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Editorial Comment: Apologies for the misunderstanding that may have arisen from the typing mistake that appeared in last month's Romsey Rag. Cr. Jeff Neil had actually described the Rag as an "auspicious publication" and not "suspicious" as actually appeared in his report. Sorry about that, but it does prove that the Rag is well read.

Welcome to Mrs. Wendy Barr as manager of Corner Crafts in Romsey - the Committee wish you all the success in this venture.

POLICE NEWS

Now that the hot weather has started and it seems to have come in with a vengeance and that will start to cause a few problems, first with fires and probably just as important, SNAKES, Firstly with fires, as we seem to be in a fire prone area and the grass is pretty high, make sure that you have a few fire breaks around the house and property. If you have any doubts as to when you can burn off etc. check with your local Fire Brigade as to when and how.

SNAKES, well already I have seen a couple around on the roads, from a parents point of view it won't hurt to warn the kids about the problems of walking through the long grass.

Had a couple of our local lads recently thinking that they were Peter BROCK and thought that it was good fun doing "burn outs" in and around the town. The only prize they won was a Notice of Repair that their car was Unroadworthy, second prize was a Traffic Infringement Notice for having said car unroadworthy. Next prize will be a Court appearance and they certainly won't be knighted at that appearance, need I say more.

Last Friday night, the 31st October, someone decided that they couldn't wait for the milk delivery and decided to help themselves. End result, they smashed in the door of the Dairy, removed a quantity of milk and for reasons best known to themselves, left the milk outside the Dairy and wandered off.

Same weekend and probably the same people, also decided that it was time that they went back to School. Only trouble is that they decided to enter the School by breaking and removing a couple of louver windows into a store room, nothing taken at this stage. A couple of names have come to hand that maybe able to help us in our enquiries, if you think that you may know something, I'd appreciate it if you could give me a ring. All information is VERY confidential and stays in the office.

Over the last month we have had a couple of breakings into new houses being built. The houses were at the lockup stage, but the offender(s) decided that they needed the bathroom fittings more than the original owners.

Unfortunately our town is not big enough to set up a Neighbourhood Watch, but if you happen to live near a house that is being built, how about keeping an eye on it. If you see any strange vehicle near there, just jot the number down and give me a ring, If you don't want to give your name, that's O.K. by me, but at least if we work together we may help to stamp out this problem, or at least control it. REMEMBER IT COULD BE YOUR PLACE NEXT. All things considered burglaries are very light in this area, with your help we maybe able to keep it that way. Still a few drivers not wearing seat belts. If you think that you can afford to waste \$40.00, why not give it to the local Hospital instead of paying it out in fines and at the sametime wear that BELT.

Warren B. OPIE, Snr. Constable.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS

Christmas Cards and Diaries for sale - anyone wishing to buy our cards and diaries, please ring Shirley Shelton - 295 271 or Helen Clement - 295 317 and we will deliver them to you.

Summer time means fire season. anyone wishing to go on our catering teams or registration teams, your help would be appreciated. Please give me a ring.

Riddells Creek Red Cross Unit are holding a microwave oven demonstration and luncheon on WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER at 11.30 am in the Riddells Creek Fire Station. Admission \$5. R.S.V.P. 12th November, R. Homewood 286 516.

Next meeting of Romsey Unit will be held at Romsey House, Monday 1st December, 10.30 am, followed by lunch. New members most welcome.

Shirley Shelton

At last the Romsey District Youth Drop In has started. We had our "Opening" on 26th October, 1986, it was very successful. We are open every Sunday between 2 pm - 6 pm at the Scout Hall unless advertised otherwise. We would like to thank everyone for their donations and support. Mr. Lou Day, Habib Supermarket, Swann's Milkbar, Bruce & Kerrie Puxley, Romsey Hotel, Mr. & Mrs. J. & G. Tillotson of Silverdale Stud, Mr. & Mrs. B. & H. Thompson, Romsey/Lancefield Lioness Club, Barry - Take-Away Shop and John Kontex Real Estate.

Thanks to Mark, Bernie & Tim Cruise for their sponsorship. Last but not least, thanks to Francis King, Shire of Romsey and to three ladies who have volunteered their time and without them we wouldn't have a Drop In. Thank you Gail Buckley, Helena Thompson and Dawn Elvey.

Thanks again to everyone. R.D.Y.D.I.

