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THE MACEDON RANGES NORTH EAST REGION BUSINESS & TOURISM ASSOCIATION

A public meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th October, at CentreVic Motor Inn, Lancefield, and further meetings have been held - with the result that "The Macedon Ranges North East Region Business & Tourism Association" has been duly formed and Incorporated with the Office of Fair Trading. The proposed Statement of Purpose is- "To promote and encourage business and tourism in the North Eastern region of the Macedon Ranges".

The Office Bearers and Committee Members are as follows:-

President:	Bill Krammer
Vice President:	Ken Murchison
Secretary:	Murray Cousins (Tel: 5429 1422/Fax: 5429 2205)
Treasurer:	Jack Richmond
Committee:	Doug Newham John Chisholm Margaret Howatson Ken Paterson

At the meeting held on 20th January the Committee discussed its main aims - to be achieved over the next 12 months. These were:-

1. Recruitment of members - business houses/tradespeople will be contacted as soon as possible.
2. Halt the flow of leakage spending from within the region by 10% - encourage using local businesses instead of going outside our region. A pamphlet is to be prepared of all local businesses and will be circulated to all residents.
3. Increase tourism spending and to this end we will be looking into constructing Tourist Information Motorist Lay-Bys complete with Information Boards both in Lancefield and Romsey. Government funding - both local and state will be sought to assist with this and other projects.
4. **ON THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, WE WILL SPONSOR A PUBLIC MEETING TO ALLOW ALL CANDIDATES FROM ROMSEY AND LANCEFIELD WARDS TO GIVE A TALK ON THEIR ABILITIES AND GOALS. THIS WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30P.M. IN THE ROMSEY MECHANICS HALL. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FREE OF CHARGE. ALL WELCOME!....**

Anyone interested in attending the by-monthly members meeting are invited to the Romsey Hotel on Monday, 17th February - 7.00p.m. attendance, for 7.30p.m. start of meeting, or please talk to any member of the Committee as listed above.

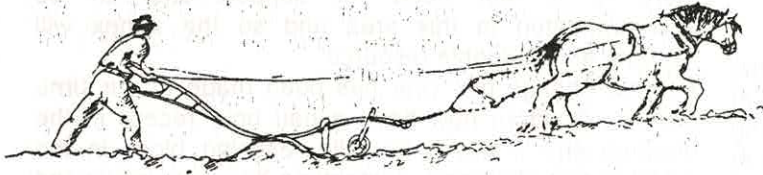
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 1997

This year's service for all local Romsey/Lancefield residents will be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Romsey on Friday, 7th March at 11 a.m. followed by a shared lunch at 12 midday.

It is hoped that all attending the service will be able to bring some lunch to share with others - then attend the Bible Study Segment - also on the theme of the service "Like a Seed which grows into a Tree" which has been planned for Christians world-wide by a committee of South Korean Women. The Guest Speaker will be Sister Linette Young. Everyone will be very welcome to join us. Helen Clement

Twin Girls have been born to Peter and Julie Frances - Ella Rose and Louise Kate and another set of twin girls born to Pearl and George of Roseallan Tearoom's son and daughter in law - Lisa and Glen - named Katlyn Rose and Bree Ellen....Congratulations to all concerned!

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.



P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.

FUNDS FOR HISTORIC MARKERS.

The project to mark historic sites in Lancefield and Romsey has been greatly assisted by a grant of \$1000 from the Macedon Ranges Shire, for which the Romsey and Lancefield Districts Historical Society is most grateful. It is anticipated that this will finance about half of the plan to place plaques on about twenty places. During 1996 society members, particularly Helen Clement and Jim Hall, have assisted Maree Waldron compile a list of significant places in the two townships which are worthy of keeping before the notice of residents and visitors. A brochure will be published with further details of the places that have been marked.

Unfortunately the society was not so successful in seeking financial assistance for the restoration of the grave of the Reverend MacCulloch in the Lancefield cemetery. The Holsworth Cemetery Endowment Fund, to which an application was made for \$250, was only able to support six requests from the 57 submissions received.

The next meeting of the Macedon Ranges Heritage Council, which represents the heritage organisations in the Macedon Ranges Shire, will be held this month at the Court House Museum at Lancefield. The Shire Heritage Adviser, Helen Lardner, and Council & Customer Service Co-ordinator, Stephen Mahon, will address the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Seymour Cottage, 20 Palmer Street, Romsey, on Tuesday, 25 February at 8.00 p.m.. The society has a membership of about ninety, but many of these are former residents who do not live in the district, and use the society newsletter to keep in touch with this area. There is a great need for more local members, so everyone is most welcome to attend meetings and take part in society activities.

FOR SALE: Pine Lounge Suite - Pink Floral Cushions - 2 Seater, 3 Chairs, Excellent Condition - \$200; Pine Bunk - Very Solid Construction - 2 Drawers in bottom of bed - \$85 - Ph: 5429 5958.

UNITING CHURCH NEWS

Each New Year brings many new beginnings - also the continuation of some long-standing happenings and traditions. Our prayerful thanks are extended to the Callister Family for their time of Ministry in our local Lancefield/Romsey Parish and we wish them God's Blessings in the future. Ray has been appointed to a Teaching position at Bacchus Marsh Grammar School and Roslyn and Nathan will continue their studies at Braemar College and we hope Elaine's health will now improve so she can continue in her ministry. The family are currently residing at Gisborne.

Our sincere thanks are also extended to Rev. Ray Outhred from Broadford and Rev. Bert Dellosa from Broadmeadows for their relieving ministry during recent months - their dedication and sincerity has been very much appreciated. Bert will continue to lead us in worship during February and is available for pastoral care and home visits on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Our worship service times are now again Romsey 9.00a.m. and Lancefield 10.30a.m. with Sunday School Classes commencing in Romsey on Sunday, 16th February and on Sunday 23rd February in Lancefield.

Congratulations to all who had successful studies and examination results in 1996 and we wish all a Happy and Successful year in 1997. Local congregational meetings will be held after worship services at both Romsey and Lancefield on Sunday 23rd February with our Parish A.G.M. to be held at Lancefield commencing with a Parish Tea at 6 p.m. followed by worship then meeting which all members of the Parish are invited to attend.

