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As you may have noticed the extensions to the ROMSEY MEDICAL CENTRE are well on the way to an expected completion date of July, 1995.

Over the next few months we will be doing a profile on all the specialists who will be attending the Centre and this month we will start with our Dentist:-

Name: Dr. Angie Maloney
Profession: Dentist
Qualifications: B.D.S. - Graduated Sydney
Special Interests: Specialising in Children's Dentistry; Orthodontics and Cosmetic Dentistry
Presently: Operating two surgeries at Carrum Downs and Bentleigh.
Marital Status: Married to Dr. Denver Maloney who is also a Dentist and who will be practising at Romsey occasionally.
Interests/Hobbies: Reading, Studying Psychology, Painting and Sport.

Further developments are occurring from day to day and you will be given reports through our local Newsletters and press as they happen.



Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



We welcome you to our Sunday morning services which are held weekly in the Romsey Mechanics Hall at 10:00am.

Just last Friday we hosted the visit of the Marsh family band from Wollongong NSW. For those who attended the "Praise from the Australian Heart" concert in Romsey, you would have seen the power of proclaiming the gospel through contemporary Australian praise and worship music. A similar concert was also staged for the children at Romsey Primary School.

Romsey and Lancefield Christian Fellowship is a non denominational community church that exists to proclaim the goodness of God within the district. A place where ordinary people gather to enjoy the uniqueness of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have a ministry to the whole family, with mid-week home groups, youth and children's ministry. On Saturday 20th May we will be staging an all day seminar on miracle evangelism - the fulfilling of the great commission. Robin Johnson from Living Life Ministries International will be our guest speaker on that occasion.

If we can help you or provide further information on any of our activities, we invite your enquiry to Geoff Holland (minister) on 295673, or Graham Mau on 291488.

LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE 78 High Street, Tel: 291 214

During term 2 the House has some new courses available as well as the other popular activities. New course planned for this term include: Basic Sewing - 8 workshops planned do one or all. Computer Courses this term involve Wordprocessing Intro to Wordperfect 5.1. Places are limited so call to book your place. Calligraphy - for adults, beginning or advanced. Also a course for the juniors over the age of 10.

Other activities that you may be interested in are - Tai Chi held every Monday night at 7.00p.m. at the House. This group is growing all the time and whether you are a beginner or a little more advanced, we all have a great time.

Knitting and Craft Group - on Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m. rural Womens Group brings rural women together on 4th Wednesday at 10.30 for a cuppa and chat. Walking group meets every Thursday at 9.15 and walks for about 1½ hours. Also on Thursdays is the weigh-in group at 9.15. Toy Library is open on tuesdays 2 to 3 p.m. There are some great toys for pre-schoolers. If we do not utilise this service we may loose it, so next you are near the House on Tuesday afternoon do stop in and look at the toys available.

Bus trips are still very popular. The next trip will be on 12th May to Northland. Cost is \$6. Trips are usually every third Friday. Please book your place by ringing the House.

The Opportunity Shop is going well. It is open 10 to 2 on Thursdays. Some suggestions for new courses during 1995 are - leadlighting, life drawing, tie dieing and patik painting. If you are interested in any of these activities or you have some more suggestions, please call the House. A fundraising event is planned for Mothers Day so if you have any ideas or would like to help please contact Nola on 291 2314 Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 3p.m.

Welcome back to Brownie Guides and Guides after the Easter Break. We hope you are ready for 2nd Term activities.



**SITUATIONS VACANT
LEADERS NEEDED**

If you enjoy adventure, challenge and involvement with girls, this is a career opportunity for you. Full training (with support) & uniform supplied.

Unless leaders for Brownie Guides are found by the end of term 2, they will be forced to go into recess. This will be for the first time in their 10 years of existence in Romsey.

This will be disappointing to girls who are currently involved, and others who are waiting to be involved.

A second Guide leader is also needed, as there are 12 girls and only one leader.

Brownie Guides are aged 7 1/2 - 11, Guides 10 1/2 - 15

Don't be afraid to accept the challenge!

For more information phone Helena Thompson on 295 325

You are guaranteed personal rewards!

