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Editorial Comment

We sincerely wish to thank the teenagers from the Romsey Uniting Church Youth Group, who reliably assist in the delivery of the Romsey Rag and the local newspapers. In Winter this is a real problem for young people on bicycles. Thank you to the Crossmans and the Peglers for their assistance.

The Editorial Committee

In order that people can gain more first hand information from those who contribute to our monthly publication, contributors names are now listed immediately following their item of news.

Remember that items for the August Edition of the Romsey Rag should be delivered to the Romsey P.O. by 2.30 pm on Friday August 1st.

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"NO NENS IS GOOD NENS"

Readers of the Romsey Rag may be interested to hear that no mail was received in connection with last months front page article, but the mess outside the P.O. has decreased a bit and does this mean that someone has "got the message"?

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY., P.O. Box 11, Romsey

Our June Meeting - "Romsey Reminiscences" - was well attended and most enjoyable, with many interesting and amusing incidents related.

The panel of speakers was : Mrs. I. Amess, Mrs. D. Carroll, Mrs. M. McIntyre, Mr. J. McDonnell and Mr. G. Meire, with subjects ranging from farming to famous people of this district and from the shops to the social life of the old days! There were interesting memories of Dr. Murdoch, who was G.P. for nearly 50 years, from late last century. We would like to accumulate a fuller picture of Dr. Murdoch if others have memories of him; please write down (or tell us) any interesting stories you may remember about him - or about any other aspect of life in this district years ago. Your contribution will be very warmly received and appreciated by the Historical Society.

This month's meeting will be a "Workshop" at the Court House, Lancefield, on Tuesday 22nd July, beginning with the usual brief business meeting at 7.30 pm. Newcomers are always welcome.

Jean Hewell, Secretary, Tel: (054) 295 522

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HOT BREAD SHOP

The Romsey Rag would like to welcome Ken Richmond and John Parkes, owners of the Hot Bread Shop which has recently opened in the Main Street. All bread and cakes are baked fresh daily on the premises and the shop is open Seven Days a Week.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS

I am pleased to report the profit from our Fashion Parade was \$1,074, so a big thank you to everyone for their support. We are "resting" for a couple of months, then we start off our new year with the ANNUAL MEETING on Monday 11th August at 1.30 pm in the meeting room of the Romsey Hall. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come along and HELP RED CROSS HELP.

H. Clement

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PORCELAIN DOLL DEMONSTRATION

The craft of making and dressing french porcelain dolls will be demonstrated at a luncheon in the Bowls/Golf Club House on July 21st at 11.30 am by Mrs. Maurice Doolan. This is being organised by the Romsey Auxiliary of the Lancefield Hospital. The cost will be \$8. Please ring Peg Tom on 295 443 before 11th July. Please come along and support your local hospital.

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1st ROMSEY SCOUTS

Our Jam Pot Jamboree was a great success. Trevor Boord arranged a stall at Lancefield. Sold everything and made \$60 profit. Well done Lancefield. We at Romsey with lots of help from parents and boys - made a profit of \$242.60 all up over \$300 a great result.

GANG SHOW - We have a 60 seater coach booked for the Gang Show on Friday night 15th August, 1986. To date we only have 20 children and 7 adults paid up. It is a great show, the boys really enjoyed it last year. If we cannot fill the coach we will have to cancel the trip. It is only \$11.00 each which includes the coach and show. If anybody wishes to go contact Robin Watts on 295 250 or Jenny Clampit 295 490 from 9 am to 3 pm at Romsey School.

R. Watts - President

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The President and Members of St. Pauls Ladies Guild, Romsey, invite ladies to attend a morning Coffee Party at the home of Mrs. Peg. Randell, Mooneejette, Black Range Road, Romsey on Wednesday 6th August at 10 am. Admission \$2.00 - Stall and Competition.

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THE WINDARRING ROMSEY AUXILIARY Luncheon held on 18th June was a most successful day, with over \$400.00 being raised to go towards the work of Windarring. Thank you to the ladies who attended and those who helped on the day and to Carrington Jewellery and Rawleigh's for their displays.

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL ITEMS

Following the arrival of yet another letter and set of photographs from the Mellow School near Romsey, England, our grade 5 pupils have written replies. Their correspondence indicates their jealousy that this (1875) school has already undergone total rebuilding and enjoys beautiful facilities and garden lined driveways. Anyone who would wish to view the display of photographs and see how new buildings can compliment old structures in the way that we plan for Romsey, Victoria, can see this display on the notice board outside the office.

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ROMSEY BICENTIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Residents will be interested to note that the committee is currently involved in explaining their role and eliciting programs from groups they speak to throughout the Shire. It is the aim of the committee to have received initial program outlines before the 4th Wednesday of this month in order that priorities can be set and additional funding for major projects organised.

Any groups who wish to know more about Bicentenary Projects or plans for 1988 may contact Mrs. Francis King any afternoon at the Shire Offices. The Romsey Shire Council have already indicated their full support of the committee and are looking forward to receiving detailed breakdown of costing and program intentions.

Next meeting to which all are invited will be at the Romsey Primary School 7.30 pm on 23rd July.

Committee members are prepared to speak to local groups and organisations as soon as a mutually convenient time can be arranged. The Committee wish that the Bicentennial activities reflect local needs and desires. This can only be achieved if local input is provided by you.

