

The Romsey Rag. No: 61

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Leadlight and Wood Home Creations are pleased to be sponsoring this first issue of the Romsey Rag for the 90's.

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COMMUNITY DIARY:

The Shire of Romsey will now be keeping a Community Diary. This diary will be kept at the Shire Offices and will contain information such as regular meeting dates for groups as well as special events which will be taking place. One of the reasons for this diary is so that groups will not double-up with events. The diary will also be an important source of information for the public.

The diary of coming events will be published every three months in the local newspapers. Ms. Kerrie Reardon and Mrs. Rose McCarthy will be responsible for the diary and they are requesting that all community groups contact them with details of meeting dates, forthcoming activities, etc.

COUNCIL NEWS:

Well, 1989 has gone. The December meeting was not particularly notable for the Romsey Riding other than it was the last meeting for Doreen Smith. We wish to thank Doreen for her contribution and effort as a Councillor representing this Riding. At the time of writing this article, it is known that an election will ensue for the extraordinary vacancy created by Doreen's departure; it will take place at the Shire Office on Saturday the 17th Feb. between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. All residents on the roll have an entitlement, more to the point, legislation makes it mandatory, to vote. Some Senior Citizens can claim an age exemption.

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COUNCIL NEWS (cont'd.):

The first Council meeting for 1990 will be on February 14th.

Finally, through contact with various residents, we have called for a report on the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing in Main Street. Your thoughts on the matter would be appreciated.

Till next time,
Doug Newnham, 295 287
Geoff Neil, 295 523

P.S. If it's all bottled up inside, let it out. HARASS A CANDIDATE TODAY!

CHOLESTEROL TESTING:

Monday February 26th - 9.30 - 4.00 p.m. at Romsey (St. Mary's Hall) Main Street.
\$5.00 per test - Fasting not required Bookings essential. There will be further opportunities for cholesterol tests in May, August-September and November.

Cholesterol testing by Cobaw Community Health Service last year revealed that an average of 48% of those tested had cholesterol levels above 5.5, which according to the National Heart Foundation is above the normal range.

Cholesterol is a fatty substance made in the liver of animals (including humans) and plays an important role in body processes, however excess levels increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

Cholesterol tests are very popular, and many return to monitor their own progress.

People whose cholesterol level is above 6 are routinely contacted 3 months later by Cobaw CHS staff. Eighty percent of those contacted last year had initiated changes to reduce their risk of heart disease or stroke.

During 1990, four testing programs have been planned to provide the opportunity for cholesterol tests along with assessment of other risk factors including height-weight ratio, high blood pressure, inadequate exercise and family history.

Heather Wilson,
Community Health Nurse.

ROMSEY ART SHOW:

The Romsey Artists are very excited to be holding their 10th Exhibition and sale.
Dates - 24th and 25th February Time - Opening on Saturday at 8.00 p.m.
Sunday 10am - 4p.m.

Venue - Romsey Mechanics Institute Hall Cost Saturday \$8 single \$16 double including supper and wine
Sunday \$2 including morning/
afternoon tea

All proceeds from the weekend go to the Romsey Fire Brigade who with the Auxiliary assist with the organization of the Art Show. The last nine Art Shows have realised over \$16,000 for the Romsey Fire Brigade, which the Brigade has been very thankful for.

The Artists and Brigade welcome everyone to come and enjoy their show. Last year 47 paintings were sold and the artists are hoping for a similar success this year. Paintings purchased cannot be collected until 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 25th, 1990. Bankcard facilities are available. For further details please contact Beryl Cole 295 411 or Pam Neil 295 523 A.H. Please come along and help the Artisits celebrate their 10th Exhibition.

B. Cole

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE:

All local residents (both male and female) are invited to join in the annual local service for the World Day of Prayer. The Host Church this year is St. Paul's Anglican Church in Romsey and the service which has been prepared in Czechoslovakia will be held on Friday 2nd March 1990 at 1.30 p.m.

A Planning Meeting to arrange our Service will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday 7th Feb. at 2.00 p.m. when all who would like to assist will be very welcome to attend.

Helen W. Clement
Hon. Secretary

LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONS CLUB:

The Lions Club of Lancefield/Romsey has at the present 31 members made up from all walks of life and reside in either Romsey or Lancefield. The Club meets twice a month to plan further activities throughout the forthcoming year.

