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AUSTRALIA DAY:

The Romsey Shire Australia Day celebration started with a procession from Riddells Creek railway station to the park. Romsey was represented by floats from the Primary School and the Historical Society, the Bicentennial Committee and by a Fire Brigade truck. Floats followed the musical theme of the evening: the Primary School acted out a bush dance, playing home-made instruments and using gum branches and hay bales for decoration; the Historical Society, taking the title of "Click Go The Sheers", presented a scene from an old-fashioned shearing shed.

At the park the "Clans o' the West" Highland Pipe Band played such spirited music that many of the young children began a spontaneous dance. This was followed by a fun run, won in the open division by Anton Oberschneider and Lisa Elingham, with Stuart Turnham winning the Under 15 division, and Duane Hollingsworth winning a special prize as the youngest to complete the course. There was also a lively spud-throwing contest, won by John McMillan.

The Shire President, Cr. Zoe Trainor, presented the Citizen of the Year award to Mrs. Daisy Dawson of Lancefield. In her speech Zoe said "Australia Day is a time for looking ahead as well as back. We can influence the future, but not the past".

John Green

CAROL'S AEROBIC CLASSES have started again so come along and keep fit. Do exercises to music but don't wear yourself out.

Monday mornings from 9.15 am to 10.00 am (Creche available)
Wednesday evenings from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

All in Romsey Mechanics Hall. \$2.00 per session and please bring a mat.

Carol Daniel
29 5590

ROMSEY'S "HAT TRICK" OF BRAEMAR COLLEGE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Romsey born and bred but now a Woodend resident, Thomas Moloney, has been appointed School Captain of Braemar College for 1987. The announcement was made at the 1986 Thanksgiving Service at Melrose Conference Centre in December. Thomas is a grandson of recent Romsey Shire President, Cr. Ken Francis.

The past two Braemar School Captains have also been Romsey residents. Louise Turnham held the office last year while Tim Pegler was captain in 1985.

Adrian Pegler

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Junior Football Club will be held on Tuesday the 17th February at 8.00 p.m. at the Lancefield Primary School. Elections will be conducted for office bearers for season 1987 and there will be the opportunity for general discussion. All interested parents should attend to contribute to the continuing success of this very successful club.

Colin Daniel
29 5590

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK:

The Bicentennial funding for this district includes, amongst many other projects, some money towards publishing a history of the district. Total funding for this project is not available, but it is a promising start. However, it should be made clear from the start that this is a project that needs to be done well, attractively and accurately, and anybody who has published a book will know that it takes longer than you think!

Therefore, let us say from the start that we shall aim at producing this book as quickly as possible, without losing quality and accuracy, but it is unlikely that the project could be completed in the Bicentennial year (1988). This in no way diminishes its validity; it is more appropriate to launch the book at a noteworthy date in our local history, than at Australia's Bicentennial, and so our target date will be an appropriate anniversary within the Shire (yet to be decided).

At this moment, people are invited to offer to be involved in the project, and a committee will be formed within the next couple of months. We need people with time to research particular segments, such as Local Schools, Local Churches etc. and would need people to advise on the best way to fund the rest of the project.

More information was published in the Macedon Ranges Telegraph (27th January and 3rd February) and some people have offered help since then, but more are needed, so please do not hesitate to offer your opinion or advice. Now is the time, rather than later on! Please write to ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK, P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434 or telephone Jean Newell on (054) 29 5522.

Jean Newell.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SCHOOL, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ROMSEY:

Church School recommences on the 17th February, 1987. All children from Kindergarten age to Grade 6 are welcome (including confirmation classes). Classes commence at 3.45 pm and conclude at 5.00 pm. Refreshments are provided. All enquiries to Len Brassington on 29 1380 or Margret White on 29 5512.

ROMSEY PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

~~The Romsey Rag Committee welcome John and Marlene Lonergan and family to Romsey.~~
John who is originally from Melbourne, has been promoted from Warnnambool to the position of Manager of the Romsey State Bank.

John and Marlene have three daughters, one attending Melbourne University, the second has been accepted at the Lincoln Institute this year and the youngest is in Year 8 at Kyneton High School.

John's sporting interest is golf and he enjoys camping and bushwalking.

We know the Lonergan's will be made welcome by the Romsey Community.

We also wish to extend a warm Romsey Welcome to the new manager of our local National Bank, Mr. Trevor Ritchie. He has taken over from Mr. Gary Burge. Trevor, his wife Leila and daughter Janelle (Grade 6) and son Marcus (Grade 5) have transferred from Nyah West. With interests in tennis and golf, we are sure that they will soon find many friends.

