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***** PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CALL IN AND BROWSE *****

"VALE PAT LOBB"

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Miss Patricia "Pat" Lobb on July 31st at the age of 62. Pat had lived in Romsey all her life and her roots went deep into the community. A staunch member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, she spent her life in caring for others, particularly the elderly in our district and for 25 years sharing her love with the youngsters of The Royal Children's Hospital. There would be few in the community who would not have been touched at some time by Pat's understanding.

Always forthright but always sincere. It's not goodbye Pat - but just so long.

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

In this month's article I thought I would raise the matter of plastic. This material has many uses and has made our lives easier in many respects. However, as most of it does not break down it creates an enormous waste disposal problem. Biodegradable plastic does break down but leaves traces of heavy metals in the soil and recycled plastic is good news but it is still with us forever. Far better that we simply use less plastic in our lives.

How about considering taking string bags or shopping jeeps to the supermarket? We could stop using or use fewer of those plastic bags you find in the green-grocers, which is easy where the shopkeeper provides paper bags as well - if not why not ask him/her to consider providing paper bags? If possible we might consider buying goods in glass rather than plastic containers, etc., etc. It's just a matter of being aware of the plastic that is finding its way into our homes everyday and rejecting it. Other suggestions:

- **wrap rubbish securely in newspaper and do away with plastic rubbish bags
- **use non-disposable plastic containers or waxed lunch wrap instead of plastic food wrap.

The author follows all these suggestions with very little inconvenience. Last month a reader requested that I repeat the recipe for the all purpose cleaner
Mix together ** 4 litres hot water 50 mls cloudy ammonia
50 mls vinegar 115 mls baking soda (i.e. b-carb soda)
**NOTE - this cleaner should never be mixed with other chemicals especially chlorine bleach. Signed Romsey's Resident Greenie.

SHIRE OF ROMSEY

The Shire of Romsey Council is undertaking the preparation of a comprehensive land-use plan to guide development within the Shire to the year 2000. In particular the plan will:

- set upper population limits for townships and broad directions for town expansion including consideration of one "new town",
- set rural subdivision policies,
- maintain rural character of towns and town centres,
- retain rural character of existing rural areas,
- give consideration to a housing policy which deals with costs of roads and service provision.

A comprehensive process of public participation would be an essential part of the preparation of the plan. This process will include:

- a) Notices in newspaper seeking submissions,
- b) Notices in newspaper seeking reaction to key issues e.g. population targets,
- c) Hearing of individual submissions at the Shire of Romsey,
- d) Public meeting at the end of the strategic planning process should major issues of divergence appear,
- e) A sample of residents opinions on future development are to be sought as part of a telephone survey.

The Council now invites submissions by all interested persons with respect to any strategic planning issues. These submissions should be completed by Friday August 25, 1989.

Enquiries and submissions should be forwarded to:

Mr. C. Banon
Shire Engineer, Shire of Romsey
Main Street, Romsey 3434

ROMSEY PLAYGROUP is organising a "SHOPPING SPREE" e.g. a Factory Tour on Saturday September 23rd (1st Saturday of holidays). Deposit \$10.00.

THANK YOU

On behalf of our daughter Meagan, we would like to thank John Boswell, Romsey Lancefield Woodend and Kyneton Police, Woodend Ambulance Officers, Dr. Sally Carter for all they did to help on Monday 25th July. To our friends and neighbours for all their support, kind thoughts and prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers, we thank you. Meg is now rehabilitating at Essendon Hospital.

Len, Brenda and Adrian Brennan

GISBORNE MADRIGAL SINGERS AND LOCAL ARTISTS INVITE YOU TO JOIN INTO SING OR OTHERWISE ENJOY PEOPLE'S MESSIAH. The more the merrier! Indulge your vocal fantasies. Sing along with the biggest chorus ever formed in this district!

KYNETON

Rehearsal: Thursday 24 August 8.00 p.m.
Performance: Sunday 27 August 2.00 p.m.
St. Paul's Church

GISBORNE

Rehearsal: Saturday, 2 Sept. 2.00 p.m.
Performance: Same Day, 8 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection Macedon

Admission/Participation Charge: \$6/00
Concession (Pensioners, dependent children): \$3.00
Hire a copy of the music: \$2.00
Purchase a brand new copy of the music: \$17.00
No tickets: PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR

FOR SALE:

1984 Camira SLX immaculate condition \$7,500 - please ring Romsey 295 840.

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN - FASHION PARADE - clothes by: Country Style of Sunbury.
Wednesday 16th August, 7.30 p.m. Mechanics Institute, Romsey. Tickets \$10.00
from Romsey Milk Bar or Kinder. Buffet supper and drinks. Retain ticket for
10% discount.