Looking back over the past 12 months we haven't done too badly as far as projects and fundraising activities but we can always do better and that is the aim of any service Club, whether it be Lions, Apex or Rotary.

During the past twelve months we have had a number of working bees, where we have painted the inside of a house for a single parent, shifted furniture for an elderly pensioner, installed a new fence for the Lancefield Playgroup, and ongoing working bees at the Lancefield Cemetery and maintaining the Lions Flats at both Lancefield and Romsey.

We have also supplied and fitted two notice boards; one at Romsey and the other at Lancefield.

In December we took 25 children to Luna Park for the day. These children are selected by the School Principals from Romsey and Lancefield and the 25 selected are those considered to be in a position that they may never be able to have the opportunity to go to a place like Luna Park. This day is financed by the Lions Club.

We also paid for two children to attend the Lord Mayors Camp at Portsea for 10 days.

The following donations were made:

- \$9,700.00 towards the Margaret Howatson Appeal, this was raised by a public auction in the Mechanics Hall and was well supported by both towns.
- \$3,000.00 to the Lancefield Hospital towards the purchase of a Defibrillator
- \$1,000.00 towards the Hume/Calder Life Education Centre, this is an ongoing appeal and its aim is to educate children from primary school to secondary schools re the problems concerning alcohol and drugs.
- \$500.00 to the Romsey Kindergym to purchase junior gym equipment
- \$800.00 to the Romsey Fire Brigade Group for the purchase of a radio for their new Forward Fire vehicle.

Over the past twelve months we have manned the Coffee Stops prior to the Holiday traffic Christmas, Easter, Anzac weekend and Queen's Birthday weekends. This is a joint operation between Lions, Victoria Police and the Roads Corporation Vic. This object is to get the tired motorist, to stop and have a cup of coffee and by doing this he may be able to continue his journey in safety. During these periods these stops are operating all over Victoria and seem to be successful.

Our year culminates in our Christmas Carnival held at the Lions Park in Romsey and each year it seems to get more successful, this year we introduced the Christmas Carols so by the response we received it looks like being on again this year. Our special thanks must go to the Romsey Fire Brigade who once

LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY LIONS CLUB (cont'd.):

again assisted us as they do each year.

Our trailer raffle was once again won by a local resident, wasn't planned that way, it just happened.

Any Service Club is as good as the public will let us be and we do appreciate your generous donations throughout the year. All money raised and donations given remain and are distributed throughout the towns of Lancefield and Romsey. All time and efforts given by the members are given free and do not receive any payment whatsoever. Once again we thank you for your support,

Warren B. Opie
Secretary

FOR SALE: 20" BMX bike G.C. \$50 20" boys bike needs doing up \$20
16" girls bike G.C. \$30 ENQUIRE ON 295 590

THE ROMSEY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in helping to make our Christmas break-up party such a huge success.

Puxley's Newsagency, Romsey Butchers and Oloekings Milk Bar for their great donations. All the parents who helped cook, play games and control so many children. 70 children attended. Also Margaret O'Brien for all help and support. All the fathers who organised the Fire truck, a big thank-you to our Father Christmas. Also Louisa, Bella, Karen, Chris and all the boys for wrapping so many gifts. A special thank-you to Miss Kerrie Reardon for all her support throughout the year and for organising so many things for our party. Thank-you all once again Kim Challis' Co-ordinator and all the children who attended.

The programme will continue on into 1990 and will start back the same day as the Romsey Primary School. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Kim or Margret at the programme or Kerrie at the Shire Offices.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD COMBINED CHURCH CENSUS:

During the months of March and April the three major local Christian churches, Anglican, Catholic and Uniting are conducting a census of all homes in Lancefield and Romsey townships. The purpose of the census is to find the religious affiliation, if any, of all town residents, as well as to be seen as a welcoming united group.

NEWS FROM LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL SUMMER NEWS FLASH -

For the second year in a row the local 054 telephone book has incorrectly listed the Hospital phone number as the Lancefield Swimming Pool number in the Local Government Section in the front.

On hot days the hospital may be rung 4 or 5 times by people trying to contact the pool. PLEASE NOTE - the Lancefield Hospital telephone number is 291 456. The Lancefield Swimming Pool number is 291 546. Please make the appropriate correction in your book at home.

