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LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC.

The Publicity Sub-Committee wishes to express grateful thanks to Mr. Frank Crossman, Mr. Paul Green of Romsey Sand & Gravel, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Neish & Mr. Tom Reynolds, who helped out with equipment at the health awareness and education display at Romsey Park on 30th January.

The aim was to raise community awareness of health issues, concentrating on prevention of illness and maintenance of fitness and a healthy lifestyle. The hope is that we all learned something helpful from the information provided and that we'll all have the willpower to put it into practice!

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

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28th February, at 8 p.m. at the Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall (Supper Room). Meetings thereafter will be held on the fourth Tuesday each month, at 8 p.m., alternately in Lancefield and Romsey Mechanics Institutes, i.e. March 28 in Lancefield, etc. Visitors are always welcome.

Our two main projects: the local history Museum at Lancefield and the restoration of the Seymour Cottage in Romsey, continue to absorb many hours of voluntary labour, but are satisfying and enjoyable projects. More helpers are always needed in both areas. You don't need an Honours Degree in order to participate! Enthusiasm is a great help!

This year's Australia Day float success was due largely to the enthusiasm and inventiveness of Mrs. Elaine Lobb, whose idea of 3 rooms depicting The Past, The Present and Towards 2000 made an excellent entry in the procession, for the Historical Society. Many thanks, Elaine, for all your effort and ideas. Thank you to the rest of the "crew" too, and to those who manned our Stall.

If you are interested in joining the Historical Society, please come along to our Meetings, or enquiries may be directed to the President, Robert Clement, tel. 295 217.

Jean Newell
Hon. Secretary

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 6th Feb.
TIME: 11.00 at Romsey - St. Mary's Hall

For more information telephone 223 011 Cobaw Community Health Service, Chris Guymer (Community Health Nurse).

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 February. For more information telephone Chris Guymer on 223 011.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 36:

Fruit Trees in The Home Garden Pt. 3 - One of the most common misconceptions about growing fruit trees in the home garden is that it is a way of getting something for nothing. The prevalence of this belief is evident in the sorry state of many fruit trees planted by residents in new estates, and the most frequent question: "When will it fruit?". Judging by the amount of growth made by these trees since they were planted, the amount of fruit likely in the next ten years at that rate is negligible; in fact, it is not uncommon to see trees after several years in ground smaller than when they were planted!

To produce a reasonable crop in a reasonable time requires much more than planting a tree and "jumping back quick". Good drainage, freedom from weed competition, fertilizers in spring and autumn, mulches around the roots in the warmer seasons, adequate water, pest control and pruning from the time of planting to establish a strong framework and windbreaks on north and south sides are essential to good results. Efficient spraying equipment and correct timing of pest control measures and the grouping of trees for mutual protection and ease of maintenance will be found helpful. "Agnotes" from the Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Affairs at small cost as well as regular articles in "The Weekly Times" and garden magazines will provide details of these requirements.

Syd Wheller.

SUPPORT YOUR FIRE BRIGADE - We need your HELP!
The Brigade will be fundraising in 1989. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE.

RON'S CARPET CLEANING - Complete Upholstery Care
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Phone 295 734 anytime for free quotes.

TO LET - Wanted, person to share 2b/r house, central area of Lancefield. \$55 p.w. plus expenses. Phone Kerrie on 295 201.

SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK - Senior Citizens' Week is on from Sunday February 26th - Sunday March 5, 1989.

A seminar is planned to be held on Thursday March 2nd at the Riddell's Creek Senior Citizens' Clubrooms. There will be several guest speakers, discussing the positive aspects of ageing. For more information phone Kerrie at the Shire Offices on 295 201.

FOR SALE - One Steelcraft Baby Swinger - approved car safety bassinet. Perfect condition never been used - \$70 o.n.o. Phone Kerrie on 295 201.

LORD MAYOR'S CAMP - Six children from the Shire and one leader attended the Lord Mayor's Camp from 20.1.89 - 27.1.89. The weather was wonderful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER - The Shire has a new Community Services Officer - Kerrie Reardon. She is employed on a full-time basis and is available for information, assistance and referrals on any personal or community matter. All discussions will be strictly confidential. She can be contacted at the Shire Offices on 295 201.

WINE RAFFLE - The Romsey Fire Brigade Auxiliary are currently selling raffle tickets. First Prize - one dozen bottles of mixed wine (worth \$100) Second Prize - two bottle of wine.

