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ROMSEY RIDING

MARCH 1994

It is great to start this report with some excellent news. As you will read elsewhere in the Rag, Romsey has been very successful in this year's Tidy towns Awards, securing both the Regional and State Award for "Positive Litter Control", and the State Award for "Media - Community", which recognises the contribution of the media in promoting the Tidy Towns message, and was awarded to the Romsey Rag. Congratulations are due to the small but dedicated Tidy Towns Committee, to the people of the town who have pitched in and helped, and very much to the volunteers who put together the Romsey Rag each month.

While mentioning related matters, there have been some problems with collections of recyclables in various areas. Please persevere as best you can. It is important to keep the spirit of recycling alive, and Council is working to resolve the problems as soon as possible.

Available Capital Works funds have been allocated mainly for footpath works this year. The following projects have been nominated: a pedestrian path along Barry Street from the vicinity of the Scout Hall to Tickawarra Road; a path from the footbridge over the creek to Robb Drive; a path from Collier Close through the park to Lancefield Road; asphalt crossings over the median strips adjacent to the new school crossing on Lancefield Road; clean-up works along Five Mile Creek, and further tree plantings.

Some clarification is needed over a report which appeared in a local newspaper over Council's revised policy in relation to "sandwich board" advertising signs. Despite that report, the policy now allows signs to be displayed during daylight business hours, seven days a week, if required by the operation of the business. The "stringent" conditions referred to are intended only to ensure a reasonable quality and consistency of signs, which is in keeping with the quality of our streetscape. The aim is to allow businesses to advertise their goods and services.

Finally, parents collecting children from the primary school by car, please use Station Street to park and collect. A lot of money and effort went into providing that street in its upgraded condition. Parking in other streets may seem a lot easier, but remember that you may be affecting someone else's peace and quiet by using their nature strip as your carpark.

STEPHEN HENDY
295 810

ROD CONWAY
295 027

GEOFF NEIL
295 523

POSTSCRIPT: It was Mark Twain who once wrote back to America from Europe to advise: "The report of my death was an exaggeration". So too, are reports that I will not be standing for election to Council in 1994. I have mentioned to one or two people that it is a big decision, and that a number of personal and career considerations have to be given serious thought. However, no decision has yet been made.

Cr. Stephen Hendy.

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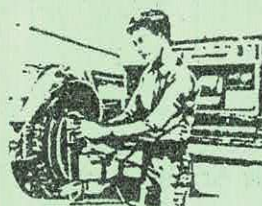


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PLEASE NOTE: All items for Publication in the "RAG" should be given to Margaret Howatson at the Book Shop (or at the Post Office) before the first Friday in the Month. It would be appreciated if copies could be handed in as early as possible for typing and/or editing to ease the frantic rush on the last day! We thank you for your assistance and the local support which is very gratifying.

Thankyou ! To the nearly fifty volunteers who used their extra hour of daylight to carry out "Clean up Australia Day" activities last Sunday morning, The Tidy Towns Committee and residents say Thankyou. A special thankyou is expressed to the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and their leaders who not only supported the Clean Up Australia Day activity but also extended their Service to the successful annual Red Cross doorknock campaign conducted last weekend throughout the township. Well Done! Thankyou also to the Shire Council for having the Tip open free of charge during the Cleanup Australia Campaign.



Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



Mrs Dorothy Viney the Archivist of the society would like to make it known that a special display in the Lancefield Courthouse Museum, is currently featuring the history of four well known local families. The Cooks of Rochford, The Mitchell's of Romsey, the Riddell's of Riddell's Crk and the Mustey's of Lancefield.

Enquiries regarding the activities of the Society can be directed to Mrs Jean Clement - Hon. Sec 295 417 The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Seymour Cottage on March 22nd. at 8pm All Welcome

ROMSEY COUNCIL NEWS

RATE PAYMENTS DUE

Those ratepayers who have not elected to pay their rates by instalments are reminded that Council rates must be paid in full on or before 10th April, 1994, however, because 10th April, 1994 is a Sunday, rate payments will be accepted on Monday 11th April, 1994 without incurring an interest penalty. Rates which are unpaid after 11th April, 1994 will incur an interest penalty of 12.00% per annum from 20th October, 1993.

ANNUAL REPORT

Council has prepared and published, for the first time, an Annual Report. A copy of the Annual Report will be mailed to all ratepayers. Non ratepaying residents are invited to obtain a copy of the Report available from the reception desk at the Shire Office.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AUDITORS REPORTS

The audited financial statements and auditors reports for the year ended 30th September, 1993 will be considered by Council at its meeting on Wednesday 16th March, 1993 commencing at 9.30 a.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK

The 20th - 27th March, 1994 is Senior Citizens Week. Activities organised include Concert, Film Screenings and Singalong. Further details are available from Margaret Hughes at the Shire Offices.



