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A Free Community News Bulletin

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

Remember that items for the September Edition of the Romsey Rag should be delivered to the Romsey P.O. by 2.30pm on Friday 5th September.

ROMSEY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

In a very keenly contested Shire Election conducted last Saturday Mr. Geoff Neil was elected to represent the Romsey Riding and Mr. John Moore was elected in Lancefield. We congratulate both candidates. Mr. Moore when interviewed this morning, wished to thank all those who provided support. He would like it known that he is keen to provide assistance to all residents and that they should feel free to contact him if they feel he can be of assistance. He further urged residents to inform councillors so that they can adequately represent and work together towards the achievement of goals.

ROMSEY RIDING RESULTS:

Robert McIldowie	283
Geoff Neil	397
Gayle Ryan	219

As there was no candidate with an absolute majority second preferences were then counted.

Robert McIldowie	322
Geoff Neil	577

Mr. Geoff Neil was duly declared the winner.

The following are messages of thanks from the candidates.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to those who supported me at the recent Council Elections, without whose help and encouragement I may not have succeeded.

Although there are many people I would like to publicly thank, I wish to mention specially my "Campaign Manager" Jennifer Flexeder, Assistant Mail Clerk and chief baby sitter, Sue Niedermair, Scrutineer, Dave Large and, of course, my wife Pam, who pushed and prodded at the right times.

My thanks also to Gayle and Rob for providing an exciting and exhaustive campaign, by being extremely worthy opponents.

I will endeavour to provide to my Riding residents full measure for their rate dollar and will expend my energies to improve the facilities within the Riding for all concerned.

Geoff Neil 295523. "

"Dear Residents,

I would like to thank everyone who supported me throughout my campaign and the shopkeepers who displayed my notices in a prominent place on their windows.

During my weeks campaigning I was rewarded by meeting many old and new residents and hearing about different areas of need within the shire. Hopefully these matters will be taken up with the Council, so that they can look into these problems and try to rectify them.

Once again I thank you for your support.

Gayle Ryan. "

Message from Mr. Rob McIldowie -

"Firstly congratulations and best wishes go to Geoff on his election to Council. My thanks go to those who supported me through my election campaign, particular thanks to Lorraine and the kids.

I have enjoyed my term on Council and take this opportunity to thank those people who made that possible particularly Councillors Laing and Francis, Brian Carne and Chris Banon.

I give my support to the continuation of the Shire of Romsey as an independant Council and urge your support to this aim for without the interest and input from the ratepayers/voters, the community and its representatives are the poorer.

Rob McIldowie "

HOLIDAY PLAY GROUPS -- Can you Help?

Our Romsey Community Services Officer, Mrs. Frances King wishes to hear from volunteers who could assist with this program during the school holiday period. It is planned to conduct programs in Romsey on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. One of these days will be a Film day. In Lancefield and Riddells Creek the program will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will only be possible to conduct this program if there is sufficient assistance. Please ring Frances at the Shire Offices during the afternoons on 295201. -- Mrs. Frances King.

SCHOOL NEWS:

We are particularly proud of the efforts of Emma Lobb and Veronica Gross Grade 6 pupils at Romsey Primary who represented our school and Region at last week's Victorian Cross Country Championships. The girls competed against 114 of Victoria's best runners over a 3000 meter course at Westerfolds Park, and had very creditable results.

Emma came 61st in the under 13 section and

Veronica was 48th in the under 12 section

- Well Done -

Trevor Turnham - Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 1987:

As a result of a recent visit to Romsey Kindergarten, it has been estimated that only 20 of our Prep Grade intake next year will have been to our local kindergarten. There are ofcourse far more children who expect to attend Romsey next year. With your co-operation we aim to complete enrolments during September. If you know of pre-schoolers in our community could you inform their parents that enrolments should be made at the school next month.

Any child who turns 5 years before July 1st 1987 may commence school if this is deemed in the best interests of the child. Children do not have to attend school until after their 6th Birthday. A letter explaining this point has been distributed to parents whose children are currently attending the Kindergarten.

Any queries may be directed to the school Principal. - Trevor Turnham - 295490

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP:

The next meeting of this group will be held on September 12th, 7.30pm at the Church Hall. "A Come as You Are Night" was enjoyed by 20 young people last Friday - co-operative games were played. Queries regarding this group could be answered by Mr. Matthew Botte, Phone 295330.

All Grade 6 + children are welcome.

L. & B. GAUNT:

We would like to inform our clients of our change of address and telephone number. For all your Electrical Contracting requirements contact -

Les Gaunt, Forbes Road, Romsey. Phone 291200.

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A BUSY WEEK:

Readers may be interested to note that this is not only National Mathematics Week, but also Dental Health Week. Here is a unique Australian trivial fact that highlights these themes: Did you know that in a typical week, Australians use 140,000kg of toothpaste? Think about that next time you brush.

