

# A Free, Monthly, Community Publication

## The Romsey Rag.

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No. 116

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### Romsey Township Tidy Towns Committee,

wish to express their sincere appreciation for the interest and support of all those who assisted with the Clean Up Australia campaign during last weekend. We especially wish to acknowledge the assistance of the 1st Romsey Scouts and Guides for their help last Sunday in making Romsey a litter free and beautiful township. Special thanks are also directed to the children & staff at Romsey Primary School who made their special effort for a cleaner environment on Friday 3rd March. Thankyou.



**FIRST AID COURSE** . Please contact Peter or Esme Gay 295749 if you are interested in being part of a new course to commence on the first Thursday of Term 2 1995 at Romsey Primary School.

*Ladies can you help us?* 1st Romsey Scout Group is urgently in need of adult female leaders for the Scout & Joey Sections. No experience necessary. Training provided. If you are interested, please contact Trevor Turnham GL 295 099 BH . Please also note that the AGM will be held at the Scout Hall on Wednesday 22nd March.

### REAL LIFE STORIES

IT WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT. Reporting to First Aid for treatment of a swelling caused by a mosquito bite at Newport Power Station in the 1960s, an employee was handed the usual "Report of Accident" form to take to his Overseer for comments on "cause of accident". The swelling soon subsided but the Overseer's comments were remembered long after: "This was not an accident; he was bitten deliberately."

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS. One of several stories my father liked to tell of his younger days as a bushman and trapper in the late nineteenth century, concerned his use of dogs to reduce labor in trapping rabbits. "I used three dogs: a pointer, a setter and a retriever, and in late afternoon sent the pointer and setter out together with a load of traps slung over their backs - the pointer to point out where to set and the setter to set them. The next morning I sent the pointer out with the retriever - the pointer to point out where the traps were and the retriever to bring in the catch."

### BINGO.....

The Romsey Football Club is currently running Bingo every Thursday evening in the Mechanics Hall - Eyes Down 7.30pm. \$300 weekly jackpot. Please come along and support our club



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**THE STRAWBERRY PATCH**

Following the successful results of our first workshop, another is planned for **Monday, 27th March.** This workshop is on **Decoupage and Folk Art**, but you have to book early as numbers are strictly limited and is sure to be booked out.

It's never too late to start Folk Art, Quilting or Calligraphy, we still have a couple of vacancies in our current classes.

Now is the time to start planning for the second term and we are looking at introducing **Fabric Painting with Rayelle, Floristry, Smocking, Stretch Sewing and Cross Stitch** to our list - so contact **Sandra - 296 080** for more details if you are interested.

For your convenience we are now stocking dance shoes, (tap, ballet and jazz) as well as leotards, leggings, crossovers etc.

**Look for us now at our new premises -  
120 Main Street,  
next to the Romsey Mechanics Hall.**

## Romsey Veterinary Surgery

80 Main Street, Romsey, 3434  
Phone: (054) 29 5711  
Fax: (054) 29 6259

**CONSULTING HOURS:-**

Mon-Fri 9.00-10.30 am  
4.00-6.00 pm  
Sat 9.00-10.30 am  
Sun 9.30-10.30 am

At other times by appointment

### NEW CATTLE WORMER-ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

A new broad spectrum anthelmintic with the same effectiveness as the other widely used drench in a pour-on form has entered the Veterinary market, which has minimal effect on the inhabitants of the soil and in particular Dung Beetles. For further information regarding this product AND Dung Beetles contact the ROMSEY VET CLINIC.

### WILDLIFE SHELTERS

There are a number in the Macedon Ranges area. If you require help in caring for or rehabilitating a native animal or have found one which requires attention please contact the Romsey vet for advise.





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.

This area has one of the highest rates of death by heart attack in the State.

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 factors** is the first step in tackling the problem. Some factors are beyond our control such as age, sex and heredity.

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. The family is the natural social unit in which changes are more likely to be consistent. The selection of meals and attitudes about smoking and exercise are often made as a family.

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 help 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 Health Risk Screenings three times a year. The first session for the year will be as follows:

Monday	20 March	10.00am - 8.00pm	Kyneton
Wednesday	22 March	10.00am - 8.00pm	Romsey
Thursday	23 March	10.45am - 4.00pm	Kyneton
Friday	24 March	10.00am - 8.00pm	Woodend

For just \$5.00 (Health Care Card Holders half price) 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.

Bookings are essential - phone 223 011 for an appointment. Fasting is not necessary.

### ROMSEY CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE

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**Lancefield Neighbourhood House** (054 291214)  
Co-ordinator: Nola Reaburn

**Term 1 1995**

Yoga is on every Wednesday evening 7 - 8 pm. Cost \$6.00

Meditation follows Yoga at 8.00pm

Tia Chi classes are on every Monday at 7.00pm. Cost \$6.00

Walking group meets every Thursday at 9.15 at the house.

Weigh-In group also meets every Thursday morning at 9.15 at the house. Come and loose weight with friends.

Literacy and Numeracy Class is held every Wednesday 9.30 to 3.00. A fun way to brush up on your maths, reading and writing skills. There is no charge for this class.

Calligraphy has already started for this term but another is planned for later in the year. If interested please call Nola at the house.

There is a Knitting and Craft group on Tuesdays from 1.00. to 3.00pm. Bring your craft and patterns to share with others. Cost is \$1.00

Bus trips are held every 3 weeks to various shopping areas in Melbourne. Cost is \$5.00 Ring 291214 to book your seat.

Our Opportunity Shop is open Thursdays 10.00 to 2.00 Come in and have a coffee and browse. All donations are gratefully accepted.

A Toy Library is open Tuesday afternoons between 2.00 and 3.00.

A Book Discussion Group is currently being held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. This group is full at the moment so we would like to hear of anyone interested in joining a group in the evening. There will be a Information session for those interested in joining a book discussion group in the evening on Thursday 9th. March at 7.30pm. Please ring Kay on 291761 with any enquiries.

Adult VCE has started for this year, the subject being Psychology. If you would like to express a interest for a particular subject for next year, call the house.

A Computer course will be held in Term 2. Please ring 291214 to book a place.

