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THE ROMSEY LAG

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John and Wendy Laing,
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The ROMSEY RAG Committee wish to thank John and Wendy Laing for their sponsorship of this edition and hope that John's health continues to improve now that his is back on his feet again.

The Committee have been greatly encouraged not only by the numerous positive comments regarding this monthly free publication, but also by the number of contributions we have received. We in turn thank our readers and the young people who voluntarily deliver this publication each month.

In last month's edition it was reported that the Grad 6 children from Romsey Primary School had spent some time pruning the pines on their plantation. As a direct result of that article, a set of pruning saws, which had fallen from a trailer in Darry Street were able to be returned due to the honesty of one of our citizens. In short, we are proud of the honesty involved, and that the finder was such a perceptive reader of this publication. We salute you Sir.

THE ROMSEY COMMUNITY LEISURE GROUP

which started May twelve months ago, has been going very well with attendances of about fifteen and sixteen ladies. We would like anyone interested to come along, even if they are not interested in craft they are welcome to come and have morning tea and a chat.

Next Thursday, June 13, there will be a demonstration commencing at 10.00 a.m. till 1.00 p.m.

The meetings are held at the Uniting Church Hall, every Thursday at 10.00 a.m. The ladies have been helped with crochet, knitting spinning, tapestry, ribbon flowers, coat hangers, picture frames, patchwork and various other crafts. Anyone wishing to know anything about the group could contact Phyllis Mitchell, 295 221

HIS AND HERS JEANS SALE

Servicable and fashionable. Sizes, Toddlers to the Big Cent at Romsey Primary School, 3.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. June 19. All the well known brands at a low price.

The great combination of Mrs. Eastman and Roy Winn are back in Romsey to Dine and Entertain us again for the ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL'S DINNER DANCE on July 12, 7.30 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. at the Mechanics Hall. The theme this year is Red, White and Blue. Dress optional. It will be a great night. Tickets \$30 per double, B.Y.O. For bookings, ring Sandra Strack, 270 472 or the School office 295 490. If you are a couple who enjoy a good night but do not know anyone, give us a ring and we will sit you on a table with good company.

LET ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

Venturers: The Venturers Group are in desperate need of a Female Leader. There are 4 girls involved in the Group and if they cannot get a Female Leader the girls will not be allowed to continue. The age group for Venturers is 14½ to 18½ years.

LEADER REQUIREMENT

Wanted a mature person able to advise 14½ to 18½ teenage boys and girls. Further enquiries can be made to Jeff Lawton 295 521.

ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

The recently formed Romsey Shire Community Care Group has as one of its main tasks, the establishment of a new residents visiting and welcoming service. A folder is being prepared enclosing information on community services and maps of the towns. We would welcome suggestions on what you feel would be useful to know when settling in Romsey Shire. Could you ring one of the following people: Mrs. Anne Pittman 291 770 Mrs. Due Niedermair 295 627, Rev. Adrian Pegler 295 351, Mrs. Lindy Hove 295 201 (Council Office) if you have any suggestions.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN BUSH DINNER DANCE

Friday, August 2 7.30 p.m. \$25 double. Mechanics Hall B.Y.C.O. Entertainment by Melbourne Bush Band - Pattersons Curse. All welcome. Tickets available from Pam Neil 295 523, Pauline Stokes 295 559, Hilda Caly 295 520, Meryn Donafede 295 722.

ROMSEY SPORTS AND CLOTHING

We now have supplies of mens zealon work socks, explorer and business socks for sale also boys grey school socks.

Come and browse over all our football gear, we have your favourite club colours.

Ladies are also catered for with sporting clothes, tracksuits and pantyhose.

IRONING DONE

Fast and Reliable. Daily Service. \$5 per hour. Contact Leonnie Armistead. 221 069. Pick up and Delivery next day Service.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Romsey's Presbyterian minister from 1941 until 1955, Rev. Angus Clark will have the 50th Anniversary of his ordination recognised in a service at the Wattle Park Uniting Church on Sunday, June 16 at 10.00 a.m. Mr. Clark was ordained at Landsborough on June 11, 1935. He served at Sunbury from 1937 to 1941, then at Romsey-Lancefield. From there he moved to Yarraville where his ministered for 21 years until his retirement in 1970. Any district friends interested in attending the service on June 16 would be most welcome.

LADIES SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP GROUP

will meet on Wednesday, June 12 at the Lancefield Uniting Church at 7.45 p.m. SHARP to travel to Romsey for a Bread Baking demonstration to be given by Doreen Smith. Everyone is welcome, and Romsey people wishing to attend may travel direct to Doreen's home in Melan Place, Romsey.

Any queries may be directed to Maree Clarke, 291 477.

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17 at 7.30 p.m. at the Romsey Stadium. Please support your children if you wish them to play Netball!!!

