

ROMSEY RAG

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ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

The Committee of Management would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused through the constant vandalism of the squash court meters. As a Manager of our Centre is at present beyond our grasp we are forced to devise a new system. You are now able to pick up a key at Romsey Sports and Clothing during trading hours and after hours at Romsey Bakery, G. Preston 295 779 or P. Jacobsen 295 643 at a cost of \$3 per ½ hour to members or \$4 per ½ hour for non members. The key opens a cupboard where the manual switches are located and it is up to users to make sure they turn off lights and lock cupboard immediately after play. Key and money owing must be returned as soon as possible after play.

As a result of our news item in the last Romsey Rag I now have the names of four ladies interested in playing squash on a social basis however more names are needed, so if you are interested, please contact G. Preston on 295 779. If you would like to become a member of the Squash and/or Tennis section of our Centre, please enquire at the Romsey Pharmacy.

As we still have many vacancies for the use of our Centre the Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in using it on a permanent or casual basis. Contacts P. Jacobsen 295643; G. Preston 295 779; L. Howells 295 378.

NEW FACE IN ROMSEY

As most customers of June and Rob Davidson's Take Away Foods (The Gourmet) would know, their business has now been taken over by Darry Williams.

June and Rob would like to wish him all the best in his new venture and also wish to thank all their customers for their support over the past 2½ years.

WANTED

Is there any person in Romsey who would be willing to give guitar lessons to two 9 year old boys. If so, please telephone Rev. Large on 295 558.

For your upholstery and motor trimming needs telephone Spencer May on 295 304 anytime.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOC. ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GROUP

The Romsey/Lancefield Group of Nursing Mothers invites all mothers to the next meeting to be held on Thursday 17th April at 2 pm at the home of Janine Heyland, 12 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey. The topic for discussion will be 'Nocturnal Mothering - How Often Do You Get Up At Night?'. For further information ring Group Leader Mary Campbell 295 629.

Anyone with a breastfeeding problem can ring - Mary 295 629; Dot 285 376; Pam 295 502.

FOR SALE Two (2) Security Doors - 2040 x 940 actual size. \$143.00 each 'phone 295 410.

A WARM THANK YOU

To all the wonderful friends and acquaintances around Romsey who sent flowers, cards, visited me in hospital, telephoned and visited me at home during my illness, a very warm and heartfelt Thank You.

I am now recovering slowly and should be back on my feet very soon.

Thank you also from Garry, Shara and Emma for your support of them during this time all has helped to make my convalescence a bit easier. Thank you all once again.

Val. Lobb

The Macedon Ranges and District Motor Club are holding a swap meet at the Woodend Racecourse on Sunday April 13th, from 8 am onwards. General admission price is 50 cents and for those wanting to set up a site, \$4.00. As well as buying and selling there will be many vintage, veteran and classic vehicles on display. Although most of the sites will be offering cars, parts, tools etc. we welcome any body who wishes to sell items. relating to the vintage era, e.g. antiques etc. Further information can be obtained from Graeme Lemin 295 725 or George Porter 286 336.

FOR SALE

One (1) Cambridge 18'6" Caravan, 6 berth, 8 years old. Fair condition. Registered till October 1986. \$1,800. O.N.O. Ring Kim 295 791.

Cake decorating for special occasions, weddings, 21st birthdays and christenings a specialty. For obligation free quote ring Merryn Dalton 270 413 a/h.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONY CLUB

A very successful and fun day was had on Good Friday when 13 members of our Club and 4 accompanying adults collected for the Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal. Members collected within the townships of Lancefield and Romsey between 9.30 am and 1 pm and gratefully thank all who donated so generously to raise the total of \$804.92.

They travelled down to HSV 7 where they were thrilled to be interviewed on television by Molly Meldrum, meeting cast members of A Country Practice and Sons and Daughters.

Amazing how usually talkative girls can be reduced to silence at the "big moment".

The Easter Raffle was won by the G's family from Melbourne, and 2nd prize Mrs. Verity of Kyneton.

A reminder to all committee members of the next meeting, this Wednesday 9th April at 7.45 pm. Our team practices for Kilmore are resuming well and will continue to meet on Saturdays at 2 pm. A cake stall is planned at Lancefield on 12th April beginning at 9 am till 12 noon.

All enquiries to Val. Mustow, Sect. or Joe Smith, Pres. 295 524. (Val's no. 297 549.)

WORLD CHAMPION BALLROOM DANCERS

To visit Romsey and give an exhibition of their unique style in Ballroom Dancing. Don't miss out on seeing this wonderful performance at a CABARET NIGHT. To be held at the Mechanics Institute on Saturday the 31st of May, 1986. Bring the whole family and dance the night away. Supper provided. \$10.00 - Double; \$3.00 - Children. Enquiries/Tickets - Phone Jan Simper - (054 295 872).

Free to good home One Irish Wolfhound spayed brindle in colour. One Black Toy Poodle excellent with children - 'phone 054 295 431.

BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES

Every Thursday 7 pm - 8 pm. At the Mechanics Institute. Everyone welcome. Enquiries: 'phone Jan Simper - (054) 295 872).

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH - FUND-RAISING APPLE DRIVE

Freshly picked Apples - Jonathons and Granny Smiths will be available during April. The fruit is packed in 4 kg. (10 lb.) bags and the cost is \$2.60 per bag. The orders may be collected from:

Romsey State School	Wed. 16th April
Lancefield State School	Wed. 16th April
Romsey Uniting Church	Sun. 20th April
Lancefield Uniting Church	Sun. 20th April - or by special arrangement.

Further enquiries: George Lewis - 295 468 or John Clement - 295 317.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 6
Some Lesser Known Fruits Part 1

Browsing through some old files recently I discovered copies of two articles of a series entitled "Exploring The Fruit World", which I wrote for a garden magazine in the early 1950's. The first described a then little known edible fruited plant called "Chinese gooseberry" (*Actinidia chinensis*) - since changed to "kiwi fruit" by aggressive sales promoters in N.Z. - which I predicted would rise to popularity in this country. The second concerned a South American fruit known as "Marranjilla" (*Solanum equitoense*) which in my trials at Newport had proved to be unsuited to our climate. A close relative of this plant, *Solanum muricatum*, has however, been introduced and grown in Victoria in recent years and sold in shops under the native name of "pepino" and on present indications also seems likely to become popular here not only in the fruit trade but as a home garden subject.

Whilst the *Actinidia* or "Yangtao" as it is known in its native Himalayan habitat, needs lots of water, protection from wind, late frosts, excessive heat, and being a climber, also expensive supports, the pepino is a small shrub which can be maintained as a large pot plant or grown in the garden. Easily propagated from cuttings, the plants although frost tender, survive cold winters and make strong growth in their second year. Reports to date state the yellow fruit which grows to 4 -5 inches long - to be delicious. Comments from other local growers are invited.

Syd. Heller

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

A successful opening day was held on Sunday April 6th when mixed and men's Canadian foursomes were played. Although the course was not at its best an enjoyable days golf was had by all. It was pleasing to see the non-golfing wives and girlfriends of the members who came along and hopefully they will be encouraged to join our new and enthusiastic band of Associates. The winners for the day were Elaine and Peter Scanlon in the mixed, Gary Cooney and Andrew Clement in the mens. Nearest the pin was won by Helene Newnham.

Geoff Holland has once again offered his services for coaching, for this we thank him sincerely. Coaching commences next Saturday Saturday April 12th at 9.30 am. ALL WELCOME.

The annual match between Lancefield and Romsey - Members and Associates will be held on Saturday April 19th. 1pm Shot Gun start. Everyone welcome. Associates to bring 2 plates of cakes and members 1 plate of sandwiches. For more information contact:
Associates - President Lorraine McIldowie - 295 747. Secretary - Beryl Cole 295 411.
Members - President Bruce Robb - 295 693 Secretary - Les. Gaunt 295 309

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT invite you to a Luncheon Garden Party on Wednesday 16th April at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Elders, "Ballindean", Shannon's Lane, KERRIE. Time 11.30 Cost \$5.00. We will have a guest speaker to talk on gardening and a plant stall. Everyone welcome. DIRECTIONS Travel along the Woodend Road towards Woodend, turn left up a steep hill at the sign Kerrie 2 travel along this road and take the first turn right at the sign "Shannon's Lane", travel up the hill and "Ballindean" is on the left at the top of the hill.

Please keep this date free TUESDAY EVENING 3rd JUNE our next FASHION PARADE.

A big thank you to the people from Romsey and outlining areas who gave so generously to our RED CROSS CALLING, final total next Romsey Rag.

Shirley Shelton - Secretary

ROMSEY APEX CLUB

Progress towards formation of an Apex Club in Romsey is progressing smoothly. Publicity material outlining what Apex is all about should be distributed to all homes in Romsey within 10 days. This is to be followed up by personal contact visits in the area to enlist new members. The three corner stones of Apex are friendship, community service and personal development. We are a club aimed at young men between 18 years and 40 years and so if you are between these ages, please take time to read Apex material when you receive it next week.

A very successful wood chop was held in Macedon on April 5th. Some twenty Apexians from local clubs turned out to help the Romsey locals collect wood for distribution in Romsey to some of our Senior citizens.

The Club formation meeting is proposed for April 29th at the Romsey Hotel and we urge any interested young men to attend, as this will be the crucial meeting in the formation of the Romsey Apex Club. Further information obtainable from Martin Van Den Heuval (295 692), Steve Halligan (285 453) or Laurie Quinn (295 358).

ROMSEY BOWLING ASSOCIATES

Charity Day on March 25th held at Romsey with men and ladies from Dousta Galla raised \$256, this will go toward research Micro Surgery.

