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ROMSEY COMMUNITY LEISURE GROUP

Our group was formed in 1984 and we still average twelve members a week, all ages and religions. We meet every Thursday morning in the Uniting Church Sunday School Room from 10.30 - 11.30. Cost 50 cents weekly. We do community work as well as our own, such as making rungs etc. for worth while organisations. We also go on bus and car trips to places on interest, and have a Christmas Break-up party at the end of the year. We all get a great deal of pleasure from our group, and would love to welcome new members.

Pat Lobb-Group Leader
29 5415

HOLIDAY PLAY CENTRE REPORT: Many children thoroughly enjoyed the activities that were conducted throughout the recent school holidays. Mrs. Jane Whalan and her assistants conducted a range of activities that commenced at 9am and concluded at 6pm. The program involved passive and active games, cooking instruction, films, videos, experimental painting, kite and puppet making. A special word of appreciation is passed on to all those voluntary helpers whose time and efforts made the program so successful.

GLENDALE NURSERY: John and Wendy Laing would like to thank the many customers, who have supported them during the past eleven years. We trust that you will support the new owners, John and Rhonda Strange.

RESITE Romsey Primary? : With the constantly growing population of our town and the problems of catering for the school population, there arises a real need to clarify where our new school should be sited. For more than 12 years there has been a recognised need to totally redevelop the Primary School and there has also been a traditional belief that this redevelopment should occur on the existing site which is now separated by Palmer Street,. Is there a more logical site for a school population which will grown in excess of 400 children. This complex question will be discussed at a Public Meeting to be held on October Romsey Primary School. All interested persons are most welcome.

ORDER NOW! - OLDE RED GUM PORT Bottled exclusively for the Residents of the SHIRE OF ROMSEY as they celebrate and remember Australia's BiCentenary, available from Committee Members.

BiCentennial Souvenirs - As the bicentennial year approaches, various souvenirs commemorating Australia's 200th year have appeared on the market. Romsey Shire's bicentenary committee is conducting a bicentennial sales program and people wishing to purchase items such as tea-spoons, retractable pens, key rings and magnetic noteholders should contact committee chairman.

Mr. Trevor Turnham at Romsey Primary School or Secretary Mrs. Jane Whalan at the Shire Offices.

ANNOUNCEMENT - ROMSEY HOUSE FOR SALE

GRAHAM and JEAN NEWELL wish to announce that they will be moving to another house in Romsey and the consequently Romsey House is on the market. Full details will appear on "For Sale" Noticeboards next week, on this historic property.

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK - The Shire History Book project is progressing well and has an active Committee of ten members, who are collecting research material etc. I wish to assure everybody that my proposed move of house will not affect my continued involvement with the Romsey Shire History Book. I will be continuing my role as before and reports on progress with the book will continue to appear in the Romsey Rgg.

Jean Newell
(054) 29 5522

"LANCEFIELD ROMSEY LIONS CLUB" - Each year the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club have always had a large raffle at Christmas time and it has always been very well supported by both Lancefield and Romsey residents and the drawing of the raffle has always been held at Lancefield with a street carnival.

This year we still have the raffle and it will be as big as ever, with the prize being a trailer containing lots of goodies, consisting of toys for the children, handyman tools for Dad and kitchen equipment for Mum all in all a very good prize, the value of the prize which includes the trailer is \$2,000.00 and it is only \$1.00 a ticket, in this day and age that is good value, for money.

Instead of having the drawing at Lancefield we have decided to hold it at Romsey and it will be on at the Lions Park on Friday the 18th December kicking off at about 6 p.m. with a street carnival, there will be stalls selling Hamburgers, sausages etc. and soft drinks, spinning wheel, hay rides, pony rides, clowns and a family entertainment night, so when you finish your shopping you can pop along to the Park and have an enjoyable night and at the same time help the Lions Club.

