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COMBINED CHURCHES:

In a commendable show of co-operation the three major denominations represented in Romsey and Lancefield are going to conduct a census in each town between 25th March and 8th April. Visitors will be commissioned to offer a friendly, welcoming word and to ask householders, if they are willing to do so, to state their religious affiliation.

The visits will be brief and will not seek any commitment. Please receive your callers with a friendly smile and word.

A. PEGLER.

SENIOR CITIZENS GARDEN PARTY - DATE SUNDAY 25TH MARCH.

To celebrate Senior Citizens week the Romsey Lionesses are holding a Garden Party.

WHERE: The Tye Estate, Kerrie in the gardens behind the old homestead.

TIME 12NOON. Transport available if required, Romsey, Lancefield and Riddell's creek. R.S.V.P. 10th March and if transport is required. For further information please contact -

BEV DAVIS (President) 282 757
NORMA SULLIVAN (Secretary) 295 486.

CHANGE AT LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL INC.:

After 18 years of service on the hospital staff, Matron Gloria Doyle has resigned. The Committee of Management wishes her well in her future career.

The position of Director of Nursing will shortly be advertised in The Age newspaper and expressions of interest from suitably qualified personnel will be welcomed.

Thanks are due to the Acting Director of Nursing, Sister Chris Odering, for ably "keeping the ship afloat" over the past year.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

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We are hoping you will all want to be part of our "Last Chance Deb Ball". The ideas are coming thick and fast to make this a great night. We now need to know those who wish to make their debut.

On Thursday 8th March at 7.30 p.m. at Romsey Primary School, Staff Room, there will be a meeting for all would-be debs, any age accepted, and it does not matter if it is your second time around. Bring a partner, if possible, so as a format for the evening can be discussed. We want as much input from everyone into the arrangements for the night.

If per chance you cannot make the meeting, we need to know if you would like to join the deb set before 8th March so a definite number is known. If you are undecided about being a deb, come along and find out about it, this Thursday. Remember it will be your one chance to be presented to ROYALTY!!

Ring Helen 295 250, Sandra 295 411
Beryl 295 441 for enquiries.

The Romsey Red Cross unit held its first meeting for the year on 24th February in the meeting room of the Mechanics Hall. At this meeting we were informed that the Cobaw Community Health Service have set up a programme to help the aged and disabled. They meet on a Tuesday morning to afternoon at the Romsey Mechanics Hall and are in need of helpers and drivers to make this programme successful. If anyone is interested in helping could they please contact Alison Miller at the Cobaw Community Health Service in Kyneton on 22 3011.

Alison will be speaking to us about this service at our next Red Cross Meeting on the 23rd March, if anyone would be interested in coming along to hear this talk the time is 2 p.m.

Red Cross calling will officially take place on the 3rd March in most of Victoria. Callers will be active through out the whole of March in the Romsey area. The money is used to run many services. These include the Blood Bank, Library service in hospitals, the supply of food and clothing to victims of disasters, and the teaching of first aid in schools.

A special thankyou must be extended to Mrs. Sue Lawton and her Guides for their willingness to help this year and also the members of the C.F.A. in Romsey who put in a wonderful effort to help us collect during the "Red Cross Calling" period. Please keep May 3rd free as we plan to have a Light Luncheon and Fashion Displ^y on that day.

P. Corner - Secretary

COUNCIL NEWS

Firstly, we would like to congratulate David Mitchell on his election and welcome him to the Romsey Riding "bench".

On the planning side, Council has issued permits for the Convenience Store at Carols Fuels (result of appeal) and a Produce Store and Saddlery in Mitchell Court. The E.P.A. have issued a bulletin in relation to the procedures to be adopted where land that had certain industries thereon (e.g. tanning, electroplating, service stations, asbestos manufacturing etc.) must go through before it can be cleared for residential sub-division.

The hours of the tip have been altered due to E.P.A. insistence that Council show more control over what is being tipped. The new hours are shown on the Shire Service Directory. Quickly, the tip will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and no key will be available for unsupervised tipping. Shire Service Directories are available from the Shire Office if you have yet to receive one. The project managers of the Shopping Centre Development have written to Council advising they wish to open the main complex on March 27th.

