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ROMSEY RAG CIRCULATION 650

ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY "CARE" GROUP

The May meeting of the Shire of Romsey Community "Care" Group will be held at the Shire Offices on Thursday 7th May at 10 a.m. when Mrs. Margaret Wilson from Kyneton Family Care will be our guest. All representatives of various organisations and committees within the Shire will be welcome and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested individuals also. Further details and/or information is available from the Chairman, Rev. Adrian Pegler (29 5351) or Secretary, Mrs. Helen Clement (29 5317).

Many thanks to Mrs. Rose McCarthy for "filling in" for Helen Clement as Secretary during Helen's visit to hospital recently. It is good that Rose had recovered sufficiently from her visit to hospital to help Helen out now!

Thank you Rose from all your "Care" Group friends.

Helen W. Clement
(Hon. Secretary)

GISBORNE HIGH-TECH. SCHOOL

On Thursday 21st May at 7.45 p.m. the P.F.A. have invited the Trade Teachers to give a talk to the parents on the Trade Curriculum in the School. Question time will follow. Any interested parent is invited along to see how trade subjects are introduced. For further information please ring Sue Lawton on 29 5521.

Don't Forget Thursday 21st May at 7.45 p.m. at Gisborne High-Tech School.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RELAX?

These days most people are always on the go, leading busy lives, and find it difficult to unwind or relax. Worries and pressures build up to the stage where we feel we are unable to cope, or don't know how we will keep going.

If you can relate to either of these situations or are just interested in learning to relax, then maybe we can help.

Cobaw Community Health Service offers a Relaxation course which involves attending six 1½ hour sessions over a six week period. If there are enough people interested in the Shire of Romsey, a course will be organised.

To reserve a place or to get more information contact Fay Wallis, Cobaw Community Health Service on 22 3011.

FOR SALE:

Taffy colour Mare, 13.2 h.h.
P.C. exp. jumps - \$650.00.

Geoff Shone 29 5328

Finally, the R.T.A. have approved our application for a 75 k.m.h. speed zone from the 60 signs to 300 metres east of Tickawarra Road in Barry Street East.

Till next time,

John Laing,
Ken Francis,
Geoff Neil.

Congratulations to Lancefield Under 16 Cricket Club. A great effort on the part of all the boys to win the Grand Final for 1987 - A first in the Junior Club's history.

Signed - A proud parent.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

A big thank you to the ladies who supported our fashion parade by attending, modelling, or by donation. Thanks once again, without your support we would not be able to send a large cheque to Headquarters.

World Red Cross Day is May 8th and to mark this occasion the Romsey Red Cross Youth Group is planting a tree in the School Plantation.

Riddells Creek Red Cross Unit is holding an Indian Cooking Demonstration and Luncheon on Wednesday May 13th at 11.30 a.m. in the Fire Station. Donation \$10, R.S.V.P. Mrs. Holmwood - 28 6516.

Tuesday evening on June 2nd at 8 p.m. our unit is having a Tupperware Party at Romsey House Tea Rooms. Please put this date on your calendar now.

The International Red Cross Project for 1987 is the undertaking to renovate and refurbish the Kompong Speu Hospital in Kampuchia. Each unit has been asked to run a function to aid this worthwhile project which is called "Hospital of Hope". Tupperware Party and Supper Donation - \$2.00. Hope you can come and support this worthwhile appeal on June 2nd.

Shirley Shelton.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Last month we presented a successful Saturday morning country and western Gospel concert in the main street of Romsey, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the community.

On Saturday 23rd May we invite people to a similar concert to the staged on the centre plantation of High Street, Lancefield between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

We will have various singers performing and others sharing the reality of their personal experience of knowing the love, grace and victory of Jesus Christ in their lives.