MATH WEEK AIMS:

- * To stimulate interest in Mathematics among students, fellow teachers, parents and the community.
 - * To project Mathematics as an exciting, interesting and useful activity.
 - * To increase community awareness of the importance of mathematics learning.
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HANDY MICROWAVE HINTS:

- * Warm Citrus Fruit to obtain more juice (High 20-30secs.) allow to stand before squeezing.
 - * Recrisping stale biscuits, potato crisps & Breakfast cereals etc. (on paper - High 45-60 secs.)
 - * Continuing to cook an underdone boiled egg (with top cut off and replaced) - this will take just a few seconds.
 - * Heating well rung out hand towels - (High 60 secs.)
 - * Warm Dinner Plates, with damp paper towel between each plate (60 secs. High).
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1ST. ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP:

As you enter Romsey Park now you will be greeted by the addition of our Flag Pole. It is quite magnificent and when you view it you will realise it took a great deal of effort and brute strength to cement in the supports and erect the pole. Our thanks to all concerned for the loan of your muscles and the donations of 'goodies' used.

THE GANG SHOW TRIP IS ON!!

A few tickets left. \$11.00 per head. (If interested contact Robin Watts 295250)
* The bus will leave Romsey Scout Hall at 6.30pm on Friday August 15th and will return at approximately 11.30pm. The Gang Show is a very professionally produced live show created and performed by Scouts and Guides. This is an experience not to be missed.

ROMSEY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

At the last well attended meeting of this committee a number of programs were outlined in brief, to celebrate Australia's 200th Anniversary.
The Committee are to meet again at Romsey Primary School on the 4th Wednesday of this month to consider the detailed submissions for funding from representative groups throughout the shire.

The following list of activities have been suggested:

- *The Creation of and Oral History created on Audio or Video tape of the Darraweit area.
- *A co-ordinated beautification involving tree planting.
- *A Pre-School playground behind the Darraweit Hall.
- *Improved kitchen facilities at the Bolinda Hall.
- *Improvements to the Kerrie Hall.
- *Beautification and tree planting of the Riddells Creek township.
- *Extensive tree planting in conjunction with the Shire throughout Romsey
- *A playground with all age equipment in the Lancefield Park.
- *Installation of flag posts and time capsules at the entrance of each major town.
- *Park Developments.

*Development of the Historical Museum, representative of the Shire's history.
*Promotion of the Shire's development.
*Conversion to a weekly or bi-weekly newspaper.
*Development of a comprehensive history of the whole Romsey Shire which will be available during the Bicentennial year and available for sale.

Bicentennial Report cont.

Due to State Government funding deadlines, our local committee has to make decisions with regard to these specific programs and others provided by Romsey citizens, at their next meeting. Time is therefore short. Application forms for submissions are available through the Secretary, Mrs. Frances King, c/- Shire Offices.

If these and other capital works programs are to be successful, then support is required from the community. Support is growing as is an awareness of our need to plan for an effective bi-centennial year.

Trevor Turnham - Chairman.

YOUTH CLUB:- Romsey.

Due to lack of numbers at our annual general meeting in June an interim committee was elected until another annual general meeting could be called. This has been set for August 12th, 7.30pm at the school. We urge as many parents and interested persons to attend so that our Youth Club can continue to operate and grow.

Chris Shanahan.

Members of the Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Centre will hold a Street Stall in Romsey on Friday 29th August. All members are requested to supply goods for sale. There will be 1st and 2nd prizes for a competition. Mrs. Nel Anderson - Secretary.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 11, ROMSEY 3434.

Following our enjoyable "Romsey Reminiscences" night, which was attended by 40 people, we have another "special" this month - the return of popular author Peter Cuffley, who will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, 26th August at 7.30pm. at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute Hall. Peter's talks have been highlights of the last two years, and those who have heard him speak will not want to miss this year's talk, which is to be on "Restoration of Furniture" and on distinguishing between antiques and reproduction furniture. Peter has extensive experience and contacts in these fields and no doubt will be willing to answer questions, so if you have been wondering how to go about restoring some item (not only furniture) perhaps Peter will be able to advise. In any case, his relaxed and entertaining style of delivering a great deal of information is always worth listening to, so do invite a friend along and join in what is sure to be an enjoyable and informative evening. Newcomers are always welcome - annual subscription is only \$4.00 if you should decide to join the Society - but this is not an obligation for attending on Tuesday 26th. We shall have two log fires blazing again and supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. (Business meeting at 7.30pm. followed by the speaker at around 8pm).

Other dates for this month are: Working Bee at the Sidney Seymour Cottage on Saturday 9th at 9am.; Working Bee at the Court House Museum (Lancefield) on Wednesday 13th at 9am; Museum open to the public on SUNDAY 24th, 1-4pm. This Museum is in the ex-Court House building, nextdoor to the Police Station, Main Road, Lancefield, and there are many interesting objects, photos and documents about the history of this district on display, entry fee 50 cents.

