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The Romsey Rag Committee would like to wish their readers and sponsors a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LIONS CLUB - LANCEFIELD XMAS STREET CARNIVAL

Lions President Russell Heyland and his committee are pleased to advise that the Lancefield Street Carnival will be on again this year and the date is set for Monday 23rd December, 1985.

Santa will be in attendance again, with a fun family evening guaranteed for all. The usual spinning wheel, lucky dips, throwing the horseshoe, knock-em-downs, hay ride, merry go around, and music will be the format.

During the evening the Lions Club Monster Raffle will be drawn which this year is a trailer full of electrical goods and toys to the value of approximately \$2,200.00. Yes Dads the trailer is included in the prize also, value for money at \$1.00 a ticket is excellent and if you have not managed to buy a ticket or two, then rest assured you will not escape our active selling staff on the evening.

Please come along and make an effort to bring your next door neighbour if they are new to the area.

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ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB - DISCO

A Senior (High School and Over) Disco will be held on Friday 13th December at the Mechanics Hall, Romsey. All local Youth Clubs are combining for this event and Members may bring along a friend (or two).

The Disco will start at 8 pm and finish at 11.30 pm.

Fancy Dress is optional and there will be prizes for Best Dancing couple and Best Dressed.

Cost of entry will be \$1.50 - Refreshments will be on sale at the Hall.

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS

Canned puddings of 850g are available from the Primary School or State Bank Romsey until 20th December. \$3.50.

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COMMISERATIONS TO ALL SICK ROMSEYITES

Judging by the number of people who have been unwell in Romsey and its environs recently, special thoughts and commiserations go to those who are feeling ill from the Ed-Committee and all those who have been under the weather recently. Believe it or not, it doesn't last forever.

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Lost property left at Community Market:

1 Red and Blue Sports Bag with purchases inside. At School Office. Please collect NO LATER THAN 19TH DECEMBER, 1985

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ROMSEY REPRESENTED IN KILMORE SHOW RESULTS:

The Kilmore Show, held on Sat. 7th December had numerous representatives from the Romsey area.

The Monument Classic Run, run by the Rotary Club of Kilmore Broadford, for those aspiring deCastellas included for the first time Primary School relay teams. The adult event over 8.7 kilometres was won in record time by Mark Clancy. The Primary School relay event was won by Romsey Primary School in a time of 39 minutes, 9 seconds, 6 minutes behind Mark Clancy. Our congratulations to the following children who all ran at least 1km to boost their team result. Ribbons and cards were presented to all Primary School competitors. A trophy was awarded to the Romsey team and was accepted by Dwayne Yendall and carried back to school by a proud coach/teacher Mr. R. Sherren.

Stewart Neish, Emma Lobb, Kate Cribbes, Brett Walters, Craig Holland, Dwayne Yendall, Stuart Turnham, Veronica Gross, Jane Cribbes, Brent Spears.

Hundreds of entries in the Primary School art exhibition which was run on the theme of safety provided great difficulty for the judges. Following results indicate the spread of entries between the participating schools. Prize cards of 1st, 2nd and 3rd were awarded together with trophies for first place. Art trophy presentations were made at the individual schools.<sup>2</sup>

Prep. 1st Michael Trainor Darraweit Guim  
2nd Lenise Patrick Willow Mavin  
3rd Emma Spoor Romsey

G1. 1st Andrew Fan Darraweit Guim  
2nd Erin Verity Romsey  
3rd Gareth Jones St. Patricks

G2. 1st Rebecca Campbell Romsey  
2nd James Huskin Willow Mavin  
3rd Wendy Salter Romsey

G3. 1st Elizabeth Fan Darraweit Guim  
2nd Matthew Broman Darraweit Guim

G4. 1st Prue Cox Darraweit Guim  
2nd Kelly Shinn Wallan

G5. 1st Kirsten Sheedy Darraweit Guim  
2nd Amy Kierfen Romsey  
3rd Anne McDonnell St. Patricks

G6. 1st Rachael Broman Darraweit Guim  
2nd Kelly Kiesey Willow Mavin

Local identity Mr. John Sheehan once again was amongst those who received prizes for sheep displayed.

Mrs. Leila Beasley showed her dogs and received best long hair Daschund dog.

Despite heavy showers in the afternoon the Show was very successful.

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ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

The Progressive Dinner is on Saturday 15th February, 1986. Sherries and savouries are at Stan & Lyn Cornish's at 6 Gott Court from 7pm - 8 pm. The Entree will be from 8pm - 9pm at John & Lyn Gradie's in Woodend Road. From there we plan to progress to the Mechanic's Institute for the remainder of the evening. As well as the main course, sweets and coffee, the talented Robert Darby from Melbourne will provide entertainment and you will be able to dance between eating.

Invitations will be sent out in January '86. We apologise for being unable to invite everyone, but would welcome you to ring Lorraine McIlldowie 295-747, or Beryl Cole 295-411 if you wish to come. The all inclusive cost is \$14 per head.

The next meeting of the Golf Associates will be February 10th at 10 am in Club Rooms.

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CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Catholic: Christmas Eve - 8pm Mass Romsey  
Midnight Mass Lancefield.