Now if there are any other organisations in the town that would like to get in on the act and set up a stall, by all means you are very welcome, so come on all you Secretaries get your Club activated and get a stall, in, if you decide to put a stall in contact Lion Mr. Trevor Ritchie Manager of the National Bank and he will make the necessary arrangements.

Don't forget the bicycle flags that are on sale for \$5.00 at the Police Station, the Lions Club are very pleased to be involved in this venture and with your help they are contributing to the safety of your children.

Warren B. Opie,
Secretary

COUNCIL NEWS - A Planning permit has been issued for the 5 Strata Title units in Stawell Street, also for the Industrial Estate off Portingales Lane. This estate will comprise 6 x one acre lots and 5 x half acre lots. The internal court will be named Johnston Court after Chris JOHNSTON, a 'Shire Citizen of Year' aware recipient, and a person who has given much to the community.

An application to erect a double storey shopping and office complex on the south-east corner of Barry Street, and Main Street, has not been agreed to on the plans submitted. The developer of land bounded by Barry street West, Wrixon and Palmer Streets, Main Street, Hutchinsons Lane and Couzins Lane has been asked to re-submit plans in line with Council guidelines.

By-Law No. 41 (Keeping of Dogs) is being updated. The only change of significance will be that a permit will allow you to keep up to 6 dogs maximum. You will still be allowed two dogs without a permit and those permits issued under the old By-Law will still be valid.

Home Help and Meals on Wheels charges will be increased slightly from October 1st, to help defray rising costs. M.O.W. will be \$2.20 and H.H. will vary between \$1.35/hr to \$4.50/hr maximum.

Is there a person with \$500,000 to spare, who would like to have a swimming pool named after them? Applications are invited NOW. Don't miss out on this unique offer. Contact the Shire Secretary or ourselves for further details. Till next time,

Ken FRANCIS
Geoff NEIL

BOYS! Looking for Something Special? - Any Boys who are 8 + years are usually interested in an active, worthwhile and creative club. Then why not consider joining the 1st Romsey Cubs or Scouts? There are some places for cubs between the ages of 8-10 years on a Wednesday night as older boys have recently graduated to the Scout Group. For the answers to your enquiries please feel free to contact:

Ashley Spiers 29 5435
Adrian Copley 29 5538

Cubs meet Tuesday or Wednesday Scouts Thursday and Venturers Fridays.

LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM - Did you know that the history of this district is being preserved and displayed at the Old Court House building in Lancefield?

Work on this fascinating project is done entirely by volunteers and extra helpers are urgently needed, if we are to open to the Public more frequently.

At present the Museum is open on the 4th Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m. but we would like more people to be on the Roster so that we can open EVERY SUNDAY.

No experience is required; training can easily be given, and your valuable spare time might be given only once or twice a year.

Do give it a try - you may be surprised how interesting it is!

For further details and information contact:

Ron & Dorothy Viney (29 5584)

on behalf of the Historical Society

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Our Guest Speaker at the 27th October Meeting in the Romsey Mech. Inst. Hall at 8 p.m. will be the well-known author of "Riddell's Village" - Mrs. Robyn Goss.

Her subject will be "The History of Riddell's Creek." Visitors and all members are cordially invited to what promises to be a most interesting evening, and supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

The Square Dance, which was held on 18th September was a very enjoyable social evening for the 70 or so people who attended. We could have done with a more profitable fund-raising event, but the night was certainly successful from a social point of view and we made a modest profit.

Extra helpers would be warmly welcomed on Saturday 10th October, 9-12 p.m. at the Working Bee at the Sidney Seymour Cottage, Palmer Street, Romsey (the Street beside the Primary School.) Work is continuing on restoration of the cottage and garden.

Jean Newell
Secretary 29 5522.

"POLICE NEWS" - Its unfortunate but it is a way of life, country people are more heavily penalised when convicted for the offence of .05%, at least if they live in the metropolitan area and they lose their licence for a period of time, they do have alternate means of transport and can usually get to work, whereas the country person has no means unless he can rely on someone taking him or her to work and over a period of time that becomes a real drag on both of them.