Presentation Night was held in conjunction with the men on Friday evening 4th April. As well as Trophies presented to all winners and runners up for Club Competitions, our President Wendy received Bon Voyage Gift from all her members. Wendy boards the plane for Singapore on Sunday 13th April. Winners and Runners-up for Club Competitions were as follows:

Championship: Eleanor Moritz.
Runner-up: Jean Johnston
100 up: Pam Bruce
Runner-up: Norma Wheller
21 up: Pam Bruce
Runner-up: Marge Webster
Pairs: Marge Webster, Pena Moore
Runners-up: Norma Wheller, Beck Milley

Presidents Trophy: for her outstanding contribution to the Club in many ways,
IDA SHAW.

Our last function for this season will be High Tea at the Club Rooms on Wednesday 9th April, when we will be hosts to approximately 47 laddies from Murray Valley Border.

Annual Meeting Friday 2nd May 1986 - 1.30 pm at Club House.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB

Romsey Bowling Club has had a better than average season, with two out of its three pennant teams reaching the finals. The division two team (16 men) were second on the ladder for most of the season giving them a double chance in the finals, unfortunately for us, both "chances" resulted in loses, firstly to Kyneton Golf, then to Melton, who went onto win the pennant.

Romsey 1 team in division four, were on top of the ladder all the season, and won a play-off in the first semi-final, after an exciting drawn game with Bacchus Marsh, but when they met again in the Grand final, the Marsh were the victors by seven shots.

Romsey 2 team in division four struggled along and broke in some new and inexperienced players, as the season drew to its end, they began to fire, winning three games to get a step up the ladder, hoping for better results next season. He needed 32 men each week and for a small Club, I feel did very well.

The Club Tournaments were fought out with great interest, with new players making their presense felt. One newcomer, an experienced bowler from Marbuton, Albert Caniva, who had a hard draw in all three tournaments showed class bowling to win the 21 up. Ken Newnham again turned on good bowling to win the Championship (for the third time) and he also won the 100 up handicap.

The Club are always well represented in the "Mid-week Bowls", held turn about, at Lancefield, Gisborne and Romsey, a very popular day each week, with anything up to 60 men attending.

If there are any experienced bowlers reading this article who are thinking of joining a Club in the area, we would welcome you at Romsey, likewise, if you are not a bowler but would like to be, you too would be made welcome and I feel that you would enjoy the friendly spirit that we have at the Romsey Bowling Club.

H. Thompson, President

C.F.A.

Have you noticed that the Romsey C.F.A. have now moved into their newly constructed fire station behind the headquarters in Stawell St. Romsey.

Next Meeting will be tonight Tuesday 8th April at 8 pm. All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE that the fire restrictions are still in force and there is to be no burning off without a permit obtainable from the Fire Prevention Officer at the Shire Office.

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SHAKES ALIVE!!

Following a serious case of snake bite last Friday evening, the victim is particularly grateful for the prompt, correct first aid applied by a local farmer, the speed of treatment gained from the Lancefield Hospital, where anti venine was administered and to the helicopter pilot who transferred him to Melbourne. Please be aware of the continuing danger and ensure you know the correct first aid treatment to apply.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. Box 11, Romsey

Next weekend (April 12/13) we welcome Joan and Ken Rowsell back to Romsey. Joan was a Town Councillor in Romsey, England and she and Ken will be taking greetings "first-hand" from us to Romsey (England) Town Council and residents in June '86. Joan and Ken who now reside in Canberra, have been "go-betweens" for us, keeping the ties between the two Romseys alive and well, and our Shire President will send official greetings to England with them.

On Saturday 12th, Joan and Ken will be guests for morning tea at the Sidney Seymour Cottage Working Bee, where you may like to eat them and also view our cottage if you haven't seen it before. The cottage is in Palmer Street, second last house on the north side.

The Court House Museum in Lancefield will be open to the public on the 4th Sunday each month (April 27th) from 1 - 4 pm and our next general meeting will be on Tuesday April 22nd at 8 pm in the Romsey Mechanic's Institute, when our guest speaker will be author and newspaperman Allan Lockwood. Allan's father was apprenticed to the Lancefield Mercury newspaper in the 1880's and both he and Allan owned and edited country newspapers for many years. Some may remember Douglas Lockwood, the Herald journalist, who was Allan's brother and others of this notable family whose life stories are told in Allan's biography of his father: "INK IN HIS VEINS", price \$10, which is available from Jean Newell, Romsey House, Tel: 295 522. Anyone is most welcome to attend on Tuesday April 22 and supper will be served after Allan Lockwood's talk.

Heritage Week (April 13-20) will be marked in Romsey by photos and interesting snippets of local history displayed in the window of the old Bakery in Main Street, near the Newsagent, by kind permission of the owners of that property, Ken and Lorna Turner.

Please submit any news items to the Romsey Post Office by the 2nd May, 1986.

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