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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This month the fellowship will present a special day of gospel outreach to the Community, featuring evangelist RICK McKNIGHT from Tulsa, U.S.A.

Formerly a night club singer, Rick has been called of God to declare the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Nations. He is a graduate of The KENNETH E. HAGIN RHEMA Bible Training Centre and has spent the last 13 years in ministry.

Special meetings have been arranged for Wednesday, MARCH 18th at the following locations:-

Jill Connell's Home - Lancefield - 10.30 a.m.

Mechanics Institute - High Street, Lancefield - 7.30 p.m.

In addition, we meet each Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m., alternating between the Guide Hall Lancefield and the Mechanics Hall Romsey.

For more information or to join us in fellowship or enquiries can be directed

## ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES' AUXILLIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary would like to congratulate the Romsey 'Artists' on another magnificent exhibition of their works on February 28th and March 1st. We hope that everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening, and we thank everyone for their support. The amount raised for the Brigade was in excess of \$1900. Thanks must also go to the local business people who supported our special effort, won by Bruce and Muriel Neish, which raised over \$220. They were:-

Hardwick's Butchers, Corner Crafts, Jandie Salon, Romsey Pizza, Swann's Milk Bar, Riteway Supermarket, Glendale Nursery, Romsey Sports Store, Arcade Takeaway, R & R. Hardware, Romsey Fuel & Produce, Romsey Hair Design, Puxley's Newsagency & Milk Bar, McGowan's Greengrocery, Mandin's Pharmacy, Newcombe's Milk Bar & Takeaway and Romsey Hotel.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, MARCH 23rd, at /Group Headquarters, Stawell Street. New members are most welcome. For enquiries contact Secretary-JAN WILLIAMS on 295327 or President-ROBYN MOORE on 295698

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\* A FREE COMMUNITY SERVICES INFORMATION DAY - Romsey Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Romsey \*

Thursday 26th March, 1987.

You are invited to attend the Shire of Romsey Community Services Information Day -

9.00 a.m.	Registration - coffee	
9.30 a.m.	Introduction	- Cr. Zoe Trainor Shire President
10.00 a.m.	Surviving Teenagers and Question time	- Ms. Ros Stevens Child Psychologist
10.30 a.m.	Home & Community Care	- Mr. Brian Hardy Acting Director, H.A.C.C.
11.00 a.m.	Aged & General Pensioners	Department of Social Security
12.30 a.m.	Lunch - (B.Y.O. Lunch: Tea & Coffee Provided)	
1.30 p.m.	Housing	- Ms. Alison Miller Region Housing Council
2.00 p.m.	Stress Management	- Fay Wallis Cobaw Community Health Centre
3.00 p.m.	Plenary Session	- Jean Tom-Shire of Romsey Community Services Committee.

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## NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - ROMSEY LANCEFIELD GROUP

This year the Romsey Landefield Group are holding monthly coffee mornings and monthly evening discussion meetings. The next coffee morning is on Tuesday, MARCH 10th at 10.00 a.m. at the home of LYNETTE FINA, 1 Regan Drive, Romsey. The next evening meeting will be on Tuesday, MARCH 31st at 8.00 p.m. at the home of JULIE COOKE, 12 Newnham Drive, Romsey. The topic for discussion will be "LEARNING TO BREASTFEED". All mothers and mothers-to-be are most welcome. For further information contact MARY CAMPBELL (Group Leader) on 295629.

Nursing Mothers Association Contd.

Anyone having any difficulties with breastfeeding can contact trained Counsellors MARY CAMPBELL (295629) DOT CHANDLER (295378) or PAM IRVINE (295502) for support and assistance. All calls are confidential.

Robyn Moore 295698

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-- GUIDES --

Just a brief reminder to advise all parents that the Guide Company is well and functioning in Romsey. They meet each MONDAY from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Scout Hall for further information see SUE LANTON (Guide leader) you can contact her on 295521, or LORRAINE SHUFFLEBOTTOM (Asst. leader) on 295669 or HELENA THOMPSON (District Commissioner) on 295325.

Brownie/Guide Local Association

Could all parents please note the date for the Annual General Meeting has been changed to APRIL 14th, venue remains at the Scout Hall time 1.30 p.m. Further enquiries please phone LINDY SHONE 295328 (President).

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POLICE NEWS

Well we are in the third month of the year add to date we have had only two reported accidents, since Before Christmas and they were only minor, are we, as motorists start ing to be careful or are we just lucky, I'd like to think we are starting to be careful.