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our own Junior Red Cross Youth Group will commence their 8 week course in First Aid on Thursday, June 13. This Course is part of the Grade 6 Health Program and instructors involving doctors and trained staff assist the children in their preparation for the exam which is planned for Thursday, August 22. The only cost involved is for bandages and the simplified manual \$4.00.

The Adult First Aid classes will commence in the School Library on the same day at 8.00 p.m. Participants who have booked for this course will be notified in writing as to the requirements of the program.

ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is proud to announce that its long-awaited "Sidney Seymour Cook Books" are now on sale, at \$3 per copy, with lots of local names appearing as contributors of recipes. There is also a list of pioneers of the district and many amusing and interesting "cures" and remedies, as well as recipes. Copies are available from Jean Newell, Romsey House (Murphy Street driveway), Bruce Puxley's Milk Bar, Barry Swan's Milk Bar or R. & R. Hardware. Do please help the Society by buying a copy.

P.S. Sidney Seymour lived in Palmer Street, in the oldest remaining dwelling in Romsey - a cottage now owned by the Historical Society and being restored and furnished. Donations of suitable items of furnishing are very much appreciated.

Next Meeting: All members are request to make a special effort to attend the next meeting as we have to have 51% of members vote in favour of "incorporating", which is a very real necessity in order to protect individual members from being sued. The meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 8.00 p.m. in the LANCEFIELD Mechanics Hall.

ROMSEY HOUSE RESTAUPANT (B.Y.O.)

When Graham and I bought Romsey House three years ago, people often asked us "When are you going to open the Tea Rooms for evening meals? There is nowhere nearby to have a meal at night".

Well, we didn't want that commitment for ourselves, but now, three years later, we are delighted to have leased the "Restaurant" part of the house to two well qualified people who are offering an excellent venue (and menu) for your next evening meal out, or lunch or afternoon tea.

The hours of opening are:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 11.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Sundays 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Telephone (during opening hours 295 474. Other hours 295 522.

Our charming and talented young Austrian Chef, Andy, trained and worked in Vienna before coming to Australia last year, and his highly professional and experienced business partner, Sylvia knows exactly how to make your visit to Romsey House relaxing and enjoyable, with good service and a pleasant atmosphere.

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Romsey House Restaurant (Continued)

Sylvia and Andy are versatile and obliging and can cater for anything from a late breakfast to a Devonshire Tea, an intimate dinner for two or a (booked) party of 35. Next time you want to have lunch with a friend, why not drop in and try them out, or perhaps have a cup of tea or coffee one morning or afternoon and inspect the dinner menu.

There is a pleasant background music, a guitar player on Saturday nights, hot belly stove warmth and the menu varies slightly from week to week, to ensure variety. Prices are competitive and a la carte, and of course there is a B.Y.O. licence.

I hope that Sylvia and Andy will become a great success in the district and that you will enjoy Romsey House as much as we do - and don't hesitate to let us know what you think of the Restaurant, after a visit as we are aiming to please you and would appreciate constructive comments. Best of all, if you enjoy your visit (as I think you will), please pass the word on. Jean Newell.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB

are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Primary School Library on Tuesday, July 2 at 7.30 p.m. We would like to see as many parents as possible, please. Youth Club members or potential members would also be most welcome.

We are holding a very informal "Think Pink" Disco. Members may bring a friend, and supper (Pink) will be served. B.Y.O. tapes or records. Prize to be the best Pinky. At the Uniting Church Hall, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Cost 50 cents.

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDLY POLICEMAN

There has been no official confirmation in Romsey, but SHORTLY any resident living within 40 km radius of Kyneton must apply to Kyneton for their L Permit and Drivers Licence where tests are conducted by Road Traffic Authority Testing Officers thus relieving Police Officers to attend to other more important duties.

NEW BUSINESSES FOR ROMSEY

We would like to welcome Vivier Philpotts of "Corner Crafts" specialising in wool, clothing, gifts and furnishings. Everything in the shop is handmade. Also interested in any craft works to sell on a commission basis. Lay buy accepted.

Also welcome to George Thornycroft owner of the newly opened Laundrette, which is open daily 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Soap powder dispensers available shortly. George welcomes drying only but people using the dryers must give preferenced to customers using machines first. Enquiries 285 231.

We welcome these two new businesses and wish them well.

HANDY HOME HINTS

Out of Shape Jumpers and Cardigans Soak in warm sudsy water of hair shampoo. Gently squeeze. Dry on a towel shaping jumper a little bigger than needed. It will shrink a little more when drying.

Put empty cake tins into a hot oven for 10 minutes before using then pour mixture in and the cake will always turn out cleanly.

Keep a small screw top jar handy for dissolving boullion cubes. Simply use quite warm water with cube in jar and shake. They dissolve quite easily.

