

June 1980 - Edition No. 21

This edition is proudly
sponsored by Glendale Nursery

Romsey Rag Circulation Low Increased to 600.

AVAILABLE THIS MONTH

Fruit Trees Triple Grafts Nut Trees Berries
Roses - Bush - Miniature - Weeping - Standard
Deciduous Trees- Elm - Ash - Birch - Poplar - Willow and
many more.
Flowering Trees - Prunus - Hawthorn - Laburnum etc.
Glendale Nursery Romsey - 295 231

A MESSAGE HAS BEEN LEFT AT THE POST OFFICE -----WHO IS IT FOR???
HAS IT BEEN MIS-DIRECTED?

A group of people leave a message at the Post Office every day. It is very clear and easy to see it from across the street, because they leave it outside the Post Office. It gets in the way, as you try to go into the Post Office; it "shouts" at you = "NOTICE ME"; but every day somebody else clears it away, and it appears that nobody READS THE MESSAGE.

What does it say? What are the people saying, who urinate in the corner, chuck down their fish & chips papers, **their** drinks cans, their cigarets butts, packets, where they know people will notice and comment.

Q.K. So I will rise to the bait. Will somebody - perhaps an innocent bystander who watches this rubbishing going on ---- please drop a line to the Romsey Rag, C/- the Post Office, and tell us what is wrong? Why do they do this? I don't believe it is Romsey they want to hurt; so WHO IS IT? Is it school or home or somebody? In war, the innocent get hurt, as is happening in this situation, so how about directing your anger or whatever it is to where it should be?

I know that a lot of people would say - "Give 'em a bloody good hiding - that's the only language they'd understand". Others might say "This town should keep vigil; form a roster to guard the place and catch the villains", or "Where are the Police?" Would that solve the problem? Is that the answer? I don't know. I'd like very much to hear what the kids say is the answer. So drop us a line, keep it brief, the language doesn't really matter, but the sincerity and real honesty about the issue DOES. So how about it? Hopefully we could publish some part of what you say in the July issue of Romsey Rag.

Let's hear from YOU(TH)

The Romsey Mindarring Auxiliary is holding a Basket Luncheon, on Wednesday 18th June, at 10.30 am, at the home of George & Elaine Lobb, "Woodlands", Romsey.

There will be a display of "Carrington Collection Jewellery", which can be ordered. As well there will be Rawleigh's products available and a demonstration of their use.

Door Prize. Admission & Luncheon \$0.00. R.S.V.P. Please by 13th June 1980, to Helen Betts 295 203. Betty Trotter 295 205.

Please come along and help us help the intellectually handicapped.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Fashion Parade and made it such a success. We hope to clear over \$1,000 so that is fantastic. Our models did a marvellous job and I thank them most sincerely, also our members who worked so hard on the night. Thank you to the ladies who couldn't come, but gave us a donation. It is so heartening to run a function and receive so much support, so a big THANK YOU to everyone. We know Red Cross will put our money raised to good use. **MISSING ONE PAIR OF LADIES BOOTS FROM FASHION PARADE, THEY BELONG TO JOY DYER.**

As our members have worked so hard at our recent functions, I have promised them a rest for a couple of months - our next meeting **MONDAY 16th JUNE - 1.30 pm** in the meeting room will be to just count our money, say "WELL DONE" and have a cup of coffee and a chat. New members most welcome.

SHOPPING BUS TRIP TO NORTHLAND on WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY. Leaving Romsey P.O. 8.45 am returning 4.15 - Cost \$6. Bookings please ring B. Trotter 295205. S. Shelton 295 271.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 10

Propagation By Hardwood Cuttings Probably the easiest method of propagation of many deciduous and some evergreen shrubs and trees is by cuttings of dormant or semi-dormant wood inserted in the open ground in winter and allowed to grow on for a year where they were set, thus avoiding the need for pots, potting mixes and the constant attention needed when cuttings such as most evergreens are set in quantities in community pots, removed and potted separately and grown on for several months. Hydrangea, Hibiscus syriacus, Forsythia, Tamarix, Fuchsia, Philadelphus and many other ornamentals as well as fruit trees such as mulberry, fig, quince and pomegranate can be grown this way although the black mulberry is usually grafted onto the white for better results.

