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# The Romsey Rag.

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### STATE CHAMPIONS AGAIN:

Romsey Primary School is justifiably very proud of the fact that it's korfbal team has taken out the annual "State Primary School Championships" for the 2nd successive year. We are not only proud of the team, which has changed dramatically since last year, but also of Mr. Tim Rogers and Mr. John Fryer who have coached both championship teams and encourage pupil involvement with many lunchtime practices.

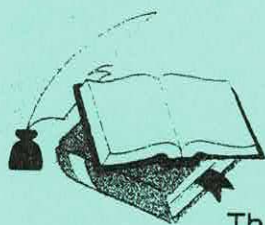
Korfbal is the only game designed specifically for females and males to play together.

It was invented in Holland 95 years ago and has been played in Australia for about 20 years.

It is a game which emphasises the skills of sportsmanship and co-operation. So much so that at junior levels the umpire/referee awards points to determine the final result of the match in three areas: game result, korfbal skills, and behaviour. The winning team is the one with the highest score over 20 - not necessarily the team scoring the most goals.

Each team is made up from four boys and four girls.

A goal is scored when the ball passes through a team's basket which is inside the court and allows for scoring from all directions. There is no contact allowed, running or dribbling of the ball and the ball cannot be knocked or taken from the opponent's hand.



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# Romsey Primary School

## Money for Memories!

The fundraising committee at the Romsey Primary School is using an innovative and value packed method to raise funds for the Romsey Primary School.

They have hired a professional photographer to come on the weekend of the 26th October 1996.

**For only \$10.00 your family can come along to Romsey Primary School to have your family portrait taken. Normally a \$60.00 value for only \$10.00**

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Please note that you do not have to have a child attending the school in order to taken advantage of this special offer.

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**ROMSEY RAG PUBLISHING:** Thankyou to all those advertisers who have got their items in early so that the Rag can be published in plenty of time without rush. We appreciate good typewritten material with approximately half inch margins and clear copy wherever possible. Items for the Rag should be handed to Margaret Howatson at the Book Exchange before the first Friday in the month. The cut off date for the **October Romsey Rag is - Thursday, 3rd October, 1996.** This occurs during the school holidays, so to save alot of work during the holidays it would be appreciated if material could be given to Margaret or the Romsey Primary School as early as possible please. Thankyou for your continued support and co-operation.

*The Editors.*

## Happiness is a choice.

In our business, we study success. We look at what it is successful people do, so we can pass on their strategies to others. When we interview those "naturally happy" people (you know the ones who come to work always smiling...) we discover that they **choose** to be like that. It isn't by chance. It's a choice. They could be just as miserable as the next person, but choose not to be.

**Here's what you can do:**

- Remind yourself at the start of the day to enjoy the day. Avoid saying "I can't wait to get home." or "I can't wait for the weekend." These comments program you to be unhappy now.
- Look for the good things in your life. Take stock. Anytime you're happy, it's because of what you're thinking about.
- Life is not always fair. We are meant to learn from these times and move on.

## Self discipline is rewarded.

There are some things that you have to do, that you don't feel like doing. Successful people do the things that unsuccessful people are not prepared to do.

**Here's what you can do:**

- Do one thing you've been putting off. If it's physical exercise, set a goal to walk for 30 minutes every day. No excuses. Tick the calendar as you do it and notice how you feel more in control of your life.
- Keep promises. Forget words like "I'll try" or "Maybe", use "I'll be there" and "I will do it".

## We can all be heroes.

The Olympic Games reward athletic achievement. But we also need to acknowledge achievements in other fields. The teacher who can motivate a class of teenagers, the shop assistant who provides exceptional service, the doctor who hugs patients, the fundraiser for the needy: the list is endless. So too are the ways to give recognition!

**Here's what you can do:**

- At your meetings and conferences, nominate people for special acknowledgment. Find creative ways to do this - medals, certificates, stickers, prizes, flowers etc.
- Write a "thankyou" note or send a card to other departments at work. Put a local community service on your list: school, hospital, police station, fire department etc. Do this regularly.
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cried our local Cops; ironic, so it seems. Rebellious, our Fire Fighters promised "No sirens, as you wish." But into Romsey they came, sirens and lights ablaze!!

And so it came to pass that on Saturday 17 August 1996 at 12 noon six "suckers", namely our 4 local Cops, our Chemist and our Butcher all braved the cold to have their heads shaved for the Challenge Cancer Support Network Group. We gave you the details in last month's edition and promised you after photos, which you will get!!

For those of you who attended, you know what a scream it was. For those of you who didn't take the effort to support them all, you missed a great day. Our 4 local Cops had agreed to the challenge from the Lancefield/Romsey Lions Club to have their hair cropped, but Craig Jamieson and Peter O'Rourke put their feet in their mouths in front of the wrong people and were pressured into it! Big mistake guys!! John Rogers was the first to go under the "axe", professionally wielded by our "blind" barber Joe, looking very nervous indeed until he actually started to enjoy the attention Joe was giving to his head!! Craig was very nervous all morning at the Chemist I'm

told and didn't look any more relaxed until he had been cropped and could run back to his shop to hide!! He has told me none of his customers will let him wear his beanie Fran Quarrell had so graciously knitted for each "baldy" because they paid good money to see him bald! Peter, our Butcher, was nervous from the time he put his foot in his mouth till the time he was bald! He was seen at different stages of the cropping with his head in his hand, probably wondering what the hell he had gotten himself into! Now you know Pete!! Andrew, our only blonde Cop, turned into Baby Faced Andrew who dissolved his baby into tears when they cuddled! I hope things have improved at home Dad!! Roger came back from a 3 month course especially for the day and looked decidedly unhappy about the whole affair, wearing his beanie the second he sat down bald. Last, but not least, Rob really wasn't at all phased, wanting to go first just to get it done. He's used to a No. 1 haircut anyway, it's his wife who likes it longer. So for those of you who were really looking forward to seeing him bald and suffering, sorry, but he enjoyed it and still is!! So far John and Rob have kept shaving their heads, while Peter's and Craig's is growing back slowly. I don't know

about Roger as he's still on course and I haven't seen Andrew to find out.

