

INTERESTING ITEMS

Local girl, Rosalie Toomey, a student at Braemar College, has been selected from over 200 students as a member of the Victorian delegation to the UNAA Australian Hammarskjold Memorial Interschool Conference to be held in Hobart.

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The Romsey Uniting Church congregation will be hosts for this years ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be held in the Uniting Church at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday May 26.

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" is observed by all Christian churches from Ascension Day (May 16 this year) until Pentecost, the day of this years service.

All district people are cordially invited to attend the service. The preacher will be Rev. Adrian Pegler, the host minister, and clergy and lay people from other churches will also participate in the worship.

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NEW STATE BANK MANAGER

Welcome to the new Romsey State Bank Manager. Some readers may not yet be aware that Mr. Robert Fowler has taken over as Manager of our local S.S.B. We congratulate the former manager and friend to many local readers, Mr. Laurie O'Brien on his managerial promotion to the St. Albans West Branch.

Because Romsey is a friendly town we know that many customers will wish to welcome our new manager to his new position. Robert lives in Wallan with his wife Catherine and four children and is keen in supporting local sporting groups.

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1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

JAMPOT JAMBOREE: Please support the Romsey Cubs and Scouts by donating a jar of jam when a Scout or Cub calls with their sponsor card. The sale of the jam will be on Saturday, August 3.

The Parent Committee have been very busy over the last 3 months cleaning and painting the outside and some of the inside of the Scout Hall. We have had a very good response to our working bees. We also had a cake stall in April where we made \$74.00

In our Scout Troop we started the year with 7 boys which has grown in a short time to 21. Both Cub Packs are progressing well.

We conduct our Bottle Drives from the Police Station the 1st Saturday in the month - the next Bottle Drive is on June 8 and 9.00 a.m. If anyone wishes to take bottles to the back of the Police Station they are very welcome to do so at any time.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5 at 8.00 p.m. in the Scout Hall.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS

A big thank you to everyone who came along and made our Fashion Parade a big success, and also to the ladies who couldn't come and gave us a donation - C. Smith, J. Francis, V. Shaw, C. Greco, A. Green, M. Madigan.

We should make a profit of around \$1000 so on behalf of Red Cross I thank you. A big thank you also to our models and our hard working members. The winner of our competition for the cyclamen was Matron Doyle from Lancefield.

FIRST AID CLASSES are to commence on Wednesday, May 29 in the school library, for more information please ring Mrs. Helen Clement 295 317.

RED CROSS SHOP FOR ROMSEY??? At our next meeting on Wednesday June 12 commencing at 9.30 and to be held in the meeting room of the hall, we will have a guest speaker from Headquarters, Mr. Bruce Roberts who will talk on the possibility of a Red Cross Shop for Romsey. The question is - Do we have any ladies in Romsey who have a few spare hours every now and again who could help our members run the shop? Think about it. Come along to our meeting at talk about it. ...

Shirley Shelton, Secretary.

Romsey Red Cross Youth members to make World Red Cross Day on Wednesday May 8 invited Cr. John Laing to plant 2 Australian Native trees in the School Grounds. To aid their Ethiopian Project they also had a fund raising cordial day.

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WANTED

The Romsey Youth Club are also seeking people, young, old, middle aged to become committee members and organisers for our various activities. If you are interested please ring Bev. Large (Secretary) on 295 558.

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ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP - CAR WASH on Saturday June 1, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at the Primary School.

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MOONEE VALLEY MOBILE LIBRARY

Over recent weeks some mechanical failures with the Library bus have interrupted services to schools and local stop over times, creating some difficulty for readers. We apologise for this inconvenience. As readers are aware there is a box placed in the foyer of the Shire Offices into which books for return can be placed at any time the offices are open.

It is hoped that this additional service will assist in the return of library books, from those who cannot catch the Library bus. Books can also be borrowed and returned by members of the general public when the Library bus visits schools on its fortnightly timetable.

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THE COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

The above service has been actively working to plan a Health Service which meets the Health and Welfare needs of people living in the four Shires of Kyneton, Newham/Woodend, Romsey and Metcalfe.

A Community Health Service is specially designed so that a group of professional workers from both health and welfare backgrounds can work together with the community to promote and encourage Healthy Lifestyles.

It can provide a wide range of health services such as Welfare Advice and Assistance, Podiatry, Community Health Nursing, Physiotherapy, Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Family Counselling Services.

What Can You Do to Help? Speak to your local Shire Councillors. Further information can be obtained by phoning the Chairman on (054) 222 521 or Secretary on (054) 222 145 and ask for a leaflet regarding the service.

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Thanks to a gift to the school of 2 acres of land by F. Lobb, Grazier on October 30, 1930, children from our Grade 6 were able to spend last Monday and Tuesday camping on the site in Woodend Road. Pupils organised their own meals, were instructed by a Forestry Officer, carried out supervised trimming, learning more about the environment and themselves. It was a 'fine' opportunity to learn and participate thanks to parental assistance with this school program.

Tennis Court Hire: Readers are reminded that the Primary Schools tennis courts are available for hire outside school hours. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Clampit 295 480 (Palmer St.) or Mr. Trevor Turnham 295 431 (Barry Street) to obtain a key or book the courts. Hire rate is still \$1 per hour.