The prizes have been kindly donated by Knights Winery, Lancefield Road, Baynton. Tickets are 50¢ each or 5 for \$2, and can be purchased in the local shops, or at the Exhibition on Saturday 25th February, where it will be drawn. Proceeds will go to the Romsey Fire Brigade.

FOR SALE - Janome 780 sewing machine - has had very little use. In very good condition. 28 fancy stitches plus button holer - \$300. Ring 295 307.

C:F.A. FUNDRAISING - Thank you for your continued support in helping the Romsey Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary in their fundraising efforts. We have \$10,000 toward a target of \$40,000 needed to REPLACE our ageing Tanker A, by 1992.

In a town growing as fast as Romsey, three modern and efficient fire-fighting units are essential. Remember, the Brigade and Auxiliary are purely voluntary organisations that receive only some government assistance, and exist to protect you, your property and our Community.

Both the Brigade and Auxiliary welcome new members. If you are interested ring:
Brigade - Ron Cole 295 411 Ian Ogilvie 295 715 or Trevor Williams 295 265
Auxiliary - Robyn Moore 295 698 A.H. Pam Neil 295 523 or Kaye McNamara 295 622.

COUNCIL NEWS: Welcome back. Council, at the December '88 meeting, granted planning approval for another two supermarkets. One for Habibs, to be built behind their existing store and the other, the newsagents and adjoining allotments, between Main and Pohlman Streets. An application for a commercial drafting service in Romsey Arcade was deferred pending a report on off-street carparking.

Infant Immunization Sessions for 1989 will be held at the Mechanics Institute at 2.15 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. The Riding has requested Council to increase carparking facilities at the Rec. Centre to 60 places. Estimated cost \$6,000. Have you erected a garden shed etc. without a building permit? Well, when you come to sell your property, if approval has not been granted it will most likely hold up the sale as it is necessary to gain approval for the shed prior to sale. Irrespective that the Shire, now being aware of the situation, can prosecute, Council may not grant the application. The prospective purchasers may not be too pleased and forego buying your place for another. Bottom line - if no permit granted then shed will have to be demolished anyway. Maximum size without building permit - 6 sq. metres and must comply with minimum setbacks i.e. 1.8m (when residential) - clad with all new materials.

During the Christmas break, big bins were delivered throughout the town. Each bin has a serial number, please make a note of it. Any problems, contact Dave IRELAND at the Shire Office. First Council Meeting for 1989 on Wednesday February 8th.

Till next time,
Doreen Smith
Doug Newnham
Geoff Neil

THE NEW ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN STEERING COMMITTEE INCORPORATED: The committee has been working hard towards providing the Shire with a detailed submission for a kindergarten complex that will suit the needs of our growing community. We feel that the need is for a DOUBLE KINDERGARTEN including INFANT WELFARE CENTRE in a centrally located position (hope part of the land on the corner of White Ave. and Main St.). Before our next report to you, some of our members in the company of Mr. Carne, Mr. Bannon and several Riding Councillors will have viewed five or so complexes in the Werribbee, Melton and Footscray areas in an effort to find a suitable style for our use.

FUND RAISING: 1. Christmas Raffle - winner Colleen O'Connor Lancefield. Our sincere thanks for your community patronage, and further thanks to Joe and Doreen Smith, ZIG ZAG Sunbury and Mr. Carne for their generosity. PROFIT \$1400 approx.
2. Australia Day Icecream and Drink Stall - well patronised and a profit was shown but as yet the final figure is not determined. Our thanks and appreciation to O'loughlin's and Dickson's Milk Bar for their effort and valuable assistance.

In conclusion, the committee is steadily working towards the type of unit we need and deserve and it is working amicably with our Riding Councillors and members of our Shire Offices.

Bruce Puxley - Secretary
8 Bowkett Close, Romsey 3434
Te. (054) 295 607

ART EXHIBITION: The Romsey Artists and the Romsey Fire Brigade Auxiliary are presenting their 9th Art Exhibition.

Venue Romsey Mechanics Institute
 Dates 25th and 26th February 1989
 Times Opening on Saturday at 8 p.m.
 Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Cost Saturday - \$8 single \$16 double including a smorgasbord supper & wine
 Sunday - \$1 including morning/afternoon tea.
 Tickets available at the door. Proceeds will help support the Romsey Fire Brigade.