Our initial Uniting Church Fellowship and Guild Meeting for 1997 will be held on Wednesday, 12th February at 1.30p.m. in our Sunday School Hall. A set commencement service for the year will be held and new members will be very welcome. Our Know Your Bible studies series will commence after Easter studying the book of Genesis. Best wishes and our prayerful support to all local residents with the hope that 1997 will be a specially good year for all R.E. classes at Romsey Primary School which commence the first week in March with hopefully sufficient voluntary teachers to cover all classes - 1 and preferably 2 extra voluntary teachers will be necessary - please contact Helen Clement on 295 317 if you can help.

Our love and best wishes to Kara Corner and Jonathan Thorne on their marriage to be celebrated on Saturday, 8th February with God's Blessing on their partnership in the years ahead. Helen Clement

Romsey Primary School News

February 1997

When the bitumen melts and passing cars rip up the road surface, you know that there is a common topic of conversation on everyone's lips. The sweltering conditions under which the children have returned to school have at times been intolerable and with the lack of sleep and exhaustion that accompanies any activity on such days, it is understandable that everyone's concentration is lowered and children become irritable very easily. School Council have endorsed the installation of air conditioners to four classrooms and shade cloth protection to some other outdoor learning centres. Despite the heat the school year has begun very smoothly with a special "Australia Day" assembly being held in the Gym on the first Monday of the school year. It was on this occasion that we honoured two local citizens who have contributed so generously to the Romsey Community.

Mrs Carol Bradley's extensive voluntary service to Romsey Primary School through the Canteen, Parents' Club executive, Book Club, Fundraising and Secretarial services, 1st Romsey Scout Group, Romsey Lionesses, Callisthenics Group and Tennis Club were recognised as invaluable contributions.

We also recognised **Mr Ron Viney's work** with the Romsey/ Lancefield Historical Society, Macedon Ranges Heritage Council and by providing a major lead & practical support during the introduction of Indonesian throughout this school. These honored citizens were presented with framed certificates

at the first full school Assembly 1997. We publicly acknowledge the assistance provided by these citizens in so many ways, to develop co-operative spirit in our Romsey Community.

This year we continue to have 14 classes the largest of which has 28 children with 22 children in the Yr1/2 classes. We are also very pleased that each of the yr 1/2 classes will have the extra teacher assistance for literacy in the morning. With three specialist staff, **Mrs Jekabsons in the library, Mrs Rowlands for Music and Mr Hickey for Art**, the children are able to experience a range of teachers. We welcome Mrs Robyn Moore this year as a **Library Aide** and **Mrs Bernadette Behan assists part time in the infant area**. We are also indebted to Mr Ron Viney for his enthusiasm and willingness to continue instruction of Indonesian for the Yr 3/4 Unit. This year Indonesian will be extended to every class in the school. While Mrs Bean is on leave this year, we have been very pleased to be able to have **Miss Melinda Choate** join the teaching team in the Prep area. Mr Sherren is acting Principal at Chewton this term and is expected to return to his teaching role with Yr 5/6 next term. In his absence, we are pleased to have Mrs Ellis who is very well known to parents and children.

Another change for this year has been **the development of the annex** (white house at the corner of Station St & White Ave. Removal of the old fencing and clearing the site has greatly extended the play area and provided the children with more shade from the large trees. The building itself will be used by Curriculum consultants and our Parents' Club. Now that **our Region has been extended** by approximately 2000+ students from the Gisborne, Mt Macedon area,

there is a real need for support staff to be accommodated in this area and so the annex will become an invaluable resource.

Another change this year has been made to our **time table**. Children now have a half hour recess in the morning and a two hour solid teaching block in the morning and afternoon. Lunchtime has been advanced a little and is now 12.30 - 1.30pm.

The anti Cancer Councils' Mascot Sid Seagull paid a flying visit to the school last Monday to emphasise the importance of **Sun protection** and the wearing of approved hats in the sunshine. As a direct result of a survey conducted last year, a record number of parents responded and a huge proportion of those replies endorsed the Sunsmart policy of wearing protective creams and approved sun hats. This action has been enforced this term and thanks to the provision of UF 15+ Suncream in each classroom and the co-operation of parents, our children are well protected.

One of the very big events that will be a highlight of our year is the **School Carnival planned for Friday evening March 21st**. This exciting event is being initiated by a group of very enthusiastic ladies who promise that the Carnival will be a great event. Please refer to the advertisements on our notice boards and in this edition of the Romsey Rag. Come and join us.

Safety House Committee: Your local committee met again last week and were very appreciative of the number of families who continue to act as Safety Houses in our area. If you are interested in helping on the committee or as a Safety House holder, please contact Sgt. John Rogers at Romsey Police station 295461 or Mrs Anne Hendrickson 296 426. These people aim to provide a safe environment for your children.

Curriculum and information sessions for parents: Parents are reminded that these very important sessions begin this week with the **Prep Teachers** organising the program on Tuesday 11th Feb at 7.30pm. On Thursday 13th, commencing with a family tea at 6.45pm, **the 5/6 unit** have arranged their formal information session to commence at 7.30pm. On the 18th the parents of Yr 1/2 students are invited and on Feb 20th **the 3/4 Unit** have planned their information session. Please keep these dates free and come along to have questions answered and programs explained.

