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Congratulations are due to Louise Turnham whose appointment as School Captain of Braemar College for 1986 was announced at the school's Thanksgiving Service last December.

This is the second successive year that a Romsey resident has captained Braemar. 1985 captain Tim Pegler was also Dux of College (boys). Congratulations to him are also in order.

Congratulations to Ian Jenkins of Romsey and team on coming 1st in the TC2 Mens Open Team Event in the Red Cross 404km marathon held from 27/12/85 - 31/12/85. Ian and his partner Noel Hunter of Hoppers-Crossing came 4th in the TC2 Mens Open and approximately 64th overall, out of 400 canoes. A great effort!!

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Romsey Artists' Annual Art Show is to take place on the weekend of the 22nd/23rd February at the Mechanics Institute. This function is the Auxiliary's main fundraising project for the year and as such enables us to provide the Fire Brigade with funds to update equipment etc. or plan for any major purchases necessary. I am sure everyone appreciates the very great need for an active and well equipped Fire Brigade and we do hope you will all support us by making the Art Show a success. This year we are very pleased to have Snr. Constable Harry Witkiss open the Show.

Anyone wishing to attend the opening night at 8 pm on Saturday 22nd February is more than welcome - just contact Teresa Ogilvie 295715 or Robyn Moore 295698 and let them know of your intention to come so that we can cater for the appropriate numbers. The admission charge for the evening which includes supper and wine will be:

Double - \$10.00

Single - \$ 5.00 - R.S.V.P. 14th February

The Hall will also be open on Sunday 23rd February, with an admission charge of 50¢.

The Ladies of the Romsey Leisure Group very generously donated a beautiful hand knitted woollen rug to the Auxiliary which is to be raffled - the winning ticket to be drawn on the opening night of the Art Show. Raffle tickets are currently available from Teresa or Robyn on request and of course will be on sale at the Art Show. Hoping to see you there.

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

The Progressive Dinner being held on Saturday 15th of February has received a good response and we are looking forward to a great night. We hope the weather will be kind to us. If by some chance you have forgotten to reply to your invitation you may still do so and we will welcome you to come. We apologise if we didn't invite you, but if you wish to attend please ring B. Cole 295411 or L. McIlldowie 295747

ROMSEY LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

Due to lack of response at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 3rd February, another A.G.M. is being held on 18th February at 8 pm at Lancefield Primary School.

If little or no interest is shown from parents in Romsey Lancefield areas 1986 Season will kick off with no R.L.J.F.C.

VICTORIA POLICE invites you to an OPEN DAY at the Police Academy, View Mount Road, Glen Waverley on Sunday 23rd February, 1986 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Come and see the recruits go through their paces, watch the police dogs working, listen to the police bands, take a tour of the sporting complex and see the many other exciting displays and activities from various branches of the Victoria Police.

Careers advisors will also be present. Refreshments available or bring a picnic lunch. (No BBQ facilities). For further information ring Helena 613833.

AN APEX CLUB FOR ROMSEY ??

Apexians from surrounding Clubs wish to meet with interested men from the Romsey area, at The Romsey Hotel on Tuesday 18th February at 7 pm. If you are interested in having a meal with these fellows and discussing the possibility of starting an Apex Club here then ring Don Calvert 261 420 or David Perryman 282 659. If you don't wish to stay for a meal then just turn up and join the discussion. All the Apexians would love to see and hear from you.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations are in order to the following grade six students who were elected as House Captains or Vice Captains last Friday afternoon. They were presented with their badges of office at a special assembly, to which their parents had been invited, last Monday morning. Congratulations Boys and Girls.

BANKS: Ross Barmby (C); Steven Speirs (VC); Amy Klerfon (C);
Simone Shufflebotham (VC).

BURKE: Emma Glasby (C); Veronica Gross (VC); Stewart Neish (C);
Andrew Jekabsons (VC).

FLINDERS: Rachael Daniels (C); Shannon Weir (VC); Chris. Gaunt (C);
Rodney Palmer (VC).

