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The Romsey Rag. No. 53/4

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SLASHEZ - Ian & Rhonda Wilkins. June 1989

Along with our normal service of grass slashing, large area mowing, rotary hoeing and grader blade work, we now provide a bobcat and tipper service for all small scale landscaping, driveways, site cleans and rubbish removal. Please feel free to contact Ian and Rhonda Wilkins on (054) 295 842 A.H.

ROMSEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION: A group of concerned Romsey Ratepayers have formed an Interim Committee with the view to establishing a RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION in Romsey. With the township growing at such a rapid rate the committee feels that such an association can be the link between the Shire Council and the Ratepayer enabling our views and needs to be clearly outlined to our elected representatives.

A Public Meeting will be held at the ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL on the 7th June at 7.30 p.m. If you have ANY suggestions, grievance or practical contribution to make towards our town's future we urge you to attend and help all concerned to make ROMSEY - OUR TOWN the place everyone can be proud of.

Bruce Puxley - Interim Committeeman

RANDOM RAGGINGS BY "RAMBLER": So, we are to have a Ratepayers' Association in Romsey. The question is whether or not that will be a good thing? The manifesto giving notice of the initial public meeting lists a number of issues to be addressed. Regular readers of this column will recognise the leading item, forward planning, as something that has been stated here more than once.

Do we need a Ratepayers' Association? Well, if it will support the Council and the community where support is warranted - as well as pointing up any deficiencies that can be identified - then perhaps it will fulfil a useful purpose. In that case this column will offer full support.

However, your columnist is painfully aware that such associations frequently adopt an almost exclusively negative thrust toward councils. Romsey needs a positive approach - in large doses - and liberal quantities of co-operation, if we are to satisfactorily address the sorts of issues that the embryonic Association has listed for its initial public meeting.

If that is the intention, then we can welcome the initiative. If not,?

While we are considering progress, let us turn our attention to what we have that should be preserved at all costs. Main Street is a thing of beauty in its autumn finery. May it be a joy forever.

POLICE NEWS: Speaking to a number of people around the town, there appears to be some confusion as to how to contact the Police, when the office is unattended. When you do ring, you get a recorded message advising you to contact Kyneton Police. Yes, I know it is annoying, when you do get the recording but in this day of modern technology, all it is, is a means of letting you know that the office is temporarily unattended. As a matter of interest, there are over two hundred recorders set up at Police Stations across the State and these can range from One Man Stations, to Stations that are manned with up to six members, so you are not on your own in regards to getting a recorded message. (cont'd.)

POLICE NEWS (cont'd.):

Also it would appear that people are not aware that for the Romsey/Lancefield Police Sub-District that there is a Policeman ONCALL 24 hours a day, 7 days weekly.

Kyneton is a 24 hour Police Station and is manned all the time, so by ringing Kyneton they know where the ON CALL member is at any time and he can be contacted either by radio or telephone, this applies to both day or night.

Over the past few months we have done a survey and especially in the early hours of the morning, we have found that from the time the call is received until Police attend is about 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the urgency of the call and that is a much better response than people receive in the Metropolitan area.

The telephone number at Kyneton is 221 377, so I would suggest that you place that number beside your telephone.

Just as a point of interest, if you have a look in the front of the 1989, 054 telephone book, you will see that there is now a triple 000 number. The way that it operates is that you dial 000 for Police, Ambulance or Fire Brigade. This goes direct to the triple 000 centre at Bendigo who in turn contact the relevant service, from a Police point of view the call would be put through to D 24 Ballarat, who would then contact Romsey, Lancefield or Kyneton either by radio or telephone. The same applies to the Ambulance Service, Ambulance H.Q. is at Bendigo and controls Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne which services this area. Fire Brigade calls go to Bendigo Fire Service which will then direct the call to the nearest Fire Brigade. It sounds complicated but it does work very efficiently and above all very quickly. But, please remember, 000 is strictly EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY.

During the month of June and especially over the Holiday weekend (Queen's Birthday) there will be a blitz concentrating on drink drivers, seatbelts and unroadworthy cars and motorbikes, and whilst on the subject of the holiday weekend don't forget to check the caravan and/or boat trailer re brakes and lights, especially if the caravan or boat trailer has been standing for some time.

DRIVE CAREFULLY,

Warren B. Opie,
Snr/Constable, 16679
Officer In Charge.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN, ROMSEY: Enrolments will be closing for 1990 on July 31st. Enrolment days for June/July:

6th & 20th June

11th & 25th July

Midday - 1.00 p.m. at the kindergarten. Enquiries re enrolments at this time also. Enrolments will continue to be last Tuesday in the month at the above. A child must be 3 years old to be enrolled. Birth or tract or photocopy must be shown.

