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HELP WANTED.

While the editorial committee is ever grateful to the Peglar family for delivering the Romsey Rag around the township on the East side of Main Street, we are desperately in need of a volunteer or volunteers to deliver to the West side of Main Street.

We already have one lady who delivers to the area North of Barry Street, West of Main Street - thanks Marg. If you can help please ring Beryl 295 411. If you can manage to deliver to the street you live in it would be a great help and one way of being sure you get your copy of the "Rag".

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IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No.20.

Mountain" Plants on Exposed Sites. As a tour of Mt.Macedon gardens and a comparison with Romsey gardens will confirm, the performance of Rhododendrons, azaleas, Magnolias, Camellias, tree ferns etc. is improved the nearer local conditions approach those on the mount. Shade, shelter from wind and frost, proximity of other vegetation, moisture, deep friable soils rich in humus typical of forested areas provide the ideal situation.

Attempting to grow plants which thrive in these conditions, in exposed sites typical of much of Romsey's new estates is therefore best avoided until suitable shelter belts have been established, soils improved and time is available for the extra attention these plants require. Limited plantings of such plants in protected situations near buildings, under pergolas and in containers where additional artificial climatic and other conditions can be met may however, be worth considering. Mulches of shredded bark, forest litter and other similar materials will also contribute to success in this climate.

- Syd Wheller.

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FOUND: Nice to be able to report that the Historical Society's missing rubber stamp was found outside the Primary School, returned to owner and reward paid. It had been broken off its handle and of course the ink pad has not been returned, but we have improvised a new handle and got a new pad.

ROMSEY RED CROSS: We are having another Tupperware Party for those who didn't like coming out in the cold at night - On Monday 13th July, 10 a.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Clement "Bank Glen", Springfield. Donation \$2 for morning tea.

Annual Meeting - Monday 10th August at 1.30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Romsey Hall. New members most welcome.

/Shirley Shelton.

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WANTED: Kerosine Heater in Good Condition. Phone Jean Newell - 295 522.

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SPORTS PEOPLE OF ROMSEY - WHERE ARE YOU? Romsey township is well endowed with sports facilities, and it appears that many newcomers are unaware of their existence.

At the Recreation Centre in Park Street, there are 3 tennis courts, 2 squash courts, a large stadium which incorporates netball, volleyball, basketball, badminton and tennis and an extremely well equipped gymnasium. This facility is not used to its optimum potential and anyone who would like to participate in any of the above mentioned sports would be more than welcome to come and look. Contact Darryl Calder at the centre on 295 637. Anyone interested in starting a basketball or volleyball competition would be very welcome.

There is also an active golf club with a men's competition on Saturdays and a ladies competition on Tuesdays. We have football, cricket and bowls, so there's something for everyone. Why don't you come and see or ring the club secretaries for information. The council has all the names of club secretaries. New members are always welcome. Come and join us.

Lee Howells.

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BAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT STRESS: Everyone experiences stress in their lives, and each person has their own level of stress that they can cope with. What do we mean when we say we are 'stressed' or a situation is 'stressful?' It is the changes in our lives and the demands placed upon us that we refer to as stress.

For some people the changes and demands improve their performance, help them to meet deadlines or just get through a busy day. But for others the pressure brings with it a reduced ability to function, as well as physical and behavioral symptoms.

Many people do not recognise that they are having difficulty coping and it may only be when they talk to their doctor or a friend about physical problems (like headaches, stomach pains, back ache or tiredness) or behavioural changes (like difficulty sleeping, irritability, problems concentrating or just not feeling right) that the suggestion is made to them.

The first step in coping with stress is to be aware of it, to learn what changes happen within yourself when confronted by changes and demands, and then to decide if you are happy with these.

The specific way of managing your personal stress is through specific relaxation exercises. By using relaxation exercises you can learn to control physical and mental tension and be well on the way to greater satisfaction and well being.

Regardless of the level of stress, or the presence or absence of symptoms, everyone can benefit by making relaxation a part of their daily routine. By choosing to manage stress better we are taking positive action towards a greater enjoyment of life.

LEARN TO RELAX - 6 WEEK COURSE

STARTING Thursday 27th August at 1.30 p.m. at the Cobaw Community Health Service Romsey Branch - St Mary's Hall.

COST \$15.00 or \$8.00 (Pensioner/Unemployed)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE - PHONE 223 011

FOR YOUR SEWING AND ALTERATIONS: Telephone Chris on 270 457.