STURT: Stuart Turnham (C); Cameron Newnham (VC); Sarah Irwin (C);
Kim Campbell (VC).

LEISURE CRAFT

We commence our Leisure Craft on Thursday 13th February. Recently we went to Railway Hotel in Sunbury for lunch. As a united effort last year we knitted squares and made three rugs. We donated one to the Fire Brigade and the other to the Mechanics Hall Institute to be used by their committees for raising funds. We wish to welcome new members and we hope to arrange a trip either by car or a bus.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY COMMUNITY CARE GROUP

Members of our local "Care" group would like to hear from any residents who have new neighbours or who know of any "shut-in", friends or relations who would appreciate a visit from a member with an information and welcome folder. Please contact either our Chairman, Rev. Adrian Taylor, 25 William St. Romsey, (295351) or Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement "Bank Glen", Springfield (295317).

The proposed series of Adult Education classes which the "Care" group are planning and sponsoring will commence mid-February and further classes will be implemented when requested by local residents.

Classes planned to date include:-

Italian Cookery classes in a 6 weeks series commencing on Wednesday 19th Feb. 7.30 - 9.30 pm at Romsey Mechanics Hall kitchen with Mrs. Vicki Moro. Cost of the course including the meals cooked each week will be \$42 with class limited to 10 members. Vacancies still exist in this class and the starting date may be deferred from the 19th Feb. subject to the number of enrolments. Vicki Moro may be contacted on 295741.

Aspects of Art in the Middle Ages with Mrs. Josie Francis will commence at 72 Main St., Romsey on Thursday 6th March at 8 pm with a nominal weekly charge. Please ring Josie Francis on 295588 for enrolment and any further information.

Mr. Syd. Wheller can be contacted on 295513 if you are interested in either Practical or Theoretical Horticulture, Theory of Welding or Floral Photography. An initial meeting at his residence 13 Metcalfe Drive, will be held for an inspection of his garden and planning of the course on Friday 14th February from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Please contact Syd. if you would like to attend this planning meeting. Dates and venues for further classes will then be discussed.

Mr. Ron Viney would like to hear from anyone interested in forming a local Spinning Club. He can be contacted on 295584 and times and venues can be discussed with him.

Mrs. Fran Hallett a qualified Yoga instructor will conduct Yoga classes to be held in the Uniting Church Hall in Pohlman St., Romsey and for people who would like to know about the aims of Yoga exercises Fran will explain her course programme at an initial class to be held on Thursday 13th February 8.15 to 9.15 pm and the lessons will commence on Thursday 20th Feb. Fran can be contacted on 295260 for enrolment or further information.

If you would like to do courses other than the above mentioned ones further courses will be planned subject to the demand and through Kyneton TAFE. we hope to have other courses available locally for Romsey residents. Requests for specific courses can be directed to either Mrs. Helen Clement (295317) or Mrs. Rose McCarthy at the Shire Offices (295201).

The members of St. Pauls Ladies Guild Romsey sadly wish to express their regret at the death of their Secretary - Treasurer, Iris Davis, who was a member for many years. In 1974 she became Secretary, then later became Treasurer as well, and held both positions until her passing in January this year.

Iris was a quietly spoken person and carried out her duties in a calm pleasant

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN - ANNUAL BUSH DANCE

Will be held at Mechanics Institute, Romsey on Saturday 15th March, 7.30 till 12.30 am. Meal starts at 7.45 pm sharp. Music by Paterson's Curse Bush Band. B.Y.O. \$32.00 per double.

Tickets available from:- Pam Neil 295523 - Pauline Stokes 295559.

JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLINIC

A Clinic will be conducted at Maddingley Park on Sunday 23rd Feb. commencing at 10.30 am. The cost per junior will be \$5.00 and lunch will be provided free to all participants.

All age groups will be catered for and professional coaches and district players will be in attendance. The co-ordinator will be John Hendry.

