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ROMSEY BODY TONE
GYMNASIUM

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT:

ROMSEY BODY TONE GYMNASIUM

WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY 20th OCTOBER

Will be holding an Open Day on Sunday 19th October from 11.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m., for anyone who wishes to come along and inspect our Gymnasium, or talk to our staff about our Gymnasium and our Fitness Programs, etc.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP - Includes unlimited use of Gymnasium, Reduced Rates on Squash and
\$180 per person Aerobics
- Free use of Tennis Courts.
- Fitness Assessment and a Personalised Program.

HALF YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

\$100 per person - Includes unlimited use of Gymnasium
- Fitness Assessment and a Personalised Program.

CASUAL RATES - \$3.50 Aerobic Classes
- \$4.00 Casual use of Gymnasium

* Tennis and Squash, Raquets and Balls will be available for Hire.

OUR LOCATION IS AT THE ROMSEY PRECREATIONAL CENTRE, PARK LANE, ROMSEY.
"HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY."

Daryle Calder

THANK YOU -

The Romsey Rag Committee wishes to thank Jenny Crossman for delivering the "Rag" during the past two years to everyone on the west side of town. Now Samatha and David Jordan will be bringing the Romsey Rag to you each month, and we thank and congratulate them for their willingness to do this voluntarily community work. Our continuing thanks goes to the Peglar children who deliver to the east side of the Main Street.

ROMSEY COMMUNITY MARKET - Saturday 25th October

Come and join us at Romsey Community Market Between 9 - 1 p.m. on Saturday 25th October. Lots of Stalls, Pony Rides, Displays by the Army and C.F.A., Disco, Native Plants Display, Model Trains, Lots, Lots More.

A FUN DAY FOR ALL

If you are interested in having a stall, there is still time so ring me NOW.

Flora Culpan
28 5215

COMMUNITY MARKET:

The Romsey Fire Brigade will do free inspections and minor servicing of fire extinguishers at the community market. Arrangements for major servicing can be made on the day.

If you have an extinguisher in your home or car, bring it with you and have it serviced.

AFTER THE FIRE STARTS IT MAY BE TOO LATE.

POLICE NEWS

I guess it would be remiss of me if I didn't make mention of the one great day in September when just about the whole of Victoria stands still, by that I mean the Grand Final, Ah well, some one has to win, congratulations and commiseration to the various supporters accordingly.

During the school holidays, that was very pleasing to the eye, were the number of young children that were riding bicycles and were wearing safety helmets and also the number that came up to me whilst I was walking around the street to ask when and where they had to wear them, obviously the lesson learnt at school had sunk in, now this one is for the parents, if you are considering getting bikes for the kids for Christmas add a bit more to the cost to include the price of a safety helmet, lets get them young and train them.

The Blue Light Disco at Kyneton was very successful with over 700 kids from around the District attending and from all accounts it was a good night. Whilst on the subject of kids, some of our local youth have got together to form a Coffee Shop committee, age group is about 13 to 17 years of age and last Monday night the 29th September they had a meeting at which about 13 young ones attended with the help of 3 adults they have formed a committee, the idea is that it will be somewhere for the young ones to go, rather than hang around the shops, they can meet at the appointed venue, drink coffee etc. and with some sort of entertainment, I can't see how it can fail, if you think you can or would like to help, then get in touch with GAYLE BUCKLEY via the Shire Office.

Christmas is not that far off and with Christmas comes the holidays and people start to travel in the past when people are going away they wander up to the Police Station with a scrap of paper, with an address on it, stating that they will be away for a certain time and can we keep an eye on their place while they are gone, and that its.

We have devised a form now, that has all sorts of details on it, not it is not complicated to fill out, but it does give us a bit more detail to work on. E.G. address of premises, where they are going, who we can contact if necessary, number of their car and/or caravan who is looking after pets etc. and who has access to the property while they are away. The idea being that during normal patrols we now have some idea who or whom should not be on the property and can act accordingly.

Another thing is whether the neighbours have been informed, all right, you don't know your neighbours, what a good way to get to know them, a similar set up to Neighbourhood Watch.

So if you are going on holidays, come up to the Police Station and get a form, it will help you and will help us.

If you are going on a touring holiday with the caravan, now is the time to start to check the brakes and lights on the caravan, because if the caravan has been standing for any length of time, you can bet your bottom dollar that the brakes won't be too crash hot.

Warren B. OPIE
Snr/Constable, 16679
Officer in Charge.

The Romsey Rag Committee welcomes the Romsey Pizza- Take away to Romsey and wishes them success in their business. Eddie and Carol Grauchi are appreciative of the support they have received from the Towns People already.