## COUNCIL NEWS

Council has determined that amendments to our Interim Development Order (planning scheme etc.) are necessary. The amendments are on display and open for public comment. Amendment number 18 (outbuildings in Urban Areas) should be noted by all. Paragraph (f) states that all metal outbuildings in excess of 40 sq. metres be pre-coloured (colourbond), this includes the roof. Cost of colourbond is great and nearly half the cost will be in the roof. What do you think?

The Recreation Vehicles By-Law has been deferred for two months so that further consideration can be given and to allow for further public comment.

Council Elections will be held on Saturday, 1st August. Voting is compulsory if you are on the roll. Cr. John LAING's term expires this year.

There is a delay in the construction of the service road north of the township on the eastern side of Lancefield Road due to an old water main running along the middle of the road. Talks with the Water Board will hopefully resolve this soon.

There will be some clearing and levelling of nature-strips in Suzanne Court. Council have determined that if your unregistered dog is caught by the Shire Ranger you will be liable to a \$50 penalty as well as registration fees. If you do not have a house number displayed (preferably not Lot No.), it is your responsibility to do so. If you are unsure as to what it is, the Shire Office staff will assist.

'Til Next Time,  
John Laing, Ken Francis, Geoff Neil.

## ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK

At first, I wondered how this project could possibly be achieved: there was so little money for it and so little help with the work.

But now, six months later, the project is really starting to look good! I am delighted with Council's additional support, of \$3,300 per year for the next three years, and research is progressing well too.

Letters have been received, from within the Shire and beyond, recounting interesting snippets of history, and tapes and notes have been made with a number of senior citizens.

As I have said before, but I will keep saying again: "Please tell us NOW, and not AFTER the book is published." Your knowledge of bygone times, of people and places, of industries, sport and worship, in this district, may be invaluable. Written notes would be greatly appreciated, or just a chat if you prefer.

Last but not least, don't forget that if you would like your name to be recorded in the History Book, all you have to do is to make a donation to the project, via the State Bank, Romsey, A/c No. 30065. Your name (only) will be added to the subscribers' list which will be printed in the book. We still need about \$5,000 to cover costs of publishing the book.

Jean Newell (054) 295 522  
P.O. Box 11, Romsey, 3434.

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.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE The Romsey Fire Brigade is a volunteer organisation which services the township and rural areas surrounding the town. We have 3 fire engines, one provided by the Country Fire Authority and two purchased with funds raised by the brigade and its ladies auxiliary. All of the fire fighters are volunteers and all of the officers are democratically elected.

The brigade is equipped and members are trained to deal with incidents including grass and bush fires, structure fires, hazardous chemicals and vehicles. We can also give advice on fire prevention, including the use of fire extinguishers, turning off and general property protection.

Being the only emergency service, other than police in the area, we respond to all reported incidents and have contact with the police, State Emergency Service, ambulance, special hazardous chemicals units and other fire brigades.

Fires are generally reported by phone to the Fire Reporting System (FRS). When the FRS number is called, four phones in private homes and the telephone at the fire station will ring. The FRS may be answered by more than one person and a discussion between fire brigade personnel and the caller begins. IF NO-ONE ANSWERS the phone, HOLD ON and the SIREN WILL BE ACTIVATED.

You will want to know the type of incident and its location, including the nearest crossroad. Determine whether any person is threatened by the fire and make sure that the fire truck is met and a report given to the person in charge.

The FRS NUMBER is 295 333.

The fire station is in STAWELL STREET, between WILLIAMS and ROGERS STREETS, on the NORTH SIDE of the road. At the front is the old courthouse, which is now the Romsey and District Fire Brigades Group headquarters. The ROMSEY FIRE STATION is located BEHIND THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS.

If you wish to contact the fire brigade other than to report an emergency, contact can be made with:

Captain Ron Cole  
Ph 295 411 or personally at the Romsey Post Office.  
Secretary Ian Ogilvie  
Ph 295 715

ONLY USE THE FRS NUMBER TO REPORT EMERGENCIES.

If you are able to assist in an emergency, make yourself available by reporting to an officer at the fire station or at the scene. Finally, we make new members very welcome, so come and join us.

Trevor Williams.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB INC.

We were saddened at the sudden loss of a Lady Member and friend Marg. Gardiner on Sunday 28th of June. Our sympathy is extended to Dick.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite those who are interested in taking up bowling this season to contact Dorothy or Norm Thompson on 295 421.

Dorothy Thompson.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB Owing to the lack of supervision, the activities planned for Friday 17th July have been cancelled.

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Youth Club will be held at the Romsey Primary School at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 5th August. Please come along and support our Youth Club.

