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State Bank Victoria's Romsey branch is part of the Bank's Bendigo-based north-central region.

The Bank started its exciting programme of regional management in July last year when Gippsland region, Traralgon, opened. North-central region was opened last August and takes in 28 branches. It is headed by senior regional manager, Mr. Peter Shepard, and regional manager, Mr. Allan Timmins.

The system of regional management - with nine metropolitan and six country regions - is designed to improve administration of State Bank Victoria's 527 branches, the largest bank network in Victoria. The Bank is replacing its system of district management for better management of business development and market penetration.

Mr. John Lonergan, manager of State Bank Victoria's Romsey branch says, "Our regional approach helps us provide more comprehensive and speedier service to customers, whether business or individuals in the country or city. It brings head office services closer to State Bank Victoria's customers and cuts red tape to a minimum.

"In today's competitive banking scene, customers are demanding quicker decisions on their banking needs, such as loan applications. By decentralising the Bank's key operations we aim to meet those needs."

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TO THE PEOPLE OF ROMSEY Thank you very much to those who voted for me last Saturday.

As I said in my letter, I will continue to give my time to represent ALL residents.

Please contact me if you have any concerns regarding local government matters.

John Laing

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Do you know that we sell - Lee Grey School Jeans,  
Levi Grey School Jeans,  
Lee and Levi Denim Jeans, Childrens Sizes,  
Childrens socks and sneakers.

We may not have the range of the big stores, but our prices are very competitive.

For your own convenience shop ROMSEY SPORTS & CLOTHING, 295 716

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ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK

Sincere thanks to several people who have given their time and research material in the past month; the contributions have been greatly appreciated and most useful. Please contact me if you, too, could spare an hour or two to talk about local history, if you have memories, photos, letters, documents etc.

Jean Kewell (054 295 522)

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB INC.

The Annual Meeting of the Romsey Youth Club was held on the 5/8/1987. Office bearers elected for the coming twelve months are Trevor Ordering, President, Secretary Ron Cole, Treasurer Peter Devanny. Thanks go to our outgoing Secretary John Green and his Assistant Bev. Large for their contributions.

Though the Annual Meeting attendance was a big improvement, we would be appreciative of any person who may be able to assist us. Meetings are held 1st Wednesday of each month at the Romsey Primary School.

Youth Club is held fort-nightly so watch your local shop windows, school newsletter and Romsey Rag for details and venues. Possible places of interest to be visited over the next twelve months, are Police Complex at Sunbury, Metropolitan Fire Brigade - Eastern Hill, Footscray West Mail Centre, a Daily Newspaper.

For further information please contact Secretary Ron Cole 295 411, or President Trevor Ordering 295 241.

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CORNER CRAFTS, SHOP 7, ROMSEY VILLAGE, ROMSEY

Patons and Villawool Yarns, knitting needles and patterns. Lay-by your wool.

Windcheater remnants, Tootal thread, ribbons, laces, craft glue, cane baskets etc.

Woolien jumpers, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, baby booties.

Chocolate making moulds - all at \$2.00 each.

Repairs and zippers replaced.

Agent for Gisborne Dry Cleaners - in by Wednesday 5 pm - back Friday 10 am.

Embroidery kits, puffy poms, Cernit Modelling material.

Pottery, Ceramics, hand made gifts and lampshades.

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COUNCIL NEWS

The Shire is to sub-divide land in Portingales Lane for medium/heavy industrial use. A Melbourne manufacturer has shown keen interest in establishing his business in Romsey. He has advertised locally for people to work at his Campbellfield factory to undergo training until he can build here next year. He is prepared to pay a travelling allowance in the interim. It would be great if we could encourage heavy industry which uses natural gas to establish itself here. Do you know of someone looking for an industrial site.

The Ranger will be checking Romsey township to make sure that people issued with horse permits are complying with the By-Law and to detect those that have horses without permits.