APRIL ROMSEY RAG: Items for the April Romsey Rag should be given to Margaret Howatson for typing etc. before 31st March, 1994. Please endeavour to do this as it makes editing and publication much easier. Thankyou.

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EASTER FAIR : LANCEFIELD KINDERGARTEN

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Saturday, 26th March 9am to 2pm.

Once again we are holding our family orientated fair. Lots to see and do at family prices.

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| Easter Bunny | Fairy Floss | Lucky Dips | Face Painting |
| Bric a Brac | Coloured Hair spray | Pony Rides | Harley Rides |
| Activity Area | Market Stalls | Fire Engine | Animals |
| Baked Potatoes | Sausage Sizzle | Roast Beef Rolls | Novelty Stalls |
| Badge Making | Can Knockdown | Train Rides | Camel Rides |

Cake & Produce Stalls

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Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



We invite you to worship with us each Sunday morning at 10:00am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. Preaching the gospel and teaching the word of God are an important part of every service. Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is where the whole family can celebrate the grace and acceptance of Jesus Christ. We recommend the three childrens ministry groups we run each Sunday as great fun activities, while teaching the kids basic Bible foundations.

Over the next few months we have several international ministries coming to our district. An excellence in ministry brings blessing to our midst, and we intend to have some special guests for a mens breakfast, a gospel outreach rally, and our normal Sunday service. Watch around town for details of these meetings to be held the first week in April. Visiting from Korea and Pakistan will be -

JOON PYO HONG - STH. KOREA.

South Korea has seen phenomenal church growth, while living under the threat of the communist North. Born again christians now make up one third of the countries population, and many large churches exist. Rev Joon Pyo Hong is a man greatly blessed of God. His ministry operates a prayer mountain that country, and many have been saved and healed as he has ministered through Asia.

ALTAF KHAN - PAKISTAN.

In muslim Pakistan, Rev Altaf Khan has a church planting ministry centred around the city of Faisalabad. He leads revival meetings and healing crusades in city slum and village areas. He is establishing an evangelical mission centre with a vision to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord in many surrounding countries. Already they have worked among the refugees and mujahidin fighters from Afghanistan, and have a burden for Iran and many of the former Soviet southern republics.

On Easter Saturday April 2nd, Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship will be presenting the afternoon programme on Central Victorian Gospel Radio - 104.7 FM. We invite you to listen as local people present the latest in gospel music, teaching and testimony of Gods goodness.

If we can assist you in any way, we invite your enquiry to Geoff Holland (minister) 295673 or Graham Mau 291488.

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Now that Valentine's day is over, the shops have quickly filled with Easter eggs, hot cross buns, and other Easter treats. It intrigues me to see the line-up of bunnies and chicks on the Easter cards, and the greetings - "Have a happy Easter." A few of the cards have religious messages - but most of the religious ones are sombre - stained glass windows, pictures of Churches, or of a serious Christ - hands raised, over a bunch of white lillies. The one card I really liked was spoiled by archaic language inside.

Somehow, society has picked up the joy of Easter better than the "religious" people have. And yet few of the cards seem to have any idea *why* there is anything to celebrate at Easter.

In Lancefield and Romsey, the Churches are united in their Good Friday "Way of the Cross" - this year in Lancefield, beginning at 10 am at the courthouse. The knowledge of the total commitment of God to our suffering world, as shown in the events of Good Friday, is the basis for the joy of Easter day. God enters our

world, to the depths of human degradation, but is not held down by death. The joy of new life which we celebrate on Easter day is only possible because of the freedom of forgiveness experienced on Good Friday. And the joy is overflowing - the greatest celebration of our Christian year.

So we of the Uniting Church wish you, our neighbours and friends of Romsey, the greatest, happiest Easter, and the peace and joy of the Risen Christ in your lives.

Elaine.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our new Minister Rev. Elaine Callister and her husband Ray with their family have settled happily in at their new address - 25 William St and are all enjoying meeting new friends and new challenges in our Parish of Lancefield/Romsey.

With extra services in the Lenten season it is a busy but fulfilling time for us all, as we try to emphasise the spiritual significance of the Easter message in an increasingly materialistic world.

Family Worship Services continue at 9am in Romsey and 10.30am in Lancefield with Sunday School classes in conjunction at both Church Services.

