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AN INVITATION TO VISIT WOODLANDS HOMESTEAD AND THE ROYAL MINT BUILDING:

Your local Historical Society is arranging a "drive-yourself" visit to the above properties on Sunday, 6th August and anyone interested would be welcome to join us. The tour is planned as follows:

- *Bring a picnic lunch to Woodlands Homestead, Gellibrand Hill Park, at 12.30 p.m. (first gate on the right as you turn from Sunbury Rd. into Oaklands Road.
- *After lunch and viewing the Homestead, proceed to the Royal Mint in William Street, Melbourne. We will be shown the magnificent Dullion Room and be given a short talk on the history of the Mint. We will then visit the portion of the building occupied by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and have a chance to view their current exhibition and learn about the collections held by the Society.
- *Leaving the Mint we will proceed by foot or by car, depending on the weather, to St. James Old Cathedral where we will be able to view the interior.
- *Time, and energy, permitting, we will visit Flagstaff Gardens and some of the historic sites in the area.
- *All of this will cost \$7.50 a head which includes entry to buildings, information sheets and a brochure setting out places of interest in the immediate vicinity of the Mint.
- *Further information from Helen Broad, phone 291 888.

Future activities of our Society include an illustrated talk on early Melbourne from a collection of lantern slides at our August meeting; a talk by Mr. Ian Delacy. on Early Land Titles at our October meeting and, if we can find suitable venues, a progressive dinner when the weather is a little warmer! Watch for further details of these coming attractions.

NEWS FROM LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC:

This month the Lancefield & District Bush Nursing Hospital Committee would like to pay tribute to the many organizations and individuals in the community whose endeavours are directed towards improving the facilities available for our patients. So much of the hospital furniture and equipment has been purchased with donated funds. (Cont'd.)

On an afternoon in August, Special Services Certificates will be presented to the Hospital Auxiliaries and C.W.A. groups from Romsey and Lancefield and to the Lions Club, in recognition of their special efforts.

Appreciation is also due to the many quiet achievers who help the hospital with their time and energy. So to the voluntary hedge trimmers, the fund raisers, the vegetable growers who share their crops, the ladies who cheer the patients with their visits, the children who come to sing and all the friends of the hospital - thank you!

Last year a very Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of singing and organ music was arranged in aid of the hospital, by the Anglican Church at Romsey. We are fortunate to have been promised a repeat performance of this delightful entertainment on 30th July.

ARTHRITIS SEMINAR:

A seminar will be held at the Riddells Creek Senior Citizens Centre on Wednesday July 19th from 10.00 a.m. - 12 midday. One of the speakers present will be Susie Nuttall The Community Support Co-ordinator for the Arthritis Foundation of Victoria. There will be a cost of \$1.00 per person to cover the fee for the speaker and morning tea. For further information please contact Kerrie Reardon at the Romsey Shire Offices on 295 201.

LANCEFIELD COMMUNITY HOUSE:

The Lancefield Community House opens its' door on Monday July 19th, 1989. The House will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. and on Wednesdays between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. The Community House will be operating from the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. The official opening will be on Saturday, 22nd July from 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Mr. Neil O'Keefe (MHR) will be conducting the opening at 11.30 a.m. Some of the Community Groups will be having stalls and there will be a ~~free~~ Sizzle. Everyone is welcome. For more information on the Community House phone either Julie Smith (co-ordinator) on 285 132 or Kerrie Reardon on 295 201.

1ST ROMSEY CUBS AND SCOUTS:

During the next three months, the Cubs and Scouts will be working towards their World Conservation badge. This will be a large effort on the part of our youth. Planned activities are: re-planting and beautifying the area around the Scout Hall, and anti-litter campaign for the town and also develop a community awareness on how to conserve our wildlife and re-use and re-cycle products that we all use. We have also approached the Council and offered our help in planting more trees within our area. We will be very active within the community, so please keep an eye out for our conservation signs and help the Cubs and Scouts aid the community in an effort to preserve our environment. Thank you.

Cub-Scout Leader, Adrian Cropley (295 538)

ROMSEY RED CROSS:

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Red Cross will be held on Wednesday 9th of August at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend to hear of the unit's activities during the year. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards. The meeting will be held in the Romsey Uniting Church. We hope to see you there.

