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ROMSEY LADIES' GOLF - Office Bearers:

President: Lorraine McIldowie; Captain: Jean Johnston; Vice-Captain: Hazel Stammers;
Treasurer: Elaine Scanlon; Secretary: Beryl Cole.

This season has seen a large increase in Membership. Welcome to: L. Beasley,
P. Gardiner, C. Graco, M. Lonergon, C. Newnham, L. Ritchie and S. Shelton.

Over the past few weeks the Club has been represented at Trentham (14/5/87) by Jean
Johnston, Hazel Stammers and Beryl Cole for a stableford event, and on 19/5/87 Lorraine
McIldowie and Jean Johnston attended the Goonawarra President and Captain's day,
playing a stableford event.

This month, handicaps have been broken:-

12/5/87 Jean Johnston 27 to 26; Faye Lloyd 33 to 32; Winnie Yates 36 to 34;
2/6/87 Beryl Cole 36 to 35. A number of Birdies and Gobblers have also been recorded.

There is a new air of enthusiasm in the Club, with keen interest of the new members.
Don't be surprised if you see our ladies out on the course practising.

Two rounds of the Silver Spoon Competition have been played this season, with the second
round being won by Hazel Stammers on a day of howling winds.

2/6/1987 - Gala Day - The weather was unbelievably fine for the annual event.
Representatives from six clubs attended - Macedon, Lancefield, Trentham, Pines, Bacchus
Marsh and Kilmore. 41 players took part in the shot gun start Stableford event. The
event was followed by a luncheon and presentation of trophies. A great day was held
by all. The day belonged to *Beryl Cole*, congratulations, Beryl broke her handicap,
won the B Grade competition and also won the Secret Partners trophy. I bet the Post
Office is still shining from Beryl's glow.

Geoff Holland has again made himself available to improve our game. He is conducting
coaching clinics at the Romsey Golf Course Saturday mornings 9.30 - 10 am, and 10 -
11 am, individual coaching. Geoff put us all on the right track last year and his
knowledge of the game is invaluable. Thank you Geoff.

SUNDAY 14th JUNE: Another mixed day has been organised to be followed by a fish
bar-b-que. Hit off is at 1 pm. Bring a salad. The last mixed day was a great
success with the chance to meet and play with some very enthusiastic players. A great
social day. Hope to see you there.

THE ROMSEY WINDARRING AUXILLARY is holding a fund raising lunch on Wednesday 15th
July, 1987 at 12 noon, venue the Riddell's Creek Pub. There will be a choice of menu
and sweets provided by the members of the Auxillary. Cost \$12.00 per person, plus buy
your own drinks. Why not make up a car load and join us in an enjoyable outing.
Please reply by Thursday 9th July to: Helen Betts 295 203 or Elaine Lobb 295 321.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE

On Saturday 30th May the Fire Brigade conducted a car wash to raise funds towards the purchase of emergency equipment. Many people would have noticed that some of our fire fighting equipment and one of our tankers were used. Some may have been surprised to be on the receiving end of our (much diluted) foam making equipment.

We have been aware for sometime that vehicle and building fires are more likely as new families and businesses move into our township. We have directed a major portion of our training to these types of incidents for a number of years. As well as raising money to provide emergency equipment, the car wash was an opportunity for an exercise for brigade members.

The car wash raised \$225. We would like to thank everyone who brought their cars along. The response was tremendous. We plan to conduct another car wash during the next couple of months, on a Saturday between 9 am and 12.30 pm.

Trevor Williams

ROMSEY SCOUTS 1st Romsey Scout Group Wine Tasting of local wines. Saturday 20th June
8 pm - Romsey Scout Hall \$5 single. \$10 double - Supper provided. Bookings - Mary
Campbell 295 629.

Gang Show 60 Seater bus and 60 tickets for the Gang Show - Sat. 29th August - Leave Romsey Post Office 1.30 pm Arrive back 6.30 pm. Tickets \$11 incl. bus and entry. Information and booking Robin Watts 295 250 by June 20th.

BOTTLE DEPOT At back of Cruise's Garage. All bottles. NO NEWSPAPERS.