The paintings on display will be available for purchase and can be collected after 4 p.m. on Sunday 26th February. Bankcard is acceptable. Please come along and enjoy the occasion. For further details please contact Pam Neil 295 523, Kaye McNamara 295 622 or Robyn Moore 295 698(A.H.).

HOBBYTEX products available in Romsey and surrounding areas. Puff paints, iron-on transfers or make your own transfers. Products pre-printed ready to paint for adults or children. For further information ring

Wendy Brants on 295 913

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE: Fire Restrictions. After a long wet spell of weather the fire season has now arrived. Fire restrictions begin at mid-night on Sunday 5th February. After this time permits will be required prior to lighting any fire in the open which is not contained in a properly established fire place.

Fund Raising - with the rapid increase in population, and higher road usage throughout the Shire, the Brigade has noticed a disturbing increase in the number of structure fires and road accidents to which it is called.

The Brigade will shortly commence a fund raising drive to assist it to maintain existing equipment and purchase the new equipment required to deal with the risks it has to face.

We hope that all Romsey residents will support the Brigade's fund raising efforts so that we can maintain our existing equipment, purchase new equipments, and upgrade our oldest tanker.

Art Show - one regular fund raising activity, which is organised by the Romsey Fire Brigade Auxiliary, is the annual Art Show. Please support this activity and support your Fire Brigade. Details are contained elsewhere in the Rag.

New Members - the Brigade is a TOTALLY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION. New members are welcome at any time. Join us for training at 8.30 on Sunday mornings.

FOR TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS PLEASE NOTE ROMSEY IS IN THE CENTRAL REGION.

The Romsey Fire Brigade would also like to congratulate Mrs. Joan Robson on being awarded the Romsey Shire Citizen of the Year Award. Joan has often helped us out when our radio base has been unmanned.

T. Williams

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE - A GUIDE TO GROUP PROGRAMS FOR 1989

Cobaw Community Health Service is a service bringing together the skills of a team of health and welfare workers to promote health and well-being throughout the community. The emphasis of the Service is not upon sickness but upon enhancing the enjoyment of life for people of all ages with a variety of health concerns.

Individual workers are available to provide direct care, advice, counselling and support. The staff members controlled by an Executive Officer deal with - family day care, family counselling, social work, speech pathology, dietician, occupational therapy, community health nurses, physiotherapy, adult day care, volunteers.

Stress Management - identify your own sources of stress and learn some ways to deal with it.

Parenting Group - a look at skills needed today to parent children and everyday issues parents face. Parents of children under 12 Romsey - Thursday afternoon 1.00 - 3.00 Commences 13th April.
Parents of teenagers Woodend - Tuesday evening 7.00 - 9.00 Commences 10th October.

Hydrotherapy - water exercise program to improve mobility and general fitness. Commences February. Held the 1st 3 Thursday mornings of each month.

Arthritis Exercise Group - discussion, education and exercise for people with arthritis. Commences February. Held the 4th Thursday morning of each month.

Walking Group - a group for people of all ages who are interested in an enjoyable and relaxing walk of 7-10 kms once a week. Romsey - Tuesday 9.30a.m.

Adult Day Care - an activity program to support and maintain older and disabled people in the community. Woodend - full day on Wednesdays. NOTE: This program will be commencing in other locations throughout the year.

Sole Parent Support Group - informal group to provide support for sole parents. Romsey to commence soon.

The following programs will be happening in 1989 and will be advertised when definite dates are known.

Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screening - measurement of height, weight, blood pressure and cholesterol and the opportunity to discuss this in relation to the individuals risk of heart disease.

Diabetes Education Program - education, discussion and support in relation to diabetes. In 1989 the group plans to look at: medication, label reading, butrition, diet, weight control, eating out, stress and diabetes, visit from the Diabetes Foundation.

Mammachek - a program designed to help women learn skills in breast self examination. It is conducted in a small group and includes a talk, video and discussion.

If you would like to be involved in any of these programs or would like more information, phone Cobaw Community Health Service on 22 3011.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS: Our 296 pupils have enjoyed a very smooth start to the year. With a growing school we have welcomed Mr. John Moore and Mrs. Christine Rowlands back to the staff. Mr. Peter Anderson has joined the staff this year as Vice Principal.

Alterations within the school have extended the Sick bay area, created a meeting room and storage area and streamlined the General Office. A new canteen has also become operable during the Christmas vacation.