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NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Group will be held on THURSDAY OCTOBER 30th at 10 a.m. at the home of Dot Chandler, Darraweit Road, Bolinda. The topic for discussion will be "Coping With Baby And Toddler". All interested mothers are most welcome for further information contact Group Leader Mary Campbell on 295629. Members are also reminded that N.M.A.A. will hold a Cake Stall at the Romsey Community Market (Romsey Primary School) on Saturday October 25th. Please support this day with your donation. If you cannot deliver cakes to the school on the day, they can be left with Janine Neyland, 12 Metcalfe Drive, on the day prior to the Community Market. If you can assist with running the stall, please ring Mary Campbell. Anyone having breastfeeding difficulties can contact one of the following trained N.M.A.A. Counsellors at any time for assistance.

MARY CAMPBELL 29 5629 DOT CHANDLER 28 5378 PAM IRVINE 29 5502

ROMSEY RAG - COUNCIL NEWS :

Please keep in mind that due to the printing date of this suspicious publication and Council Meeting days, information supplied will generally be a month behind by the time you read it.

An application has been received to erect a 13.5 metre radio tower at 3 Regan Drive. Council have determined that the matter be advertised in the usual manner i.e. notification in adjoining landowners, erection of sign and an advert. in the 'Telegraph'. The house is presently under construction and the future occupant is a 'ham' radio enthusiast. If you propose to object the relevant forms can be obtained from the Shire Office. The fuel storage depot in Barry Street., (behind R & R) has been leased. An application was received to erect 2 x 10,000 litre overhead or onground storage tanks (heating oil etc.). This was refused. Adult evening immunization sessions will be conducted throught out the Shire. It is difficult for many adults to attend daytime sessions. Times and places to be announced. Tetanus booster shots, rubella and mumps being considered. By the way feläas, did you get mumps when you were small? Getting it as an adult male is an experience to be missed.

Do you have a Taiwanese Sparkle Bracelet at home. These bracelets are hollow and contain water and flakes of a 'sparkling' material. Banned by Health Department. Water contaminated with high levels of bacteria. None found on sale within Shire. Cost of constructing asphalt path between Collier Close and Main Road estimated at \$8000. Matter deferred until after estimates meeting and am aware what funds available.

A request is to be made to R.T.A. to extend 60 speed zone east along Barry Street to Cricket Ground with 75 speed restriction buffer zone. Also the bus stop at the intersection of Barry Stret., and Metcalfe Drive has been moved west and a couple of bushes removed to aid visibility.

Till next time.

GEOFF NEIL 29 5523
ROMSEY RIDING
COUNCILLOR.

TRADING PARTNERS THIRD WORLD HANDCRAFTS - Presented at Romsey Uniting Church Sunday School by the Uniting Church Fellowship on WEDNESDAY @2nd OCTOBER, 1986 at 1.30 p.m.

WHO ARE TRADING PARTNERS ? Trading Partners is a non-profit making company governed by the Australian Council of Churches, The Uniting Church's Commission for World Mission, Australian Catholic Relief, Community Aid Abroad and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. WHAT THEY DO - Trading Partners imports and sells handcrafts from Third World self-help groups to provide a market for their traditionally made products. Trading Partners deals directly with these groups to exclude the middle man and thereby ensure that all benefits reach the craftworkers.

AND WHY:- Trading Partners recognises the need to support the efforts of these self-help groups to improve the living conditions of their members. This support must be immediate and practical. Trading Partners seeks to share information on the lives and problems of these people to spread interest and understanding and so earn them much needed support.

COME AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, and help the work of Trading Partners.

HANDCRAFTS AVAILABLE: basket work, jute mats, pot hangers, table cloths, bed spreads, embroidered bags, purses, cushion covers, mats, lace, tea and many other gifts.

ENQUIRIES: R. CLEMENT,
29 52 17

ROMSEY PIZZA : Take away food is now open.

Eddie Giachi from Whittlesea is the proprietor with many years experience in the food industry, and looking to establishing a really, top Take away food shop. There are a large variety of dishes to choose from as well as 14 varieties of Pizzas, from a Dinky Di Aussie Pizza to an authentic Italian pizza. Fresh roasted chickens, daily, Lasagna, spaghetti, Chicken caccatore variety of fresh saturated beef casserole. Italian Gelati including coffee, choc chip, lemon etc. cappacino, Cold drinks, Roast Turkey, suckling pig, to order.

Social functions catered for. Orders 054/295870. For the moment shop hours are from 11 a.m. to around 8.30 p.m. until business hours are adjusted to suit customers needs.