President: Ann Day Secretary: John Spiers & Committee Members

School Camping experiences: The Romsey Primary School pupils in grades 3, 4 and 6 recently experienced overnight tenting at the School's plantation in Woodend Road. Thanks to the tremendous support of parents, who cooked, walked, supervised and packed, the experiences proved most worthwhile. I don't think the grade 6 pupils will forget their two hour night hike into the Kerrie hills and the view they received at the top. I know Mrs. Jekabsons will certainly not forget that night.

Last Thursday night was the turn of the grade 2 pupils to "sleep in at school". They enjoyed many activities and I'm sure they will remember the songs and tales told around the camp fire and the breakfast in the Art Room. Thank you to all who made this a great experience.

The children are now looking forward to their Circus excursion on the 25th November and their athletic sports on November 21st and 28th.

St. Pauls Pre-School would like to thank Bruce & Kerrie Puxley for the donation of sweets as prizes for the children at their Gumboot Throw-A-Thon during "Childrens Week".

Denise Simmonds

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational, Bible believing group that meets each Sunday. We provide a community service to both Christians and non-Christians and provide assistance to the needy, the lonely, those that are afflicted and those that just seek encouragement and fellowship. That's why we present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community, our desire being that all might know Him as the only Saviour of the world.

We invite others to join us at the following venues.

Lancefield Guide Hall	Sunday 16th November - 10.30 am
Romsey Mechanics Hall	Sunday 23rd November - 7.00 pm
Lancefield Guide Hall	Sunday 30th November - 10.30 am
Romsey Mechanics Hall	Sunday 7th December - 7.00 pm

Further enquiries to Geoff Holland

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Blessed with perfect weather on Sunday the 12th of October, our new Fire Station was officially opened by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services Mr. Race Matthews.

Chief Officer Brian Potter presented 25 Year Service Awards to Doug. Green and Chris. Johnston, Ken Newnham was unable to attend the Opening and he will be presented with his Award at a later date.

Robyn Moore, President of the Ladies Auxiliary presented a Foam Branch to Captain Ron Cole, which will further complement Brigade equipment purchased by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Brigade President Doug. Green presented a plaque to the Romsey Art Group, thanking them for their continued sponsorship of the Brigade. Pix Ogilvie on behalf of the Art Group presented to the Brigade two paintings. One of the Old Fire Station and one of a fire scene featuring the Romsey tanker and crew.

Congratulations to Fire Awareness Poster Competition winners. Steven Speirs Grade 5-6. Rebecca Shufflebotham Grade 3-4 and Erin Verity Grade Prep-1-2. Bct's Steven's and Erin's posters were judged best in Romsey Group area judging and were forwarded onto Regional judging.

The fire danger period is nearly with us once again and we request the support of the whole Community in cleaning up fire hazards and constructing fire breaks. We have on hand an excellent publication titled "Bushfire Survival" which sets out the steps to be taken so you can protect your house in the advent of it being threatened by fire.

Next meeting of the Brigade will be THURSDAY THE 11TH NOVEMBER - 8 pm., at the Fire Station, Stawell St. Romsey. New members most welcome. For further information please contact Ron Cole, 295 411 or Secretary Paul Green, 295 338.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT CHIRST CHURCH, LANCEFIELD

Parishioners of the Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey will celebrate this occasion with a Combined Parish Eucharist, followed by a Parish Picnic on SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER AT 1-.30 AM. The Guest Speaker will be Sr.Hilda of the Community of the Holy Name, who has recently been appointed Chaplain to Aids sufferers. The picnic will be held in the Church grounds, weather permitting, otherwise in the Christ Church Hall. A sheep has been donated for the barbecue, but it's B.Y.O. salads (and sausages etc. if preferred).

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COUNCIL NEWS

An application has been received to erect seven double storey town houses at the corner of Station and Barry Streets. Council are seeking more details than the proposal is required to be advertised. Plans are afoot to extend the supermarket to Wandens Pharmacy. Development of the vacant land between White Ave. (McKenzie-Smith Estate) and Digby Drive (Coleraine Park Estate) may begin shortly.

The Adult Immunization Session for Romsey township etc. will be held at the Infant Welfare Centre on 10th November, 1986 between 8 and 8.30 pm. Due to a recent incident it may be timely to remind all that when carting to the tip, your load is secure. Heavy monetary penalties can be imposed if you are detected offending. Speaking of rubbish and the tip, Council has determined that whole car bodies will now be accepted for a fee of \$20. Procure will be that you pay \$20 at Shire Office, obtain receipt, then show receipt to tip attendant when dumping car during normal opening hours. If you still wish to crush or cut into quarters then no fee is applicable.