No doubt, by now you have been the add@s on T.V. and in the press about the new penalties for Exceeding .05% etc. which became effective as from the 1st March and boy! are they tough, just for refusing a Preliminary Breath Test, is a licence cancellation of two years, if you have a reading of .150% or higher, Police now have the power to suspend that drivers licence until he goes to Court, so those who now want to drink and drive will have to think very carefully as to whether it is worth the risk.

Also traffic Infringement Notices (On the Spot Tickets) have increased, in some cases 100% of more, Failure to wear a seat belt \$110.00, Failure to give signals \$85.00, Failure to give way at an intersection \$135.00 and thats only a couple of them, there are lots more like that and just as expensive, so when you work it out, if you are stiff enough to get a couple of tickets at the one time and Police can issue up to three at the one time, you have just lost a weeks wages, so really I guess it is now a time of restraint in your driving to save money.

You may have noticed some rubber marks on the roadway in Main St., the two persons responsible were intercepted and between the two of them are at present awaiting a Court appearance facing 9 charges, a fair to even chance that they will be walking for quite some time.

Early in the month a man from outside Romsey was apprehended in Romsey as a result of a domestic situation involving a firearm, his firearm was confiscated, Shooters Licence cancelled and he will face the Court on an Exceeding .05% and Driving during a period Disqualification, the point that I am making is that you cannot, drink, drive and be in possession of a firearm, it is a definate NO NO.

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Police News (Contd.)

Over the Christmas period and even up to now, we have had a number of burglaries in the Romsey, Lancefield area, most of the burglaries have occurred in Weekend houses which are pretty isolated, plus a few on building sites, if you happen to be around these areas and see any strange cars that you think should'nt be there, jot the number down and give me a ring, thats one way of helping to prevent these problems.

Since School has gone back, I notice that a number of young children are riding bikes on the footpath, as a result a number of our elderly citizens have had some close scrapes, by these riders, the name of the game is one warning and then a ticket will be issued. So not it is up to the parents to start to educate their young ones, a case in point, the other day I saw a woman riding a bike on the roadway whilst her son, I guess he was about 5 or 6 was riding along the footpath, another one was taking her son to school but they were both on the wrong side of the roadway, riding into oncoming traffic, its great to teach them but please try teaching them the right way from the outset.

So in closing, just remember the .05% Legislation and on the Spot Tickets its your money and your licence.

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

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LANCEFIELD HALL COMMITTEE IS HOLDING 60/40 DANCE \_ FRIDAY 20th MARCH.

Commencing at 8.00 p.m.  
Music by Col Richmonds Gay Tones  
Vocalist - Paul David Allen

Admission - \$5 Supper Provided

Proceeds in Aid of HALL KITCHEN  
Alf Anderson.

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

As you may have read in the Telegraph, our new President is Cr. Robert Clement, and Vice-President Mrs. Elaine Lobb. We thank them for accepting the responsibility and know that all members join with them in wanting the Society's work to continue from strength to strength. Miss Helen Broad, immediate past President, accepted nomination as our Activities Officer and also Regional Representative, and Mrs. Grace Rackham will be our Alternate Regional Rep. Other office bearers remain the same, except the Cottage Co-ordinator is now Mr. John Clement. (Tel: 295317)

People of all ages are needed by the Historical Society, and you don't have to be knowledgeable about history or the district in order to join! Newcomers are most welcome to come and learn, and we need helpers of all sorts for the wide variety of work associated with our main projects, i.e. the Museum of local history at Lancefield, and the restoration of the Sidney Seymour Cottage and its garden at Romsey. At the February Working Bee at the Cottage, we were delighted to have a Yr. 9 student come along to help and we hope that more young people may wish to become involved.

The Cottage Working Bees are held on the second Saturday each month, (March 14th) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Museum is open on the fourth Sunday each month, 1-4 p.m. More people are needed for both of these, as well as Working Bees at the Court House. Please contact Ron Viney, Tel: 295584 if you are interested in the latter.

One of the main aims of the Historical Society is to foster interest in the history of this district, and at our March meeting our Archivist Mrs. Dorothy Viney will tell us about the records that we have so far collected at the Court House Museum. This meeting will be at 8 p.m. March 24th, at the Court House, Main Road, Lancefield. (Next to the Police Station). Newcomers will be most welcome.

Historical Society (Contd.)

HERITAGE WEEK - April 5th - 12th.

It is so easy to INTEND to bring along some snippets of local history but somehow never get around to it! Heritage Week provides a good 'target date', so we are opening the Court House Museum on Sunday, April 5th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a special request to the district to please bring along any photos or memorabilia on that day, You may have been planning to do this for a long time, and just not got around to it yet. If so, please consider how important our HERITAGE is to future generations, and do share your memories with us.