GOODALLS GLASS, SUTHERLANDS ROAD, RIDDELLS CREEK

Do you need flyscreens or security doors? If yes - for the months of August,
September and October only - they are on SPECIAL. Be smart, beat the price
rise, the flies and insects! Free measure and quote so call now. Also free
measure and quote on all household and industrial glazing, showers (new or repaired)
mirrors and mirror wardrobe doors. Please phone -

Factory 286 700
Business Hours 295 724
After 7 p.m. 285 340

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

As a local and undenominational church, Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship
presents the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the local community.

Regular Sunday morning services are held weekly in the Bolinda Hall at 9.30 a.m.
with full facilities provided for children's ministry.

Our recent camp at Angelsea was a great time of fellowship and family fun, with
Bible teaching emphasizing covenant relationships within the home and family.

We also provide teaching, counselling and assistance to those in need through a
series of mid week home meetings in both towns.

We believe that the word of God is the truth and foundation that our society is
to be based upon, through a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Any information or assistance is available through Geoff Holland (295 673) or
Shaun Foster (295 320).

FOR SALE: Ride-on lawn mower, 8 h.p. Briggs and Stratton motor, 26 inch
cutting deck in good working condition. \$1100 ono
Phone 295 027.

ROMSEY AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY, 109 Main Street, Romsey Phone 295 361

NEW SUNDAY PAPERS: On August 20th there will be three NEW Sunday papers -
the Sunday Sun, the Sunday Herald, and the Sunday Age. All of these papers are
HOME DELIVERED when you order them. The Newsagency will open at 8.00 a.m. on
Sundays as from the 20th August and will close at 12.00 midday. There are
terrific home delivery offers available via the publishers so make the most of
them. Looking forward to supplying your Sunday needs,

Kerrie & Bruce Puxley

FOR SALE: LOUNGE SUITE: Chocolate Brown corded velvet
As New - recently recovered (never used since)
3 seater couch 2 chairs \$400 PHONE 295 359.

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COUNCIL NEWS:

Congratulations to Doreen Smith on being returned un-opposed for a full 3 year stint. Permission was given for a Chinese Restaurant at Shamrock Lodge. An application for establishment of a wholesale/retail garden centre with display gardens, plant and craft barn and an art and craft gallery in Barry St., (near Metcalfe Drive) and the erection of six strata title brick veneer units in Stawell Str., (near Fire Station) were required to be advertised. Applications for a drive-in bottleshop and internal renovations to Romsey Hotel and to use land in Pohlman Str., to establish a commercial/retail nursery were deferred pending further information being provided.

Council is investigating recycling methods. That is recycling domestic waste, not Council. As of next year, all children enrolling in prep. grade will be required to present an immunization certificate at the time of enrolment. Immunization certificates are available only from local Councils. More info-contact Dave Ireland (Health Surveyor). Just a reminder that there is a fax Machine at the Shine Office which can be used by the public for a small fee. It is planned to erect playground equipment around the town and extend the Rec. Reserve carparking during August/Sept. Construction of Murphy Str., is now scheduled for April '90. Council is to request the S.E.C. install street lighting at Park/White Ave., and Main Str., with Gordon, Digby And Reynolds. Thanks to a Gordon Cres., resident who wrote suggesting same.

Finally, noise control, factories, shops etc. The E.P.A. prescribes limits for noise control from industry and have guidelines for various other noise sources. They investigate and take action on these complaints, sometimes referring them to Councils.

Till next time,

Doreen Smith
Doung Newnham
Geoff Neil

ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN, ROMSEY:

READY FOR KINDER, READY FOR SCHOOL?

Discussion/Information Night to be held at the Kinder early in September. Speakers will include:

- Speech Pathologist (Sunbury)
- Primary School Teacher (local)
- Early Childhood Development Expert (Lady Gowrie)

Watch shop windows for further information, or ring the Kindergarten on 295 294.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 42:

WATER CONSERVATION - April showers are often a welcome relief after a long dry summer and early autumn, but autumn floods often cause considerable inconvenience and devastating losses in both country and city areas. With the ever-increasing loss of land available for water absorption as a result of urban development with consequent increased sealing of surfaces, flooding of low lying areas at more frequent intervals is inevitable according to Professor Seddon of Monash University in a magazine article in the early 1970's.