The physical planning for the totally new Romsey Primary School will commence this year and the School Council will keep the community informed regarding progress, through this publication.

The annual swimming program has commenced and is enhanced by the participation of many parent supervisors.

A Japanese lady will be arriving for her 9 month stay with us on April 10th. She will be able to provide instruction to the pupils in Japanese language, culture, geography, arts and crafts, calligraphy, abacus, and origami. We are all looking forward to these extended experiences, and feel sure that she will receive a warm Romsey welcome during her stay in our community.

Parents have already received two newsletters regarding the operations of the school. These weekly publications enable us to develop parental participation and interest through clear communication. If you wish to know more about the school's operations, feel free to pick up a newsletter every Tuesday.

Trevor Turnham - Principal

RANDOM RAGGINGS BY "RAMBLER":

Just before Christmas I heard it stated with some confidence that Romsey's population will be outstripped that of Kyneton in the foreseeable, indeed near, future.

That prompts the question, will we have the services and facilities to support the projected population? Of course, our Council and current businesses are in a difficult situation. They cannot commit the investments without some reasonable expectation of return. Small businesses, such as those that currently serve our community, can't afford to put out too much money for too long a time, on trust - or hope.

Yet, Romsey needs some forward planning and thinking. Concerned readers should speak to our councillors to make sure that they know what we want them to plan for. If we want development but, as I suspect, also the retention of the character and appearance of the town, that will require very careful planning. The appropriate planning provisions should be established now. Most people will have welcomed the news that there are building applications for new supermarkets. We may not need all of them. At least not yet. The concern expressed here is that there is no evidence of an overall plan.

If Romsey is allowed to grow like Topsy it could end up being unco-ordinated, and indistinguished in appearance. Surely we don't want that to happen. Especially when we are starting ahead of scratch with our attractive "town centre".

In recent years Romsey students at Braemar College have been conspicuous in leadership roles at the school. Congratulations to Kate McIldowie who adds her name to the list with her appointment as a head prefect for 1989.

KERRIE HALL PROGRESSIVE DINNER: February 25th - 3 courses - D.J.
to finish at the Hall. Bus service between course. Cost \$35 double \$18 single.
For further information contact Christine Rowlands A.H. 270 351.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH: Sunday School commenced for 1989 last Sunday (5th Feb.).
New scholars are always welcome. New families to the area can find the Uniting Church at the north end of Pohlman Street (which is the street parallel to Main Street to the west).

Next Sunday's service will incorporate the act of dedication and commitment of the Sunday School Staff for the year. Services are held every Sunday at 9.00 am. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Baptisms, marriages, etc. are by arrangement with the minister:

Rev. Adrian Pegler
25 Williams Street, Romsey (ph. 295 351)

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN, ROMSEY wish to advise an amendment has been made to their enrollment policy, and is effective from 19th December, 1988. This being:
"All children must be of the minimum age of 3 years (by proof of birth certificate or photo copy) before enrollment will be accepted".

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the enrollment policy is welcome to do so on any enrollment day. Enrollment day is the last Tuesday in the month at midday - 1 p.m. Any queries re enrollments either by phone or in person are to be made at this time also.
E. Scanlon - Secretary

ROMSEY SHIRE BOOK MOBILE:

Readers will be interested to know that the Romsey Shire Mobile Library visits the Romsey town site every Thursday from 4.15-8.00pm. Overdue books often cause concern and readers are asked to return books and borrowed material by the due date. Fines will only be imposed for damaged or lost books. The Mobile Library will visit the Romsey Primary School for the first of its fortnightly visits on Friday, 17th February. New cards have been distributed to new pupils and these cards should be returned to the school as soon as possible. Children of course may borrow on Thursday evenings and readers may return books to the "drop off" box in the foyer of the Shire Office.

ROMSEY SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE:

On Monday 30th January, Australia Day Committee organised its first successful morning celebration at the Romsey Park. Despite the change in times and the very windy conditions there was a well supported colourful parade which proceeded down White Avenue and Park Lane and into the Romsey Park. Features of the day were the 70km Fun Run Senior and Junior entrants, Fire Brigade competition, demonstrations of Jazz Ballet, Karate, Square Dancing, Ballet and Callishenics. A Spud Throwing competition which led to the presentation of the Golden Spud award and Romsey/Lancefield Little Athletics organised competitions on the oval after 2pm.