If Sunday 5th April is not possible for you, please contact Mrs. Dorothy Viney (Tel:295584) if you have information on families, their work, entertainment, sport, schools, churches, etc. in this district in the past. Don't think that your contribution is too small or unimportant, as all the small pieces of a jigsaw are needed to build up the complete picture, and life is made up of the "workers" as well as the "important" or famous people.

Incidentally, if you feel that you have a spare hour or two occasionally, and would enjoy recording the memoirs of an older resident, through conversation with him/her, we very much need help in this area, please ring 295584 or 295522 to offer.

Jean Newell  
Secretary

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- SHIRE HISTORY BOOK -

One of the (many) things that the Committee is working on at present is - how to group the information in the proposed Shire History Book. For example, one option is to have chapters for each town or district, such as Rochford, Bolinda, Darraweit, etc. Another is to tackle the history 'Era by Era', including the earliest white explorers, the boom year, depression, World Wars, etc. Then again, it is easier to look up an index or chapter headings under - Subjects, such as Agriculture, Industries, Sport, Schools, Churches, etc. What do you think?

If you have comments or advice on this, please do not hesitate to contact me, or perhaps become involved in the project. So far, about half a dozen people are actively involved, and several others are advisors in specific area, such as the actual history of the district, or printing costs, etc. The hardest job of all will be editing the material, to include as much information as possible, but also to keep it to a manageable size!

If we can get this book together by voluntary labour, obviously the budget will be much smaller than if professionals have to be employed. So, if we have any retired historians in our midst, or if you know of somebody who could be interested, would you let me know/? Address: Romsey House, Romsey (there is a letter slot in the front door for mail) or telephone - Jean Newell - 295522.

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ST. JOHN SEEKS RECRUITS

The Local Division of St. John Ambulance, based at Woodend is holding an information night with a view to signing up New Recruits. The First Aid duties the Division is required to cover are many and varied. Persons, who hold a current First Aid Cert. are eligible to join immediately and take the opportunity to use their skills as a community service.

Those who are interested in becoming members and as yet haven't a certificate will be advised of Special Courses to be made available. Anyone from 8 yrs. on interested in the Brigade and how it functions is urged to attend Woodend St. John Ambulance Hall Urghart St., Woodend on Wednesday 11th March, 1987.

Barry Hunt

- CORNER CRAFTS -

Romsey Village, Romsey 295639.

Cottage Craft Classes - commence Wednesday 18th March at 7 p.m.

Learn how to make Tissue Box covers, Spice ropes, Pot-Pouri bells, Photo-frames, decorated boxes etc.

Sale Now on 20% off Marked price of Hand-knitted Jumpers -  
Mens, Ladies and Childrens.  
20% off Knitters Packs - Pure Undyed Wool.

Alterations and repairs by Margaret McIntyre. Fittings at Corner Crafts on Wednesday mornings by appointment.  
New Fleeces Just arrived. - Ribbons, lace, cottons, remnants, fleecy tracksuiting remnants, wool, patterns, embroidery kits.  
Beautiful Handcrafts Gifts.

Wendy.

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CAROLS AEROBIC SESSIONS - are going strong as so come along and keep fit. Sessions are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Mondays and a new class has been added, Thursdays both from 9.15 a.m to 10p.m. and Wednesday nights from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m. Its only \$2.00 per session and you can work at your own pace.

Jazz Ballet Classes have also started back - Seniors (12 years and over) held on Monday nights 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. Junior \*8 to 11 years\* on Tuesday nights from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. Sorry no vacancies for the tinnies. Bookings only ring Carol on 295590.

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- COUNCIL NEWS - Welcome back. The first Council Meeting for the year was on Feb. 11th. On the planning side, the radio tower application for Regan Drive has been deferred until the March meeting so that more information can be obtained. We now have a new Shire Ranger. He is DAVID BACHELOR. After hour number is 270283, contact through the Shire Office during normal business hours.

Vehicle crossings are back in the news. Council have resolved that there be three ways that residents can attend to the matter. Firstly, Council does the work, resident pays up front. Secondly, Council does the work, resident pays by 4 instalments, first instalment paid prior to work commencing (this will incur interest) and finally resident pays small fee to Council for specs and supervision and does the work himself. Approximate costs given were \$500 per culvert and \$300 per concrete crossing.

The tip will shortly be opened on Mondays from 2-5 p.m. This is to assist those who are shift workers etc., who find it difficult to attend during present opening hours, Good news for motorcyclists - the score mark in the road surface near the 75 speed sign on the south side of town is to be filled. Playground equipment in Collier Close Reserve is to be repaired (have a guess how it was broken/). The developer involved in the Falbury Estate (bet. White Ave., and Digby Drive) will be requested to make amendments to drainage design and subdivision plans so that the belt of Cypress trees along the southern boundary can be left. Finally, a no-through road sign is to be erected in Wrixon Street at Murphy Street.  
Till next time.