Effective from 5 months ago, you can put out 'unlimited' rubbish bins to be picked up weekly. Previous policy was 2 bins/household. In 1987 after responses from you, Council may resolve to implement a 'big bin' service. There should be an item about this in the Council Newsletter printed next year. By the way, Council has now taken over the running of the tip, it was contracted.

A letter of complaint concerning the open drain in Barry Street outfalling to Wrixon Street and a petition for a BMX track in Romsey have been received. Both matters have been referred to your Riding Councillors for consideration. A riding meeting will also look at the Forbes Road/Graham Road intersection (sign posting). A trench across Metcalfe Drive at Ida Crescent will soon, we hope, be filled with something more substantial than air.

I have been informed by the Shire Secretary that all letters written to Council receive an acknowledgement in some form. If it is close to Council day, they may 'hang off' and forward the answer instead of acknowledgement and answer within a matter of days.

The Shire Engineer has advised that the cost of moving the bus shelter and removing trees at Metcalfe Drive and Barry Street was \$1,200. I made an attempt to get street lighting "en masse" for the Shire and failed. I will try again for the riding but this time in a 'piece meal' fashion and see what happens. Footpath between Collier Close and Main Road will not proceed according to Council, as no funds made available in estimates. I will let the matter lie for a while and try again later next year if any 'loose' money becomes available.

There will be a public meeting on 20th November, 1986 at Lancefield Mechanics Hall held by Management Committee Lancefield Hospital about cessation of \$20/day Commonwealth Health Benefit Subsidy. Your support is needed, you may need the place one day.

Finally, the Liveweight Selling Review Committee of the Local Government Department have advised that as of 3rd November, 1986 all cattle must be at the saleyards for a minimum six hours before being weighed. Further information can be obtained from the Committee.

Geoff Neil, 295 523

Carol's Aerobic Classes are held on Monday mornings from 9.15 to 10.00 am. (creche available) and on Wednesday evenings from 8.00 to 9.00 pm. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall.

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Sponsored by Barrie & Molls Swann at Foodstop Store.

The message to the Romsey population - Video Movies from as little as a dollar per night. Yellow spot movies \$1, Pink spot \$1.50, Red spot Block Busters \$3.50. Take two Red spot, get Yellow spot free. Offer continues till Christmas. If well supported will continue indefinitely. All our grocery prices at general store price (not milk bar prices) even over the weekend.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION?

Have you considered sending your children to the Kerrie School?

Consider these advantages:

1. low teacher/student ratio. At present 1 teacher per 13 students.
2. two computers.
3. beautiful, peaceful environment - koalas as your classmates.
4. community involvement. Parents work together with teachers and children with many facets of education.
5. only 10 minutes from Romsey.

If you are interested in learning of all the advantages, please ring the school on 270 290 as 1987 enrolments are being accepted now.

Christine Rowlands
Kerrie P.S. School Council.

The members of St. Pauls Ladies Guild are holding a Street Stall on Friday 25th November commencing at 1 pm. The proceeds of this stall will be devoted to the work of our local church. Donations of cakes, jams and preserves will be appreciated.

Mrs. N. Anderson

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 14

Conservation & Horticulture Pt. 2. The restoration of an area of degraded, weed and vermin infested land at Sydenham to its present state, as a worthwhile and popular picnic spot for the benefit of visitors and a source of inspiration and education for students and nature lovers did not occur simply as the result of its donation to the Government from the estate of the late E.A. Green and its dedication as a National Park in 1972. Apart from the formidable task of weed and pest eradication, the need to replant the area with the trees, shrubs etc. as originally existed, posed the problems of identification of those plants, obtaining propagating material, raising, planting and maintaining these plants in a rather hostile environment without much knowledge of the intricate relationships between the elements in that environment. That the present substantially improved state of the area has been achieved in relatively few years, is a tribute not only to the National Parks Service and its staff, but to the many volunteers led by the Maribyrnong Valley Committee of the NATIONAL Parks Association - now known as "Friends of the Organ Pipes" - who played such a large part not only in planning operations, weed control, planting and watering, but undertook seed collection and propagation of many trees, shrubs and perennials demonstrating once again the increasing dependence on horticulture in preservation of native plants. In our garden at 13 Metcalfe Drive, we have many such plants including a number of local species. What are you preserving in your garden? Perhaps all you need is the inspiration you might get from a visit to the Organ Pipes National Park and a talk with the Ranger, Jack Lyale?

Syd. Wheller

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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434

All our attention and energy is being focused on our one major fund raising function for the year - that is -

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH FROM 12 NOON - "COTTAGE FETE" at Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey. (Palmer Street is beside the Primary School), (and the Cottage is the oldest dwelling in Romsey).

