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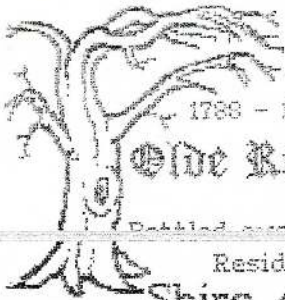
Are having a cooking demonstration by GABRIEL GATE on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. His cookery book "Family Food" compiled on behalf of the Anti Cancer Council will be available for purchase at \$14.95 a copy. Number of tickets strictly limited.

Donation \$15.00 per person.

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

COUNCIL NEWS

- * Planning permits have been granted for a 6 block sub-division on the east side of Rogers Street, between Palmer and Murphy Streets (old Butter Factory site), and our new "Romsey Heights" Estate which is the vacant land on the north-west of the township as mentioned last month. This permit is to be issued after minor changes to submitted plans.
 - * Council has struck a rate which actually is 6.94% increase on last year. The water Board increase is 3%.
 - * The Recreation Centre will get improvements to the value of \$90,000+.
 - * The Australia Day parade will be held at Lancefield on Tuesday 26th January, 1988 on the last evening of the 4 day weekend. The official Boxing Day Holiday will be 25th January. High Street will be closed between Main Road and Raglan Street from mid-afternoon to approximately 10 p.m.
 - * It is hoped that an Adult Immunization Session will be conducted late November, early December. Things like mumps, measles, tetanus, rubella sabin etc. will hopefully be available, DON'T MISS OUT. More later.
 - * Council has commenced its Home Maintenance Scheme. Basically, the scheme is intended for the elderly and disabled, to assist them with the everyday minor maintenance items that make the house safer etc. and small modifications to make it easier for disabled persons to manage. Assistance in organizing larger jobs is also given. Contact Robert MCINTYRE at the Shire Office (29 5201). We have again applied for funding for a disabled toilet at the rear of the Mechanics Institute.
 - * Finally, the Shire Office will close from 5 p.m. on Thursday 24th December until 9 a.m. 4th January, 1988. Emergency contact numbers will be advertised.
 - * Till next time, Cr. Ken Francis and Cr. Geoff Neil.
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Residents of the

Shire of Romsey

as they celebrate and remember

Australia's BiCentenary.

AVAILABLE from Committee Members.

This Wine and other Souvenirs are currently available from the Shire Offices. Tee Shirts in limited sizes available and can be ordered and would make unique Christmas presents.

Please plan on attending the special Australia Day parade at Lancelfield Tuesday 26th and support the committee by preparing floats for the parade.

There will be loads of activities to attract the crowds on this day. Please make it a family evening to share barbeques, dancing, races etc.

ROMSEY NESWAGENCY -CHRISTMAS SALE

Our extensive Christmas promotion will be on again this year commencing on the 26th November. The sale prices are as keen as ever with BON BONS (Box of 10) at \$3.95 and TWIN WRAP Christmas Rolls at \$1.39 each, a couple of examples. There are over 70 lines at huge reductions so we hope to see you at the sale.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

All interested local residents are invited to attend a "David Keys" Display of Spring and Summer Fashions to be held with a "Morning Coffee" at the home of Mrs. Pat Salter, Lot 2 Hutchinsons Lane, Romsey on Monday 7th December at 10 a.m. Donation \$2.00.

Red Cross Christmas Cards and Gifts will again be available for sale.

For further details contact Mrs. Trish Corner (Sec.) 27 0494 or Mrs. Helen Clément (Pres.) 29 5317.

The Romsey Red Cross Unit are looking for people who would be willing to become "Red Cross Knitters". The 8 ply wool would be supplied and the garments required would be babies jackets, childrens jumpers and adult socks. If you would like to be helpful and join in this project please ring Trish Corner on 27 0494. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at the Shire Office.

It was reported at the last meeting that the School Holiday Programme was very successful and the Committee felt there was a need for this type of service in the community. It was felt that the programme would continue in the following holidays.

Mothers from Darraweit Guim expressed a need for transport into the Romsey Infant Welfare Centre for necessary injections and connecting health issues, through the committee and Joan Donovan a solution has been found. The Cobaw Community Health Centre has made a mini-bus available on a Bi-monthly basis for a 6 month trial period. The bus runs from the Darraweit Store to the Romsey Infant Welfare Centre and returns. The Council has agreed to contribute a small amount of money for the running costs of the bus. This is much appreciated by the Committee and the users of the service.