E. Scanlon, Secretary.

COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT for St. Paul's Kindergarten, Romsey - Saturday June 17th at the Scout Hall 7.30 p.m. Come in fancy dress. Bring your own supper, drinks and glasses. \$4 per person - \$6 if not in fancy dress. Obtain tickets from Romsey Milk Bar.

E. Scanlon

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS: There are 5 seminars which are going to be held later in the year at the Riddells Creek Senior Citizen Centre. These seminars are open to the general public, so everyone is welcome to attend. There will be guest speakers each day who represent different organizations, such as ADARDS - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Society of Victoria, the Arthritis Foundation and the Older Person's Action Centre. There will be a small charge for attending, so as to cover the cost of the guest speaker and morning tea. If anyone would like to know more about these seminars they can contact Kerrie Reardon at the Romsey Shire Offices on 295 201.

COUNCIL NEWS: As is obvious, the service station at Main Street and Gordon Crescent, is slowly taking shape. The permit for this venture was granted in 1986. Caused quite a bit of discussion around the town and some might say the result was reflected in Council elections that year. Recently, Council received an application to change some of the previous permit uses. New uses were real estate agency, mechanical workshop and office and sales. It appears, when the applicant lodged his paperwork, his interpretation of sales included a convenience store, or a shop similar to "Seven Eleven" in content. Council, at the May meeting, weren't overly impressed with this and required that the matter be re-advertised, stating full and open intention of the property use. Reading the local papers, the applicant has now submitted two permit applications for consideration at the June Council meeting. They are (a) real estate agency, mechanical workshop and (b) convenience store. These are two distinct and totally separate applications and will be treated as such. If you are against or in favour of these applications, please make a written submission to Council, at the latest, 9th June.

Council are still chasing V Line in an endeavour to obtain better public transport facilities between the three towns. V Line claim that staff shortage is the major factor for the delay. Investigations into the erection of a skate-board ramp, probably at Romsey, is ongoing. Public liability insurance is a major stumbling block.

Council elections are to be held in Victoria on August 5th. Nominations close at the Shire Office at 4.00 p.m. on Monday, July 17th. Doreen Smith is due for re-election and has stated will nominate for a further term. Have you recently moved into the area? Have you turned 18 since last July? Have you notified the Electoral Office of your new address and/or eligibility? Forms are available at the Post Office, they are simple to fill out and postage is free. Voting is compulsory so you may have to travel back to where you were last recorded to "fulfil your duty".

Residents of Old Farm Way and Bowkett Close should have received a letter to attend at the Shire Office at 8.00 p.m. on 5.6.89 to finalize plans for the sealing of their streets. After speaking with business persons in Mitchell Court, it is hoped that this can also be sealed under a Private Street Scheme.

Just a reminder that you are not permitted to fell trees on road reserves. The collection of wood from fallen trees is permitted. Council Officers have been requested to provide a report on noise pollution. Some complaints have been received. The E.P.A. is pushing for Councils to take greater control in this area. The S.E.C. is being requested to provide costings to underground the power in Main Street.

Finally, Council have again written to the Gas & Fuel Corp., concerning the progress towards connection of natural gas to the Romsey Township, in light of current and foreseeable growth (domestic and industrial).

Till next time,
Doreen Smith
Doug Newnham
Geoff Neil

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 40: Garden Tools and Equipment Pt. 3 - as mentioned in an earlier article, the cost of garden tools and equipment may constitute a considerable portion of the cost of maintaining a home - especially so in the case of a larger block common in country towns and farms. Observations by the writer of the state of much of this equipment at garage sales, clearing sales and in other visits to properties, indicates that little regard is given to minimising this cost by simple maintenance within the scope of most home owners. Apart from avoiding unnecessary exposure to weather by storing under cover, the maintenance of wooden handles by dressings of raw linseed oil as dictated by condition will increase their life considerably as will frequent neatsfoot oil dressings on pump plunger leathers or other speciality products on leather harness, straps etc. Internal painting of steel containers such as water tanks with "Tank Guard" and external painting of timber and metal structures will also prolong life. (cont'd.)

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN No. 40 (cont'd.):

The application of grease or specialty products to screw, bolt and other threads subject to rust will facilitate later removal. Attention to lubrication of secateurs, grass shears, other cutting tools, trolley, pram, bicycle wheels and controls as well as necessary sharpening and corrosion protection will not only prolong the life of these items but improve efficiency in their use.