The Ranger is still reporting dogs attacking stock around the town. One dog has been shot, if it continues more will meet the same fate. We have accepted a quote of \$10,275 for the construction of a footpath between Digby Drive and Kathryn Street. This is about 25% more than we had hoped, but the path is needed and with good weather, completed prior to winter. After requests the Riding have called for a report on pensioner rate rebates. It appears that another level of government is not playing the game.

Finally, the reply to our last request to Gas & Fuel for natural gas for the township was tabled. The answer was NO. We will continue to persue this important basic facility for Romsey.

Until next time,
David Mitchell 291 877
Doug Newnham 295 287
Geoff Neil 295 523

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ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is an inter-demoninational and spirit filled church. As a vital part of our community we present the gospel of Jesus Christ and conduct a strongly family orientation programme.

Sunday morning services are held at 10.00 am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall, together with a comprehensive childrens ministry.

As a bible based congregation, we believe that the word of God brings Light in the midst of a confused and lost society. A personal knowledge of Jesus as saviour brings salvation and recovers that which has been taken from us.

Our coffee mornings, mid-week bible fellowships and mens breakfasts make us outreach orientated and a church to serve the whole community.

Further enquiries are welcomed. Contact Geoff Holland 295 673.

IN YOUR ROMSEY GARDEN

The Trouble with Trees Pt. 1. In a paper presented at the 1988 Annual Conference of the Australian Garden History Society in Melbourne and reprinted in June/July edition of the Australian Garden Journal, Dr. James Hitchmough of the VCAH Burnley, outlines a number of points to be considered by those involved in the maintenance and/or restoration of gardens containing significant trees, with particular reference to the fact that, in the present climate of conservation at all cost, the increasing expense of maintenance, and ultimately, removal of declining trees tends to be overlooked.

In an earlier article in this series, mention was made of the need for pruning as a means of maintaining trees to the best advantage of their owners for as long as possible, however as pointed out by the above author, trees are not immortal and even with the best of management eventually have to be removed - usually at considerable cost. The factors governing the choice of the stage at which this may best be done, and in the selection of replacements, as well as determining the most suitable management regimes are examined and evaluated in terms of cost and continuity of the environmental amenity.

While the thrust of the article generally is towards the resolution of problems associated with significant trees in both public and large private gardens and plantations, and the financial, environmental and political implications involved, the choice and placement of trees in the home garden could also benefit from an appreciation of the factors which should be considered in making a wise selection in the initial stages of developing a new garden and even in the choice of a homesite with existing trees which might become a storm or fire hazard and a financial burden in future years.

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THE ROMSEY RAMBLER

Congratulations to David Mitchell on his election as the new Romsey Riding Councillor. He adapted his "Keep Romsey Rural" campaign to the election with great success. It is apparent that he has many excellent ideas which should benefit the community. The challenge before him will be to bring them to fruition. I hope he can, but it won't be easy. As I moved around on the election trail I found many people who were concerned about his association with what they saw as negative contributions to the life of the shire.

It is now up to David to prove their fears groundless and to make his mark for the common good.

Why is a minister of religion standing for council? That question, in a variety of forms, was asked to me as I was canvassing prior to February 17th.

My earliest "political" recollection, apart from World War 11 is an "Age" comic strip, "Curly Wee and Gussie Goose".

When Curly Wee was elected to the parliament of Fur and Feather Land it was made clear that all representatives were independent. They were not parties. In many respects that is still my political ideal, I see local government as the last outpost of that ideal even that is under threat.

Later I studied the system of Australian government in matriculation social studies under Lindsay Thompson, who was to become State Premier. It may be of interest that when he was elected to parliament two or three years later, many of my classmates would have been as surprised as I was. Not that he had entered politics, but his teaching had been so fair that many of us had labelled him a Labour man. With the luxury of hindsight there were signs we might have read better, but we were young. I also studied some Political science as part of my B.A. at the University of Melbourne,

Throughout my ministry I have had sitting members of state or federal parliaments with connection to each of my parishes. I have also had shire councillors and officials in most of my churches. As it has always been my policy to be involved in community activities I have close links with these people and their work. I have also worked as a poll clerk at state and federal elections on and off for thirty years, giving me another insight into the political process. Finally, the Uniting Church has a commitment to community service. It is, for example, not widely known that only the government has more agencies and institutions in Victoria than our church, but it is true. We have over 130 sites at last count, covering all ages and concerns.