We enjoyed sharing with Elaine and Ray at our Uniting Church Fellowship meeting on Wednesday 25th Feb at 1.30pm when we were pleased to have visitors from other church groups join with us and they appreciated the opportunity to meet Elaine and Ray too.

Our March U.C.F. meeting will be an Easter Lunch and Service at the home of Pat and George Lewis at "Ardmillan" Springfield on Wed 25th March at 12.noon and we are very grateful to them for again offering their hospitality and look forward to a happy time with them.

Sunday March 27th we will welcome members of the Newman Family who will be gathering together for their family reunion.

Mid-week Lenten Services are being held in the Romsey Church at 7.30pm each Wednesday.

Holy Week Services are as follows:

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| Sunday, | March 27th | Palm Sunday | Services - 9am Romsey. 10.30am Lancefield |
| Monday, | March 28th | | 7.30pm Lancefield |
| Tuesday, | March 29th | | 7.30pm Lancefield |
| Wednesday, | March 30th | | 7.30pm Lancefield |
| Thursday | March 31st | | 7.00pm Lancefield for Maundy Thursday Agape Meal (Please bring a plate of food to share.) |
| Friday | April 1st | | 10.00am We join with our Christian brothers and sisters in the "Way of the Cross" at the Lancefield Court House to remember the events of Good Friday. 8.00pm Good Friday we will join for prayers around the cross at St. Paul's Anglican Church Romsey. |



Easter Sunday service times will be included in our weekly bulletin. "Know Your Bible" study group continue to meet each Monday afternoon - 1.30pm - 3.30pm and we are enjoying sharing the study on "The Tabernacle".

Youth Group Syllabus for 1994 will be available from Chris Orton 296 108.

Rev. Elaine Callister is available for all enquiries at 25 William St or 295 351 (except Mondays).

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EASTER WEEK DIARY:

Palm Sunday 27th March.: 9.30am. Procession of Palms and Holy Communion
- Christ Church Lancefield (Followed by morning tea)

Holy Week.

Tuesday 8pm. Taize at Christ Church Lancefield - A service of Music prayer and Candle light.

Wednesday 10am. Holy Communion and Prayers of Healing - Christ Church Lancefield

Maundy Thursday 8pm. Commemoration of the Last Supper - St.Paul's, Romsey.

Good Friday. 10am. ECUMENICAL STREET MARCH.

Leaving the old Court House Museum - 'The Way of the Cross'

8pm. Prayers around the Cross - St.Paul's Romsey.

Easter Eve. 7.30pm. Family Service - Easter Vigil and the Festival of Light.

Easter Day. 9.30am. Family Service, St.Paul's Romsey - The Resurrection.

The Parish Fair:

'FAIR FEVER 5000'

Thankyou to the whole community for your support of our Parish Fair. Together we raised over \$4,000.00 towards our continued ministry in the community. A special thanks to our local businesses who contributed to the effort, especially Ray White Real Estate for their generous contribution of the big sign "Out the Front" - no, we were not For Sale! and to the Proving Ground for the Merry-Go-Round, and to Toy World for Geoffrey Giraffe - who wasn't Fr. Jeff. A Great Effort!

WHAT'S ON AT ROMSEY PRIMARY?

As well as the features that Ashley Hayes has listed your School Council is planning to develop another hard court which will cater for two tennis courts. Thanks to the voluntary assistance of Mr. Doug newnham, we anticipate that this additional community facility will be available this half year.

The school is already used by community groups catering for gymnastics, callisthenics, karate, first aid, TAFE - Adult Learning Courses and the Before & After School Care Program.

The School Council are developing master plans for improvements to the Grounds. Grade 5/6 pupils have been building a shade house from recycled materials, which will house the many shrubs they repotted last year from small tube stock. Our thanks to mr. Syd Wheller for caring for these trees over the Christmas break, and for his advice and assistance.

FURNITURE SALES:

Tenders are called for the purchase of the following items:

1 Thermal Fax - Toshiba TF 251

1 Refrigerator - Westinghouse 423 Freezer Mate Silhouette Series II.

1 Kelvinator Freezer Upright 290

1 New White Electric Chef Wall Oven still in carton.

Tenders close at 3.45pm. Friday, 11th march and should be lodged in writing at the school office. These items are on display in the School Canteen.

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ROMSEY TOWNSHIP : TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

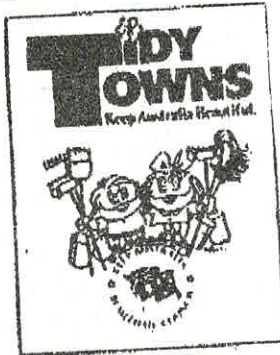
On Saturday 26th February 1994, Stuart Turnham Chairman Romsey Tidy Towns Committee, attended the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards held in Portland. Romsey Township is in its second year of Tidy Towns and last year received two regional awards.