This is a true story of how you can be caught and involves a couple living in the area, some time back the husband was intercepted in the city area and as a result of this interception he had a breath test, end result, he lost his licence for two years, that was bad enough but not the end of the world as his wife could still drive him to work, she also worked in the city.

Police News (contd.)

A couple of three weeks later they went to a function in the city and they had a few drinks, the wife didn't think that she had had very much to drink and as the car was parked in the car park and the car park was very well lit, she forgot to put her headlights on, of course² when she got out in the city traffic and as the streets were well lit, she was pulled up for no lights and at the same time she also had a breath tests, as a result of the test she lost her licence for 12 months, now they really had a problem.

Think about the problems they had, neither person had a licence and they both worked in the city, and two young children at school and no means of transport, the last I heard was that the property was on the market and they were heading back to Melbourne, they really had no choice. So much for the country life.

Even though you have a couple of drinks and you think you are O.K., invariably, you as the driver forget something, whether it be lights, seatbelts, or indicators and you get pulled up for that offence most times you get a warning but once you have been drinking it is a different ball game.

With Christmas coming up very quickly, I can't stress it enough that there will be a heavy concentration of Breath Testing Stations set up right throughout the State, so if you are going to go to that office party for the Christmas break-up, make sure that you have a non-drinker so that you can get home, especially now that you live in the country and there are no means of alternate transport up here.

Whilst on the subject of Christmas and as I said it is coming up very fast, we have the ideal small Christmas present for the children, over the last twelve months there have been 10 19 cyclists killed on Victorian roads, mainly because the motorists did not see them. So this year in conjunction with the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club we have purchased a quantity of flags, they are on a 5ft rod with a red flag and can be affixed to the rear of a pushbike, now if we can get all the bikes in the town fitted up with them we can go a long way towards stopping these accidents at least in this area.

The flags are on sale at the Romsey Police Station as from now, at \$5.00 each, you are getting them pretty cheap, as the recommended price retail is \$6.20 each, \$5.00 is not a very heavy price to pay if it may save your child from being injured, the flags are just not confined to children, adults are just as vulnerable on pushbikes, you can put them on scooters three wheelers, if you are so inclined you can even put them on the rider mower, at least "Mum" can see you when you are cutting the long grass in preparation for our fire prevention period which could be bad if this hot weather keeps up.

With the flags, we did the same in Donald and I think we just about fitted out the whole town and they were very successful and we got our accident rate down, which is the most important thing.

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

10 RULES FOR SUCCESS -

1. Speak to people.
 2. Be genuinely cordial.
 3. Smile - it's infectious!
 4. Call people by name.
 5. Be friendly and helpful.
 6. Take a genuine interest in others.
 7. Consider the feelings of others.
 8. Be alert to render assistance.
 9. Respect the opinions of others.
 10. Praise Generously, criticise cautiously.
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THE ROMSEY AUXILIARY OF LANCEFIELD BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL

Are having a cooking demonstration by 'GABRIEL GATE' on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. His cookery book "Family Food" compiled on behalf of the

The Romsey Auxiliary (contd.)

AntiCancer Council will be available for purchase at \$14.95 a copy. Number of tickets strictly limited.

Donation \$15.00 per person.

For further information and tickets please ring - Mrs. PEG TOM 29 5443
Mrs. ANA RYAN 29 1406

ROMSEY CALISTHENIC COLLEGE - We entered competitions for the first time this year and gained some pleasing results. We are having a Presentation of competition medals on Saturday October 17th at the Mechanics Hall at 6 p.m.
Family Ticket \$15.00 A Adult \$6.00 Child \$3.00

Which includes a smorgasboard meal. Drinks are B.Y.O., The girls will present 7 winning items, then will be presented with their medals.
All are welcome Tickets available from the Recreation Hall on a Saturday morning, or telephoning Mrs. S. Lloyd 29 5204 or Mrs. D. Jordan 29 5574.

