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COMBINED SHIRES 100KM RELAY RUN: A BICENTENNIAL EVENT.

A Bi Centennial project that will involve representatives of our 4 Local Shirrs. The "100km Relay Run" will be conducted on Sunday, October 23rd, commencing at 8am. at Stanley Park, Mt. Macedon and continuing on the route indicated to reach Woodend Shire office at 5pm.

A message of greeting and goodwill to the neighbouring Shire President will be played by teams of runners.

Anyone 10+ years will be invited to participate by -

- (1) Registering their intent with the local B.C.C. C/- Shire Office
- (2) By running a leg or several legs of the relay. Each leg will be 1.5k.m.

The event will be well advertised in the media and this could be a good opportunity for your group to gain publicity. All registered competitors will receive a certificate of participation. The aim of the event is to bring together people from adjoining shires, in line with bicentennial themes, thus encouraging participation of groups and individuals in a non-competitive, fun run the total length of which will be 100km. Each local Bicentennial Committee will organise runners to complete the legs of the relay within their shire boundaries. For Romsey this will be 34km, and therefore we need as many competitors and groups to cover this distance. We trust that this letter will develop interest in this event and help publicise local community activities as well as developing good will. If you have any queries regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact your local Bicentennial Committee through their local Shire Offices.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - A "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" of Organ music and Choral items will be held in St. Paul's Anglican Church Romsey on Sunday afternoon 31st July from 2-4pm. Afternoon tea will be served. Donation of \$5 per person and \$3 for pensioners. All proceeds to the Lancefield & District Bush Nursing Hospital. The afternoon should prove to be a most enjoyable time, so come along and join us.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD NURSING MOTHERS - The topic "Is three a crowd - how does your relationship survive children?" is the subject for discussion at our July meeting. This will be held on July 28th at 8pm. at the home of Julie Cook, 12 Newnham Dve. Romsey ph. 295-799. Please come along and enjoy a friendly discussion evening, all mums and mothers-to-be are most welcome. N.M.A.A. has a wide range of very useful mother and baby products available (including information sheets, books, sheepskins, mothercare products etc.) These may be purchased through our group by contacting Lynnette Finn 295-860. Breastfeeding counselling is available from

Dot Chandler 285-778
Mary Campbell 295-629
Lynnette Finn 295-860

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 11 ROMSEY, 3474 - What does an Historical Society do? - some people ask me. So I thought it might be an idea to give a brief summary here: The main aim is to foster interest in local history, and to collect and preserve items of historical interest. This Historical Society also arranges guest speakers from time to time, on a wide range of topics, and occasional outings to places of interest. There seems to be a popular myth that you have to have lived in the district for at least fifty years or be a senior citizen in order to qualify to belong to an Historical Society! This is obviously not the case, and we welcome and NEED young people, as well as our treasured older members, and all ages in between. In Romsey, as many of you know, we are restoring and furnishing the oldest dwelling in the town, as an important heritage for future generations. This charming cottage was donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Isa Allen in 1982 and the cottage is surrounded by a beautiful garden, which requires plenty of T.L.C. (tender loving care) by voluntary helpers. Our other major project is the Museum at Lancefield, which is now open every Sunday afternoon, 1-4p.m. and manned by more voluntary helpers. Admission: 50 cents. souvenir mugs, spoons and photos available. So, as you see, there is plenty to become interested in and involved with, and we would much appreciate some new talent and ideas, to assist the old. (Membership only costs \$4 per annum). If you have recently moved to Romsey and perhaps belonged to an Historical Society in another area, do make contact and give us the benefit of your ideas and suggestions. Either drop a line to our P.O.Box 11 Romsey, or come along to the next Meeting at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall, Tuesday, 26th July, at 7.30p.m. We assure you of a warm welcome and good company, as well as a blazing log fire to sit by.