On the other hand, the inability to catch and store most of this water for use in dry periods and provide adequate supplies to country towns at all times is also a major problem - some towns such as Woodend being worse off than others such as Romsey. As mentioned in an article in a garden magazine a few years ago and in an earlier article in this series, it is now the practice in certain U.S.A. cities to limit the amount of lawn which may be allowed around homes under the control of local councils in order to reduce the amount of water wastage attributable to this usage. (cont'd.)

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN (cont'd.):

Forseeing the possibility of water restrictions at Romsey from previous experience at Tullamarine, we removed all grass and weeds from our block by grader before constructing our garden in 1978, and although we have a large vegetable garden, fruit trees, numerous ornamental and windbreak trees and shrubs as well as ground cover plants we had few losses during the 1984 restrictions, due in large measure to our use of mainly native drought resistant species and organic mulches such as leaf litter from our own shrubbery supplemented by local Eucalyptus bark chopped up in our own shredder.

Syd Wheller

WANT TO LOSE WEIGHT? FEEL TIRED AND RUN DOWN? TRY HERBALIFE 100% NATURAL VITAMIN

Enquiries call - CHERYL KOWAL A.H. 7 p.m. on 295 694.

ROMSEY LADIES LAWN BOWLS

"RO MA" LINEN PARTY

with Carol Page from North Blackburn

Place Romsey Bowling Club
Time: 1.30 p.m.

Date: August 24th Thursday
Cost: \$ 3.00

Come along and have a pleasant afternoon with warm and friendly company. Afternoon tea provided.

ROMSEY YOUTH CLUB:

Romsey Youth Club will hold its' Annual General Meeting at the Romsey Primary School at 7.30 p.m. on 12th of August 1989.

Some fresh faces and enthusiasms are required to take the Club through the next 12 months, so please support us.

Registration for members is now due and payable to Chris Shanahan. Cost of registration is \$2.00. For further information please ring Ron Cole on 295 411A

FOR SALE:

Hornby OO train set consists of co-co type 3 diesel engine and 5 wagons Prices Vic Brit rail diesels and 6 coaches Bogie and Track Maint Crane set 4 pc's Mail coach and pick up arm Stations Bridges crossings. Double track engine Shed Clipper transformer, on a 6 x 4 layout designed to pull down from the wall with storage shelves \$200.00 PHONE 295 250.

SAVE THE OLD FARM ESTATE RESERVE:

A proposal is before the Romsey Shire Council to re-zone land from recreation to residential in Romsey. The proposal, if passed, would result in an area, previously retained for recreational use being zoned residential, which would enable the Shire to sell the block, and therefore building would follow.

The Old Farm Estate Reserve is located at the end of Bowkett Close. The proposal was petitioned to Council at a meeting with local residents on 1 Dec.88 The proposal the, was to sub-divide the reserve, sell one block (approx. one acre) and use the funds generated to subsidise the costs to local residents for the sealing of Old Farm Way and Bowkett Close.(cont'd.)

SAVE THE OLD FARM ESTATE RESERVE (cont'd.):

Residents adjoining the Reserve voiced their objection, stating that they had purchased their particular block because it was situated adjacent to a Reserve. A follow-up meeting was held on 5 June '89. At this meeting, local residents voted to sell the entire reserve.

The Newbom and Woodend Shire Council has recently abandoned a similar proposal. A works and planning committee report to council highlighted the possible devaluation of adjoining residential blocks and there was no formal compensation facility.

If the proposal is actioned, what will be the future for other reserves in this community? If you are concerned, please lodge your written objection with Council - NOW!

Chris Cavanagh, 16 Bowkett Close.

"SITUATION VACANT" Part time gardener required - Romsey. Suit retired person or pensioner etc. 3 to 4 hours per week to suit your own hours
Good rates Contact Daryl Mills BH 03 379 7322 AH 295 827.