We have organised this clinic after an excellent report and requests from juniors and parents at a night conducted by John last November and feel this day will be excellent value for all boys who attend. Queries - Ian Miller, Mike Ellis and Trevor Turnham.

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

FIRE CALL ONLY 295333

To this time we have had a cool and quiet summer but we would impress upon everybody that the fire danger is still with us especially as it has been very dry over the past fortnight.

The Brigade will move into its new Fire Station, Stawell Street, early this week. The new station has an engine room which will accomodate three trucks plus a forward control unit and has a work room. We believe this move will be most beneficial to the Brigade's operations.

We request community support for the 6th Annual Romsey Artist's Art Show sponsored by the Romsey Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary. The Show will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of February with proceeds going to the Brigade and being used to fit out the new station and for sundry equipment.

A big thank you to Trevor T. for being such an enthusiastic Capt. Koala at the Australia Day Parade.

The Brigade has an excellent publication "Your Country Home" published by the Country Fire Authority. Copies can be obtained from the Brigade.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN FORCE.

For further information please contact Capt. Ron Cole on 295411 or Sec. Paul Green on 295338.

IS YOUR HOME A HAZARD OR A HAVEN

HELPFUL HINTS

Using a stubborn safety or nappy pin, run the point through your hair then try again - it works.

A teaspoon of pineapple topping in a fresh fruit salad will stop bananas going brown, its delicious too.

Amway - Avon - Sewing and Alterations - phone Chris. Witney on 270457.

Upholstery - motor trimming - Spencer Way 295304 after 6 pm.

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB ASSOCIATES

On Sunday December 15th, 1985 the Inaugural Pat Cruise Memorial Mixed Fours was held with 18 visiting teams from Avenel, Kilmore, Woodend, Sunbury, Gisborne, Wallan, Lancefield as well as 9 Romsey teams participating. Winners on the day were Betty & Ken Benjamin, Beryl & Joe Stewart from Hallan, their names will be enscribed on the Pat Cruise Memorial Shield.

Thursday 30th January our Romsey Ladies held their very successful tournament raising over \$500. Twenty-eight teams participated.

President's Day was held on Tuesday 4th February, our President Wendy Laing welcomed 35 visitors and our own members, among the visitors were seven Foundation members who no longer play bowls, each one received a small gift from Wendy as did Presidents from various clubs in the Central Highlands who attended. It was a lovely day with beautiful weather befitting the occasion. Highlight of the day was the conferring of Life Membership on Foundation Member Edna Reynolds by Councillor Owen Riddell of the Central Highlands Bowling Association. Edna is also a Life Member of the Central Highlands Association, she is still a hard working and esteemed member of the Romsey Bowling Club and won many Club Championships. Well done Edna.

Congratulations to our State Fours team, M. Webster, M. Gardiner, P. Bruce, and E. Moritz, who were runners up in the Central Highlands competition.

Vale Madge Scanlon a Foundation Member.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - P.O. Box 11, Romsey

We hope lots of people will become interested in and involved with the Historical Society in 1986, as we have plenty of work to do and members of all ages and varying talents are needed. We have the interesting, but daunting, challenge of trying to set up a local history museum in the ex-Court House building at Lancefield, which will need helpers of all sorts, and we will also continue to restore and furnish the Sidney Seymour Cottage in Romsey and to maintain its garden.

However, we are also pleased to have paid-up members who are unable to work on these projects, but who like to keep in touch with the Historical Society via our Newsletters and attending an occasional meeting. Annual subscription is only \$4 and we are most grateful for support in any form. All subscriptions and donations are a big help in preserving the history of our district for future generations, via the cottage and Museum.

Now, a big thank you is due to those few members who produced an excellent 'float' (as usual) for the Australia Day Parade. Without the generous loan of a truck, old wooden desks etc. to make a classroom scene of yesteryear - including a dunce in the corner and even an apple for the teacher - we might not have had an entry this year and a lot of fun and enjoyment would have been missed.