The Lions Club put on such a good feed that the sausages were gone before all the hair, with a queue at one stage so long you couldn't see the end. Raffle ticket sales seemed to be doing pretty well around the area too. All in all it was a very well organised and thoroughly enjoyable day from the "Fire Brigade" escort into town of the Cops to the standing ovation when all but Craig (chicken!!) stood up to be counted, cheered and photographed at the end. Will we see them there again next year? One can but ask (or Challenge!!). I myself would like to thank Gordon Knight (Lions) for asking me to cover the event and David Quarrell (Lions) and John Rogers (Lions & Victim!) for their help in getting my information together. **Total moneys raised as at Monday 26 August is over \$8,000 with more to be counted!!** Well done to the community, Lancefield/Romsey Lions and Lioness Clubs, and Sunbury Rotary Club (who targeted Craig, who is a member!) for pulling together to raise so much for such a worthy cause. **Robyn Trainor (for the Lion/Lioness Clubs & Victoria Police).**

## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS : SEPTEMBER 1996

Parents are the child's first and most important teachers and it is their influence and assistance that is vital to any education program. Cobaw Community Health Service also recognise this fact and have planned a very interesting and informative program for parents. More and more emphasis seems to be given to facilitating children's social, emotional and physical development and affirming the important supportive role that parents fill in the lives of children. Sr. Dorothy Walsh has organised an opportunity for all parents to participate in a "Practical Parenting Program" that will assist in developing a range of strategies that will enhance the parent child relationship. To facilitate the program we are asking interested parents to contact the school (295 099) or Dorothy (296011) so that program organisation can be finalised. It is envisaged that the program will service the identified needs of parents, run for approx six weeks and commence in the third week of term 4.

Sr Dorothy Walsh attended our school assembly last Monday to congratulate children on their posters created to highlight the "Be Wise with Medicines" safety theme. Our Year 5/6 students won their section of the competition and Mr Hickey, our Art Teacher was happy to accept a prize cheque for \$100. Our thanks to the Community Health Service personnel who were responsible for creating certificates for every participant.

Following a successful "Education Expo" at Kyneton Town Hall on the 29th of July, our school display is now on view in the Commonwealth Bank at Romsey. Thanks are expressed to the staff at the Commonwealth Bank for allowing our School displays to stand in the Bank during the first week in of Spring. Displays in our School foyer continue to attract attention and the Indonesian materials currently displayed are in the background of a photograph which will appear in the local newspaper shortly. The news item highlights the visit of our Indonesian assistant teacher, Asep and how he is playing an important part in our school language program.

Thankyou to all the families who have helped us collect 3000 Herald Sun /Rev Ball tokens. This as assured us of receiving our first ten balls from this year's program. Thankyou also to Rite Way for collecting tokens for us. We still have until the 20th of Sept to finalise the project. Please keep saving those tokens. Thanks to Mrs Christine Rowlands for her leadership in organising our Special Choir, Ensemble and String group to perform at "Beat 96" at the Kyneton Town Hall on Monday 9th Sept. Public performances form a very important part of the experiences of children and greatly enhance their confidence. Thanks are also expressed to the parents and friends who indicated that they would be part of the supportive afternoon audience.

At 11.30am on the 11th Sept the school will host the members of Gisborne Sec. College's Band. It will be great for our students to see just how musical talents can be fostered and developed after leaving Primary School. In the past we have heard the talented musicians from Kyneton Sec. College and so we look forward eagerly to this occasion.

Family Photographs always make great Christmas gifts but in most family portraits a key member is usually the one behind the camera. On the weekend of 26th October you will have your opportunity to have a full

family portrait professionally taken for just \$10 and that includes framing. For further details see the notice in this edition of the Romsey Rag or see the colour example on the school notice board. Warning: Make sure you book early!

Our Parents' Club are organising a family "Boot Scooting" night on November 16th. It looks like being a really fun evening for devotees and novice cowboys. Put it in your diary and join us. If it was as successful as our recent Trivia Night, you can be assured of a really fun evening.

Parents inquiring about enrolments for 1997 Prep year have received loads of information from our staff. Information packages were available at the Kindergarten and school, Kitchen Teas were conducted by our staff and visits to the school have been arranged for the Kindergarten children. If you have missed out on completing enrolment forms or have queries about the programs please ring the school or come along to our final information afternoon at 2.30pm Dec.3rd. Special thanks are expressed to Diane and Heather and to the Kindergarten staff for their assistance throughout the year. For many mothers the T.V program Play School is an essential sanity time each day. Play School is celebrating its 30th birthday this year with a live concert at Kyneton on Nov 21st - Contact Mary Hogarth-Ball (P.O.Box 662 Kyneton 3444) for further details.

Jump Rope for Heart, a campaign to keep children on their toes, develop healthy bodies and raise money for charity, was a great success at Romsey Primary School last Friday, thanks to the organisation and time Mr Paul Bain put into the program, the demonstrations from the pupils at Heskett Primary, the support of parents and staff and the generosity of the community. Thankyou.

Last week was engineering week and some of our classes accepted the challenges put forward by their teachers to solve some very interesting problems. Pupils were involved in making cranes from straws and pins, that could lift more than their own weight, bridges, towers and geared machines. Technology can be great fun.

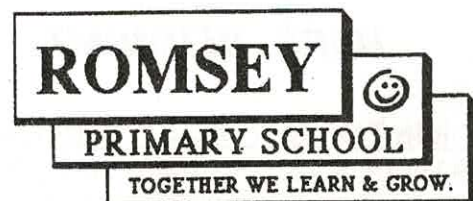
On Wednesday evening Sept 11th families can share the fun as together they explore science. FASPA (Family Science Project of Australia) aims to promote science awareness and the staff at Romsey together with Mr Tim Byrne from Science Works, plan to involve families in a range of interesting activities. Come along and join us as a family unit but remember to be prompt we start at 7.30 and finish at 8.30pm.

Having a T.A.C commercial filmed in Romsey has created a lot of discussion amongst our pupils and I'm sure that the impact that the campaign has on the drink driving public cannot be missed. Let's all learn a very sobering lesson. Drinking and driving don't mix. Keep Romsey free of the real trauma.. It can happen to you!

If you have any queries out the school's programs please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Trevor Turnham - Principal

(295 099 BH 295 413 AH)





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Every Day: Morning prayer at 9.15am (except Sundays and Mondays).

### Funerals for August:

8th August: Dorothy White (aged 96 years) at St. Paul's Romsey, burial at Lancefield cemetery.