Finally, an important future date for your diary:-

On SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER from 12noon we will be holding a "COTTAGE FETE" at the Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. There will be a wide variety of handicraft and food stalls, with plenty of Christmas gift ideas available, as well as Trash and Treasure, Lucky Dips, Cakes, Plants, and Devonshire Teas. It will also be an opportunity to come and see the progress that has been made in restoring the Cottage and remaking the garden. Contributions to the stalls would be much appreciated, as well as helpers and support on the day. Any enquiries about the Historical Society may be made to the Secretary, Mrs. Jean Newell, 295522.

PORCELAIN DOLL MAKING CLASSES:

Day and Evening - for further information Phone Romsey 295341.

CERAMICS:

Day and Evening Classes - Greenware and Firing available - Phone Romsey 295341.

Mrs. Dawn Phillips.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL:

We are starting to organize our COMMUNITY MARKET day to be held at the school on 25th October. This is a wonderful opportunity for all individuals and groups in the community to get together and have a fun day plus make some money for yourself or your organization.

If you would like to book a stall please call Flora Culpan on 295773 or 285215.

CLOTHING SALE:

A range of girls' and toddlers' wear will be on sale at the Romsey Primary School residence on Thursday 7th August, from 1-4pm. There will also be available a small range of boys clothing size 10-14. Good Prices. All welcome.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BUSH DANCE:

Looking for a fun night out for the whole Family? Keep the 19th September free and come along to our Bush Dance at the Mechanics Hall. Featuring Melbourne Bush Band. "Dunboppity". B.Y.O. Supper Plate and Drinks. Tickets \$22.00 family
\$10.00 Single.

Flora Culpan - Fundraiser.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO.11

Understanding & Using Plant Names Pt.1. Common names are for common things, and where no chance of misunderstanding exists, are quite adequate, hence we may confidently buy "salt" from the grocer or supermarket without specifying Sodium Chloride and "potatoes" from the greengrocer without specifying Solanum tuberosum. Likewise a farmer may inform his wife that he is "taking the dog down to the red gums to get a rabbit" rather than "taking the Canis familiaris down to the Eucalyptus camaldulensis to get an Oryctolagus cuniculus." When it comes to garden plants however, especially trees and shrubs, the common practice in many English speaking countries - and probably others - of naming popular plants after others to which they have some imagined superficial affinity, has led to much confusion. Thus there are two unrelated plants - a Hypericum and a Hibiscus - both called "rose of sharon", and many other plants with common names including the word "rose" to which they also have no relationship. Similarly the words "apple" and "Pear" have been applied to several unrelated fruits. Whilst it may be reasonable to argue that every common name should not necessarily have an exact counterpart in botany, it seems reasonable to suggest that the choice of common names should not add to the existing confusion by grouping together under one name things which have little or nothing in common or by adding unnecessary words to adequate existing names.

If you think that botanical names are too hard to pronounce, just make a note of those you have already mastered and you may indeed be surprised. You probably learned Rhododendron, Chrysanthemum, Eucalyptus, Camellia, Hibiscus, Gardenia, Fuchsia, Dahlia and many others when in primary school, so what is the problem? Of course, if you want to specify a certain species you have to add another name, and if you are really choosy and want a particular color form, hybrid or whatever you need to add that name too, but doesn't that apply to many other things, even motor cars in some cases as well as yourself, friends, relatives and other people?

Syd. Wheeler.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILLARY:

Will all members please note a special meeting has been called to discuss the opening of the new fire station. This meeting will be held at the Group Headquarters on Monday 25th August, 8pm. Jan Williams, Secretary - 295327

WANTED TO BUY: - any old wooden picture/photo frames (condition can vary) 295594 -Sue

RIDDELLS CREEK YOUTH CLUB:

Anyone wishing to go on a bus trip to Melbourne on Friday 8th August. Leaving 8.20am Riddells Creek Mechanic's Hall - returning 5.30-6pm. Cost \$20.00 including lunch, visiting six factories - Children's Wear, Casual Wear, Skirts and Slack, Jeans, Fur and Leather, Towells. Further enquiries and bookings E. Gorman 286688.

ROMSEY RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, 13th August at 1.30pm in the meeting room of the Romsey Hall. Members please note change of day and date. Afternoon tea will be served. New members most welcome. Next Shopping Bus Trip to Northland on Wednesday 10th September. Cost \$6.00. Leaving Romsey P.O. at 8.45am returning 4.15pm. To book a seat ring S.Shelton 295271 or B. Trotter 295205.

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Jean Newell.

N.B. Owing to work committments of the typists for the Romsey Rag we are interested to know if anyone who can type reasonably well is able to help us. If you can help please contact Trevor Turnham - 295490 or Beryl Cole 295411.