Some childcare is available at reasonable rates while you attend groups and classes. Call Nola to enquire or book childcare if needed.

The house has a JAC computer to assist you if you are looking for information about courses that may help you gain employment. This service is free and printouts are available.

The neighbourhood house is for the use of everyone in the community. If you have a special need or interest that you would like to shares with others, please contact Nola, we are always looking for new ideas.

The house is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10.00 and 3.00. Any enquiries call Nola on 291214.

Thanking you for your support,  
Lancefield Neighbourhood House



## 1st Romsey Scout Group

are urgently in need of Leaders for Joeys, Cubs & Scouts  
 No experience necessary - Free training provided.  
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 to become involved with a dedicated group of leaders,  
 is all that is required. Will you help us ??  
 Please contact Trevor Turnham - group Leader 295 413

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 CAROL 295 958



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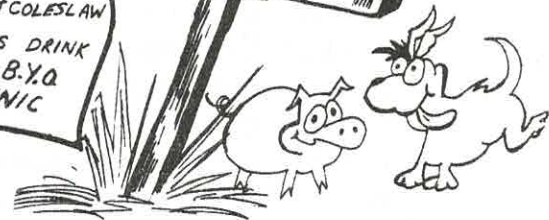
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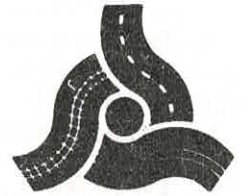
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Contact : Greg Mariager  
Telephone : (054) 345 000

**RE: VICROADS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING  
WOODEND - TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 1995**

VicRoads Northern Region has conducted a number of community consultation meetings throughout the Region. These meetings provide an opportunity for local community road user interest groups and road management partners to raise issues of concern for discussion and allow VicRoads to publicise current initiatives. The outcome of these meetings is an important input to the formulation of the Region's strategic plans and the annual program for works and services.

To date, meetings have been held at Mildura, Swan Hill, Kyneton, Echuca, Wedderburn, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Heathcote, Kerang and Charlton and it is intended to hold a further meeting at Woodend on Tuesday 28 March 1995. The meeting will be held at the Woodend Community Centre Cnr. Forest St. & High St. Woodend, commencing with light refreshments at 7.00pm and an opportunity to mix informally with VicRoads Officers and other invited guests. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will finish by 10.30pm.

I would be grateful if you would advise me of any road or road user issues which are of concern so that the meeting agenda can be properly focussed on local concerns - eg. traffic safety education programs, heavy truck routes, highway and bridge development strategies, traffic management issues on highways and main roads. A listing of VicRoads services and functions is attached for your information. You are also invited to nominate delegates or other groups to attend the meeting.

### **VICROADS SERVICES & FUNCTIONS**

- Driver Licensing and vehicle registration
- Community Road Safety programs
- Road Safety Education - school programs and bike education
- Transport Safety Services
- Strategic Planning & Strategies
- Roads Programs
- Highway Construction & Maintenance
- Environmental Services & Roadside Management
- Quality Management
- Information Technology
- Business Services & Administration
- Training
- Materials Technology
- Road & Bridge Design
- Traffic Engineering
- Land Information & Survey
- Bituminous Surfacing
- Linemarking

I would appreciate your response regarding topics for discussion and attendance by 13th March 1995.



## Romsey Primary School News:

**Ineffective communication is the most common reason for misunderstandings to develop.** This simple statement would, I believe be accepted by the vast majority of thinking people but it is one thing to present a message and quite another to have it received and acted upon positively in the way the sender had anticipated. We can tell one another facts that we believe are interesting, pertinent and should elicit informed responses but does action follow or are we becoming too apathetic to the expressed needs of others?

We hear but do we listen? We read but do we comprehend and interpret the message? Do we take the view that if it is important enough it will be drawn to our attention again or repeated at a later time?

At Romsey Primary School we try to train children to receive and carry messages accurately. We issue detailed newsletters every Tuesday for parents display school and community notices on our notice boards, produce the Romsey Rag, conduct face to face information sessions, seminars, monthly education forums and interviews for parents. It is because we care that we try to share information with our community.

Throughout February the four teaching units within the school have conducted information/curriculum evenings for parents. The Prep unit teachers were pleased to see every new family represented as they outlined the schools expectations and the programs that will be conducted for our youngest pupils. Approximately half of the families with children at the school attended these four sessions.

**Recently produced brochures** describing the functions of this school and providing an A- Z guide for parents about the operations of the Directorate are available upon request from the office. It is planned to produce 8 new brochures this year, each of which will focus on a different aspect of the schools services.

**T.R.I (Towards Real Independence)** is a program developed specifically to assist parents gain a greater understanding of the processes pupils are expected to cope with at the school level. Participation in this six week course (which begins this Thursday evening) will provide interested parents with an insight into homework & project tasks that often create frustrations at home. How best to help, is often a concern raised by parents. The course will be conducted at the school every Thursday evening March 2nd - April 6th. This highly recommended course will be conducted by Heather Turnham & John Fryer. Please phone the office on 295 099 if you are interested.

**The Australian Contemporary Dance Company** performed at the school last Wednesday. The 75minute performances were followed by a series of workshops for children throughout the school and were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. With constantly rising bus costs, we have tried to address this problem by inviting quality performers to come to the school. This not only dramatically reduces the cost involved but also reduces the time that would otherwise be lost in transporting the children. It is a shame that more children do not choose to participate in cultural type activities such as this one which emphasised the skills and training required and encouraged appreciation,

understanding and participation. The dancers from the Australian & Polish ballet were excellent with the children and came highly recommended.

**School Council Elections:** Before the end of March all schools will have to have completed the process of electing their School Councillors. At Romsey Primary School nominations closed on the 1st of March. Ballot forms will be sent home on March 7th.

Votes will be able to be hand delivered to the school up to seven days before the close of the ballot on March 15th. The result will be posted on the school noticeboard and announced at the school's A.G.M which commences at 7.30pm on March 15th.