The Annual Poster competition which involved primary aged pupils throughout the shire was displayed in the Scout Hall and hi-lighted the Prize winners in the seven classes. Congratulations to - Fiona Holland Gr.6 Romsey P.S., Michael Axarlis Gr.5 Riddells Creek, Heidi Strack Gr.4 Romsey, Mandy Gr.3 Lancefield, Victoria Fuss Gr.2 Romsey, Paul Crowder Gr.1 Lancefield, Lauren Clyde Prep Lancefield P.S. Presentations were made to these children during the Australia Day Celebrations at the Romsey Oval on Monday 30th January.

The Lancefield Hospital Caravan provided health checks and blood pressure and blood testing and hearing tests. St. John's Ambulance provided first aid as required and supported the Fun Run. The Romsey Historical Society had an interesting display of photographs and memorabilia. The catering was provided by the 1st Romsey Scout Group and the Romsey Kindergarten Committee. Side Shows, Stalls and free drinks provided other sources of interest and action. The central ceremony was the singing of the National Anthem and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year award to Mrs. Joan Robson of Darraweit Guim. It is a shame that such a small group of people were still in attendance at 2pm for the presentations by Shire President, Councillor Peter Scanlon. Our local Parliamentarians, Neil O'Keefe, Max MacDonald and Jeff Craig were also present to help with presentations and awards to those involved in the Fun Run and the Art Competition. Our Australia Day Committee appreciate the generous financial support of Shire Councillors, Senior Council Staff and our local business people around the shire. Without the energetic support of our local citizens such an Australia Day celebration would not be possible. Please feel free to contact any of our Australia Day committee and provide positive comments with regard to the ways in which we can improve our celebrations in 1990.

John Green Hon. Secretary, Romsey Shire Australia Day Committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : Items marked * are detailed inside this edition of the Romsey Rag.

FEBRUARY: Sunday 5th * Fire Restrictions Commence
* Sunday School commences at the Romsey Uniting Church.
Monday 6th * Post Natal Classes
Thursday 9th * Junior Netball Registration - 7pm.
Saturday 25th * Romsey Artists Art Show
Sunday 26th * Senior Citizens Week Commences
Tuesday 28th * Historical Society AGM.

MARCH: Wednesday 22nd * Romsey Primary School Council Elections (8am-8pm)

APRIL: Thursday 13th * Parenting Group Meet

Sporting News in Romsey

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ROMSEY LANCEFIELD JUNIOR NETBALL

Would all interested players please note registration is being held on Thursday 9th February at 7.00 p.m. at the Romsey Recreation Centre. Cost will be \$7 for juniors. Age is taken as at 30th June.

Juniors	8-11 years
Intermediate	11-13 years
Seniors	13-16 years

Further enquiries to Pam Anderson (sec.) on 295 532.

B. Cole

THE ROMSEY AND DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT is pleased to announce that Mr. Joe Camilleri has been appointed Manager of the Centre.

The Committee, as well as the Community wish Joe all the best in his new position.

The Centre will be open from 10 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm on weekdays from 6th February.

Joe is keen to hear from members of the Community with regards to any ideas or queries concerning the use of the facilities.

The Centre will be available for hire for squash, basketball, tennis and badminton or for any other suitable sporting purposes that local groups may desire. Call Joe on 295 637 or drop in at the Centre. It's located in Park Lane right in the heart of Romsey.

IT'S YOUR CENTRE: IT NEEDS YOU TO MAKE IT WORK!

Keep fit by going to Carol's Aerobic Classes held every Monday and Thursday morning from 9.15 to 10.00 in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Only \$2.50 per session with creche available for 50c.

Adult beginners Jazz Ballet classes held every Tuesday evening from 8.00 till 9.00 - \$4 per session.

Children's Jazz Ballet held Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4.00 till 6.00 pm. All in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Enquire to Carol on 295 590.

TRACIE'S DANCE STUDIO - Theatrical Dancing, Tap Dancing & Jazz Ballet.

Where: Bolinda Hall
Time: Tuesday & Wednesday evenings.

For more information on time etc. phone 03 350 6767 or (Sue) on 057 891 333.

Children (3yrs. min.) Teenagers and adults are all welcome.

ITEMS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2pm on FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 1989 - thank you. We are always looking for any additional assistance in compiling, sponsoring and delivery. If you can assist please contact any of the editorial committee.

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