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The Habib families wish all their customers and friends a pleasant and safe Easter Holiday.

Following are the trading hours for the Easter Holidays.

Monday, 13.4.92. 8am - 6pm	Tuesday, 14.4.92. 8am - 6pm
Wednesday, 15.4.92. 8am - 6pm	Thursday, 16.4.92 8am - 6pm
Friday 17.4.92 GOOD FRIDAY. We will be CLOSED.	
Saturday, 18.4.92 8am - 5pm	Sunday, 19.4.92 9am - 4pm
Monday, 20.4.92 EASTER MONDAY. We will be CLOSED.	

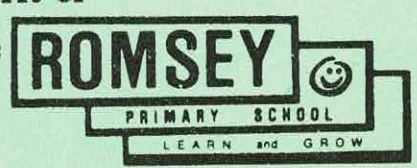
Normal trading after Monday 20.4.92.

Saturday 25th April, 1992, ANZAC DAY - We will be CLOSED.

Supper Dance & Dutch Auction 16th May 1992

7.30 pm onwards at the Romsey Mechanics Hall
for the benefit of

\$24 double
\$12 single



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

B.Y.O Drinks & glasses - **N.B: No Ticket Sales at the door**
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VICTORIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL - APRIL 4-16.

This year the National Trust are encouraging us to discover the hidden heritage in our own district. To assist you, the Romsey Rag Committee published a current road map of Romsey in their last issue and this month set out a tour that will help you discover our own local hidden heritage.

TOUR OF ROMSEY

The Romsey of to-day has grown and developed over the years. The rich red Romsey soil is still the same. Some of the original hotels, stores, churches and public buildings are still there together with more recent additions. Only with a slow tour of our town can you hope to gain an appreciation of our heritage.

SEYMOUR COTTAGE in Palmer Street, just east of the school, is unique due to its age and construction - is currently being restored by the Romsey Historical Society and is open for inspection. A plaque was unveiled to mark the work done in renovating the kitchen area in October 1985.

From the Sidney Seymour Cottage, drive back along Palmer Street to the Primary School. There has been a school on this site since 1865 and now the school population is 307 - and growing! The school teacher's residence used to be the pretty little house south of the School. Turn south -(left)- down the Main Street, over the Five Mile Creek and immediately left beside the Plant Nursery. The little wooden building that is now the Infant Welfare Centre was once the first Shire Office! - The elected members of the Shire first met at Lancefield in 1890.

Continue along the service road (southwards) beside the Main Road, past the Mechanics' Institute. The original ROMSEY MECHANICS' INSTITUTE HALL was built in 1884 and the foundation stone was laid on May 29th that year by Sir. William Clark. The building was destroyed by fire on July 6th, 1904 and the foundation stone of the present hall was laid on November 14th, 1904 by Nicholas Fitzgerald.

The first meeting was held in 1869 on 25th August. The venue was the Lancefield District Road Board. The quorum for a meeting was 5 members (still the same today). The subscription to be a member of the Institute was 1 pound per annum.

An early lecture organised by the Committee was entitled "Mechanics Institutes and Their Uses". Eighty six people attended but apparently some gained admittance without paying. Another lecture by a Dr. Birney was entitled "The Uses and Abuses of Alcohol".

Building commenced in 1874 and the wooden building was finally completed in 1884 when Sir William Clarke baronet was requested to open the new additions.

One of the present foundation stones (dated 1884) marks this event. The original building was burnt down in 1904 and the present building was then constructed.

Renovations of the hall were completed in 1985 and the money raised at the Centenary Celebrations (Penny Concert, Old time Films & Old Time Dance) helped to defray the loan gained for the painting and repairs.

The "VILLAGE" shops, set back with parking in front of them, have been open for about 8 years, where once there was a Saddlers' Shop and a private home with a lovely garden. On the next corner was the Shamrock Hotel - one of six Hotels in Romsey.

Fred White's "UNIVERSAL STORE" was the recently closed video shop, and it sold every mortal thing imaginable! A great meeting place to catch up on all the latest news too! Our present Shire Offices began life as the Commercial Bank, and next door is the brick Post Office, built in 1890 at a cost of 513 pounds. The 100 year old Post Office, is a well known meeting place for many generations of school bus travellers, sporting groups and commuters. On September 3rd, 1990, due to a vastly increased role and demand for services, the Romsey Post Office will move its function to its new centre in the new Shopping Complex that opened in early 1990.

The small Real Estate Office (used to be the Barber's shop) next to the Hotel (which was known as the Post Office Hotel) was taken over when renovations were made to the hotel in 1990. The Hotel was built in 1867 by Terence Keenan.

