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MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR.... Cr. Rod Hardy.

As you may all be aware I have been appointed Mayor by my Peers and it is a great personal honour to be the first Mayor of the Shire of Macedon Ranges.

Since being elected my feet have not touched the ground. Council has met all day Monday 17th March - the night of Wednesday 19th, all day Saturday 22nd, the nights of Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th and at the moment every Wednesday night with the odd Monday night thrown in. The whole Council is working very well together - we have a good mix of experience and we are all concerned about the major issues within the Shire.

On a Ward note - Council has been able to secure a return visit from the Grader for a heavy grade if roads if required. Could you please let myself or Cr. Neil know if you think your road needs a heavy grade.

I am currently working on a funding application to the State Government for a Youth Worker to be employed at Romsey. This will be a position of Council but paid for by the State Government.

I am making enquiries into having an Ambulance Station at Romsey as well. I have heard there are Federal Government Grants available for this. I have also been discussing the concept of a "Strike Team" of some employees in a truck with equipment dealing with complaints as they arise. Moves are also beginning to have some flower beds planted in the Main Street.

As Mayor I will be available every Friday upon appointment for any resident to see me. I can travel to service centres to do this. Also I wish to get around to as many community functions as possible so please let me know what is happening! I cover a huge area and cannot pick up on everything myself. The telephone exchange at Heskett is being improved and I will have a local phone within a fortnight, I will advise this number in the next Romsey Rag - meanwhile you can ring me on 0416 017 197 or write to P.O. Box 151, Kyneton, 3444.

A PATH OF LANCEFIELD PRESENTS...

"PATCHWORK & QUILTING IN THE MACEDON RANGES"

A Patch of Lancefield with the assistance of a substantial Visual Arts grant from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council Arts Committee and the continued support of the Lancefield Mechanics Institute Committee, are hoping their third bi-ennial quilt exhibition on Saturday, 19th April and Sunday, 20th April, will be as successful as the past exhibitions.

The myriad of patchwork and quilting the members have done in the past twenty months is amazing and accessories have not been in any of our previous exhibitions, excluding the Viewers Choice Quilt of 1995. Our attraction for the 1997 exhibition is "Noah's Ark" and some of the creatures that we have seen on Thursday mornings are enchanting. The public will still have the opportunity to vote for the exhibit of their choice and to partake of our sumptuous country bake refreshments.

The Charm Quilt, which is the raffle prize, will also be on show. This quilt has been made by the members and consists of one thousand pieces of fabric. "Threadbear Quilters" of Castlemaine will again be in attendance with a vast range of patchwork fabrics and accessories. Corliss has been extremely generous in her sponsorship of our exhibitions donating the prizes to the chosen quilters.

A Patch of Lancefield will continue with the practice from past exhibitions and donate the profit from this exhibition to local organisations. Triz Barnett

I would like to thank all my customers who supported me at Romsey Secretarial Service and to wish Ann Lee - who is now the proprietor all the very best and hope that she receives your continued support. Ann has agreed to receive all copy and ads for the Romsey Rag - so please just drop them off to the office as has been the case recently. Sewing alterations can also be dropped off with Ann - thanks a million..... **Margaret Howatson.**

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL APRIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM

DAILY PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

0354 210243 or 015 858943 further information

6 If you see ten troubles coming down the road, you can be sure that nine will run into the ditch before they reach you and you have to battle with only one of them'

CALVIN COOLIDGE

 DAY/DATE	ROMSEY Romsey Primary School- Main Rd, Romsey - 54295-099 Legend (A) Activity (E) Excursion
MONDAY 14th APRIL (A)	SPORTS FUN DAY FOOTY CLINIC LIFE BE IN IT GAMES
TUESDAY 15TH APRIL (E)	WIN TV/BALLARAT COURIER TOUR/ BALLARAT REPTILE AND WILDLIFE PARK Depart 8.50 back 5.00pm BYO Lunch
WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL (A)	EASTER MUNCH OUT egg races, squeeze comp, big blow off, egg decorations, egg hunt,
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL (E)	EXCURSION Sovereign Hill Depart 8.50 back 5.00pm BYO Lunch
FRIDAY 18TH APRIL (A)	Kite Making with Guest Instructor/ TENNIS CLINIC
MONDAY 21ST APRIL (E)	Excursion LUNA PARK Depart 8.50 back 5.00pm BYO Lunch
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL (A)	GAMES SHOW DAY/THEATRE SPORTS
WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL (A)	beading face painting masks
THURSDAY 24TH APRIL (E)	EXCURSION BENDIGO CONFECTIONERY CAPERS exposition of strange machines and confectionery /KYNETON MOVIES Depart 8.50 back 5.00pm BYO Lunch
All children must be pre booked into the program. Payment is required on booking. Postal bookings will be accepted subject to vacancies. Numbers need to be finalised by 11/04/97	

THANKYOU:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to those who supported me at the recent Council Elections, without whose help and encouragement I may not have succeeded. Although there are many people I would publicly like to thank, I must mention my wife, Pam and daughters Jacinta and Kelly for the commitment. My thanks also to John Green for providing an exciting and exhaustive campaign, by being an extremely worthy opponent. I will endeavour to provide Monegeetta Ward residents full measure and will expend my energies to improve the facilities within the Ward for all concerned. Geoff Neil, Councillor, Macedon Ranges Shire.