Jean Newell - Hon. Secretary

COBAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE - Antenatal Classes - Romsey - commence Monday July 11th at St. Mary's Hall, Main Road Romsey. Classes designed for you and your support person. Weekly for six weeks. Cost \$15.00. For further information contact Community Health Nurse Diana Knochala on 22 3011 between 8.30 and 4.30 Monday to Thursday.

BASKETBALL - A meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30 p.m. at the Romsey Recreation Centre. The aim is to elect a committee and establish the Romsey and District Basketball Association. We also have a need for umpires and people who are interested in being trained as umpires. Enquiries: directed to Darvle Calder at the Romsey Recreation Centre, Park Lane, Romsey, ph. 295-637. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

COUNCIL NEWS - An application to operate a retail petrol bowser at the bulk fuel depot behind B & R has been rejected, and to turn No. 80 Main Street into a veterinary clinic, granted. A garden supply business and hire service has been given the go-ahead at 51-61 Main Street. Amendment L7 to the Romsey Planning Scheme has been referred to a local government ministerial panel. Seventeen objections were received. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has issued population estimates for the year to 30.6.87. Romsey Shires figure was 6610. This means the population at 30.6.88 will have passed the 7000 mark. The population reached 3500 during 1977, therefore it has doubled in 11 years, equal to a compound growth rate of 6.5% per annum. This, naturally, has caused a massive build-up of administrative duties e.g. building application community services etc. In an effort to alleviate present delays, and make inroads into the current backlog, Council will advertise for 3 extra staff (1 x accountant, 1 x ass't Building Inspector, 1 x ass't engineer). A portable building will be placed at the rear of the Shire Office to facilitate accommodation problems. The Health Department has issued a warning that "yellow staining mushrooms" which are very similar in appearance to the edible type, are growing in increasing numbers around the State. Reports indicate that they are being found around Romsey and Darraveit Guim. They can easily be identified by the telltale yellow stain which appears on the cap or stalk when bruised and they release a slight ammonia smell during cooking. The costs for public usage of the Fax machine have been set and are: transmitting - STD \$1 + \$2/sheet, local 30¢ + \$2/sheet, receiving - \$2/sheet. Interesting to note that in the first two weeks of operation, 107 pages were received and 52 transmitted.

COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd.) - Construction of the footpath in Main Street (east side) between Murphy and Stawell Streets is included in the works programme over the winter months. A carparking area is to be formed at the rear of the Scout Hall in an effort to stop the current hazardous situation of vehicles parking along the Wallan Road when the hall is being used. It is hoped the toilet block to be constructed at the rear of the Mechanics Institute will be finished by the end of July. Finally, an application from the Primary School Committee for "No parking" signs to cover an area 35m north of Palmer Street, on the east side of Melb.-Lancefield Road, has been granted.

Till next time,
Ken Francis
Geoff Neil.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERCARTEN, ROMSEY invites anyone interested to a display and talk by "The Picture Book Company", at the kindergarten on Tuesday July 19th, 12.30 - 2.30p.m. You may browse, receive advice and buy books for all age groups (picture books, story books, parent reference books). Please no children if possible.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 30 Shrubs & Trees Around the Home Pt. - We are again indebted to "Garden Cuttings" (Nov. 1981) for the following: Studies of noise from motor vehicles are well advanced in the U.S.A. and some work on the problem has been undertaken in Europe. The results of these studies show how trees and shrubs can best be used to protect against traffic noise. It is essential that the planting is done as close to the source of noise as possible increasing the planting around the house will have little effect. The first essential therefore, is a solid wall of thickly planted trees and shrubs, as wide as possible and as close to the street as possible. It has been found that all parts of plants absorb some sounds and scatter or diffuse others: it is probable that large, coarse leaves are more effective in scattering low frequency sounds while small, dense foliage is more effective in diffusing higher ones. Mixed plantings therefore, are more effective because of their effect on different noises. The next essential is that the space between the road and the screen has as rough a surface as possible. It is unlikely that trees can be planted on the road edge, but the space necessarily left unplanted can be used to further reduce the noise. Rough unmown grass or short untrimmed shrubs will absorb far more noise than smooth flat surfaces such as concrete or even mown grass. As with windbreaks, noise barriers need to be longer than the site to be protected. The best plants to use are those which grow quickly and thickly. Fortunately, several of our native trees, particularly Melaleuca and Hakea species, fulfil this requirement. (N.B. windbreak considerations require that about 40% of air should pass through any barriers to minimise turbulence above and beyond them).