Continue straight on southwards, over Barry Street, past O'Dea's, which was the local Newspaper Office - "The Romsey Examiner", and then past the old Medical Centre - the old home has been the resident doctor's home all this century (The new Medical Centre is situated in Stawell Street.) Round the corner, behind the doctor's, to your left, was the Romsey Railway Station, (in Railway Crescent or Station St.) which operated from Clarkefield to Lancefield between 1881 and 1956, until road transport took over. (Now units for elderly citizens on site.) In August, 1990 The Shire named the short connecting street "McIntosh Terrace" after the last Station Master at Romsey.

However, retrace your tracks to the other side of the Main St. and travel back (northwards) on the service road, past the Church of England, built in 1871, with its lovely oak tree at the gate planted in 1872, past Romsey Hardware Store (which was a blacksmith's shop), over Barry Street, and the Catholic Church was built in 1926, but there was an earlier wooden church set further back and a Catholic School on the site. The parish dates from 1863. Keep on service road.

The CHEMIST and SUPERMARKET in Main Street have been Chemist and Grocer for many many years and at the far end of that block is the ex-Galway Arms Hotel, on the corner of Stawell Street.

The old BUTCHER'S shop, which was located on the corner of Stawell & Main St. was vacated in 1985, having served for perhaps nearly 120 years. This building was demolished in 1989 to give way to the new single storey National Bank complex. The beautiful solid two storey National Bank building was built in 1875. However this was not the first National Bank building to serve the growing community. After completion of the new building the construction of which took 8 years, the original building was removed by bullocks, to the site in Main Street where it was used as the Newsagency until early 1990 when it was demolished to make way for the new Shopping Complex.

When the first manager of the National Bank came to Romsey, it was a small village, situated in a district covering an area of 239 square miles and with a population of only 400. The two storey building was superceded by the opening of the new National Bank premises at the Corner of Main Street and Stawell Street in 1990.

The old BAKERY, removed in 1989 to make way for the new Supermarket complex car park was just before the Milk Bar and one of the Hotels (The Commercial Hotel) was beyond the Newsagent, but it burnt down.

Take a turn around in front of Romsey House, which was the first Hotel in the town, built in 1860, and it was The Romsey Hotel. I am told that the name ROMSEY HOTEL used to be in concrete letters on the Murphy Street side (where it now says Romsey House) until World War II, when the letters were chiselled off in case of Japanese invasion! (Romsey House at the corner of Main and Murphy Streets served the community as a Restaurant for a number of years and private residence.)

Drive west along Murphy Street to the first intersection (Pohlman St.) where the Council Yard on your left was the sale-yards - a busy day for the Romsey Hotel on market Days! - and right-turn down Pohlman Street (northwards) to the end on your left is the bluestone Presbyterian Church - also with lovely old oak trees at the gates - built 1865, and now the Uniting Church. Actually, Romsey "united" before the official Uniting Church started in 1977; in 1968, the Methodists and Presbyterians united in Romsey, and the small green weatherboard Methodist Church is now a private home - travel back to Murphy Street turn left out of Pohlman Street into Murphy Street, past Romsey House, over the Main Road straight down Murphy Street over next intersection (William St.) and the ex-Methodist Church is there on your left.

Continue past it, to the end of Murphy Street into Rogers Street. The site of the old Butter Factory (burnt down 25/5/86) is on your left behind big trees. This was a life-blood industry of Romsey from the 1880's, when dairying, butter and cheese making were thriving in the district, and in fact the Pioneer Dairy Co. (here) made the first condensed milk in Australia in 1886.

In 1922, a Head Teacher at the Primary School wrote optimistically of the newly-formed Progress Association in the town and hoped that some other industries would be attracted to the district, to stop the drift of young people from the district, to seek work, but, as far as I know, the position didn't change much and it is still the same today - or worse. (Except that commuting to Melbourne is now much faster and easier.)

Drive on to the next road on your right, and progress up Stawell Street passing the new CFA Headquarters on your right, and the ex-Police Station. The new CFA HQ is at the ex-Court House.

First left into William Street - turn left again at Barry Street and drive down to the Memorial Gates on your right (beside Park Street) at the entrance to the Sports Oval. Either go through the gates if you wish, or up Park Street, as the Sports Oval is surrounded by:- Bowls, Tennis Courts, a Squash/Table Tennis/Badminton Stadium, a Golf Course and a Trotting Track. Something for everyone.

Return to Main Street, and on your way back to the Sidney Seymour Cottage, you may like to browse around other streets of Romsey, or glimpse the northern end of the town beyond Palmer Street, where the ex-Union Hotel is on the west side of the Main Road, with verandah in front. By entering Robb Drive you visit Romsey Heights Estate the largest Housing subdivision, providing all services to new home owners.

Further north of the town on the corner of Ochiltrees Road, is the newly renovated Royal Mail Hotel, (now a private residence) where the first Post Office and School were started. Post Office 1860, School 1859, both Five Mile Creek/Lancefield before 1860.

We hope you have enjoyed discovering Romsey's Hidden Heritage.

ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
P.O. BOX 11, ROMSEY. 3434.

WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL 11am - 4pm at SIDNEY SEYMOUR COTTAGE,
Palmer Street, Romsey (Primary School street)

'HIDDEN CRAFTS' EXHIBITION AND DEMONSTRATION:

Entrance Fee: \$2.50 Basket Lunch: \$4.50

Many early crafts displayed, plus special feature:-
1896 embroidered quilt with 500 local names.

ALSO: a new quilt will be started; \$2.00 per name, so make sure
YOUR name is included!

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 28th April, 8pm at Lancefield Court House.

Guest Speaker : Jim Hall TOPIC: Reminiscences about Lancefield.
Visitors are always welcome and supper served.
Annual Membership fee \$5.00 is now due.

MANY thanks to George Weire, who spoke so entertainingly at our March
Meeting, about early transport in this district.

Jean Clement. Hon.Sec. (295417)



WHEN MEMORY TURNS THE KEY

The History Of The Romsey Shire

This publication will be launched on Sunday June 21, 1992, at 3pm, in the
Romsey Mechanics Hall, by: **Professor Geoffrey Blainey**

Researched and collated by the Shire of Romsey History Book Committee, and
edited by John Reid, this 250 page, hard cover volume, will include a unique
collection of previously unpublished illustrations and photographs.

On release the book will retail at \$25.00 but:

PRE-PUBLICATION COPIES CAN NOW BE ORDERED FOR JUST \$22.50.

Please send your order to:

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for copies of: "When Memory Turns The Key" at the pre- publication
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Date:.....Signed.....

The Shire of Romsey:

STREET NUMBERING:

Street numbering is an easily recognisable means of identifying properties and in Rural Townships it is possibly of greater importance, as many of our Streets and Roads will not be familiar to all of our residents and especially to other persons who may be visiting, sight-seeing, making deliveries or collections, taxis and more importantly for mail delivery and emergency services.

Council wishes to take this opportunity to remind you to display your street number. Street numbers are generally only applicable to the Townships themselves.

If you are not presently displaying your street number then now is the time to act.

Council's Local Laws on Street numbering provide that the owner of the property shall erect the appropriate number and that the number must be readable from a distance of fifteen (15) metres from the property line. If you are not displaying a street number and are unsure as to whether you actually have one, please firstly refer to your 1992/92 Rate Notice, which will include the address of your property and your street number, if applicable. If you are still unsure or have any queries, please call Councils' Rate Officer, Mrs. Dawn Garner.



COMPOSTING PROMOTION:

All residents of the Shire are requested to minimise the amount of material going to the tip that may be composted. To encourage this, Council are offering a \$10.00 refund on composting bins purchased in the Shire from one of the participating retail outlets (listed below). Pamphlets detailing how to compost are available at the Shire Office.

Where to get your compost bin --	LANCEFIELD :	Mitre 10 Hardware
	ROMSEY :	Mitre 10 Hardware Glendale Nursery

OP SHOP NEWS:

We have now received information that the "Op Shop" will cease operations from the Old Infant Welfare Centre, Romsey at the end of May, until then you can still come and browse. We will let you know in plenty of time as to where our new premises will be located.

As always we welcome any donations but PLEASE do not leave them outside the Centre when the shop is shut. Dogs and vandals have a great time destroying them!!! Either drop them at the Shire Offices or contact me in order that arrangements can be made for their collection.

HOURS OF BUSINESS: Thursday 1-4pm Saturday 10am - 1pm.
Betty Garner : Publicity Office Telephone 291702

Senior Citizens Week !

Romsey-Lancefield Senior Citizens have started their year well. We welcome four new members.

On March 11th, Twentyone members were invited by Gisborne Seniors for an afternoon of cards and bowls. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and was enjoyed by all.

We also went to Melbourne to see the play "Educating Rita". Some of us were pleased with it - others were indifferent. It proves we all have different tastes.

We conducted our first Senior Citizens street stall in Lancefield on Friday 27th March and it was a success. Our thanks to all who supported us - not forgetting our helpers. We hope to make this an annual affair.

The "Lucky No." was won by B.Milley, Romsey and 2nd by B.Meyer, Lancefield.
Until our next bulletin. B.Clarke, Assistant Secretary.

"LIVING WORD" CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Did you know that the Bible holds the key to your personal happiness in this life NOW?

Did you know that the Bible holds the key to your future destiny whether it will be Heaven or Hell?

If you cannot prove the first statement to be true, then you would have every reason to doubt the second statement.

However if the first statement can be proven in your own personal life, then will also have the ASSURANCE of where your eternal destiny will be!

We, at the "LIVING WORD" A.O.G. Christian Fellowship invite you to come along and experience for yourself the truth of these statements. Firstly by seeing it work in our lives, and then experiencing it for yourself.

For further enquiries please feel free to contact Pastor M. Hunter on Ph. 295381 or P.O.Box 164 Romsey, 3434.

