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MUSTON RIDGE BERRY FARM - Ian and Jennifer Elliott

Raspberries available late December and January. 1 km. past the Kerrie School towards Cherokee - 270 260. Ian and Jennifer will be sponsoring February's Romsey Rag.

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL

With this final edition of the Romsey Rag for 1986 comes the best wishes for a Joyous Peaceful Christmas Season. The Editorial committee are most grateful for the support of readers and sponsors and wish to point out that our next edition will be in homes on Tuesday 10th February, 1987. Submissions for inclusion in that edition should be lodged at the Romsey Post Office by 2.30 pm Friday 6th February, 1987.

CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH SERVICES

UNITING CHURCH - Combined Service at Lancefield Church 9.30 am.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY - December 21st sees the beginning of Christmas services with the Crib Service at Lancefield, commencing at 9 am. Children will be invited to share in the setting up of the Nativity Scene, under the guidance of Mrs. Janet Bowen-Pain and including the placing of their favourite doll or teddy around the manger. Also, at 7 o'clock that evening the Revd. Alan Hardie will be the guest speaker at the Prayer & Praise Youth Service. Alan is the Victorian Secretary for World Christian Action.

Christmas Services are as follows:

CHRISTMAS EVE: Midnight Eucharist, Lancefield, 11.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Holy Communion, Romsey, 8 am., Lancefield, 10 am

Sunday after Christmas: Holy Communion, Lancefield 9 am, Romsey 10.30 am.

New Year's Eve: Midnight Eucharist, Lancefield, 11.30 pm

Please Note Throughout January, services will be at Lancefield at 9 am., where the Guest Preacher on the 4th will be Bishop John Stewart. Romsey services will be at 10.30 am. There will not be a Prayer and Praise Service.

On Sunday 1st February, Archbishop David Penman, accompanied by his wife, is coming to Romsey to speak at the Family Communion Breakfast which commences at 8 am. It is anticipated that leaders, or their appointees (and their families) from other churches and community organisations, will share with parishioners on this special occasion. A moderate charge will be made for the breakfast which will be followed by the customary Family Eucharist at 10 am.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES -

Romsey Church - Christmas Eve - 8 pm Christmas Day - 8 am
Lancefield Church - Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass Christmas Day - 10 am

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Last month we took 42 people from Lancefield and Romsey to an enjoyable evening at the Dion concert in Melbourne.

Many would remember Dion as an American rock singer with his group the Belmonts in the 50's and 60's recording hits such as "The Wanderer" and "Runaround Sue". Dion today is well known as a Christian singer, having turned from building his life around fame and fortune, to re-establishing his life through a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches us that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believes and many in our own community can also testify to a similar experience as Dion.

As a Fellowship we continue to meet each Sunday, alternating between Romsey and Lancefield and invite people to join us at the following venues:

Sunday December 14th	-	Lancefield Guide Hall	10.30 am
Sunday December 21st	-	Romsey Mechanics Hall	7.00 pm
Sunday December 28th	-	Lancefield Guide Hall	10.30 am
Sunday January 4th	-	Romsey Mechanics Hall	7.00 pm

Any further enquiries to Geoff Holland - 295 673.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONY CLUB INC.

Annual "Sponsor Ride-a-thon" was held November 9th in perfect weather. Congratulations to all who completed the course on the day, members and friends. "Thank You" to all those people who were generous and sponsored the riders.

After a fitness test the first pair of riders out at 10.53 am. Two rides were organised - Ride No. 1 - 15 kl. Ride No. 2 - 40 kl.

Awards were presented to the riders who rode the fittest mount at the end of ride. Awards for 15 kl. No. 1 - under 13 years rider - R. Shone
" 15 " " - C. Young
" 21 " " - A. Steer

Fittest adult rider was Allen Graco.

Awards for 40 kl. Ride No. 2 - under 13 years rider - M. Reynolds
" 15 " " - C. Allay
" 21 " " - K. Steer

Fittest adult rider was Cheryle Westaway.

Competition held on the day - First A. Graco, Second Chris. Westaway.

ROMSEY VILLAGE MILK BAR - East in and takeaway. Home made cakes, pies, pasties, sausage rolls, freshly made sandwiches and rolls. Fresh bread, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, hot chicken rolls, hot roast beef, seasoned b.b.q. chickens. Orders taken for party's etc. Pie warmer for hire.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Graham & Evelyn Newcombe (Proprietors)

COUNCIL NEWS

Steve Krstic, the vet, may be moving business to the residence south of the old C.F.A. shed. Council has determined the matter be advertised. The seven town houses to be erected in Barry Street will go ahead. The proposal caused much debate and, after a very close vote, Council will allow the development to proceed.