Mr. Gary Burge, who is currently manager of the Broadford Branch of the National Bank has decided to stay in Romsey after leaving a 22 year career with the National. We are glad that the friendships developed over the years with Gary, Janine, Tracey and Ricky will be able to continue.

Snr. Constable Warren Opie is currently recovering from a recurring back problem in the Police Hospital. He is hopeful of resuming duty next week and thanks readers for their concern on his behalf.

He also wishes it to be known that there were no reported accidents in Romsey during the past 7 weeks - Keep driving safely, but cyclist stay off the footpaths especially outside the Milk Bar/Newsagency.

FOR SALE: Builders power pole, good working order \$100 ono.

FREE: To good home - 2 gorgeous kittens, both black and white, 1 Male, 1 Female.

Phone: 29 5358 q Helen or Laurie Quinn

ROMSEY ART SHOW:

The Romsey Artists will hold their 7th Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday 28th February at 8.00 pm in the Mechanics Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per double or \$5.00 a single for wine and smorgasbord supper. The exhibition is also open on Sunday 1st March between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (50¢ admission). Proceeds will go to the Romsey Fire Brigade. Come along for an enjoyable evening and help support your Fire Brigade.

Enquiries to Jan Williams on 29 5327 or Robyn Moore on 29 5698.

BROWNIES:

The New Term starts Monday 16th February for 2nd Romsey Pack and Wednesday 18th February for 1st Romsey Pack. Hours from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Anyone with spare uniforms to sell, it would be appreciated.

Enquiries Helena Thompson
29 5325

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB:

A Committee Meeting to organize activities for the coming year will be held on Tuesday 10th February at 7.30 pm at the School.

New members are most welcome.

Chris Shanahan
29 5316

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH:

The minister and congregation of the Romsey Uniting Church would like to wish all residents a Happy and Fruitful time in 1987.

Newer residents may not yet be aware of the whereabouts of the historic bluestone church at the northern end of Pohlman Street. They are assured of a warm welcome at Sunday worship (9.00 am every week). There is an active Sunday School catering for the whole range of childhood which meets at the same time as the church service.

The minister, Rev. Adrian Pegler, lives at 25 William Street, Romsey (phone 29 5351).

ROMSEY CALISTHENIC CLUB:

The Annual Display was held for the first time on Friday 14th November, 1986 at the Coburg Technical School. Results of awards were:

<u>TINIERS</u>		<u>SUB-JUNIORS</u>		<u>JUNIORS</u>	
1ST	Melanie Shufflebotham	1ST	Nicole Shufflebotham	1ST	Michelle Johnstone
2ND	Lisa Mullen	2ND	Brigitte Ariss	2ND	Melissa Tully
3RD	Lauren Verity	EQUAL	Alesha Puxley	3RD	Rebecca Shufflebotham
H.M.	Karinda Stokes	3RD	Rachael Tully	EQUAL	Rachael Daniel
H.C.	Sarah White	H.M.	Louise Gosden	H.C.	Samantha Jordan
M.I.	Lucy Brunham	H.C.	Skye Culpan		Kirsty Puxley
M.C.	Katie Perkins	EQUAL	Lara Long		
		M.I.	Kellie Baxter		

Congratulations to all girls for a good year's work.

Any girl from 3 years to ladies who would like to join please contact (03)387 4507 or 29 4204 for further details.

Linda Johnstone

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

Helen Broad, our greatly valued President for the past two years, has indicated that she will not be available for nomination as President this year, although she will continue to work for the Society in other ways. Therefore we need to elect a new President at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th February, at the Romsey Mechanics' Institute Hall at 8 pm.

A general business meeting will follow on after the A.G.M., to outline our programme for 1987. Visitors are cordially invited to observe and hopefully to decide to join! Annual subscription is a mere \$4.00 per annum, including newsletters.

Historical Society meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm, alternately in Romsey and Lancefield, and transport can be arranged if required. Guest speakers are invited to some meetings and various functions are arranged during the year.

The main projects are:-

- (1) The Museum of local history, which involves maintenance of the building as well as maintenance of the displays, and volunteers are also needed to be on duty on Open Days. Contact Dorothy Viney (29 5584) if you would like to help.
- (2) The restoration of the Sidney Seymour Cottage and maintenance of its garden in Romsey. Working bees are held at the Cottage on the second Saturday of each month from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon and many varieties of help are needed, from general maintenance to painting, gardening, sewing, keeping records or making the tea! The next Working Bee is on Saturday 14th February. Contact Elaine Lobb (295321) or Robert Clement (29 5217) or just come along.

This year we will continue to host groups of visitors to the Cottage and the Museum. The first bookings are on Sunday 22nd March, Wednesday 25th March and Monday 6th April, so extra helpers on those dates would be much appreciated. If you can help, please contact Jean Newell (29 5522).