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS: *****

Church Services

WHEN ? : Sunday Mornings 10:00am.
WHERE ? : The Scout Hall, Romsey Park.

Homefellowships

WHEN ? : Wednesday Evening 7:30pm.
WHERE ? : At the Home of Jim & Rita Patterson
Connors Rd., Lancefield.

Ladies Meetings

WHEN ? : Friday afternoons 1:00pm.
WHERE ? : At the home of Bill and Sandra Greenwood
Dunsford Street, Lancefield



The Uniting Church in Australia:

Romsey/Lancefield Parish - Easter Services

Thursday 16th. Maundy Thursday Tea and Worship
at Lancefield

Friday 17th. Good Friday Ecumenical Event -
"The Stations of the Cross"
commencing at Lancefield Uniting Church at 10am
concluding at Lancefield Park (morning tea)



Why Not Shop Locally ?

As a Romsey Citizen I would encourage all Romsey people to shop locally as much as possible. I know many local shopkeepers are having a hard time keeping their businesses open. It may cost a few dollars more at times but lets stick together and help one another to get through this recession. Lets all help keep our town alive.

Mrs. P. Corner

Lancefield & District Bush Nursing Hospital Inc..

Since three meetings have been held where as many as eighteen Shire residents have attended to discuss the future fund raising plans. These people have formed under the umbrella of "The Friends of the Lancefield & District Hospital", and have great plans at foot to encourage membership and financial support with many activities in the coming months. Among these are a Sixty/Forty Dance and a regular stall at the monthly Romsey market, the first of which was held successfully on march 22nd.

The Romsey Medical practice has promised full support for the re-opening, and specialists are being approached to look at the facilities and make suggestions for future expansion of the medical treatments to be undertaken in Lancefield.

Already the hospital has acquired its own fax machine and the installation of a computer system to enhance the efficiency of the administration of the hospital has been promised by one of the local support groups. management are looking to the future, and are mindful of the need to bring the hospital to an efficient and cost effective state to enter the 21st century.

The Friends aim to raise \$100,000 in the next twelve months towards the refurbishment and equipment of the proposed increased facilities. Details of the proposals will be discussed at Public Meetings to be held in each of the towns of Lancefield, Romsey and Riddell's Creek. Dates for these meetings will be published in the next week or so.

BINGO every Tuesday night at Lancefield mechanics Hall, commencing 12th May. eyes down at 7.30 PROMPTLY.

BUSH DANCE IN AUGUST at Riddells Creek, more information later.

"FRIENDS OF LANCEFIELD HOSPITAL" please contact Gwen Crossman Hospital Secretary on 291622.

Lancefield Harriers Phone: 291 1751

Are You Running in the Friendly One? LANCEFIELD 10 Sunday 17th May, 10am.
VENUE: Lancefield Park (Woodend Road) 1 hour from City via Tullamarine Freeway. 10KM measured course on undulating Gravel Roads. \$5.00 entry fee (payable on day).

10AM start - Register by 9.45am. Medal to all finishers
Prize to 1st Local Runner Prizes to Veterans
Prizes to Category Winners Half-Way Drink Station
BBQ Meat included in entry fee (BYO everything else
BBQ Meat for Non-Runners \$2.00. Oranges supplies at finish.

Dog Grooming Services:

DOG CLIPPING AND GROOMING, Hydrobathed including a Fea Rinse - Reasonable Rates. for Enquiries phone - Gail 296141 Dawn 295704.

For Sale: BEDS 3, All with Wire Base, Wooden Bedheads and mattresses. \$35.00 each, very good condition. Phone 295076.

For Sale: BODYBUILDER HOME GYM MODEL XL300.
Features Pec Deck, Bench Press, Lateral Pull Downs, Leg Extensions, Bench Decline. \$690.00 Phone 295305 AH.

Learn Karate

Learn Self Defence, Discipline, Develop Self Confidence, and Keep Fit. Classes are held by Black Belt Instructors Qualified under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and Licensed by the Victorian Government.

CLASSES ARE HELD AT :-



ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.
7.00PM. - 8.30PM.
CONTACT: TREVOR PERKINS 054/295548

RIDDELLS CREEK SCOUT HALL
6.30PM - 8.00PM.
CONTACT: MARK NAJDEK 054/283090.

A U S T R A L I A N S H I T O - R Y U K A R A T E - D O

Red Cross Notes:

The Romsey Red Cross invites you to a demonstration and display of Pick Wicks Magnetic Health Products. This will be held in the Uniting Church Sunday School at 12 midday on Thursday 28th April. There will be a \$4.00 donation which will cover the cost of the light luncheon. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP. Helen Clement 295317 or 270494 by the 20th April, 1992

The next Romsey Red Cross meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd April at 11am prior to the luncheon. Venue is the Uniting Church Sunday School.

Scout News - A Choice of nights now available!