ADIES GOLF - SUMMARY OF MONTHLY EVENTS:

1/6/87: Flag Competition.

A few light showers did not deter the 10 players taking part in the event.

WIMMED: Jean Johnston 87  
2nd: Faye Lloyd 93  
3rd: Hazel Stammers 100

handicaps Broken: Jean Johnston 26 to 25 Faye Lloyd 32 to 30

irdie: Shirley Shelton

obblers: Shirley Shelton 25 metres Faye Lloyd 5 metres

6/6/87: 14 players took part in the Silver Spoon 3rd Round. The weather was perfect - no wind and the winter sun shining.

Helene Newham 2nd. Jean Johnston, 3rd. Hazel Stammers.

INNER: He

Helene Newham 47 to 26

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Helene Newham.

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Faye Lloyd, Helene Newham.

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players gambled on the weather and beat the rain to complete the 4 days stroke and putting event.

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Hazel Stammers, 88 - 88 - 64. 2nd. Jean Johnston, 94 - 25 - 69  
3rd. Beryl Cole, 103 - 35 - 70.

INNER: Ha  
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Jean Johnston 29 was comeback from Pam Gardner.

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Pam Gardner, Beryl Cole.

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2 players took to the field for the 11th played Ambrose Event.

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Carol and Helene Newham 82 + 31 + 61. Congratulations.

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Beryl and Ron Cole, 80 + 28 1/3 - 37 2/3.

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J. Laing and B. Cooney, 51 - 32 2/3 - 32 1/3.

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OR-GEST DRIVE:

MEN: Rob Maloney

OR-GEST DRIVE:

Helene Newham

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event, a barbecue was held at the club rooms which again proved a success. Thankyou to all who took part, and the organisers.

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Winnie Yates, 295 785.

Size 10 Gray Spiny Waterproof Ski Suits and Jacket.

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and new, never been worn. Ring Kim, 295 791.

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On Monday the 29th of June, the Romsey Fire Brigade received a Tanker to replace its ageing International A x 4 tanker. The keys were presented to Captain Ron Cole by Regional Officer, Arthur Dick Mechanical Engineer David Sanders was on hand to explain its features in attendance were Chair President, Zoe Trainor, Local Member Max MacDonald and Riding Councillors.

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about the New Vehicle - it is a King, diesel driven, 4 x 4, 1000 litres of water and has a 100 gallon per minute diesel pump. Cost £204,000.

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the vehicle

Handing over of the vehicle R.O. Fann presented a 25 year long service award to Fireman Ken Harker. Congratulations Ken.

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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

teen people attended the June Meeting and enjoyed the "Show & Tell" session, in which a variety of interesting items was shown, including objects, photos, documents, recipes, books and clothing.

The next chance to "Show & Tell" your historical items will be on Tuesday, 28th July, at Lancefield Mechanics' Institute, following the usual business meeting at 8 p.m. (And the final of the series of "Show & Tell" will be in Romsey on 25th August.)

Volunteer helpers at Working Bees would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to join a happy (but too small) band of workers on the 2nd Saturday morning of each month, to paint, carpenter, order or various lighter jobs, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Extra help is always needed for cataloguing our Archives at the Museum, and for Open Days there also. New displays have been mounted for the next six months, including Romsey Shops 1887 and 1887. Please contact Mrs. Dorothy Viney (295 584) re Museum. (Open Days: 4th Sunday 1-4 pm)

Reminder: Local artist, Pix Ogilvie is painting 9" x 5" local scenes (either contemporary or from old photos) for sale for \$35, nicely framed, and half of the proceeds are being donated to the Historical Society. If you would like a particular scene painted by Pixie, and if you would like to see examples of her work, please contact Jean Newell. These original oil paintings are unique and will not be "mass produced", so are extremely reasonably priced and are an offer not to be missed.

Jean Newell,  
Hon. Secretary (295 522)

PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN ROMSEY: Wish to advise enrolments for 1988 will close July 31st, 1987. However, enrolments for later years will still be accepted, and parents are advised to enrol their child after the second birthday. Enrolments will be taken by the Director at the kindergarten during school hours. The enrolment policy has been revised and for any enquiries contact Mrs. C. Cook (295 294) (Director) or Mrs. E. Scanlon (295 317) Secretary.

ROMSEY NEWSAGENCY - HOME & OFFICE SALE Your Local "Headline" Newsagent.