We also invite people to fellowship with us on Sunday mornings at the following times and locations:-

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| Sunday 10th May | Romsey Mechanics Hall | 10.30 a.m. |
| Sunday 17th May | Lancefield Guide Hall | 10.30 a.m. |
| Sunday 24th May | Romsey Mechanics Hall | 10.30 a.m. |
| Sunday 31st May | Lancefield Guide Hall | 10.30 a.m. |
| Sunday 7th June | Romsey Mechanics Hall | 10.30 a.m. |
- Gospel Concert on Saturday 23rd May at Lancefield - 10 a.m.

Any further enquiries contact Geoff Holland 29 5673 or Phillip Hemphill 29 1672

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 18

Garden Pest Control: According to a recent article in the "Weekly Times" - "At present there is no effective biological control of codling moth" As far as this writer is aware there are also none for many other pests and diseases. Yet in an article tucked away on one of the inner pages of "The Sun" on March 16th written by Michael Roberts, we were informed that the Australian Consumers' Association is about to launch a campaign "to end the use of chemicals in Australian home gardens" in favour of biological controls.

To oppose the use of biological controls - where they exist - would of course be as illogical as opposing the use of natural free energy to heat and light our homes if it became feasible - both technological milestones deserving of front page headlines throughout the world, therefore acceptance of the A.C.A. proposition must imply that all newspaper editors and/or reporters have been asleep, on strike, on holidays or are extremely incompetent in ignoring this remarkable breakthrough. It seems relevant to note that for some peculiar reason, commercial growers - who have most to gain from abolition of the need to use chemical pest control - have been excluded from the campaign, presumably being considered less gullible. One might also question the omission of the use or misuse of chemicals inside the house and elsewhere if this campaign is to attain credibility.

As all of us - except chemical manufacturers and distributors - will benefit from biological pest control if and when it becomes available to replace ALL chemical controls, we should continue to listen to the news and watch the headlines, but to keep our gardens reasonably pest free and not a source of pest proliferation for the whole neighbourhood - with due regard for the adverse effects of SOME chemicals on the environment even if our neighbours decline to reciprocate - let us spray!

Syd Wheller.

COUNCIL NEWS

Stage 3 of "Tarrawarra Rise" estate has been approved. This estate is situated behind houses along Knox Road/Woodend Road at 5 ways. An entrance road off Woodend Road just west of the old service basin will join up with Desmond Crescent (Romsey Rise Estate). An application for a ham radio tower in Regan Drive has been granted. Council has resolved that the Town Planning Officer's hours for public consultation be as follows:-

Monday, Thursday & Friday - Normal office hours,
Tuesday & Wednesday - 11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

Township street construction for this year will be the service road on the east side of Main Road, starting at Palmer Street and working north until funds are depleted. Municipal Elections will be held on Saturday 1st August, this year. If you are on the roll voting is compulsory.

In last months Romsey Rag we mentioned a proposal to establish a Community Centre. We have been informed that to fund a complex of the nature proposed it could be expected to cost some \$350,000 to \$450,000. Federal/State Government grants are available for various sections of the project but each are on a separate set of quite stringent requirements, each have differing waiting lists and none will allow construction until after a subsidy has been approved. The Senior Citizens area receives the greatest subsidy but as it was planned to use this area for other groups as well, more problems arose. The greater amount of joint use the lower the subsidy received, also consent of the Minister for Community Services is required for multiple use. It was interesting to note the maximum grant available for an Infant Welfare Centre was \$12,000 and a kindergarten, \$30,000.

The Out of School Hours programme will commence. There are vacancies so for those that could use it, please come along and see it in operation. We should have the open drain "solution" next month.

CORNER CRAFTS, Main Street, Romsey, Phone 29 5 639

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS - Pottery, ceramics, tissue box holders, Pot Pouri hangers, photo frames, lavender hats, Gumnut hangers, hand-knitted jumpers, and many more.

WOOLS IN STOCK - Patons Family wool, 5, 8 & 12 ply, Knit & Save, Charm, Brushed Caressa, Misti, Feathersoft Baby Wool.

Villawool, Supersoft, Machine Wash 8 ply.