ROMSEY WELDING & FABRICATIONS SERVICES PTY. LTD. 45 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey, 295 508.

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Romsey Welding & Fabrications will be sponsoring next month's Romsey Rag.

ROMSEY DRAPERY Clothing store just opened, for mens, ladies and childrens wear, come and see us at 97c Main Street, (near Hot Bread Shop).

Liz. & Adrian Cox, Props. Ph. 295 976.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN, ROMSEY are now taking enrolments for 1988 at the Kindergarten, between 9.00 - 4.00 pm Monday - Thursday. Please make enrolments promptly as there may be a need for a third group and numbers need to be finalised now. Enrolments for later years can be taken after a child's second birthday.

Any enquiry re kindergarten enrolment policy contact Mrs. J. Fitt 'ph 295 294 (Director) or Mrs. E. Scanlon 295 371 (Secretary).

ROMSEY SHIRE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP Next meeting 10 am Thursday 2nd July at Shire Offices. Guest Speaker yet to be confirmed.

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

The Theme for our Winter Meetings will be "Sharing Around the Fireside" - in the way that families shared yarns, handcrafts, music and toasted bread or crumpets around the fire on long winter evenings.

Our June, July and August Meetings will begin with a business session as usual, but the rest of the evening will be devoted to "Sharing Around the Fireside" so we ask

BADMINTON NEWS cont:

As with any Club we are always anxious to inject new blood into our teams so if you or someone you know is interested in having a go at Badminton, the place to be is the Romsey Recreation Centre each Sunday evening (except holiday weekends) at 7.30pm. We have a "Round Robin" tournament for the experienced players but there is always a spare court if you wish to come along and have a hit and giggle.

The cost is \$1.50 adults and 70¢ for students.

Raquets are available. Enquiries: G.Preston (Sec.) 295779 or J.Peet (Pres.) 295365.

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE:

The following services are being provided in the Romsey Shire:-

ANTE-NATAL (or Pre-Natal) CLASSES - will commence on Monday, 15th June in St.Mary's Hall, Romsey. There will be 6 classes each of 2 hours. Contact Chris Guymer on 223011.

MAMMA CHECK (Breast Self-examination). This has already been given to a post-natal group at Romsey and a ladies group at Riddell's Creek. Future opportunities soon at Playgroup and Nursing Mothers.

POST NATAL GROUP - Mondays, 12noon-1.00pm. For new mothers or mothers who have just had a new baby. Activities include discussions and exercises.

VOLUNTEERS to assist in these, or other programs such as Arthritis Groups, Hydrotherapy, Waling Group which are currently conducted elsewhere by C.C.H.S. but could operate locally should contact Alison Miller on 223011.

POLICE NEWS:

One of the problems with winter is that the hours of daylight are less each day with the result that where you used to travel home in the daylight, its now dark. Lighting up time is now around about 5.15pm. I notice in my travels around that there are a few vehicles with only one head light or one tail light. Apart from the fact that it is against the law, what is more important is that it is very dangerous, not only for you but also for the oncoming traffic. So apart from the fact that you may get a ticket you could also get an Unroadworthy Sticker and that costs money as you then have to get a complete Roadworthy before you can get back on the road. So check your lights.

Whilst on winter driving, for the new arrivals in the town, take care with our frosty roads, they take a bit of getting used too. If you are worried about the frost and ice on the road, keep the car well over to the left so that you have one set of wheels in the gravel, its a bit slower and sometimes a bit rougher but you won't slide and you can keep control of the car. Try it next time and you will see what I mean.

We have had a sum of money handed into the Police Station, if the owner would like to form a queue at the Police Station we maybe able to find an owner.

Had a complaint during the week about a number of joggers moving around our roads in the evening, nothing wrong with that, except if you are going to run at night, please wear light clothing, so that the motorist can see you and always run towards oncoming traffic. That way hopefully you can both see each other.

Springfield Fire Station was broken into and the radio was taken from the Fire Truck, also a number of other burglaries within the town, one house was cleaned out to the value of about \$6000.00 and a grader blade taken from Romsey Engineering. The grader blade weighed about 4cwt, surely someone must have seen something. The contents of the house and the grader blade you just don't put them into a boot of a car and drive away, yet no one saw anything. Once again if you do see any strange cars or trucks around just jot the number down and give us a ring.