GOOD NEWS - Our local District Nurse - Jenny Steer, is now driving an official car in the execution of her duties around the Shire. We're happy that Jenny is no longer risking the suspension of her own car on our country roads. If you're waiting for a visit from Jenny, watch out for a small white car instead of a big black one!

CARPET CLEANING

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Our services also include FREE deodorising, and cleaning and stain protection of car interiors and lounge suites.

THE ROMSEY RAMBLER:

The success of "The Romsey Rag" as a means of communication for Romsey people is undeniable. No doubt it could be even better with more time and money. But, within its bounds it is an excellent community service. More than anything else it shows up the inadequacies of the weekly papers distributed in Romsey in reporting Romsey news and activities. Even with the best will their coverage of events here is scrappy, although some of the blame certainly belongs to the contributors - or lack of them!

Within the "Rag's" success this little column has developed apace. It has been gratifying to hear how many people look forward to reading what the "Rambler" has to say. It proves to me that there is room for some comment on local issues, along with some personal notes and commendations, in such a publication.

Overall I also believe that the use of a pseudonym has added to the interest. It also seems to have annoyed a minority. Well, for better or worse, it is time for a change. Now perhaps people will believe Trevor Turnham's protestations that he is not the "Rambler". I have to thank the editorial committee for their confidence and their agreement that I might write under a pen-name. It seemed to me that readers might read the comments for their own worth and not have their opinion coloured FOR or AGAINST any issues being canvassed because of my profession as a minister of religion.

However, now that I am a candidate for the extraordinary election for the Council seat recently vacated by Doreen Smith, it would be neither fair, nor proper, to make any comment on community issues without some identification.

What the future holds for the "Rambler" (i.e. the column) will require some discussion. If (should I say, "When"?) I am elected to Council it may not be appropriate to continue, as I would have other forums to address.

In the meantime, thank you for your interest and encouragement (via committee members) to date.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Adrian Pegler.

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Annual General Meeting for the Historical Society and all local residents who are interested in the presentation and recording of historical data will be held on Tuesday 27th Feb. 1990 at 8.00 p.m. in the Lancefield Court House Museum when a programme for our meetings, working bees at both the Lancefield Court House and Romsey Sidney Seymour Cottage, and fund-raising functions, will be discussed and finalised, in our planning for 1990, to be a successful year of growth and achievement for the Society.

Helen W. Clement
Publicity Officer

ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT:

The first meeting in 1990 for Romsey Red Cross Unit members will be held in Romsey Mechanics Hall Meeting Room on Friday 23rd Feb. at 2.00 p.m. when plans for our Annual March Appeal Doorknock will be discussed and finalised. The Appeal dates are from 1st - 10th March and as the population of Romsey and district is rapidly increasing extra volunteers will be needed to successfully cover all areas. If you are willing and able to help in any way at all please contact either Trish Corner (270 494) or Helen Clement (295 317) and all who are interested in helping Red Cross to help others will be made most welcome at our meeting on Feb. 23rd.

Trish Corner
(Hon. Secretary)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Cobaw Community Health Service is providing an Adult Day Activity programme for the older, frail or younger people with a permanent disability. This programme is part of the Home and Community Care services provided for the people in the Romsey Shire: thus it services the Lancefield, Romsey, Darraweit Guim and Riddells Creek areas.

For the service to function at its most optimal level, volunteers are URGENTLY required to carry out one or more of the following tasks:

- * transporting clients, equipment etc.
- * supervising or assisting with a range of planned activities
- * carrying out routine tasks
- * socialising with clients
- * assisting with special outings

For application forms contact:

Kerrie Reardon
Romsey Shire Offices
Romsey Phone 295 201

or for further information contact:

Alison Miller
Volunteer Co-ordinator
OR
Catherine Fuller
Co-ordinator
Adult Day Activity and Support Services
Cobaw Community Health Service
Kyneton Phone 223 011

FOR SALE: 1972 COROLLA 2 door for wrecking or paddock bomb. Body damaged engine etc. mechanically sound OFFERS PHONE 295 821 after 6.00 p.m.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a local and spirit filled church. With a strong family emphasis, we present the gospel throughout the district, and have become an important part of community life. The Bible says "that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life".