Support Group

The Romsey Girl Guides Support Group will be holding its A.G.M. at the Scout hall at 8pm on May 8th.

The function of the support group is to provide financial, practical & moral support for the Guiding Association in Romsey.

This is one way for fathers to become involved in the guiding movement. We hope to see parents of the girls, and others there to support them.

**REACH OUT and make friends with Guiding
Guiding is for everyone.**

The girl guide program offers opportunities for girls to participate in a wide range of activities and to develop as caring, responsible members of their communities.

The program is specially designed to be relevant to the interests and needs of each age group of girls.

Any girl can become a girl guide. Guiding welcomes girls from all backgrounds, including those with special needs.

1st Romsey Guides Company has enjoyed many varied activities. These have included camps at Mogg's Creek, Creswick, Pax Hill, Port Campbell and other venues. Some camps were run as a competition, just for fun or a challenge, and were an expansion of the skills learnt at the weekly meetings.

Activities at camps and other times have included abseiling, commando & obstacle courses, rope courses, bike rides, hikes, orienteering, swimming, mapping, wide games(stalking, tracking), sailing, Zone 3, archery, billy carts racing, gadget building, knotting, etc.

Future challenges planned for the remainder of the year will be rock climbing, ice skating, water survival, bike hiking, canoeing, camping (Grampians & Walter Murphy), District Guide outdoor day, & much more.

These activities are on top of the much enjoyed weekly meeting. We still have some vacancies for girls aged 10 1/2 - 15 years old, no previous guiding experience required.

Please contact: Guide Leader - Marion Skovdam 296 365

District Guide Leader - Helena Thompson 295 325



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Macedon Ranges Computer Club

POINTS OF INTEREST

The club is pleased to note that we had several new members at the latest meeting. They came from Gisborne, Monegeeta and Riddells Creek to attend, giving our regulars new and interesting topics of discussion.

One member has been involved in tutoring Wordperfect users, through her work, and has friends trying to convince her to branch out and operate her own small business along the same lines. There are some very enterprising people and ideas centered around computers. Needless to say, anyone interested in the software package Wordperfect, could do well to attend our next meeting and pick up a few tips.

Have you ever wanted to put some of your favourite music on diskette? It can be done with the right software and we had the opportunity at our last meeting.

A shareware program available on the front cover of a magazine, in CD format, enabled us to convert a song from a music CD into computer format and play it back. The file size for the entire song required some 85 megabyte of disk space once converted, so we opted for just 40 seconds of play and ended up with a file size of 5 megabyte. This worked fairly well with only minor problems to be sorted out for a perfect reproduction of sound.

The music was then available for use within programs. For example it could be programmed to play whenever windows is closed or opened etc. Also anyone with a microphone connected to their PC could have endless fun making their own windows sounds. The shareware program itself is small enough to fit onto one floppy disk.

SORRY - NO MEETING THIS MONTH DUE TO CLUB ROOM RENOVATIONS.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JUNE.

Date to be advised in the next issue.

**Call Deb Burge
286 977 for details**

Have you ever had the problem of deleting a file, only to find out that although you have successfully deleted the contents, the name still lingers on in your program manager list? This was the experience of a new member and quite honestly had most of us scratching our heads. Without the advantage of seeing just what method he used to delete his files, or whether they were protected in some way, it is difficult to determine just what the problem might be.

Anyone is welcome to come to the next meeting in June and offer their two bobs worth on a possible solution.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Presentation Night was held on 7th April and was well attended by most of our members and their partners. The Ladies Champion for the year was Helene Newnham; with Marj Davis Runner Up. The 21Up was won by Rena Moore with the 100 Up and the 7Up competition being won by Jean Cropley. The Ladies Pairs winners were Helene and Jean Cropley. Well done Ladies. The Men's Champion was Sam Howatson with Leo Wels the Runner Up. The 21Up was won by Albert Caneva and Mike (Dobbo) Dobson was the winner of the 100 Up. The Pairs was won by Sam Howatson and Dave Cropley. The Mixed Pairs was won by Leo Wels and Wanda Scanlon. The Men's Triples was won by Norm Thompson, Bruce Robb and Ken Newnham. Congratulations to all the winners! Our Winter Bowls are well under way and anyone who would like to try the game - this is a great casual/friendly was to have a go! The Ladies play on Tuesdays 10.30a.m. start, BYO Lunch, neat casual dress only (whites not required!) and the Men play on Thursdays starting at 11.00a.m. with soup and sandwiches provided; dress code the same as the ladies. For more information please ring Norm or Dorothy Thompson on 295 421.
Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer.