**The Uniform Shop** has moved to the canteen area of the school and will operate only on Mondays and Thursdays between 3.15 & 3.45pm. It constantly amazes parents and staff just how much uniform or other items of clothing end up in the lost property boxes, unnamed and unclaimed. What a waste. Please ensure all clothing is named. We guarantee that if it is collected it will be returned.

Despite the opposition from some people, **the school encourages active, positive community use of its facilities.** The new tennis courts have been very popular with families and young people. Callisthenics, Karate, Gymnastics, regularly use the gym, and TAFE Computer courses are run in the staffroom. We would urge those who do use the basketball courts and other facilities to respect the area and help to control the vandalism that occurs occasionally. The local police have been very co-operative in watching over the property, however we are proud of our school and would like all future generations to be able to enjoy the steadily improving facilities we have at Romsey.

**Congratulations** to the Shire for the way in which the old Primary School has been transformed for community use. The building will provide a permanent home for the playgroup and will ofcourse be available for other community groups.

**Congratulations** to the Playgroup and the initiative shown by Gillian Gorrie and her group on the organisation of the Street Festival that attracted so many people last weekend. Thankyou too for the support and co-operation provided by our local shop keepers.

**Vic Roads** are holding a local consultation meeting at Woodend on Tuesday 28th March. With the recent improvements to Barry Street, and the increased speed limits through the town, the increased 60km zone in Barry St near the Park and the 40km zone in Main St near the School Crossing, there are sure to be some genuine issues raised. If you cannot attend, please contact the school before the 12th March and your opinions will be presented on the night.

As the team at Romsey have stressed on many occasions, if you have any concerns or ideas related to the school, please contact the staff or Principal by phone or drop in at any time. Together we can really "Learn to grow together and continue to effectively serve a Caring country community in the heart of Victoria."

- Trevor Turnham Principal



## ~ St. Mary's Catholic Parish - Lancefield / Romsey ~

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291359; Sr. Frances Guinane (Convent): 291582.

**Mass times:**

Sat.	7.30pm Lancefield	
Sun.	1st & 3rd Sundays	2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays
	8.00am	Romsey
	10.00am	Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 am. Saturday or by arrangement.

### **Prayer life:**

\* Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.

\* Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295672.

### **Special events / programs:**

**Scripture Journey:** A gentle look at the Holy Scriptures. Come and join us for coffee, and an informal chat. Feel free to ask questions or just listen. Play area available for toddlers. Everyone welcome. Tuesdays 1.30-2.30 Romsey Church Hall. Enquiries: Margaret Holgate: 295907.

### **Reflection Day - Ash Wednesday**

Come and share a quiet reflection day beginning with Eucharist at 10am. We are using this day to begin our Lenten journey in preparation for Easter. The day will conclude at 2.30 P.M. B.Y.O. Lunch. Donation please. The facilitator for the day will be Sr. Madeleine Barlow and will be held in the Presbytery.

### **World day of Prayer**

Will be held at the Lancefield Uniting Church with Bible study commencing at 11.00 A.M. Lunch 12 Midday followed by the service at 1.00 P.M. Speaker will be Fr. Jeff. O'Hare. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. All welcome.

### **Naturopathic Approach To Women's Health.**

The Faith Education and Development Group (FEAD) invites you to four sessions covering Menopause, Aroma-Therapy, Herbal Medicine and Osteoporosis. Our facilitator is Mary Hollingsworth (Naturopath) who has been wide experience in this field. These sessions will be conducted on 8th., 15th., 22nd., 29th. March commencing at 8.00 P.M. and will be held at St. Mary's School Lancefield. Cost \$5 per session.

**"Kiss Me Goodnight Sgt. Major"** by the Kelly Gang - a musical comedy organized by the St. Mary's Parish Social Group. Sat. 1st. April 8.30pm. Lancefield Mechanics Hall. BYO drinks and glasses, supper provided. Tickets: Mary Campbell 295 629. \$15 single. Come along for a night of fun and laughter!

**"Prayer and Meditation in the modern World":** An Australian tour by FR. WILLIAM JOHNSTONE S.J., a Belfast born Jesuit and an international expert on East-West religion. A specialist in Christianity and Buddhism, he has significantly enhanced dialogue between Zen Buddhists and Christians world-wide.

**Thurs. 16th. March.** Public Lecture: "Prayer and Meditation in the modern World". 7.30-9.30pm. Catholic Diocesan Centre, Albert St. East Melb. Tickets at door: \$15, conc. \$10.

**Sat. 18th. & Sun. 19th. March:** "The New Mysticism - Reflections on Prayer & Practice". 10.00am. - 4.00pm. BYO lunch. Logue Hall, Christian Brothers College, 11 Westbury St., St. Kilda. \$30 (1 day), \$20 (Conc); \$50 for 2 days. Bookings: mail cheques/ Postal Orders to Christian Meditation Community P.O.Box 5555, Ivanhoe 3079. Enquiries: Ruth Fowler (03) 484 1328. Transport from Romsey area - Stephen Holgate 295907.

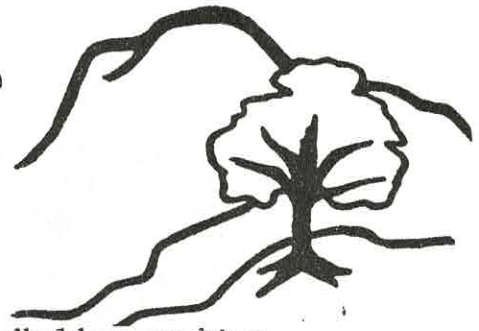
\* The Catholic Church welcomes those who are searching ... see Fr. George about our special "Inquiry Program".

### **St. Mary's Primary School (Lancefield) - 291359**

**Enrolment for Reconciliation:** Children who intend to make their first Reconciliation are asked to enrol at any Mass on either 25th. \ 26th Feb. or 4th. \ 5th. March. Children need to be part of a home group for preparation. Phone Sr. Patricia 291 559 (B.H.) or 291 582 (A.H.)



# DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP



Contact : Gordon Keddie 296 156  
Sue Mearns 296 272

Landcare is a community program involving groups of landholders working together to tackle land protection issues in their areas. The group approach provides a very effective way to tackle land degradation problems because such problems extend beyond an individual's fence line, often covering a complete catchment.