Stuart travelled across to Portland hoping again that Romsey may be fortunate enough to win a Regional Award. Romsey most certainly had impressed the judges who assessed our town's 1993 Tidy Towns Programme because we received the following Awards:

"POSITIVE LITTER CONTROL" NORTH EAST REGION

"POSITIVE LITTER CONTROL" STATE AWARD

**"MEDIA AWARD - COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER" - STATE AWARD
(ROMSEY RAG).**



To be judged the State's most Positive Litter Control Town is a tremendous achievement and one in which we all should take pride in. The Romsey Rag is also being acknowledged by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council as the State's best Community Newspaper is really recognising the tremendous Community efforts in communicating to us all about Tidy Towns and other community issues.

It was pleasing to have the judges make the following comments:

"Romsey has completed a very credible year of activities aimed at making this delightful town more liveable for its residents and attractive and interesting for visitors to enjoy. The Shire of Romsey, Tidy Towns Committee and other community groups, together with the residents, are congratulated on their achievements in only the second Tidy Towns entry."

ROMSEY IS A TIDY TOWN

To all those who assisted in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6th March 1994 we thank you and the Shire of Romsey for allowing free tipping for residents on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th March in support of Clean Up Australia.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

All members were sorry to learn our secretary Trish Corner had tendered her resignation and we extend our very grateful thanks for her help and friendship over a number of years. We wish Trish improved health and look forward to her helping us when she can. Red Cross Calling will be conducted throughout the township of Romsey on Saturday 5th March and during the remainder of March for out-lying areas. We would ask all residents to give donations as freely as they are able, as because of local and national needs with assistance given after recent fires and floods Red Cross funds are at an all time low level. Many more needy families are currently receiving Red Cross Emergency Assistance because of recession and unemployment problems. In this "The Year of the Family" it is sad that so many families are struggling to survive and many families are finding the struggle is impossible and need extra help and support. We are hosting a "Wool Do It" day with Linda Ryan from Pyalong bringing some of her woollen garments and fabrics which will be modelled and displayed on Thursday 24th March at 11.30am in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall with donation of \$5.00 including a light lunch. Next Meeting date - Friday 8th April at 1.30pm.

SAFETY HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Romsey safety House Committee would like to announce their A.G.M. on Monday 28th March, 7.30pm in the Discussion Room at Romsey Primary School. All Welcome. The General Meeting will follow at 8pm. Hoping to see you there. We welcome to the team another Commercial Safety House - "Miss Milly's Mercantile" Main Street, Romsey and would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a Safety House. You can contact Michael Lane 295566 or Anne Hendricksen 296426 (please note new number)
Anne Hendricksen - Publicity Officer.





ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Romsey's Division 1 team have made it through to the finals and play Kyneton Golf on Saturday, 5th March at Sunbury. So good luck boys.

The Ladies Championship has been finalised with Jean Cropley Champion for this year with Jean Johnston Runner-Up. Congratulations - Jean! Our Presentation Dinner will be held on Friday, 15th March, with tickets being available soon. Please watch the notice board for further details. We would like to remind Romsey Residents that we extend a welcome to them at our small club and now that we have our synthetic green we can look forward to all-year round bowling. Come down and give it a try.

Margaret Howatson,
Publicity Officer.
295 709/295 724.

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

February Monthly Medal winners were - 1st Beryl Cole, 2nd Mary Campbell, 3rd Leila Beasley.
23rd February was Match Play. Ladies preparing for their Pennant Season.
2nd March was 12 Hole Ambrose - bring a friend day - a beautiful sunny day with a fantastic turn up of 24 Ladies. A great day was had by all. Hope to see you all back out on the course. Any Ladies who would like to attend a golf clinic which is being held at Woodend Golf Course on 24th March, could you please contact Leila Beasley on 295 525.
All potential and playing golfers most welcome, cost will be approx. \$6.00.

Until Next Month,
R.L.G.

LIONESSE CLUB OF ROMSEY

The Lioness Club of Romsey will be holding a CAKE STALL on SATURDAY, 12th MARCH at ROMSEY CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE - to raise funds for desperately needed PAGERS for HEART/LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS AT THE ALFRED HOSPITAL.
We look forward to your continued support.