The first meeting for this year will be the Annual General Meeting, plus general business meeting, on Tuesday 25th February at 8.00 pm. in the Romsey Mechanics' Institute Hall. Interested newcomers are always most welcome and supper is served at the conclusion of all meetings. Guest speakers are invited for some meetings, starting in April this year with Allan Lockwood, author of Ink In His Veins. Meetings are on 4th Tuesdays, alternately Romsey and Lancefield. The March Meeting will be at the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute at 8 pm. on the 25th and will focus on the Court House Museum. Any enquiries about the Historical Society may be directed to: Miss Helen Broad (President) 291 297 or Mrs. Jean Newell (Secretary) 295 522.

ST. PAULS AUCHINCLOSS CHURCH SCHOOL, will resume on Tuesday, 18th February. It is the equivalent of Sunday School activities and commences at 4 pm. Kindergarten through primary school age children are welcome. The lessons are graded according to age and the senior class is for confirmation preparation, which is taken by the Vicar. For further information please contact Rev. L. Brassington, phone 291380 or the superintendant Mrs. Margret White phone 295512.

TIRED OF SITTING DOWN AT DANCES?

Well, why not learn to dance. Classes to cater for all ages, fun for all the family. Learn to modern music. All styles taught including Modern, New Vogue (Old Time) and Latin American. Also some Rock-n-Roll.

So come along, join in the fun and learn Ballroom Dancing. Enrolments now taken for 1986. Please phone (054)295872 for enquiries and enrolments - Jan. Simper.

ROMSEY BROWNIES - 1st and 2nd PACKS

Brownie meetings are about to begin a new year shortly and we would like to wish everyone a successful and happy year throughout.

The Wednesday group will continue under the guidance of Wendy Gosden at 5pm to 6.30 pm and will resume on the 19th February.

Monday's group will be led by Doreen Smith resuming on February 17th from 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm. This group was previously lead by Pam Anderson and Lyn Moss and we are very grateful for their caring, time and effort over the past 3 years.

Both packs have a combined membership of 24 brownies and after a settling period we hope to be able to take in a few girls from our current waiting list.

We enjoyed throughout 1985 many special events revolving around our 75th Anniversary for the Guiding Movement, including a day of activities at the Show Grounds with hundreds of brownies and guides from all over Victoria.

Enrolments for our waiting list should be made through our District Commissioner Gwen Crossman 295380, Doreen 295524 and Wendy 285520.

1st ROMSEY SCOUTS

1986 has started off in great excitement for the 1st Romsey Scouting Group. On 6th February our President Mr. Robin Watts was very proud to receive a 6 by 4 trailer with a fitted canopy. Presented to us at a dinner given by the Masonic Lodge Members of Romsey. It is indeed a magnificent gift which we assure all it will be used at every possible opportunity. Thank you to all concerned.

On the evening of Saturday 8th February a farewell BBQ for Harry and Nancy Witkiss was held in somewhat hot and blustery conditions. However this did not deter their well wishers. Both have been involved in Scouting for many many years including 13 years here in Romsey. Nancy as an official Scouting person rose to the position of District Commissioner and has carried out her duties with such dexterity she will be a hard act to follow. Harry has also been closely involved in Scouting as a lay person and has given more than his share of time and effort to the Group. He has served on the committee for years.

1st ROMSEY SCOUTS ccrt.

AS a token of our regard for these two people, they were presented with a dinner set, soda stream and a plaque to each stating our gratitude for so many years of service.

The District Commissioner for the Macedon and Hoadley District, Mr. David Armstrong also thanked both for their tireless efforts and presented Nancy with a plaque from all the District Scouting Groups.

We were honoured by the presence of Mr. Nelson Leopold from the whole Hoadley District who, on thanking Nancy and Harry presented Harry with a very special Pin which is only given to lay persons who have given 12 or more years service to Scouting.

These two very well known identities of Romsey are going to be sadly missed, but to Nancy and Harry we wish you all the success in the world for your new adventure and retirement. We will think of you both with very fond memories and hope you will do the same of us.