With proper attention to watering over the growing season, plants up to 1 metre or more high can be grown this way in one year and removed when dormant without loss, for transplanting to a permanent site. Details of this method are outlined in publications of the Dept. of Agriculture as well as in books available from booksellers or your library.

Syd. Wheller

Pruning Demonstration

As mentioned in Edition 20 of the Romsey Rag, a demonstration of pruning of fruit trees will be held at 30 Metcalfe Drive at 2 pm on Saturday 14th June - weather permitting. If the weather does not permit on that day, the demonstration will be held on Sunday 15th June at the same time.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING"

The Romsey Youth Club will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm. in the Romsey Primary School Library on Tuesday, 8th July.

Parents and those interested in the young people of Romsey are invited to attend.

TRIP TO THE FLICKS

Romsey Youth Club are running a bus trip into Melbourne on Sunday afternoon, 22nd June to see the film "Crocodile Dundee".

Bus leaves Romsey Post Office at 12.00 pm and will return at approximately 4.30 pm. (Bring a cut lunch if you wish). Bus fare is \$4.00. Cost of admittance is Adults \$5.00 - Children under 16 and Pensioners \$2.50. Parents are invited to attend.

Bookings must be made with Mrs. Chris. Shanahan (295 316) by Saturday 14th June.

BEST WISHES TO THE STRACK FAMILY - Following an unfortunate car accident on Thursday morning, Sandra and the children are recovering at home. Best wishes for recovery are issued from all of us who have again had the importance of safety on the roads heavily underlined.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bruce and Kerrie Puxley on the extension of their new shop which became effective last Thursday. The Romsey newsagency is now a separate building connected by a doorway to the new look Milk Bar.

ROMSEY SHIRE LOCAL BI-CENTENNIAL NEWS: YOUR IDEAS NEEDED

No doubt most people are already aware that the local Bi-centennial Committee has been operating for almost two months. This representative committee was elected at a Public Meeting in April. The Committee, which will be handling in excess of \$25,000 for Bi-Centennial programs, places a great importance on representative decision making. The group is currently engaged in soliciting worthy ongoing programs from the whole Romsey Shire, and although 1988 may still seem a long way off, we have already had to request an extension of time before finalising programs. Ideas are being sought from individuals and groups for activities or programs that could mark the Bi-centennial celebrations in the Shire through 1988 and beyond. Queries may be directed to the Chairman of the Local Shire Bi-Centennial Committee - 295 490 (Bus.) 295 413 (A.H.) Committee members are currently engaged in actively promoting the Bi-Centennial and would be willing to speak to groups if required. Bi-Centennial souvenirs are available and can be ordered through the Shire receptionist. Application forms for souvenirs or project submissions are also available upon request, however, the Committee wish to finalise major project ideas at the open meeting to be held on the third Wednesday of July (23rd) at Romsey Primary School at 8.00 pm. We trust that you will become involved and help us plan for 1988 and beyond!

In the option of the committee it is most important that the benefit of the Bi-Centennial programs continues well beyond 1988. Projects which will be enjoyed by the community throughout 1988 as "one off" activities will, also be funded, however major projects, which require extra far more funding than can be provided by our local committee will obviously require extra effort and lead time to organise. Your co-operation is needed in order that Romsey fully enjoy the Bi-Centennial celebrations.

ROMSEY SCOUTS - UNIFORMS WANTED: If there are any local people who would wish to donate or provide scout and cub uniforms at a reasonable charge, for the benefit of new scouts contributions could be made through Helen Watts 295 250 after 6 pm or at the Romsey Primary School Office.

JAMPOT JAMBOREE - The Stall held by the Romsey Scouts, which will sell all the donated jams will be held in the Romsey Stall on Saturday 28th June. Your support through donations of jam or purchases would be appreciated.