On Saturday morning 10th Feb. we will be conducting an outdoor "country gospel" concert in the main street, of Romsey, commencing at 10.00 a.m. outside the Romsey Village shopping centre; activities will involve children's ministry with

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (cont'd.):

puppets, and a variety of singers to entertain shoppers.

We particularly invite new members of our community to our family services, held each Sunday at 10.00 a.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall.

Any further information is available from Geoff Holland on 295 673.

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SUN-SMART PROGRAMME:

Cobaw Community Health Service in conjunction with the Shire of Romsey and the Lancefield Swimming Pool Committee are conducting a Sun Smart - Life be in it Programme at the pool on Saturday 24th February, 1990. The activities will be on from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. with the Life-be-in-it leaders being there for the second hour. There will be giveaways and prizes, as well as free zinc face painting. So come along to the pool and "SLIP SLOP SLAP". For further information contact Kerrie Reardon at the Shire Offices on 295 201.

RIDDELLS CREEK AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 1990:

Perhaps what made the Riddells Creek Australia Day celebrations for 1990 so special, was the pure variety of the events organised, reflecting Australia's multi-cultural society. Australia Day after all, should be a celebration of all the different peoples from the world over that make up Australians. Thus, from the Middle East we were entertained by all the exoticism and mystique of the Baka Sharqui belly dancers who twisted and twirled, making old hearts tick again and bringing out some of the hidden talent in a somewhat bashful crowd.

From Japan came a brilliantly controlled display of karate, a demonstration of martial arts at their best, free from all the hype and sensationalism that is often associated with the sport. They clearly showed how power could be combined with immense concentration, precision and elegance.

There was also dancing from the Riddells Creek Dancers and the Sunbury School of Dance who drew elements from all over the world. Out of America came the raw aggressiveness of a West Side Story, the smoochiness of a "Broadway Melody", and the rhythm of tap. From Russia there was dancing to Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" and from England, music was chosen from the Beatles. To finish, there was also an Israeli folk dance, and from Australia itself came the "Ants" Bush Band who provided the musical accompaniment to the whole evening, although at times they found themselves competing with the police helicopter which made a dramatic if somewhat noisy entrance.

But the Australia Day festivities were also a celebration of the community. Young and old alike contributed. The local schools entered posters for the poster competition while the adults arranged the catering for instance, and organised the whole event. Meanwhile there were representatives from the local clubs, the Lions Club providing the barbeque, the cricket club providing drinks and snacks and the Macedon Car Club giving a display, and from the emergency

RIDDELLS CREEK AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 1990 (cont'd.):

services, with the region's fire brigades locked in fierce competition at the far end of the field. And fittingly, the event culminated in the presentation of the "Citizen of the Year" award for 1989 to Don Clark for all his good work in the district. Other awards included P. Webdale, W. Kane, S. Griffin and K. Wyatt for winning the fun run in the men's women's boys' and girls' categories respectively. In the fire brigade demonstration the Plenty Fire brigade won, with Riddells Creek as runners up, while Steve Caramarco won the "Most Interesting Car" competition with his Red Whippet. In the poster competition, from Lancefield St. Mary's, Sunday Holgate won the prep section, with Clay McDonald winning the grade 2 category. From Riddells Creek P.S., Lauren Wilson, Sarah Gill, Jason Richards and Evan Barton won the grade 2, 3 and 4 and 5 categories respectively, and from Romsey P.S., Rene Corner won the grade 6 category.

There was to use a cliché, "something for everyone", and as the evening drew on and night fell, while others drifted away, there were some who carried on regardless, dancing the night away under the stars to the sound of "Waltzing Matilda"....

Let's hope that it's a good decade for Australia.

John Greene

CONGRATULATIONS: To Paul and Michele a beautiful daughter, Alana Jane. Born 5th Jan, 1990. First grandchild for Leonie and Laurie Armistead of Romsey. First great-grandchild for Grace Carter of Kyneton.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN NO. 47:

Plants and Dermatitis. The poisonous effects of many common plants such as Rhus succedanea, Nerium oleander, Rhubarb (leaves) and others too numerous to list have been mentioned by various writers for years, but the detrimental effects from contact with some species and varieties of Grevillea is not well-known according to Neel Lothian (past Director of Adelaide Botanic Garden) in an article in Australian Garden Journal, June/July 1989 from which the following has been extracted: "What apparently is not well-known, at least amongst growers of Australian plants, is its potential to cause a rash (dermatitis). My attention was drawn to this hybrid (Grevillea 'Robyn Gordon') by two dermatologists, DR. G. Hunter and Dr. J. Menz. Both, and their professional colleagues, have recorded a long list of clinical cases. However, it has been clearly shown that the allergen of Toxicodendron (Poison Ivy) is closely linked with the chemical structure found in G. banksii, G. robusta and G. Hookeriana (sic) hookerana

This note is written because extensive research through horticulture literature.. has failed to reveal any reference to the dermatological effects of handling any of these grevillea species and hybrids. It would be appreciated if any reader who has had a rash or other symptom after handling any of these species and hybrids produced from the, could advise the writer of the plant(s) involved and the nature of the effects.

This problem could have major consequences from plants growing in public places, parks and gardens, surrounds to hospitals, retirement villages, and similar institutions, as well as plant nurseries,

Syd Wheller

romsey babysitting club now has two vacancies for reciprocal babysitting for families with pre-school age children. If interested please call Chris or Lois 295 298.

JOIN THE SCOUTS:

If you are between the ages of 7 and 60 years and enjoy fun, adventure and good friendship, then we have a place for you. The Scout group are taking enrolments for 1990 now.

- CUB SCOUTS: 8 - 11 years Cub scouts enjoy fun, games, trips, camps and a chance to earn lots of badges
- SCOUTS 11 - 15 years Scouts enjoy camping, hiking, sailing and earning more badges
- VENTURERS 15 - 18 years Venturers enjoy more camping, hiking, outdoor activities and a great community service.
- LEADERS 18- 60 years Enjoy all of the above and share a common interest and friendship with each other.

If you are male or female and one of these sections is for you, then contact me NOW. Boys and girls under 7 years can be put on the waiting list.

HOBBYTEX products available in Romsey. Ask about our new childrens catalogue and our Heritage catalogue. Many new acrylic paints now added to our range of fabric paints. Enquiries phone Wendy Brants on 295 913.

It is every girl's dream to be the Belle of the Ball. Well here is a chance not to be missed. To highlight Romsey Primary School's 125th year, it is staging a "LAST CHANCE DEB BALL" on June 23rd, 1990. So all you ladies 18 to 80 including those who have previously made the debut, give the gentlemen a persuasive grin and let's make it a night of all nights. Phone Helen 295 250, Beryl 295 411 or Sandra 270 472 as soon as possible, and Romsey and district mark your calendars. You enjoy unusual nights re "The Wedding" and this one is gearing up to be just as much fun. All debs will be presented to the "King" and "Queen of Romsey".

Helen Watts

JUST HAD A BABY?

Come to our exercise and discussion classes.

- Exercise: Stretching and toning
- Relaxation: Learn relaxation techniques
- Discussion: Variety of discussion and occasional guest speakers
- DAY: Starting MONDAY 5th Feb.
- TIME: 11.30 at Romsey - St. Mary's Hall

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

ANTENATAL CLASSES:

Cobaw Community Health Service is providing Antenatal Classes in Romsey. There are six classes each of 2 hours, once a week for six weeks. The classes involve videos, informational handouts, breathing techniques, relaxation techniques and appropriate exercises. The next classes will commence in April. For more information telephone Chris Guymer on 223 011.

OVEREAT OVER CHRISTMAS?

in Weight Watchers now, Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman St., Romsey. Since we began our members have lost a total of 1002 lbs. This is a great effort. We welcome any men, women or children (over 10) who would like to join our meetings and become a slimmer, healthier and happier person. G. Ryan .. /10

CLARKEFIELD COMMUNITY HOUSE:

The Community House will re-open on the 5th February 1990. Our activities for 1990 will include aerobics, craft-patchwork, painting and sketching, first-aid, sewing, pottery and a return to study course for people wishing to undertake further education but are in need of a refresher course in study techniques.

For details and for further information call Julie on 291 214 or 270 401.

I would like to make it known that I am commencing a Handyman's business in Romsey and surrounding districts. It is called the EASTMAR HANDYMAN SERVICES. I have had 30 years experience in building and renovations, internal and external repairs.. For free quotes please ring Peter or Judy Marsden on 295 920.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN DOING CIGARETTE SURVEYS? (The survey includes eight free packets of cigarettes). For further information please contact Sharon 295 960.