Our sale commences on July 13th for 10 days or until stocks last. The range offered is vast and will prove valuable to the student, the household and local business. The basic idea of ADLINE stationery is to provide you, the valued customer, with the best possible prices and a genuine attempt by your local newsagency to offer local service at the same prices available in the metropolitan area. Our CHRISTMAS and BACK TO SCHOOL specials were very successful (thanks to you!) and we are sure this one can be equally exciting.

Sincerely, Bruce & Kerrie Puxley.

1987 TRIVIA TROPHY - YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

"THE NIGHT" is creeping closer so get your booking in as soon as possible. Tables and individual bookings are already being sought after. It is advisable to be at the Mechanics Hall on August 14th with your thoughts, drinks and glass by 7.30 as we start at 8 p.m. sharp. Upper provided - \$7.00 per person. Ring 295 250 anytime or 295 490 during school hours.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH CHOIR are seeking singers to swell their small choir to enable the successful presentation of a program to celebrate Christmas. Most particularly needed are those able to sing bass and alto. Choir practise is usually held at 8 p.m. each Tuesday. If you are interested please contact Rev. A. Pegler (295 351) or Mrs. Roma Clement (295 217).

Roma Clement.

THE BI CENTENNIAL AUSTRALIA DAY Celebration will be held in the Main Street of Lancefield on Tuesday 26th January, 1988. Enthusiastic planning has already begun. Success of this celebration depends on the support given by each individual and organisation in our Shire. Are you planning to take part?

John Green,  
Secretary,  
Romsey Shire Australia Day Committee.

NEW TOURIST BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE:

Focus is placed upon the Mt. Macedon, Hanging Rock area in the recently released leaflet that pictorially illustrates 49 tourist highlights around the Romsey/Lancefield areas. It is well worth reading.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

Welcome to Mrs. Wendy Paterson from Lancefield, who takes up Grade 2 teaching duties next term. Well known local resident, Mrs. Gayle Ryan who has been teaching Grade 5, has commenced family leave and in wishing her well, we also welcome Mrs. Helen Laird from Woodend who will take over Gayles role.

Special congratulations are extended to Miss Leisje Toomey who came 7th in the Victorian Cross Country Championships recently held in Melbourne. This success followed her selection in Bendigo where she came 3rd in a very large field. Well done Leisje.

Date not to be missed, August 14th - The Trivia Night Challenge.

Also try to remember, (after voting early) our Working Bee (9 to Noon) on July 11th, which will enhance the school grounds before the children return on Monday 13th.

LOCAL BI-CENTENNIAL NEWS:

Thanks to the Apex Club of Romsey, a new flag pole is to be erected at the intersection of the Kilmore-Lancefield Road in Lancefield, and on Australia Day the Bi Centennial flag will be flown and a time capsule buried near the base of the flagpole. The Lancefield Garden Club are organising the beautification of that immediate area, and have already started work. If you wish to place something in the Time Capsule, that will be opened in 2010, envelopes for this specific purpose can be obtained from Romsey P.S. at a cost of \$5 or \$10. All proceeds will go to the Bi Centennial projects. A Special "Vintage Port" will also be available in time for Christmas giving at \$6.50. More details in the next Romsey Rag.

Thankyou to all community groups that have responded with their ideas for Bi Centennial celebrations. In late July letters will again be sent out to all groups, providing updated information.

Sincere thanks are also due to Mrs. Frances King who not only has served as your local Bi Centennial Committee's Secretary but also as the Shire's Community Services Officer. Now that this latter position no longer exists within the Shire I am sure that Mrs. King's contribution to the Community will be greatly missed. Due to the termination of her Community Service role, Mrs. King, who lives at Drummond, is unable to continue as Bi Centennial Secretary, we thank her for her contribution.

Trevor Turnham.  
Chairman.  
Bi Centennial Committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

July 11th	Working Bee at Romsey Primary School.
July 12th	Romsey Lancefield Christian Fellowship.
July 13th	Red Cross Tupperware Party.
July 15th	Windarring Auxiliary Luncheon.
July 27th	A.G.M. Romsey Recreation Committee.
July 28th	Romsey Historical Society Meeting.
July 31st	Enrolments for Kindergarten close.
August 5th	A.G.M. Romsey Youth Club.
August 10th	A.G.M. Romsey Red Cross.
August 14th	Trivia Night.
August 27th	Relaxation Classes - Cobaw Community.
September 30th	School enrolments close.

Items for the August issue of the Romsey Rag to be at the Post Office by 2 p.m. on Friday 4th August, (First Friday).

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Would like to sponsor an edition of the Romsey Rag Yes .....

Would like to help with the delivery of the Romsey Rag Yes .....

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