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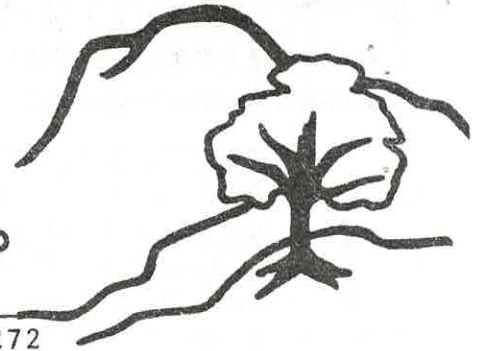
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DEEP CREEK LANDCARE GROUP



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At the April meeting of the Deep Creek Landcare Group, the guest speaker, Gordon Meyer, gave a very informative talk about fox eradication. The fox problem is greatly underestimated in Victoria and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources believes that the average number of foxes are around 20 per 400 hectares. Foxes are a particular problem for stud, wool and prime lamb producers, but there have been many reports of damage to calves, cows in birth difficulties, deer, ostrich chicks, free range poultry enterprises and losses of wildlife in most fauna reserves. The effective control of foxes needs a major co-operative effort by landholders around Australia, requiring small individual efforts by a large number of people to significantly reduce fox numbers over rural areas. Eradication may be achieved in three ways: fumigation of dens, shooting, and baiting.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources are currently co-ordinating a fox control program using buried *Foxoff Baits* with good results. *Foxoff Baits* can only be obtained from DCNR offices and strict guidelines control its use. For more information on baiting or other methods of fox control, the Macedon Office of DCNR should be contacted. Their phone number is 261 866.

Another issue of relevance to rural Australia is the increasing impact of algal blooms on waterways. These blooms have been observed more frequently in recent years. In Victoria, over 40 outbreaks of blue-green algae were recorded in each of the last three summers, with about half of these occurring in town water supplies. Blue-green algae occur naturally in aquatic systems but under certain circumstances their numbers increase to such an extent that a "bloom" is formed. Algal blooms may cause many problems including:

- production of toxins which can cause serious public health problems, result in livestock deaths and impose a significant cost on local communities through the need for treatment of algae-affected water supplies;
- unsightly and smelly scums which reduce the recreation potential of a waterbody;
- detrimental effects to the natural ecology of a waterway, resulting in the death of fish and other aquatic animals.

Several factors influence the development of algal blooms but the most important factor is the increased level of nutrients entering waterways. The management of nutrient levels, particularly the levels of phosphorous and nitrogen, offers the greatest potential for the long-term control of blue-green algal blooms. Nutrients may enter local waterways via soil erosion, agricultural runoff such as fertilisers and animal wastes, stormwater runoff from townships which contains high levels of detergents and garden fertilisers, discharges from wastewater treatment plants etc.

The State government has just released a strategy, *Nutrient Management Strategy for Victorian Inland Waters*, to address this issue. As a part of this strategy, DCNR will be incorporating algal bloom and nutrient management issues into teaching programs through the existing Landcare schools program. The problems caused by algal blooms affect all people and the broad range of practices which result in high nutrient levels in waterways involve all people. Therefore, everyone in the community can contribute towards the management of this problem. For more information on this topic, contact the local DCNR office.

Anyone interested in these issues or any other landcare issues is welcome to attend our next meeting which will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 8th May at Lancefield Mechanics Hall.



SAFETY HOUSE COMMITTEE
(A member of the Safety House Association of Victoria Inc.)