This seasons patterns available. Lay-by your wool now.

Fleecy Tracksuiting Remnants, Ribbing, Cottons, Ribbons, Craft Glue, Felt, Zippers.

Another series of Cottage Craft Classes will commence on Wednesday 6th May at 7 p.m. One vacancy left, Phone 295 639.

Agent for Gisborne Dry Cleaners - Quality cleaning guaranteed. In by 5 p.m. Wednesday, back 10 a.m. Friday.

Knitting Service - Garments finished off. Sewn together, necks and collars knitted. Enquire at CORNER CRAFTS - ROMSEY

THANK YOU

Helen and John Clement appreciate very much the numerous prayerful caring actions of their family and friends during and since Helen's recent surgery in St. Andrews Hospital, East Melbourne. John and his sons Bruce, David and James managed to adequately survive with help from friends and neighbours. Helen always ends letters to son Peter in W.A. with the advice "Be good, be careful and be sensible", and she is now trying to heed this advice herself as Peter has copied her advice. Our sincere thanks to you all - God bless everyone.

Special thanks and appreciation to friend and minister Rev. Adrian Pegler for his prayerful caring pastoral concern, also to his wife Alison. Mr. Noel Shaw deputised as superintendent of Romsey Uniting Church Sunday School during Helens absence and sincere thanks to him also. Mrs. Doreen Smith took Helens Grade 6 and Grade 2 R.E. Classes at Romsey Primary School and the Get Well wishes and card from Grade 6 students and teacher, Mr. Bob Sherren and the magnificent work of Art Grade 2 Easter/Get Well Poster for Ms. Sue Smith and her Grade 2 students was a lovely surprise from Helen and now one of her valued treasures.

A big thank you too to Shirley Shelton and Betty Trotter and all my fellow Romsey Red Cross Unit members for their get well wishes and also their efforts at the recent fashion parade held during my enforced absence.

Hope to be 100% fit again soon and will look forward to being an active member once more.

It is great to be home again with my family and friends - thank you all so much for your many kindnesses. Very sincerely,

Helen Clement.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - Where do you get the cheapest Video Movies in Romsey? SWANN'S, of course. From \$2.00 a night
Where do you get home cooked Roast Beef, Roast Lamb, Seasoned oven Cooked Chicken on rolls, sandwiches or sliced, at SWANN'S, of course,
Also a full range of other cooked meats and a full range of groceries, also a frozen food cabinet, all at fair prices.

SWANN'S FOOD STOP, MAIN STREET, ROMSEY, 29 5357

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Many building occupiers may have purchased or may be considering purchasing fire extinguishers, fire hoses or hose reels to protect their buildings. Unfortunately the Romsey Fire Brigade has become aware of two particular problems with these portable fire appliances: the servicability of the equipment and the costs incurred.

It appears that many people do not "shop around" when purchasing fire extinguishers. Often, expensive extinguishers are purchased on the basis that they will function perfectly over many years. All fire extinguishers should be inspected twice annually and they should be recharged immediately after use.

In many cases owners are shocked by the cost of recharging an extinguisher after use. When purchasing an extinguisher the cost of recharging should be a point of comparison between competing makes and models.

The Romsey Fire Brigade is very willing to discuss the purchase and care of portable fire appliances and this advice is free of obligation. We do supply and service extinguishers.

Trevor Williams.

RANDOM RAGGINGS by 'Rambler"

Congratulations are in order for a senior citizen of the district, Mrs. Ivy Amess of "Warrawee", Bolinda. Ivy celebrated her 90th birthday on Anzac Day. A resident of the shire for the majority of her life, she supported her late husband's community activities, especially during his service as shire councillor and shire president.

The week of her birthday was particularly momentous due to the birth of her first great-grandchildren. Twin girls, Adele and Erica, were born to Wendy and Steve Halligan. Wendy, Ivy's granddaughter, has been teaching a Romsey Primary School in recent years.

