and advertising in The Telegraph.

Friday, October 19 - Kristin Shoes will hold another display and sale day, at the Romsey House Tea Rooms from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be available as you look at the shoes. The full spring and summer collection will be available so take advantage of "shopping locally" and supporting Red Cross at the same time.

ROMSEY HOUSE TEA ROOMS are open every Sunday and Public Holidays from 12 noon until 5.00 p.m. Delicious lunches, snacks and afternoon teas, including Devonshire Teas are available in a relaxing cosy atmosphere. Telephone enquiries 295 522, Jean Newell. Private social functions catered for.

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and Lindy Shone 295 328.

BALLROOM DANCING LESSONS

Following the recent successful 8 week introductory courses in modern, old time and new vogue ballroom dancing at Newham Hall it has been decided to resume lessons on Thursday, October 4 at this venue. Tuition consists of a 1 hour lesson on the modern waltz, quickstep and slow foxtrot, followed by 1 hour of the popular sequence dances such as Pride of Erin, Charmaine and others. Admission at present is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for primary school children. Limited free transport from Romsey may be available (see Romsey Shire News 1984). Enquiries Syd. Wheller, 13 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey. Phone 295 513.

SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS

This Australia wide society is now becoming incorporated and all members, including local groups will be covered by this move. Residents interested in "Preservation by Cultivation" of Australian plants and desirous of forming a local group of the S.G.A.P. are invited to contact Syd. Wheller on 295 513.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, VICTORIA

I wish to notify those concerned that I am no longer acting as a Voluntary Field Officer for the R.H.S.V. However, I am prepared to offer assistance in horticultural matters to those in need, provided expenses (if any) are reimbursed. Cut flowers or public display, cuttings and seeds for propagation may be available at suitable times and demonstrations given when convenient. Enquiries Syd Wheller 295 513.

If you have a news item you would like included in next month's ROMSEY RAG please fill in the section below and return in to the Post Office by October 10.

Compiler/s reserve/s the right to reject or include any item presented for print.

NAME Contact No.

NEWS ITEM:

I would like to sponsor an edition of the ROMSEY RAG Yes/No.
I would like to help with the delivery of the ROMSEY RAG Yes/No.

Your comments, thoughts and contributions to the ROMSEY RAG are always welcome - jot down your thoughts and leave at Romsey Post Office.