Christmas Day - 8am Mass Romsey  
10am Mass Lancefield.

Church of England: See Church Notice Board.

Uniting: Christmas Day - 9.30am Romsey

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GRADE 3 CAMP REPORT

Thirty-six Grade 3 children spent Thursday and Friday in tents in the pine plantation. Thanks to all who assisted in making the camp such a success.

On the camp we had to find two silver dinosaur bones and we went for a bush walk. Peter, Travis and Bobby.

We saw a hump in the tree that looked like a koala. Aaron Devanny.

Some noidy koalas woke us up at night. Sarah Cole.

There were lots of different wildflowers. I liked the chocolate lily best. Kara Corner.

When we went for a walk we found lots of animal bones. Lori McDonald.

Some people got bitten by bullants. Tamara Davis.

We went on a night walk and saw some flashing lights. Carmel Miles.

We made Christmas decorations and slides. Marnie Graco.

We had a concert. One play was Return of the Jedi. Daniel Strack.

Silver Dinosaur Bones awarded to Sarah and Katie.

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LEISURE CRAFT

Our Leisure Craft Group for 1985 has been very successful. We enjoy meeting our friends every Thursday morning at the Uniting Church Hall.

We had a very nice Luncheon Party at Claire McGowen's home recently and enjoyed their beautiful home and surroundings. We also went to Phyllis Mitchell's home for lunch and admired her beautiful garden.

Our next luncheon party was a bar-b-que held at the home of Jean Park's in their lovely garden.

Our final party for this year will be a visit to Railway Hotel in Sunbury.

We commence our Craft Group again early in February.

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THE COUNCIL OF ADULT EDUCATION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP in Romsey has 2 vacancies in its limited membership of 15 for 1986. If you are interested in reading an informative and varied selection of books and meeting monthly in members homes for the good value fee of \$21.50 annually, please contact Secretary Helen Clement (295 317).

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KINDER ENROLMENTS - 1986 Do you know of anyone who may not be booked in for next year - Ring 295 294.

WANTED KNOWN: Bee Swarms removed - Ring L. Corner 270 494.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 11, Romsey

Members and any people interested in the Historical Society, are invited to our Twilight Christmas Party on Sunday December 15th from 6.30 pm at the Sidney Seymour Cottage. Barbecued meat, salads, and desserts will be available for \$3 per head, or \$10 per family. Please donate a salad or a dessert if you can and bring own drinks. These gatherings have been a great success in the past and we hope that this year's will be a happy and successful finale to a good year for the Society.

As Christmas may be a time for reminiscing with family and friends, please don't forget to jot down any interesting snippets of history - however briefly - for the Historical Society. If everybody contributes what they can remember, the history of our district will be better recorded for the future. Don't think: "The probably know that already" - far better that we have something twice than not at all. Perhaps you have memories of a particular building, or event, or a family tree/story of pioneers of the district? Do tell us or write C/- P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434.

In 1986 we look forward to focussing strongly on the history of this district and to gathering in lots more information about the past. As new people settle here many will be interested to hear about the history of the area and we need new helpers, as well as people who have lived in the district all their lives, especially in setting up the local history Museum at Lancefield.

And please note: You don't have to be old yourself to join the Historical Society!!! We need young and old and everything in between!! Annual membership fee is only \$4, payable to Romsey & Lancefield District Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, Romsey.

Has anybody got broken roof SLATES - for paving around Seymour Cottage. Contact J. Newell - 295 522 or K. Robb - 291 666.

Copies of "INK IN HIS VEINS" by Allan Lockwood (\$10) are still available from Jean Newell, Romsey House - Telephone 295 522. A copy may solve a Christmas gift problem.

Happy Christmas one and all. Jean Newell, Hon. Secretary.

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SHIRE OF ROMSEY COMMUNITY CARE GROUP Members would like to be notified of the names and addresses of NEW RESIDENTS within the Shire to enable a home visit to be arranged with our comprehensive WELCOME FOLDER information kits. Please contact our Chairman Rev. Adrian Pegler (295 351), Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement (295 327), or Mrs. Rose McCarthy at the Shire Offices (295 201). We would be grateful to hear about ill, sad, lonely, housebound or hospitalised folk who would appreciate a visitor also.

The PROPOSED ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR 1986 will be advertised in the local press during January with dates and venues for class in Horticulture, Practical Welding, Modern Ball Room Dancing, Yoga, History of Art in the Middle Ages, Spinning and Weaving and Home Economics. For further details contact 295 351 or 295 317.

With our best wishes for a Caring, Sharing and Holy Christmas and Blessings to all During 1986.

Helen W. Clement, Hon. Secretary.

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THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge the assistance and support received from our many friends at the time of Cassie's accident and throughout the period of her recovery.

Cassie is now feeling much better and the support and help of our family and friends is sincerely appreciated.

Bev. & Les Gaunt.

Commemorative glasses and Carafes. The Carafes ordered will be ready for collection 4th December, 1985 from the School.

Also anyone wishing to buy glasses at \$2.80 each. Hurry there are only 30 left. Available at School.