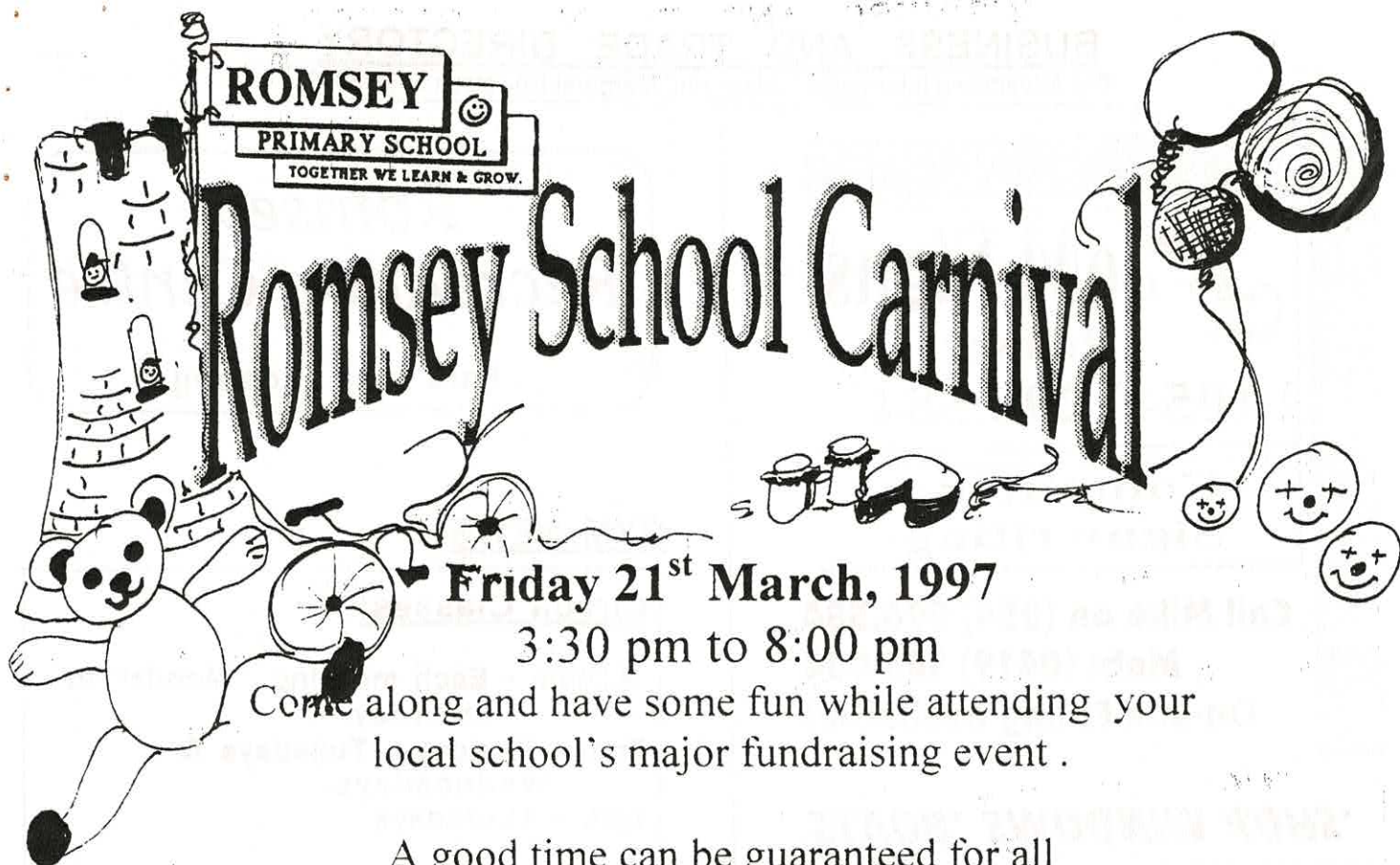
Lord Somers District Education Camp at Somers May 20th - 28th Parents of Year 5/6 children in local schools should be aware that 1997 is our year for attending this excellent camp. It is a great experience and rates are very, very reasonable. If you are interested please contact your local school as soon as possible. At Romsey we will be participating in the District Music Camp and the special camps being finalised for Year 3/4 children & year 5/6 students.

Watch for the new 1st Aid Classes starting next month. Note too that Gym is restarting on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Callisthenics operates on Fridays at the school & Karate on Tuesday evenings.

We actively invite parents and anyone interested to participate in our programs, 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)



Romsey School Carnival

Friday 21st March, 1997

3:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Come along and have some fun while attending your local school's major fundraising event.

A good time can be guaranteed for all
There will be something for everyone.

*PONY RIDES JUMPING CASTLE, GAMES,
COMPETITIONS, PLANT STALL, WHITE ELEPHANT
STALL, HOME MADE LOLLIES AND JAMS STALL
BOOKS AND LOTS LOTS MORE A CONCERT,
BUSKERS.*

RED CROSS

The very hot dry weather conditions recently have produced dangerously high fire risk days with tragic results in the Dandenong Ranges and now donations of cash, canned and packaged goods are requested to help assist these traumatised families.

Our initial meeting for the year to plan our Red Cross Calling Collections in March will be held on Wednesday, 26th February at 1.30p.m. in Marion Spring's home - 68 Main Street, Romsey.

Extra helpers to assist with Red Cross Calling are needed during March and if you or your family can help please contact Helen Clement on 295 317 or Doss Keating on 5429 6277.

FOR SALE

Pop Top Caravan 17ft.6in x 7ft 6in., double bed, front kitchen, as new heavy duty Tebb's Annexe, stove, grill and oven, 2 way fridge, plenty of storage. Electric brakes, pole carrier, rear bumper, new carpet, cloth seats, very clean, great to tow. 12 months reg. E.C. \$5,500.

1 Childcare Double Pusher - suit baby & toddler or 2 toddlers. E.C. \$110.00

1 Steelcraft Pram hardly used, dark blue & maroon padded. E.C. \$70.00

1 Tent: 2 man heavy duty japara material, screen windows and doors. E.C. \$40.00

Phone: 03 54 296 328.

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Romsey Recreation Centre

Park Lane Romsey

GYM NEWS

Circuit Classes:

9.30am - Each morning - Monday to
Saturday.

7pm - Mondays, Tuesdays &
Wednesdays.

8pm - Thursdays

Cost : \$5.00 (Students \$4.00)

*Childminding Available on Monday,
Wednesday & Thursday Mornings*

AEROBICS

Thursdays at 7pm

Low Impact Classes.

Cost: \$5.00 (Students \$3.50)

DAYTIME LADIES NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY MORNINGS

WANTED! Any ladies interested in playing
netball, having fun & meeting new people!
Enquiries - contact Tom at the Centre.

SQUASH

PLAYED TUE & WED NIGHTS

Any players interested in playing in the
Pennant competition should contact Tom on
295 637. Players of all standards are welcome.

Casual squash available

\$10.00 per court per hour.

For bookings contact the Centre.

DAYTIME LADIES BASKETBALL

PLAYED THURSDAY MORNINGS

Any ladies interested in playing please contact
Tom on 295 637.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

The cubs and scouts at first Romsey are all set for another busy year of scouting. The first community project will be the Clean-up Australia Day on March 2nd, so keep your eyes peeled for our children helping in the community. This year is also a Jamboree Year for a number of our scouts, so you will see a high profile of scouting in the local and wider community as they prepare for this international event. If your children are interested in joining in the fun and adventure of scouting, please contact our leaders for enquiries. Cubs are aged between 8 and 11, and participate in many activities including community work, badges, games and camps. Scouts are aged from 11-15 and extend themselves in challenges to mind and body, with camps, outings and hikes. We have a small, but dedicated band of trained leaders who help our children realise their own potential by building confidence and pride in themselves. Adults are also encouraged to join in the fun of scouting through becoming leaders or helpers. Training is provided through the Scouting Association, and the fun and adventures do not stop, just because you have turned 15. Interested yet?? Call one of our leaders for further information for your children or for yourself. Cubs - Heidi Carroll, 5429 5813 or Scouts - P.J. Gay, 5429 5749.