The Romsey Safety House Committee would like to remind everyone that we are still wanting more safety houses (also commercial businesses) especially in the Main Street, Regan Drive, Collier Close, Todd Lane and Reynolds Drive. As these are close to the new Romsey Primary school and are used widely by all school age children. As we have no safety houses in these streets, if you live in any of the above streets and ARE home between the hours of children travelling to and from school (8-9 and 3.30-4.30) our Committee would be glad to hear from you - please contact - Michael Lane on 296 506 or Anne Hendricksen on 296 426. Our AGM meeting held on 3rd April - President: Michael Lane, Vice President Neil Rowley, Secretary John Rogers (296 461), Ass. Sec. Steve Hendy, Treasurer Trevor Turnham, Publicity Officer Anne Hendricksen, Monitoring Co-Ordinator Rhonda Wilkins. I would like to thank everyone involved in helping in the Art Room to make Ima's "our mascot" for the junior grades and making aware to all children about our safety house program and celebrating national safety house awareness day on Friday, 5th May. Until next time, Anne Hendricksen.



LANCEFIELD HORSE FESTIVAL Inc.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of The Lancefield Horse Festival, it was stressed very strongly by all members present that due to escalating costs involved, including \$300 per day for hireage of the Lancefield Park, it is extremely important, in order to enable this annual event to continue, to be financially viable. MAJOR SPONSORS and NEW MEMBERS are VITAL!

Not by any means an elitest sport - just another youth encouragement section of equestrian sports.

The Annual Lancefield Horse Festival, in operation for 25 odd years, with total profits donated to local community projects in the Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding areas, has raised over FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000).

The Committee are always extremely grateful to Donors, Sponsors, Advertisers and Voluntary Groups for their assistance and involvement in this annual event.

New members, or interested people, would be warmly welcomed. For further information please contact Annette Christophen, Secretary - on 295 372 a/h or Ken Wiltshire, President on 296 430 a/h.

ROMSEY OP SHOP - OPPOSITE MITRE 10!

Needed urgently!! Good clean winter clothes, Ladies, Gents and Childrens. Also linen, especially warm blankets, sheets, doona covers. Small items of furniture, china, crockery and all nick naks welcomed. All monies made by the Op Shop (which is run by volunteers) goes back into the Community of Romsey where and when it is needed.

HOURS: Thursday 10 - 3 p.m.
Friday 10 - 3 p.m.
Saturday 10 - 1 p.m.

ROMSEY MARKET

Catch the bargains before the 'Winter Break' - Clothing, Footgear, and Foodstuff, Pot Pourri, Prints, Plants, etc.

SUNDAY, 28th May, 1995

Romsey Gymnastic Club Inc. News

After a successful year, the 1995 R.G.C. committee would like to thank the 1994 committee, coaches and gymnasts for all their hard work. Our Club had over ninety gymnasts in 1994. The gymnasts were successful in gaining placing's in all the competitions we entered. This is particularly pleasing as the gymnasts often competed against other better equipped, more experienced clubs. Well done to all who successfully represented our club in these competitions. During the Dollarmite competition in Nov. 94, four of our girl gymnasts were selected to try out for the Elite training Programme. These gymnasts all did exceptionally well at the clinics. Now 3 of these gymnasts have been accepted to train part time in the Elite country Squad. Well done Girls; we wish them every success.

In 1994 we were able to purchase much needed equipment through the generous support of local businesses. To the following people a big thank you.....

Miss Milly's Mercantile of Romsey.

Habib's Supermarket.

Romsey News agency.

Little Poppett.

Vic's Pizza.

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Romsey Hardware.

Romsey Fruit Market.

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Romsey Sports shop.

Hardwick's Butchers.

McDonald's Sunbury.

The Strawberry Patch.

Romsey Movieland.

Cleveland Winery, Lancefield.

Cope-Williams Winery, Romsey.

O' Dea 's Auto shop.

A special thankyou to Christine Whiting and the staff at the Commonwealth bank in Romsey ,who helped and sponsored our level testing days and made the presentation at the Dollarmites Competition.

Thankyou to the former Shire of Romsey for their kind donations.

We would like to add our congratulations to the Lions club on their recent well deserved award and to thank them for their generous support of our crash mat.