JUST A WEE NOTE (if I may) to all the kind people of Romsey and surrounding areas. On the 8th March I have my second birthday of the year - it has been one year since I had my transplant at the Alfred hospital and as you might have noticed!!!! I have never looked back. The continuing interest and support from you all is just so gratifying to Sam and I and of course the T.L.C. from all the Doctors (one in particular) and the staff at the Medical Centre make sure that all is going smoothly.

Thank you all so much.....Margaret Howatson XXXXXX

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THE NEW ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The best part about the new school is the gym. It has basketball rings at either end and is bigger than the gym at the old school. Another highlight is the kiln in the artroom, which also has better storage areas than at the old school. The music room is larger. It has a marked whiteboard, and store room especially for music. The library is spacious and has a greater improved computer set-up than the old cramped library. The classrooms have a lot more space to display things. The new furniture is good too. The two outdoor basketball courts are always used and there are no more arguments about their use like at the old school. There is a playground for juniors and one for the seniors. The flying fox is well enjoyed by epople. The worst part is that the trees haven't had the chance to establish and provide natrual shade on hot days. Overall, the new Romsey Primary School is great.
WE ARE PROUD OF IT!! - Written by Ashley Hayes Grade 6.

Romsey Primary School

Annual School Council Elections

A meeting of Parents of this school will be held at the school at 7.30pm on March 23rd 1994 to elect

DSE and Non DSE Representatives to Council

Voting will take place between 8am - 8pm 23/3/'94 To elect 7 Councillors

Nomination forms are available at the school office.

Nominations shall be in writing (forms available from the Principal) and be lodged at the school with the Principal by 4pm on (10/3/94) fourteen days before the meeting.

As soon as possible after the closing of nominations a list of nominations will be posted on the school notice board.

The AGM of the Romsey Primary School Council

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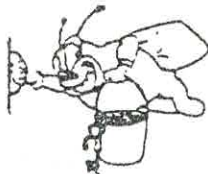
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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE AUXILLARY

Our Art Show was another resounding success. A really delightful evening was had by all at the opening and the awful weather of Sunday did not stop a steady flow of visitors through the door. The help and support we receive from the community is immense, and I cannot stress our thanks enough to all.

Behind the scenes the trades people of Romsey come to the fore - McGowans, Rite-Way and Habibs, all help with catering. Romsey Hotel with wines and glasses and Sarsons decorated the stage.

Of course there would be no Art Show without the Artists hard work and a total of 25 paintings were sold.

The Grade 6 paintings which were judged by Mr. McGuffey was won by Keith Irvine who was presented with a \$50 Bank Account donated by the National Bank Australia. It is hoped next year to extend this feature of the Art Show at all 1994 Grade 5 children within the Shire - details are being finalised and the students will be contacted about mid-year.

DOLLAR DISCOUNTS ARE RETURNING!!!

WITH ALL YOUR EASTER GOODIES - - - -BUT ONLY FOR ONE DAY-
FRIDAY, 18TH OF MARCH - 9AM to 7PM in the MECHANICS HALL-
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IMPORTANT: If weather on that day is 25° or over - THEY WILL NOT
BE COMING (Melted Chocolate!!)

Next meeting of the C.F.A. is 28th March at 8.00p.m.

Helen Watts, Secretary.

AEROBICS - AS FROM 7TH MARCH

A few changes this month! Wednesday morning class reverts back to the old favourite - "Tummy, Hips, Thights". No running, jumping - just floor work. Suitable for all agea and fitness levels. Class starts at 9.15a.m. sharp so drop the children at school and continue on to the Mechanics Hall.

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| <u>ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL:</u> | Wednesday | 9.15am | Tummy, Hips |
| | Friday | 9.15am | Step |
| | Monday | 7.00pm | Step |
| | Tuesday | 7.00pm | Step Plus |

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| <u>LANCEFIELD MECHANICS HALL:</u> | Monday | 9.15am | Step Plus |
| | Thursday | 7.00pm | Step Plus |

All classes \$4.00. Creche available all A.M. Classes \$1.00 per child/
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11 am start

SHIRE OF ROMSEY

PRESS RELEASE

Recycling Collection Service

Council is aware that some residents are experiencing problems with the recycling collection service and wish to advise that to date discussions with the contractor have not resolved these problems. Council at its last meeting resolved to take action against the contractor in an attempt to improve the service.

Residents can be assured that the Council is fully committed to recycling and will be doing everything possible to ensure that residents are provided with an effective and efficient recycling collection service.

PETER R. JOHNSTON
SHIRE SECRETARY

CRAFT DEMONSTRATION

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1994

10.30am to 12.30p.m.