DAVID MITCHELLS CANDIDATE

During this week all residents in the Romsey Riding will receive in their mail, box a copy of David Mitchells keep Romsey Rural Policy Statement together with a pamphlet asking for resident support to save five mile creek which highlights many of the important issues described in the Policy Statement. Namely :-

To keep Romsey Rural Policy is not about stopping growth or new land subdivision but it is most concerned at the design and planning of new subdivisions./

For example the developer of the Romsey Heights Estate originally proposed significant areas of public open space along five mile creek and council elected to privatise all land into housing blocks.

The developer at his own instigation has engaged a landscape designer to make new submissions to Council and it is essential that we have our say !

Council must be prepared to negotiate tougher with developers when sharing our lifestyle to secure significant community contributions to fund needed projects.

Major issues should be explained to residents in pamphlets such as save five mile creek for resident comment rather than rely solely on nondescript public notice advertising.

Other important issues confronting Romsey are :-

The parents of unsupervised youth have to be organised and assisted by Council to resolve youth issues.

Mitchell says he would like to see youth envolved in farming, tree planting, orchard and vegetable gardening, the boreton Youth Farm provides a successful example of urban youth on the land.

Romsey needs better access to public transport such as a regular V-Line Bus to Sunbury and more frequent stops by V-Line Trains at Clarkefield.

We will need growth to ensure we achieve our new goals, but we must learn from the experience of other rural communities that have been urbanized and its essential we clearly identify the benefits of growth before we take the next step.

David Mitchell

Romsey Sporting News.

Go along and get fit at Carol's low impact Aerobic sessions starting on the 5th February and held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall every Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 till 10.00am. Only \$2.50 with creche available for 50¢.

Jazz Ballet for children aged from 4 to 16 are held on Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 4.00 till 6.00pm. Book by calling Carol on 295590.

Mums and Teenagers. An adult Jazz Ballet class is held every Tuesday night, starting the 6th February, from 8.00 till 9.00pm. Only \$4.00 per class. Enquire to Carol on 295590.

ROMSEY LADIES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Romsey Ladies Netball Association 1990 season will commence March 19th. Ladies wishing to play or enter teams can obtain Registration Forms from Louise Challis

Bev GAUNT 291200
Robyn WESTOVER 296843

ZEN DO KAI KARATE

Zen Do Kai Karate will be continuing in the Mechanics Hall Romsey on Fridays 7.00 to 9.00pm for all ages from 6 years (whole families welcome!). Family discounts available on already inexpensive fees. Come and watch before trying it if you like. Enquiries phone 29 1393.

LANCEFIELD - ROMSEY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Lancefield-Romsey little Athletics will resume on Saturday 10th February at the oval behind Lancefield Primary School at 9.30am.

Our new committee has planned a new and varied set program, to cater for the variety of talents of each child to develop at their own pace, and enjoy the exercise. Family concessions apply

Enquiries phone Michelle LEVAILLANT 29 1267
Patsi ROWE 29 1856

TWILIGHT WALK

Another enjoyable family evenings ramble. 5th March 7pm. Meeting at Romsey Primary School. Called off if Raining Heavily or Fire Ban Day.

Walk at your leisure with conjugal company. Suitable for bikes if children prefer to ride...Stack Hats a Must. \$2.00.

Enquiries Helen WATTS 295 250

ROMSEY SQUASH

Romsey Squash Competition 1989. Congratulations to the Premiership Team "Bolinda" comprising Ron Witteveen, Chris McMahon, Martin Suter and Darryl Hansford. Runner up team was "Springfield" comprising John Miksa, Mick Ryan, Ron Anderson and Frank Cascone.

A special 'thank you' to Max Irvine for his tireless work in organising the competition and also to Romsey Heights Estate and the Romsey Hotel for donating trophies for the competition.