So there is my answer, note, however, that I studiously avoid bringing politics into my pulpit EXCEPT that I encourage everyone to take a responsible interest and to vote accordingly as they see fit. For that I make no apology.

Next time it will be back to general issues.

ADRIAN PEGLER

The Alzheimer Society of Victoria is conducting a seminar on "Alzheimer's Disease - a Family Affair" on Tuesday 27th March, 1990. The seminar will begin at 8.45 a.m. and finish at 3.30 p.m., at the Heidelberg Town Hall, Ivanhoe. The cost of the day is \$45.00 (\$20.00 concession for pensioners and students). Further information and registration forms are available from Kerrie Reardon at the Shire Offices (295 201).

The Disabled Person's Action Council is a group of individuals who meet regularly to discuss issues specifically relevant to people with disabilities (children and adults). The group is made up of people with varying degrees and types of disabilities, as well as carers. Anyone is most welcome to attend the meetings. The next one will be held at the Woodend Community Centre at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 13th March, 1990. The group will consider holding meetings in Romsey if there are enough interested people. For more information contact Kerrie Reardon at the Romsey Shire Offices on 295 201.

SUN SMART - LIFE BE IN IT.

Thanks go to the Lancefield Swimming Pool Committee of Management for waiving the normal entry fee to the pool on Saturday 24th February, 1990. The day was very well attended and over 150 went through the gates between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. It is hoped that if there is enough interest that it will become an annual event. People should remember though, that the aim of the day was to encourage skin protection and hopefully decrease the incidence of skin cancer. Remember the Slip Slop Slap message. Thanks also to Lancefield Hair Care, Millstones and Perfect Grounds Cafe for donating prizes. .../6

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1ST ROMSEY SCOUTING NEWS: Scouts and Guides combine for a Church Service.

On Sunday March 18th, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers will be represented at the Uniting Church Romsey. During the Service Mr. Ian Ralf will be invested as the new 1st Romsey Group Leader. We thank him for his commitment to the Movement. Following the Service, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers will combine at the Lions' park for a "Graduation Ceremony" which will see Andrew Jakabsons move from Scouts to Venturers.

*On the weekend of 24/25th March Romsey Cubs and Venturers will camp at Gilwell Park, the home of Scouter training.

*By mid April we are hoping to celebrate with Anthea Lawton as she is presented with her Queen's Scout Award.

*27th March - 1st Romsey A.G.M. Parents who are involved are urged strongly to attend this 8.00 p.m. meeting. WE NEED YOU!

ROMSEY ART SHOW:

Congratulations to the Romsey Artists. The Art Show was again very successful and raised approx. \$2,600 for the Romsey Fire Brigade. The artists sold 45 of their beautiful paintings out of 105 displayed.

Over 220 people attended the opening night on Feb. 24th and enjoyed the supper. A painting donated by Mrs. Pix Ogilvie for a lucky door prize was won by Mrs. Cathy Williams. The raffle prize was a basket of wine donated by Romsey Winery and won by Mr. Trevor Ordering.

During the evening while the guests were enjoying the smorgasborg supper, Mr. Bruce Neish officially opened the Art Show and introduced the Artists. Each artist was presented with a flower as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication over the past 9 years and to congratulate them on their 10th Art Show. Mr. Neish told guests over \$16,000 had been raised at the last nine Shows and explained where some of the money had been used by the Fire Brigade. He also said some money was being held to help with the replacement cost of Tanker A.

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Romsey Sporting News.

ROMSEY & DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED:

Announcement of finals for Summer season 89/90.

Semi-finals: Seniors 5th March 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.

U12 & U16 6th March 6.20 pm 7.00 pm 7.40 pm 8.00 pm

U10 & U14 8th March 6.20 pm 7.00 pm 7.40 pm 8.00 pm

GRAND FINALS:

U12 & U16 13th March 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm

U10 & U14 15th March 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm

SENIOR 19th March 7.00 pm

ROMSEY & DISTRICT MIXED NETBALL ASSOCIATION:

Announcement of finals for Summer Season 89/90.

Preliminary: 2nd March 7.30 pm and 8.30 pm

Semi-finals: 9th March 8.00 p.m.

GRAND FINAL: 16th March 8.00 p.m.