SCOUT GANG SHOW: Advance warning that early bookings will need to be placed for the Scout Gang Show which will be conducted on August 15th. This invitation is open to all those interested and involved in the Scouting and Guide Movement.

LOST: Black Poodle (Male) - Finder please ring 295 618.

HORSE RIDING LESSONS Lessons for beginners (children) on bomb proof ponies. All aspects of horsecare and management covered - Phone 295 482.

LOCAL LIBERAL MEETING - Interested people may wish to meet Andrew Peacock and David Cadman, who will be speaking at an open meeting to be held at the Mechanics Hall on Wednesday 25th June. These men will also be available to answer any questions which you may wish to ask. The two hour meeting will commence at 7.30 pm - everyone welcome \$5.00 admission and supper.

WHERE IS THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUITY IN GRANTING BUILDING PERMITS?

Forty-one people object and over 100 sign a petition objecting to petrol station, shop, metal fabrication and engineering factory, car sales and service centre being built on RESIDENTIAL SITE, Cnr. Main Road and Gordan Crescent, but Council turns a deaf ear and grants permit.

A few people object to a pottery workshop in Newnham Road, Council refuses permit because proposed use is not appropriate in residential area, development would constitute too dense a building on a residential site, use would be prejudicial to amenity of area.

Surely a petrol station complex should be refused on the same grounds.

The residents of Gordan Crescent and surrounds shifted to Romsey to get away from noise and traffic and enjoy quiet rural living, not to live next to a complex such as described above.

If the Council is the voice of the community, who don't they listen to the community and preserve the quiet township. not destroy it.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY - P.O. Box 11, Romsey

The June 24th meeting of the Historical Society promises to be a most entertaining night - for those who would like to hear tales of the old days in Romsey and district.

We have gathered together a "panel" of speakers each of whom will give us a few minutes of their reminiscences of some aspect of life in Romsey years ago. For example, one speaker will tell us about the Doctor's life (before Drs. Francis and Ryan!), another one will tell us about the social functions, and another about famous people who came from these parts. Several other "senior citizens" will be on hand, to chat with and answer questions over supper.

We are sure to have a good crowd of members attending that night and new comers are always warmly welcome. The business meeting begins at 7.30 pm and (hopefully) the reminiscing panel at around 8 pm., in the Supper Room (through the Main Hall) of the Mechanics Institute, on Tuesday June 24th. We have two log fires burning brightly, so brave the winter chill and come and join us for a "night to remember".

A piece of Romsey's history disappeared for ever, in a huge blaze on Sunday 25th May. It was sad that the poor old Butter Factory ended its 105 years of existence in such an unplanned and unceremonious way.

It had been a centre of industry and employment for many useful years and had the distinction of being the site for the manufacture of the first condensed milk in Australia in 1886.

I wonder if anybody knows that happened on Sunday night, 25th May, 1986?

Jean Newell, Hon. Secretary

Come along and join in some fun doing aerobics on Monday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00 am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. A creche is available and you will need to bring a mat. Enquire to Carol on 295 590.

WANTED TO BUY, OR BORROW

Double bed with mattress, for some visitors arriving in July, to stay for 3 weeks. Telephone 295 522.

SEMINAR - UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

This Seminar being conducted by the EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICE will be held on SATURDAY 28th JUNE, at the New Gisborne Reception Centre. Costing is \$50 one person, \$80 couple and \$40 single parent.

As parents of teenagers we often have little time to reflect and think about what is happening, or to think creatively about ways to enhance the relationships with our teenagers. This seminar is designed to look at positive aspects of these relationships and to explore ways of improving them.

TIME: 9.45 am to 4 pm. Lunch, morning and afternoon teas will be provided.

ROMSEY YOUTH GROUP

The Romsey Youth Club was formed in July 1984, and has a membership of 70 children. Over the last 20 months we have met every second Friday. Activities have included games nights, swimming, ice-skating, videos and a make-up demonstration. All activities are advertised in local shops, as well as the Romsey Rag and Primary School Newsletter. New members are always welcome. Cost of Youth Club is 50¢ per night with each family paying \$2 annually for registration and insurance.