Jane Whalan,
Community Services Officer.

CAKE STALL

St. Pauls Anglican Church Ladies Guild will hold a street stall in Main Street, Romsey on Friday 27th November at 1.30 p.m.

A variety of gifts for sale, also a Christmas Hamper to be won.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE

As summer approaches now is the time to do your fire prevention jobs by cleaning up your blocks, your small farmlet and rural properties. The Brigade would appreciate the Community as a whole becoming involved in Fire Prevention as the prevention done now may save your property or your neighbours property if a bushfire approaches.

The Country Fire Authority has produced three very good publications and they are available from the Brigade. They are titled Grassfire Survival, Personal Survival During Bushfires and How to Prevent and Survival in House Fire.

If you require any advice on Fire Prevention please contact the Brigade.

The telephone number for "Fire Calls Only" is 29 5333. If you require information on fire matters such as Total Fire Ban Days, fire restriction or general information please contact Captain Ron Cole on 29 5301 B.H. or 29 5411 A.H., or Secretary Ian Ogilvie on 29 5715.

Brigade Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Fire Station, Stawell Street at 8.00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Ron Cole.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUTS

We have vacancies for cubs on a Wednesday night. Times are from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. if your boys are interested. Phone Ashley Spears on 29 5435.

Greg Capewell Canvas has kindly donated his time and efforts into repairing our tents, thanks Greg, we really appreciate it. If anybody out there needs their tents repaired Greg is at Monegetta. His phone No. is 28 5285.

Our cubs went on a great weekend camp at Lauriston last weekend, a great time was had by all, except for our poor old leader Adrian Copley, he got chicken pox and had to go home.

Don't forget all you Scouts, Cubs, Venturers and PARENTS our Christmas Party is on 21st November, 5 p.m. at the Scout Hall, its a Spit Roast this year/ \$10 per family. Please come, you are all very welcome.

P.S. Thank you to the parents who sent along Pantry Items for the Community Market Stall.

ROOF REPAIRS

Did anyone have roof tiles blown off or roofs damaged during our recent storm? If so, Contact Romsey Roof Care for prompt and friendly service by two fully qualified and registered tilers. Free Quotes and insurance work done, extensions, etc.

Call Garry on 29 5445 or Graeme on 29 5390.

Understanding Plant Names Part 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, Satsuma, Moorpark etc. as "varieties" although in recent years the term "cultivar" has come into favor by many writers to distinguish the "variety" originating in cultivation from the variants 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 misspelt word among gardening writers. While the difference 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.

AVON

Now has its range of Christmas Products available.
If you haven't seen a book, give me a call Chris 27 0 457.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Last weekend was an exciting time for local christians with a country gospel street outreach in Romsey, and a wonderful gospel concert in Lancefield featuring Bram and Dianne.

As a fellowship we are committed to presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community on a completely non-denominational basis, and welcome enquiries and participation in our regular weekly programme.

On Sunday morning December 6th, in Romsey, we will feature another special outreach concert with gospel artist Steve Grace from Canberra. Steve's country rock style is particularly popular with young people, while his ministry takes him to churches, hotels, youth camps, and street outreaches, declaring the gospel right across Australia.

We meet each Sunday at the following locations:-

Sun. 15th Nov. 10.30 a.m. Lancefield Mechanics Hall
Sun. 22nd Nov. 10.30 a.m. Romsey Mechanics Hall
Sun. 29th Nov. 10.30 a.m. Lancefield Mechanics Hall
Sun. 6th Dec. 10.30 a.m. Steve Grace Concert, Romsey Mechanics Hall.

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

ARE YOU PREPARED?
WHAT FOR?

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, LANCEFIELD GALA FETE ON NOVEMBER 29TH AT 11.00 A.M. - 4.00 P.M.

Christmas Shopping - Great Specials, local arts and crafts, fresh produce, plants, B.B.Q. and devonshire teas, spinning wheel, lucky dip, dancing and calisthenic displays and lots, lots more.

For more information contact Mary Campbell on 29 5629.

ROMSEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE AUXILIARY

At its October meeting the Auxiliary reviewed and amended its Constitution, the two most notable amendments being:

1. To omit the word "Ladies" from the title of the Auxiliary;
2. To hold future Annual General Meetings in October each year instead of April.