Robert MUSCO
Sec. of Romsey Rec. Centre
Comm. of Management.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Feb 5th & 8th Carol's Aerobics commence for 1990
- 5th After School Program Commences
- 5th School Commences for pupils.
- 5th Post Natal Exercise Classes Commence
- 5th Lancefield Community House Reopens
- 6th Carol's Jazz Ballet
- 8th 7pm Weight Watchers at the Uniting Church Hall
- 9th Romsey Golf Club Dinner/ Wine Tasting.
- 10th Little Athletics at Lancefield
- 10th Country Gospel Concert outside the Romsey Village
- 12th Grade 3-6 Swimming Program Commences at Lancefield Pool
- 14th Romsey Shire Council Meeting
- 17th Romsey Riding Elections at the Shire Offices
- 21st 7.30pm School Council Meeting.
- 24th "Sun Smart" Life Be In It Program at the Lancefield
- 24th "Romsey Art Group Exhibition." Pool
- 26th Cholesterol Testing
- 2nd Closing date for contributions for the March ROMSEY RAG
- March 5th Twilight walk
- 19th Romsey Ladies Net ball Season Commences
- May 18th Fashion Parade Romsey Golf Club.
- June 23rd "Last Chance - Debutante Ball"

 Items for the Next Edition of the Romsey Rag should be delivered to the
 by 1pm Friday 2nd March 1990
 Romsey Post Office

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ROMSEY & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL

Registration night for all players will be held Wednesday 14th February, for girls 8 years to under 16.

Junior 5 - 5.45 Intermediates 5.45 - 6.30 Seniors 6.30 - 7.00pm
 Family Registrations Anytime

Futher enquires J Jacobsen 295 643 B Cole 295 411

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

Twilight golf continues on Thursday evenings 5pm - 5.30pm \$2. B.Y.O. meat for Barbby

LADIES GOLF Wednesday 9am - 9.30am hit off. A clinic at very reasonable price is being organised for beginners. If you are interested please ring Shirley Shelton 295 271 or Elaine Scanlon 295 317

B. Cole

1st Romsey Venturers

If you are between 14 and 18 years of age you may be interested in joining a keen and active group of young people who are interested in out door activity, community service and self development. On Saturday February 10th this group will meet at home of Mr & Mrs Turnham 12 Dowie Court Romsey at 6.30pm. for a B.B.Q. tea and planning session for the year. We would love to see you. Queries may be answered by phoning Mr Trever Turnham 1 295 413 . . a.h.

Leader.
 Mr Trevor Turnham.

Candidate's Comments:

My name is RALPH HERMANN. I am a married man with two young children and have resided in Romsey Township for eight years. I am actively involved in the community. I have been a member of the steering committee for the Romsey Kindergarten since its inception and an active officer in the C.F.A.

I work for Quantas Airways.

I consider the following issues vital for the development of our community.

1. Make the Council and its officers more accountable to the Ratepayers. I will not be excluded from any important issues before Council because of problems with Pecuniary Interests.
2. Forward planning for our future in retail and commercial planning, to ensure orderly development and preservation of the street scape.
3. Social Needs of the Community, i.e. Meet the requirements of the growing youth population; The needs of the elderly; Persue greater Police presence for Romsey; Improved Public Transport.
4. Environmental Requirements, i.e. Green Belts, Housing Density, Upgrading of our water quality.
5. Hard Bargaining with developers who benefit from the shire to contribute back into the community by way of appropriate levies to provide necessary facilities.
6. Make sure Romsey does have a new Kindergarten & Infant Welfare Centre by 1991. I want the momentum to continue.

I am sure the above issues concern you as much as they do me.

Vote for me and I will be your honest representative on Council.

Yours Sincerely
Ralph HERMANN

ADRIAN S. PEGLER CANDIDATE

In offering myself as a candidate for election to the Romsey Shire Council, I am responding to the suggestion of a number of local people that I have the appropriate gifts to make a positive contribution to the life of this community. If elected I would expect to provide an independent, forward looking voice on all issues.

Romsey is in the midst of rapid change. We need a balance between development and the maintenance of the beauty and heritage of the district. I would be committed to that balance. I have experience and compassion to offer. People are my business. I am in touch with all age groups as well as both the urban and rural sectors of our community.

In Council I would strive to ease the tension evident in reports of recent meetings. As I have no commercial connections I would have few, if any, pecuniary interests to declare. I am readily accessible and am a good listener.

Our Shire's progress will require better educational facilities and a growing range of services. I will support moves in those directions. I look to Romsey Riding voters for their support on election day, 17th February.

Adrian S PEGLER
25 Williams Street
Romsey.

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