The fact that our group is located on the rural/urban fringe of Melbourne means that our members have a diverse range of interests. While we aim to address the state-wide problems of soil erosion, salinity, weed control etc., we are also concerned about flora and fauna conservation, and improving landscape values.

A major role of all Landcare groups is to provide a forum for the exchange of information within the community and one of the particular aims of our group for 1995 is to conduct field days and seminars to facilitate this exchange.

At a recent field day, Jim Robinson, from "Greening Australia", and Robin Baker, a local conservationist, provided some on-the-spot advice about revegetation techniques for specific sites. That is, "what to plant where, and how to go about it".

Our group plans to put this information into practice by revegetating some degraded public land in the area. Our first revegetation project is planned for a roadside site at Doggett's Bridge, Lancefield, where the Kilmore Road crosses Deep Creek. This site already has several species of native grasses which, with some minor works, are expected to flourish. Local shrub and tree seeds will be collected from the surrounding area and it is expected that they should be ready to plant during the Spring. The value of this project is twofold. Not only will the visual landscape of the site be improved, but the information gained from the project can be put to use on other degraded sites within our area.

For more information about Landcare activities, contact Gordon Keddie 296 156 or Sue Mearns 296 272.

Forthcoming event: PLATYPUS INFORMATION NIGHT.

Mr Kevin Mason, from the Healesville Sanctuary, will be presenting a slide show and discussion about the life of the platypus and the requirements for its survival in a modified environment. Organised by the Upper Maribyrnong Catchment Group.

When: Friday, 17th March, 7 pm  
Where: Darraweit Guim Memorial Hall.

FREE ADMISSION

## ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

Romsey Red Cross Unit members will meet on Friday, 10th March, at 1.30pm at the home of Leeanne Eames, Collier Close, Romsey, to plan our Red Cross Calling Door Knock to be held on Saturday, 18th March, when all local residents will be asked to make a donation towards the working of Red Cross Locally, Nationally and Internationally. Funds are urgently needed in our Victorian Division to enable assistance to be given to families affected by drought, unemployment and family breakdown. Plans for a Telecross service to benefit elderly shut in residents will be finalised at our meeting. Please contact us if you know of a friend or neighbour who could benefit from this new service when regular phone and personal contact is made by Red Cross volunteers. Raffle tickets at \$2.00 each are available at several local businesses with a prize of a Jennings Home.

Helen Clement 295 317.



## EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY?

DO YOU WANT TO WORK?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS A DISABILITY AND WANTS TO WORK?

If the answer is yes to the above questions then there is a new service which is establishing itself in Romsey which may be able to help you.

Able Employment Service (AES) is a free, specialist employment service which helps people who have a disability find and keep a job in the open work force. AES is a federally funded, non profit organisation

AES has offices in both Sunbury and Glenroy and has recently been given expansion money from the government to service the people in the towns and surrounding areas of Romsey, Lancefield, Riddells Creek and Woodend.

AES is funded to work with people who have permanent disabilities who require support to find and keep a job. Some of the more prominent disabilities which we work with are intellectual, psychiatric, physical and sensory.

AES always focuses on the abilities of the people that we work with rather than the disability as we take a positive approach to finding work for our clients. All people have abilities, some people require a little more support than others.

The ways in which we assist clients are by helping them to determine what their job and training options are, helping them to settle into the workplace, providing ongoing training and support as needed and ensuring that they are paid fairly and treated fairly.

AES is up to date with all of the latest government standards and as such we provide a very high quality service which at all times respects our clients rights to privacy and confidentiality.

So, if you have a disability and you want to work or if you are an employer who would like to employ someone with a disability give me a call.

If you would like to hear more about Able Employment Service contact Colleen Morrow on 740 7244. I would be pleased to answer any questions or just have a general chat about what we do.

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## UNITING CHURCH NEWS

The activities of the Uniting Church in Romsey have begun well for the year. During Lent we will again be meeting for mid-week communion services at 7.30 pm each Wednesday - March 8th, 15th & 29th at Romsey, March 22nd and April 5th at Lancefield. Through Lent, in these services and our regular Sunday morning services (9 am at Romsey) we will walk our journey alongside characters from the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as the disciples, under the teachings of Jesus. Sunday School classes will also meet during the latter part of the service.



### **Attention Teens**

We begin this year an extended programme for young people. As well as the regular Friday evening programme, the young people (Secondary School and above) will meet on Sunday evenings - 5 pm - for "Chat 'n Chew". We will have the opportunity to discuss together life issues that affect young people, and our Christian response. Then we will eat together (home cooking?) and worship informally, with youth leadership. Once a month we will join with other young people of Victoria at "Focus on Youth" in Melbourne. If you would like to be kept informed of the happenings of the Friday group, contact Chris, on 296 108; for Chat 'n Chew, contact Brendon, on 295 351.

Romsey Uniting Church fellowship will meet on Wednesday 22nd March, 1.30 pm, when Mr Colin Watson, from "Orana" Family Services in Roxburgh Park, will be our guest speaker. Visitors are always welcome.

The interdenominational "Know Your Bible" studies continues to meet on Friday mornings at the Romsey U.C. Hall - at the moment studying the letters of John and Jude. New members are always welcome. Contact Helen Clement - 295 317 - for more information.

We are delighted to have our new organ in place - a memorial to Barbara Smith. The attached cartoon no longer applies! The organ will be dedicated during the morning service on 19th March.

On the personal front, we enjoy celebrating special birthdays - and our love and greetings this month go to Sandra and Daniel Strack. We welcome our newest member - John Grant Newman - born 2nd March - and congratulate his proud parents and sisters.



We will all sadly miss our beloved friend, Thelma Smith, and offer her family our love and prayers. We give thanks to God for her faithful, caring life, and for God's faithfulness in promise of eternal life.

Please feel free to contact our minister, Rev. Elaine Callister, for pastoral support.