Presentation of trophies for best and fairest will be made on Grand Final night.

ROMSEY BADMINTON CLUB INC.:

The 1989/90 Summer Pennant Competition of the Macedon Ranges Badminton Association comes to a close in April with Romsey A Grade and Romsey White C Grade sides looking good to play for the premiership flag.

The Winter Competition starts after Easter and will be conducted over approx. 20 weeks. Interested beginners (young and young at heart) or old hands who would like to join in the competition or wish to join in a social/training night may contact Daryl or Mary Wallace 295 681 or Craig or Jan Peet 295 365. Practice rackets are available.

CITY & RURAL HOLE IN ONE COMPETITION/MINI TOURNAMENT:

Once again City & Rural Real Estate are generously sponsoring the Romsey Golf Club's hole in one competition and mini tournament. A most successful event was held last year with many local golfers and non golfers competing.

This year's event will be held on Sunday 8th of April at the Romsey Golf Course, assembly time for the 12 hole mini tournament is 9.30 a.m. followed by a BBQ lunch and refreshments which may be purchased. Then after lunch the hole in one competition will commence when the first lucky person to have a hole in one will receive \$300 cash. Many other prizes and trophies are up for grabs for golfers and non golfers.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$5.00 and you get six balls for \$2.00 at the hole in one competition, remember you do not have to be a registered golfer to enter either event.

G. Clement 295 977.

ROMSEY CALISTHENTICS CAR RALLY SUNDAY 1st APRIL. - \$5.00 per car to bush location
Prizes, games For further information phone 295 669 or 291 679.

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ROMSEY ART SHOW (cont'd.):

The fire brigade and auxiliary members would like to thank the artists for their 10th Exhibition and giving 20% commission on all paintings sold. Thanks also go to everyone who came along and supported the Art Show.

Beryl Cole

LANCEFIELD & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB NOTES.

On Saturday March 3rd, the Garden Club held a very successful flower show at the Lancefield Hall. The winners of the raffle being -

1st VICTA VAC 500 OUTDOOR VACUUM CLEANER - MRS. PAT SHANNON.

2nd VOUCHERS FROM CAITHNESS NURSERY LANCEFIELD & LANCEFIELD NURSERY & GREEN GROCERS - MISS JEANNETTE KEATING.

3rd SEBASTIAN CRUCHETTI - VOUCHER - JIM LOWDEN'S RURAL STORE KILMORE.

Many of our members were successful in the various sections displayed -

General - Miss M. Piferrer, Vegetables - Mr. Tom Parks, Floral Art - Mrs. Cope Williams, Fruit - Mrs. Joan Foster, Dahlias - Open - Kevin Bentley, Intermediate - Doss Keating, Novice - Mrs. Shirley Parks, Gladioli - Blynhild Hurst. Champion Gladioli - Greg Parks, Champion Rose - Greg Parks, Roses Aggregate - Mrs. Cope Williams / Armstrong.

There were many entries from the Lancefield & Romsey Primary Schools entered with the successful Romsey children being Vicki Adama, Erin Hansfoed, Alice & Nuala Wiltshire.

Next month's meeting guest speaker will be FELICITY SIGMONT - GROWING & USING HERBS. EX PRESIDENT OF VICTORIAN HERB SOCIETY.

Competitions - Bloom, Branch of Fuschia Florets, 3 Vegetables, 3 Tomatoes, Easter Daisy.

MONDAY 26th MARCH, 8 P.M.

LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL. SUPPER - RAFFLE. EVERYONE WELCOME. DOSS KEATING PUBLICITY 295 840.

LOST ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

A pair of reading glasses in a grey case. Rev. Adrian Pegler, 25 William Street, 295 351.

ROMSEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March 1990, at 8 P.M. in the Mechanics Hall Supper Room. All people with business interests welcome.

For more information please contact Carol on 295 055 or 295 004.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

A small but committed band of local Christian people attended the Ecumenical Service for the World Day of Prayer on Friday. The service was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church with Mrs. Jan Thomson as leader. A number of members of local churches shared in the worship. A feature much appreciated was the contribution of the Primary School Choir who sang 'Morning has Broken' and 'Amazing Grace' under the leadership of Mrs. Christine Rowlands. The speaker was Uniting Church Minister, Rev. Adrian Pegler, who spoke on the theme 'A Better Tomorrow - Justice for All', which had been prepared by Czechoslovakian Christians. The organist was Mrs. Dorothy Allen.