Carol Giachi.

THE ROMSEY BROWNIE/GIRL GUIDE ASSOCIATION.:

Members of the above association are holding a luncheon to show their appreciation to Gwen Crossman, who recently resigned as District Commissioner.

The luncheon will be held at the home of Lindy Shone, Lancefield Road, Romsey, on TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER, at 1.00 p.m.. All mums of Brownies and Guides (both past and present) are most welcome. It would be appreciated if those attending could bring a plate.

C. GRACO, Secretary.

DISCO -

The 1st Riddell/Romsey Venturers are conducting another of their very popular Disco's on FRIDAY, 17th October. Cost is \$2.00 and adult supervision will be provided. Definitely no alcohol or passouts. A good DJ with all the latest music and heaps of lighting will be a big feature this time. Drinks will be available for 20¢. The disco will be held once again at the Scout Hall between 7.30 - 11.30 p.m.

1st Romsey Scouts - Cohan Shield, Sunday 5th October.

This is a Scouting activity of four subjects, the boys must obtain a pass in all four subjects to achieve the Gold Co-holder award.

Cohan Shield - (Contd.)

The four subject were:-

- 1. Cooking
- 2. Construction
- 3. Mapping
- 4. Air Activities

we held two patrols competing.

- 1. Commando's - Lead by James Salter
- 2. Elite - Lead by Brent Spear

The Boys of both patrols have worked very hard over the past months, and today they gave it all they had, with the result that they truly deserved, both patrols attained Gold award Level and become Co-holders of the Cohan Shield for 1986.

Congratulations Boys you are the Greatest.

Ashley Spear
Scout Leader
Leo We1
Assistant Scout
Leader.

CABARET NIGHT

To beheld at the Mechanics Institute on SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER. Come along, bring the whole family to dance from 8p.m. to 12 a.m. You will enjoy a spectacular floor show and a light supper will be provided. Don't miss out on this wonderful event.

- \$15.00 Double
- \$8.00 Single
- \$4.00 Children

B.Y.O.
R.S.V.P.
Phone: Jan Simper
29 5872

"ADULT IMMUNIZATION"

Most parents ensure their children are immunised against the diseases Tetanus, Polio, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (German Measles), but forget about protecting themselves.

TETANUS - This is a truly horrible disease with a death rate up to 90%. The tetanus germ is found almost everywhere in dust and soil and the smallest cut or wound can let the germ into your body to do its deadly work.²

Protection is simple. Your doctor may give you a tetanus injection if you receive a tetanus prone wound but don't wait until it's too late. Tetanus boosters are needed every TEN YEARS.

HOW LONG SINCE YOU HAD A BOOSTER?

RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES) - This is usually a mild illness but when contracted early in pregnancy the effects on your unborn child can be tragic. At least 90% of children born deaf, blind have their handicap because their mothers contracted Rubella early in pregnancy.

Approximately 35% of children born deaf are victims of Rubella. Currently all Grade 6 girls are offered the one injection at school. This injection should protect them for life.

HAVE YOU BEEN IMMUNISED AGAINST RUBELLA?

The Shire of Romsey will be holding an evening immunisation session in Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek in November.

RIDDELLS CREEK

Date : November 10
Venue : Infant Welfare Centre Mahoneys Road,
Time : 7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

ROMSEY

Date : November 10
Venue : Infant Welfare Centre Main Road.
Time : 8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

LANCEFIELD

Date : November 17
Venue : Infant Welfare Centre Dunsford Street.
Time : 7.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

For further information please contact the Shire Health Surveyor Mr. John Devereaux on 29 5201

BALL ROOM DANCING - Come along and learn to dance to modern music. Tuition in all three styles - Modern, OldTime and Latin American. Everyone welcome.

JUNIOR CLASS commencing THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER, at the Mechanics Hall, Romsey at 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. \$2.50 per child - Enrolments now taken.

ADULT CLASS every THURSDAY at Mechanics Hall at 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. \$2.50 per person.

Enquiries and Enrolments: Jan Simper 054 295872

A QUALIFIED FLORIST HAS ARRIVED IN ROMSEY

I am now a qualified florist specializing in all aspects of Flower Arrangements. We will be very competitively priced and PLEASE do not hesitate to contact us for Weddings and Special Occasion that would need this specialist service.

Where to Find This - Beje's 106 Main Street, Romsey. 29 5856
Betty

ROMSEY RUAL FIRE BRIGADE

Our new Fire Station will be officially opened at 11 a.m. on the 12th OCTOBER by The Minister for Police and Emergency Mr. Race Matthews. All residents are invited to attend to make this a Memorable Occassion. The station and Group Headquarters will be open for inspection after the opening and Morning Tea will also be served.