### Baptisms for August:

August 4th. Samantha Anne Allen, Wrixon Street, Romsey  
August 18th. William Scott Bordin, Ochiltrees Rd., Romsey

Visitors, explorers, newcomers are always made welcome at any of our services. You may just turn up or phone and let us know before hand. Please feel free to ring anytime for any pastoral or religious concerns.

## mrcc.file

### VIRUS PROTECTION

August will go down in the clubs history as the month we made home PC's safer against the prospect of virus invasion.

Our free anti-virus shareware is available on diskette for those wanting a copy. Notes are also available on this session and previous sessions.

We saw live viruses and watched as Stuart McMinn of S.C.M. Computer Solutions used the shareware on offer to detect them.

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

Every third Sunday of each month  
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for details

### WHAT'S ON

#### SEPTEMBER 15th

The guest speaker for this meeting is our very own Fred Tresise who is involved in the computer industry as a lecturer on careers in computing. He also has a special interest in people and how they interact with computers.

Should you or anyone you know be contemplating a career in the field of computing then Fred is the man you need to see.

The mrcc will be celebrating it's 2nd birthday! Our Internet connection will be available for 1 hour to members and visitors. Elections for committee members will be held. Help us celebrate!

A new raffle will be organized by then and you might be the lucky winner. Tickets are available at meetings and very reasonably priced.

A very kind Barry Hufton usually struggles in, whenever possible, with his own PC which has lots of the latest games on it. THANKS BARRY!



### A new look club LOGO!

With the anticipated incorporation of our club, we decided to revamp both our logo and club quarterly publication. Gone is the old club banner and in it's place are the logo and mrcc.file name. Copies of the clubs own publication can be obtained, free of charge, at any club meeting or by phoning (054) 286 977.

In our publication is news on how to join the club, what our meetings will be about over the next few months, enough information on past meetings so you won't regret having missed them, how to become a member and special deals for members.

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## LAWNS

Weeds may be a problem in the lawn now. Broad leaf weeds can be controlled with the application of a selective herbicide. Weed & feed has two actions rolled into one. It kills broad leaf weeds and feeds your lawn at the same time. September is an ideal month to sow new lawns. Arid lawn seed is ideal if you are looking for an evergreen lawn that is tolerant of heat and drought and will survive in most climates.

## PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL

Petal blight can be a problem on Azalea's now. If your Azalea blooms turn brown and stay on the bush, sometimes even before they have opened, this is usually the indication that you have Azalea petal blight. Spray every two weeks over the flowering season with Bayleton.

## BULBS

Summer flowering bulbs such as Lilliums, Dahlias and Gladioli need to be planted now.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN

In our cold climate we can safely plant seed potatoes now. Lettuce, onions, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, silver bean can all be planted but summer crops such as tomato's need to be protected from frost. If you want to get a head start on your tomato's and other frost sensitive plants, Sun Tech have developed a great idea - it's called **Hydro Nurture** mini hot house. It enables you to plant up to eight weeks earlier, protects to - 9degrees c. Easy to assemble, just add water. Two sizes available and three re-useable hot houses per pack. Small \$14.95; Large \$19.95.

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opening in the near future in Woodend*

*I would like to thank all my customers for  
your patronage over the past 2 years  
and look forward to seeing you in the  
new shop*

*Sandra*



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

Fr. George O'Connor (Presbytery): 292 130; Sr. Patricia Stone (School): 291 359;  
Sr. Frances (Convent): 291 582.

**Mass times:** Sat. 7.30pm Lancefield

Sun.	for each month	1st & 3rd Sundays	2nd & 4th (& 5th) Sundays
	8.00am	Lancefield	Romsey
	10.00am	Romsey	Lancefield

Daily Masses: as advertised in weekly bulletin

Reconciliation: (Confession): 11.00 A.M. Saturday. or by arrangement.

## Prayer life:

- \* Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Saturday night Mass.
- \* 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church. Contact: Merle De Silva 295 672.
- \* Christian Meditation ( Silent Prayer ) Meetings...Thursdays 8 - 9pm, Romsey. Phone Stephen 295 907

## Special events / programs:

### \* YOUTH MASS

On Sunday morning at 10.00 a.m. on 6th. October the morning Mass will be directed towards the youth of the parish.

Young people who are willing to help organize the Mass are asked to come to a meeting at the Presbytery at 5.00p.m. on Friday 20th September. Musicians, singers and helpers - all welcome.

### \* \*SOCIAL GET - TOGETHERS...DROP - IN

Every first Thursday of the month coffee morning/afternoons will be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 10.30 am start. The St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Lancefield/Romsey will offer a table of goods for sale, card games, etc. Come and have a browse and chat, you will be most welcome.

### \*REFLECTION DAY THE INNER CHILD

Wednesday 23rd October with Paul Campbell S.A.C. 10 am - 4.30 pm

An opportunity to discover the child within and begin to explore how he/she affects us as adults. In the process we learn various ways of managing and empowering our lives, to reveal the spontaneous, creative and divine core of our being.

Venue: St. Mary's Presbytery, 27 Chauncey St. Lancefield Donation \$5 BYO lunch to share.

\* COMMUNION SERVICE at Karinya, Lancefield Friday 6th September

\* CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children who are in Grade 4 and below, Children's Liturgy will take place at each 10 o'clock Mass.

### \*RETREAT DAY

A Retreat day will be held at the Camberwell Civic Centre on 31st October, with Fr. Wahid Riad. This retreat is part of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Melbourne.

### \*OLD NEWSPAPERS

St. Mary's School is still collecting papers. Please leave papers at the school anytime under the verandah.

\*The Holy Name Of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group of Lancefield and Romsey offers intercessory prayers for individual or family needs. We intercede for these needs during our evening meetings at the St. Mary's school hall, Romsey. The words of Our Lord Jesus Christ give us the confidence that our prayers are always heard, "For wherever two or three gather in my name, I shall be there with them." If you would like to request prayers, please write clearly, no names necessary, and address it to:  
The Holy Name Of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.

\* The Catholic Church welcomes those who are searching ...

Have you ever wondered what Catholics believe? Do you find yourself asking questions concerning the purpose of life? Perhaps things have changed and you are being prompted by the Spirit to take another look at your Faith? Fr. George is available on 292 130 or ask a Catholic friend you know.

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*"You have not seen him, yet you love him; and trusting in him now without seeing him, you are transported with a joy too great for words, while you reap the harvest of your faith, that is, salvation for your souls" ( 1 Peter 1 : 19) 1:19 )*

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## LANCEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

With the end of term fast approaching we look forward to Term 4.