Bless you and Good Luck on behalf of the Parents Committee.

REMINDER to all parents of Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Scout Hall on Wednesday 5th February at 8pm. All parents are required to attend this meeting. Our new treasurer, Mr. David Vaughan will take over from Mr. Harry Witkiss at this meeting. Come along and help support the 1st Romsey Scout Group.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

Our celebration started on Sunday afternoon at the Romsey Park, Janet Robb, with many helpers organised "fun games" for the children: egg and spoon, 3 legged, wheel barrow, potato, sack and flat races, handball and basketball competitions.

The Parade, led by the "Clans O the West" Highland Pipe Band, proceeded along Main and Barry Streets to the Park. Special medallions were struck and given as prizes.

Best Float depicting young Australians - "Tickawarra School" (Historical Society).

Best Resored Vehicles - Mercedes (Mr. R. Green).

Most Interesting Mode of Transport - 1928 Austin Tourer.

Best Childrens' Float - St. Paul's Kindergarten.

Best Equestrian Turnout - Lindal Goss.

Best Fire Brigade Turnout - Riddells Creek Suzuki.

Best Decorated Bike - Alison & Lyndal Whitney.

Best Pedestrian

Pioneer Family.

Best Individual Pedestrian

Swagman, also Mary and her lamb.

Special Awards

Rocket Float (Cole and Roberts families)

Clans O the West Highland Pipe Band.

Lions Club

Uniting Church Youth Group

Andrew Laing won the "Spud throwing" competition.

Philip Hemphill, Open Mens - Georgina Green, Ladies Open - Amanda Large, Girls Under 15 - Robert Pickering, Boys under 15; were the winners of the 7km "Fun Run".

Thank you to all runners. Congratulations on running so well.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS cont.

The Shire President, Cr. Ken Francis, officiated Naturalisation Ceremony for Mrs. Pauline Williams of Lancefield.

Lancefield Youth Club did the catering.

On Australia Day in the Romsey Shire we take the opportunity to demonstrate the dynamism in our society and our love for our country.

Those who took part were appreciated by all.

LOST at Witkiss Farewell on Saturday night - one new leather netball. Finder please ring 295411.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 6

Planting for Privacy

In Part 1 of previous article "Shrubs & Trees Around the Home" published last November, mention was made of the various benefits of boundary plantings around the home. Without offering any comments on the complaints I hear from time to time about the increasing number of allegedly offensive objects appearing on properties in the shire, to which some people object, I would like to point out that the best way to overcome the problem is to create a more pleasant view within a home site and obliterate the offending objects by suitable screen plantings around the boundaries. As mentioned in the previous article, there are also other benefits to be obtained from boundary plantings including protection of other plants such as fruit trees which will benefit further from being grouped together for mutual protection and ease of maintenance. Free advice is available from the writer to choose suitable plants and hopefully this subject will be covered in the proposed lessons on horticulture to commence shortly under the Community Care programme if enough interest is shown.

Syd. Uehler

Carol's Jazz Ballet starts again on Monday the 17th of February. Children from 5 to 9 years - 4 pm to 4.55 pm. Children 10 years to teens from 5 pm to 6 pm. Mechanics Hall Romsey. for bookings call Carol on 295 590.

Aerobic classes start on Monday the 17th of March. 9.15 am to 10 am and Wednesday the 19th March 8 pm to 9 pm, Mechanics Hall, Romsey. Enquiries call Carol on 295590.

The Annual Ecumenical Service for the Womens World Day of Prayer will this year be held in the Romsey Uniting Church on Friday 7th March at 2 pm. This years service has been planned by a committee of Australian Women on the theme of "Choose Life". Guest Speaker for the service will be Deaconess Margery Allengame from Kyneton, and afternoon tea will be served following the service. Any interested ladies from Romsey, Lancefield and surrounding districts will be welcome to attend and share in this service and time of fellowship. For further information or requests for transport contact either Mrs. Marion Macdonald (295342) or Mrs. Helen Clement (295317).