"FIRE AWARENESS WEEK" will be held from the 17th - 20th October and the brigade will be distributing literature giving lectures and taking part in exercises. Children from the Romsey Primary School have designed posters for the Fire Awareness Week Competition and they will be on display at the Group Headquarters on the 12th October, with the Fire Danger Period approaching we request residents to remove fire hazards and assist the brigade by constructing fire breaks around their properties and along roadsides.

Romsey Rural Fire Brigade- (contd.)

At the Community Market on October 25th, the Brigade will be conducting checks on portable fire extinguishers. So if you have any extinguishers at Home or in the Car, bring them along, and they will be checked free of charge by our Portable Fire Appliances Section.

For further information or new members please ring Ron Cole 29 5411 or Paul Green 29 5338.

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY:

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be at 8.00 p.m. on MONDAY OCTOBER 27th at Group Headquarters. New members are most welcome. Members please also note the following important dates: - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th at 2.00p.m. - Working Bee

Prior to Fire Station Opening at Group Headquarters, Stawell Street.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th 9.00 to 1.00 p.m. Refreshments

Stall at Romsey Community Market, Romsey Primary School.

For further information contact Secretary Jan Williams 29 5327 or President Robyn Moore 29 56 98

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434.

The many talented people who support this Society are going to excel themselves for our COTTAGE FETE on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, so be sure not to miss that event. It's coming up fast!

The delightful setting of the Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey, and its lovely garden will be available for inspection and for your lunch or afternoon tea that day, as well as stalls packed with handcrafts, produce, cakes, gift ideas and garden plants. The wide verandahs of the cottage will provide cover if it is wet, but of course we hope for blue skies.

The cottage is the oldest building in Romsey, generously donated in 1982 to the people of Romsey by Mrs. Isa Allen, and restoration and upkeep of the cottage and its garden are undertaken by volunteer members of the Historical Society. The garden is looking beautiful now, with Spring bulbs and blossom, but more helpers are urgently needed to mow the grass and keep the weeds under control. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Brenda Tarpey, 11 Palmer Street, Tel: 29 5756.

We also need helpers on the day of the Fet - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 and of course contributions to the Stalls would be much appreciated. Please contact NOW Mrs. Elaine Lobb, 29 5321 or Mrs. Jean Newell. 29 5522.

The last two Meetings of the Historical Society for this year are:-
Tues. October 28th, at 8.p.m. in the Court House Museum, Lancefield, and
Tues. November 25th, at 8.p.m. in the Romsey Mech. Institute Hall, Supper Room.

LANCEFILE PRIMARY SCHOOL CUP EVE BALL - November 3rd.

\$30.00 Double B.Y.O. Contact Principal Stev VanGils
Tables of (10)

29 5313

DR. THOMAS J. HUDSON

Dr. Hudson will be attending the Romsey Dental Surgery on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Appointments maybe made at Romsey 295481 or at Kilmore (057) 821933.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 13

Conservation & Horticulture Pt. 1. - In addition to the plants that are rare from purely natural causes, there is today a large and increasing number of species declining for reasons either directly or indirectly related to human activities. Up till now improvements in technology have enables us to keep up with the population expolision so far as food production is concerned, but not without bringing about a critical situation for the continued survival of many plant and animal species, so that if nothing more nothing more were done to arrest this decline, we would hand on to our grandchildren a world deprived af much that makes life worth living.

Although many species of both plants and animals have already been lost, a number of plant species have been rescued by the accident of cultivation. The Maidenhair tree, Gingko biloba would have been known only as a fossil if it had not been preserved in Chinese temple gardens. The dawn redwood, Metasequoia glyptostroboides was known only as a fossil until its last stand was discovered in China. The Monterey pine Pinus insignis (syn. radiata) was reduced to tw o small populations in California and appeared to be well on the way to extinction when it was discovered and is now one of the most important sources of softwood timber, and there are many others. To preserve Australian plants by cultivation in the garden is the objective of the Society for Growing Australian Plants (S.G.A.P.) so why not join and start a local group in this district?

Syd Wheller.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: This feature should assist all community members in discovering meetings of interest. For those marked with a *, details can be found in this edition of the Romsey Rag. This will become a monthly feature and therefore there is an open invitation for all groups to list their planned events. Simply leave your contributions at the Romsey P.O. before 2.30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month and they will be published on the following Monday.