FASHION '89

Men's and Ladies Spring Fashion Parade presented by Siss's of Kyneton

Date: Friday 18th August Venue: Mechanics Institute, Lancefield
Time: Sherry and Savouries 7.30 pm Parade: 8.30 pm Supper: After Parade
Price: \$12 per head or \$30 per family B.Y.O. Drinks and Glasses

There will be a door prize of clothing from Siss's of Kyneton. Please make sure you book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Contacts: Jenny Hosking 291 692 or Sandra Jamieson 291 598

IT'S ON AGAIN:

The Romsey Primary School Annual Trivia Night is on again on Friday 25th August 7.45 p.m. It promises to be an unforgettable evening, so as not to be disappointed gather a group of friends (approx. 10 per table) and book a table. Cost \$8 per person B.Y.O. drink and glass. Supper and nibbles provided. Bookings to the school 295 095, 295 490 or Jenny Jacobsen 295 643. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

WANTED TO SELL: Three piece children's swing set plus freestanding slide in blue and white. Excellent condition \$ 70.00 the lot. RING 295 781.

FOR SALE: 4 Adorable Border Collie pups - 3 male and 1 female PHONE 291 200.

LANDCARE OFFICIAL LAUNCH: UPPER MARLBYRNONG CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP INCORPORATED

The group was officially launched at the Carraweit Hall on Sunday the 4th June this year by Mr. Malcolm MacDougal of Conservation Forests and Lands in conjunction with Mr. Alan Bowman, Vice President of the Victorian Farmers Federation.

On a very wet and cold day over 150 landholders and guests attended the opening and visited sites open for inspection. Much interest was generated in future projects to be undertaken by the group.

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LANDCARE OFFICIAL LAUNCH (cont'd.):

Our Landcare group was formed in 1988 with the aim of encouraging better land management practices. 12 kms of fencing supplied by C.F. & L. was erected. As well 10,000 indigenous native trees were planted to control gully erosion. Other programs are currently being planned for the coming year.

At our A.G.M. held on Tuesday 25th July, 1989 elections were held to nominate members to positions on an executive committee;

President Mr. Jim Robinson, Vice President Mr. Peter MacGuire, Sec./Treas. Mr. David Beckingsale, Minute Sec. Ms Helen Jerome, Documentor, Mrs. Robin MacGuire Newsletter Editor, Mrs. Sharon Smith, News Assistants, Mrs. Ingrid Duncan and Mrs. Heather Johnson, Landcare Advisor Mr. Bob Kiskan. All were elected unopposed.

It was decided to commence our Landcare newsletter to better distribute information to our members, regarding activities planned for the group, such as: tree plantings, farm walks, info nights with guest speakers, visits to other groups. We take this opportunity to invite any person or landholder within our catchment area to join with us in nurturing and caring for our rural environment.

A map indicating the U.M.C. area is on the Romsey Notice Board for your perusal. On Sunday 20th August commencing at 10.00 a.m. at Darraweit Reserve a working bee followed by a BYO barbeque will be held to tidy up the reserve damaged by floods.

Regards "Gumnut" alias S. Smith Contact Phone no. 295 318.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A cordial invitation is extended to all local residents to attend an interesting meeting for our Society on Tuesday 22nd August at 8 pm in the Romsey Mechanics Hall Supper Room when Lt. Col. Horrie Lee-Archer will present a selection of his Magic Lantern Slides from part of his unique collection. New members are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

SENIOR FIRST AID CLASSES commence at Romsey Primary School at 8 pm on Thursday 17th August. Cost for the lessons plus books and bandages is \$75 or \$56 for financial active Red Cross members. Please telephone either Helen Clement (295 317) or Trevor Turnham (295 490) if you wish to enrol in the class.

The next meeting for Red Cross unit members will be on Wednesday 13th September at Romsey Mechanics Hall Meeting Room at 2 pm.

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

A well attended meeting on Tuesday 25th July, heard our guest speaker, Mr. Robertson of Gisborne, speak on vegetable growing in the home garden. More and more new members are now attending our meetings and enjoying the company. Next meeting - Guest Speaker will talk on Lavender growing.

8 pm Lancefield Hall Tuesday 22nd August. Competitions - Best Bloom, Early Daffodil, Any Vegetable, Helaboris, Bunch of Violets.

See you there! Doss Keating, Publicity - 295 840

WANTED TO BOY:

TRITON WORK BENCH. See M. Jackson c/- Romsey Primary School, Home Phone - 271210.

ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE PARK LANE ROMSEY PHONE 295 637

WEIGHT WATCHERS

The quick success program will be starting in a few weeks. Keep youreyes open for further notification. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings. Lecturer: Gayle Ryan.