When food is sold by or for a charitable organisation at a street stall, fete etc., Council have determined that the organisation shall abide by a 'Code of Practice of Voluntary Food Workers'. Copies can be obtained from the Shire Health Surveyor. The code is being promoted by the State Gov't. and will probably be enforced on a Statewide basis.

Please do not use 240 litre mobile garbage bins for your household rubbish. The garbage contractor will only pick-up from standard sized bins. Please note that garbage will be picked up on Wed. 24th Dec. and Wed. 31st December over the Christmas break. The Health Dept. have issued a bulletin regarding canned tuna of various makes but all with EX 10 A stamped on tin. Possibly contaminated. Approx. 40 tins found in Shire, these have been removed from sale. Please check pantry shelves and if suspect tin located, return it to point of sale.

We are still awaiting advice from the R.T.A. concerning the extension to the speed restriction zone in Barry Street East. A sign is to be erected in Grahams Road advising people travelling south that the intersection with Forbes Road is a 'T' intersection. Due to restricted visibility on the bend in Newnham Drive, warning signs will be erected and a white line painted on the road surface. The Wrixon Str./Barry Str. drainage problem is to be fixed (estimated cost \$2,000). Council has decided to proceed with a B.M.X. track at Romsey Park, with Park Management Committee approval, if users/parents are prepared to pay half the cost (approx. \$350, total cost est. \$700). This was brought about as some years ago Council developed a B.M.X. track in Reynolds Drive at considerable cost (then) and it wasn't used. Estimates will be prepared shortly to assist in solving the "open drain problem" which runs through 3 or 4 of the estates.

Council has decided that areas within the Shire be 'targetted' re driveway crossings. First on the list is the McKenzie-Smith Estate. There have been complaints regarding the use of recreation vehicles in another part of the Shire. It may be timely to advise that Council By-Laws regulate the use of recreation vehicles. They must be:

- i. muffled,
- ii. only used between 9 am and 6 pm Mon. - Sat. and 12 noon to 6 pm Sunday,
- iii. used for continuous period of 2 hrs. then break for 1 hr. before using again.

Approximately 30 people took advantage of the free adult immunization session last month. Council are considering making this an annual event.

An excellent response was received for an indoor pool at the recreation centre. Council will now move to the next step in the hope of making it a reality but it will take time and plenty of money to achieve the desired result. A fair estimate would be \$350,000 to \$400,000.

At the moment we are without a Shire Ranger. The position has been advertised. If there are any after hour matters that need to be attended to a call to the Shire Engineer (291 534) or Overseer (291 281) should do it. The Shire Offices will be closed between Wednesday 24th Dec. and Monday 5th January.

Finally, as this is the last Romsey Rag for 1986 we would extend to all Christmas cheer and goodwill and a safe and prosperous New Year.

John LAING, Ken FRANCIS, Geoff NEIL

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ELECTRIC CAR CLUB

Any person interested in forming or joining, an electric car club (i.e. remote control cars), please contact Simone Shufflebotham on 054 - 295669.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 15

Some Lesser Known Fruits Pt. 2 Quoting from a letter from my daughter written in 1975 after returning to England via Malaysia, Hong Kong and India and enjoying a variety of tropical fruits on board the aircraft: "I particularly liked the star fruit (*Averhoa carambola*), so called because of its shape when cut. It had a pale yellow, smooth, shiny skin like a thick skinned plum and was roughly the size of a pineapple and had an almost green plum texture with deep ridges in the flesh and was scrunchy to eat. Richard just drooled at the mouth every time he saw them". That a large number of delicious tropical fruits which are seldom seen in Victoria, is grown in Queensland, especially around Redlynch and Cape Tribulation near Cairns, as well as in Northern N.S.W. may surprise many people who think only of bananas, pineapples, mangoes and paw-paws. Unfortunately, plants of most of these fail to perform satisfactorily in southern states. Passionfruit of several species including granadillas as large as small marrows were once common in Chinese gardens and several yellow-fruited species of these and of guaves (*Psidium* spp.) are among the many delightful surprises awaiting the more adventurous southern visitors. In most suburbs of Melbourne however, it is possible to grow purple guaves (*Psidium cattleianum*), pineapple guaves (*Feijoa sellowiana*), purple passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*), banana passionfruit (*P. mollissima* and similar species), tamarillos (*Cyphomandra betacea*), pepines (*Solanum mericatum*), and possibly several other tropical or sub-tropical fruits given some protection and care.