OCTOBER:

- 12th * Opening of the Romsey Fire Station.
- 14th * Brownie Guide Luncheon for leaders.
- 15th Romsey Primary School Council Meeting.
- 15th Romsey Shire Council Meeting.
- 17th * Romsey Venturers Disco.
- 20th-24th FIRE AWARENESS WEEK
- 22nd * Trading Partners - Handicrafts.
- 25th * Romsey Community Market
- 28th Romsey/Lancefile Historical Society meet.
- 29th Food Handlers Course Begins at 6.00 p.m. Romsey P.S.
- 30th * Nursing Mothers Association Meeting.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT :

An Invitation is extended to everyone to attend our SPRING & SUMMER FASHION PARADE on TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER COMMENCING 7 p.m.
Light Tea and Drinks Cost \$10.00

Anyone wishint to come please ring S. Shelton 29 5271 or B. Trotter 29 5205 or H. Clement 29 5317.

SHOPPING BUS TRIP TO CHADSTONE on Wednesday 29th October. Leaving Romsey P.O. 8.30 a.m. returning 4.30 p.m. Cost \$7. To book a seat please ring S. Shelton 29 5271 or B. Trotter 29 5205.

Next meeting Wednesday 15th October, 1.30 p.m. In the meeting room of the Mechanics Hall. All welcome. Red Cross Christmas Cards for sale on our stall at the Community Market Saturday 25th October.

Thank you fo everyone who came along and supported our Shoe Day. Over \$300 was raised so a big thank you to all those who bought shoes and had a cup of coffee with us. Red Cross will put to good use all the money we raised.

Shirley Shellin Sec.

FOOD HANDLERS TRAINING COURSE

Many people may not be aware that there is no requirements for a person working as a food handler to undergo any training or achieve any qualification and yet poor food handling techniques can result in serious illness and even death.

It is ironic that, while we expect mechanics to know how to mend our brakes and steering systems, plumbers to set up our hot water systems to they don't blow up; doctors to treat our illnesses correctly, we make no demands that our food handlers do their job correctly.

Behind every case of food poisoning stands a person, a person responsible because food poisonings all came from handlers who were not trained in the basics of hygiene.

The Shire of Romsey in conjunction with Technisearch Limited (a division of R.M.I.T.) are conducting a Food Handlers Training Course.

A broad range of people involved in food related business and organizations in the Shire and will be attending the course which will be held at the Romsey Primary School commencing 29th October.

The course covers such topics as:-

- (a) The basics of Hygiene, Bacteria (size, growth, resistance to heat) Spoilage - how it occurs, Poisoning - how it occurs. Salmonella
- (b) Good Food Handling Procedures, High risk foods, temperature control, frozen foods.
- (c) The Food Handlers Responsibilities, Personal hygiene, use of disposable gloves.
- (d) Your premises and how to keep them clean, legal requirements, how to get the best out of your health - surveyor, cleaning assessment.

Lectures are conducted by Doctor John Sumner, Food Technologist from R.M.I.T.

Anyone may attend. Enrolments forms are available from the Shire Offices.

Enrolment Fee \$80.00

John Devereaux

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB ASSOCIATES.

A reminder to all members - don't forget Presentation Night Friday 10th October.
Sherries and savouries at 7.30 p.m.

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED!!!! - Have you ever felt you would like to try gold but had no clubs, or the wather was too cold? Well now the weather is improving (hope its fine while you are reading this) come and find out if you can hit the little white ball. We can loan you right or left handed clubs, just come along to the Golf Club at 9.15 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Please ring me prior to Tuesday if you haven't your own clubs (295411)

Annual Meeting - could all Associates please note the Annual Meeting will be held November 10th 1.30 p.m. at the Clubs rooms. New and present members most welcome.

Beryl Cole (Sec.)

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB.

A Games Night has been organised for Rriday 10th October at 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Admission 50¢.

On the 17th October at the Uniting Church Hall there will be an informal disco, at 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Admission 50¢. Super provided but please B.Y.O. Marked Tapes.

Enquiries: C. Shanahan
29 5316

MEALS ON WHEELS:

Thanks to Mrs. Thelma Smith who has ofered to be the cook while Mrs. Marianne Mix has a holiday in Queensland. Have a safe trip and pleasant holiday Marianne. The Meals on Wheels Committee are raffling a 9 inch uniced Christmas Cake to help swell funds to buy a new aluminium soup container. Tickets are 50¢ each and can be obtained at a couple of sources throughout the town. Cake will be drawn the end of October, 1986.

ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAY TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2 P.M.

ON FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 1986 - THANK YOU.

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

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, Shirley Shelton,
Ann Zonneveld.