Two Romsey identities, Helen Clement and Dr. Lindsay Francis, recently underwent surgery in Melbourne Hospitals. Both are making good recoveries and their friends will be glad to see them returning to their normal activities soon.

The ecumenical Good Friday service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Romsey was very well attended. Rev. Len Brassington (Anglican) led the service. He was assisted by Rev. Adrian Pegler (Uniting), Sister Carmel (St. Mary's School, Lancefield) and a number of lay people. The preacher was Sister Aileen of the Community of the Holy Name. The Uniting Church choir sang an anthem "He Came in Love". After the service the Anglican Ladies provided morning tea and hot cross buns.

To those who were heard to say, "There should be more of this", please note the next event for the district will be a service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It will take place in the Catholic Church, Lancefield at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday 31st May.²

The Uniting Church ladies have been grateful for support to their appeal for winter blankets and clothing for "Care", Broadmeadows who lost all such stocks in a warehouse fire some weeks ago. The ladies want to conclude this special effort next weekend (9th-10th May). Please contact Dorothy Thompson (29 5421) if you can still help.

information with us before that date? Please contact Mrs. Dorothy Viney (29 5584) or Miss Helen Broad (29 1297), or myself.

Jean Newell,
Hon. Secretary
29 5522

POLICE NEWS

As of the 1st May, 1987 the 80 km/h speed limit for "P" and "L" drivers will be removed and they will be subject to the same speed limits as everyone else is. Before the 1st May, 1987, when probationary licence holders were convicted of certain offences, their licence had to be cancelled. For offences committed AFTER 1ST MAY, 1987 this will change. Instead of being cancelled the probationary licence will be suspended for at least one month and the period of probation extended by six months plus the suspension period. The law re-display "P" plates and the zero Blood Alcohol Content law will apply to the extended time.

What that boils down to is that where you are on probationary licence for two years and get knocked off you have another six months to do, and you still can't drink and drive during that period.

Over the last month we have had a couple of reports where burglaries have been committed in the Romsey area, as is usually the case no one saw anything, I can't stress too strongly enough, if you are going away, let your neighbours know and at the same time let us know, between the two of us we can help to prevent this happening again.

On the same theme, if you see a strange car in the area where you live or work, take the number and let me know, it only takes a few minutes to check as to whether it is stolen or abandoned, over the Easter period this was brought home quite clearly some people at Monegetta saw this car under some trees at Bolinda, they saw it there on the Tuesday and it was still there when they were in the area again on the Friday, they reported it to me and we checked it out, unfortunately the car contained a body which had been there since the Tuesday night, the point I am making is that at least they did report it when they saw the car the second time, you don't have to approach the car, just let me know its there.

Seems like we have some amateur painters around the area and they have had a go at the Infant Welfare Centre, I'm quite sure that when they are apprehended we could use their talents to better use around the town and also the Courts seem to take a dim view of indiscriminate painting by handing out very heavy fines, need I say more.

I always reckoned that they made good pies at the Romsey Hot Bread Shop, some one else must have also thought so, only trouble is that they couldn't wait until they opened, they decided to open up the shop themselves, during the early hours of Anzac Day they broke in and helped themselves to 2½ dozen pies and a quantity of drinks, a couple of names have come to hand and further enquiries are being made.

A problem that is coming up quite often now is the number of dogs that are wandering, our Shire Ranger is doing a good job but the onus is still on the owner, especially in relation to German Shepherds, the Dog Act is quite explicit in relation to Shepherds when they are off the property they must either be muzzled or have a choker chain on them and if these requirements are not met, then the penalties are very high, so if your dog is offending, its your pocket that will be hit.

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

BROWNIE/GUIDE NEWS

A Brownie Leader is required for the Wednesday night pack. If interested please contact Mrs. Helena Thompson, Main Road, Romsey, 29 5325.