The 1st Romsey Scout Group has now opened a new Scout Troop, named the 1st Romsey Hornet Troop, which holds it's meeting at the Romsey R.S.L. Hall, Barry St., Romsey on Friday nights from 7 - 9pm.

The new Troop has been opened to provide opportunities for members between 10.5 and 15 years old, to participate in an active program of camping, abseiling, hiking and other outdoor activities.

The new troop, will at some future date, be opened to mixed membership at such time as a fully trained female Assistant Leader is available. This will complement our Venturer Unit which is also a mixed section.

Should any boy be interested in joining our new Troop, (no prior Scouting experience is necessary) please contact the Scouts Troop Leader, Ian Ralph on 295197, for Friday Nights and Chris Bean on 291813 for the Thursday night Troop.

Romsey Junior Mixed Netball

The Romsey Junior Mixed netball competitions for 1992 have commenced on a Thursday night at the Romsey Recreation Centre.

If young people between the ages of 8 years and 16 years would be interested in attending a clinic run by an authorized instructor on April 14th, would you please contact Mrs. Dianne Muir on 291580 for further details.



welcomes you to our "First year Birthday Celebration: on Saturday, 25th April at 2pm. Have Fun with 'Humphrey Bear' and also prizes and givaway's for the kids, come along and have fun with us.

ROMSEY RIDING NEWS

During March, Planning Permits were issued for a home-occupation electrical goods repair business in Whelans Place, Romsey, and for a five-lot industrial subdivision in Mitchell Court, Romsey.

Collections are now underway of glass, paper, and PET plastics for recycling, on garbage collection day. A contract has been granted for a shed to be built at Lancefield Tip for recyclable items, which can also then be taken to the Tip.

Population figures have been placed on the township signs, and the turning lane at Digby Drive has been completed. Signs will soon be erected to direct traffic to the Recreation Centre, and repairs to the footpaths in Barry Street and Main Road will be undertaken next month.

Some clarification is needed of two recent newspaper reports. The first related to the matter of ties bearing the Shire crest, and to be bought by Council. The maximum amount to be outlaid to purchase the ties is \$1,700, but the actual amount is expected to be much less. Only guests of the Council will receive the ties as presentation items; everyone else, including Councillors and Staff, must pay. This will reimburse some of the purchase cost. Furthermore, the order is being placed with the business of a Shire resident.

The second report requiring clarification concerns the provision of assistance to the Commonwealth Employment Service. The C.E.S. have clarified their request, and they do not need office space, but only an area of notice board for display of job vacancies and other information. Space is being made available in the foyer of the Shire Office for this purpose.

Council is also making office space available for representatives of the Youth Access Centre from Glenroy C.E.S. to provide information to young people on career choices, and access to services. This will be on Friday, 1st May, at the Shire Offices. Further details of this day will be advertised in the near future.

STEPHEN HENDY
295 810

GEOFF NEIL
295 523

ROD CONWAY
295 027

TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM (YOUTH HEALTH AND ACTIVITY PROGRAM)

The Shire of Romsey will be conducting a Teenage Holiday Program on Monday April 13th, Tuesday April 14th, Wednesday April 15th and Thursday April 16th. The activities offered include Ten Pin Bowling, a trip to the Movies, Luna Park and a Magical Mystery Tour. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** For more information or a program of events call Kerrie Reardon at the Shire Offices on 295201 or Sue Dorrington on 296011. Sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. Funded by Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS.

The following information sessions will be conducted at the Romsey Infant Welfare Centre:-

Friday April 10th - Unemployed Support Group (10am - 12noon)

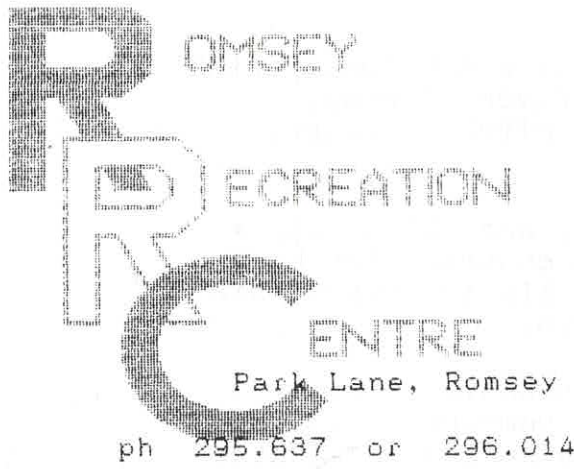
Monday April 27th - Parents Support Group (1pm - 3pm)

Friday May 1st - Pre-Menstrual Tension & Post-Natal Depression (10am-12noon)

Friday May 8th - Unemployed Support Group (10am - 12noon)

Friday May 15th - Budgeting Skills.

For more information contact Kerrie Reardon on 295201 or Sue Dorrington on 296011.



SPORTS PERSON?