FUNDRAISING: The scout group has a committee of parents who help run the administrative side of scouting and a major proportion of this is fundraising. To this end, we are holding a fundraising supper dance featuring local identity, Darryl Cotton and his band "The Rockafellaz." The date is 5th April, at Braemar College Hall. Further information or tickets are available by contacting committee members or ringing Pam Horyna, 5429 5986, or Kay Hambling, 5427 0352. Tickets are \$25.00 each including supper and dancing. B.Y.O. drinks, nibbles and your glass. Wine, Beer and softdrink will also be for sale on the night. So grab a group of friends and come along for a great night of fun and dancing and a general get together. A great time to be had by all!

VANDALISM: A sad but all too true part of modern society is the presence of vandalism. Scouting is not immune from this wasteful and destructive pastime of some people. Seen recently destroying scouting property, were two primary school aged children, maliciously and violently breaking bottles at the Scout Hall Bottle Depot. Do you know where your children were on Sunday 2nd February, all afternoon. At this time, these two boys were having a smashing time, endangering all other people, young and old who use the park after them. Their Sunday afternoon could have been much more constructive if they had used all this energy in something worthwhile for themselves or others around them. It is a sad reflection on our community that a group such as scouts are not able to perform a community service, such as recycling glass, without the threat of wilful damage to them and their property. The matter has been reported to the police and a closer eye kept on the lookout for repeat offences or offenders.

SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE: The scout hall is available for hire for private or community functions, with a discount for scouting and guiding families. Trestle tables are also available for hire. Please call Sue O'Brien, 5429 5100 for further information.

SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE: President, Michael Goldsworthy, Secretary, Pam Horyna.

Romsey Recreation Centre

Park Lane Romsey

Manager: Tom Doric
Phone : (03) 5429 5637
Mobile: 0418 356 488

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Mondays 6.30pm-8pm.

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Enquiries re enrolment - phone the Centre on 295 637.

SENIOR MIXED VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED FRIDAY NIGHTS

Enquiries - phone Tom at the Centre.

JUNIOR MIXED NETBALL

PLAYED THURSDAYS

Enquiries re registration - please contact Tom at the Centre.

DAYTIME LADIES VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY MORNINGS.

Any ladies interested in playing - contact Tom at the Centre for information.

LADIES NIGHT NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY NIGHTS.

Any ladies interested in playing - contact Tom for details.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

PLAYED TUESDAY NIGHTS

Any players interested in playing contact the Centre.

JUNIOR MIXED BASKETBALL

PLAYED MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

New season commencing soon.

Enquiries re registration - contact Tom at the Centre.

CANDIDATE FOR MT. WILLIAM WARD - ROD HARDY - 37 Years of age, married with 2 children aged 3 and 6, Sergeant Victoria Police Prosecutor: Melbourne Magistrates Court:

Rod came to the area in 1982 and played football for Lancefield. He then moved to Woodend in 1984, then lived in Kyneton until 1991 and has now settled in Newham.

Experience: Executive Director : Victorian Police Association
Former Director : Victorian Police Association Friendly Society
Former Councillor : Newham & Woodend Shire for final 10 months
Former Chairman : Woodend Indoor Stadium Committee
Former Chairman : Quahlee Reserve Development Committee
Current Member of Shire of Macedon Ranges Development Advisory Committee
Former President : Woodend Kindergarten Committee
Current Member of Newham Primary School Building and Maintenance Committee
Former Chairman : Save Newham Church Committee.

Extensive experience in lobbying Government (Federal and State) on funding and industrial issues. Managing organisations controlling millions of dollars in members' funds.

With the change in Local Government, communities must now become more aggressive and professional in their approach to funding of projects and the provision of services. The towns of Lancefield and Romsey are suffering because of the lack of attention they are getting from local, state and federal government. There are many issues affecting the area - to cover and enclose and solar heat the Lancefield Pool, proper repairs to the Romsey Indoor Stadium The Five Mile Creek, Replacement Accommodation for the Lancefield Kindergarten, rejuvenation of the Lancefield and Romsey Main Streets, proper services for the youth, provision of public transport as well as the possibility of a pedestrian crossing for Romsey and a round-a-bout at the Wallan-Woodend Road-Main Street intersection. There will be no quick fix to these problems and beware of the candidate who may so say. The outlying areas of Cobaw, Mt. William and Newham need urgent attention to their road networks before they deteriorate any further. The Cobaw Forest needs to be preserved and not logged away.

The formation of combined Townships organisations such as the Action/Ratepayers Group and Rotary Club and the Macedon Ranges North East Region Business and Tourism Association is a positive step towards a unified front to combat the larger towns within the shire. With effective and responsible management combined with a unified approach, the area will grow and prosper providing much needed facilities - which our community expects - without further rate rises. We should concentrate on applying pressure to our state and federal government representatives without over-committing our local government resources.

We must bring back the service levels the community expects from local government without getting into the enormous debt levels mismanagement of other councils in the area produced - debt levels we have had to absorb.

BOOK EXCHANGE CLOSED

It was with much regret that I closed the Romsey Book Exchange on Friday, 17th January, due to the pressure of work! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my customers who supported my venture - which just started out as an idea 3-1/2 years ago, but it grew to the stage that it was just too much for one person - but it was fun when it lasted! .

I have continued with Romsey Secretarial Service in two offices directly opposite - beside Sue the Beautician and behind Kilkenny's Real Estate. Hours are 9.30am until 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Full secretarial service including word processing, dictaphone typing, photocopying, faxing - local, interstate and international -(Incoming 24 hour-7 days a week service), business card size to full poster size laminating, cloth and paper labels, business cards, etc. I will still type and take copy and ads for the Romsey Rag. I also have the agencies to sell Thermal Clothing and Emu Oil and you can still order ABC products and new books/school books or book searches can be undertaken.