ROMSEY SCOUT HALL

Come and enjoy craft demonstrations by members of the Spotlight Store and relax after with a cuppa and light luncheon. Demonstrations include a variety of different crafts and stock will be available on the day. For more information ring Rhonda on 295842 or Bronwyn on 295972, all proceeds to the 2ND ROMSEY BROWNIES.

ADMISSION - \$4.00 (INCLUDES LIGHT LUNCHEON)

KINDER GYM ROMSEY

Where - Romsey Leisure Centre

Ages: 18mths to 3 Year Old Tuesday 9.30 to 10.15am
3 to 4 Years Old - Tuesday 10.30 to 11.20am

Cost: \$35.00 per term

Instructors: Fully Qualified

Booking Enquiries: Karen 286 864/Kerry 282 810/Centre 295 637.

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Social Competition EVERY SATURDAY - Starting time 2.00p.m.

Enquiries: Tania on 296 384 or Rec. Centre 295 637 -

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THANK-YOU!!!!

Thank-You Narelle of Bolinda from the Three Stranded Romsey Ladies.

Leonie, Joan and Mary.

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE
HEALTH RISK SCREENINGS

More than 30,000 Australians die of HEART ATTACK each year. Many thousands of these deaths occur amongst people in their most productive years - men and women with responsible jobs, with children still at school and mortgage payments still due.

If you have a combination of RISK FACTORS and are between the age of 30 and 60 years, your potential of developing heart disease, angina and heart attack within 5 years is as high as 1 in 6. But eliminating some or all of these Risk Factors, you can reduce your chance of having a heart attack to 1 in 70.

No one can give you or your family an unconditional guarantee of protection from heart disease but knowing and understanding the RISK FACTOR is the first step in tackling the problem. Some factors are beyond our control such as age, sex and hereditary.

Heart Disease is a family affair. Families tend to share the risk of heart disease, not only because of inherited traits, but because children follow their parent's living habits.

A few simple changes to your family's lifestyle will benefit everyone - children as well as adults. Your children stand to gain the most if they are encouraged from the start in eating and living patterns that will protect their hearts from premature disease in adult life.

There are certain RISK FACTORS that we can do something about such as weight, exercise, blood pressure, smoking and cholesterol levels.

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE provide HEART HEALTH RISK SCREENINGS

Three times a year - Coming up on -
MONDAY 21st March 10am-8pm (KYNETON)/WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 10am-8pm at
ROMSEY and FRIDAY 25th March 10am-8pm at WOODEND.

For just \$5.00 you can have your blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol measured and your body mass index determined and discussed with you in context with other risk factors. Most importantly we will discuss OPTIONS with you about actions you can take to reduce your risk of heart disease. (Fasting is not necessary)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - PHONE 223 011 FOR APPOINTMENT

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ENQUIRIES ARE COMING IN NOW FOR WOOD HEATERS - LAY BY NOW FOR WINTER.....

LANCEFIELD BEDDING & FURNITURE

THE ROMSEY RAG COMMITTEE APOLOGISE TO THE THOMAS FAMILY - THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS TO HAVE BEEN IN THE FEBRUARY EDITION:

THE THOMAS FAMILY have sold the ROMSEY AUTHORISED NEWSAGENCY to Mr. & Mrs. Bray who take over on the 31st January. We would like to welcome Pam and Ivan to Romsey and we hope they have a successful stay. We would also like to thank Louise for her help in the past three years of our ownership of the Newsagency. Last but not least - Thanks to the people of Romsey and surrounding district for their custom, friendship and their good wishes and gifts which we really appreciated.

Thanks Again, THE THOMAS FAMILY.

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GALA BENEFIT CONCERT

Re: Bonny Nettelbeck

In support of Bonny's cause, a group of well known local artists have come together to organise and present a "Gala Benefit Concert", all proceeds of which will go to "The Bonny Nettelbeck Bone Marrow Transplant Fund". This concert, to be held in St. Andrews, Uniting Church, Brook St., Sunbury, on Saturday, March 26th, will feature talented Flautist/Saxophonist, Kristen Perry; Violinist, Kathy Mitchell; Coloratura Soprano, Karen Daly-Robinson; her father, Lyric Tenor, Leo Daly; Pianist/Accompanist, Peter Christie; and Guest Accompanist, Peter Mitchell.

With a varied and exciting program of music from the great masters, popular operatic arias, much loved evergreens and Hit Tunes from the big musicals, this very special night promises to provide a feast of enchanting melody which will surely appeal to all lovers of good music. So book now and avoid disappointment.