Syd Wheller.

LANCFFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC. - It is THAT time again. Just a reminder that membership subscriptions are now due for renewal and new members are welcome, indeed essential. The hospital, like other bush nursing hospitals, is having difficulty surviving. Its viability depends upon solid community support and this can be demonstrated by a growing and active membership and by continued use of the facilities and services provided. HELP US TO HELP YOU! Please complete and return the form below:

NAME
ADDRESS.....
TELEPHONE.....
I wish to apply for membership of L. & D.B.N.H. Inc.
\$5.00 Annual Subscription enclosed.....
Donation enclosed.....

All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. For further inquiries phone Secretary (054) 291-622. Mail to: The Secretary, L. & D.B.N.H. Inc. Dundas Street, Lancefield, 3435.

BROWNIE/GUIDE LOCAL ASSOCIATION - The Association will be having a cake Stall on August 6th in the stall beside the chemist. Could all parents note this date and bake for the day?

B. Cole

Polyester thread 100m.	50¢ each	
Villawool Baby Acrylic 3ply 20g.	60¢	
Villawool Derwent 8ply Pure Wool 50g.		\$1.65
Patons Brushed Caressa	\$3.00	
Patons Baby Wool 25g 3ply	\$1.60	
Patons Knit'nSave 50g.	\$1.90	
Cane bells - all reduced to 35¢ each		
Arbee Craft Glue 50ml.	\$1.95	

DANCING CLASSES - SUNBURY LEISURE CENTRE - Dancing is fun and learning is easy as A.B.C. Adults of all ages are learning all the popular social dances used today. From Waltz and Foxtrot to Jive and Cha-cha. Ring now and enrol in the course that will teach you what you have always wanted to learn. Enrolments and enquiries to Pat Aboline (03) 744-4480.

TRIVIA NIGHT - 20th August 1988 - 8p.m. Sharp - We challenge you and your friends to an entertaining night of trivia. Book a table and join the fun. Compete against the Pomsey Primary School teams, other clubs and groups for the 1988 Trivia Trophy. If you can't make up a table of 10, we will be able to join you with other small teams. A table plan may be viewed at the school office if you have a particular preference for a table. Supper supplied, B.Y.O. drink and glass. \$8.00 per person. Tentative bookings by phoning the school 295-490 or Jenny Jacobson 295-643. R.S.V.P. Numbers and monies to Pomsey Primary School OR Mrs. J. Jacobson Main Street, Romsey 3434 31 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey 3434 Hoping to see you on the 20th.

S.A. Cole
(Romsey Primary School)

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB, LADIES: The ladies held the Championships during the first three weeks in June. Ladies Club Champion - H. Newnham with rounds of 94, 86 and 89 for a total 269. Ladies B Grade Champion- L. Beasley with rounds of 104, 100, 111 for a total 315. Aggregate over the Championships - H. Stammers with a 192 nett for 3 rounds. June 28th 3 clubs winner S. Shelton with a round of 90 - 29 - 61. Shirley has broken her handicap to 28. Other ladies to have reduced their handicaps are H. Newnham, L. Ritchie, H. Stammers. Congratulations to all winners.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN, ROMSEY - Enrolments for 1989 will close on July 31st 1988. Enrolments will be taken by Enrolment Officer on either Tuesday July 12th or 26th between midday and 1p.m. at the kindergarten. A copy of birth extract must be given. Any inquiries by phone (295-294) will be taken at this time, also. Enrolments for future years will still be accepted on last Tuesday in each month: provided child has had second birthday.

Secretary.

ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY PAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2p.m. ON FRIDAY, 5th AUGUST 1988 - THANK YOU.

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