More recently we would like to thank Sarson's Garden Supplies for their donation of two inner tubes; these have been a great success with the kids.

Our appreciation to Trevor Turnham at the Romsey Primary School for his enthusiasm and support.

Finally we wish all our gymnasts good luck in the forthcoming competitions / level testings.

COLONELS CRICKET COACHING.

Special 5 week Cricket Coaching programs will be held at the Sunbury Indoor Sports Centre commencing on Mon 8th, Tues 9th and Thurs 11th May in Term 2.

The programs are open to any Junior or Senior players, male or female, who wish to improve or learn about Cricket. Receive expert coaching in batting, bowling and fielding.

Players are placed in groups and each weekly session is approx 55 mins.

Cost is only \$30 for the complete program.

Times available are Mondays - 4.15pm, 5.15pm, 6.15pm.

Tuesdays - 4.15pm, 5.15pm.

Thursdays - 4.15pm, 5.15pm.

This program is conducted by Gary Sanders, a Level 2 qualified Professional Cricket Coach. Urgent bookings are suggested to obtain your preferred time and day.

For further information and bookings contact GARY "COLONEL" SANDERS.
Ph 054 289304.

ROMSEY "LIVING WORD" ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH

On Sunday 30 April, we had an evening service in the "Upper Room". The Church was packed with people who came from as far as Tongala, Euroa and Melbourne. Such an excited expectancy was in the service and it was wonderful to celebrate the joy, the victory and the freedom we have because of the One who has given it to us, Jesus Christ our saviour.

We would love to see more new faces join with us at our next evening service or come along to our morning service, listen to the word of God and allow it to touch your heart and change your life, as it has done to ours.

The service starts at 10:00 AM in the "Upper Room", above the "Living Word" Christian Book Shop.

Why not give Mum something from the heart of God for Mother's Day. The Book Shop windows have some great gifts, with special messages for Mums in it. Come in and have a browse and a chat, you will be most welcome.

** Please note, Sunday 14 May, we will not be having any Church service in Romsey. **

Our Woodend A.O.G. service commences at 10:00 AM, with Pastors Sean and Rachael Greenwood. They are at the Neighbourhood Centre, on the Tylden Woodend Road. They can be contacted A.H. (054) 296 264.

For all information, Pastor Marilyn Hunter can be contacted B.H. (054) 296 327 and A.H. (054) 295381.

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL ROMSEY OFFICE

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

All dogs over 6 months of age must be registered. All dog registrations expired on 10th April and therefore if you have not already renewed your dog registration please do so now to avoid incurring very expensive penalties.

If your dog has not yet reached the age of 6 months you can still register it if you wish. Registering your dog helps to identify it should it wander away from home and be found by someone else. Registered dogs must wear a collar with a registration tag on it.

Are you looking after a dog for someone else? For your own protection ensure the dog is registered and wearing its collar and tag. Anybody caring for a dog is liable if the dog is not registered or if the dog is found wandering or causing other problems.

Some common fines are:	Failure to Register	\$200
	Registration Tag not on dog	\$ 50
	Dog at Large (not secure) day time	\$100
	Dog at Large (not secure) night time	\$200

Remember - Protect your dog and your pocket - register your dog with the Macedon Ranges Shire Council now. Registration forms are available from the Romsey Office and enquiries should be directed to Mr. David Bachelor on (054) 295 201.

QUALIFIED Primary Teacher available for tutoring. Live in Romsey.

Call 296 025 for further details

Romsey Primary School News:

- Principal Trevor Turnham.

Education Week Activities at the end of May:

Education Week will again be held throughout the state during the last week of May and at Romsey Primary School parents will be welcomed to an Open Day of activities in all classrooms on Tuesday May 30th. details of the specific programs to be observed will be advertised on the school noticeboard and in the school newsletters.

A feature of the week will be the Life Education Van and the lessons provided by the specially trained educator Mrs Sarah Nancarrow. There will also be an opportunity for parents to visit the van and have the advantages of this program fully explained. Our School library, Mrs Kath Jekabsons will also be conducting a Book Bazaar throughout this week and the Junior School Council will be holding a meeting during Open Day.