The Youth Club has been very fortunate to have received donations from local sources and this has made it possible to subsidise some of our bus trips.

Sadly, we have lost the valued services of several of our committee members and are desperate for volunteers to help with the youth of our town. The Committee meets once a month to discuss activities and, if we get enough helpers, we would only need you once a month, for youth club. Volunteers are needed in a supervisory role, or to make cordial etc.

DON'T FORGET Annual General Meeting is to be held on TUESDAY 8TH JULY at the Romsey Primary School Library. We would love to see you there. For further information contact Bev. Large 295 558 - Chris. Shanahan 295 316.

JAM JARS ----- would still be appreciated by the Historical Society. Please leave any you can spare at Romsey House, in the carport at the back (Murphy Street side driveway), or Tel. 295 522 if you would like someone to collect the jars from you.

EGG CARTONS Does anybody want some? I have a lot to give away - 295 522.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD GROUP

All mothers are invited to the next meeting to be held at the home of Julie Cook, 12 Newnham Drive, Romsey. There will be a dietician coming to give a talk. For further information or anyone with a breastfeeding problem 'phone Mary 295 629, Dot 285 378 or Pam 295 502.

The craft of making and dressing french porcelain dolls will be demonstrated at a luncheon in the Golf House on July 21st by Mrs. Maurice Doolan. This is being organised by the Romsey Auxiliary of the Lancefield Hospital. Numbers limited. Ring Peg Tom 295 443.

Cake decorating - Weddings, 21st Birthdays, Christenings a specialy - for obligation free quote ring Merryn Dalton 270 413.

T.A.F.E. Research Project Can have a Real Benefit for Romsey. A Steering Committee has been established to research the need for T.A.F.E. (Technical and Further Education) facilities in our area. This committee is urgently in need of information from our school community. If you have any thoughts or definite ideas on what you would require of this educational facility either for yourself or your children would you please put pen to paper over the next couple of days and deliver your requirements to John Moore at the Romsey Primary School.

It is hoped that the courses provided by a T.A.F.E. College, once established, will meet the needs of the community it is serving. This can only be done if we know what you want. Training courses for example may include personal skills, community service skills, skills required across vocational fields.

The Steering Committee would also appreciate any general issues that you feel need to be considered with the establishment of such an important educational facility within our area.

If you, as parents, want T.A.F.E. facilities in your area, now is your chance to say what you would like. Please take this opportunity.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM.

With so many children having both parents working, Mrs. Francis King would like to gauge Community reaction and need for such a program. Francis can be contacted at the Romsey Shire Offices any afternoon - YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED 295 201.

FOR SALE - Pony Rugs - 2 winter to fit 13 to 14 hands ponies. \$40 each. Also 2 cotton dust rugs, \$20 each in good condition. Telephone Romsey 295 573.

FOR SALE - Motor Bike Helmet, Swiss made, Standards Label, New \$30. Telephone 295 573.

FOR SALE - Billiard/Dining table 6' 3" x 3" 3" solid base with turned style legs, complete with cues, billiard balls, pool balls, stand, with 3 piece solid timber top, for conversion for dining table - \$400 - telephone 295 205.

ROMSEY GOLF ASSOCIATES had a very enjoyable Gala Day on June 3rd. We had 34 ladies from neighbouring clubs come and play with us. None of our local ladies were lucky enough to win a trophy, although we had some good scores. We were very thankful for the good weather on the day and also to men for having the course looking so good. A special thank you to the men who helped on the day.

ITEMS FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2 PM ON FRIDAY 4TH JULY, 1986 - THANK YOU

Compilers reserve the right to reject or include any item presented for print.

I would like to sponsor an edition of the ROMSEY RAG Yes.....
I would like to help with the delivery of the ROMSEY RAG Yes.....

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Trevor Turnham, Bev. Large, Beryl Cole, Lyn. Gradie, Jean Hewell.