Approaches are to be made to 'local' bus operators to ascertain the viability of a regular bus service to either Sunbury or Moonee Ponds two or three times a day, one or two days per week.

Finally, congratulations to John Laign on being re-elected to Council for another three years.

Till next time,

Ken Francis,  
Geoff Neil

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IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 21

Lawns & Compost Bins. We are indebted to the editors of "Garden Cuttings" (now known as "Australian Garden Journal") for permission to reproduce the following from the February 1983 edition of "G.C.":

Energy Budget of a Lawn On a 110 square metre lawn in California, U.S.A. grass cuttings and litter removed by mowing and raking equalled, in one year, 3.3 kg of nitrogen, 0.96kg. of phosphorus and 1.85kg. of potassium. To maintain the lawn in a healthy state took 14.5 kg of fertilizer, equal to 1.72 kg. of nitrogen, 0.43 kg of phosphorus and 0.86 kg. of potassium. Therefore there was a net deficiency of nutrients. This same lawn took 1865 calories per square metre per year in the form of labour, petrol, fertilizer and irrigation; this compared with 715 calories per square metre per year required to grown an equivalent area of maize.

On economic grounds, therefore, the energy budget of a lawn makes no sense - especially as no crop of any sort is harvested from it. (Source: Jennifer Owen; Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society, Sept. 1982). NOTE: One Colorado city, faced with dwindling water supplies, recently passed an ordinance restricting the percentage of residential landscaping area which home-owners may establish with Kentucky bluegrass lawn.

Compost Bins: Around the world various local authorities are taking the initiative in establishing community composting programmes and encouraging home garden composting. This not only recycles useful waste products to productive ends, but also significantly lessens the burden and cost of municipal waste collection services.

Our own government, regrettably, looks in the opposite direction. It imposes a 20% sales tax on compost bins, while incinerators, which add to environmental pollution rather than reduce it, and which produce an end product of negligible value, attract only 2½% tax. The logic of this differentiation is hard to follow.

Syd. Wheeler

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I would like to thank those people who on a recent wet Saturday morning, helped Amanda when her horse slipped and fell on her leg. To Muriel and Bruce Neish, Margaret and Alison Herbst, Ralph McKay who fetched Dr. Ryan, Martin the Vet. who checked over the horse and all those who offered help at that time, Thank you - Bev. Large

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB

Bowlers, who are not fortunate enough to be spending the winter up North, are still in "hibernation", but the stirrings within us indicate that the Season is not far off. The Ladies section are holding a "Bowling Fashion and Accessories Parade" and luncheon at 12 noon on September 3rd at the Mechanics Hall, Romsey, for information or bookings please ring 295 421. The Opening Day will be Sunday September the 27th, we will welcome new members both ladies and men, you are never too old to bowl and the best bowlers start young, so we hope you will consider joining us this season.

Norm. Thompson, Hon. Sec. 295 421.

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DR. T.J. HUDSON is now practising dentistry at Romsey on Thursday mornings from 8.00 am. For appointments 'phone 057 821 933

SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN ROMSEY:

The Romsey Recreation Centre Inc., held its Annual General meeting on July 27th and due to lack of support a new committee could not be elected. Now there is no committee running the Centre.

Our Recreation Centre is a very valuable asset to our community. Without the centre you would have to travel to play netball, badminton and squash. This centre has been run by a public committee of dedicated volunteers for 12 years. It is not run by the council and although we occasionally get some support from the council, most of the money raised comes from dues and fees and fundraising by the committee. All the work done at the Recreation Centre is either voluntary or paid for by our committee.

The old committee feel that it is time that we had some input from the patrons of the centre and any interested members of the community. We need new people on the committee, with fresh ideas on the usage of the centre.

People need to realise that this centre is run by volunteers. We need all the support that the community has to offer. It would be a shame if the centre closed down due to lack of support. Next time you use the centre think of the people who have been on the committee for years. Don't think "its not my concern, someone else will do it". Don't criticise those who have tried. Come along and make the centre your centre. Help form a new committee to run the Recreation Centre to its full potential.