Sports Person Of the Month, commenced on the 1st April and the Recreation Centre Managers are looking for details from sports groups so that a monthly presentation can be made. Any unusual sporting achievement can be dropped into the centre and then watch this space for the winner

SQUASH

The squash competition commenced on the 3rd March and five rounds have been played so far with competition being even.

Due to the squash comp commencing Courts are unable to be hired after 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday Nights.

We now have Squash Racquet and Squash ball Hire at \$ 3.00 plus \$ 2.00 deposit

Squash Court Hire is \$ 6.50 per half hour. Give us a ring before you come down

SPORTS SEASONS

Ladies Netball

Registration: Monday 13th April
Season Begins: 27th April

V.N.A. NETBALL CLINIC:

Tuesday 14th April

Juniors:- 10am - 11.15am Intermediate:- 11.30am - 1pm
Inter/Senior:- 1.45pm - 3.15pm

\$3 per player with classes limited to the first 25. Clinics will involve Skill development, Goal Shooting, Defensive Tactics and Court Strategies. Further details contact D. Muir 291580 or fill in the board at the centre.

SENIOR MIXED NETBALL GRAND FINAL

A GRADE:

Primitives 25 Defeated Pretenders 23

B GRADE:

Legends 33 Defeated Wild Ones 15

SPORTS LADDERS:

SQUASH - Kerrie (20), Lancefield (19), Monegeetta (19), Bolinda (18), Romsey (14), Heskett (11), Springfield (10), Cherokee (9)

VOLLEYBALL - Magicians 18, Gunnadoos 16(155%), Mustangs 16(139), Bad Company 12, Wanderers 10(107), Blue Thunder 10(87), Renegades 10(65), Misfits 8(70), Screaming Jetz 8(67), Young Rebels 5.

Basketball Training

Under 10 and Under Twelve

Training held every Saturday 9.30am til 11am
Training conducted by Mr John Perry 295 179

Under 18 Squad Training

Training is held every Monday night from 5.30pm to 6.30pm
If you would like to tryout come down and give it a go.

Ladies Netball A.G.M.

To be held on the 13th March in the upstairs room at 7.00pm
All interested persons welcome.

SPORT SEASONS

Junior BASKETBALL

To commence 28th April

Senior Mixed NETBALL

Registration: 15th April
Season Begins: 6th May

NETBALL BEST & FAIREST

Male: 1 Craig Holland
2 John Connors

Female: 1 Louise Challis

2 Joanne Bombardier

Romsey Ladies Golf

11.3.92 - Match Play. Winner Mary Campbell who had a great round and won 8 up.
17.3.92 - Congratulations to Romsey who won the Goonawarra Westpac Bowl. The winning team was Shirley Shelton 39 pts., Elaine Scanlon 30 pts., and Mary Campbell 41 pts. Shirley also won B Grade.
18.3.92 - Canadian. 1st Sharyn Logan and Alison Kairns on a countback from Leila Beasley and Editha Ott.
Shirley Shelton and Beryl Cole went to Trentham to play Canadian in their Presidents Day and were the Nett winners on the day.
23.3.92 - First pennant match played at Trentham. Romsey defeated Kyneton 3/2. Well done Shirley, Virginia and Mary.
25.3.92 - Secret Nine. Well done to our winner Leonie Armistead.
30.3.92 - Pennant at Woodend. Romsey defeated Trentham 3/2.
Well done Shirley, Sue and Virginia.
The combined pennant team, Lancefield-Romsey, played at Kilmore in the Dalhousie handicap division, and well done to the girls who won 4/1, Pauline, Helene and Mary from Romsey and Marion from Lancefield
1.4.92 - Open Day at Romsey and invitations were sent to clubs for our Presidents/Captains Day. 22 Pairs played Canadian. Our Life Member, Mrs. Phylis Mitchell, opened our winter competition and presented the trophies. The scratch winners were Pauline Sloane and Shirley Shelton with 84, and the nett winners were Florence Meyer and Cath Rankin from Lancefield with 67-2/8ths. N.T.P. 10th Dawn Roberts from Woodend. Well done to our girls who put on a superb lunch, and thank you to the ladies who worked in the kitchen.
Shirley Shelton.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE - - - FRIDAY, 24th JULY.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" - IN THE MECHANICS HALL.

MUSIC, DANCING, CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, CAROLS, EGG-NOG AND HO! HO! HO!
WILL BE THERE TOO!! A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER, SO DON'T MISS OUT!!

Romsey Mixed Junior Netball

Victorian Netball Association.
Coaching Clinic, Tuesday April 14th at the Romsey Recreation Centre.
10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.
3 Clinics - Junior 1½ Hours. 25 Players only in each clinic.
\$3 per player for clinic.
Please contact - Mrs. Muir on 291 580.

