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SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE:

BARRIE and MOLLY SWANN would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to come and see our new modernised store. We have changed to a mini-supermarket plus take-away food. Try our home cooked roast beef, roast lamb, roast pork, chickens. We also have square ham, leg ham, corn beef, chicken loaf and strasburg. Susan Day cakes, a good range of biscuits and a full range of groceries. All grocery prices will be at manufacturers recommended retail price. We will also have weekly special offers. We again extend a welcome to our very valued customers and to new ones.

Give us a go, so we can give you a go.....Barrie and Molly Swann.

THE ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP:

has lost the services of its initiator and first secretary, Mrs. Lindy Neve, now that her term as social worker within the Shire has expired. Our community is indebted to Lindy for her pioneering work in the caring field throughout this district.

The group was pleased to accept the offer of Helen Clement to take on the secretarial duties. At the September meeting members put together kits to be used by visitors welcoming new residents. The kits have a common cover but include different informational inserts for each district community within the shire to make newcomers aware of services, clubs and activities that are available.

The areas of concern which the group is seeking to coordinate are visiting hospital patients and "shut-ins". Another field of activity that is being investigated is to bring adult education courses into the shire rather than have residents travel away to everything.

Next Meeting (to which all interested people are invited) - Tuesday, October 1 at 8.00 p.m. in the Romsey Uniting Church Meeting Room.

MRS. VI FRASER

Mrs. Vi Fraser of Romsey died on August 8, 1985. She will be sadly missed by so many, for she had a great capacity for friendship and communicating with people.

One of Vi's greatest interests was the Country Womens Association which she joined in 1945. She was welcomed to the Romsey Branch in 1954 when she, with Keith came to Springfield. Vi was Branch President on three different occasions and was always the Drama Lady. She produced and acted in plays, sketches, mimes, reading in unison. Vi also excelled at floral arrangements and often won at Group Exhibitions.

Vi was a popular President of the Central Highlands Group of the C.W.A. for two years, was on the State Music and Drama Committee for eight years and Convenor in 1976-78. She sang in the choir formed for the World Conference in Perth in 1974. She attended other World Conferences of the Associated Country Women of the World in Dublin, Oslo, Nairobi and Hamburg.

The Romsey Branch made Vi a life member of the Association - the greatest honour they could pay her in recognition of her great contribution. She was a wonderful member of the Association, understanding the many opportunities available to members, particularly the opportunity for friendship. Vi had a vitality and a love for people, endearing herself to so many. She enjoyed the unending support of her loving husband Keith in all her activities. We will miss her.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Historical Society is holding a Progressive Dinner on Friday, September 20 in Lancefield at Romsey. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be booked by Friday, September 12 with either Helen Clement 295 317 or Jean Newell 295 522.

The Society is also giving advance notice that our historic cottage in Palmer Street, Romsey (the Primary school street) will be open for inspection on the weekend of the Primary School celebrations, i.e. Sidney Seymour Cottage will be open on Saturday, October 26 from 12.00 to 4.00 p.m. for Devonshire Teas and there will be a Plants Stall.

In the meantime, working bees will be held at the cottage on Saturday mornings and members will be very busy cleaning, sanding, painting, restoring furniture sewing, gardening, etc. and would welcome any new or old members help. Enquiries may be directed to: Robert Clement 295 217, Elaine Lobb 295 321 or Jean Newell 295 522.

OLD TIME DANCE

On Saturday, October 26 there will be an Old Time Dance (8.30 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.) Music will be provided by THE REVELLERS, a well known local group.

Join in the fun and come in period costume if you can. Buy your tickets early from Graeme Wanden's pharmacy. The cost is only \$7.50 per person and this includes supper, door and lucky spot prizes.

Why not book your dance partners in advance as the ticket features the dance programme. Proceeds will assist the Romsey Mechanics Institution.

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Tennis Club was held on Monday, August 26 with Rick Howells being elected President and Vicki Cooney Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year.

The Club held its open day on Sunday September 8 with a B.B.Q. lunch. Social days will be held on the following three Sundays, the 15th, 22nd and 29th September (bring a plate).

Competition recommences on Saturday, October 12. Names must be submitted to a selector (Vicki Cooney 295 724) by the 12th September (this Thursday). The selectors are asking all players to fill in a questionnaire to gain opinions on teams, club championships, social functions etc. These are available at Les Wright's Sports Shops. New members welcome.

CAMP QUALITY by Trudy Smith

"CAMP QUALITY" (or as we knew it and those who were fortunate to spend time there on school camps) "Weekaway", is situated on the Baynton Road about 17 km from Lancefield.

Several other members and myself from the Lancefield Pony Club were lucky enough to spend each day with our horses, during the second week of the school holidays giving rides to the children holidaying there.

This camp was run by the Cancer Council and was for children with the disease and provided some companions for them. The children came from Victoria and Tasmania. They were offered many various activities, some supervised by Victorian clubs. The children enjoyed demonstrations of sheep shearing, cow milking and one of our horses was shod.