#### Minister:

Rev. Elaine Callister  
25 William Street,  
Romsey. 3434  
Ph. 295 351

#### Secretaries:

Parish: Robert Clement - 295 225  
Lancefield: Cath Rankin - 291 438  
Romsey: Elizabeth (Betty) Brown - 295 110  
Council of Elders: Wendy Laing - 295 231



# Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a Bible based community church with a range of Christian activities such as Bible college, youth, home groups and outreach ministry.

We are a participating church in the Billy Graham Global Mission to be held from March 16-18 at thousands of local communities world wide. A Satellite dish is being installed at the Gisbourne Mechanics Hall to receive direct transmission from Puerto Rico. Many folk would remember Billy Graham's crusades in Melbourne in 1959 and 1968, but this is an even greater event with millions of people hearing the messages simultaneously around the world. You are invited to those three evenings of live transmission, commencing at 8.00pm in Gisbourne.

Our commission is clearly to serve the local community and present the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our weekly Sunday morning services are held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 10.00am. Children's ministry is held in conjunction with the service.

If we can be of assistance to you, enquiries can be made to Geoff Holland (minister), or Graham Mau (for youth activities).

## INVITATION

### Global Mission

with

### Billy Graham

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March, 16 - 18, 1995

### THE TIME IS NOW

On Saturday, 18th March, we are presenting a program on Central Vic. Gospel Radio 104.7FM, from 12.30 to 3.00pm

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**Commencing at 8pm.**

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## ROMSEY OPPORTUNITY SHOP

**Business Hours - Thursday and Friday : 10am - 3pm.**

**Saturday : 10am - 1pm**

All donations of small articles of furniture (eg. Coffee Tables, etc.) would be welcome at this time.

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## ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

Another relatively quiet month has seemed to fly by for the lady golfers. Wednesday mornings have been more of a social affair lately with the competition about to start on the first Wednesday in March.

Some nice rounds have been played, however, with Darlene breaking her handicap to 27.

Wednesday 22nd was Bring a Friend Day and a great game of Ambrose was played and enjoyed by all. Our friends, Linda, Gillian, Barbara and Noelene all seemed to have a good day and have been invited to join us again - as have any of other ladies out there - who would like to have a go - you'll be made most welcome!

The winners of the friendly Ambrose were the team of Linda Hendy, Carol Daniels and Darlene Baker - congratulations Ladies!

Twilight Golf is progressing well whilst daylight savings lasts and whilst the weather is kind - although we do not mind the rain!!!

The youngest person to take home the frozen chook was Andrew Newell last week - a great round Andrew - 27 stableford points for 12 holes - with Max Grundy a runner up on countback. Danny Gaunt has played some wonderful rounds being the most prolific chook winner, well done!

Good Golfing - and may your drives be long.....

### **ON THE SUBJECT OF DANNY GAUNT.....**

Congratulations are well in order for Romsey's 16 Year Old!

On his selection in the State Junior Team of 6 players to represent Victoria in the Australian Championships to be held in Adelaide in April. Daniel's selection comes after several months training with the State Squad of 17 other Juniors.

Along with 2 other Juniors he recently was presented with a special plaque by The Victorian Golfing Association for Outstanding Golf Achievement during 1994!!

These "Outstanding Achievements" included:-

Winning his Age Group in the "Jack Newton International Golf Classic" held in N.S.W.;

Winning the Romsey Open Tournament;

Winning the Woodend Open Tournament;

Winning the Romsey Club Championship;

Undefeated in 8 Pennant Matches, playing for Spring Valley Minor Pennant in Melbourne;

Undefeated in Country Week playing for Dalhousie District.

His 1995 achievements - so far - are:-

Being selected to represent Victoria in the Tasmanian Junior Championships - which he won by 6 strokes (72, 78, 72!);

Qualifying to play in the Final of the Junior and Colts Championships of Victoria and with Scores of 73 and 75. He was the Country Junior Winner and runner up for teh overall Junior Title, losing by just one stroke!

Daniel is currently playing off a handicap of 2.....

We should all be justly proud of this young lad's achievements in a very competitive sport. His dedication to his sport is only mirrored in the above results. Just watch for a tall, slight lad down practising most nights down at Romsey...its a pleasure just to watch him hit a ball.

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**FOUND** in William Street on Tuesday, 28th February - One Pair of glasses and a silver and black pen in a black spectacle case - being held at Romsey Book Exchange - 296 090.

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**FOR SALE** Kyneton Secondary College Uniform - Girls Jumper Size 18 - \$18; Shorts Size 14 - \$15; Polo Shirt Med. \$5.  
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## ◆ROMSEY COMPUTER CLUB◆

### VIRUS protection & detection

**T**he topics discussed included the latest trouble with viruses for the taxation department. How easily a virus could be transported onto any computer and tricks programmers use to transfer, undetected, the lethal file/s to infect a PC's system.

Prevention is the best cure and by this I mean scan all new diskettes, containing files, prior to installing any programs from it. A common source of infection are cover disks on the front of magazines, or disks from a PC that is carrying a virus, and uses disks to transfer the infection.

There are many new viruses being programmed regularly and the only way you will detect these, before they get into your system, is to run them through a current virus checker.

Your favourite software shop will be able to help you with upgrades, on your current virus checking software, or a new checker if you don't already have one. These can vary in price, quality and effectiveness.

### Computers For Sale

**IBM Compat** - 486 SX-20. 4 meg RAM, 2 x IDE 85 meg HDD's, 5.25 FDD, SVGA mon, mini twr case, 101 k/board, mouse, microphone, j/stick & more. \$1,300 Ph Andrew 283 249

**Packard Bell** - IBM Comp, Multi-Media PC. *Latest Model* 486 SX2-50, 27 full software titles, fax/modem, col printer, all new, some not unpacked. Gen reason for sale. Cost \$4,000+. See running. BARGAIN at \$3,000 firm. Ph Ray/Glenice 295 192

Next Meeting  
**Saturday, March 25th**  
at 10.00 am  
For details call  
Deb Burge on 286 977

### THE CLUB

Our newest member had a tip for optimising the speed and efficiency of PC's running doublespace, changing IRQ settings to help solve sound and hardware conflicts and other interesting information.

We helped a member to sort out the reason for his not being able to control fonts from the printer.