Tickets: \$14.00 per head includes after concert refreshments, and may be obtained from:

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| Shire Office, Robertson St., Gisborne. | 054/282200 |
| Shire Office, Main St., Romsey | 054/295201] |
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VICTORIA



POLICE

I am very concerned over the increase of single vehicular accidents on gravel roads within the Shire. Already this year we have attended numerous collisions whereby drivers have lost control of their vehicles on gravel roads and have either rolled over or struck trees. Thankfully no persons have been seriously injured. I urge all drivers to please take more care when driving.

Petitions have been distributed to various shops within Romsey asking for signatures of persons interested in Neighbourhood Watch for the Romsey area. The Neighbourhood Watch Program require approximately 600 signatures before any N.H.Watch area can be considered. If you would like a Neighbourhood Watch area set up in Romsey, please place your signature on one of these petitions.

There is still the annoying ongoing wilful damages occurring within the township. If any person is aware or witnesses any of this damage being committed, please let us know at the Police station so as action against the offenders can be taken. All information given is treated as confidential and can be given anonymously if desired.

J.C. ROGERS

Sergeant in Charge 18441

JAZZ BALLET: There are vacancies in the Juniors Group at Jazz Ballet classes. Anyone interested, please call Carol on 295 590.

L.R.R.A.V. Award for an effective program.

ROMSEY – POSITIVE ABOUT LITTER CONTROL

Romsey, in its second year of Tidy Town participation gained the Litter and Recycling Research Association of Victoria award for Positive Litter Control. A very well thought out and implemented program by Romsey Township Tidy Town Committee in association with the Shire of Romsey, has proved very effective.

The Romsey Tidy Towns program was an excellent overall entry; however the extremely high standard set by North-eastern region towns in 1993, with very even levels of achievement within the 1501 to 4000 population category (which includes Romsey), denied this attractive and historic town a "Tidiest Town" award in its category.

The Positive Litter Control approach is evident on entering the township, where the attractive "Romsey is a Tidy Town" sign on the median strip of the main street, in heritage colours in keeping with the streetscape, delivers a very clear message!

Romsey, with its magnificent avenue of 90-year-old elm trees extending through the main street and northwards into the distance is an attractive and litter-free town. This is not surprising, as Romsey Shire Council and the Tidy Town Committee, with the support of an excellent community newspaper

"The Romsey Rag", have been very active with their positive litter control campaign.

The Romsey Rag consistently carried the Tidy Towns message to residents of Romsey and beyond. Each issue contained messages from the Tidy Town Committee, Shire of Romsey or other sources, which generated vital community awareness.

The Local Law Officer has issued Litter Infringement Notices for illegal dumping of litter on roadsides; 43 volunteers did a great clean-up job on Clean-Up Australia Day, and Primary School children picked up litter around Five Mile Creek on the next school day; but it is the education and information activities of the Tidy Town Committee that is especially commendable.

Signage in the main street, Romsey Rag articles, an information display board which is rotated around banks and shops, a promotion day in the central shopping centre and an excellent approach at the Primary School were all very effective. All business houses involved are commended for their participation in this important activity.

The Tidy Towns Committee organised a Promotion Day at the Romsey Central Shopping Centre

in December 1992, featuring recycling and litter control displays to educate the community. Michael Recycle was present to talk to children about recycling and litter awareness.

Romsey Primary School newsletter carries regular Tidy Towns notices and reminders, and the school created posters and colouring competitions (using an adaptation of the popular "Garfield" poster) to highlight Tidy Towns. The Junior School Council and Staff work together to overcome environmental and litter problems.

The involvement of the school children in collecting 12 bags of litter from Five Mile Creek is a Clean-Up Australia Day effort has been mentioned. All pupils share yard duty, using the bins that have been cleverly modified by the school to prevent crows entering and scattering the contents. Old tyres are re-used to mark bin sites and to anchor them in position.

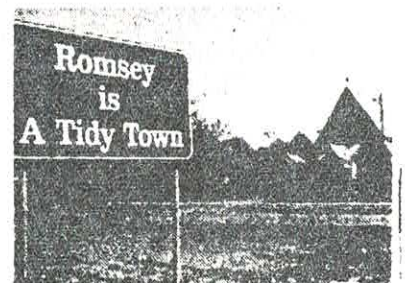
Anti-litter songs are played at the end of recess periods prior to the bell being rung!

The Tidy Street Competition encourages beautification as well as freedom from litter and participation in the recycling scheme. A distinctive and attractive street name sign is placed at the entrance to the winning street.

On judging day, children at Romsey Primary School made an impromptu "Keep Australia Beautiful" sign by jamming newly cut grass into a chain wire fence.