During Term 4 the House will be offering the following courses:

**Cake Decorating:** With Christmas just around the corner this course will be decorating a Christmas cake. Only \$4.00 per class.

**Basic Patchwork:** This course will teach you the technique of hand patchwork, from a template making a complete quilt top. Also this class is making a wall hanging for the Neighbourhood House. Only \$8.00 per class or \$6.00 concession.

**Folk Art & Calligraphy:** These two courses will be running if numbers are sufficient. Contact Nola for more information.

**Tai Chi:** Held Monday evenings at 7pm. Come along and learn alternative means for relaxation. Only \$7.50 per class.

**Creative Writing:** Started during Term 3 and is going along wonderfully. A beginners and advanced class is now on offer for Term 4. No experience necessary. So don't hesitate, contact Nola for more information.

**Aromatherapy:** Will be continuing in Term 4, for more information contact the house.

Occasional Care is still being offered at the House. We offer 2.5 hour sessions to parents who just need a break or are attending one of our classes. Fees are low and we offer Tuesday mornings 9.30am-12noon. Bookings essential.

## BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Eggs, eggs, eggs!!! Great excitement from the junior room in particular, ( and the teachers ! ) when Henny, Penny, Grace and Sparkles produced the first eggs. Only 3 so far, and we don't know from which girl, but we know someone's got the right idea.

We were very pleased to welcome David Wadge from the Spinal Cord Accident Prevention Unit as a guest speaker. David spoke about the effects of paraplegia and quadriplegia, his own motor bike accident, and how children and parents must be so aware of ways to prevent spinal cord accidents.

He especially emphasised to children the great importance of wearing seat belts at all times - no matter how short the car ride.

Mary Ann Brooker, the Cobaw Community Health Nurse, visited us to speak to the children about her work with groups and people in our district. Mary Ann also presented the school with a \$100 donation towards library books, as our reward for the children's superb posters in the 'Be Wise with Medicine' competition.

Last week we attended a fantastic police display at Kyneton racecourse. Snr. Cons. Fiona Richardson organised displays from the many units of the police force. The dog squad, mounted police, search and rescue, motor bikes, booze bus, public awareness unit, military police, naval police, local police, along with C.F.A. and ambulance units were all in attendance to talk with children and to answer a multitude of questions. The police band put on a terrific concert and really had the children rocking !! Our thanks to Fiona for all her hard work and time in organising this event for over 700 children from around our district.

We had a very successful Working Bee on a Saturday morning. Twelve families helped with a range of jobs, all endeavouring to make our school and grounds ready for the FLOWER SHOW on SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER. Entry forms are available at the Post Office and The Book Exchange. Also at the FLOWER SHOW (11 A.M. - 3.30P.M.) we have Harley rides, market stalls, pony rides, cakes, mini golf, BBQ, car boot sales, Devonshire teas, secondhand books and more !!!

Stall positions can be booked for \$10 per site. Community groups are welcome to set up. Please ring the school on 285 317.

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW !!!!

Keith Jenkins - Principal.



As part of Asthma Awareness Week (14th October 1996 - 18th October 1996) the House will be holding an Health Education information day (date to be confirmed). This day will be conducted in conjunction with the Cobaw Community Health Service with qualified people here to answer any questions who might have. There will be also displays of equipment used in conjunction with asthma. Everyone is welcome. Even if you don't have asthma yourself, maybe a family member or a friend might, come along to your Neighbourhood House and have a great day. Bookings will be essential for this day.

The next BUS TRIP will be to the New Broadmeadows Shopping Centre on 13th September 1996 at 9.00am. Bookings are essential. We do pick up Romsey Residents from the Old Post Office in Main St Romsey.

Subject to confirmation, we will be running a First Aid Course and a Computer Course - Desktop publishing/accounting. If you are interested please call and have your name put down on waiting list. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES CONTACT NOLA ON 291 214



# Romsey & Lancefield Christian Fellowship



Our Sunday morning worship services are held at 10:00am in the Romsey Mechanics Hall. In conjunction we run a comprehensive and action packed children's ministry, that includes lots of music and instruction.

Its great fun to be a Christian, and know the joy of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The Bible says to "Chose this day who you will serve", and recently within our church we have emphasized making the right choices in family life.

As a local community church, our role is to present the good news of the gospel in a relevant and compelling way. Many times parents ask me for direction in bringing up their children, but then fail to make a strong commitment to Christian principles



We invite your enquiry into our wide range of christian based activities, and trust that we could help you to make strong choices that will effect the future of you and your family.

Geoff Holland (minister) can be contacted on 295673.

## WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

Weekly results for the month of July and August

3/7/96 Stroke and Putting

1st. Leila Beasley. 2nd. Hazel Stammers. 3rd. Kath Jekabsons.

10/7/96 Stableford

1st.Elaine Scanlon. 2nd.Kath Jekabsons. 3rd. Leila Beasley.

31/7/96

1st.Mary Campbell. 2nd.Marg Crump. 3rd. Leila Beasley.

14/8/96. Silver Spoon/ Monthly Medal.

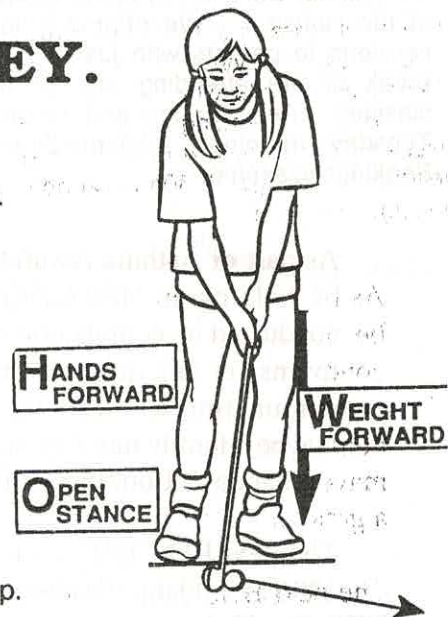
1st. Mary Campbell. 2nd. Shirley Shelton. 3rd. Marg Crump.

21/8/96. Stableford: Anti-Cancer Day.

1st. Leila Beasley. 2nd. Hazel Allen. 3rd. Margaret Crump.

28/8/96. Doris Chambers Foursomes.

Won by Hazel Allen and Darlene Baker. (great chip-in on the 8th Hazel!!!!)