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Various farm animals were on show and activities in which they could participate such as archery, canoeing, minibikes, horse rides and hovercraft for rides as well as visiting celebrities Mark Jackson and the Essendon Footballers made the camp very enjoyable.

Displays were given by the Victorian Mounted Police, Helicopter and Police Dogs and also the Fire Brigade.

On Friday night they enjoyed a full scale party with face paint and hair-do's to match. A play was performed for them and a breath-taking fire works display.

The children finished their stay with a boat ride on the Yarra in Melbourne on Saturday and then returned to their homes.

On behalf of the Pony Club girls who participated, I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. John Moore from Lancefield who organised our transport each day and floated our horses home and to Camp Quality, delivering four of us back to Romsey each night and from the party on Friday night. (Mr. John Moore will be Vice Principal at Romsey Primary School next year.)

We all enjoyed our time giving rides to the children but it is very sad to think of all these children having a disease Doctors may not be able to cure. Lets hope and pray that very soon someone may discover a way to help everyone suffering with Cancer. Trudy Smith, Grade 6, Romsey Primary School and Member, Lancefield Pony Club.

ROMSEY LEISURE CRAFT

Every Thursday morning at 10.00 a.m. ladies meeting at the Uniting Church Hall for Leisure craft. Everyone is welcome to spend a happy morning doing their own craft, or helping others to learn a new craft.

At present we are all knitting or crocheting 6 inch squares in wool to make knee rugs for Lancefield Hospital. Also trips are arranged, one went to the Sheep Show recently and we are now planning to spend a day at the Royal Melbourne Show. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us.

HAVE YOU STARTED SAVING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE YET? THE PENNY CONCERT IS SOON.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN .. by Syd. Wheller

MORE ABOUT FRUIT TREES. Contrary to the belief of some amateur gardeners that it is not necessary to prune deciduous fruit trees for the first few years of their life, hard winter pruning will not retard growth, but by directing energy into few channels and altering the carbohydrate-nitrogen balance in favor of nitrogen, actually encourages stronger growth and thus assists the formation of a strong framework. Neglect of this will incur the penalties mentioned in my first article of thisseries. A home garden is not a commercial orchard with mobile elevating platforms, power spraying equipment and other advantages of commercial orchardists and trees should therefore be chosen, planted and maintained to suit available equipment and the needs of their owners. Household atomisers, aerosol cans, etc. are not adequate for more than spot spraying of small numbers of visible pests. Loss of foliage due to leaf curl and sometimes much of a season's growth of peaches and nectarines may result from failure to apply the right fungicide at the right time with the right equipment, and other fruit trees may suffer similar problems through this neglect.

Biological pest control is of course the ideal method and a recent article in "The Weekly Times" cites an instance where control of light brown apple moth in a vineyard was far better where no insecticides had been used than in others

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where regular apraying had been carried out, due to the beneficial effects of a parasitic wasp not being killed by toxic chemicals. However, not all chemicals are toxic to all insects and some pests and diseases are not susceptible to biological control and it is usually difficult for an amateur to distinguish a predator from a pest as I well remember when a few years ago a customer asked me to kill "a nasty bug" on her tree - our friend the predatory paying mantis! As far as pest control by insectiverous birds and small lizards is concerned, their potential is hard to assess where their activities and populations are restricted by their own predators such as feral and domestic cats.

Regarding the need for cross pollination of some fruit tree varieties (cultivars) to set fruit and the practice of grafting a number of these varieties on the one tree to save space, reduce labor and material costs and minimise waste of excessive fruit when tree matures, it should be pointed out that as some varieties are more vigorous than others, some multigrafted trees may become unbalanced and should be watched carefully for this problem. Correcting this tendency early by cross-grafting of the stronger with the weaker variety will often succeed and Department of Agriculture literature deals with the subject of compatability of fruit trees as well as budding and grafting in detail and should help in correcting or avoiding this problem. The gardening pages of "The Weekly Tim-s" are also helpful.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR PERIOD COSTUME YET???

ROMSEY BOWLING LADIES

During the winter break the ladies have enjoyed Novelty Bingo afternoons with friends at the Club House, also held was a successful luncheon and Display of David Keys Knitwear, we hired a bus and went to Melbourne to preview this seasons Bowls Wear at Fashion Parade at the Adult Education Centre in Flinders Street, some members have also gone to special days at Lancefield and Douatta Galla.

Our Penant Season commences on Tuesday, October 1.

Vale Vi Fraser, our Foundation Member and a Past President. We will miss you Vi.

THE ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

are conducting a film night at the club rooms on Wednesday, September 11 at 7.30 p.m. There will be 3 films shown including a comedy film starring John Cleese.

BACK TO ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - OCTOBER 26, 1985

The School will be open during the morning for the Community Market and some classrooms will remain open for the "Back to" and 120th Anniversary of the School. The original classrooms will be open and one will be decorated as you remember it. A roll call is being planned.