In a Romsey garden however, most of these suffer from lower temperatures and shorter summers, but with the advantage of a north facing wall, protection from frosts, good drainage and good cultural practices, success at least in good seasons is quite possible. A species of *Carica* known as "mountain paw-paw" is now being grown on the Mornington peninsula. The tropical "paw-paw" (*Carica papaya*) is known to Americans as "papaya" and is not related to their "paw-paw" (*Asimina triloba*) a native of southern U.S.A. - Syd. Wheller

ROMSEY RED CROSS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Fashion Parade and supported us once again. Thanks also to those who couldn't come but gave us a donation. Profit from the Fashion Parade was \$1,000. So thanks once again. You can be sure that Red Cross will make good use of all the money we send to Headquarters.

I hope everyone has a lovely rest over the holidays and recharges their batteries for 1987.

Shirley Shelton

JOHN & CLIFF NEWBERY now residing at 4 Gordon Crescent, have extended their car hire and taxi service to Romsey, Lancefield and District.

Specialising in chauffeur driven car hire and wedding bookings, they will provide a 24 hour service.

Car 'phones 007 336 333 and 007 336 334

Home 'phone number - 295 823

CORNER CRAFTS - ROMSEY

Great Range of Christmas Gifts

Gillians Pottery, Gumnut decorated glassware, lavender-ropes, spice-ropes, Gumnut wreaths, gift baskets - made to order, caneware, soaps, aprons, wind-cheaters, jewellery, lampshades, lavender, pot pouri, babywear, cabbage-patch kids clothes, christmas wreaths, pot-pouri Santa's and Mrs. Claus, leather belts.

BARGAIN HABERDASHERY - 50¢ and \$1.00. Zippers - 50¢ each.

Wool, cottons, craft glue, lace, ribbon, fabric paint, felt, puffy poms, stick-on eyes, remnants, craft sticks, glitter, styrene balls, embroidery kits.

McCalls, Butterick, Vogue and Burda patterns - 50¢

Agent for Gisborne Dry Cleaners.

Tuesday - Friday 10 - 5. Saturday 10 - 2. Sunday 10 - 5 pm.

CRAFT CLASSES - CHILDREN during school holidays.

Wed. 7th January and Thursday 8th January - Paper Activities - stencilling, paper making, marbelling, paper flowers etc.

Wednesday 14th January and Thursday 15th January - Wood Activities. Wooden fruit bowl - planter, tea-pot stand, treasure box etc.

Wednesday 21st January and Thursday 22nd January - Modelling out of modelling material, jewellery, animals, people etc.

Wednesday 28th January and Thursday 29th January - ideas out of scraps, pom poms, puppets, clowns etc.

1 o'clock - \$2.00 per class plus cost of materials. BOOK NOW 295 639

FOR SALE - Dining setting extension table, 4 chairs with burnt orange covering, good condition - \$80.00 - 054 295 569. Mrs. J. Bower.

1986 YEAR OF PEACE: If you were given the chance how would you create peace in the world.

I would get all the leaders together and form peace around the world.
If a leader went against it I would elect another and if he tried to start a war he would be punished.
We would put the nuclear bombs in a rocket and blast them up in space so there would be peace throughout the world.
There would be no starving countries and no terrorists. There would be no Drugs and people who killed people would be sent to an island for the rest of their lives.

Aaron Dalton, Grade 5

15 Shopping days to Christmas - for toys, jewellery and giftware call Carol 295 836, for shopping in your own home.

The Future is Videotex Play the TAB, farming information, banking, shopping, book travel etc. from your own home. For your access to (VIATEL) and demonstration call C.V.S. 295 836 - Carol.

POLICE NEWS

Seems no time at all that it was last Christmas, now its this Christmas, time seems to fly, you wonder where it has all gone.

From a Police point of view, Christmas is usually referred to as the "silly season", particularly where it concerns the motorist. They sure do some silly things. They bundle the kids and the family pet in the car, hook up the caravan and away they go. Did they check the brakes and lights? The object of the exercise is to get there, wherever it may be, as quickly as they can so that they can relax and enjoy the holiday.

Just for once, put a bit of thought into what and where you are going, plan the trip and slow down, you'll still get there in plenty of time.