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SENIOR FIRST AID LESSONS:

A 10 week course of Senior First Aid lessons is to commence at Romsey Primary School on Thursday 17th Aug. 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this class please contact either Trish Corner 270 494 or Helen Clement 295 317 for further details.

To encourage all local community members to become more first aid conscious, we strongly recommend that all homes and cars, trucks and buses etc. should have well equipped first aid kits readily available for any emergency which may occur. How well-equipped is your home or vehicle?

Elementary first aid lessons in a 10 week course of "Safety is no Accident" will be held for all Grade 6 pupils at Romsey Primary School during 3rd term.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN ROMSEY:

Reminder - Enrolments for July - Tuesday 11th July and Tuesday 25th July, from midday - 1.00 p.m. at the kindergarten. A child cannot be enrolled before his/her third birthday. Birth extract or photo copy required. Enrolments will continue to be last Tuesday of every month at above times.

E. Scanlon - Secretary.

THE TOY NIGHT IS HERE! TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGE DAY 1 TO YEARS 12 OR 13 AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

FRIDAY 14TH JULY FROM PLAYLINK, O'SHANASSY STREET SUNBURY,
8.00 p.m. Peter and Anne Liersch
AT ROMSEY-MECHANICS HALL, Adults \$5 Children \$1
Supper provided.

Computers for toddlers, toys for babies, Leggo Leggo Leggo. Musical boxes, dolls, construction toys for the older kids, and cuddlies for absolutely everyone.

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:

You are invited to an afternoon of Organ music and Choral Items with a chat over afternoon tea.

DONATION \$5.00 per person - \$3.00 pensioner

Proceeds to Lancefield & District Bush Nursing Hospital - July, 30th 2.00-4.00 p.m.

COUNCIL NEWS:

An application for a Real Estate Agents office and mechanical workshop at Main Street/Gordon Crescent intersection was granted. The application for a convenience store was refused. Homeland Real Estate Agency is to move into the shop complex which was formerly Shamrock Lodge. John Kontek Estate Agency is moving into Romsey Arcade in place of Homeland. Sound confusing? An application to sub-divide land on the south side of Mitchell Court (light industrial estate) was deferred pending alterations to plans.

Romsey Heights sub-division is booming. The developers are seeking consent to open Stage 3. In the short time (3-4 months) that this estate has been open,

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COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd.):

Stages 1 and 2 have sold completely. Give or take, there are approximately 50 in each stage. The Free Tree Scheme was a success once again. Romsey ran out for the second year in a row, even after an increase on last year's allotment. A supplementary distribution of trees to residents who missed out will be held at The Shire Offices car park at 10.00 a.m. on July 26th.

A bus shelter is to be erected in Main Street, near Old Farm Way (suggestion of Old Farm Way resident). Council is to look at the possibility of re-cycling household waste e.g. papers, bottles, can etc., more on this later.

Finally, over the next few months, we will inform you very briefly of Noise Control legislation. If you have a problem/complaint, speak with Council's Health Surveyor (Dave Ireland) who can put you on the right track. This month - burglar alarms. Alarms fitted after Dec 1st, 1987 must not sound for more than 10 minutes, any fitted prior to that time may be ordered to be modified if they create a problem. The E.P.A. issues such a direction.

Till next time,
Doreen Smith
Doug Newnham
Geoff Neil

Dear "Friend of the Earth",

It's good to read your message. I have a question for you. I couldn't buy sudsy ammonia. Is either cloudy or clear O.K.? and the baking powder I gather may be a miss. Could you repeat your recipe and include one for washing machines? An allround soap that cleans all types of materials.

Keep up your comments please, a great number of us are sitting up and taking notice.

Sincerely,
H. Watts

THE ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE AND THE ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE AUXILLIARY:

All members of the Fire Brigade and the Auxilliary are invited to come along and enjoy yourselves at

"Our Winter Warm-UP" at Clarkefield Hotel
Saturday 22nd July at 7.00 p.m.