Syd Wheller

THANKS FROM R.S.L.: The President, Secretary and members of the Romsey-Lancefield R.S.L. wish to thank everyone who contributed towards our last Anzac Day Appeal. Thanks to the children of both Romsey and Lancefield Schools, the business houses in both towns, and all who bought tokens at our selling points. Thanks also to those who received tokens through the mail and forwarded their donations. All The proceeds from both our appeals goes to R.S.L. welfare to assist our war widows etc. who are sick or in need of financial assistance. Once again our sincere thanks to all and hoping for your continued support in the future.

C.S. Johnston - Hon Secretary

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS: These awards are aimed at encouraging youth to help build a better future. There are six categories for these awards and they are: Arts, Sports, Community Service, Science and Technology, Career Achievement and Rural Development. The winner of each of the six awards will receive a magnificent trophy, a \$5,000 State Banking System account and public recognition in a televised presentation dinner at the Hilton Hotel.

These awards are open to men and women 25 years and under. Nominations close on Friday, 28th July, 1989. More information on these awards, and nomination forms can be obtained from Kerrie Reardon at the Romsey Shire Offices.

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE: The Lancefield Neighbourhood House Committee of Management is meeting on a regular basis to discuss the roles and aims of the house. A Co-ordinator has been appointed and she is Mrs. Julie Smith. Julie has done quite a lot of Community work and the Committee is confident that she will be a great asset to the house. An open day is being planned so that everyone can come along to the house and meet Julie and all the Committee members. For any more information contact Kerrie Reardon at the Shire Offices.

GAMES '89: BIGGEST EVERY PUBLIC EXPO OF GAMES & HOBBIES - 29 June - 2 July 1989

Royal Melbourne Showgrounds - Admission: Adults - \$5, concession - \$2
Children under 10 - Free (with adult)
Times: Thursday 10.00 - 6.00; Friday 10.00 - 9.00; Saturday 10.00 - 6.00;
Sunday 10.00 - 6.00 Enquiries: GAMES '89, 51 Claremont Street, South Yarra 3141

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational church presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community.

This month we invite the men in our district to attend the first of our regular Men's Breakfasts at the Monegetta Tea Rooms on Saturday 24th June at 7.30 a.m.

Guest speaker on this occasion will be Gordon Broussard, the National Co-ordinator of Teen Challenge, a conference speaker and recognised authority on youth ministry, the drug culture and street kids etc.

We hold regular Sunday Morning Services at the Bolinda Hall commencing at 9.30 a.m. weekly, and have a comprehensive children's ministry program. Further information from Geoff Holland 295 673 or Shaun Foster 295 320.

TOYS TOYS TOYS TOYS

TOYS galore.....and KIDS BOOKS galore.....

FRIDAY 14th July, 8.00 p.m. Anne and Peter Liersch will fill the Mechanics Hall with their Playlink Toys and Books for you to ogle at and to buy. More details next month. All to help Romsey Auxiliary of the Lancefield Hospital.

Josie Francis .../5

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE:

Antenatal Classes: Romsey, St. Mary's Hall, Main Road - classes designed for you and your support person. For further information contact Community Health Nurses, Chris Guymer or Diana Knichala on 22 3011, 8.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

You are invited to hear the DIABETES AUSTRALIA (vic.) TEAM on Wednesday June 7th At Romsey Branch (St. Mary's Hall, Main Street) 10.30 - 12.30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Topics will include: What is diabetes? - Definition, prevalence, diagnosis signs, symptoms, diagnostic tests treatment. Dietary Guidelines - non-insulin dependent diabetes, insulin dependent diabetes. Advances and Research in diabetes. Questions.

Romsey & District "Solo-parenting" Support Group - Venue, Romsey, St. Mary's Hall. Day: Tuesday evenings, fortnightly. Time: 7.45 p.m. Next meeting: June 13th This group is an informal self-help group for separated, divorced and single parents. We hope to provide, through discussion, some resolutions to the problems that can arise in all aspects of sole parenting. Such as (1) Raising children alone; (2) Family Law (custody, access, etc.); (3) Sharing experiences; (4) Entitlements (Social Security); (5) Supporting one another.

If child care is required or for any other enquiries, please phone Cobaw Community Health Service on 22 3011.

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS:

Following recent disturbing news it seems appropriate and timely to start a regular column in this illustrious newsletter on the subject of the environment and ways each and everyone of us can help. You'll find that a lot of the changes that can be made in the home for instance will in fact mean that quite a lot of money can be saved each week.