There has been quite a lot of news since the last report. The course has been very wet and the results in the ladies competition have shown that not many of us enjoy the conditions but with the arrival of Spring things will surely get better.

We made another trip to the Blood Bank last month, its amazing how quickly three months flies by. Next time we may have to leave a certain member at home because she cant quite stand up afterwards!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LANCEFIELD BUSH NURSING HOSPITAL Inc.**

is to be held on Thursday, 26th September, at  
8.00 p.m. in the  
Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Retiring members offering themselves for re-election are Mr. Bill Krammer and Mrs. Gwen Crossman. Nominations for election to the committee shall be in writing and signed by two members and delivered by 12th September to

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## **WOMENS' HEALTH DAY**

to be held at Lancefield Community House on 18th  
September at 10.00a.m.

Guest speaker - Dorothy Walsh from  
Cobaw Health Services  
to speak on womens health issues.

Enq. Carol 296 703 or Joy 292 287.

## **ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

The Club meets on a Monday at the back of the Mechanics Hall, Main Street, Romsey.

The Club is open from 10.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Mondays and during winter on a  
Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We play cards, carpet bowls and have lots of friendly conversation. We have monthly bus trips to interesting places. New members most welcome and all club members are welcomed on our bus trips. Enquiries to our President, Marie Snowball or Secretary, Marg French on 296 377.

The result of the Senior Citizens Raffle drawn on 31st August is as follows:-

**1st Prize** - Large Hamper won by Mrs. Smithwick, **2nd prize** of a bottle of wine was won by Edna Ball,  
**3rd prize** of a meat tray was won by Margaret Goodman and the fourth prize of a small hamper was won by B. Godden of Riddells Creek. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who bought tickets.

Marg. French, Secretary.

## **ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

Well its just about that time of year again....the beginning of the bowling season!!

The official opening will be on Sunday, 29th September, at 1.00 p.m. and we extend a very cordial welcome to any member of the community who would like to try this great game of bowls just contact our Secretaries - Norm and Dorothy Thomson on 295 421.

The ladies have been playing winter bowls on a Tuesday and the men on a Thursday and they have all enjoyed the invigorating exercise!!

As the ladies pennant starts early in October it might be wise to have some early practice throughout September and again practice sessions will be held on a Tuesday. The men will have two practice sessions - on Sunday, 15th and Sunday 22nd at 1.30p.m. till around 4.00p.m. There will be a working bee on Saturday, 21st at 8.30a.m. so many hands will make light work! The Mustey-Newnham Trophy will be played off at Lancefield on Saturday, October 5th and the Bob Shaw Tournament will be played on Sunday October 6th. So freshen up the whites....its all go for another season!

Margaret Howatson, Press Officer.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROMSEY/LANCEFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB** to be held on Tuesday, 17th September at 7.30p.m. at Lancefield Football Club - come along and support your club. please note change of date as previously advertised - from 16 to 17th!

**THANK YOU.....**from Judy Hill - formerly of Perfect Grounds Cafe to all of our customers. We have sold the shop and I would like to say thanks for your custom over the past six and a half years and also wish you all well in the future.

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## THE R.O.C.K. CLUB (Reaching Out and Caring for Kids)

The R.O.C.K. Club has been running for some six months now with very encouraging results. We generally have an average of 32 kids attending each fortnight to learn the right way to go in life.

Our vision is to teach the children in our area old fashioned values and godly principles to help prevent the downward trend in the society in which we live, where we seem to have lost many forms of morals and integrity.

Our club is held in the Romsey Mechanics Hall on Sundays, each fortnight, between the hours of 3 - 5 p.m. We have a fun filled program with games, drama, slide stories, competitions and, of course, the gospel dollar shop is a big success with the children. We have a mini-bus picking up and delivering kids home for convenience of parents. Donation: \$1 per child. All primary aged children are welcome to attend.

For further information contact Steven and Maureen Milner on 291 465.

**Our next Sunday meeting will be held on 22nd September.**

**The Committee of the Lancefield Swimming Pool** have taken on a huge task by trying to have the pool covered and heated. This would be a great asset to the local community with potential users all the year round which would include all the local schools - Lancefield, St. Mary's, Romsey, Bolinda, Clarkefield, Darraweit Guim, Newham, Riddells Creek, Heskett and further afield Pyalong, Tooborac, Heathcote and Willowmavin. The local Conferences Centres of Centrevic, The Grange and Lancemore Hill would also benefit by providing another activity for their guests. All the local community groups would be able to make full use of this facility along with our elderly and sporting groups for rehabilitation or alternative training.

The anticipated costs involving heating, roofing and retractable walls is in the region of \$500,000 and the Pool Committee is applying for assistance from the Macedon Ranges Shire, Government Grants and possible additional funding from the sale of the Lancefield Hospital, community fundraising, business sponsorship, memberships and proceeds from the sale of Shire land in Lancefield.

We wish the committee well in their endeavours and I am sure if they require any community assistance they can rely on the people of Lancefield and Romsey to get behind this venture.

*I don't know how other people reacted, but on Saturday, 30th August, the Shopping Centre had three stalls going at once! Now, I am the first to support local organisations, but this is just going overboard! No consultation what-so-ever, and I am sure each organisation's takings would have been down, as it was like running the gauntlet just trying to do your shopping! I have tried supplying a diary at the Book Exchange in order that this sort of thing would just not happen - but it was not used very much - so how about we try again! It only takes a minute to drop in and check that you are not doubling up with another fundraiser!*

Margaret Howatson.

## ROMSEY RED CROSS UNIT

The Annual Meeting of Romsey Red Cross was held at the home of Leeanne Eames on Friday, August 9th at 1.30p.m. Office Bearers for 1996/96 are:-

President:	Helen Clement	Vice President:	Sue Quarrell
Secretary:	Doss Keating	Ass. Secretary:	Gwenda Allen
Treasurer:	Trudie Linsten	Ass. Treasurer:	Leeanne Eames
Regional Rep:	Helen Clement	Publicity Officer:	Doss Keating
Auditor:	Gwen Crossman	Junior Red Cross Rep:	Leeanne Eames

A Danny Blume Morning Coffee and Display of Spring Fashions is being organised for Thursday, 10th October at 10.30 a.m. in the Romsey Uniting Church Hall, Pohlman Street, Romsey - Donation \$5.

Our next general meeting is to be held on Friday, 27th September, at 1.30 p.m. at the home of Marion Spring, 68 Main Street, Romsey, when any new members will be very welcome to join us.