JOHN LAING  
KEN FRANCIS  
GEOFF NEIL

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-LANCEFIELD YOUTH CLUB-SENIORS CAMP. 16-19th January, 1987.

With four leaders jll teenagers, and two ten year olds in a minibus and trailer, we headed towards Narrawong, six hours travelling.

Narrawong is near Portland, the caravan park situated on the foreshore with the Surrey River meandering around three sides of it.

This wind buffeting the bus head on, made the driving exhausting and putting up tents when we arrived was certainly an experience. Flapping canvas, flying tent ropes and articles of clothing were in evidence until the win settled down during the evening. Teenagers do not seem to require as much sleep as adults. Four weary leaders finally made it to be bed around midnight. Saturday proved a lovely day, with surf rolling in, deep greens and blues and sparkling white foam occupying all members for hours. Deserted wide sandy beaches and dunes the warm, shallow, Surrey River curling around to join the sea at our beach provided enough amusement for the whole day. The night was filled with bright, clear stars, the moon a d teenagers. Four exhausted leaders crawled into sleeping bags around midnight again.

Sunday we visited Portland and jointed in the festival.

Gum Boot and custard races, ironman competition, paddle-boats, markets and bushbands occupied us while the wind began to build up and blow a gale again. We all went to see the baby pygmy whale between two piers in the Portland harbour. It surfaced about every four minute and looked like a dolphin. The leaders thought it was great the kids thought it was just o.k. On returning to the camp we found the main tent had to... and a light knocked over and smashed. However, with two capable men as leaders and some strong to lace up the tent all was well. The last night the leaders lit a camp fire and cooked a 1lb. bream caught by our only capable fisherman. We sat and picked the flesh, and it melted in the mouth. The youngest members snuggled up to the camp fire and had a pleasant evenint with billy tea, potaties in their jackets and good conversation was spent. The teend joined us during the evening and a companionable and worthwhile disucssion evolved about next years camp. The one thing we will all agreed on while around the warm fire was the next year we need a week on camp.

K. FUTCHER.

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-III YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 16 -

Budding & Grafting - While the budding or grafting of trees, shrubs etc. is some-

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB will be holding a Fishing Night on Friday, 13th March. We will be meeting at the School at 6.30 p.m. and riding bikes to the fishing spot. If you wish to bring your own fishing gear, fine, but line and hooks will also be provided. Hot dogs will be served for tea and the cost of the night will be 50¢. B.Y.O. WORMS We will return to the School by 9 p.m.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Will be on Tuesday, 10th March at Romsey Primary School. Parents and interested people are most welcome.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN "AVON PRODUCTS" Would you like to see our monthly Specials? Ring Chris 270457

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BIN HIRE - Rodney Bird of Darraweit Guim wishes to announce he is starting a 44 gallon drum bin hire in the Romsey Shire Residents requiring this service should contract him on (057) 891218

Rodney Bird

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FOR SALE - Janome 780 Sewing Machine, 28 Stiches, Buttophole E.C. Nearly New \$399.00 Phone 295307

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Attention: Keep the evening of 14th / August Free for the TRIVIA NIGHT OF THE YEAR. Romsey Primary School are issuing a challenge to friends, clubs, groups, anyone booking for an excellent nights entertainment. To obtain the 1987 Trivia Trophy. More info in the Next issue of the Romsey Rag.

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ROMSEY BODYTONE GYMNASIUM - Recreation Centre News.

If anyone is interested in playing in a Local Squash Tournament on Tuesday nights at the Romsey Recreation Centre, please register your name with Daryle at the Rec. Centre or telephone 295637. (ALL SQUASH WILL BE PLAYED AT THE RECT. CENTRE).

START GETTING FITNESS BACK INTO YOUR ROUTINE, build up, tone up, lose weight or just improve on your fitness. At our fully equiped gymnasium or our Aerobic Classes. Aerobic Classes as follows:-

Monday at 9.30 a.m.)  
Thursday at 9.30 a.m.) } Free Creche Available

Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m.  
Thursday night at 7.30 p.m.

ALL NEW QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS.

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CYSTIC FIBROSIS NEWS - FAMILY DAY STARTING 12.30 a.m. Saturday 11th April. AT THE TRENTHAM PARK. - Be entertained by Country-Rock Band "Whisky Bridge" and help raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Victoria. Food and Drinks available - \$15.00 family \$5.00 single.

Gloria Dickerson



A ROTARY CLUB at Hoodend would Service Romsey.  
The Proposed new Rotary Club at Hoodend would become the nearest Club for Romsey Resident