If you have any queries, or nagging problems with your PC, then please bring yourself along to our next club meeting. Perhaps you also have something to offer. Bring a friend & remember IT'S FREE!

### ST. MARY'S PARISH LANCEFIELD - ROMSEY

Invite you to a musical comedy night "Kiss Me Goodnight Sgt. Major" performed by the 'Kelly Gang'. This will be held on Saturday April 1st commencing at 8.30 p.m. in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. BYO drinks and glasses, supper provided. Come along for a night of fun and laughter. Tickets are \$15 a single and can be obtained from Mary Campbell 295 629



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# ROMSEY RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

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### **AEROBICS**

**BASKETBALL** - Junior, Senior Mixed  
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### **GYM & CIRCUIT**

**NETBALL** - Junior, Senior Mixed, Ladies  
Night & Day Competitions

**RACQUETBALL** - Casual Court Hire

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**TENNIS**

**VOLLEYBALL** - Senior Mixed & Daytime Ladies

## NEW GYM OPEN AT ROMSEY

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### GYM HOURS (as at 27th February, 1995)

Mondays	9.30am - 12noon	*C 9.30am	5.30 - 9.30pm	*C 7pm
Tuesdays	6.30am - 12noon		5.30 - 9.00pm	*C 8pm
Wednesdays	9.30am - 12noon	*C 9.30am	5.30 - 9.30pm	*C 7pm
Thursdays	9.30am - 12noon		5.30 - 9.00pm	*C 8pm
Fridays	9.30am - 12noon	*C 9.30am	6.30 - 8.30pm	
Saturdays	9.30am - 12noon			

NB. \*C denotes Circuit Class

*If you would like to participate in any of these activities - call us now : Phone 295 637 or 018 356400*

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## ROMSEY AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

**Junior and Senior Basketball Registrations : Winter Competition 1995 : Closing Date -15 March, 1995**

**Registration Times/Dates.**

Monday, 6th March - 5.30 - 8pm; Tuesday 7th & 14th March - 5 - 8pm; Wednesday 8th & 15th March 5 - 7pm.

**Fees are \$50.00** per season, of that \$10.00 deposit is required on registration, leaving a balance of \$40.00 to be paid during the season.

**Basketball Court time** has been cut once again so the Association has no alternative but to limit the amount of players we can register. If your child wishes to play this season please make sure you register before the cut off date.

**Parents** please check to see if your child has a singlet belonging to the Association. If so, we would appreciate its return. Singlets are expensive to replace (approx. \$15.00). Enquiries to the Secretary- 291112.

### GENERAL:

On 25th & 26th February, the R.D.B.A. entered an Under 18's side into the Werribee Basketball Tournament. The team played three games on Saturday. It was 42 degrees outside and at least 55 degrees inside. On Sunday they played the Semi Final and won but lost the Grand Final by nine points. This was a fantastic effort by these boys and their Coach and Team managers. This was the first time they had played as a team and their first Tournament. We thank those people who came along to support us and to do scoresheets.

We have put together four squad teams so far - **U12s, U14s, U16s, & U18s** and they will be taking part in future tournaments.

On the 11th & 12th March, we are having a **Round Robin** between Macedon, Riddells Creek and Romsey. The U14s and U18s will be playing at Riddells Creek Stadium, the U12s and U16s will be playing at Macedon Stadium on Saturday 11th. All the Grand Finals including a girls team will be playing at the Romsey Stadium on Sunday 12th.

The R.D.B.A. wish all the teams the very best of luck.

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You might have heard Brownies have closed - NOT TRUE!! We meet Monday nights 4.30 till 6.00 p.m. If you do not like sport and you are a girl - there is always Brownies and Guides.

GUIDES meet Thursday nights 7.00 p.m. till 9.00 p.m.

We have a very busy term as we are preparing for a camp at Port Campbell on the 11/12/13th March. We will also be going swimming at Kilmore.

POSITION VACANT: If you enjoy working with children from the ages of 8 to 15 years then this is the job for you - full of personal satisfaction and adventure!

We need ladies 18 plus to become Leaders - Uniform and training provided. For more details please contact Helena Thompson on 295 325.

Yours in Guiding, Helena, District Leader.

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**One Function** held over the busy weekend of 25/26th was the **15th Romsey Art Show.**

Frank Crossman officially opened the exhibition on Saturday evening and congratulated the artists on their high standard of work. A number of paintings were sold on the night and more during Sunday's viewing.

Danielle Sarson had a wonderful display of plants and garden figures.

The Raffle for two paintings by Brian McGuffey was won by Brett Holles of Hampton and Chris Whitney of Romsey.

The National Australia Bank of Romsey sponsored a competition involving last year's Grade 5 children within the Shire. The theme was an Australian Animal and their work was judged by the artists with the final three chosen by Mr. Brian McGuffey.

1st Prize: A \$50 Bank account went to Callan Potter - Riddells Creek; 2nd Prize: Set of 24 Derwents went to Michael Taylor - Riddells Creek and 3rd Prize: Set of 12 Derwents went to Emmi Neidermair of Romsey. Our congratulations to our winners and also to all the children who took part.

Proceeds of the week-end help boost funds for the ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE and we thank all the Artists and Danielle for their commitment.

To all the many helpers who supplied slices, helped prepare food and set up the hall - a very big thank you!!

Helen Watts,  
Romsey Fire Brigade Auxiliary Secretary.

**NEXT AUX MEETING 27/3/95 at COURT HOUSE from 8.00p.m.**

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**HUNGER PROJECT - FUNDRAISING DAY**

**HELD AT "NARDOO" ON SUNDAY, 26th February....**

We are pleased to advise that the above Fun Day was a resounding success with about 250 people attending, and along with the many donations received the sum raised was \$4,500  
Many thanks to the sponsors and organisers of the many events and to everyone who helped on the day.

Drs. Sally and Paul Carter and Dot Chandler.