CAROL'S LOW IMPACT AEROBIC SESSIONS are held every Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 till 10.00 a.m. in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Have some fun while working to your own pace. Only \$2.50 per session with creche available for 50c. Enquire to Carol on 295 590.

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ROMSEY JUNIOR TENNIS:

Three junior teams won through to Grand Final in the Gisborne & District Junior Tennis Association and another won a place in a preliminary final.

Section 3 Mixed:

Romsey 8 sets 51 games defeated Gisbourne 1 set 24 games
Team - Darren Colvin, Daniel Gaunt and Greg Green
Tamara Davis, Emma Lobb and Jane McIldowie
Emg. Gavin Farrell and Kim Campbell

Section 6 Mixed:

Romsey 5 sets 43 games defeated Riddell's Creek Gold 4 sets 42 gms
Team - Mark Burnham, Robert Hemphill and Travis Murphy
Fiona Holland, Libby Mullen and Michelle Robb
Emg. Micheal Odering and Dana Murphy

Section 3 Boys:

Romsey 3 sets 28 games defeated Lancefield 3 sets 27 games
Team - Chris Jekabsons, Chris Lingard and Paul Micelli
Adrian Watts, emg. Paul Farrell

These three teams into the Grand Finals on 17th March at Macedon.

Section 2 boys:

Romsey Black 4 sets 33 games defeated New Gisborne 2 sets 22 games
Team - Anthony Calwell, Anthony Flack, Graham Strack and Jason Tozer.

This team will play Woodend Hawks on 3rd March 1990 at Macedon. Congratulations to all the players and we wish them good luck for the rest of the finals.

ROMSEY & DISTRICT JUNIOR NETBALL ASSOCIATION:

Would all girls who registered to play please come to the Romsey Primary School on Wednesday 7th March at 5.30 p.m. to learn which team you are in? On this night you will meet your team manager and elect your team captain and vice captain. Please also think of a team name as you have to decide on a team name that night.

B. Cole phone 295 411

LADIES GOLF NEWS:

Ladies Summer Golf is away and swinging. A big welcome to some new faces - Sharon Logan, Debbie Ryan, Karen Hermann, Bev Gaunt, Carol Daniels and a welcome back to Sharon Smith and Hilda Caly who had a break during the WET SEASON!

A clinic was held on Friday 16th March which 13 ladies and 1 MAN attended. It was a great help to our beginners. We hope to have a follow up clinic at a later date. Twilight golf is still going on a Thursday evening while daylight savings is on. Come along and play 12 holes and bring some meat for the barbeque. (cont'd.)

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ROMSEY SPORTING NEWS (cont'd.):

LADIES GOLF NEWS (cont'd.):

The winners for February have been:

- 7.2.90 S. Shelton 86 - 24 - 62
- 14.2.90 B. Cole 95 - 32 - 63
- 21.2.90 F. Sloane (12 holes) 66 - 22 - 44
- 28.2.90 S. Shelton 90 - 24 - 66

On 20.2.90 Romsey Ladies went to Mt. Macedon to play the Mt. Macedon Romsey Ladies Golf Challenge which Romsey won. We will hold the Shield until next year. Congratulations to Elaine Scanlon who won the visitors best score - 22 stableford points for the 9 holes, and Beryl Cole who won N.T.P. on the 3rd.

Pauline Sloane and Shirley Shelton played at Northern Golf Club in a 4 BBB comp. and enjoyed playing the long course and finished with 36 stableford points.

Winter Competition commences Wednesday April 4th. ***MESSAGE FROM ANDREW - MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE.

S. Shelton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mar 8th Debutante meeting.
- 13th Disabled persons Action Council.
- 23rd Red Cross Meeting.
- 25th March Senior Citizens Garden Party.
- 25th Combined Churches Census commences.
- 27th Alzheimers Disease Seminar.
- Apr 1st Car Rally.
- 8th Hole in One Competition.
- May 3rd Red Cross Fashion Display.
- 18th Fashion Parade - Golf Club.

Items for the Next Edition of the Romsey Rag should be delivered to the Romsey Post Office by 1 P.M. on Friday 6th April.

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