I will continue doing Sewing Alterations as well. So hope I can be of assistance to lots of my regular customers! Phone/Fax numbers remain the same - (03) 5429 6090 and after hours on (03) 5429 5724.

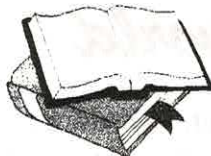
Thank-you all for your support - Margaret Howatson.

Dear Residents of Romsey and Lancefield,

On Wednesday, 15th January, there was a meeting held at Lancefield with Ms. Prue Mansfield, Chief Executive Officer of Macedon Range Shire with community and sporting groups about the neglect of services appointed to the two towns since the amalgamation. In this meeting there were a number of issues brought up, but with the same government run around, chasing your tale, answers. Which left you walking away scratching your head, listening to the years of training that goes into their so-called community involved job, with no one getting an answer to the issues. Because at the meeting there were not enough people from the two communities to be heard, in that respect we went no where! So the fight goes on - evidently we need big numbers to be even noticed!

Romsey 6 Mile Creek Future Clean Up Group.

ROMSEY LIVING WORD INC. A.O.G.



CHURCH.

THE WORD IS OUT!

Romsey Living Word Inc. has moved. Many people have noticed our new building and how beautifully it is coming along. We are constantly amazed at how things that needed to be done, came together so perfectly.

We truly have seen God's provision and faithfulness during this time.

To see a "tin shed" (giant bird aviary, Noah's Ark, a couple of the more colourful comments) be transformed into a place where all can come and find peace, comfort and security. Knowing our resources, truly this is a miracle. We welcome all visitors to our regular Sunday morning service, 10 a.m. Lot 7, Mitchell Crt, Romsey.

We have been in Romsey 6 years now and are very aware of the needs and lacks in our community.

We have outreaches into the community and weekly we have *home fellowships*. These are designed to be informal and non threatening, where questions can be asked freely. *Youth group* for the secondary school children is run by young leaders who understand the demands and pressures of today. *After school programs* are being organised. *Young Adventurers* for 8 to 12 year olds. The 6 month program below is something they can certainly look forward too.

<u>March 1</u>	BEACH	<u>March 22</u>	TOBOGANNING WHITTLESEA
<u>April 5</u>	MINI GOLF, PICNIC DAY	<u>April 25-26</u>	CAMP IN COBAWS & BIKE RIDE
<u>May 17</u>	AIRPORT	<u>May 31</u>	BUSH WALK RIDDELLS CREEK
<u>June 14</u>	SCIENCE WORKS	<u>July 19</u>	DINGO FARM

If you are interested we would appreciate a phone call a week prior to enable transport arrangements. Phone Elsie Parkinson 54296 196 or Harry Dreger 54292 025.

We look forward to meeting many many more people in the Romsey community during 1997.

For all enquires phone our office on 54296 327, Pastoral care , Ps Marilyn Hunter, 54295 381.

BUNGAWITTA ROMSEY PLAYGROUP

Playgroup recommences Monday, 3rd February. Sessions are run daily (Monday - Friday) 10am-12md. Fees are \$20 per family per term if attending 1 sessions or \$30 if attending 2 sessions. There is also a yearly payment of \$11.50 to cover Insurance for each family.

The Playgroup is suitable for newborns up to kinder age. So don't sit at home feeling lonely, come along and meet some other mums/dads and children. Any queries please ring 54 296-207 weekdays between 10am - 12md.

Bungawitta is situated at the Old Romsey Primary School, Cnr. Main Road and Palmer Street, (nearly opposite the Police Station).

The premises are available for hire:

- Commercial (Fee paying classes)
- Community Use (non profit organisations)
- Domestic / Social (party hire)
- A bond to the value of \$100 is required.

Summer

\$20
\$3.
\$10

Winter

\$25 per 3 hr. Session
\$3.50 per 1 hr. Session
\$11 per hour.

Playgroup members are entitled to a 20% discount. So when planning your next children's birthday party, christening - why not consider Bungawitta. Barbecue facilities and use of outdoor play equipment is available on request. (All functions self catered).

For further details contact Colette Chapman - Phone 54 295 383.

Romsey Gardenworld

The Plant Professionals : 51 Main Street, ROMSEY.

February is usually a hot month and as we've already seen the gardeners biggest task is keeping everything going. Watering during these dry spells is at a maximum as well as fertilising to prolong your summer flowering displays.

PEA STRAW: Mulching with pea straw reduces up to 85% of evaporation so it slashes your water bills as well as protects your valuable plants. It also reduces weeds, attracts worms and conditions your soil all at the same time. At \$6.00 per bale its a great asset to your garden.

LAWNS: To minimise water requirements of lawns encourage a dense sward and set the mower blades higher. If you haven't fertilised since last spring, apply some now, such as Yates Lawn Food or Dynamic Lifter Lawn Food and water in well.

FERTILISING: Citrus Trees should be given a dressing of manure or complete fertiliser this month. If using manure keep it clear of the trunk but apply thickly enough to form an effective mulch. Feeding of stone fruits - pome fruits now will help build up food reserves for next years crops.

PEST CONTROL: Fungus diseases can be a real "hassle" in hot humid weather. Powdery mildew and black spot on roses, leaf spot on tomatoes, downy mildew on grapes and brown spot and rust on beans, all of these can be troublesome unless preventative measures are taken. A regular routine spraying of a broad spectrum fungicide such as Manzozeb or Baycor will certainly help.

LILIUMS: Lilliums that have to be removed should be lifted and replanted now before the stems wither.

Open 7 days a week : 9am - 5pm : Phone: 03 54 296 464.

SAFETY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Our Committee would like to welcome any new members of Safety House Holders to our meetings held on the 1st Monday of every 2nd month at the Romsey Primary School at 7.30pm. Our meetings finish early, approximately half an hour.

If you would like more information you can contact our members on the following numbers:

Michael Lane : 54 296 506.

Stephen Hendy: 54 295 810

Sgt. John Rogers : 54 295 461 - C/- Police Station Margaret Brown: 54 295 443 or

Anne Hendricksen : 54 296 426.

We have a Safe-T Puppet Show for Prep - Yr.4 on Monday May 12th at Romsey Primary School and are encouraging your children to come and join in the fun, also learn something at the same time. Our Yr.5-6 Students will receive a small gift to remind them that our safety houses and commercial business are there to help and support our children in the community.