LADIES SOCIAL NETBALL

Come along and enjoy the fun of our "Throw and Giggle" morning on Thursdays at 10.00 a.m., (creche available).

JUNIOR AEROBICS

To commence Saturday 2nd September '89
Sessions: Juniors 7-10 yrs. 9.00 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.
Teenagers 11 yrs & over 10.00 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.

SQUASH

Due to the success of the Senior competition we are looking forward to having a Junior Squash Clinic. Anyone interested contact Joe at the Centre.

YOGA

Held every Friday morning at 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 midday (Creche available)

LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS:

Our Club has now been represented in three inter-club cross country competitions and has in no way been disgraced against seasoned performers.

At Edwards Lake Reservoir, Leigh Brown came second in under 14, Troy Brown came first and Steven Brants came fourth in under 9s.

In the Westfield Classic Leigh Brown came in 7th under 14 in a time of 6.43.28 and Troy Brown (normally in under 9s) came 11th in under 11s with a time of 7.44.18.

At Aberfeldie Park, Essendon, Leigh Brown came 4th in under 14, Troy Brown came 2nd and Steven Brants came 5th in under 9, and Katy Brants came 3rd in under 7 (her first competition).

Our Club is still small in numbers and we welcome new members. There is no pressure to compete inter-club - it's optional. All performances are recorded and they compete more against their own previous performances than each other. Your child doesn't need to be a budding athlete, just enjoy the exercise and "have a go". Enquiries phone Michelle Levallant on 291 267.

CAROL'S AEROBIC CLASSES held every Monday and Thursday mornings 9.15 to 10.00 a.m. Romsey Mechanics Hall \$2.50 per session.

Adults Beginners Jazz Ballet held Tuesday evenings 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$4.00 per class ENQUIRIES 295 590.

LANCEFIELD - ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS - CROSS COUNTRY CALENDAR:

- 19th August Poplar Grove, 10.00 a.m.
 - 2nd September Lancefield Park, 10.00 a.m.
 - 16th September Poplar Grove, 10.00 a.m. BREAK-UP BBQ
- Enquirie phone Michelle Levallant 291 267.

ROMSEY & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION:

The netball season is progressing very well and the finals are almost here. Could all players and parents please note the change of dates for all finals?

SEMI-FINALS 31st AUGUST

Times Juniors 3rd & 4th 6.00 P.M.
1st & 2nd 6.30 P.M.

Intermediates
3rd & 4th 7.00 p.m.
1st & 2nd 7.45 p.m.

Seniors 3rd & 4th 8.30 p.m.
1st & 2nd 9.30 p.m.

PRELIMINARY FINALS 7th SEPTEMBER

Juniors 6.00 p.m.
Intermediates 6.30 p.m.
Seniors 7.45 p.m.

GRAND FINALS AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES 14th SEPTEMBER

Juniors 6.15. p.m. - 8 -
Intermediates 7.00 p.m.
Seniors 8.00 p.m.

The Committee wish all finalists "GOOD LUCK" and enjoy your games.
Beryl Cole

GOLF ASSOCIATES

Apologies to H. Newnham, we overlooked congratulating her on breaking her handicap last month with an excellent round of 82 which takes her handicap down to 22.

Results for the month:

5/7	H. Stammers	95 - 29 - 66	Putting	S. Shelton	29
12/7	L. Beasley	101 - 31 - 70	"	L. Beasley	29
19/7	B. Cole	105 - 32 - 73	"	S. Shelton	32
26/7	B. Cole	42 Stapleford points			
1/8	H. Stammers	91 - 29 - 62	"	B. Cole	29

Reduced handicaps - Congratulations to H. Stammers down to 28 and B. Cole to 31.

Could all members please note the Presentation Dinner will be held on 20th October at the Club Rooms - please keep the date free.

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:

NEW SCHOOL NEWS:

The (SPC) New School Planning Committee will discuss with our architect, the conceptual plans that he presented regarding the new Primary/Secondary complex for Romsey. Visits by committee members to a number of Primary Schools and the Craigleburn p-12 have taken place. and It should be clearly understood however that only the Primary School section of the complex will be built in the immediate future. There has been no move to build the secondary complex.

Following the acceptance of the Concept plans, firm masterplanning will take place, upon which all future building on the site will be developed.