For a start, we just don't need all those highly toxic cleaners and polluting aerosols that fill the shelves at the supermarkets. We have been conned! Pouring chlorine bleach or strong toilet cleaners down the toilet to kill germs is like killing a blow fly with a shotgun blast. Please don't do it. It's killing our rivers and oceans. A toilet brush and a mixture of 1/2 cup vinegar and a mild detergent is all that is necessary (or even better a little vinegar in some soapy water). While on the subject of toilets and bathrooms, save your money and forget those airfresheners and toilet fresheners, etc. Fresh air via an open window is much cheaper and less polluting (some mint or lavender in a vase helps too).

Most importantly please stop and think about the cleaners and associated items that you are buying. Do you REALLY need them? Let's try and clean the world up for our children and stop overcleaning our homes.

P.S. ~~*****~~ A good all purpose cleaner can be made by using 4 litres of hot water 50 mls (millilitres) sudsy ammonia, 50 mls vinegar & 115 mls baking soda (this is safe for all surfaces and can be rinsed off with water) but it must NEVER be mixed with other chemicals, especially chlorine bleach which we should never use anyway!)

~~*****~~ Ti-tree oil is a good disinfectant - try using it if you feel a disinfectant is necessary.

Signed *ROMSEY'S RESIDENT GREENIE

THE MARGARET HOWATSON APPEAL:

I would like to take this opportunity at this time to express my sincere gratitude to all the people of Romsey in supporting my Appeal. As Co-ordinator of the Appeal, Mrs. Rose McCarthy is tireless in coming up with fund-raising ideas and I would like to thank Rose and her *helpers* from the bottom of my heart. The kindness shown to both Sam and I at this difficult time is a true comfort. Now! I am quite housebound at the moment but the old typing fingers are raring to go! I have a good typewriter and would offer my services (TYPING) to any local organisation, churches, sporting bodies, etc. in an endeavour to express my gratitude to the people of Romsey in a practical way. Please phone anytime and we can have a wee talk.

Margaret Howatson - 295 724

MARGARET HOWATSON APPEAL (con'd.):

To date we have \$5,720 invested at the State Bank, Romsey.

Grateful thanks to the Romsey 1st Scouts who conducted a very successful Disco evening on 13th May. A total of \$416 was added to the appeal as a result of the evening. A big thank you to all who patronised the evening and to the helpers on the night, especially Adrian Cropley for his hard work and effort in organising the Disco. Another \$80 has been added to appeal sum as the D.J. donated back his fee - in all a grand effort of \$496.00.

The Lancefield/Romsey and Riddells Creek Lions Club are holding a Dinner Auction at the Romsey Mechanics hall on Friday 16th June, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The ticket price of \$40.00 single includes a four course meal, drinks, light entertainment and of course the Auction. Tickets are available from Joe Smith, 295 524, Doug Newnham, 295 287, Ken Notman, 291 962 and Eric McColly on 286 728.

Thanks to the Mars Confectionary Company of Ballarat who generously donated lollies to sell to aid the appeal.

ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD GROUP: NURSING MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA: All mothers of babies and young children are cordially welcome at our June meetings. On Thursday June 8th, there will be a Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs. Julie Smith (ph. 285 132) commencing at 10.00 a.m. Our monthly discussion meeting is at the home of Mrs. Vicki Mono (ph. 295 741) on Thursday 22nd June at 8.00 p.m. A financial counsellor/credit advocate is guest speaker at this meeting. For further details of our activities please contact the above persons or one of the following:

Dot Chandler - Group leader	ph 285 378
Mary Campbell - Counsellor	ph 295 629
Lynnette Finn - Counsellor	ph 295 860
Pam Irvine - Counsellor	ph 295 502

HEALTH DEPARTMENT VICTORIA - HEAD INJURY IMPACT - PLANNING FOR PEOPLE WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN DAMAGE:

Call for submissions - the Victorian Government has made available funds for a 12 months study of the impact of Acquired Brain Damage (ABD) on children and adults and their families - particularly resulting from head injuries.

The study is part of a project to plan health and community support services for people with ABD. Initiated by Health Department Victoria, Community Services Victoria and the Transport Accident Commission, the project is being undertaken in conjunction with other government agencies, service providers, professionals working in the field and consumer groups.

The study is particularly interested to hear from people with ABD and family members. Personal details will be treated in strict confidence.

Interested individuals and organisations are invited to make written submissions to the study concerning:

- the number of people affected by ABD
- their personal and service needs
- current provision of medical treatment, rehabilitation and community support services
- current training, vocational and employment programs
- future service requirements
- prevention measures
- strategies for research, information and education programs
- planning and co-ordination mechanisms
- resource requirements and sources.