Our next meeting is April 7th at 7.30pm, Romsey Primary School - hope to see you there!

Regards Anne Hendricksen, Publicity Officer.

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LANCEFIELD FAMILY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY MARCH 8th 1997
10.00am to 2.00pm

The collection of Historic buildings at Lancefield will come alive on Saturday March 8th when the town will stage its Annual Family Community Festival. This will be the 4th year for the Festival with many visitors expected to fill the streets of Lancefield. The Festival will feature the Woodchop & Hard-hitting Championships with \$3,000.00 in prize money to be won. This year the Woodchop events will include Crosscut, Chainsaw, 2 Man Relay Race and Tree Felling. Axeman from all round Australia will be attending as well as some local boys.

"Tug-o-war" is back again, with \$250.00 for the winning team. Get a team of 6 together and come along to try your luck (or strength) against last years winner's, the Lancefield Football Club. The boys from the CFA will be trying out their firefighting skills in novelty races using their equipment.

As this is a Family Festival, there will lots of activities for the kids. The Army, Police, SES and CFA will have displays for the children to look at. There will be Pony Rides, Harley Rides, Animal Farm, Face Painting, Mini Golf, Jumping Castle, Merry Go Round and much more. For the adults; Wine tasting, Food and Music will entertain you while watching the Woodchop events. Street Stalls and a Car Boot Sale is planned again, with many stallholders already booking their place. We still have room for more, but you will need to be quick, so contact one of the Organisers for more information. Also, if any Community Organisation or Group is interested in running an Activity, we would love to hear from you as this is a great way to raise much needed funds for the Community.

For more information please contact Ken Notman on (03) 54292 202 or Lancefield Neighbourhood House on (03) 54291 214.

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LANCEFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone from all of us at the Lancefield Neighborhood House. New and exciting courses, seminars and workshops are planned for 1997. So, if your NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS involved some form of self development, or just some time out for yourself, rest assured, the Lancefield Neighborhood House will be able to provide you with the relevant vehicle to get you there.

The administration at the Lancefield Neighborhood House will re-open on 28 January 1997 with Term 1 classes officially commencing on Monday, 3 February 1997 for Literacy classes with most other courses operational from week commencing **10 February 1997**. Operators are waiting to take your bookings and satisfy any course enquiries. Don't hesitate, just give us a call on **03) 54291 214**.

TERM 1 TIMETABLE

Monday	9.15 am-12.15 pm	LITERACY	Cost \$1-50 per class
	7.00 pm-9.00 pm	TAI CHI	Cost \$7-50 per class
Tuesday	10.00 am-12.00 noon	CAKE DECORATING	Cost \$6-00 per class
	1.00 pm-3.00 pm	KNITTING & CRAFT	Cost \$1-00 per class
	7.00 pm-9.00 pm	'TOWN' - Take Weight off Naturally	
Wednesday	9.00 am-12.00 noon	VCE SUBJECT - Year 11	
		HEALTH	Cost \$20-00 per term
	12.30 pm-3.30 pm	NUMERACY	Cost \$1-50 per class
	7.00 pm-10.00 pm	VCE SUBJECT - Year 12	
Thursday		AUSTRALIAN STUDIES	Cost \$20-00 per term
	12.30 pm-2.30 pm	FOLK ART	Cost \$10-00 per class

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A two day **'JOB SEARCH SKILLS' Workshop** will be offered at the Lancefield Neighborhood House, 78 High St, Lancefield on 20/2/97 and 21/2/97. The tutor Jenny Shaw will include the following topics: choice of job, identifying skills, finding jobs, resume and application writing, how to contact prospective employers, communication skills, job interview techniques and maintaining motivation.

Bus trips, the inaugural bus trip for 1997 will be to the **Victoria Market on Friday, 21 February 1997**. Cost \$10-00 per person. Bus trips run on the third Friday of each month to various shopping centers at various locations. Come and join us for a fun filled day. The Neighborhood House is always seeking new and exciting places to go, so if you have a particular shopping center in mind, give us a call and we will try to cater to your needs. **Bookings are essential and information on pick up points.**

The Opportunity Shop (Op-Shop) re-opens on Thursday 6 February 1997, 10.00am-200pm

The Women's Group, continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am.

Expressions of interest are required for the following courses. Some of these courses have been held in the past others will be new courses offered: **First aid course Level 2 - Accredited by St. Johns Ambulance, Caring for kids, (Certificate issued on completion), Creative writing, computer studies for beginners, Relaxation and meditation, Personal growth development & empowerment, lead lighting, patchwork and furniture restoration.**



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY

Ph. 03 54 291 359

St. Mary's School Community is looking forward to another challenging, interesting year under the continuing Leadership of Sr. Patricia Stone R.S.J. We welcome all our new children and their families.

Staffing has been finalised and we are pleased to welcome back as full-time staff, Mrs. Judy Carter (Gr. 5) and Mrs Cheryl Walker (Prep). Mr. Wayne Gibcus (Graduate Teacher from Australian Catholic University - Aquinas Campus) will take charge of Gr. 3/4. These Teachers will join our dedicated team of teachers caring for the needs of the children in the Lancefield/ Romsey Parish.

The Refurbishment and extensions to the toilet block have been completed and plans are well under way for the next stage of improvements to our school environment.

The school Community will meet under the Walkway on the evening of 6th February for Mass and Picnic Tea.

Over the next few months St. Mary's P & F will experiment with morning meetings. Our first social/fundraiser for the year will be a Dance/Auction on 15th March. Our Shopping Tour this year will be held on 21st June.

Parents who have children eligible to start school in 1998, 1999 or 2000, are invited to contact the school Office for an 'Expression of Interest' form (or collect one from the Porch in St. Mary's Church Romsey or Lancefield). This will ensure that parents are notified of any Gatherings held during the year for these groups.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
ST. MARY'S PARISH
LANCEFIELD-ROMSEY

During 1997, Programs will be conducted in preparations for the Sacraments of Confirmation - Gr. 6, Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) Gr. 3 upwards.

Parents of children who are eligible are asked to contact St. Mary's School immediately so that children do not miss out. An information meeting will be held soon to explain this year's process.

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ROMSEY FIRE BRIGADE - LADIES AUXILIARY

It has been decided by Artists and the Ladies Auxiliary that the Annual Art Show be deferred - and that a bumper Art Show be planned for 1998 - therefore everybody can start saving and keep the first Saturday in March, 1998, free!