"New School Logo" A design representing the building blocks of education and the importance of school as a happy place to learn is to be printed in black on all red windcheaters available from the school office. The first orders will arrive in the first week of Term 2.

Shire Submission to Dept. of Youth, Sport and Recreation:

Numerous community groups have been asked to support the submission for the re-development of the changing rooms and facilities at the Romsey Park site. The football club, who are organising the submission are hopeful of an early favourable reply to their requests.

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COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION (C.W.A.)

Would you like to join a newly forming group to start another C.W.A. Branch in Romsey. A meeting is to be held on May 30 at 8.00 p.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Do come. Ring Jean 295 243 or Wendy 295 231 for any enquiries.

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HANDY HINTS

To water a new tree or shrub, pierce the bottom of an old bucket or can with a nail to make a small hole, place beside the plant and fill with water. The roots will slowly absorb moisture as the water runs out.

Before beginning to scale a fish, rub over with vinegar to remove the scale more easily.

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NO INCREASE IN LOCAL CRIME

An interview with our local Policeman, Harry Witkiss yielded the fact that there has been no significant increase in vandalism or theft in and around Romsey. This despite the fact that our population is growing rapidly. If an act of vandalism is seen it is certainly best reported.

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LADIES SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP GROUP

will meet again on Wednesday, May 8 at 8.00 p.m. in the Lancefield Uniting Church Vestry for a "Night of Travels" with Leslie Carbis and Mary Showler. All welcome.

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AEROBIC CLASSES

Carol's Monday morning Aerobic classes will be starting on May 27 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. in the Mechanics Hall, Romsey (creche available). There will be no Wednesday night classes this term only.

Jazz Ballet classes will begin on Monday June 3. There will be a few vacancies in both groups this term only. I WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY NEW CHILDREN NEXT TERM. Bookings only 295 590.

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ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28 in the supper room of the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall. The Guest Speaker that night will be the popular and entertaining Mr. Peter Cuffley, author of several books and an expert on many and varied aspects associated with our history. Supper will be provided and visitors are most welcome.

The Historical Society has two main projects to work on at present: The setting up of a local history Museum in the ex-Court House at Lancefield, and the restoration and furnishing of the Sidney Seymour Cottage (the oldest dwelling in Romsey, which has been most generously donated to the Historical Society by Miss Isa Allen). Helpers are needed in many diverse ways, including carpentry, sewing, research into local history, gardening, finding suitable furnishings for the cottage, etc.

Membership of the Society is only \$4 per annum and any of the following Office Bearers can be contacted for further information:

President: Miss Helen Broad 291 297, Vice President Mr. Ron Viney 295 584, Secretary Mrs. Jean Newell 295 522, Asst. Secretary, Mrs. Helen Clement 295 317, Treasurer Mr. Pat Toomey 285 327, Newsletter Mrs. Judy Cope-Williams 295 428, Archivist Mrs. Del Edwards 295 653. Co-ordinator re work on the Sidney Seymour Cottage Mr. Ken Francis 295 432.

Please feel free to come along to our next meeting on Tuesday May 28 as a visitor and to meet and talk with members about what the Society is doing.

TIME TRAVELLERS TOURS

V/Line advise that special train tours for school children will be operating from May 11 to 25, 1985.

These tours have proved to be fun, for thousands of children over previous holidays. All are specially priced for this limited period.

Mystery Train rides are available for \$1 per child. The Mystery is not knowing the destination.

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PARENTS COMPUTER DAY

To be held in the Union Hall, La Trobe University, Bund-ora. Admission \$3 adults. Sunday May 12 11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Details from Romsey Primary School.

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FUND RAISING APPLE DRIVE

Romsey Uniting Church are selling apples, Jonathons and Granny Smiths, from Harcourt packed in 4 k (10 lb.) bags at a cost of \$2.50 per bag. Orders may be collected from Romsey Primary School, Wed. June 5, Lancefield Primary School Wed. June 5, Romsey Uniting Church Sunday June 9 and Lancefield Uniting Church Sunday June 9. Further enquiries George Lewis 295 468, John Clement 295 317.

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CENTRAL VICTORIAN DISTRICT AMBULANCE SERVICE

Please note the nearest phone numbers for this service.

KILMORE (057) 821 541. WOODEND (054) 272 653.  
KYNETON (054) 221 361.

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OTHER EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

POLICE: Kyneton 221 377 Romsey 295 461 Lancefield 291 421  
FIRE: Romsey 295 333 Lancefield 291 511  
DOCTORS: Romsey Clinic 295 254  
S.E.C. 430 211 (After Hours) 430 834.  
HOSPITALS: Lancefield 291 456. Kyneton 221 177  
Royal Melb. (03) 347 7111 Royal Childrens (03) 347 5522

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ROMSEY SHIRE SOCIAL WORKER

Lindsay Neve can be contacted at the Shire Office Monday and Tuesday on 295 201. Funding for this program ceases at the end of August and we will present a full range of her activities in next month's Romsey Rag.

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Item of Interest: Jane McIldowie scored her first goal in netball last week.

If you have a news item you would like included in next month's ROMSEY RAG please fill in the section below and return it to the Romsey Post Office by June 7, 2.30 p.m.

Compilers reserve 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

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Editorial Committee: Trevor Turnham, Val Lobb, Bev. Large, Beryl Cole.

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