REWARD OFFERED for return of rubber stamp which was "mis-placed" at the "Going-away-Party" at the Mechanics' Hall, Romsey on Saturday, 30th May. The rubber stamp can be returned to Romsey House by dropping it into the letter-box in the front door, or reward can be claimed by contacting Jean Newell, Tel: 295522.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

This month the Fellowship will be presenting a Series of outreach meetings featuring Evangelist M.P. Samuel Babu from South India.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole community to hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ on a completely non denominational basis.

Samuel Babu and teams of associate ministers proclaim the gospel throughout the villages and cities of India, and brings to us a first hand account of an exciting move of God in the country, that is releasing thousands from bondage and oppression through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

India's swelling population of nearly 800 million, is divided into 3000 castes, speaks more than 1650 languages, and worships approximately 270 million false gods.

You are invited to experience the power of God through the ministry of Samuel Babu at 2 special mid week outreach meetings and our regular Sunday morning meetings on June 14th and 21st.

The mid-week meetings are Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm. Romsey Mechanics' Hall, and Friday 12th June, 10.00am at Sue Bentley's home, 38 McMasters Lane, Lancefield (Phone 291426)

Our program of meetings is as follows:-

- Wed. June 10th. 7.30pm. Romsey Mechanics' Hall..
- Fri. June 12th. 10.00am. Sue Bentley's home, Lancefield.
- Sun. June 14th. 10.30am. Romsey Mechanics' Hall.
- Sun. June 21st. 10.30am. Lancefield Mechanics' Hall.
- Sun. June 28th. 10.30am. Lancefield Mechanics' Hall.
- Sun. July 5th. 10.30am. Romsey Mechanics' Hall.

Enquiries to Geoff Holland 054/295673 or Phillip Hemphill 054/291672.

The Gisborne High Technical School Parents and Friends Association invite all parents of Grade 6, 1987 students to an information night on Thursday, 18th June.

The evening will commence at 7pm. in the Library where the Principal, Mr. P. Barcham will speak. In order for parents to obtain maximum value from their evening, several teachers will be present and some time will be set aside for small group meetings of parents and teachers. It is hoped that in this time many issues and areas of concern to parents re the transition of their student to secondary school will be raised and discussed.

This will be followed by a meeting of the Parents' and Friends' Association at approximately 8pm. All are welcome to attend. Looking forward to meeting you at Gisborne Technical School on Thursday, 18th June. Mrs. Helen DiBella - (Transition)

WOMEN'S CRAFTS ROMSEY VILLAGE - Phone 295639.

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ROMSEY RED CROSS:

General Meeting of Romsey Red Cross Unit will be held on Monday 10th August, 1.30pm in the meeting room of the Romsey Hall. All Welcome. New members needed so please come along.

FOR THE GARDEN:

First plant four rows of peas -
Patience; Politeness; Perseverance; and Prayer.
Next to the plant three rows of squash -
No gossip; Squash criticism and Squash indifference.

Plant four rows of lettuce -
Let us be faithful; Let us be unselfish; Let us be helpful; and Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips -

Turnips are the root of all evil and turn up with determination. Shirley Shelton

COUNCIL NEWS:

Due to complaints received, we instituted a survey to be done on the open drains situated on the southern side of the township. The results are now to hand. As is known, there are two open drains. One runs down through Floreat Park, under Lancefield Road, then through McKenzie-Smith and Ken Carne estates (northern drain), the abuts Coleraine Park estate. Broad levels of cost were between \$210,000 to \$320,000 for the northern drain. Average contribution per lot (264 lots) would vary from \$200 for a smaller pipe with open drain over to \$1300 for a large pipe with filling. Costs for the southern drain vary between \$130,000 to \$190,000 with average contributions per lot (280 lots) varying from \$500 (small pipe etc.) to \$750 (large pipe etc.). These are average costs if all lots contributed and all lots paid the same. These schemes would naturally involve financial contributions from landowners quite remote from the works. In effect, if your surface or waste water flows into the drain then you are a contributor, thus the large amount of lots involved. Alternatively, costs would be very severe if they were only chargeable against abutting landowners. There are numerous methods whereby costs could be apportioned but it was felt by Council that the problem would best be solved by annual maintenance and to this end monies will be set aside in the estimates. This, of course, does not absolve those landowners, where the drain is on their property in the form of an easement, from doing their bit to assist Council in keeping the drains clear of debris in an effort to avoid flooding.