Submissions on any of the above matters should be brief and addressed to:

Senior Project Officer
ABD Data Base Study
Health Department Victoria
20th Floor
555 Collins Street
MELBOURNE 3000

to be received by 16 June 1989 (cont'd.)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT VICTORIA (cont'd.):

Opportunity will be provided at a later date for verbal submissions and consultation meetings. People wishing to be advised of arrangements for these aspects of the study may register their interest by phoning Mr. Jeremy Maddox on (03) 616 7163.

For further information and copies of the study background paper contact Mr. Maddox as above

PHONE SERVICE ?????

Are you sick of not being able to get a line out, especially in the evening?

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P.O. Box 84

BENDIGO Vic 3550

OR

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LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The June meeting will be held at Romsey Mechanics Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 27th June when all who are interested in our local heritage and the history of our Shire will be welcome to attend.

Regular working bees at Sidney Seymour Cottage to restore and maintain both the Cottage and its ground continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month and all offers of assistance will be accepted gratefully - just come along anytime you can spare between 8.30 a.m. and midday.

The Court House Museum is open each Sunday afternoon 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. with a small band of volunteers giving their time to share the various items displayed on differing themes throughout the year. Please support this activity and bring your friends who may not be aware of the wealth of history we have around us. Please contact our Archivist Mrs. Dorothy Viney on 295 584 if you have any items of interest whether they be old photographs, newspaper cuttings or whatever which can be copied and you keep the original copy.

New members are always welcome to share in any of our activities and can contact either President Mr. Robert Clement 295 225 or Secretary Mrs. Jean Newell 295 417 for further information.

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE: The Romsey Fire Brigade has been actively involved in training during the past month, with many members attending the training centre at Fiskville, near Ballan. The Brigade has also been required to turn out to two incidents, one a car accident and the other a house fire.

Regular training occurs each Sunday morning between 8.30 and 11.00 a.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. Brigade meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. For further information contact Ron Cole at the Post Office or Ian Ogilvie on ph. 295 715. New members are always welcome.

The Brigade has many responsibilities in addition to the traditional role of a bush fire brigade. Complex and potentially more dangerous industries, greater numbers of motor vehicles, a growing amount and range of hazardous chemicals and a rapidly increasing population have changed the nature of the Brigade's activities.

A variety of risks requires specialist equipment and training. The Brigade is adequately equipped but needs to maintain or renew some expensive older equipment.

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- DATES FOR **YOUR DIARY** - THESE EVENTS ARE DETAILED IN THIS EDITION OF THE ROMSEY RAG.
- 7th Diabetes Information day
 - 7th Annual General meeting Romsey District Netball Association
 - 7th Romsey Rate Payers Association Meeting.
 - 8th Nursing Mothers' Coffee Morning
 - 13th Romsey District "Solo Parenting" Meeting
 - 17th COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT.
 - 18th Football Club Car Rally
 - 20th Family Life Movement (Sex education) Lectures for young People.
 - 22nd Nursing Mothers' Meeting
 - 24th Men's Breakfast - Romsey/Lancefield Christian Fellowship.
 - June 27th Romsey Lancefield Historical Society Meet
 - 29th Expo of Games
 - July 14th Toys Galore Sale
 - 15th 60's Rock & Roll Night - A Football Club Function - All Welcome.
 - 28th Nominations close for the Young Achievers Awards.
 - AUG> 5th ROMSEY SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE (cont'd.): The Brigade has received many donations from property owners and occupiers during the past 2 months. Approximately 280 responses totalling almost \$7,000 have been received. Unfortunately many people have not as yet replied.

If you have not already donated to the Brigade, please consider it. This voluntary emergency service needs the support of the entire community so that it can be as effective as possible when it is required to act.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB: Our May meeting was once again well attended, when Steven Ryan of Macedon spoke on growing plants from cuttings.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 27th June at Lancefield Mechanics Hall at 8.00 p.m. Speaker for the evening will be Doug Bryce from Kyneton - subject, DAFFODIL GROWING. Supper provided. No charge.
Doss Keating (295 840) Publicity Officer

WELCOME: The Romsey Rag Committee and the townspeople of Romsey extend a warm welcome to Mr. Shane and Mrs. Sue O'Brien and their children, Shannon, Daniel and Timothy. The O'Brien family has transferred from the Rainbow branch of the National Bank to Romsey. The children presently attend St. Mary's School in Lancefield. The O'Briens who are originally from Seymour enjoy day trips and are getting to know the area they live in quite well. Please make our new Bank Manager feel welcome.