Little Athletics

And so ends another athletic season!
This season has seen a record number of participants, with children competing at local, inter-club, regional and state levels.
Congratulations must go to all the children, they have competed throughout the year with enthusiasm and improved their athletic skills consistently.
If the athletic season is over, it must be the Cross Country Season!
The first run is on the 2nd of May at the Lancefield Oval, starting at 9.00a.m. The venue will be changed periodically to give a greater variation of events. It is anticipated we will run in conjunction with the Lancefield Harriers - so if any parents are interested in a run, contact Andy.
For any queries on Little Aths - Please contact - Andy Moore 291 751 or Phil Francis on 295 968.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Our Men's Pennant Teams did us all proud by both getting into the finals of the pennant. Division One made it to the preliminary final going down to the top Sunbury side by only seven shots. Division Three were in the final and after a great tussle with Sunbury went down by ten shots. A great effort by all the teams. Men's Pairs final was played off between Kenny Newnham/Bruce Robb and Jim Cuthbertson/Albert Caneva. Kenny and Bruce were the victors. Men's 21UP final played off between Kenny Newnham and Norm Thompson and after a good game Kenny came out on top - a good year Kenny. Men's 100UP between Peter Mitchell and Stan Kowal was the last club event to be played with Peter the victor but a great effort by relatively new bowler Stan - well done!

Presidents Day, hosted by Brian and Marj on the 22nd March was a glorious day and all our members had a lovely day of good bowling and great friendship. The beautiful trophies were won by Tom Seymour (Skip); Becky Milley and Laurie Thomson - well done!

Our annual Charity Day hosted by our Ladies was held on the 2nd April, as in the past we entertain members of the Doutta Galla Club. It was a beautiful day and we filled seven rinks with a mixture of Romsey and Doutta Galla bowlers. The Cent Auction and Stall did a roaring trade. A very enjoyable day all round.

Presentation Night is to be held on the 10th April which brings season 1991/92 to a close. We all thank Presidents Brian and Marj for leading us through another very enjoyable season.

A special message from Ladies Secretary - Dorothy Thompson - the Ladies Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Clubrooms on Friday, 24th April commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Till next season, Margaret Howatson

ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The practice match day (29.3.92) was a success with all teams winning against Wallan.

The season starts on 5th April.

5th April	:	All teams	HOME	(ROMSEY)
12th April	:	"	"	AWAY
26th April	:	"	"	HOME (LANCEFIELD)
3rd May	:	U/10, 12 and 14 teams	-	BYE
3rd May	:	U/16	HOME	(ROMSEY)

Anybody requiring further information on Junior Football please phone David Little on 291 844.

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Romsey Medical Centre

Although the Lancefield Hospital is temporarily closed, the Romsey medical Centre continues to provide 24 hour, 7 days a week medical cover. For out of hours or weekend medical attention, please telephone 295254 at all times.

ROMSEY TIDY TOWNS

At a recent Tidy Towns meeting the following persons were elected in as the committee:-

Chairman:- Adrian Cropley

Secretary:- Carol Toy

Publicity:- Rodney Clarkson & Cr Rod Conway



The meeting was well attended by various groups and individuals with many suggestions being made. The committee is looking for more ideas and suggestions in order to compile a priority list of works that need to be done to increase the awareness of the community to "Keep Romsey a Tidy Town".

The next meeting of the Tidy Towns committee will be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire offices, Main Street Romsey at 7.30pm. So come along and share your ideas or drop them into the Suggestion Box at the Recreation Centre

Riddells Creek Toy Library

invites you to a FASHION PARADE on Friday 8th May, 1992 at Riddells Creek Senior Citizens Clubrooms at 7.45pm.

FEATURING - Childrens, mens and ladies clothing from the Cordial Factory, Gisborne.

- Ladies Fashions from Country Way, Gisborne

TICKETS - \$10.00 includes wine, savouries and supper.

- Available from Marilyn 286204.

RIDDELLS CREEK TOY LIBRARY INC.

Open for use by any family residing in the Shire of Romsey.

We operate from the Community Centre, Main Road, Riddells Creek. (in shed to the right of Montessori Kindergarten).

TIMES: Wednesday morning 10-11.30am

Friday afternoon 3- 4.30pm.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Carolyn Peterson. 286774.

Wanted to Buy:

1 Knitting Machine. If anyone has one for sale or knows 'of one please contact Jeni on 295480 after 5pm.

Items for Publication in the next Edition of the Romsey Rag

should be delivered to the Romsey Post Office by 9.00am. on

FRIDAY, 1st May, 1992.

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Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



As a Non Denominational Community Church our desire is to see the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed throughout the district.

The weekend of 10th - 12th April will be our Family Camp at Anglesea, and no Sunday morning service will be held at Romsey. Actually through camps, outings and informal home groups, we have a great time of fun and activity, as well as an opportunity to experience an abundant life in Jesus Christ.

We love to work with young people, and have two youth groups after school on Fridays known as "The One Way Club". Jesus loves little children and so do we. Our youngsters love to attend church, where the childrens ministry teaches the wonderful love of Christ to the 2 - 9 year olds.