Copies of the amended constitution will be available for all members at the next meeting, to be held on Monday November 23rd at 8.00 p.m. at Group Headquarters.

New members are always welcome to join the Auxiliary. If you would like further information contact Secretary Sheryn Bryant (295734) or President Robyn Moore (295698).

LEADERS WANTED:

We need Brownie Leaders urgently.

I will be forced to combine two (2) packs as from the start of next year which will mean a waiting list and the opening of the third(3rd) pack fruitless. We also need Guide Leaders.

If you can help please contact Helena Thompson on 29 5325.

Two leaders from Australia will be attending "Echo Valley", Canada 1988 for a World Guide-Scout Camp. Our Guide leader Sue Lawton was selected for Victoria. Now she will go for Australian selection. Congratulations Sue.

CORNER CRAFTS, SHOP 7, ROMSEY VILLAGE

Cottage Craft Classes

Learn how to make your own Christmas Presents. Commencing Wednesday 18th November from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. for 4 weeks. Book now. Enquiries phone 29 5639.

Now in stock. Cardboard Cut-Outs for making your own frames, tissue boxes, hand mirrors etc.

Pottery, Ceramics, Hand painted T. Shirts, Windcheaters, Tiffany Lampshades, Cabbage Patch Kids Clothes, Gumnut decorations/

LAY BY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

Tootal Thread, ribbons, haberdashery needs, motifs, remnants, craft glue.

Agent for Gisborne Dry Cleaners. In by 5 p.m. Wednesday - Back by 10 a.m. Friday.

Alterations by Margaret Mc Intyre. Hems, Zippers etc.

Chocolates - Milk, White, Caramel & Dark. Also Chocolate Making moulds at \$2 each.

RANDOM RAGGINGS by "Rambler"

DOGS - Man's Best Friend?"

This writer confesses to not being a very "doggie" person. But, having said that, ~~will admit that many people do find great love and comfort, even help in need, from dogs.~~

However, I am greatly concerned by certain events involving dogs. The recent news in the daily press that more than 80 children have been admitted to the Royal Childrens Hospital so far this year because of dog attacks appals me. Even allowing that some of those children may have mis-handled the animals concerned the figure is unacceptably high.

In Romsey one woman has had to make six visits to her doctor over the past two months, and still has an unpleasant sore on her leg due to an unprovoked dog attack while walking along a road. I know of a family of five who do a fair amount of cycling. All have been bitten during the year, some more than once. And several people have told me that our "postie" has had a number of unpleasant encounters with dogs.

It is not good enough!

True, people should be able to keep dogs as pets, to show, or to guard their homes. But, their dogs should be properly looked after and controlled, or contained. I confess my ignorance as to what Council by-laws apply in this situation. However, I suggest that the following requirements would be the minimum standard required:-

1. People with legitimate reasons for coming to a front door should be able to do so without having to "run the gauntlet" - at least during daylight hours;
2. People with legitimate reasons for approaching letter boxes and newspaper containers should be able to do so without being bitten, or feeling that they may be;
3. Dogs should not be allowed to roam unattended where there is no front fence;
4. Homes with no front fence should have fully enclosed back yards if there are dogs on the property;
5. Gates should be closed, and secure, when dogs are loose.

There are other issues too, such as domestic dogs which are not responsibly restrained attacking sheep. However, it is the possibility of human injury that most concerns me. Particularly little children who can be scarred physically and mentally, even killed, by dogs which are not properly controlled by irresponsible owners.

The Shire Ranger is usually very helpful in these matters. He should be contacted if you have any problems with, or about, dogs - especially if the owners are unsympathetic to your requests for consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS to Romsey's resident T.V. Star, actress Anne Phelan, for her Penguin Award as best female lead in the mini-series "Harp in the South". But how many of you read in The Sun (Wed. 4th Nov.) that she was back in "a N.S.W. pub" pulling beers? Anne, who thought it was a great joke, does dispense the occasional middle at the local Clarkefield Hotel in between roles.

Congratulations to former Romsey Primary School student Elisa Caldwell who became one of the five regional finalises to win their way into the State finals of the Herald - R.E.S.I. spelling championships. Elisa, now in Year 9 at Gisborne High-Tech School received a dictionary and a \$10 R.E.S.I. savings account for her efforts. Good luck for the finals Elisa.