ITEMS FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2 PM ON FRIDAY 7TH JULY, 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.

Compilers reserve the right to reject or include any item presented for print.
I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR AN EDITION OF THE ROMSEY RAG.....
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EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Trevor Turnham, Beryl Cole, Pam Neil, Laurel Miles,
Jennifer Clampit, Kerrie Lemin, Elsie Paterson.

GOODS NEWS AT LAST: Following a very serious car accident which involved both Peter and Alan Irwin recently, it was great to see Peter back at school today after his hospitalization. Although it will be some time before he resumes full time, Peter was able to personally thank those who sent cards and best wishes. Alan continues to make steady progress in the Alfred Hospital. Alan and Barbara wish to thank all their friends who have been so supportive.

SENIOR FIRST AID CERTIFICATE COURSE: Are there any residents who wish to participate in a friendly training program in the next few months? If you are interested we would like to hear from you. Please contact Mrs. Helen Clement 295317, Mr. Trevor Turnham at the school 295099 or Mrs. Trish Corner 270494. It is important that we obtain at least 10 positive people for this course. Please ring a.s.a.p.

MOCK WEDDING: Who was the man who took many photos only to find he had no film in the camera? This is not the first time he has done this trick.

FOR SALE: Brand new SKI-PANTS, size 16, Navy Blue, padded nylon HUSKI brand, bib & brace style. \$60.00 Tel 295417.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT:

Readers may be interested to know that the Romsey Rag has been operating since 1984 and during this period a virtual army of volunteers have assisted in the compilation, duplication, collation and distribution. The current editorial committee (Trevor Turnham, Beryl Cole and Pam Neil) meet on the first Friday of each month and therefore it is important that all written contributions be handed in to the Romsey Post Office by 2pm on that day. A number of willing typists (Marg White, Laurel Miles and Jenny Clampit) commence work during the weekend to ensure that the Romsey Rag can be printed on the following Monday.

At approx. 10.30 am our "duplicators" (Elsie Paterson and Kerrie Lemin) arrive and continue to work through until 2pm. Even before their task is completed our hard working volunteer collators (this group is constantly changing) prepare the Rag for our foot slogging distributors. (Stuart Turnham, Marg. Mitchell, Pam Neil, Bev Large, Kaye McNamara, Rebecca Shufflebotham, The Wischnewski Family, David Miles), who distribute our 700 copies throughout the community. A special thankyou to all of these people.

A POSITIVE COMMENT FROM A READER : "The Rag makes us all feel a part of Romsey and not just another newcomer! Keep up the good work. Kindest regards, Margaret Howatson."

Even through the Romsey Rag is a free community paper run by volunteers we are still required to pay for our papers and inks. We therefore request that a donation be made for any notices of a commercial nature.

We thank our previous sponsors for their financial support and encouragement over the years. We are particularly appreciative this month of the large donation provided by the Romsey Football Club.

FAMILY-FOCUSED SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS : VENUE - ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

A professionally trained Educator from FAMILY LIFE will be conducting sessions for any children and their parents at Romsey Primary school, on the 20th June at the times listed below.

FAMILY LIFE has been involved in Human Relations and Sexuality Education in Victorian schools for over thirty years. The sessions are designed to help parents "break the ice" in introducing the important, and sometimes sensitive subject of sexuality.

The sessions are geared to the Grade levels of the children, and encourage parent/child discussion. This interaction is a very important part of our sessions.

* We suggest you arrive 10 minutes before the starting time of the sessions you wish to attend.

* Families are requested to sit together. Children must be accompanied by an adult, parent, grandparent, relative, friend or teacher.

* Reliable sexuality education books will be on sale, including the well known FAMILY life "Guide Books" which have sold over 3 million copies. Ask the Educator to help you with your selection.

* COST: SINGLE-session fee \$8.00 per family. (Concession \$5.00)

Any TWO sessions \$10.00 per family. (Concession \$7.00)

All THREE sessions \$12.00 per family. (Concession \$8.00)

Money to be paid only to the Family Life Educator on the night you attend - Bankcard available.

GRADES 1-2 - Through drawings, games, film and discussion, the children are introduced to the different types of family structures, female/male differences and birth. At the same time, parents and children are encouraged to talk together, and this provides an excellent starting point for further sharing at home.

DATE: TUESDAY, 20th June, 1989. STARTING TIME: 5.45pm.

GRADES 3-4 - Children are given information about their bodies, female/male differences, reproduction, foetal development and birth.