Adventure Playground Extension: Thanks to the efforts of volunteer parents last weekend, the younger children are able to enjoy the new equipment that was recently installed. This extra equipment is part of an overall master plan to provide long term improvement to the school grounds.

Safety House Program - Ima House's Birthday:

Ima House, mascot of the Victorian Safety House Program, was recreated in model form by the children in the P - G2 area during their recent Art Craft Programs. This important Safety House symbol is well known to the pupils and thanks to the local committee members who regularly monitor the houses on which the familiar yellow sign is placed, children know that they will be safe when they knock on a Safety House door.

We are still in need of additional householders to join the program. If you are home when children are travelling to and from school and would like to help in this way, please contact the school. A friendly committee member will call and discuss the program with you.

Cross Country Runners: The Cobaw District schools will be sending representatives to run a cross country at Lancefield Golf course on May 10th. Parent observers are most welcome and should address queries to Mr Bob Sherren at this school.

"How to get the Best out of the system for your child with disabilities": A workshop for parents and parent advocates has been arranged at the Cobaw Community Health Centre (near Kyneton Hospital) on Monday May 15th 9 - 2pm. Queries

regarding the program can be directed to Tamara Dowling 223011 or Christine Scott 414206 RSVP by May 9th.

Junior School Council: Following the presentation of badges and certificates by the School Council President at the beginning of the term, the new councillors have met twice to elect office bearers and plan for their future roles. Their last meeting was held at the old Romsey Council Chambers which was the ideal venue to discuss training and meeting procedures as well as gain an appreciation for the changes in local government and its role in the community.

Community Use of Buildings: The School Council encourage the use of the school's facilities by outside groups and welcome any such enquires. The school is regularly used by Callisthenics, Karate, First Aid classes, TAFE courses, Gymnastics groups and is the committee meeting home for the Tidy Towns Committee, The Safety House Committee and the Romsey Rag.

The Learning Assessment Program: An excellent 4 page lift out was provided in last Tuesday's morning newspapers which clearly outlined the goals behind this statewide testing program of grades 3 & 5 pupils. In addition there have been a number of information brochures sent home to parents regarding this program. It should be emphasised that the testing program is closely linked to the new Curriculum and Standards framework that is the basis of teaching materials used throughout the state. It should be further emphasised that the confidential results will be provided to parents through the school in Term 3. This will enable staff to utilise these results, in conjunction with their own evaluative procedures, to better provide for the educational needs of the children. Any parents who have further questions regarding this program, may direct queries to the Principal.

Mothers' Day Stalls: The now very familiar annual Mothers' Day Flower stall will again be operational on Saturday morning May 13th in the Shopping centre. Pupils will also be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mothers on Thursday 11th May. All the gifts, including the popular pot plants will be available for \$2.50.

Romsey Remembers: On the 26th April, the first day of term after ANZAC Day, the whole school assembled to witness the presentation of a new bronze plaque which will be the centre of future services. The wording of the plaque highlights the importance of all those men and women involved in support of our nation in times of war. *****

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.



NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME

New office bearers for 1995 have been elected by the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society. These include: President - Robert Clement, Vice-President - Ron Viney, Secretary - Tom Newton, Treasurer - Helen Broad, and Archivist - Dorothy Viney. Several activities are planned this year, a feature of which will be the commemoration of ten years of occupation of the court house museum at Lancefield. A successful street stall was held at Romsey on Easter Saturday. The society would like to thank all those who helped by preparing articles for sale, and those who patronised the stall. The Easter egg raffle was won by Mrs Jones of Romsey. On Friday, 30 June, a tea meeting will be held at 'Woodlands', Romsey, the home of Elaine and George Lobb, followed by a talk on Assisted Immigration to the Port Phillip District in the 1850's. A \$10 donation is asked towards the society maintenance funds. Following the recent publication of "All Wild and Lonely Bush" by the Romsey Shire History Book Committee, this committee has presented the historical society with three albums of photographs taken in the Kerrie, Rochford, and Cherokee districts - the area covered by the book. The extensive range of photos cover past and present personalities and buildings, and the beautiful scenery in this part of the former Shire of Romsey. The photos, taken by Mr Gavin Smith, are at the court house museum at Lancefield, and may be viewed on Sundays from 1.30 to 4.00 p.m.