All plans provided by the architect will continue to be displayed at the Romsey Primary school for public comment. The current plans outline shared staff facilities, library and administration in a Primary/Secondary complex. Please come and inspect these drawings at any time. We welcome your comments.

The total Education complex planned for Romsey takes into account the development of the New double Kindergarten and Health centre. Such a complex will not only be new for Romsey but also for Victoria.

FUNDRAISERS SAY THANKYOU.

"SELLING TIME" - All tickets returned to the school by last Wednesday enabled their sellers to be in a draw for \$100 voucher from Sunbury Jewellers. Congratulations to Daniel Gaunt for winning this prize.

The clock that was sealed away in the State Savings Bank vault was opened on Monday morning revealing that the time piece had stopped at: 2.23.45 The winner of the \$300 voucher was: DIANE SHERREN. Congratulations and thanks to all those who participated in this novel event.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION:

The Romsey Council is again offering booster immunisation for Prep-grade boys and girls against Diphtheria, Tetanus (CDT) and poliomyelitis (Sabin) and vaccination for Grade 6 girls against Rubella (German Measles).

The Immunisation will be carried out on Tuesday, August 15th for Prep Grade boys and girls. Due to the Grade 5/6 Excursion in Melbourne arrangements have been made for the Grade 6 girls to have their immunisation at the Mechanics hall at 2.35pm on August 29th. Any local residents who have missed out in the past may present themselves at the Mechanics Hall at 2pm on August 29th - Queries may be directed to David Ireland at the Shire offices.

Please note that due to changes in the legislation, Immunisation Cards will need to be handed in to the school before Prep children commence school in 1989. Arrangements for this procedure, and queries should be directed to the Shire Offices.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 1990

The School will again provide Information that will be distributed through the Kindergartens or the school office on August 14th. It is our hope that all new enrolments completed before Sept 22nd.

An information Afternoon for new parents is to be held at the School at 2.30pm on Dec. 14th.

A CHILD'S READINESS FOR SCHOOL? Kevin Watson the principal of Broadmeadows West Primary School, will talk on children's readiness for kindergarten/school, and the implications of starting too early.

Date: Thursday, 24th August, 1989. Time: 7.30-9.30pm.
Place: Senior Citizen Rooms, Hamilton St. Gisborne (Next to Mechanics Hall)
Child Minding facilities will be available for the evening. Please contact Helen Jerome on 293691 if required. Your Kindergartens have organized this opportunity for you, as this is a crucial decision you must make on behalf of your child... one which will affect his/her future... come along and have the chance to find out more, and discuss this vital issue!!

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Penny Christopherson one of our grade 4 pupils who was presented with her Aussie of the Month badge by last months winner Tim Shanahan. Penny has exhibited an excellent example of citizenship and scholarship. Following her presentation at the ceremony she read one of her poems to the combined school assembly.

"SILVER SHADOW BRUMBY" by Penny Christopherson.

Headlong down the Mountain Track,
The brave men on horses never look back,
With branches cracking under their feet,
While the riders never lose their seat.
They're hunting out a special horse today,
The Silver Shadow brumby, or so they say!
No one's managed to get more than a glimpse
Of the Silver Shadow, as grand as a prince.
His head held high with endless pride,
Yet his feet never falter, with his great stride
He gallops as fast as a lightning bolt,
And in his fine body, there's not one fault.
So the stockmen gave up their wild goose chase,
'Cause they knew they'd never come face to face
With the Silver Shadow brumby, a picture of grace.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING : "TRIVIA NIGHT": Friday 25th August, Starting 8pm. arrive 7.45pm. Gather your friends together and organise a team for the annual Trivia Night. Tables of approximately 10 to 12 may be booked. Join the challenge for the 1989 Trivia Trophy, tickets \$8.00 per person. (Table plan at school to choose your own position). Enquiries - Jenny Jacobsen 295643. An entertaining night is guaranteed.

EPILEPSY & LEARNING LECTURE AND WORKSHOP: Parents and Teachers are invited to participate in an Epilepsy and Learning Inservice to be held on Thursday at St.Mary's Primary School, Kyneton at 2pm. and at 4pm at the Kyneton High Tech School.

PARENT CLUB: At present the Parent Club Meeting day is the 2nd Thursday in the month at 1.30pm. If you would prefer another day or time would you please contact Mrs Jenny Jacobsen 295643. This is one attempt by the committee to update the activities of the Club. If you have further ideas pleas contact Jenny.