Our weekly Sunday Morning Services are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall commencing at 10.00am. Preaching the gospel and teaching Gods word are an important part of every meeting, while people love to worship and sing songs of praise together. If you have wondered about the relevance of the Bible in todays world, or why Christ is still celebrated by millions of believers, we would invite you to attend our services.

We offer counselling and assistance to those in need.

Further enquiries are welcomed by:

Geoff Holland (Minister) on 295 673 or Graham Mau on 291 488.

The Fire Brigade Auxillary News:

The Fire Bridage Auxiliary Meeting is on 27th April 8pm at headquarters (please note the alteration to the date published previously.)

Unless otherwise stated the meeting is on the 4th Monday of the month between Sept. and April inclusive. The brigade could still make use of an old Eski and drink containers. If you have no further use for one at home, please contact Helen Watts 295250.

HANDYMAN - WORK WANTED

Gardens Maintained/Lawn Mowing/Rubbish Removal/Carpet Cleaning/Chimney Cleaning/Painting, etc.
Phone: 295 376.

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N.B. * Repeated advertisements can be accepted at any time;

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'A FAMILY TO BELONG TO'

SERVICES FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 12th PASTORAL VISIT AND WELCOME TO OUR
NEW REGIONAL BISHOP JOHN BAYTON AND HIS WIFE ANNE.

9.30am PROCESSION OF PALMS AND DONKEY

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE AND BAPTISM CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD
FOLLOWED BY A PARISH MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER
APRIL 16th at 7.30pm AT ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY

GOOD FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER AND THE GREAT INTERCESSION
APRIL 17th at 8.00am CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD.

EASTER EVE 11.30pm MID-NIGHT MASS LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE
AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD

EASTER DAY 10.00am PARISH FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE AND BAPTISMS
ST. PAUL'S ROMSEY.

PARISH FAIR AND AUCTION....A BIG THANKYOU TO.....

TO ALL WHO SO GENEROUSLY GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO MAKE
OUR DAY SUCH A SUCCESS.

THANKYOU TO THE ROMSEY BAKERY AND BUTCHERS AND ALSO TO LANCEFIELD
HARDWARE, ROD AND LYN CROWDER, COPE-WILLIAMS WINERY, LANCEFIELD
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NORMAL SERVICE TIMES.

SUNDAYS....8.00am HOLY COMMUNION LANCEFIELD

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION ST. PAULS ROMSEY
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEEKDAYS...WEDNESDAY 8.00 & 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION
CHRIST CHURCH LANCEFIELD

THURSDAY 9.00am MORNING PRAYER
LANCEFIELD

NEXT FAMILY SERVICE HARVEST FESTIVAL ST. PAULS ROMSEY
MAY THE 3RD 9.30am COMMUNION SERVICE

GUEST PREACHER THE REV. ELIZABETH ALFRED.

Vicar:

The Revd. Jeff O'Hare B.Th.

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EASTER TRADING HOURS:

WEDNESDAY	15th April	8am - 6pm
THURSDAY	16th April	8am - 6pm
GOOD FRIDAY	17th April	CLOSED
EASTER SATURDAY	18th April	8am - 5pm
EASTER SUNDAY	19th April	9am - 1pm
EASTER MONDAY	20th April	CLOSED
TUESDAY	21st April	Normal Hours Resume 8am - 6pm.

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Please apply in person to Tony McLeish, McLeish's Riteway Supermarket.

Romsey Golf Club

THE ROMSEY GOLF CLUB has been located in the Romsey Park facility for some time. It has developed a small but challenging course available to both members and public. Each week some 50 members (male and female) enjoy playing in club competition.

The Committees of the club (past and present) have tried extremely hard to have the course in good condition and keep membership fees and green fees as low as possible. This has proved an uphill battle. The course, in recent past has suffered considerable damage from vandalism. Tee markers have been smashed, flags and flag poles have been broken or thrown away. Greens and Fairways have been damaged by digging or driven over by cars doing wheelspins.

The payment of Green Fees (\$5.00) has, for some time, been based on an honor system. This has proved inadequate and the committee members have had to donate more time to police the payment of green fees. People are still playing without paying particularly during the week.

As stated earlier, the committee have tried to improve the standard of payability of this course to this end. The greens and tees are sown and watered and mown. New hoses and sprinklers were purchased this year by the club. One of those hoses, about 60m. long was taken from the course.

Whatever happened to Honesty and Integrity. Why should a small band of workers continue their hard work only to see irresponsible people undo all/most of their efforts.

This will not stop us. As there are many honest people who appreciate our efforts. I hope that the dishonest people who have caused this strife receive their cumuppance. I am sure that they will.

K.G. Lambert.

Royal Children's Hospital Appeal

Please remember to support this most worthwhile Appeal. Thankyou to the parents of Romsey Primary School Children, who supported the Appeal with a donation of \$350!