Please contact Kaye McNamara - 295 622 - or Cathy Williams - 295 265 - as soon as possible if you will be attending. If there is enough interest, we may hire one of the Shire's minibuses to transport us down and back.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 41: The Object of Pruning.

While many plants require little or no pruning to fulfill the purpose for which they were planted, many others, left unpruned soon become an unsightly mess exceeding their allotted space to the detriment of other plants, blocking access or causing general inconvenience. The object of pruning is therefore to induce a plant to serve its purpose to the best advantage of the owner.

In the case of many ornamental trees and shrubs left unpruned for years, branches become bare of leaves and laterals and lose their appeal, shortening the useful life of the plant as a spectacle and reducing its effect as a screen or windbreak. Most fruit trees follow the same pattern with fruit becoming smaller in size and more numerous towards the ends of unpruned branches with the result that they often break under the load.

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IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 41 (cont'd.);
Drastic pruning to keep large growing specimens within bounds may produce the opposite effect, promoting strong growth and poor flowering or fruiting. While the severity of pruning necessary will be dictated therefore by the state of the individual plant, the tendency of certain species to become bare and unproductive will be obvious in even small plants which should therefore be pruned annually to force out new growth where desired.

Although most evergreen trees and shrubs are best pruned as soon as possible after flowering to take advantage of the next growing season to produce the following season's flowering shoots, most deciduous fruit trees and certain other ornamentals require specialized attention, details of which will be found in Dept. of Agriculture (D.A.R.A.) "Agnotes" and good gardening books.

Syd Wheller

TYPIST/WORDPROCESSOR:

Variety of jobs done including manuscripts. No extra charge for weekend work. Free pick-up and delivery service - phone Barbara Harder (054) 295 871.

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS:

Since Environment Week is now well over, we are no longer bombarded with gloomy news about the state of the environment. However, the problem hasn't gone away. Nothing has changed, but with a little effort each of us can make our own contribution towards improving matters.

Perhaps if we thought about many of the strong and potentially harmful household cleaners we use everyday, we could come up with some safer alternatives. For instance, bicarb. soda can be used for many things from cleaning bath, basins, etc. to deodorising carpets (just sprinkle on and leave a while before vacuuming). You can use it as a paste made with water to clean the oven - spread it on, turn the oven on for 30 minutes then wipe off (after the oven has cooled down). Oven temperature should be 200c or 400 f. The point is most cleaning jobs around the home can be tackled with harmless and cheap alternatives to the many and varied and often potentially harmful cleaners displayed on the supermarket shelves.

By the way, the most polluting thing in many washing machine powders is the phosphate. How about considering only buying phosphate-free powders (e.g. Amway, SA 8 or Lectric Soap powder). Happy cleaning!

P.S. A natural furniture polish can be made by combining two parts olive oil or vegetable oil with one part lemon juice. Sudsy ammonia is cloudy ammonia.

Signed

"Romsey Resident Greenie"

2 Matching double light grain veneer wardrobes, 1 with draws, 1 with top shelf \$90 each or \$160 pair.

1973 LJ Torana, unregistered, body needs little work, engine needs work, (no battery) use for spare parts - phone 295 365.

Where were those 100 people who attended the Romsey Ratepayers Association meeting and all those people who voiced their opinions to have the convenience store stopped because of the affects it would have on our youth , WHEN A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE HUME/CALDER LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE WAS ARRANGED?

The attendance at this meeting was 12, a poor showing for what is supposed to be a very aware community.

The Hume/Calder Life Education Centre is a community project for the children of our district. It is our aim to raise funds to purchase a mobile educational van to teach children the dangers of alcohol, cigarette and drug abuse. PREVENTION is better than cure. The van will service ALL primary schools in our shire. This is a problem that may affect any one of us at some stage of our lives either through our children or grandchildren.

So come on Romsey Community, get behind this project and show us that you really have got your priorities right.

There will be a fully operational van in the Gisborne Shopping Centre on Saturday 22nd July from 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. for any person who wants to look over a van. Any persons interested in becoming involved please call John Gradie on 270 469 (home) or (03) 328 4797 (business).