A study is to be undertaken of the usage and location of bus shelters within the Shire. This has come about due to the many requests received for the shelters and that Council must now bear the full brunt of cost.

The supervision fee for driveway crossings is to be a flat \$25, unless it is an extraordinary crossing, where the previous fee of 10% of estimate of works will be charged. The previous fee was as high as \$60, at times, a fee we believed to be exorbitant for the work done.

The Council has just been 'slugged' \$22,000 by the S.I.O. after they re-calculated our workers compensation insurance from 1982/83 to 1984/85. Just about all Councils have been hit. It boils down to a matter of interpretation of payment legislation and they interpret it different to us, and we lose. The \$22,000 will be payed, the extra \$18,000 they want will not.

Planning permits have been issued for a retail clothing store at 97 Main Street and a used car outlet at the old Fire Station.

An appeal against Councils decision to grant a permit for the erection of seven two-storey townhouses on the corner of Barry and Station Streets was disallowed. The development can now proceed. An appeal has been lodged with the Town Planning Appeals Board against Councils decision to allow the erection of a ham radio tower in Regan Drive.

Complaints about the lack of drainage in Wrixon Street are being looked into.

There have been changes to the Dog Act, especially in the penalties area. Fines have increased dramatically eg. unregistered dog now \$200 (was \$22), dog wandering during day \$100 (\$25.), dog wandering at night \$200 (\$50).

The Out of School Hours Program still has vacancies. Can you fill them? It's better than having the kids wandering the streets after school or being home unsupervised as both parents are working, and it operates till 6.30pm. Till next time,
John Laing, Ken Francis, Geoff Neil.

I wish to bring your attention to a revised Recreation Vehicle By-Law which is due to be ratified at the June Council meeting.

One particular point which should be known and fully understood is that if your property is under 2½ acres, you will not be permitted to use your land for a recreation vehicle of any sort. A By-Law with 'teeth' has been needed for some time and due to a complaint in the Riddell Riding in a semi-rural area (not town), Council decided to act. A By-Law is there to control. If a person does not comply with it then he is penalised and made to comply. The main objection to recreation vehicles is the noise and if your bike, car etc is too loud then this By-Law will certainly 'muffle' your act.

There are many arguments for and against and I don't propose to go through them here, suffice to say that I firmly believe this By-Law in its present format is extremely discriminative.

I urge you to contact your Riding Councillors and state your objection to what can only be described as an attack on your rights as property owners and responsible members of the community.
Geoff Neil.

RANDOM RAGGINGS by "Rambler"

I have noted some instances of bullying among our small fry. Nothing too serious, but it can become a serious anti-social thing. Parents - it's up to you to see that your children respect and help those who are different, quiet, handicapped, even 'wimps', instead of cowardly victimising them.

Anthea Lawton recently became 1st Romsey Guides' first recipient of the B.P. Emblem, the highest award in guiding. Congratulations, Anthea!

Four Romsey young people were in the deb. set at Braemar College's Debutante Ball on May 29th. Amanda Culpan and Kate Pegler made their debuts while Paul Deakin and Andrew Manden were among the partners in a set of 34 couples.

The district has a new doctor. But not a medical one. Jean Dawson, daughter of our shire's current citizen of the year, Daisy Dawson of Lancefield, has just been advised that her doctoral thesis on "Children's Literature" has been accepted. The date for the conferring of her Ph.D. has not yet been set.

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK:

A sum of \$4,040 has been set aside to begin a project of publishing a history of the Shire of Romsey as soon as possible. Because producing a book such as this costs anything from \$15,000 to \$50,000 (depending on whether it is a "Rolls Royce", middle-of-the road "Commodore" or a "Mini-type"), obviously public support in the form of donations will be necessary.