Secretary.

**C.F.A. AUXILIARY MEETINGS** recommence on Monday, 23rd September, at 8pm at Headquarters in Stawell Street. Everyone is welcome to join us. The A.G.M. will be held on Monday, 28th October at 8.00 p.m.

The Fire Brigade Catering Roster for 1996/97 will not change unless:-

1. Any person wishes to come off the Roster;
2. Any person wishing to be included please let me know by 1/10/96.

Do not forget the Games Night organised along with Grade 6 Art Exhibition to be held on Saturday, 26th October at Headquarters. These family nights are really good fun! Keep a look out for a marvellous raffle coming up throughout October and help your own CFA - it is to be a Cup Day Indulgence - a basket loaded with all the goodies for the Melbourne Cup Picnic of a Lifetime!!

Helen Watts, Secretary (295 250)

**Organ Donor Registration Forms may be obtained from the Romsey Book Exchange**

**PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT RAG IS 5.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.  
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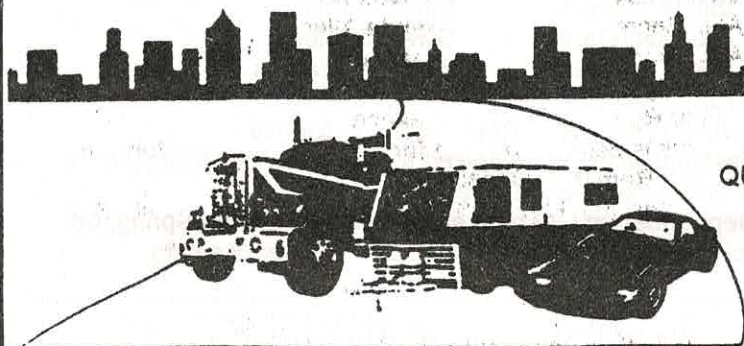
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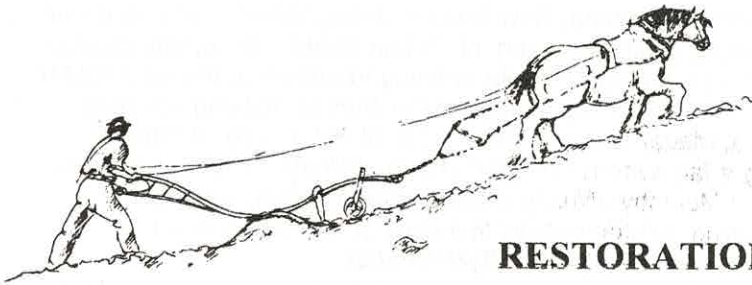
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**ROMSEY KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS** Vacancies exist for 3 year olds for Term 4 : 1996.

Also vacancies exist for all terms in 1997. Children should turn 4 years old before 30th April, 1997. Enrolment fee \$5.00. Proof of age required For further information Phone 295 294.

# Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,  
ROMSEY, 3434.



## RESTORATION OF DEAN MacCULLAGH'S GRAVE

The Historical Society and the Anglican Parish of Lancefield and Romsey intend to restore the grave of Rev Dean MacCullagh in the Lancefield cemetery. He was the first Church of England minister at Lancefield, starting as a lay reader in 1863. He was ordained in 1866 and returned to the parish. The funeral of his wife was the first he conducted for his church, and he requested a move from Lancefield. He went to Bendigo where he served as Dean and Archdeacon of the Sandhurst Diocese from 1870 to 1917, and is fondly remembered for his kindness and generosity to all who came in contact with him. Dean MacCullagh returned to Lancefield each year on the anniversary of his wife's death to conduct a service at Christ Church.

The grave is a large one and in a poor state of repair. A public appeal in 1993 brought in \$160 and the Historical Society and the Anglican Vestry will share most of the cost, and a grant has been applied for from the Holsworth Cemetery Endowment Fund. This was set up by Mrs Carol Holsworth to assist in promoting the preservation, study, and appreciation of Victoria's rural cemeteries and other monuments to early colonists in rural areas. If the grant is received work can commence, but will require a little more fund raising to complete the restoration.

The Historical Society is most grateful to the organisers of the Lancefield B & S Ball for the donation received following the successful ball held at Lancefield earlier this year. The money will be used to help finance the publication of the brochures being prepared as a guide to historic sites in Romsey and Lancefield.

The September meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Seymour Cottage, 20 Palmer Street, Romsey, at 8 p.m. on 24 September.

## WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

We are raising funds at the moment for research into Breast Cancer and have a chip-in jar. We hope to raise a reasonable amount of money by "fining" players for three putting and hitting out if bounds- 20c each time. (also 20c every time you swear but we're not telling anyone about that bit.)

Unfortunately the ladies could not field a team in this year's pennant comp. but the men have continued on in a winning way taking out two pennant finals recently. This is a tremendous effort for the Romsey Club and we congratulate the respective teams. Another highlight for the men was the selection of three juniors in the Dalhousie Junior Team, well done to ; Danny Gaunt, Andrew Newell and Darren Freestone. We wish them luck as they represent our club and community.

Our A.G.M. will be held on October 23rd, watch this space for more details ( time, venue etc)

**HEART HEALTH DAY.** On Oct. 20th the club will be holding a junior clinic here in Romsey for both boys and girls. This will be an excellent opportunity for any children interested in learning the basics or to improve your game of golf. There will be a visiting Professional (possibly Taylor Murphy from Kilmore.) funded by the Heart Health Foundation and the day includes tuition and lunch all for the cost of \$ 3. Keep a look out for application details at your school or the next Romsey Rag.

Advance notice is hereby given (so you'll have no excuse - mark your calendar NOW!) for the combined Presentation/Sponsors Day. This will be held on 10th November, a Sunday, with tee off at 1.30 pm. This will be followed by a famous Romsey G.C. meal. Lets all make an effort to make this a successful day ( surely by then we will have beautiful weather and no soggy feet.)

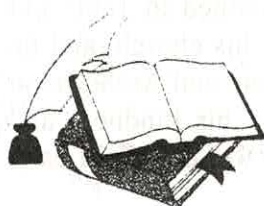
Happy Golfing and may all your putts fall.