The Committee are hoping for a good attendance at the "Back to". We realise many people may still have friends in the district with whom they can stay, but others may need accommodation. As there is very little commercial accommodation available in Romsey, if you are able to have a couple or a family stay with you for the weekend, could you please notify Lindy Shone 295 328 or Vicky Crozier 295 626.

If you attended the Romsey Primary School in the past and your family has moved away, why not plan a family reunion for October 26 and let us entertain your family. We are looking for the oldest past student so could elderly past students please leave or send their names and addresses and dates they attended school to Beryl Cole, 96 Main Street, Romsey. Watch local papers for more information.

MARS BARS WRAPPERS Are you a Mars Bar eater? If so please save your Mars Bars wrappers for the Brownies and Guides. Wrappers may be left with Ron Cole at the Post Office.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Auxiliary is to be held at the Group Headquarters at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, September 23.

All members are asked to keep this date free as there are several important matters to discuss. New members are very welcome. Ring 295 715.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE

The next Fire Brigade training night is to be held at the Romsey Group Headquarters on Thursday, September 19 at 8.00 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Group Officer Jim Robson. All welcome.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY MARKET

To be held on Saturday October 26 in the school grounds. We have a wide variety of stalls and attractions. Cakes, Quiches, Clothes, Novelties, plants, handcrafts, toys, as well as the Back to Romsey State School Display. The market will be held from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone wishing to have a stall on the day please contact Sandra Strack 270 472. The school will be holding fun activities in the afternoon as well.

GARAGE SALE - 14 WHELANS PLACE, ROMSEY.

Sunday Sunday September 22 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Items for Sale: steel, timber, tools, oxy equipment, swingset, typewriter, toys, books and household items. Something for everyone. Enquiries 295 568.

LADIES SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 8.00 p.m. in the Lancefield Uniting Church Vestry. This will be the conclusion of our Craft Nights with Glenise Hughes.

TOY DISPLAY AND SALE

To be held at the St. Pauls Kindergarten on Monday, September 16 at 8.00 p.m. This display will be put on by "Mr. Good Times" of Bendigo, who has a reputation for his quality toys, equipment and teaching aids.

All toys displayed will be available for sale on the night which means that if you are interested in buying anything you may pay by cash, cheque for bankcard.

Everybody is most welcome, so bring along some friends for a browse and no doubt a good laugh. Admission \$1, supper provided. Further details 295 523.

HELPFUL HINTS

An easy way to take the stalk out of a lettuce without causing stained leaves. Hold the head firmly in one hand and bang it down sharply on a solid surface, then twist the stem and you will find a nice cone shape comes away easily.

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ROMSEY JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, September 22 at the Romsey Oval between 10.30 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.

It is proposed to field two junior teams this season:

Under 12 years and Under 14 years. (Age: prior to October 1, 1985.)

For this proposal to be successful, parental support is essential. Parents should accompany players to the session and indicate ability to assist with these teams.

Season fee: \$10 per player.
Further enquiries: Ian Miller 270 319.

FREE CONCERT October 25

Compered by Anne Phelan (T.V. Personality). If you have not already seen the Mechanics Hall since it has been renovated, this is an ideal night to come along, see the beautiful hall and be entertained at the same time. Join in the fun and be judged for the night. Vote for acts with your cents. Start saving now. We have some good items in store for you.

We still need more acts for the concert so if you feel you are talented in some way then Trevor O'kering would like to hear from you. Please ring him on 295 241 (after 6 p.m.) Prizes will be awarded for the best acts.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, starting at 2.00 p.m. in the Mechanics Hall, old time films including comedy and documentaries. Proceeds from both functions will go to the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

To join in with Victorias 150th Anniversary celebrations, our unit is inviting to our next meeting, all our past members of Romsey Red Cross. It will be held on Wednesday morning October 2 commencing at 10.00 a.m. and our special guest will be our Shire President, Mr. Ken Francis, as well as hopefully some of our past members.

A SPRING AND SUMMER FASHION PARADE will be held on Tuesday evening, October 8 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Romsey Hall, fashions by Sirene A La Mode. There will be a light tea with drinks, cost \$10. If you would like to come please ring Shirley Shelton 295 271, Betty Trotter 295 205 or Helen Clement 295 317.

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN ROMSEY

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| September | Prep enrolments for 1986, Romsey Primary School 295 490. |
| September 11 | Ladies Social Fellowship Group 8.00 p.m. at Lancefield. |
| September 11 | Film Night, 7.30 p.m. Romsey Golf Club. All welcome. |
| September 12 | Bookings close for Historical Society Progressive Dinner. 295 522. |
| September 15 | Tennis Club Social Day. For information 295 724. |
| September 16 | Toy Display and sale. 295 523. |
| September 20 | Historical Society Progressive Dinner |
| September 22 | Garage Sale 295 568. |
| September 22 /29 | Tennis Club Social Day |
| September 22 | Junior Cricket Registration Day at Romsey Nets. |
| September 23 | Show Day Holiday |

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