DATE: TUESDAY, 20th June, 1989. STARTING TIME: 7.00pm.

GRADES 5-6 - The changes of puberty are discussed and essential information is given to help young people understand the physical, emotional and relationship changes of this exciting time in their lives.

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* Enquiries - Family Life - 03/8132377.

A WEDDING TO BE REMEMBERED If you were not among the 148 guests who enjoyed the riotous "Wedding" last Saturday evening then no doubt you will hear many amusing anecdotes related to that event. Special thanks are due to the enthusiasm of Mrs Watts who initiated the program and constantly "inspired" all those involved to meet the deadlines.

It was obvious that the cast also thoroughly enjoyed their involvement in the practices and the final performance. Our thanks therefore also go to the following players, (who may not have been recognised on the night) for a performance to be remembered. Sincere thanks to Bob Sherren, Marillian Jackson, David Crozier, Robin & Helen Watts, Rick & Lee Howells, Ron & Beryl Cole, Paul Green, Sandra Strack, Robin Moore, Adrian Cropley, Alison Verity, Bruce & Muriel Neish, Mr Rob McIl Dowie, Mr Noel Smithwick and Mrs. Mary Wallace.

Thankyou to the Romsey Rag for allowing us to bring events and news to you our community. Helen Watts.

THE RED CROSS LADIES wish to thank all those who supported their latest function which was a David Keys fashion display and luncheon. \$233 was taken through the door takings and raffle. \$406 was raised over the Red Cross Calling period. Thanks to all those who helped. A special thankyou goes to the men of the Romsey Fire Brigade who generously gave their time and equipment to collect for Red Cross this year. Yours sincerely, Patricia Corner - Secretary. .../11

LIFE EDUCATION : For the Children

"Evidence of the use of hard drugs within the district is rapidly escalating and the committee believes it is time to act and protect our most valued asset, our children. We now seek your Support".

\$200,000 is what the community is being asked to donate to provide this district with a facility which could save the lives of more than a few of our young people.

The first Life Education Centre was established by the Rev. Ted Noffs in 1979, Rev. Noffs had spent years counselling and rehabilitating young drug addicts in Kings Cross and felt that the way to beat the drug problem was through preventative education in the formative years, between 5 and 12.

The centre, in the form of a mobile caravan, educational equipment and qualified staff will be used to educate children about their bodies, how they could be affected by drugs and other harmful substances, peer pressure and the knowledge and skills to overcome these.

This program is the first pro-active measure in relation to drug awareness within Australia Life Education Centres receive very little Government assistance and are thus heavily reliant upon Community financial support.

As well as support from the local councils, the committee is being assisted by the district's strong service club base: Lions, Rotary, Apex, Kiwanis and the district schools.

\$200,000 would pay for the mobile classroom, educational aids, booklets and the employment of a specially trained life education teacher.

This is not a government funded project. The Life Education Centre Program receives only minimal Government funding. The centres are heralded as world models and are the first of their kind to be developed in Australia.

It is not a hard hitting anti-drug campaign but works on the premise that education of this kind in a child's formative years will later form part of their values and be instrumental in their decision making processes.

A committee has been formed with the aim of raising enough money to obtain a mobile unit which would service the Shires of Bulla, Kimore, Gisborne and Romsey. Sub-committees will be formed in each area. It is planned that a Public Meeting will be held in Romsey to discuss the project and form a Committee. For more information on this project contact Kerrie Reardon at the Romsey Shire Offices on 295201.

14 ROMSEY BOYS NEED YOUR HELP:

We are desperately in need of somebody to take us camping and have fun in Scouts. No experience necessary, only the enthusiasm to lead a great team who are as keen as you. Contact Ashely Spear 295435.
Next Committee Meeting 6th June. All welcome.

1st Romsey Venturers are 15-18 year old boys and girls who are actively involved in a range of interesting activities. If you would like to join this group as a Venturer or Leader please contact Ashley Spear 295435. The Venturers meet at the Scout Hall on Friday evenings, why not drop in and see the type of activities they tackle.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH is a friendly, family church with an active Sunday School and a happy Youth Group. Newcomers to the town can find it at the northern end of Pohlman Street (which is parallel to Main Street and the next street west). There are signs at relevant corners to point the way.

Worship and Sunday School commence at 9.30am each Sunday. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals are by arrangement with the Minister, Rev. Adrian Pegler, 25 Williams Street, Romsey. (Phone 295351).