Don't forget to make arrangements for the pets that you leave behind, let your neighbours know that you are going and how long, then come up to the Police Station and pick up a form, fill it out so that we also know where and how long you will be away for.

Over the last month I have attended two accidents, the first and probably the most distressing was a young motor cyclist, who was pushed off the road by a car, WHICH DIDN'T STOP. As a result of this accident the motor cyclist is now a paraplegic, just think about that, he's got a HELL of a Christmas ahead of him.

The other accident which could have been very serious, involved a 17 year old youth in a Toyota Ute, he was on a farm property and they were having an end of year H.S.C. party, no alcohol involved, he decided to drive a number of people back to the main house, apart from the fact that he wasn't licensed and they were driving on a highway. There were 7 in the vehicle, 3 in the front and 4 in the back, he got caught in the gravel, lost control and rolled it over, the 4 in the back were thrown out, and the 3 in the front had to get out through the window after the vehicle came to rest, age of the passengers 16 years. That could have been a sorry Christmas for 7 sets of parents. Fortunately no one was injured, just shaken up, how I'll never know.

Then last Sunday night I was called to the Mt. William area north of Lancefield, a 15 year old girl had gone walking with her two younger brothers in the bush, she got tired so decided to rest, the brothers walked on home. When they came back for their sister she wasn't there, she wandered round in the bush for about 3 hours before she walked in to a farm property. It appeared that the family had only lived in the area for about 4 weeks.

I guess that there must be a moral somewhere in the last two stories, the only one that I can think of is let's take a bit more interest and care in our young people.

There is a new Club being formed in Melbourne, you may have heard it advertised on the radio, or the electric wireless as it used to be known, it's called the "No thanks I'm driving club". What it means is that if you are going to a party or office function and you can bet that there will be a lot of those around, you elect a driver who isn't or doesn't drink and the rest of you can let your hair down, knowing that you don't have to drive home.

Did you know that the statistics show that one in five drivers will be breath-tested this Christmas, how about trying to fool the statistics and making sure that you are not one of the five.

Police throughout Victoria will be mounting a massive campaign over the Christmas period, you can't say that I didn't try to warn you.

Well after all that, have a safe and Happy Christmas and safe driving as we would like to see you back in our town after the holidays. Merry Christmas.

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

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LORD MAYOR'S CAMP AT PORTSEA - Dates - Tuesday 10th March to Tuesday 17th March. 1987.

Children must be nine years and under thirteen years of age on the date of departure to be eligible.

The camp fee is \$85.00 per child.

Two leaders (at least 18 years old) are required to go with the children for the period of the camp. The Council is to pay the Leaders camp fees).

Should you know of any person who may be willing to assist in this capacity would you please refer them to Mr. Brian Carne, Shire Secretary.

The forms are available from the school office and return them to the Shire Office before Friday, January 23rd, 1987.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL The House Sports were a memorable and happy occasion recently. The results were extremely close and are listed below. Congratulations to "Burke" for winning for the second year by just .3%. Burke 31.9%, Banks 31.6%, Sturt 29.1%, Flinders 28.5%.

The following 13 pupils were congratulated and awarded with Medallions to mark their proven ability as All-Round Athletes. They gained the maximum standard in every event.

Chris. Gaunt - Grade 6
Robert Pickering - Grade 5
Darren Salt - Prep.
Andrew Graco - Grade 2
Essa Habib - Grade 2
Robert Hemphill - Grade 3
Scott Dyer - Grade 3

Ashley Shaw - Grade 5
Belinda Eastern - Prep.
Daniel Gaunt - Grade 2
Leigh Miles - Grade 2
Shane Davis - Prep.
Matthew Parnis - Grade 3

TERM DATES

1987

1988

Term 1 : Feb. 4 (Teachers return)
5 - 16th April (51 days)

Feb. 3rd - March 31st (41 days)

Term 2 : April 27th - June 26th (44 days)

April 11th - June 24th (53 days)

Term 3 : July 13th - Sept. 18th (50 days)

July 11th - Sept. 16th (50 days)

Term 4 : Oct. 5th - Dec. 22nd (56 days)

Oct. 3rd. - Dec. 22nd (58 days)

LOST - BLACK & WHITE SHORT HAIREB BORDER COLLIE ANSWERS TO "REX". Lost from Black Range Road, Please ring Mr. Smith - 295 207.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB will hold a breack-up B.B.Q. and Disco for its members on Thursday 18th December. The B.B.Q. will start at 7.30 pm at the Lions Club park (near bridge). All food will be provided. After the B.B.Q. we will move on to the Uniting Church Hall for the disco (B.Y.O. marked tapes). The disco will end at 10 pm. The cost will be 50 cents.