FOUND At Romsey Golf Club, 1 putter. May be claimed on identification.
Call 295 411.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARYS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday, April 22, Doug Green, President of the Romsey Fire Brigade welcomed the following new office bearers:

Robyn Moore, President, and Teresa Ogilvie, Secretary.
Cathy Williams retains her position as Treasurer. Past President Eleanor Moritz becomes Reserve Officer.

Eleanor and Beryl Cole, Past Secretary, were thanked for all their hard work over the past few years.

Please keep free Saturday, August 10 when the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Games Night at the Scout Hall. Should be lots of fun.

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the Romsey Fire Brigade Group Headquarters at 8.00 p.m. on Monday September 23. New members will be very welcome.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION - ROMSEY LANCEFIELD GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27 10.00 a.m. at the home of Mary Campbell, Lot 1 Williams Street, Romsey. This month there will be a guest speaker, Lindy Neve talking on Post Natal Depression. It should be a very interesting discussion. Remember you do not have to be breastfeeding to come to a Nursing Mothers Meeting. All mothers and children are welcome. (Fathers too if they are interested).

For any further information contact Group Leader Mary Campbell 295 629

Counselling is also available on the above number or Dot Chandler 285 378.

ST. PAULS LADIES GUILD

will hold a Morning Coffee Party at the home of Mrs. Peg Randell, Stranges Road, Romsey on Wednesday, July 3 at 10.00 a.m. There will be a cake and fancy goods stall, and a door charge of \$1.00 All welcome. Contact Iris Davis, 295 348.

ROMSEY SHIRE SOCIAL WORKER - LINDY NEVE

I have been seconded to the Shire of Romsey for the last 12 months and as funding for my position will cease at the end of August I am pleased to take this opportunity to tell you of some of my activities.

I think it has been of value to have a locally available worker based in the Council offices as I have received many requests for information on counselling. Government and other organisations can be intimidating and red tape confusing. It can be expensive and time consuming chasing around trying to find the service that best meets your needs or whether you are eligible for a benefit for pension or Housing Commission unit. ~~Because of my experience and contacts I can find out information quickly or refer people to the right person.~~

Most of us have hassles with our children, in-laws, wives and husbands at some time. Usually we can sort these out ourselves or with the help of friends. But if too much happens at once or if we feel trapped or lonely or simply run out of ideas it can be helpful to have a sounding board to bound ideas off.

Romsey Shire Social Worker (Continued)

People often want to talk to someone who is not involved and who will respect their confidentiality. Do you know that counselling is not about giving advice, its about giving alternatives and choices, developing communication skills and thinking out the consequences of acting in a particular way. There is a right way to bring up children or run a marriage, but that right way is different for each of us. The type of situation people have wanted to talk about has varied greatly from marital and financial stress to coping with an aging relative. Because my stay in Romsey is limited I have been anxious to develop permanent services to meet peoples needs.

Childcare is a common concern across the shire. New residents often have no family support and are loathe to call on friends in the same position. Family Day Care is a scheme that offers supervised care in a house situation and gives housebound women the chance to earn an income and meet new people. Family Day Care operates in Gisborne and Kyneton and does provide some care in our shire. However, few people are aware of this and for this scheme to really work well the co-ordinator should be locally available, be part of the community in order to really know the care givers and the people needing care in order to match them well.

Woodend and Romsey are both in similar positions and discussions between shires and with the Office of Child Care are investigating whether it is feasible and economical to have a worker based in the two shires.

Community Health Centres provide a variety of health services such as speech, pathology, physiotherapy as well as health education and disease prevention programs. They are a marvellous service but obviously Romsey is not large enough to warrant one on its own. Along with the Councils of Woodend, Kyneton and Metcalfe the Romsey Council has sponsored the preparation of a submission and supported the lobbying for a "Cobaw" Community Health Service. All councils and hospitals have agreed to provide room for the service in each of the towns. This seems an efficient and economical way of bringing services to people, not forcing them to travel. Often those most in need, the old or ill, are unable to travel and the lack of public transport makes it impossible anyway. We hope for funding in the near future as the plan has been very favourably received. I am very grateful to the Romsey Council and the Lancefield Bush Nursing Hospital for their assistance.

A Romsey Shire Community Care Group has recently been formed. This group hopes to establish a visiting service for housebound people, to welcome new settlers in the shire and to share information about needs and priorities in planning health and welfare services in Romsey. Adult learning activities are an area being looked at at present. It may be possible to provide courses in our town by using Kyneton High School as a regional administrative base. I am secretary of this group and will give it every assistance as I feel it is very worthwhile.

In all these areas it is apparent that by sharing with the neighbouring shires we could have a service only usually available to larger municipalities. Local councils are not able to afford extensive services and it needs a concerted effort to have our rural voice heard.

I have enjoyed my stay here and I am very grateful for the support and friendship I have been given and I would welcome constructive criticism or ideas. I can be contacted at the Shire Offices, Monday and Tuesday, 295 201.Lindy Neve.