**A LESSON IN SPEAKING.** After spending some time at Madang, New Guinea, during World War 2, and with the help of one of two books I bought in Brisbane, acquiring a fair command of Pidgin English as commonly used in conversation with natives in the area, I was moved to Port Moresby. While awaiting treatment at the local RAAF hospital, I noticed a group of natives in a nearby hut and hoping to obtain some pearl shell for making novelties, strolled over and after offering cigarettes all round, came quickly to the point in the best Pidgin I could muster.: "Yupela save kinya e stap we?" After some seconds of silence, an intelligent looking individual in a *lap-lap* rose to his feet and in a cultured voice replied: "Excuse me sir, but there is an acute shortage of pearl shell in this particular vicinity". According to the local *press* I was next seen engrossed in a copy of the other book I purchased in Brisbane.: Victor Hugo's *How To Avoid Incorrect English!* - Syd Wheller

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For all enquires phone our Church office on (054) 296 327 or A.H. Ps Marilyn Hunter on (054) 295 381. Ps Sean & Rachel Greenwood on (054) 296 264, for Woodend enquires.

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## ROMSEY TENNIS CLUB

All members are asked to attend our Working Bee, Lunch and AGM on Sunday, 6th October, 1996. Working Bee will begin at 9.30a.m. followed by BBQ lunch, AGM to be held at 1.00p.m. and following that a social hit of tennis. Your Club Needs You!!!!

**Please Come Along And Show Your Support For Your Club**, and help prepare the courts and surrounds for the summer season.

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## LITTLE ATHLETICS

Track preparations for this year's season will soon be under way - if it ever stops raining!! If there is anyone out there who would like to lend a hand, please call me on 295 968, we will be grateful for any assistance offered.

The season commences on Saturday, October 5th, with Track & Field running until Easter, followed by Cross Country. Children aged 5 to 15 may join Little Aths. They compete in sprint, middle and long distance races; hurdles; high, long and triple jump; shotput; discus; and for the older athletes - javelin. All events are supervised and athletes are instructed in all events, with additional coaching available during the week. All results are recorded, with the athletes receiving a printout of their efforts each week. They also receive certificates each time they improve their performance or break a centre record. The season ends with our centre championship with medals being awarded in all events and the nomination of our Athletes of the Year. For this award the athletes are allocated points throughout the season, based on their participation, improvement and performance. The recipients names are added to perpetual shields (on display at the Romsey Commonwealth Bank) and they receive a 23 carat gold plated medal for their achievement. Registration costs have not been set at the time of writing, but they are anticipated to be the same as previous years. Our one up cost is the total cost for all centre run activities.

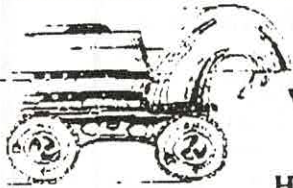
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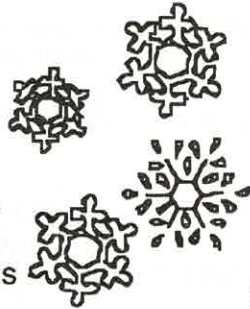
From the Romsey Uniting Church

The Youth group of our church recently went on a day trip to Mt Bulla. The snow intrigued me, and I was prompted to write the following:

Snow -  
cold to the touch -  
brittle cold,  
and brittle white!  
The glare strikes  
as a hot summer's day -  
"white as snow" -  
crisp and pure.



I take a lump  
and cradle it in my hand.  
Crystals twinkle  
with a myriad of tiny lights  
each crystal  
a perfection in formation -  
each clear as glass -  
splinters of glass ice  
clustered together  
to form a snowball.



But look!  
Each is clear,  
yet the whole is white!  
How can this be?  
Is it the sum  
of the refractions of light -  
of many refractions  
joining to form the brittle white  
that strikes my eyes?



I carefully pick out a crystal -  
so small -  
so very small.  
A grain of sand,  
but clear  
and clean.  
It melts rapidly  
to a minute droplet  
on my warmer hand.

As I walk down the hill  
I find snow more shallow,  
trampled by many feet,  
particles of dirt  
contaminating the white.  
Not much is needed  
to break apart the unity of spectra  
that brings the white.  
Not much -  
a little dirt that comes between,  
separating crystal from neighbour,  
and the whiteness is gone.

We live in community, you and I.  
We live as crystals  
joining to make a whole.  
I have seen  
in this place  
the whiteness of snow  
in the love and care  
that each shows to the other.

We will not risk contaminating  
the unity we have  
by gossip,  
and backstabbing,  
and greed,  
and dissension!  
It takes so little  
to dirty the snow.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God -  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."\*

We are a community of love -  
whiter than snow.  
May God bless us in our endeavours  
as we continue to work together.

Elaine J C Fragar September 1996

\*Psalm 51:10 & 7

News for this month:

**Services** are held each Sunday - Sunday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September, 9 am - worship & Sunday School. (Services on 15th and 22nd will be lead by Rev. Murray Coomb)

**Mountain Messengers:** On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th September, we will be hosting a visit from six people from the Highlands of Papua New Guinea. Please watch the notice-board outside the Newsagency for details of the programme for their visit.

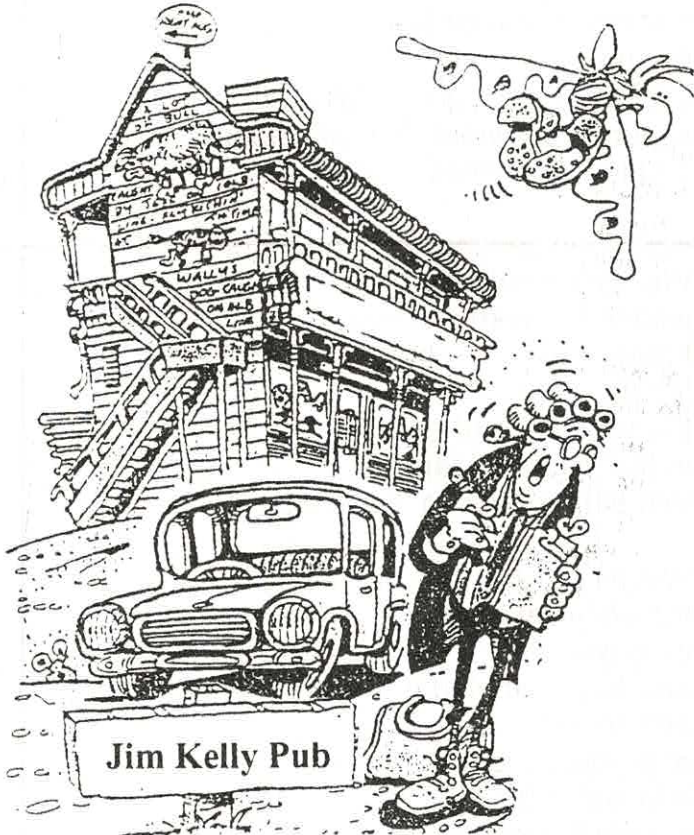
**.. IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.** One of several stories my father liked to tell of his younger days as a bushman and trapper in the late nineteenth century concerned his use of dogs to reduce labour in trapping rabbits. "I used three dogs; a pointer, a setter and a retriever, and in late afternoon sent the pointer and setter out together with a load of traps on 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".