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IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN - Syd. Wheller

Shrubs & Trees Around the Home - Pt. 2

The myth about native plant gardens being maintenance free has long been exploded. However, many established native trees and shrubs can survive with little or no summer watering as well as withstand fires and strong winds, needing no fertilizers and only occasional trimming to maintain shape and foliage density. Selection of suitable species is the key to success, but failure to shape and stake well can often cause future problems when neglected trees, damaged or blown down in storms cease to perform a useful function and become too difficult or too expensive to remove.

In the home garden, many trees with a height potential above 6-7 metres eventually lose most of their lower branches and foliage and cease to be of much value as windbreaks where reduction of wind force at or near ground level is required. Although no guarantee can be given that any tree, however well chosen and maintained, will withstand every assault from natural forces forever, the careful observation of tree damage after storms will often show convincing evidence that trees with multiple trunks, as well as those with unbalanced growth or a distinct lean are most susceptible, therefore it is wise to correct such tendencies when trees are planted and during their earlier years. In our own garden, a windbreak planting of *Hakea suaveolens* which has withstood many strong winds, recently suffered severe damage to one tree in a gale - the tree with three trunks of which two trunks were broken off while all other trees were unaffected - a penalty for our neglect in earlier years.

While many of our quick growing native Acacias (wattles) may provide excellent windbreaks in 4-5 years, they are often short lived and usually have a network of vigorous roots close to the surface, making the establishment of other plants in their vicinity very difficult, hence the need for early planting of longer lived species to take over their role in later years. Small, bushy Eucalyptus such as *E. platypus* and *E. spathulata* are worth considering, with bushy shrubs to 2-3 metres, such as *Hakeas* and *Grevilleas* on drier land and *Melaleucas*, *Kunzeas* and *Callistemons* in moister areas. Many other native as well as exotic shrubs such as *Photinia*, *Berberis*, *Escallonia*, *Viburnum*, *Cotoneaster* etc. are listed in garden books, nursery catalogues and Dept. of Agriculture literature.

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The Romsey Brownie Guide L.A. would like to thank all people who ordered lamingtons and sponge squares. We hope you enjoyed them.

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HELPFUL HINTS

Poisonous Bites and stings. Don't Panic/Don't Wash area/Don't Run Around.  
DO Keep Quiet.

Very firm bandage to the whole limb. Starting over bite/sting down to fingers/toes up to elbow or knee. Sling or splint limb. Use a stick, rolled up newspaper, ruler etc. Seek medical attention immediately. Remember life saving first aid may be needed. If you do not know these measures read them up NOW and do a course in First Aid.

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THE ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary would like to announce that the Art Show put on by the Romsey Artists for the past several years is to take place again on the weekend of Saturday 22nd February and Sunday 23rd February, 1986. This event assists the Auxiliary in raising funds for the Fire Briagde for the purchase of equipment etc., and so is a most worthy cause and also thoroughly enjoyable. As usual the Show will be opened on the Saturday evening. Remember to keep the date free!

Would all members of the Auxiliary make a note that the next meeting will be on Monday 10th February, 1986 in preparation for the Art Show etc. New members are always welcome.

On behalf of the Auxiliary may I wish all readers a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year.

T. Ogilvie, Secretary - 295 715.

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ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

By now you will be aware that Victoria has been divided into five total Fire Ban Districts for the coming fire danger period. We located in the Shire of Romsey are part of the Central Fire Danger Dstrict. Further information and maps are available from the Brigade.

Next Meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday the 7th of January, 1986 at the Group Headquarters, Stawell St., Romsey. New members welcome.

In case of fire telephone 295 333 (Fire calls only)

Information ring Captain R. Cole 295 411, Secretary P. Green 295 338.

We take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Fire Free New Year.

"IS YOUR HOUSE A HAZARD OR A HAVEN?"

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SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday December 16th 1985 - Friday 7th February, 1986

This year the School Dental Service is extending an invitation to children in any Primary School grade to attend for free dental examinations and treatment during the School Dental Service Holiday Programme. This will commence from Monday December 16th 1985 to Friday February 7th 1986. (i.e. the beginning of the last week of this term until the end of the first week of first term in 1986). For further information please contact the Aberfeldie Dental Clinic on 337-2685.

The caravan is at Macedon Primary School phone 054 261518. It will be open for business:

1. The last week of Term 3, 1985
2. The first week of Term 1, 1986.

During the holiday period parents will have to contact the above clinics for an appointment and travel to Melbourne for treatment.

Yours Sincerely, Bev. Hookey

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1986 TAFE PROGRAMS

On Wednesday 11th December, 1985 at 7.30 pm a meeting to discuss the provision of T.A.F.E. programmes in the southern area of the Loddon-Mallee Region will be held at Kyneton Technical High School in the lower staff room. Members of the Regional TAFE Board will be in attendance.

You are cordially invited to attend on your own behalf or as a representative of any group/institution to which you may belong.

If you have a news item you would like included in next months ROMSEY RAG please fill in the section below and return it to the Romsey Post Office by Friday February 7th, 1986 at 12 pm.

W.B. No Romsey Rag Publication in January - Have a Safe Holiday.

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