Representatives or your local Tidy Towns Committee met with 300 other delegates, at Portland last weekend for the presentation of the State and Regional Tidy Towns Awards. We were delighted to receive the Positive Litter Control award for the N.E. Section of Victoria. However we were extremely excited as Stuart Turnham, Chairman of the Romsey Tidy Towns Committee, was called forward to collect State Awards for Positive Litter Control and Community Media Award. Congratulations to the Committee and all those responsible for the Romsey Rag's success in the latter category.



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LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC.

Welcome to the first term of the House. We are hoping to be able to run new and exciting courses throughout the year. We are open to suggestions from all the community as the House has been set up for everyone not just a select few. The extension will be completed soon and the possibilities of running more classes at night are endless. For further enquiries about any courses that are being run or anything that you feel may be of benefit to the Community, please contact Cheryl Cotton at the House on 291 214.

ADULT LITERACY AND BASIC EDUCATION:

Classes are still running on Wednesdays. The first class starts on the 9th February, 1994, from 9.30 to 12.30. Tutor - Penny Smith. Have fun and brush up on your reading, writing and maths skills. There is no cost for this course.

VCE ENGLISH LITERATURE:

Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 7 o'clock till 10p.m. At the Neighbourhood House.

YOGA:

Wednesday evenings - 7.30 till 8.30p.m. Fee : \$6.00.
Make sure you wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat to lie on.

OP SHOP:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00a.m. till 3.30p.m.
The Op Shop will be opened in four weeks time - more info will follow.

WEIGH IN CLUB:

Thursday mornings - 9.30 till 10.30a.m.

TOY LIBRARY:

The Toy Library will re-open in four weeks time when the extension is finished. It will operate on Thursdays from 9.00a.m. till 11.00a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Job Search Skills - 2 Day Workshop: 22nd and 23rd March - 9.30am-3.30pm
This will be a two day workshop which will cover such topics as -
Choice of Job, Finding Jobs, Contacting Employers, Communication,
and Motivation.

Guest Speaker - Handling your Finances.

Former House Co-Ordinator Julie Smith (now financial counsellor) will give an informative speech on handling your finances.

For any further information you may need please call the House
On 291 214, we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between
10am. and 3p.m.

BUS TRIPS:

The next bus trip will be on the 10th March - we will be going to the Vic Market. If you would like a list of the bus trips for the rest of the year please contact the House or Linda Wakeham, bus trip organiser, on 291889.

-Entry forms for Walk Against Want on Sunday 20th March are available at the House.

-If anyone is interested in enquiring about the possibilities of Foster Parenting, there is information available at the House.

We would like to hear....2....

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE INC. (continued)

We would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in Vicfit "Active At Any Age" Program and also First Aid Courses run by Emergcare.

Some of these courses are: Paediatric First Aid - \$75;
Community First Aid - \$25;
Paediatric Resuscitation - \$15;
Level One Workplace First Aid - \$40.

For further information regarding anything that has been mentioned please contact :

Cheryl Cotton on 291 214,
Monday and Wednesdays,
10.00a.m. till 3.00p.m.

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE is presently undertaking a review of its services and programmes. We now run these regular group programmes: Childbirth Education : Weight Management : Diabetes Education : Heart Health Screening & Education : Asthma Education : Breast Self Examination : Parent Support : Living with Stress : and our on-going group programmes are:- Water Exercise : Walking Group : Gentle Exercise - Mellow Movers : Carers Group : After School Child Care.

Our individual services consist of:-

: Physiotherapy : Occupational Therapy : Counselling :
: Speech Therapy : Health Counselling : Mental Health:
: Family Day Care : Emergency Accommodation :
: Volunteer Coordinator : Red Cross Equipment Loan :
: Family Violence Project : Health Information.

Do you think these services/programs are relevant to the health needs of our community?

Do you think they meet the needs of our community?

Do you think there are gaps in these programs/services?
If so, what are they?

Do you think any of these programs/services are unnecessary or a waste of time?

Are these services being duplicated?

Can you think of any other high needs?

If you would like to comment on these questions please drop us a note in the box at the Lancefield Community House, at Cobaw Community Health Service, or Romsey Shire Office.

VALE: The family of the late Denis Tunnicliffe of 23 White Avenue, Romsey, extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Doctors and Staff of Romsey Medical Clinic for their wonderful caring and help, also all those in Romsey for their sympathy and help. Special thanks to Father Bergin, Elaine Scanlon, Gwen Decarolis and Kenny, Anne and Liz whose help and special caring was invaluable to us all in our recent very sad loss.

Thankyou from - Dulcie Tunnicliffe and Family.