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Juniors 4.15 - 5.30p.m.
Intermediates 5.30-7.00p.m.
Seniors 7-9.30p.m. : Wednesdays
Tinies 4.15 - 5.30p.m.
Sub-Juniors 5.30-7.00p.m. : Fridays
New members most welcome! Come along and have fun. For more information please ring :
Carol Bradley - 5429 5958; Christine Crow 5429 5792.
Anne Kaufmann - 5429 5613

ROMSEY & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th of March commencing at 7.30p.m. at the Romsey Hotel, Main Street, Romsey.

Needless to say, we are keen to welcome new committee members as all positions will need to be filled to ensure the 1997 season is successful. Please contact the Secretary on 5429 1891 for any details or enquiries.

ROMSEY JAZZ BALLET

recommences at the Romsey Mechanics Hall

Monday, 3rd February

Tinies : Kinder and Prep 3.45 to 4.30p.m.
Juniors : Grade 1, 2 and 3 to 4.30 - 5.30p.m.

Thursday 6th February

Intermediates : Grade 4, 5 and 6 - 4.30 to 5.30pm
Seniors : Year 7 - 12 5.30 to 6.30p.m.

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As human beings that kind of love must first be implanted in us by the Spirit of God, and secondly we must allow God to work His love out of us so that it flows into the lives of others, regardless of race, creed or colour.

We need not agree with everyone, but we should love them. i.e. Give ourselves in service to others as appropriate.

His estimation of us is based upon our humanity.

Do you have a difficult relationship with someone? The answer may be to serve them and deny yourself.

This is the example that Jesus set when He gave His life for us, that we may enter into relationship with the Father.

We need not agree with everyone, but we should love them.

The God we know is totally interested and active in our lives.

This Fellowship believes in the power of prayer, and consistently engages in prayer for this region and worldwide.

If you have need of prayer, possibly for a broken relationship or for some one that has not returned home please contact us, anonymously if you wish.

We invite you to our Sunday morning service, held at 10.00 am in the Romsey Mechanics hall.

We welcome your enquiries to Geoff Holland (Minister) on 03 54295673 or Graham Mau on 03 54291488. or write to, Romsey Lancefield Christian Fellowship, P.O. Box 92 Romsey, 3434.

Free Spinal Checks For Schoolchildren!



We all want our children to do well at school, but according to researchers, many parents may be neglecting one of the most important ways to help their children - chiropractic care.

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HUMOUR SHOTS

Lasting First Impressions...

- ▶ When you visit the doctor's surgery and the plants in the waiting room are dead.
- ▶ When your first visitor in hospital is the chaplain.
- ▶ When your hairdresser has his head shaved.
- ▶ When you talk "Windows" and your computer consultant says "French or Sliding".
- ▶ When your baby-sitter arrives with a game of "How to host a murder" under her arm.

(Compiled by Sandra and Sue in our office. What a team!)

True stories...

The staff of an inner-city community health centre swear this is true. A very old lady came to the counter. She'd heard of its needle exchange service - what was it? 'You bring in your used needles and we replace them.' she was told. What, knitting needles? 'Ah, no,' she was gently told.

Sometimes the most interesting news is left out - like this effort, removed by sub-editors before it made ABC radio news bulletins: 'Police dogs saturated the area around the Entertainment Centre'.

Teachers take their shoes off!

Sue Ingram and her team at North Rocks School for Blind Children had a "wear your slippers to work" day recently. Sue said people couldn't stop laughing at and with each other all day. A reminder to take what we do, very seriously, but not ourselves!

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ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Romsey-Lancefield St. Vincent de Paul Society invite one and all to attend their Drop in Days held at the Catholic Hall, Main Street, Romsey, on the first Thursday of the month - except November. The day commences at 10.30 a.m. and goes until approx. 2.00 p.m. Cards are played and they commence at 11.00a.m. and we supply a free light lunch. Maybe you would just like to come along for lunch, held at 12 noon and have a chat and go - you are most welcome. The days for the drop in centre for 1997 are as follows:-
6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 4th December.
We look forward to seeing you there!

The Society will be selling new and unused clothes, household goods, jam, cakes and pickles - **EVERY THURSDAY** at the **G.F. SKEHAN MEMORIAL STALL**, Main Street, Romsey (Next to the Laundromat).
Trading commenced on Thursday, 6th February from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00p.m.

If any organisation would like to use the G.F. Skehan Memorial Stall, please contact Rose McCarthy on 5429 5270, for information about availability and collection of the key. Please use the stall if possible for cake stalls, selling of Christmas Cards, raffles, etc. and help keep it in use.

ROAMING ROUND ROMSEY

Have you ever wondered who are the good little Gremlins who come from all walks of life, go from place to place each month in Romsey then everywhere in between and all you and I see of them is their efforts ??

I'm talking about our volunteer committees. The Community Organisations eg. RED CROSS, C.F.A. LIONS, Every SPORT played, childrens JOEYS, CUBS, BROWNIES, SCOUTS, GUIDES -- the list is endless. Nothing just happens It's planned and put into action by a committee. They don't get much credit and often a lot of flack from 'outsiders'. So many committees involving many people, some folk spread themselves over so many areas they could break in two some commit themselves over and above the call of duty, all for the sake of our community.

So where are we at? an ever decreasing circle of people (yet we are increasing in numbers) doing a wonderful job keeping our Community ACTIVE and ALIVE.

I ha zard a guess that if you aren't involved in something at least one member of your family is. So consider becoming an active member, we all too often hear the excuses 'I WORK, I'M ON MY OWN, TOO BUSY' etc. BUT if the need arises the C.F.A. RED CROSS etc. are there for you, and we always find time for le sure activities and clubs.

So many of our committees are running on a very thin wire and threatened with STAGNATION or, HEAVEN FORBID, CLOSURE. The same people can't go on forever! NEW BLOOD, IDEAS, and MANPOWER, or should I write PERSON POWER, are desperately needed.

DON'T FOOL YOURELVES this is FAIR DINKUM.

So make a belated New Years Resolution and GET INVOLVED.

DON'T JUST USE IT! HELP IT HAPPEN!

Helen Watts.

P.S. You have just read an article brought to you entirely by volunteers.

Second Hand Furniture & Household Goods for Sale

The following items are available for private sale and must be cleared by the end of February.