The Romsey/Lancefield Lions Club have assisted the Historical Society greatly by painting the outbuildings at Seymour Cottage in Romsey, and are thanked very sincerely for their efforts. The Lions Club is also helping with the replacement of some flooring which was attacked by termites. A working bee is held on the second Saturday morning in the month at the cottage to maintain the garden and buildings. Any help at these is most welcome.

A selection of photos depicting the history of our district will be displayed in the Ramsay Gallery at the Royal Mint in Melbourne from 29 May to 7 July. This is the headquarters of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria where our display will be seen by many visitors, providing good publicity for our area. The Mint is at 280 William Street, Melbourne - on the LaTrobe Street corner, and the free tourist tram route - and is well worth a visit if you are in town between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a week day. **The next meeting of the Historical Society is on 23 May in the Court House Museum at Lancefield at 8 p.m.. A warm welcome is extended to all attending.**

ROMSEY AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

The Association apologises to players and parents for the delay in setting a starting date for the Winter Competition. Due to low registrations and the holiday break finalising teams has proven difficult to organise.

The age groups and days are as follows:

Under 11s - Monday, Under 13s - Wednesdays, Under 16s - Tuesdays. SENIORS will play TUESDAY NIGHTS. Senior players can still register for this season. Individual players and team registration. Forms are available from the Rec. Centre or by contacting the Secretary.

The Season will commence for Seniors and Juniors on the 15th of May 1995 and will be a long season finishing in early December.

The R.D.B.A. has been considering suggestions to change the format of the seasons as we have them now to having two seasons within the full year. ie. Summer - February to June, and Winter - July to December. We have decided after much discussion to implement that change tentatively this season with the view to further discussion from the Basketball Community over the coming months.

We believe the change will be beneficial to all players in the long run, as days, times, age groups and possibly teams would all stay the same for a full year instead of changing each season as we do now.

This item has been placed on the Annual General Meeting Agenda for discussion. The A.G.M. has been set for the 6th of JUNE 1995 at 7pm. To be held at the Recreational Centre. We would like all Basketballers to consider this important issue and to submit in writing any other relevant issues for inclusion at the A.G.M. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. The Associations address is P.O. Box 149, Romsey. 3434. Letters can be left at the Stadium. Address all correspondence to the Secretary.

Fixtures and teams sheets will be sent out in early May. Enquiries regarding Basketball, contact the Secretary on 295 637 or 291 112.

A lot of players did not return their singlets last season. We would appreciate their return as soon as possible. They can be left at the Stadium. Training for Juniors is on Sunday morning between 10am and 11am. cost is \$1.00. and is open to all youngsters who do or don't play or are wanting to learn about the game.

R.D.B.A.

ROMSEY LADIES GOLF

Amazingly April has already been and gone, time flies when you're playing good golf!

Numbers were consistent throughout the month as our club has been boosted by a few new members this year which is wonderful.

Welcome back to Jean Johnston who has joined us again after a summer on the bowling green and celebrated her return with a gobbler/birdie during the week, well done Jean!

Results: 5th April: First round of Silver Spoon.

This week was won by our Captain, Mary Campbell, with a Nett 64 with Beryl Cole second and Hazel Stammers third. Beryl also won nearest the pin on the 10th hole.

12th April: Flag Day - Darlene Baker managed to carry the flag to the 20th green after Jean Johnston had taken it to the 19th. Leila Beasley was third on the day. Kath Jekabsons joined us again during the holidays and won N.T.P. on the 10th.

19th April: Secret Nine - Kath Jekabsons made good use of her holiday time and won this round with 20 points for 9 holes.

Following closely were Leila Beasley and Shirley Shelton each with 19 points. Beryl Cole continued her accuracy on the 10th and again won N.T.P.

24th April - Monthly Medal - Hazel Stammers had a great round to win the Monthly Medal with a handicap breaking 42 stableford points. Darlene Baker was second, 39 points on a countback from Cheryl Crozier third. Darlene was N.T.P.