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**Two Years** ago this week Mr. Esmore and "The Team" at the Alfred Hospital performed their miracle and gave me my "new" Heart and Lungs. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank my very special Doctor - Dr. Paul and the Doctors and staff at the Romsey Medical Centre for their care and consideration at all times. I would also like to thank my friends and the people of Romsey for their continuing support. Love, Margaret x x x

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**ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

The Ladies Championship has been played off with **Helene Newnham** champion! Congratulations Helene and to Marj Davis who is runner up. Helene is certainly on her game she is also the winner of the Pairs this year with partner Jean Cropley. Well done ladies and the runners up were

With pennant finished for the season our ladies are enjoying the tournaments each week. Our Charity Day was held recently with a visit from the Doutta Galla Bowlers and a very successful day was had by all.

The men play their last game of pennant on Saturday, 4th February, then look forward to our long week-end Mixed Fours Tournament on the 12th March sponsored by the National Bank followed by our Men's Tournament on the Monday which is sponsored by John Scott Funeral Directors.

The Social Committee is hosting the Presentation Night on Friday, 7th April with Sherries at 7.00p.m. and sit down 7.30p.m.

A Spit Roast is being served and David Allen is keeping us entertained - all for \$10 per head. Tickets to be paid for when picked up available from Margaret Howatson at the shop or home. These **MUST BE COLLECTED BEFORE FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL** or I am afraid we cannot alter the final numbers for the caterers.

Good Bowling,

Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer.

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ROMSEY LIVING WORD ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH.

'God is up to something good'

Our Sunday morning service is held 'upstairs' 109 Main Road Romsey, commencing at 10:00 am. Sunday school is also conducted for the children, between the ages of two and twelve.

Sunday evenings are very exciting as those passers by may have noticed. With the car park almost full and so much activity, curiosity must surely be aroused. For Sunday evening service you need to check The Living Word Book Shop window for notice of when and where it will be held.

Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. a Bible study is taken, open to all those who would like to learn more about God's Word and His love for us.

All our services are an open invitation to share this love.

Don't forget the Book Shop! For cards suitable to all occasions, children's books, tapes and games. A large variety of Bibles, books and gifts are kept in stock.

Our daughter church, The Woodend Assembly of God, now hold their service Sunday mornings, 10:00 am. Each week we hear from the Pastors' Greenwood on how great this weeks service was. They truly are excited and expectant to see what God has planned for the people of Woodend. There is a Bible study, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. open to all. The Woodend Church is at the Woodend Neighborhood Centre, Racecourse Reserve, Tylden Road Woodend.

For further enquires, please contact Pastor Marilyn Hunter, at our Church office and book shop on (054) 296 327 B.H. or (054) 295 381 A.H.

Pastors Sean and Rachel Greenwood may be contacted on (054) 296 327 B.H. or (054) 296 264 A.H.

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**WANTED TO BUY:** One Girl's 24 inch Bike. Must be in good condition. Please phone Pam on 292 081.

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**GOATS:** A good home is sought for PET Nanny and six month old neutered Kid. Please phone 295 199.

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**FITNESS CLASSES**

ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL - TUESDAYS - 7.00 p.m. STEP  
LANCEFIELD MECH. HALL - MONDAYS - 9.30 a.m. STEP  
- THURSDAYS - 7.00 p.m. STEP/TONE

CLASS COST: \$5.00 per session - \$4 for High School Students.  
Please note: Netball fitness training is held on Friday mornings.  
Cost is \$2.00. Enquiries to 291 451.

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**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

COACH FROM ROMSEY LEAVES 6.30p.m. from the old Post Office to door of Princess Theatre and return on Tuesday, 8th August. \$72 adult and \$57 under 15 and Pensioners. \$40 Deposit on booking (Not Refundable), balance by May 9th. Bookings and inquiries - phone Leonie 295 499 or Helen 295 250. Only 45 seats available so book early!!!

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## The Jamboree

First, I would like to thank all those parents who put in many hours and effort in raising the funds to send our Scouts to Perth.

Secondly I would like to thank the people of Romsey for supporting our fund raising efforts so that we could send our Scouts to Perth.

Thirdly, I would like to thank the Romsey Lions for their assistance which was very much appreciated... "Thank you".

The time - 0300 hours (3:00 am) just out of Romsey, is where the experience of a lifetime started for eight Scouts and one leader. Steve and Phillip Conway, Daniel and Tim O'Brien, Leif and Ryan Louwren-Stjovdam, Peter Gay Jnr, Andrew Quinn and E.J. (Leader). 0330 hours (3:30 am) Tullamarine Airport departure lounge. A sea of very excited scouts and leaders and a few "not too sure" mums and dads - and rows and rows of baggage. Victoria was represented by approximately 3,000 scouts. 0530 hours (5:30 am) we're on the jumbo... Perth Here we Come!

A great flight, service was excellent and the in-flight movie Forest Gump, the movie just finished and the Captain said "Sit down and buckle up" the end of the line - Perth. Time 0630 hours (6:30 am). 1 hour flight to Perth - Not Bad, Huh!

The terminal was small but very nice and the loud speakers welcomed us all to Perth and to the Jamboree. It was "hell" trying to pick your bag from the luggage roundabout and there was a rush to the phones to tell Mum that it was OK, we didn't crash, and oops! I forgot... can you send it over "quick".

It wasn't long before we were loading our bags into the back of a taxi truck and getting ourselves onto a bus heading for the Jamboree. It took about 0020 hrs (Oh! to hell with it, I'll talk o'clock time). 20 minutes to get there. The site was long and narrow, right on the edge of the lake (a large depression in the ground with very little water in it) - but with lots of shade which made us all very pleased. All our gear was sitting there waiting to be unpacked just as the organizers said it would be. We were a bit disappointed that our tents weren't up and no coffee or cold drinks were ready for us - just kidding. Oh! I haven't mentioned the others in the troop - 16 from 1st Gisborne, 7 from 1st Lower Templestowe, 1 from 6th Melbourne, 1 from 1st West Geelong and 5 from the Philippines - a total of 39. There was an immediate need to get out of uniform and set camp before it got too hot. Things were going along fine then our first casualty (not from Romsey). No sleep prior to leaving home, lots of excitement on the way, then the warm morning sun. The body just couldn't cope and it took about two days to get going again. Camps up, it took a while, as time went on the hotter it got and the slower we became but the troop did us (Leaders) proud. Well done guys - this includes the girls, 5 in total).