HELP!! We urgently need someone to volunteer to organize some fund-raising. Perhaps 2 or 3 Friends would work together, to run a Cake Stall, a Garage Sale/Auction, a Wine Bottling, or any kind of fund-raising!

Remember, your names will be listed in the History Book as contributors towards publishing it, and the book may be around for the next hundred years!

The small band of volunteers already working on the project are "flat out" doing research into local history and we really need some more people to help with the fund-raising.

Is there anybody out there?

For further information, please contact Jean Newell, 295522.

ROMSEY BROWNIE/GUIDE L.A.:

Thankyou to the Guides, Brownies and L.A. mothers who helped deliver the phone books. Thankyou also to everyone who made the cake stall a success.

The next L.A. meeting will be held at Lindy Shone's at 1.30pm. 22nd June.

B. Cole.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT:

Your Trivia Invite. For August 14th, 8pm start (prompt) at Mechanics Institute, B.Y.O. and Glass, Supper provided. \$7.00 per person. Tables seat 10, but don't worry if there aren't 10 of you others will be in the same boat. For a bit of fun how about submitting a Logo for your table!! Tentative Bookings 295490 or 295250 by 30th June.

Numbers and Monies to Romsey Primary School, Main Road, Romsey or Mrs. H. Watts, Wahroonga, RMB 1150, Romsey 3434. by 31st July.

Tear Off Slip

I/We _____ wish to come to the Trivia Night, August 14th.

Number of People _____ Logo for our table (optional) _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Congratulations to -- Emily Shanahan; Jane McIldowie; Rebecca Coel; Natasha Dalton; Scott McMaster; Kara Corner; Robert Pickering; Ashely Shaw; Nicole Lambert; Lyndall Moss; Jason Tozer; Bradley Eames; Aaron Dalton; Jason Odering; Daniel Strack; Marnie Graco; Abhir Habib; Carmel Miles; David Jordan; Chris Jekabsons; Scott Dyer; Andrew Day; Liesje Toomey; Wayne Robb; Shane Kowal; Daniel Gaunt; and Wayne Pickering (Emergency) upon being selected to represent the school at Bendigo on Wednesday 10th. The children have been selected by their coach Mr. Bob Sherrin, from the best long distance runners in the upper school. We feel that their daily practice will hold them in good stead for the 3km run.

The SKIPATHON which was successfully conducted in the beautifully warm winter sunshine last Friday, attracted many interested parents and exhausted children. Special thanks to all the sponsors for their support and to all who participated or encouraged the children.

Many readers will be interested that our successful SEEDLIFT during Arbor Week has drawn replies from as far away as Cape Woolami on Philip Island. Letters and Phone calls from the finders of balloons have been responded to by the pupils themselves. It seems amazing that less than 30 minutes after release we had replies from Cranbourne and Altona Meadows. Other replies came from Melton, Baxter, Sunbury, Romsey, Carrum Downs, Craigieburn, Reservoir and many other places.

Yet another meeting has been organised with Regional Office personnel regarding the appointment of an architect and the detailed development of a master plan for our new Primary School.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Wed. June 10th. Romsey Shire Council Meet.
- June 10th. * 7.30pm. Romsey Christian Fellowship.
- June 11th. Romsey Primary School Parents Club Meet at 1.30pm.
- Sunday June 14th. * Mixed Day at Golf followed by a fish BBQ.
- June 15th. * Antenatal classes St.Mary's Hall Romsey.
- June 18th * Gisborne H/Tech Information Evening.
- July 2nd * Romsey Shire Community Care Group Meeting 10am.
- July 3rd 2.30pm. CLOSING FOR ROMSEY RAG JULY/AUGUST EDITION.
- July 15th. * Windarring Auxilliary Luncheon at Riddells Creek.
- July 18th * Historical Society Cake Stall.
- Aug. 10th * Romsey Red Cross Meeting 1.30pm. Romsey Hall.
- Aug. 14th * THE TRIVIA Challenge Evening.
- Sept.18th * Historical Society Square Dance.

Items for the July issue of the Romsey Rag to be at the Post Office by 2pm. on Friday, 3rd July, (first Friday).

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