NEXT MEETING : TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 8 pm AT THE RECREATION CENTRE

TENNIS: Anyone interested in joining the Romsey Tennis Club please come to the Annual Meeting August 11th, 7.30 pm at the Romsey Recreation Centre. New members more than welcome. We enter Senior and Junior Teams in the Gisborne District Competition. We also have social days and some evenings hits. Come and join us if you are interested, but if unable to attend the meeting, ring Vikki Cooney, 295378 or Lee Howells 295348. for further information.

Anyone interested in playing Ladies Midweek competition tennis, please contact Lee Howells, 295378 or Bev. Gaunt 291200. Tuesday is Ladies Day and we play from 10 am onwards. New comers welcome. The tennis courts are available for hire, enquiries ring 295637.

Junior Tennis Coaching is to begin at the Romsey Primary School Courts on Sunday July 26th. Private or Group Lesson are available. For more information please phone Susan Davis 291 866 (AH) or (BH) 03/3542802.

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THE ROMSEY GOLF COURSE, despite being wet is in top condition. The Ladies play Tuesday's and welcome new members whether you are a beginner or experienced player. This year we unfortunately were unable to enter a pennant team, due to lack of available players on a Monday, but hopefully next year will be a different story. We hit off at 9.30 am so if you wish to join us be at the Clubrooms by 9.15 am.

The men play Saturdays hitting off at 1 pm and this year had two pennant teams which played on Sundays.

Further information - Beryl Cole 295 411  
Andrew Laing 295 231

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LOST Navy Raincoat, Ladies Size 12 - Lined - Tie Belt and Middle Button missing. Possibly left in a home or car. RING 295 501.

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BADMINTON NEWS

Romsey Badminton Club has just completed another successful season by taking out the 'A' & 'C' Grade Premierships. Congratulations go to 'A' Grade Koalas, Craig Peet, Terry Lingard, Glenice Preston and Wendy Miceli and also to 'C' Grade Kookas, Barry Peet, Tim McCarten, Terry Burgess, Tania Stammers, Kathy Nelson and Mary Wallace who all put in an excellent season. Our next season kicks off in October and we are looking forward to submitting two "A" Grade, one "B" Grade, one "C" Grade and possibly three "D" Grade teams if we can round up a few more "D" Grade men. We are always looking for new players so if you are interested in having a go at Badminton why not come along to our practice sessions on a Sunday night at the Rec. Centre from 7.30 pm or ring G. Preston Sec. 295 779 or J. Peet Pres. 295 365 or T. Stammers Treas. 295 235.

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ROMSEY BODYTONE GYMNASIUM

Its that time of year, when you have to start working off all of those calories stored over winter. If you like to feel trim, taut and terrific, then one of the best ways to achieve overall fitness and bodytone is in a gymnasium. Personalised programmes in weight loss, general fitness, bodytoning and body building - with advice and encouragement to help you achieve your goals.

Maybe you would like to try our Life Be In It Fresh Start Aerobic Classes. Aerobics the whole family can do. (Fully qualified instructors). Morning Classes Monday and Thursday 9.30 am Night Classes Tuesday and Thursday 7.30 pm. \*Child supervision will be provided for those children whose mothers wish to be aerobics.

SQUASH

I am desperately looking for squash players to play in our local competition played Tuesday nights. Beginners to A Grade players welcome. A season lasts about nine weeks, with trophies awarded to the finalists.

BASKETBALL

I am also trying to start a local basketball competition, from juniors right thru to seniors. It will be played in the netballs off season.

\*You can register your name for squash or basketball at the gymnasium, or phone Daryle on 295 637.

Daryle Calder

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CALLISTHENICS: Interested people can contact Sandra Lloyd :- phone 295 204.

KARATE: Contact Darle Calder at the Centre.