PREPS FOR 1987: at Romsey Primary School. We remind parents of your orientation day on 15th December at 2.30 pm. Babysitting available if necessary. As a convenience to you, the Parent Club have decided to have a special opening of their uniform shop at 1.30 pm. You will be able to purchase frocks, new or secondhand, T. shirts, windcheaters and tracksuit pants. There are also some library bags and a limited number of art smocks. You are also assured of a warm welcome at our Parent's Club meeting.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE

In the next two weeks members of the Brigade will be calling on businesses in the town conducting a Dangerous Goods Survey. This survey is being undertaken statewide in conjunction with the State Government, Country Fire Authority and Fire Brigades. The information gained from this survey will identify what hazardous materials are stored throughout the State and what dangerous situations emergency services may face in case of an emergency or accident. Also locally it supplies the Brigade with information as to what Dangerous Goods are stored within our Brigade area. All information obtained by the survey will remain confidential.

Fire restrictions will come into force in the Shire of Romsey at midnight on Friday the 19th of December, 1986. After this time no burning off or burning of rubbish can be undertaken without a written permit from the Shire of Romsey.

We once again appeal for assistance from the Community to assist us by removing fire hazards, cleaning up around your rural properties and constructing that fire break that may just save your home should a fire occur. I would like to thank those landowners who have slashed roadsides adjacent to their properties. It is most appreciated and hopefully others may follow your lead.

On behalf of the Brigade I wish everybody Season's Greetings for the coming Festive Seasons and a safe and fire free break.

For further information please contact Captain Ron Cole 295 411 or Secretary Paul Green 295 338.

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank the Romsey community for its support of our fund raising activities throughout the year and to extend our best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy festive season.

Our main fundraising event, the Annual Art Show, in conjunction with the Romsey Artists, is on again on Saturday February 28th, 1987. Set aside this date and join us for a most enjoyable evening and help to support our Brigade.

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Monday February 16th, 1987 at 8 pm at Group H.Q. to finalise arrangements for the Art Show. Your attendance is most important.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their hard work during the year and to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robyn Moore (President) - 295 698.

New members are always wanted and welcome. For further information contact Secretary Jan Williams (295 327) or President Robyn Moore (295 698)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14th, 1987

Please keep the above date free for the ROMSEY GOLF CLUB PROGRESSIVE DINNER. Your invitation will be sent to you late January. Hope to see you all there.

Beryl Cole, Secretary

<u>BI CENTENNIAL PROJECTS to be carried out in Romsey Shire.</u>	<u>Contact Persons</u>
Toil Block - Riddell's Creek	Barry Tarrant/Lions
History of Romsey Shire Book	Jean Newell
Clarkefield Recreation Reserve Playground Equipment	Richard Glen/Chris. Connolly
Historical Society - Court House	Ron Viney/Chris. Johnston
Bibles	Frances King
Fitness Track - Romsey Primary School	Trevor Turnham
Riddell's Creek 'Old School House'	Jenny Elliott
Romsey Examiner	Jean Newell/Trevor Turnham
Booklet - Historical Society	Jean Newell, Helen Clement, Trevor Turnham
Bolinda Hall	Tom Hoban/Jim Heath
Darraweit Guim History	David Beckingsale
Lancefield Rec. Reserve Playground	Richard Glen/Chris. Connolly
Romsey Shire History Microfilm	Ron Viney
B.B.Q.'s at Romsey Park	Trevor Turnham/Lions

SHIRE OF ROMSEY - AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE - Our celebration will be in Riddell's Creek on Monday 26th January. Our theme is to be "Aussie Music" For details of floats that can be entered contact John Green, Secretary. There will be - A Romsey Shire Citizen of the year award. Any person or group can send me a nomination, which should be in by the end of December. A "Fun Run" - boys and girls under 15 and male and female 15 and over.

Procession assembles in Station Street, Riddell's Creek and then proceeds at 5 pm to Park for "Fun Run", "Spud throwing contest" etc. Food and drinks etc. available at Park. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CELEBRATION

Please hand in any items to be published to Romsey Post Office by 2.30 pm
Friday 6th February, 1987

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

Any sponsorship or help with the delivery of the Romsey Rag would be appreciated.

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Shirley Shelton.