Jenny Jacobsen - committee member

THE HUME/CALDER LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE - GIVING KIDS A POSITIVE APPROACH TO LIFE
A community Project For The Children Of Our District:

Following interest from the Romsey community, the Shire of Romsey Council called a meeting of interested people on 19th June to discuss the provision of a Life Education Centre for this district. From this meeting, a Committee was formed, to pursue the aim of obtaining a Life Education Centre for the area, bounded by the Hume & Calder Highways. A public meeting was called and a committee was installed. A motion was passed to incorporate the body. (The service area includes the Shires of Romsey, Gisborne, Kilmore and the township of Diggers Rest.) Our local committee is headed by Mr. John Gradie, who would be happy to assist with any queries.

THE AIM: to have a mobile Life Education Unit commissioned and operational during 1990.

FUND RAISING: In order for the Centre's aim of having a van operational in 1990, the capital cost for the van and funds for the on going committment of the teacher's salaries, will need to be raised (a total of \$200,000).

The Committee will approve recognition to major donors in the form of promotion on the van, plaques or certificates of appreciation, as follows:

\$40,000+	Signwriting/promotion on the van for the life of the van
\$15,000	Gold plaque
\$ 5,000	Silver plaque
\$ 2,500	Bronze plaque
\$ 1,000	Recognition plaque

Companies, clubs, schools or organisations will receive Certificates of Appreciation for any donation to the project. The Life Education Centre has tax deductability status for donations in excess of \$2.00. Donations may be made through the Romsey Primary School or Diggers Rest.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB:

Although a very cold night, those who ventured to our June 27th meeting enjoyed watching Doug Bryce's slides and hearing him speak on daffodil growing, plus his recent trip to Chelsea Gardens in England.

July 25th meeting, guest speaker will be -

KEITH ROBINSON - TOPIC - VEGETABLE GROWING

LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL - 8 p.m. - SUPPER - ALL WELCOME

Doss Keating - Publicity (054) 295 840

1ST ROMSEY SCOUTS:

A wine tasting of Mt. Aitkin wines will be held at the Scout Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 29th July. Cost \$5.00 per head. All welcome. Please book with Dennis Simmons on 295 610.

The Romsey Rag has become an integral part of this community. Like most good things and we believe that this is a good thing, it is produced by the good-will of volunteer workers. Now is your chance to become a part of this vibrant, vital service.

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Vacancies currently exist for vibrant, vital people to assist with delivery of the Romsey Rag. Benefits abound for the successful applicants.

No need to apply in writing - a phone call will suffice - no experience necessary. Dont't delay, call me now.

Beryl Cole - phone 295 411.

SALVATION ARMY - RED SHIELD APPEAL - ROMSEY DISTRICT:

The sum of \$1,504.04 was collected. Many thanks to all who contributed, and to all who collected. The amount was the best effort yet for this district.

Dorothy Reid.

DATES TO REMEMBER*****

- JULY 10th Lancefield Community House opens
- 11th St. Paul's Kindergarten enrolments from midday to 1 p.m.
- 14th Playlink Toy Sale 8 p.m. Romsey Mechanics Hall
- 15th Romsey Football Club "60's Rock & Roll Night" 8 p.m.
Mechanics Institute
- 19th Arthritis Seminar - 10 a.m. Riddells Creek Senior Citizens Centre
- 22nd Hume/Calder Life Education Van 9 a.m. Gisborne Shopping Centre
- 22nd Romsey Fire Brigade & Auxilliary "Winter Warm-up"
- 22nd Official opening Lancefield Community House by
Mr. Neil O'Keefe (M.H.R.)
- 25th St. Paul's Kindergarten enrolments from midday to 1 p.m.
- 26th Supplementary Tree Distribution 10 a.m. Shire Office carpark
- 30th Pleasant Sunday Afternoon 2 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church

AUGUST

- 6th Historical Society - Drive-yourself visit to Woodlands Home-
stead and the Royal Mint
- 9th Romsey Red Cross Annual General Meeting 2 p.m. Romsey Uniting
Church
- 17th Senior First Aid Lessons Commence - 8 p.m. Romsey Primary School

Sporting News in Romsey

ROMSEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS:

After eight straight losses, the senior team has recorded three wins in the last four weeks. The reserves are in the four on percentage and need to string a few wins together to remain in finals contention. The car rally was run in wet and cold conditions, but that did not deter those who entered from having a fun day. Congratulations to the winners, Darren and Toni Mason, whose collection of an ornamental frog during the journey, earned them the necessary points.