The cottage garden will provide a relaxing atmosphere in which to browse and enjoy your lunch or afternoon tea, before selecting bargains at our stalls of handcrafts, produce, cakes, Christmas gifts and decorations, plants, lucky dips, trash and treasure and secondhand books. The cottage will be open for inspection and there will be a display of historical photos, etc.

Do come and see our progress and support the Historical Society on SUNDAY NOV., 30TH. Any queries may be directed to the Secretary, Jean Newell - 295 522.

LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM? - Admission 50 cents. The Historical Society's Museum, at the ex-Court House building, Main Road, Lancefield (next to Police Station) will be open to the public twice in November:-

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 1 - 4 pm and SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 1 - 4 pm.

The present displays will be dismantled at the end of 1986 and new displays erected in 1987, so don't miss out on the interesting information now available.

Unless there is a group booking in December the Museum will probably not be open to the public on the usual 4th Sunday, i.e. December 28th. Enquiries to Mrs. Dorothy Viney, 295 584.

Mr. Norm Thompson has so kindly recorded many local events on video for us, will be showing a selection of his videos at the November meeting. We are indebted to Norm for this valuable and unique record of "History-in-the-making". In future years, these videos will become more and more precious, but helpers with this project are needed too, not only to make videos, but also to interview senior citizens and perhaps record memoirs on cassette or on paper, or video, if permission is granted.

minds me ... if you have photos, documents, films of Romsey places or that could be of interest to future generations of this district, would you please show the Hist. Soc. to photocopy them carefully, and return the originals to our Archivist, Mrs. Dorothy Viney, would be pleased to hear from you (295 584) and would also appreciate family histories of pioneers of the district, as we receive enquiries all the time from people trying to trace their ancestors. Often, we have to say "sorry, no information on that name" - so please do help if you can.

Jean Newell, Secretary

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS for all the family, if you haven't seen a book please call Chris 270 457 for service.

MAS J. HUDSON

Dr. Hudson will be attending the Romsey Dental Surgery on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30 pm. Appointments may be made at Romsey 295 481 or at (057) 821 933.

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AVON CHURCH ring Church

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Shannon School of Ballet & Modern Dance

The ballet school will hold its annual concert on SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH at the Kyneton Shire Hall, commencing at 8 pm.

An excellent night of entertainment with excellent costumes and high standard of dancing - classical ballet, modern dance and tap.

Tickets available at the door. Adults \$5.00 - Children/Pensioners \$2.50

A six week relaxation course will be commencing early November in Romsey. The course will involve instruction in a variety of relaxation techniques as well as looking at the source of anxiety and tension.

There is a limit of 10 participants. If you are interested please contact Fay Wallis, Cobaw Community Health Service ph. 223 011.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY MEALS ON WHEELS

The Committee wish to thank all those people who purchased raffle tickets in their Christmas Cake raffle. The cake was drawn at a Meals on Wheels meeting held on the 28th October, 1986 and was won by Mrs. Allison Verity of Glenfern Road, Romsey. Congratulations Allison.

The cost of meals will be \$2.00 per meal per day as from the 3rd November 1986, an increase of 10 cents per meal. If anyone knows of a person eligible for the service, please contact Mrs. Rose McCarthy at the Shire Office, or the cook, Mrs. Marianne Mix at the kitchen. Thanks to Mrs. Thelma Smith for relieving Marianne for the past three weeks.

ROMSEY BODYTONE GYMNASIUM - Romsey Rec. Centre

Aerobics Times Tuesdays 5.30 to 6.30 pm and 8.00 to 9.00 pm.
 Thursdays 5.30 to 6.30 pm and 8.00 to 9.00 pm
 Fridays 10 am to 11 am (creche available no charge)

Further morning aerobics classes will be added, after assessing attendance. So come along and have some fun and get fit at the same time. The Rec. Centre will only be what you make it.

D. Calder - phone 295 637

When did you last shake a wicked hoof in the progressive barn dance crush?
Have you recently delighted in seeing Gypsy Tap slotted onto the dance board?
Try it! It's wonderful. Many had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the last Kerrie dance. Specially as the admission includes a scrumptious traditional country supper.

Come along on Saturday November 29th at 8.00 pm and start your Christmas festivities country style. Admission \$4.00. Prizes to be won.

Christine Rowlands

CORNER CRAFTS - Under New Management

Corner Crafts now stocks craft supplies - Puffy Poms for the children to create, animals etc. Styrene balls, latchkits and embroidery kits, ribbons, craft glue, cottons, cernit modelling materials, novelty gift cards. Choose your Christmas gifts from the large range of handcrafted gifts.