Sporting News in Romsey

ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS:

Congratulations to our Seniors who won on the home ground against Moomba Park last Saturday. Scores - Romsey, 16.12 defeated Moomba Park 12.8. This was the first win for the season and against one of the top sides. Best Players: G. Walters, A. Tonks (8 goals), W. Milburn, M. Morrison. Good team effort, well done players and coach.

The new lights have made a tremendous difference at training. At Last we can now see the ball properly and don't have to worry about collisions in the shadows of the old "candlesticks". We thank the Romsey Shire Council for funding of the light fittings themselves and our three riding councillors, Doug Newnham, Doreen Smith, and Geoff Neil for their assistance and support. Many people have donated their time and materials to this project and to them we are extremely grateful:

- John McIntyre Initiating the scheme and co-ordinating installation
- Jin Zonneveld Fabrication of poles
- Phil Newell & Darren Newnham Electrical Installation
- Mick Rowe Trenching for cables
- Andrew Witkiss Foundation excavation
- Joe Smith Supply of concrete
- Bill deGabriel Part supply of cable
- Lou Day Backfilling of trenches
- Kevin Davis Supply of cherry pickers

These new lights have not only been erected for use by the football club, but also for use by other community groups who may wish to hire the ground for activities or functions at night. There also should be no problems with the Police Air Ambulance finding the ground at night.

Social Events: Car Rally Sunday June 18th. Starts at the Romsey Primary School 11.00 a.m. Lunch provided. Drinks at bar prices. PLEASE NO DRINK/DRIVING.

Saturday July 15th 60's Rock and Roll Night. More details later

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF: 3.5.89 1st Round of the Silver Spoon and Mona McLeod Trophy was won by S. Shelton,

10.5.89 Stableford round won by S. Shelton

17.5.89 Stroke won by L. Beasley

24.5.89 2nd Round of Silver Spoon Stableford won by J. Johnston

29.5.89 Central District Pennant Wind-up Canadian Foursome

held at Lancefield (the host club for this year's pennant) in puring rain; well done to all ladies who finished the course. The pennant trophy was presented to the No. 1 Gisborne team - Romsey finished seventh but some of our newer pennant players gained valuable experience for next season. None of the Romsey pairs were successful on the day.

31.5.89 Romsey Gala Day. We were extremely pleased to have 44 players from eight visiting clubs and some of our own ladies compete. The day was wet and the wind bitterly cold so congratulations to the 40 ladies who played the 18 holes. Winners were A Grade gross M. Wicks (Kyneton) nett S. Shelton (Romsey) B Grade gross and nett R. Oates (Woodend). 9 out S. Shelton - 9 in J. Bannon (Lancefield). Putting M. Wicks (Kyneton).

During May Shirley Shelton has reduced her handicap from 27 to 25 and Leila Beasley from 33 to 31. Well done ladies.

SPORTING NEWS (cont'd.):

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB JUNIORS SUCCEED: Congratulations are extended to two Club members who competed successfully on 4th June in the Sunshine Junior Open. The competition attracted 98 males and 24 females to the Sunshine Golf Club last Sunday. Best "A" Grade Nett for players with 7-12 handicap was won by Chris Gaunt, 79.12.67 (par for the course is 70). Chris brought home a trophy donated by Toyota Motor Company. "Runner up" in the "C" Grade nett 19.32 was Stuart Turnham, 102.32.70. This trophy was donated by Sunshine Golf Club. Well Done Boys!

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE, PARK LANE, ROMSEY PHONE 295 637:

Aerobic Classes Held every Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.15. p.m.

Yoga Yoga classes are on every Friday Morning between the hours of 10.00 a.m. to 12. p.m.

Squash Casual hire of the courts at competitive rates. Any person wishing to play Tuesday or Thursday night competition may come along and join in the fun. Any person wishing to play a casual game of squash on a Monday morning please contact the centre if you are interested.

Badminton The Romsey Badminton Club is always looking for new members. If you are interested come along on any Wednesday evening.

Tennis We have 5 outside and one inside court all in top condition for the casual hirer.

Weight Watchers Any person interested in attending weight watchers please contact Joe at the Romsey Recreation Centre. We are also looking for an experienced person to instruct these classes.

Karate:Zen-Do-Kai Friday nights: Juniors and Seniors combined. Classes commence at 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Any enquiries ring 291 313.

Throw & Giggle Morning (Ladies netball) Our list of participants is getting bigger each day, but we still need more ladies to make it successful.

FOR SALE: Know 700 Golf Clubs and bag 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-PW-SW-2W-3W-5W(Little Slammer) and putter in good condition. \$250.00 Phone 295 250.