NETBALL: Juniors Contact Rhonda Campbell 295 572  
Seniors Contact Bev. Gaunt 291 200

ADULT RIDING CLUB: Contact 295 257 or 291 595. Riders interested in the Navigational ride and drive at Lancefield on Sunday 30th August, Lancefield Windery Luncheon.

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

As you may have read in the Macedon Ranges Telegraph last week, it was necessary to clarify a misunderstanding re the Shire History Book project.

Although the Historical Society supports the concept of the Book, and will assist with the research, the Historical Society is NOT in a position to be responsible for publishing the Book, i.e. providing all the funding.

The Book is being funded by the Council, and Bicentennial funding (State & Federal) together with donations from the public.

The Historical Society is continuing with its two main projects: (1) The local history Museum at the Court House, Lancefield, and (2) restoration of the oldest dwelling in Romsey, the Sidney Seymour Cottage.

New members are always welcome and needed! Enquiries to: Mrs. Jean Newell 295 522.

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LEARN TO RELAX - 6 week course.      STARTING - Thursday 27th August.      TIME - 1.30 pm  
PLACE - Cobaw Community Health Service Romsey Branch - St. Mary's Hall.      COST \$15.00;  
\$8.00 (Pensioner/Unemployed).

For more information contact Cobaw Community Health Service - Phone 223 011.

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WINDARRING President Helen Betts - Secretary Elaine Lobb

On behalf of the Windarring Auxillary I would like to express our thanks to all who attended our luncheon on Wednesday 15th July, I am sure all will agree it was a most enjoyable day, even if the weather was not good. We raised a sum of \$210 to go towards the future work of Windarring and thank all who supported us.

Elaine Lobb, Sec.

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AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION TO PUT 'LOCAL' MELBOURNE COMMUNITIES IN THE PICTURE.

Amateur and professional photographers of all ages and all ambitions have the chance to see their Personal Views on display in the Australian Bicentennial Exhibition in 1988.

This Exhibition project will be in fact be known as Personal Views and all Victorians are invited to contribute to this Australia-wide picture of how we see ourselves and each other, our lifestyles and our environment. Personal Views is being organised for the Australian Bicentennial Authority by the Australian Photographic Society which represents amateur photographers throughout Australia.

Organising Committees in the Exhibition's 34 locations are responsible for arranging selection of the 18 photographic works in each region. Mr. John Chapman from the Australian Photographic Society will be responsible for selecting material for the Melbourne visit of the Exhibition. There are five categories - Teen Idols, Holiday Postcards, Posters of People at Work and Play, Family Snaps at Home, and Slides of Your Town - which provide amateurs and professionals alike with the chance to get involved. Entries should be returned with a Submission Form which carries full details. Submission forms can be obtained by writing to John Chapman, C/- GPO Box 598D, Melbourne, 3001, or by telephoning him on (03) 660 2290 (business hours), (03) 8598464 (after hours).

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ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT Well the Trivia Night is finally here. Could everyone endeavour to pay their money before Friday 14th please and anyone else who would like to join us are more than welcome, still a couple of tables left.

Make sure you are there WELL BEFORE 8 pm. Questions will start on time. Enquiries and payment to Romsey Primary School - Phone 295 490, or Helen Watts - Phone 295 250.

MS READ-A-THON A number of children at the Romsey Primary School are taking part in the annual MS Read-A-Thon. They are all very enthusiastically reading at every opportunity. They have until August 28th to complete their reading and then until September 3rd to collect their sponsorship money. When local children ask you for sponsorship you can be sure the project is a learning process for them as well as aiding a good cause.

UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP : PROGRAMME to end of year

Friday, 21st August	Around the World with Alison & Kate Peglar
Friday, 4th September	10 Pin Bowling (to be confirmed)
Friday, 18th September	Hobbies Night, Bring Something to Display
Friday, 9th October	Progressive Supper
Friday 23rd October	To be arranged
Friday, 6th November - 8th November	Camp Weekend, Gerald Pennefather's home
Friday, 20th November	Treasure Hunt, meet at Church Hall
Friday, 4th December	Hay Ride (to be arranged)

Meetings at Church Hall start at 7.30 pm and finish by 9.30 pm.