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

Moving house?? Spring-cleaning?? Clearing up a deceased estate??

Please bear in mind that the Historical Society is most grateful for old papers, documents, letters, journals, photos etc. relating to the district and its people. Material can be photocopied and the originals returned immediately to the owner, or, if a gift, suitably acknowledged.

Also, OBJECTS are needed for our Museum. Any objects relating to the past, for the house, shop, industry or farm, including tools, clothing, equipment etc. would be warmly welcomed and acknowledged. At present, we only have about one-fifth of the number of articles held in more established Museums in districts of this size.

Ron or Dorothy Viney would be very pleased to hear from you if you have items to donate to the Museum. Phone: (054) 295 584.

A good way to learn about the history of the district (and to help the Historical Society too) is to spend a Sunday afternoon from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. on duty at the Museum, in the old Court House building, Main Road, Lancefield. If you would like to try this, please contact the Vineys or myself. There would, of course, be an experienced guide on duty at the Museum with you.

Jean Newell,
Hon. Secretary (295522)

THE ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH invites anyone who enjoys Christmas Carols to plan to join in their Carol Evening on Sunday 20th December. The choir will sing some lesser known Australian carols and there will be plenty of traditional carols for everyone to join in.

Full details next month.

ROMSEY SHIRE HISTORY BOOK

The History Book Committee has now been officially constituted as a Sub-Committee of the Romsey Shire Council, and, as such, will be audited and supervised by the Council until completion of the project.

The ten member Committee consists of:-

Mrs. Joy Green (President), Mrs. Jean Newell (Secretary), Mr. Gavin Smith (Treasurer), Mrs. Pam Langdon (Council Rep.), and committee members Mesdames Carol Moore, Robyn Goss, Anna Sharpe, Dorothy Viney, Trish Corner and Anna Ryan.

A wide network of other volunteers is helping to collect research material and interview people throughout the Shire, and a writer will prepare the first draft of the book during 1988.

If you have information for the book, or know of somebody who should be interviewed, please do not hesitate to contact any of the members of the Committee.

Jean Newell,
Hon. Secretary, 29 5522.

LOST

A pair of teal blue glasses in brown case.
Reward of \$20. Phone: 29 5693.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE

The membership fees for the Romsey Recreation Centre are now due. Fees for 1987/88 are:

Family	\$60.00
Single	\$30.00 ²
Junior	\$ 8.00.

Stadium hire fees are as follows:

\$15 / hour with Lights,
\$10 / hour without Lights,
\$10 / hour for Practice Sessions without Lights.

Squash fees remain the same as last year, i.e. \$4.50 per half hour for competition, \$6.00 for members per half hour and \$8.50 per half hour for non-members.

Daryle Calder is collecting membership fees at the Centre.

Any enquiries please ring Daryle on 29 5637.

SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 2 SLEEP-IN: As part of our Camping Program, Grade 2 enjoyed a Sleep-In at School on Friday, 6th November until Saturday morning. Four areas were emphasised, 1. Personal Development Activities; 2. Base camp Activities; 3. Navigation Skills; 4. Fun Activities. Each child brought a piece of firewood for the bon fire and tall tales were told, potatoes roasted and marshmallows roasted.

GRADE 5, THE TORQUAY EXPERIENCE: Grade 5 have recently returned from their 3 day Beach camp and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They are all great ambassadors for camping, although they are a little weary.

GRADE 6, OFF TO WARRNAMBOOL: Mr. Sherren and his parent helpers departed on Tuesday 10th for their 4 day camp. Watch for their report in the School's Newsletters.

COMMUNITY MARKET - THANKYOU!

The organisers of the Community Market, which was held last Saturday at Romsey Primary School, would like to thank all those who attended and a particular word of thanks to those who assisted in setting up and clearing away. The weather was great and it was tremendous that the many organisations throughout Romsey can be serviced by one joint venture such as the Community Market.

FAMILY LIFE EVENINGS: The Romsey Primary School Parent Club has organised an evening on November 23rd, for 3 sessions at the different grade levels. All the information is available from school parents or the school office. All families welcome. Grade 1 & 2: 5.45pm. Grade 3 & 4: 7.00pm. Grade 5 & 6: 8.15pm.