*Once again the Braemar  
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Where: Kerrie Hall  
When: 12th October, 1996 7.30pm.

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**UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO SPLIT OUR TOWNSHIP.....**

A deputation of local residents met with the Minister of Local Government and Planning, Rob MacLellan, on Wednesday, 28th August. Also present was the Head of the Local Government Board, Mr. Tony Abbot.

Grant Newman and Daryl and Louise Tranter presented the petition of 520 names and letters to the Minister. The 20 minute appointment was extended to 45 minutes.

The Minister questioned and queried the motivation for Romsey people's need and commitment to having the township in one ward.

At first the Minister's approach was to support the Commissioner's Ward decision but ultimately he confessed that there was a good case to keep townships united and in ONE WARD. However, the problem is the mechanism of change. He declared that the Macedon Ranges Shire Ward Option would be postponed to give his Local Government Board time to research our situation.

The Minister will be holding discussions with the Local Member - Mr. Tom Reynolds.

Tom Reynolds has not had community negotiations as the people had regarded this as being a Council problem. The fact that it is now in the hands of the State Local Government Minister, means that it is appropriate to phone Tom Reynolds on 282 138 or write to Mr. Tom Reynolds, MLA, Aitken Street, Gisborne, 3437 or to The Minister of Local Government - The Hon. Rob MacLellan, MLA, 250 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Vic., 3000. Mrs. Louise Tranter - (054) 286 120.

**ROMSEY LIONESS CLUB**

Results of Father's Day Raffle drawn Saturday, 31st August, 1996.

1st Prize - Overnight stay at Rockman's Regency Hotel including Complimentary Champagne on arrival, buffet breakfast and 3pm checkout - won by ticket no. 373, Barb Dobson Romsey, 2nd Prize - Safety Goggles, Hard hat and Ear Muffs won by Ticket no. 166 Ron D. - Sunbury and 3rd prize of a bottle of port won by ticket no. 252 - Keith Bradley, Romsey. We wish to thank the committee of Romsey and Lancefield for their ongoing support in our fund raising efforts. Our Club is few in numbers and anyone interested in serving their community with some spare time, talk to us when you see us down the street or contact Pat Gleeson on 295 077.



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### EPILEPSY

Epilepsy is a disruption of brain function that results in seizures or fits. It can affect anyone of any age, level of intelligence and ethnic group. Up to 350,000 Australians could have epilepsy though estimates vary. Most types of epilepsy respond well to regular medication and many people become seizure free. There are numerous epilepsy syndromes and each has its own symptoms, seizure types, cause, method of diagnosis and management. There are three main types of seizures:

**Tonic-clonic seizures** are seizures that involve the whole brain. There is a loss of consciousness, the body stiffens and the limbs jerk. These seizures generally last one to three minutes after which the person may wish to rest or sleep.

**Absence Seizures** mostly affect children. These seizures also involve the whole brain and are associated with brief (up to 30 seconds) periods of loss of consciousness that may occur many times a day. Absence seizures are often mistaken for daydreaming or lack of concentration and can disrupt learning by creating gaps in information received.

**Simple and complex partial seizures** occur when the abnormal cell activity affects only part of the brain. These seizures can vary widely depending on which part of the brain is involved. The person may experience stiffening or jerking of the body, a loss or distorted awareness of surroundings, unusual experience stiffening or jerking of the body, a loss or distorted awareness of surroundings, unusual feelings, tastes or smells and temporary speech impairment. The person may also be unresponsive or confused.

#### **What to do in case of a seizure:**

For **Tonic-clonic seizures** do the following:

1. Move harmful objects away. Put something soft under his/her head and shoulders. Don't put anything in his/her mouth. Don't restrain.
2. As soon as possible, roll the person on to his/her side to assist breathing.
3. When the seizure is over the person may be confused. Reassure the person until he/she is fully aware of surroundings; speak calmly, don't restrain or try to stop activity unless such action is dangerous to self or others, stay with the person until he/she is aware of surroundings, and offer assistance to get home.

**Absence seizures** don't usually require any form of assistance other than reassurance when the attack is finished.



### **Roaming Round Romsey:**

\* A special note of appreciation to the Shire grounds staff who have been mowing and cleaning up the nature strips around town. A Tidy Town can reflect the pride of its inhabitants and it is about time that we acknowledge the efforts of our locals who are maintaining the street scape. It is a little unfortunate however that, since the Shire's operational base has been moved to Kyneton that there has been a noted depreciation of road surfaces and maintenance. The build up of gravel on street intersections could well lead to the type of horrifying smash that was filmed in town by the T.A.C recently. It really gets the message across doesn't it.

\* A comment from the "blind barber" who did such a great voluntary job removing the hair from our local constabulary, chemist and butcher during the very successful "crop a cop campaign", highlighted the dips and hidden areas along our notorious Melbourne - Lancefield Road. Citing the death of a Lancefield resident, he emphasised that even if you really know the road, the danger confronting you may not be of your own making. Take care out there! Wet roads greatly extend the area to safely stop a speeding car.

\* Have you noticed that we are losing the Strawberry Patch? Thankyou Sandra for the interest and effort you have put into your business. Although the patronage of Romsey residents has been insufficient to keep this commercial venture alive, we trust that the move to Woodend will be really successful. Readers only have to look at Lancefield to see for themselves what happens when services diminish and local business are not sufficiently patronised. Many country towns face the same plight. Let's all ensure that when contemplating a purchase we give the locals a go, and bear in mind the added fuel and time costs of travelling to larger centres to make the same purchases. Local traders such as those advertising in the Romsey Rag are leaning over backwards to serve us, please give them a go but fair go when it comes to constantly asking for donations or sponsorship.

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