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Kitchen Table & chairs.
Single bed x 2 (base & matrass set)
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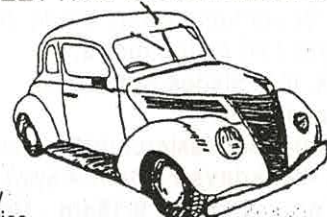
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EASTER VISITORS FOR LANCEFIELD

Lancefield will play host for a gathering of Christians from across Victoria for the easter holidays. It is expected that more than 200 Christians of all ages will meet for four days at the Lancefield Mechanics Hall. They will be accommodated at the Motel, camping ground and a number of other locations while some will be billeted in private homes.

The program includes time for the group to worship God together, there will be singing and dance and time to listen to the things that God is saying to the church. It will be a time for mutual encouragement, building each other up.

A number of special guests will address the group and there will be time to speak with God together. Amongst those guests is David Boan. David was an Anglican Priest in Victoria and Western Australia. He now is respected as a prophetic teacher.

It is expected that people from many places in Victoria and some from interstate will be present. The program will not be complex and Christians of any denomination or background are welcome to participate.

The four days in March is organised by Christians who live locally and while they may not belong to any particular denomination or local church, they work together with all who acknowledge Jesus as Master, yet like Christians in the first century they meet in their homes. The co-ordinator of the event is Rob Clatworthy can be contacted on 5423 7225.

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Line Dancing News

Jenny and Carol would like to thank you all for your support and friendship over the past year and wish you a safe and happy New Year.

Classes resume on:

Monday 3rd February 1997

This class has changed times due to Beginners class being dropped. New times for this class:

Advanced Only 7.30 - 9.30

Tuesday

Beginners 7.00 - 7.30

Slow Intermediate 7.30 - 8.30

Revision 8.30 - 9.00

Both classes are \$5.00 each. If both classes are attended during the week then Tuesday will cost \$3.00.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Enquiries: Jenny 295-808

Carol 295-590

WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

The A.G.M. for the ladies committee was held recently and the following positions were filled, (actually they stayed the same as last year !!)

President;	Shirley Shelton.
Vice Pres.;	Hazel Stammers.
Captain;	Mary Campbell.
Vice Capt.;	Darlene Baker.
Secretary;	Leila Beasley.
Treasurer;	Judy Barnacott.
Assist. Treas;	Marg Crump.
Handicap Manager;	Darlene Baker.
Assistant Handicapper;	Elaine Scanlon.

At the moment we are only playing twelve holes on Wednesday morning and not actually playing full competition so if you have been dying to get down to the club to have a go, why not do so now? All new members or interested people will be made most welcome. We meet in the clubhouse at 9.00am for a tee-off time of 9.30am on Wed. mornings.

Twilight golf is back in full swing after a short Christmas break and quite a few people have joined in and enjoyed the evening of golf on a Thursday between 5.00 and 5.30 pm. Cost is \$2 and the prize for the night is a frozen chook. Everyone is welcome to join in, you don't need to be a member nor do you need a handicap, just come on down.

Some of you may have noticed that there was no golf report in the previous edition of the Romsey Rag. This is because our publicity officer heard on the radio one day that the way to relieve the stress associated with the pre-christmas rush was to catch up with people after Christmas. So, may the members of Romsey Golf Club now catch up with all our friends and members and wish them all a very happy new year and hope your Christmas was joyous. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the production of the Romsey Rag, we do appreciate your work.

The ladies of the Romsey golf club are having a 'bring a friend day' on Wednesday 12th Feb.(9.15 am.) This will be a great chance for beginners to have a go and get involved with golf. We will be playing an Ambrose event and having a light lunch afterwards. If you would be interested in joining in please feel free to contact any of the lady members or come along to the clubhouse on the day. Some friends have already been invited but if we have missed out on contacting you personally PLEASE feel free to come on down!

GARAGE SALE **FEBRUARY 22 & 23**

10am - 5pm. No early callers
12 Ida Crescent, Romsey.

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRS: Keith Elliott - 68
High Street, Lancefield Tel: 5429 2214 - Or
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LANCEFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE SPECIAL EVENTS - COMING SOON

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Topics - Intro to PC

“ “ Windows '95

“ “ Advance studies

Plan for March 1997

Four week course commencing 14/3/97

(Cost \$60-00, concessions apply)

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

Glass Painting

Friday 7/2/97, 9.30am-12.30pm

(Cost \$20-00)

Folk Art Workshop for Beginners

Monday 24/2/97, 9.30am-2.30pm

(Course cost \$35-00 + \$15-00 materials)

Easy Bread Making

Monday 17/2/97, 9.30am-12.00noon

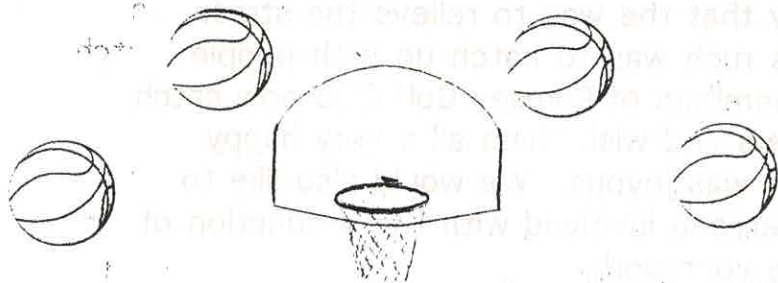
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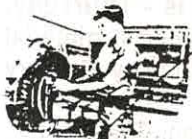
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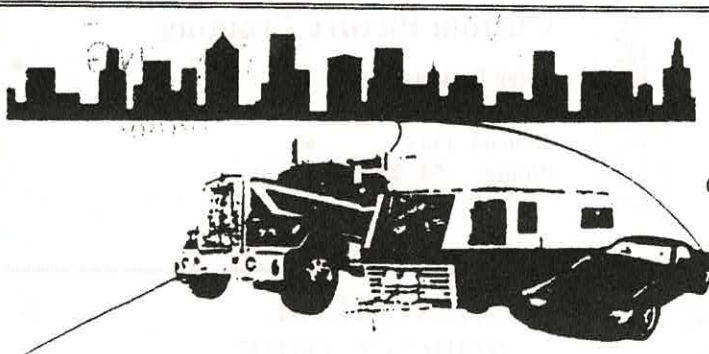
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