CONGRATULATIONS As a result of the Victorian Cross Country Championships, in which more than 100 pupils competed in each race, our congratulations are extended to Liesje Toomey, Gavin Farrell and Kellie Goodman. Liesje came 5th in her race and is now a reserve in the Victorian Squad for the Australian Primary School Championships. Gavin came in 18th and Kellie Goodman came 22nd. Well done to you all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- August 12th. Romsey Youth Club Annual General Meeting at Primary School 7.30pm.
- August 16th. St.Paul's Kindergarten Fashion Parade, Mechanics Institute 7.30pm
- August 17th. Senior First Aid Classes commence - Romsey Primary School.
- August 18th. Lancefield Primary School Fashion Parade - 7.30pm.
- August 19th. Little Athletics Cross Country - Poplar Grove 10am.
- August 24th. "Readiness for Pre School" seminar.
Romsey Ladies Lawn Bowls Linen Party - 1.30pm. at Bowling Club.
- August 25th. Romsey Primary School Trivia night, Mechanics Institute 7.45pm.
- August 27th. Peoples Messiah performance 2pm. St.Pauls Kyneton.
- August 31st. Romsey Junior Netball Association Semi Finals.
- September 2nd. Little Athletics Cross Country - Lancefield Park 10am.
Peoples Messiah performance 8pm. Church of Resurrection, Macedon
- September 7th. Romsey Junior Netball Association Preliminary Finals.
- September 14th. Romsey Junior Netball Association Grand Finals.
- September 16th. Little Athletics Cross Country - Poplar Grove 10am.
- September 19th. 1st Romsey Scouts Information Night 8pm. at Scout Hall
- September 23rd. Romsey Play Group Shopping Spree.

WHAT IS SCOUTING TODAY ALL ABOUT?
HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT!

On Tuesday 19th September at 8pm come down to the Scout hall -
1st Romsey Scouts are Going to reveal All !!

What can the boys really do on their Scout Nights and Camps.
Are there any activities that could be of interest to me or my son ?
If you are interested to discover the answers to these questions for
yourself, then please come along. EVERYBODY is most welcome.

This endeavour to reach the public with an explanation of what 1st
Romsey Scouting has been doing is a genuine invitation to you !

Supper is Provided: Further information from Ashley Spear GSL
295435.

CONGRATULATIONS ADRIAN !

Scout Leaders are chosen because they are genuinely interested in
leading boys in challenging Scouting activities. They give up much time and
effort in developing their programs and their skills. They have attended
many meetings to learn about scouting and all members of the community should
find them extremely helpful. All troops need them a lot. Scout Leaders
however do not wear proficiency badges for their training except for the Wood
Badge which reflects extensive training, experience and commitment to the boys
and the Scouting movement. It is a highly respected symbol of everything
that Scouting stands for today. Our special congratulations go to Adrian
Cropley who has been awarded this honor. Thankyou too for your commitment to
Cubs and Scouts at 1st Romsey.

CAR WASH - APOLOGY

Due to the terrible weather that prevailed early last Saturday
morning, the Scout Car Wash was cancelled. Thankyou to our C.F.A helpers
and the parents who were prepared to clean your cars.

Another Car Wash will be planned for later this year.

WINE TASTING IN AID OF 1st ROMSEY SCOUTS

Those people who enjoyed the recent wine tasting at the scout hall
and warmth of the fire and friendship, could collect their credits from the
school on Thursday 10th August. Thankyou all.

SENIOR FIRST AID CLASSES COMMENCE THURSDAY WEEK 17th AUG.

Any adults who may still wish to join this group could contact
Trevor Turnham at the Primary School. A few positions are still available.

HOW DOES YOUR MAIL BOX MEASURE UP?

We've all heard how the mail always gets through, in spite of all the
elements. But the weather is just one of the things that worries your
postie. A lot of his real problems are caused by mail boxes.

Mail boxes that aren't in the right place. Mail boxes that aren't
clearly numbered. Mail boxes that aren't big enough. Mail boxes that
aren't high enough.

Make sure that your mail box is helping your postie to do the job
properly. It could mean that you get your mail earlier, more reliably and
more safely.

ROMSEY RAG is not distributed to homes without letter boxes!

Mail Box Sizes: The recommended minimum internal dimensions for a mail box
are: 230mm wide, 160mm high and 330mm deep (front to back.) These of course,
can be made larger if you're popular, and receive an unusually large amount of
normal size mail (or a small amount of unusually large mail). In which case,
the position and size of the slot are important too.