During the month Hazel, Cheryl and Darlene all reduced their handicaps - well done ladies!

The Pennant Team had their first round this month with a visit to Gisborne to play Nagambie and had a good 5-0 win!

ATTENTION!!!!

LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB. The club would like to let everyone know the club will not be closing as has been rumoured around town! We would like new members. New members will be very welcome. Activities include carpet bowls, cards, friendly conversation and bus trips each month. For more information please ring Gwen on 295 242 or Margaret on 296 377. Come and have lots of fun each week - NOW OPENING WEDNESDAYS EACH WEEK 10-3PM, line dancing, cards, etc.

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The AGM was held on Friday, 5th May and the following players will hold the following positions:-

President: Fay Sanders;

Snr. Vice President: Helene Newnham;

Jnr. Vice President: Helen Seymour;

Secretary: Dorothy Thompson;

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Delegates: Dorothy Thompson, and Fay Sanders;

Match Committee: Kath Ireland, Jean Cropley and Marj Davis.

Management Committee: Margaret Howatson and Dorothy Thompson;

Publicity Officer: Margaret Howatson.

Romsey Public Recreation Reserve Committee
Triennial General Meeting
President's Report 1992-1995.

During the three year term of this present committee, a number of significant improvements and additions have been made. Before outlining these, I would like to thank all the committee members for the insight and hard work that has allowed so much to be achieved; and in particular a special thanks for the work done by the secretary Sam Howatson and the treasurer Rod Conway.

The former shire council must also be thanked for the increased grant given to this committee over the last three years and with rents received promptly from the main users of the park, that has enabled this committee to carry out the necessary maintenance together with a number of improvements and additions.

As far as general maintenance is concerned, the existing playground equipment has been repaired. The drains in the northern section of the park have been cleared and the area tidied up. Improvements have been made to the parking areas at the side of the football/cricket pavillion and behind the bowls/golf clubrooms. The boundary fence in Park Lane has been upgraded. The oval has been mowed regularly and the surrounding park areas tidied up. It is certainly pleasing to hear comments from visitors about how neat our park is kept. A big thank you to Bernie Millburn the park caretaker who has gone about his task diligently and frequently has worked for long hours cleaning up the park.

Some maintenance items are of course done by voluntary labour so I would like to thank committee members for jobs done such as painting the seats of the rotunda and other areas and a special thank you to Robert Clement for pruning the hedges at the entrance to the park.

An improved driveway has been constructed at the recreation centre together with a fence between the driveway and the golf course.

During our term we wrote to the clubs and main users of the park asking them for projects that they would like to undertake. As a result the committee donated funds to assist (i) the golf club to purchase machinery and installation of heaters (ii) the bowling club to concrete under seats (iii) the football club to improve the pavillion and (iv) donations to the scouts and the cricket club.

Part of the committee's policy was to provide facilities that would benefit general park users. To this end we have installed an electric BBQ and playground equipment suitable for young children. We hope that more people will make use of these facilities. One of our last tasks was to remove dangerous trees from near the scout hall and front entrance to the park. This is an ongoing project and more trees will need to be removed and others pruned in the future. As trees are removed new trees will be planted in an effort to further beautify this park.

Another project under consideration is the possibility of sinking a bore within the park. Presently there are council funds held by the committee for this purpose.

In closing, I would like to thank the present committee for all the work they have done and a special thank you to Robert Clement for much guidance and many years of service on this committee. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming committee a successful and rewarding term of office.

L. I. Wels President

The new committee for the next three year term is as follows:-
President: Leo Wels; Secretary: Sam Howatson; Treasurer: Rod Conway; Caretaker: Bernie Millburn; General Committee: Geoff Pitts; Norm Bellman and Tom Doric. We would welcome more members in order that all bodies using the park are represented. The next meeting will be at 8.00p.m. at the Bowls/Golf Clubrooms on 1st June. Mr. Robert Clement was presented with a Certificate of Recognition of service (19 Years) from the Department of Conservation by Peter Johnston. The park is for all the residents of Romsey to use so please use the facilities.

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