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JUST HAD A BABY Come to our aerobic and discussion classes.

Exercise: Stretching and toning  
Relaxation: Learn relaxation techniques  
Discussion: Variety of discussion and occasional guest speakers

DAY: Monday  
TIME: 12.00 at Romsey - St. Mary's Hall

For more information telephone 223 011 Cobaw Community Health Service.

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ANTENATAL CLASSES: Cobaw Community Health Service is providing Antenatal Classes in Romsey. There are six classes each of 2 hours, once a week for six weeks. The classes involve video's, informational handouts, breathing techniques, relaxation techniques and appropriate exercises. The next classes will commence in August. For more information telephone Chris Guymer on 223 011. Child minding provided.

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The Romsey Lancefield Historical Society is looking for a double stainless kitchen sink, for use in the catering kitchen at Sidney Seymour Cottage. If anyone has one, at a reasonable cost or one which they would care to donate could they please contact either John Clement 295 317 or Elaine Lobb 295 321.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING IN COMMUNICATION (I.T.C.)

A Branch of this International Club meets at Woodend Shire Offices on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 12.45 pm to 3 pm.

The aim of the Club (which is open to men and women) is to help people overcome difficulties of speaking in public - not necessarily aiming at becoming public speakers, but just whatever level suits the person's requirements, i.e. taking office in local committees, having the courage to have "Your Say" in ordinary, daily situations, etc. Members are given very small assignments at first, in the friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere of the Club, and then gradually increased assignments at the individual's own pace.

Business meeting procedure is taught, and other segments include increasing word knowledge, film or book reviews, and listening to speeches by others. Visitors can attend two meetings before deciding whether or not to join.

If you would like further information, please contact Mrs. Diana Feitsma (271 537) or Mrs. Jean Newell (295 522). Transport to meetings would be available from Romsey.

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NEW SCHOOL? - AN UP DATE ON A VERY DRAWN OUT DEVELOPMENT

Following a site inspection by two members of the Regional Board of Education last week, the Board will shortly make its decision regarding the new priorities for major building projects. Kyneton H/Tech and Romsey P.S. currently have been allocated the top two positions on the sub regional priority list, but now must be slotted into the Region Wide listing. It should also be pointed out that our Region commences at Riddells Crk. and extends to the South Australian and NSW Borders. Even allowing for other needs within that area and the huge annual budget cuts in the Education area, it is expected that both the Romsey and Kyneton projects will be listed in the top ten by the regional board.

Our School Council has had an active subcommittee working towards the re-development of the new school on its current site which is divided by Palmer St. The Ministry however have indicated that they are not prepared to build on a divided site and so in order that the program proceed, either Palmer St. would need to be closed on a permanent basis or a new site found for the school. School Council would like to hear from any members of the community who have strong feelings in this regard. (Note: residents of Palmer St. have been informed by letter of this situation and the school council is in the process of making direct contact with these families).

There is also the strong possibility that a secondary school could be developed in Romsey. School Council would also be interested in hearing from the community with regard to joint or adjacent Primary/Secondary School facilities being developed.

If you have any queries in relation to these developments please do not hesitate to contact Trevor Turnham Principal, Romsey Primary School, Phone 295490.

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The Gisborne High Technical School Parents and Friends Association have invited the Science Faculty at the school to attend their next meeting. This is the 4th in their series of "School Improvement Plan" evenings. The Science Faculty will be presenting their curriculum for discussion to members of the school community. This invitation is extended to parents of students who are currently in primary school as well as parents of post primary school students.

Everyone is welcome to attend this evening, being held on Thursday 20th August 8 pm at Gisborne High School. For more information please contact Ian Bennett - Science Co-ordinator Ph: 283 691.