BICYCLE SAFETY: I would like to emphasise this week the importance of obeying road rules and using common sense in the way bicycles are ridden on our roads. A number of boys have been seen weaving down busy roads thus placing themselves and drivers at risk. Please help to emphasise a common sense approach with your children. Safety flags are available at the Police Station. These and cycle helmets make great Christmas presents.

REPORT ON DASTARDLY DOINGS DAY AT ROMSEY PRIMARY On the 30th of October we had a day of "Dastardly Deeds". There were 10 activities, each group only got to do 5 activities. I was in Grum Ghouls. We had face painting, singing songs, biscuits with faces, making a mobile and we had to make a book of spells. Most of the teachers dressed up. Mrs. Jackson was "the Old Bat". Mr. Bain was "the Green Man". Mr. Sherren, Mr. Moore and Mr. Turnham all were "Ghost Buster's". (by Clair Smith, Grade 5) A special thankyou to the many parents who helped the large number of children participate in this day. Did you know that Halloween was the shortened form of All Hallows Eve - a Christian festival dating back to Roman times in Britain?

REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS FOR A NEW POST PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ROMSEY: Thirty Six people attended the Public Meeting held at the school on Friday 30th October. After viewing slides depicting the growth of Romsey over the past 10 years, speakers outlined the various options available for the re-building/re-siting of the Romsey Primary School. Mr. Peter Skilbeck of Castlemaine Regional Office explained the Cobaw Area School Study which showed a growth of 32% in the Romsey Shire. He outlined the options available which included -

1. Development of a Prep-Year 10 Complex;
2. Development of Primary School/Post Primary School on separate sites;
3. Re-development of Primary School on existing site /Secondary School on separate site;
4. Post Primary School at Lancefield or Riddells Creek.

People at the meeting were requested to vote on the 4 options. 16 selected - Option 2.; 15 selected - Option 1, however 5 of these had the proviso that the Primary School be separate from the Secondary School eg. adjoining sites; 3 selected - Option 3.

Many people at the meeting felt that primary school children had separate needs from secondary school children and would develop better in their own environment than in a shared environment.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS Are now available for sale at the School Office
Windcheaters and Tracksuit Pants, T/Shirts. It is always nice to see
the children in the school neat and tidy in their school uniform.

Holiday Time Activity: FEIPPI presents Kenneth Grahames - "The Wind in
the Willows at the Royal Botanic Gardens from January 5th to 29th, 1988.
The show times will be Tuesday to Thursday 10am and 2pm and Fridays at
10am, 2pm and 7pm. You can take advantage of the preferred person
booking system and book your tickets before they go on public sale. You
must reply by November 20th. Tickets go on public sale on Monday 23rd
November. Tickets \$4.00 per person. Further enquiries at School
Office.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Items Marked * are detailed within this
publication.

- Nov 11th Remembrance Day - red poppies available from the RSL or School.
- 15th * Romsey Lancefield Christian Fellowship.
- 18th * Golf Club Cook run.
- 20th Inter School Athletic Sports at Lancefield Ovals (All Day)
- 21st * Scout Christmas Party/ Spit roast.
- 23rd * Fire Brigade Auxillary Meeting.
- 23rd Family Life Movement - Sex Education evening at Romsey Primary.
- 26th * Cooking Demonstration Lancefield Hospital Auxilliary
- 26th Romsey Primary School House Athletic Sports.
- 27th * Anglican Ladies Cake Stall
- 29th * St Mary's School Fete
- 4th 2.30pm Orientation/Expectations for Romsey Primary Preps '88
- Dec 7th * David Keys Display for Red Cross.
- 20th * Uniting Church Christmas Carols.
- Tues 22nd Final Day of School prior to the Christmas break
- Jan 5-29th The wind in the Willows.
- Jan 26th * Gala Australia Day Celebrations at Lancefield.

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I would like to sponsor an edition of the Romsey Rag YES
I would like to help with the delivery of the Romsey Rag YES

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Trevor Turnham, Bev. Large, Beryl Cole, Shirley Shelton,
Jenny Evans.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:

Twilight Golf commences Wednesday, 18th November. "12 Hole Chook Run".
Hit off between 5 and 5.30pm. All welcome to join in our mixed social competition
and barbeque to follow. Enquiries - B. Cole 295411.