The minimum dimensions for a slot in a mail box are 230mm x 30mm. The
slot should be located at least 130mm above the base of the box. This is
also the minimum requirement for a slot in a door when delivery is made in
this way. By sticking closely to these sizes, you'll be sure your mail will
fit easily into your mail box, and stay there.

A slight change in format follows the non-appearance of this column last month. At one stage there was not going to be a 'Rambler' again. At least not from this pen. Cooler, wiser counsel has prevailed, however, and I have been gratified by the encouragement and appreciation that has been expressed about this little contribution to Romsey life.

Last month I had prepared a piece to follow up the June column's remarks about the fledgling Ratepayer's Association. Shortly after the article was submitted a shire councillor was on the phone suggesting that there may have been some errors of fact in the item. At the time I was not in a position to re-think, or re-write, and still meet the typing deadline. So I withdrew the article. I censored myself - or was it that I allowed myself to be censored?

Upon further reflection and having confirmed the factual aspects of the piece, I regret my decision. I am not re-submitting the article however, because some of it is stale. Any aspects from it that do warrant publication will appear when and if, relevant.

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One thing I did comment upon was the leak of information from a council sub-committee meeting which was the basis for the Ratepayer's Association's successful first attempt at lobbying the Shire Council. That sort of behaviour, I suggested, was more worthy of Canberra or Spring Street, or media personalities who don't recognise embargoes requested by the Police Force. Fellow citizens, we deserve better than that!

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Congratulations to the citizens of the Romsey Riding, and to the councillor they returned unopposed. Cr. Doreen Smith worked tirelessly throughout her first year in office to serve this community. She undoubtedly deserved the honour of re-election without opposition. Justice has been done. The interests of the people have been well served.

Congratulations to the citizens of the Central Riding and to Councillor John Green upon his election. John is completing 25 years of service to our Shire Council and represented the Riddell Riding last year.

Congratulations to Cr Neville Dumbrell on his success in the Lancefield Riding.

Congratulations to Rosemary Homewood upon her election for the Riddell Riding.

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The overflow attendance at St. Paul's Anglican Church last Wednesday was a fitting tribute to the life of Pat Lobb. The funeral service conducted by the parish minister, Rev. Grant Hilton, and the message preached by former rector, Rev. John M. Millar, were acts of thanksgiving for a life valued by the many who came to mourn and to express their sympathy to Pat's brother, George, and his family.

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What a shame that we do not seem to be able to live and work together with the same unity displayed at an occasion such as the funeral referred to above. On that occasion everyone was a neighbour, regardless of all other affiliations - political, business, religious, or any other. May there be more such neighbourliness - to our mutual benefit.

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We should all be proud of the young fellows responsible for the erection of the new Skate Board Ramps. The lads responsible not only for the construction but also the organising of funding, gaining the permission required and the general get up and go have a committee headed by Jamie Dyer, Ricky Burge and Darren Stammers. Well done fellows. Your example has been noted by a large number of people from other districts, who are jealous of your self motivation and success. The boys successfully gained a \$200 grant from the Romsey Shire to complete the fencing of the old tennis court on which the ramps now stand. All other costs and labor have been organised by the boys themselves. A great example!

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POST ELECTION, EDITORIAL COMMENT:

After seven years as a Romsey Shire Councillor, Mr Peter Scanlon, who was defeated at the Polls last Saturday, passed on his congratulations to Cr John Green. Peter originally entered council following in the steps of the late Bill Tom. Peter also extended a special word of appreciation to all those residents of the Central Riding who actively supported him during his recent campaign.

A very sincere thankyou should also be expressed to Peter for his years of service to the community as a Councillor. Well done !

As residents of Romsey we should all actively support our Councillors whose voluntary role often attracts more ill informed criticism than encouragement.

I find it amazing that hundreds of residents turned out to vote for the Romsey Riding, in which no election was held. I believe that it behoves us all, not only to be well informed but also to take a genuine interest in the action of our Local Council. Although important decisions relating to roads and rates must be made, these are just a few of the issues persued by Councillors as they plan for our future and welfare. Let us be constructive with our comments and provide positive encouragement for those who give up so much to ensure that Romsey is truly a Caring, Country Community of which we can all be Jusifiably proud.

- Trevor Turnham

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