A Cake & Produce Stall will be held on Saturday morning 23rd May commencing 9.30 a.m. Cakes may be dropped at Beryl Cole's on the Friday if more convenient. The stall will be held outside Puxley's Newsagency.

Next L.A. Meeting to be held at 1.30 p.m. at Mrs. Beryl Cole's (Post Office) on Monday 25th May.

NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

The next meeting of the Romsey/Lancefield group will be at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd May at the home of Robyn Moore, 11 Digby Drive, Romsey. The discussion topic will be "Coping with Baby and Toddler". All mothers are most welcome. For further information contact Group Leader, Mary Campbell on 29 5629.

If you need any information about breastfeeding, or are experiencing any difficulties you can contact any of the following trained counsellors: Mary Campbell 29 5629, Pam Irvine 29 5502 or Dot Chandler 28 5378. All calls are treated confidentially.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held on Monday April 27th. Attendance was disappointing. Elections for Office Bearers were held with the following results:

President -	Robyn Moore (re-elected)
Secretary -	Sherryn Bryant
Treasurer -	Cathy Williams (re-elected).

Thanks is extended to outgoing Secretary Jan Williams for her hard work during the past year, and also to Cathy and Sherryn for their willingness to accept their respective offices. Thank you also to those who attended the meeting.

The Auxiliary will go into recess now for the winter months, with the next meeting due in September.

For further information contact Robyn Moore (29 5698) or Sherryn Bryant (295734).

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

Thank you to the people who brought memorabilia to show us during Heritage Week. There was a very well attended day at the Court House Museum on Sunday 5th April, but only one visitor to the Cottage during 2 Open Days that week, which was disappointing. Never mind, we still want to hear from you if you have history to share with us - any time.

We also thank the Romsey Youth Group for having a Working Bee at the Cottage during their holiday and helping us with gardening and preparing "Honesty" plants and seeds for sale to our future visitors. We had an enjoyable as well as useful afternoon and would welcome young people at our regular Working Bees on the second Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in Palmer Street, Romsey.

Rochford history is the subject for our next Meeting on Tuesday 26th May at 8 p.m. at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Hall, so please pass on this notice to anyone who may be interested in contributing to that night. If you know a bit about

ARBOR WEEK: As a major feature of next weeks Arbor Week a seed lift will be attempted on Thursday. The children will be able to release gas filled balloons tied to which are seeds of Australian Native Trees. A message from the pupils will urge the finder to contact the school and indicate where the balloons were found. We hope that you can assist us with this project.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Surprise! Surprise! Thought you might like to hear about a Trivia Night, August 14th. Have you considered coming as a family. The questions, I must say will not be suitable for children under Secondary School age but teenagers are suprisingly good at Trivia.

Get together with friends and neighbours. Tentative bookings at school by the 30th June. Although formal invitations have been sent to all groups in the Shire, a reminder will be in Romsey Rags next edition.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB: Trip to Melbourne Airport on Friday 8th May. Bus leaves Post Office at 7pm and returns approximately 9.30pm. Cost \$1.00. Bookings MUST BE MADE with Mrs. Shanahan by 4th May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Items marked * are credited within this publication.

MAY

- * 7th/8th Mothers Day Stall for children at the Primary School
- * 7th Care Group Meeting
- * 8th Trip to Melbourne Air port - Romsey Youth Club
- * 8th World Red Cross Day
- * 9th Mothers Day Flower Stall outside Puxley's Newsagency
- * 9th School Working Bee in preparation for Arbor Week
- * 9th/10th Uniting Church Ladies - Special Effort for "Care"
- * 11th/15th Arbor Week
- * 13th Which Secondary School? Evening for Parents with representatives from local Secondary Schools.
- * 21st Gisborne High/Tech - Trade Subjects
- * 23rd Romsey/Lancefield Christian Fellowship, Gospel Concert
- 23rd Brownie/Guide L.A. Cake Stall
- * 25th Romsey Rag Contributions at the Post Office by 2 p.m.
- * 31st 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service to mark the Week of Prayer.

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