Trevor Turnham (Chairman)

THANK YOU - LIONS It is a genuine pleasure to note as a resident of Romsey that we have a quiet and yet very active Lions Club. Of course it is not the nature of Lions to blow their own trumpet or roar about their successes and the major projects they undertake are usually well publicised through local papers. Congratulations regarding the Official Opening of the Extension to the Peter Lowrey Homes for the aged recently. However I refer more in this tribute to the way in which a number of Lions became involved in an urgent plea for assistance from one resident whose husband had been involved in a car accident and therefore incapable of completing the work required which would have enabled them to move from a caravan into their new home. Again thank you Lions for acting within hours of recognizing this genuine need. - T. Turnham

INTO 1990's REGIONAL MEETING AT ROMSEY: The Booklet entitled "Taking Schools into the 1990's" which was mentioned in last weeks newsletter, will be the main topic of a special meeting for all local schools. This meeting will be conducted by our Senior Education Officer, Dr. Bob Grainger, in the staff room of the school on Wednesday 9th July, commencing at 7.45 pm. As feed back is required from School Councils and communities by August 1st, attendance, which would be the opportunity for open discussion is urged. Any parents who still wish to borrow the booklets are reminded that they are available from the office. - Trevor Turnham - Principal

ROMSEY BOWLING ASSOCIATES

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New members always welcome ring Secretary 295 537 for information

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The following item has been extracted from the June 1986 Newsletter of the Society for Growing Australian Plants Vic. Inc., and is reprinted as a warning to residents who may face a similar problem with large growing trees near buildings in the future or who intend making such plants - Syd. Wheeler.

In My Australian Garden - On the 11th of March, 1973, I planted a delightful Eucalyptus globulus, 3m from the front of my house, just outside the lounge room window. A healthy little plant, just 30cm high with silver grey foliage, it was a real picture and in my mind, would be a wonderful shade tree in years to come.

As the months and years flew by, it became apparent that this delightful little gum tree was becoming a monster, gone were the lovely round, grey-green leaves and in their place were the normal long 'gum leaves' and it was growing at an horrific rate. It was soon to become a landmark- the tallest tree in the street.

Whilst I had become very attached to my 'gum tree', it had become very obvious that I had a case of a wrong tree in the wrong place. My 'gum tree' had grown into a source of concern, continually blocking my spouts, these had to be cleaned at least once a month, many of the large branches were beginning to hang over the house, and whilst it had not affected the foundations of the house many thought that it eventually would.

Late in November 1985 on a very wet day, the professional with the climbing spurs and chain saw, began removing my majestic 'gum tree'. It was approximately 10 m high, a magnificent specimen - however, very inappropriate for a suburban garden.

After a day's work, all the leaves and smaller branches had been put through the "chipper", the large branches and trunk had been cut to size, suitable for the open fire. This magnificent plant that cost under \$1.00 cost many hundreds of dollars to remove.

The moral to the story is to be very careful when planting a suburban garden. Choose your plants carefully. Do some research on the plants that you are buying, particularly the trees.

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#### COURT HOUSE MUSUEN, LANCEFIELD

Many people may not know that there is a Museum of local history at the ex-Court House, Main Road, Lancefield (next to the Police Station). It is only open on the 4th Sunday each month, 1 - 4 pm., but if more people volunteer to help, we could increase this time. If you would like to help for a couple of hours now and then, please ring Jean Newell (295 522) or Dorothy Viney (295 584).

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FOR SALE: Mahogany Queen Ann Double Bed and mattress and matching mahogany wardrobe, good condition, \$160 O.N.O. will sell separately. Double Bed comforter set (quilt valance, pillow cases). Beige Brown Tonings - \$60 - excellent condition. 'Phone 295 533 (054).

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SHIRE OF ROMSEY COMMUNITY "CARE" GROUP Members of the Shire of Romsey Community "Care" Group, which was formed in April 1985 to help co-ordinate welfare services within our Shire, would like to hear from members of local organisations or individual citizens who would like to assist with the delivery of our welcome folders to new residents. It is hoped to maintain a neighbourly caring atmosphere within all the towns in the Shire and it is up to all residents to help maintain this atmosphere despite the continuing growth of our population. If you are willing and able to assist with visiting new residents in your own immediate area please contact either Rev. Adrian Pegler (295351); Mrs. Helen Clement (295317) or Mrs. Rose McCarthy (295201). Rev. Pegler is available to speak to various local groups or organisations on the aims of the Community Care group and can be contacted on the above mentioned phone number. Please help us maintain the Shire of Romseys friendly welcoming atmosphere and your suggestions will be welcomed.



"MEAN MUMS"

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other kids had lollies for breakfast, I had to eat cereal, egg and toast. While other kids had cans of drinks and lollies for lunch, I had to have a sandwich.

As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids too - as well as the food, we had to eat it at a table and not in front of the television.

My mother also insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang or something. She had to know who our friends were, where we were going and she even told us what time we had to be home.

I am ashamed to admit it, but my mother actually had the nerve to break child labour laws. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make our beds and even learn how to cook.

That woman must have stayed awake at night just thinking up things for us kids to do. She always insisted that we tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

BY the time we were teenagers, our whole life became even more unbreable. No tooting the car horn for the girls in our family to come running. She embarrassed us by insisting that the boys come to the door to get us.

I forgot to mention that most of our friends were allowed to date at the mature age of 12 and 13. Our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date before we were at least 15.

She really raised a bunch of squares. None of us kids were even arrested for shop-lifting or busted for dope.

And who do we thank for this?  
You're right - our mean mother.

"Every day we hear cries from both our people and politicians about what our country really needs. What our country really needs is more MEAN MOTHERS like mine."

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