7:00 pm. Heading for the opening ceremony we headed for the hill up the back so we could all see (that was the only bit left). It was really a good sight to see - thousands of Scouts and Leaders all with a common aim to have fun and meet new friends, which is what it's all about.

We had the usual opening speeches and songs, following by a flag procession of nearly every troop at the Jamboree, including those from overseas. It was a great sight! There was a dancing display and then the rock band - very wild, loud and "cool" the guys reckon. Then, without any warning at the end of there second number it was over - time 9:30 pm - reason... we'll keep the neighbors up. That didn't go over too well, so back to camp and hit the sack.

6:00 am came too quickly, Duty patrol up and preparing breakfast under the guidance of our Q.M. Robyn, who did an outstanding job in organising menus, drinks and cold water containers which were obtained from McDonald's after giving them a long story about no cold water for our little scouts. Anyway, it worked and we had use of two very large coolers for 10 days. Overseeing nearly all the meal activities and cooking for 40 in camp is not easy and trying to keep the meals hot! A job well done - thanks Robyn. Every patrol pulled duty and did their duty very well. We were really lucky to have Eddie as our leader, as he is an experienced Jamboree Leader (he went to Ballarat). Eddie organised rosters for who did what and when and sorted out any hiccups along the way and performed his role to a "T" - Thanks Eddie.

Our Activities Leader Laurie, had the very difficult job of organising the activity times, places and bodies and to make sure nothing clashed like putting one patrol in two different places at the same time and rostering a couple of days off for each leader. Yes, we did get (and needed) days off and Laurie spent many a late night (11.30 to 12.30 am) doing the rosters. Again a very difficult job well done. However, we did have a slight problem with Laurie and it was time! He just couldn't get it right. There was E.S.T. Western Australia time and "Laurie" time, somewhere in between, he was always the first up and if he's up, so should everyone, but his "internal" clock was 1 hour early - instead of 6am it was 5am. We always had to confirm when times were being set - was it real time or "Laurie" time? Thanks Laurie.

I had the easiest job of all - Health and Hygiene. All I did was go around each day and ask "Have you... washed your hands, showered, changed your socks and jocks, washed your hair, had lots to drink and slip-slop-slapped?" put a band-aid on now and again and "PUT YOUR HAT ON!".



Our gateway (the front door) took a bit - no, a lot - of "come on, let's get our gate up". With a push and a shove it started to take shape then suddenly everyone was putting poles here and there, lashing them together. More and more ideas came forth and before long it was up and looking good. A self shutting gate was made which sort of worked! A platform was put up the top and a tarp as a "carpet floor" and sides, and we passed it off to all who were silly enough to ask, as our above ground swimming pool. All the patrol leaders got to sleep in their "castle". We won the best sub camp gate competition.

The new year was celebrated at 9.30 WA time, 12.00 EST, and *Laurie* time didn't get a look in. Everybody had a lot of fun climbing over the gateway. At one stage I reckon there were about 30-40 guys in, on and over the construction. Water bombs were the go. You could just about count on getting wet if you walked past or gateway. It was good to stand back and see everybody having a great time.

Each day's routine was much the same - up at 5.30-6.00 am, eat and go. Home, eat, wash clothes, shower and bed but *each day was different!* Badge swapping, checking other camps, making new friends, seeing and doing different things but there were lots of on-site activities including some dramas, i.e. a fire. The lake (the depression in the ground) having very little water and tall reeds made it very easy to hide in. Yep! We think a couple tried their skill at doing the drawback when it all got just a bit too hot. A few tents were very quickly pulled down and the on-site CRA had it under control in no time. Guess who stood in line for 3/4 hour to use the phone, only to make a local call and then, having got to this piece of modern, technical wonder, there was no place to put your money! Phone card only! I think the phones got most of the attention.

All of a sudden it was over. Break camp - its time to go. We packed in two stages. All the tents were packed the day before, which meant that everybody slept under the stars which was quite pleasant.

After breakfast we broke camp, laid all our gear out ready to pack into the crates. We sort of looked at it all, looked again at the size of the crates and said "no way", it's not all going to fit. However, with a push and a jump and 4 or 5 bodies sitting on the lid, it all fitted. It took us a day to pack. It was very hot and everyone was tired but it was great to see everyone working together as a team. Everything was packed but what about tea! Only one choice... Macasi "YES" was the cry and after a long wait we finally ate. I learned one thing (actually I learned a lot!) W.A. doesn't only mean "Western Australia" it also means "Wait Awhile".

9.00 pm and we're waiting at the gate for the bus. The atmosphere had lost its buzz but there was a little hum of excitement. Once we sat down half the guys flaked out before we had gone 2 miles down the road. Arrived at the terminal at 9.30 pm and grabbed a seat and W.A. At 11.30 we were on the plane and off - all but 2 or 3 were asleep before we left the ground.

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Arrived home in Melbourne at 5.30 am to Mums and Dads and more seats to go to sleep in. I don't think anybody wanted to go home. We just hung around as long as we could to say our goodbyes and an "Till see ya on the phone".

I believe contact has already been made between Romsey and the Philippines. There is a reunion being organised for a last get-together to look at photos and videos.

I've heard that about 3 or 4 scouts want to go to the next jamboree as Venturers so that in itself says something about the good time had by all. At this stage I would like to thank all the scouts of our troop for their support, attitude and co-operation and mostly for their friendship because without you and your input this type of event just wouldn't happen. Thanks guys.

So, in summary (about time huh?) I personally recommend that every child should experience what scouting can offer. Everything a person would like to have a go at from flying to scuba diving and everything in between and especially a once in a lifetime experience - A Jamboree! It will never be forgotten.

I am already making plans for the next one in three years time and my aim is to be able to take my whole troop. A lot of work but with the help of the Romsey people I reckon we can do it so *Brisbane, Lookout... here we come!*

Yours in Scouting,  
P.J.

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**ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB** wishes to advise all club members that our next meeting will be held on Monday 20th March at 7.30pm in the club rooms. Please support your Tennis Club and show some interest by attending.

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