Hours of Business - Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 5 pm.
Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 2 pm.

Commencing Next Week - Craft Classes

Gift Ideas - 4 week course.

Macrame, Crochet, Stencilling, Paper Mache - 1 week courses

Children's Craft Classes during the school holidays - Animals and Gifts out of Puffy Poms. Christmas Decorations, Matchsticks, Modelling with Cernit. Book now at Corner Crafts.

WANTED Handcrafts to sell on Consignment basis. Ring Wendy on 295 639 (bs.) 295 297 (a.h.)

Wendy Barr

Dates for your Diary: dates with * are detailed inside this edition.

- Nov. 10th Kinder group visits the Romsey Primary School
7 pm - 8.30 pm - First Family Maths Night at Romsey Primary
- Nov. 11th * Craft Classes commence this week 295 277 A.H.
* Romsey C.F.A. meeting 8 pm
FAMPA Night at Romsey Primary
- 12th Council Food Handlers Course continues at Romsey Primary 6 - 8 pm
- 16th * Lancefield Court House Museum Open to the public
* Romsey Lancefield Christian fellowship 10.30 am
- 17th * 9.15 Carol Daniel's Aerobics class
FAMPA night at Romsey Primary 7 - 8.30 pm also
- 18th * FAMPA night at Romsey Primary
* 1.30 pm Annual Meeting Romsey Golf Associates
- 19th * Riddells Creek Red Cross Microwave demonstration
- 20th * Public Meeting re Management of the Lancefield Hospital
- 23rd * Lancefield Court House Museum Open to the Public
* 10.30 Combined Parish Eucharist & Picnic in Church Grounds
* Romsey Lancefield Christian fellowship meet at 7 pm
- 24th FAMPA evening at Romsey Primary
- 25th * 1 pm Street Stall Romsey - Parish Ladies Guild
- 30th * Romsey & Lancefield Historical Society's "Cottage Fete" Noon -
Romsey Lancefield Christian fellowship meet at 10.30 am
- Dec. 1st Final FAMPA evening at Romsey Primary School
- 5th Closing Date for the ROMSEY RAG CONTRIBUTIONS - 2.30 pm
- 6th * Shannon School of Ballet - Annual Concert - Kyneton Shire Hall
- 7th * Romsey Lancefield Christian Fellowship meet at 7 pm
- 9th Grade 6 Orientation day at Braemar and Gisborne H/Tech.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC. A Public Meeting is to be held on Thursday 20th November at 8.00 pm in the Lancefield Mechanics Institute.

This meeting is being convened to explain to the public the reasons behind the decision to close the Midwifery Section. As this Hospital belongs to the district and all its residents, we are asking all local people for their support during these very difficult times by attending this important meeting. For any queries the secretary can be contacted at the Hospital each morning. (054) 291 622).

Mrs. Gwen Crossman, Secretary/Manager

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SHIRE OF ROMSEY COMMUNITY "CARE" GROUP

The members of the Community "Care" Group consisting of representatives of welfare services and community groups within the Shire, will hold their next meeting at the Romsey Shire Offices on Tuesday 18th November at 2 pm.

Plans for 1987 Adult Education courses and the visitation of new residents with our "welcome" kits will be two items on our agenda for discussion. All ideas and suggestions for community "Care" will be willingly discussed as possible improvements to our services. For further information or as a source of contact please ring our Chairman Rev. Adrian Pegler 295 351 or Secretary Mrs. Helen Clement 295 317.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH NOTES

There will be no services at Romsey Uniting Church on Sunday 16th November. On that day there will be one Parish Service at Lancefield at 10.30 am to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Opening and Dedication of the Lancefield Church (on 25th November 1866). The guest preacher will be the state moderator, the Rev. J. Allan Thompson. There will be a luncheon following the service. Families with historical connections to the Church are especially invited to attend.

N.B. It follows that there will also be no Sunday School on 16th November.

The Romsey Sunday School will present their annual Service of Praise on Sunday 30th November at 9 am. Families and friends are cordially invited to support the children and teachers.

Sunday 7th December. A pleasant Sunday evening will be held in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall. There will be some carol singing. The main item of the evening will be the Parish choir's presentation of John W. Peterson's Christmas Cantata, "Love Transcending". The choir, under the leadership of Kathryn Bolte, has been preparing the Cantata for several months.

Everyone is welcome to share in this time of pre-Christmas fellowship.

Items for the DECEMBER issue of the Romsey Rag to be at the Post Office by 2.30 pm on FRIDAY 5th December. There will be no January publication of the Romsey Rag.

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