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NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUST. ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD GROUP

The Romsey-Lancefield Group of Nursing Mothers invite all mothers to the meeting on 27th February at 8 pm. The topic for discussion will be preparing for breast-feeding. The meeting will be held at the home of Mary Campbell, Lot 1 Williams St., Romsey, telephone 295 629.

If anyone has a breastfeeding problem they can ring Mary 295629, Dot 285378 or Pam 295502.

Cake decorating for special occasions, weddings, 21st birthdays and christenings a specialty. For obligation free quotes ring Heryn Dalton 270 413.

ROMSEY LADIES NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC. GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the Romsey Ladies Netball Association will be held at the Romsey Recreation Centre on Monday 3rd March, 1986, commencing at 8 pm.

Team applications for the forthcoming season will be available at the meeting.

All interested players are urged to attend this meeting.

K.A. Cruise, Secretary.

The date for return of team sheets will be published in the next edition of Romsey Rag.

Also the committee and players of the Romsey Ladies Netball Association were sorry to hear of Anita Frickers accident, but we all wish her a speedy recovery.

WANTED TO BUY

A spinning wheel and good fleece for beginner. Telephone Jean Newell 295 522.

Jam jars are urgently needed for the Historical Society - Jam Making...contact Jean Newell - 295 522.

KILMORE ROTARY CLUB invite you to their Special Small Farms Feature. All Meetings are conducted at the Royal Oak Hotel Kilmore. Dinner \$8 commencing at 6.30 or free admission to the talks at 7.20 pm.

February 10th Small Farms SPECIAL Feature. SUBJECT: Farm Safety with Farm Equipment. SPEAKER: John Montgomery.

March 4th SUBJECT: Buying Stock/Stock inspection. SPEAKER: Allan Stock Inspector - Steven Snelson.

April 1st SUBJECT: Farm Insurance. SPEAKER: Harrie George AMP Insurance.

May 6th SUBJECT: Tractors and Equipment. SPEAKER: Noel Howard.

JUNE 3rd Final Meeting.

SUBJECT: Plenary Session/Audio Visual Highlights. FENCING YOUR FARM - modern approaches.

Panel of previous speakers will answer questions.

KILMORE ROTARY CLUB cont.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT NIGHT - ROMSEY MECHANICS HALY 28th

The Kilmore Broadford Rotary Club invite you by the ladies of the Romsey Uniting Church (6 course hot meal prepared by the ladies of the Romsey Uniting Church (6 opportunity to answer 100 Trivial Pursuit Questions as a member of ng team. Create your team or come along by yourself. Tickets \$15 .. Als to Rotary's International Relief Projects. We would love to see you ameize winners on this night. Contact Trevor Turnham at school 295 490 or at 295 413.

THE ROMSEY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB - SPECIAL RAFFLE

The Club is running a raffle to raise funds for much needed equipment. A prize, valued at \$150 of Sporting Equipment ha supplied by the Saunders Sport Store of Gisborne. Please support the yoys as they attempt to sell you more than one ticket.

LIONS CLUB OF LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY CHRISTMAS CARNI LANCEFIELD

A very successful carnival was held at Lancefi Monday 23rd of December. It was very surprising to find that despite the ued weather, the carnival was well attended.

A variety of amusements included the merry-go- hay-rides. knock-em-downs, pony rides, lucky envelopes, spinning wheel and course the highlight of the night Santa came to visit. A BBQ provided the food, ks were available and Lions Christmas Cakes were in abundance. Booze the was a favourite with both children and adults.

One of the highlights of the night was the dra of our giant Christmas hamper- trailer raffle which was nearly sold out on thght. The winner was Julie Derrick formerly of Romsey who is holidaying from Tasm. We haven't worked out how she will be able to tow it back yet.

The success of this night both in attendance a financially has assured that this will be a regular event once again, with maybe ternating with Romsey if a suitable venue can be found.

Hope to see you all there in December 1986.

Russell Heyland, President

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