After the next home game against Lancefield on July 15th, the club is holding a "60's Rock and Roll Night" at the Mechanics Hall. A three course meal will be served from 8.00 p.m. and drinks will be available at bar prices. Tickets are available at the Sports Store or at the door on the night. Dress up in your 60's gear and come along for a great night.

ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB:

The Annual General Meeting of the Romsey Tennis Club will be held at the Recreation Centre on Thursday 27th July 1989 at 8.00 p.m. All members and interested players are invited to attend.

Secretary

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS are held every Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 till 10.00 a.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Only \$2.50 per session with creche available for 50c.

Adults Jazz Ballet for beginners will run over winter only with your support. Come along to the Romsey Mechanics Hall from 8.00 till 9.00 p.m. on Tuesdays. A new dance will start after the school holidays (11th July) - \$4.00 per session. Enquire to Carol on 295 590.

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 12.00 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 Joc at the Romsey Recreation Centre. We are also looking for an experienced person to instruct these classes.

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SPORTS NEWS CONT'D.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE (cont'd.):

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

ROMSEY SKATE BOARD COMMITTEE:

This committee has recently been formed to help skate boarders find a suitable venue. President Jamie Dyer, Secretary Ricky Burge are available for further information. Doreen Smith can also be contacted on 295 524. They are looking at bus trips to the Aquatic Centre in Sunbury as fundraisers and outlets for skating activities. Please watch shop windows and notice boards for further information.

GOLF NEWS:

HOLE-IN-ONE - Congratulations to Trevor Turnham for his hole in one at the third hole of the Romsey Golf Course on July 1st. This is the first hole in one at Romsey since 1985 and was witnessed by several very excited players.

LADIES GOLF:

The Ladies Championships have been held at Romsey. The three rounds were played on a very wet course. Congratulations to Helene Newnham who won the A Grade and Carole Graco the B Grade winner. Helene also won the aggregate over the three rounds of the championship.

Weekly winners were:

- 7/6 B. Cole Putting H. Newnham
- 14/6 L. Beasley Putting C. Graco
- 21/6 H. Newnham Putting L. Beasley
- 28/6 J. Johnston Putting J. Johnston
- 5/7 H. Stammers Putting S. Shelton

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB OPEN COMPETITION HELD ON 9/7/89:

- A Grade Scratch J. Hooper Kilmore 96
- B Grade Scratch D. Zoch Pyalong 108
- C Grade Scratch G. Lepp Kilmore 116
- AM H/cap winner S. Williamson 48½
- A Grade H/cap P. Nelson Seymour 88½
- B Grade H/cap D. Miles Lancefield 91½
- C Grade H/cap R. Pearce Pyalong 86
- PM H/cap winner G. Lepp 41

Teams K. Lambert, G. Drummond, D. Zoch, T. Hadfield 368 Longest Drive D. Ryan

Nearest to the pin - 1st, P. Nelson 3rd, R. Baker 10th, K. Ryan

Despite extremely trying weather conditions last Sunday, it was great to witness the turn up for our Annual Open Men's Competition. 50 members from 9 other clubs competed for outstanding trophies. Congratulations and thanks are extended to the winners, competitors, organisers, sponsors, groundsmen and those who worked behind the scenes. Grateful thanks were expressed by all those who participated for a well organised and conducted competition.

ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE ROMSEY RAG TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE BY 2 PM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 4th, 1989, thank you. Please note that the responsibility for comments made in articles is borne solely by the contributor. No unsigned articles will be published. The Editorial Committee endeavour to provide the reader with positive news rather than to feature the negative. Let's celebrate our successes in this supportive, caring community. Assistance in compiling, sponsoring and delivery is always appreciated. Contact any committee member.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Trevor Turnham, Beryl Cole, Pam Neil, Laurel Miles, Kerrie Lemin, Elsie Paterson.