The Annual Display in which the girls will present all their work for the year will be held at Maribyrnong High School (next to Highpoint) on Friday November 13th 7.30 p.m.
Tickets Bookings Mrs. D. Jordan 29 5574.

Anyone wishing information on the club can ring Mrs. S. Lloyd 29 5204 or Mrs. L. Johnstone (Sec.) (03) 327 - 4507/

GOLF NEWS:

15/9/87 Final Round Championships.

CHAMPION A GRADE: Helene Newnham
CHAMPION B GRADE: Elaine Scanlon
AGGREGATE WINNER: Hazel Stammers

Days Competition.

Winner: Shirley Shelton - 102 -36 - 66.

22/9/87. Stroke Event.

Winner: L. Ritchie - 100 - 36 -64.

29/9/87 Par Event

Winner: H. Newnham - 4

Congratulations to all Championship Winners.

Presentation night - Friday October 9th. See you there for a great time. Don't forget the theme is Red- Black. Starting time 7.30 p.m. meal to be served at 8p.m.
B.Y.O. drinks and glasses.

The Annual General Meeting of the lady members will be held at the Club Rooms -
Wednesday 14th October at 1.30 p.m..

B. Cole.

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IN YOUR GARDEN NO. 23:

Understanding Plant Names Pt. 3. - Horticulturally speaking, two of the most widely misused terms in describing garden plants by gardening writers as well as the general public are "kind" and "variety". While these terms are often regarded as synonyms in other contexts, it is generally accepted in horticulture that the term "kind" implies a degree of difference between plants greater than that implied by the term "variety"; a distinction comparable with the terms "genus" and "species" in botany or zoology. Hence one would refer to apples, pears, plums, apricots etc. as "kinds" of fruit and "Jonathan", "Delicious", "Packham's Triumph", "Statsuma", "Moorpark" etc. as "varieties" although in recent years the term "cultivar" has come into favour by many writers to distinguish the "variety" originations in cultivation from the varieties which may be included within a botanical species.

The term "species" which is both singular and plural - there is no such word as "specie" - is another frequently misused and misspelled word among gardening writers. While the differences between plants and some animals considered sufficient to classify them as separate species is often the subject of debate among biologists, the use of the term to distinguish plants of garden origin (cultivars) from one another is not appropriate, although one may refer to them as being varieties or cultivars of the species from which they originated, except in the case of hybrids between different species where the term may be more or less irrelevant.

The regrettable practice of copyrighting cultivar names or using copyright names as cultivar names, e.g. "Nelly Kelly" for a passionfruit plant produced by a certain nursery, will unfortunately, lead to a multiplicity of names for the same plant as time passes, resulting in more confusion.

Syd Wheller

WALKING GROUP: Yes? Then come to a Meeting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 20th October
at COBAM COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE - Romsey Branch - St. Marys Hall, Main Rd., Romsey

Enquiries phone - 22 3011.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

In continuing our policy of staging regular outreach events for the community, the Fellowship will present a gospel concert on Sunday evening November 8th, featuring singers Bram & Dianne.

With a ministry throughout Australia to practically every christian denomination, this is a wonderful opportunity to hear this talented group who will also be featuring in the Celebration of praise at V.F.L. Park in December.

Our complete program for the next month is as follows:-

Sunday 11th October -	Romsey Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 18th October -	Lancefield Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 25th October -	Romsey Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 1st November	Lancefield Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 8th November	Romsey Mechanics Hall	10.30 a.m.
Sunday 8th November	(Bram & Dianne Concert) Lancefield Mechanics Hall	7.30 p.m.

Any further enquiries to Geoff Holland 29 5673 or Phillip Hemphill 29 1672.

ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2 P.M. ON FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 1987 - THANK YOU

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