Finally, a great big THANK YOU to Helen Broad for leadership as President during the past two years. Your contribution to the Society since its inception has been exceptional, and we do thank you, Helen, for giving so much to the Society. Thank goodness we are not losing you (only as President).

Jean Newell
Hon. Secretary

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship continues to meet each Sunday to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and to provide fellowship for christians.

Many today reject religion, tradition, and the teachings of men, finding them to be a meaningless experience that leaves us in total darkness.

Jesus however, revealed none of these things to us, and in fact said "I am the

Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship - (Cont.)

Over the next month we meet at the following venues:-

Sunday 15th February	7.00 p.m.	Romsey Mechanics Hall
Sunday 22nd February	10.30 a.m.	Lancefield Guide Hall
Sunday 1st March	7.00 p.m.	Romsey Mechanics Hall
Sunday 8th March	10.30 a.m.	Lancefield Guide Hall.

Any further enquiries to Geoff Holland on 29 5673 or Philip Hemphill on 29 1672.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD NURSING MOTHERS GROUP:

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield Group will be on Tuesday 24th February at 8.00 pm, at the home of Maree McGough, 4 Digby Drive, Romsey. The discussion topic will be "Breastfeeding and Weight Gains". All mothers are most welcome. For further information contact group leader, Mary Campbell on 29 5629.

If you are having any problems with breastfeeding, help from trained counsellors is just a phone call away. All queries are treated with the utmost confidentiality. Counsellors are Dot Chandler on 28 5378, Mary Campbell on 29 5629 and Pam Irvine on 29 5502.

CORNER CRAFTS Shop 7, Romsey Village, Romsey

Hand Painted T. Shirts.

New range of Patons Baby yarns just arrived.

Wool at "Special" prices.

Alterations and repairs by Margaret McIntyre. Fittings at Corner Crafts on Wednesday mornings by appointment. Phone: 29 5639.

Haberdashery, Remnants, Cottons, Fleecy tracksuiting remnants,
Zips - 50¢ Patterns - 50¢.

Beautiful Pottery and handcrafted gifts at reasonable prices.

Agent for Gisborne Dry Cleaners.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT PONY CLUB INC.:

Owing to unsafe ground surface the Club's break up Teams Game Day was cancelled.

Members received annual awards at an unmounted rally:-

Attendance Award - M. Moore, K. Steer, C. Shone, M. Reynolds, R. Shone.

Lancefield & District Pony Club Inc. (Cont.)

Encouragement Award - M. Graco, R. Carbonell.

Consistence Award - M. Lehane, S. Steer.

Club Point System Award - R. McBean.

Improved Rider - I. Smith, Snr., E. Glasby, Jnr.

Improved Over Cavalletti - M. Davenport, Snr., C. Badger, Junior.

Smartest on Parade on the day - E. Glasby.

Highest Sponsored Rider for Annual "Ride-a-thon" - K. Steer.

This year eight P.C.A.V. D Certificates were achieved by members with 12 D-Star Certificates to the senior group. Come on members up one level this year.

District Commissioner and Club Instructor both wish to thank all members for their dedication towards improvement of their horsemanship knowledge throughout 1986. There is no end to this knowledge, members keep going. Many thanks for your company and excellent behaviour while in our care. Thank you to the parents who came forward on Award Day with their well wishes and encouragement to continue in this field. Thanks folks.

New members always welcome.

V. Mustow.

EDUCATION NEWS:

It has been decided by the Loddon Campaspe Mallee Region to conduct a detailed investigation into the Educational needs of this Romsey/Newham/Woodend area with the view of developing a detailed strategy plan for future development. This in short will mean a survey of needs for - Primary and Secondary Schools as well as TAFE type technical programs. To this end a meeting of school representatives has been called for Monday 16th February, 1.30 pm at the Kyneton High School. The Romsey Rag Editorial Committee will endeavour to keep readers informed as to the long term outcomes and progress of this committee.

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY:

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Monday 16th February, 1987 at 8.00 pm at Group Headquarters, Stawell Street. Final plans for the forthcoming Art Show will be discussed, so your attendance is most important.

New members are always welcome. For further information phone Secretary Jan Williams 29 5327 or President Robyn Moore 29 5698.

ROMSEY RED CROSS:

First meeting for 1987 is Wednesday 11th February at 1.30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Mechanics Hall. New members are most welcome.

MARCH - RED CROSS CALLING - Please give generously when our members call.

Shirley Shelton.

FOR SALE: The Ideal Pet - GUINEA PIGS - \$2.00 each.
Phone: 27 0457.

SCOUTS - 1ST ROMSEY

Our Christmas B.B.Q. was cancelled in December, as it clashed with the school break up party. It is now on again at the scout hall on Friday 27th February at 6.30 pm onwards. Cost is \$10.00 per family, please come, all are welcome.

If any families are looking for cub uniforms, contact Robin Watts on 29 5250 as we have various garments available cheap. We have now had our first Working Bee of the year, and cleaned up the Scout Hall. Thank you all parents and boys who attended.

Our bottle depot is in full swing and situated at the back of Cruises Produce Store in Pohlman Street. We have had two pick ups and made \$100, so bottle drives will be starting in the near future.

HELP We desperately need three assistant leaders for cubs/scouts/venturers if we are to survive through 1987. If you feel you can fill one of these positions please phone Ashley Spears on 29 5435, who will welcome you with open arms. See you at the B.B.Q. on Friday 27th February.

Robin Watts
(President).

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE:

(Fire Calls Only 29 5333)

With the advent of much warmer weather in February our Fire Danger risk has become very high. At this time we appeal for community assistance in keeping it a fire free period.

While fire restrictions are in force "NO FIRES MAY BE LIT IN THE OPEN" (includes burning rubbish) unless you have a permit to burn issued by the Shire Prevention Officer. This period commences on the 19th December, 1986 and will continue until early April subject to weather conditions.

If anybody has doubt about Total Fire Bans or Fire Restrictions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please support our Ladies Auxiliary and the Romsey Artists with their Art Exhibition and Sales on the 28th February. Funds raised go to further equip the Brigade.

Next meeting of the Brigade will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 8.00 pm at Group Headquarters, Stawell Street. New members are most welcome.

For further information please contact Captain Ron Cole on 295411 A.H. or Secretary, Paul Green on 29 5338 A.H.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FOR ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS:

The Centenary Service for World Day of Prayer (formerly exclusively for women) will be held at Christ Church Anglican Church, Chauncey Street, Lancefield on Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm, when everyone will be most welcome to join in with

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World Day of Prayer Service Cont.

the theme "Come and Rejoice". The service this year has been planned by the women of The International Committee of the World Day of Prayer. Our local service has been planned by the Inter-church Fellowship Committee with representatives from all six local churches who will all have participants in the celebration of the service.

Please come and help us rejoice in the occasion of 100 years of service and prayer on this annual occasion. Afternoon tea will be shared following the service - please bring a small plate of "goodies", if you are able. If transport or any further information is required please contact Mrs. Helen Clement (29 5317).

SHIRE OF ROMSEY COMMUNITY CARE GROUP:

Representatives from community organisations within the Shire or interested individuals are invited to join our Group members at our next meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th March at The Shire Offices. Plans will then be discussed for the proposed Community Services Seminar which is to be held on Thursday 26th March from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm with a variety of interesting and informative speakers available to share their knowledge of community services that our Shire has not got within relatively easy access of all residents. B.Y.O. lunch and tea and coffee will be provided at 9.00 am and again at lunch-time for all attending the seminar.

For further information contact either Mrs. Frances King at the Shire Offices (29 5201) or Mrs. Helen Clement (29 5317).

HANGING ROCK ATHLETICS CLUB:

Professional athletics carnival featuring The Pye Hanging Rock Gift over 120 metres on Sunday 15th February, 1987 with a total prizemoney of \$3,500.

Fun for the whole family at the Rock including sideshows, carnivals, pony rides and mini train. Food and drinks available.

Foot races start at 11.00 am. Come and see Australia's top athletes compete. Program includes - 70 metre dash, 120 metre Pye Hanging Rock Gift, 400 metre open and restricted events and 3,200 metre cross country.

Enjoy you picnic at Hanging Rock. For further enquiries please contact Peter Jacobsen on 29 5643.

Forthcoming events in Romsey. Those marked with a * are detailed inside this issue.

- February 10th * 8.00 pm. Scout/Parents General Meeting.
- * 7.30 pm Youth Club Committee Meeting.
- 11th * 1.30 pm. Red Cross Meeting.
- 14th * Historical Society Working Bee.
- 15th * Romsey Christian Fellowship commences weekly meetings.
- 16th * Romsey Brownies 2nd pack commence.
- * 8.00 pm. C.F.A. Ladies Auxilliary.
- 17th * A.G.M. Romsey Junior Football Club.
- 18th * Romsey Brownies 1st pack commence.

- February 24th * A.G.M. Historical Society 8.00 pm.
- * Nursing Mothers Association 8.00 pm.
- 27th * Scouts B.B.Q. 6.30 pm.
- 28th * C.F.A. Art Show.
- March 1st * C.F.A. Art Show viewings available from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
- 3rd * Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 6th * World Day of Prayer.
- 14th * Historical Society Working Bee.
- 22nd ** Seymour Cottage and Museum at Lancefield open for inspection.

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

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