ROMSEY GUIDE PACK & COMPANY

Six girls from the Romsey Guide Company recently competed in the Lady Stradbroke Camping competition and were awarded a GOLD IN THE BLUE SECTION (the hardest section). Congratulations Girls!!! You have done yourselves and Marion proud! The Romsey Guide Support is holding its AGM on Wednesday, 2nd April at 8pm at 30 Gordon Crescent, Romsey. All welcome. Please come and support your girls and their Leaders. The girls will be attending in the ANZAC DAY March on 25th April. Romsey Guides welcomes all girls between the ages of 7 and 18. Guides operate on Monday nights. Pack runs from 6.30p.m. until 8p.m. Company runs from 7pm until 8.30pm For further information regarding Guides or any queries please contact Marion Skovdam on 5429 6365 or Michelle Hocking on 5422 3011-B/H.

THANK YOU...Christine, Tony, Brenda

and David McLeish would like to thank the many loyal customers who have shopped at McLeish's Rite-Way over the past five and a half years. We also pay tribute to our team. Together, we have achieved our goals and the team deserve recognition for their part in making McLeish's Rite-Way a Number One place to shop. We extend our very best wishes to the new proprietors of Romsey Rite-Way Jean and Chris Cowley. May they enjoy their days living and working in Romsey as much as we have.

WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

Weekly results for the month of March.

12/3/97 Stroke and Putting. Monthly Medal. First Round Silver Spoon.

1st. Beryl Cole. 2nd. Leila Beasley. 3rd. Shirley Shelton.
9 Hole Winner; Jean Hamilton.

19/3/97 Match Play.

In preparation for the upcoming pennant season a round of match play was played to get in the swing of things. The nine hole players played a round of stableford with Mavis Earl scoring a win with 23 pts.

26/3/97 Stableford.

1st. Margaret Crump. 2nd. Shirley Shelton. 3rd. Pam Bray.
38 pts 38 pts 37 pts.
9 hole winner; Olive Hill 17 pts.
N.T.P. Pat Rigby.

Monday 24 th March. Romsey Bowl!

During the month we held the Romsey Bowl, which is sponsored by P. + V. Newell; Electrical Contractors. We had a full field for this event with representation from all over the district.

The winning team consisted of Lil Hanrahan, Lyn Russell and Sandra Cribbes from Euroa Golf Club with a combined total of 105 pts, a great team effort.

A Grade Winner; Lyn Russell 40 pts B Grade Winner; Pam Burton 41 pts.
(countback from Teresa Millet, Gisborne)

N.T.P. Roma Joyce.

Other News Items.

Open Day/Night

13th April will see the opening of the season with a 4 person Ambrose event with 12 holes to be played on the afternoon and a further 12 holes to be played at night with the new night time equipment!! Should be an interesting evening, the field will be limited to 56 so if you are interested in playing get your name on the list soon. Cost for the night will be \$10 which will include your glow in the dark ball and b.b.q. meal.

Junior golf, which has been going along well on Mondays after school, will now be held on Saturday mornings at 10 am. So if you are interested meet Leila Beasley at the clubhouse each Saturday morning starting Sat. 5 th April. Cost \$1.

Date to remember, Sunday June 22 nd.

On this date the club will be hosting an ANTIQUE APPRAISAL DAY as a fund raiser. You will be able to come along and have any of your antiques or family heirlooms appraised by experts for a cost of \$5.00 per two items. Further details ; venue, time etc will be available soon. Keep the date in mind.

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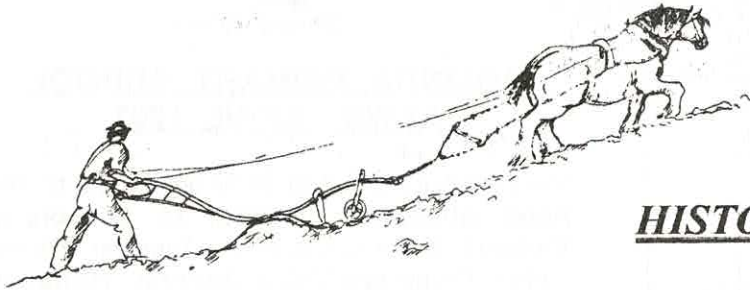
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Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

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HISTORY UNDER DISCUSSION.

Termites are once again attacking the woodwork at Seymour Cottage. Over the past few years a great deal of work has been done to get rid of these pests and repair the damage that they have caused. It is very disappointing to the small band of people who care for the historic cottage that their efforts are being undermined in this way. The cottage is built very low to the ground with concrete around the outside, blocking out air and light. This makes it an ideal target for termites. Costly treatment has been arranged to exterminate them again, but a lasting solution is difficult to find.

The future direction of the society, and the upkeep of Seymour Cottage at Romsey and the Lancefield Court House Museum were discussed at great length at the last meeting. The museum requires about thirty visitors a week to cover the rental and maintenance, and the cottage has been closed for some time because of the termite damage. Neither place is producing anything like the revenue needed, thus taking resources that should be being applied to more historic pursuits. Whether to close the museum and consolidate activities at Seymour Cottage was discussed, as well as seeking financial assistance from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, which helps other societies in the shire. Further discussion will be held on these matters at the next meeting.

The enigma of John Batman, Melbourne's first settler, was presented at the March meeting. Ron Viney read a most interesting paper on Batman, whose great great grandson, Mr George Weire of Romsey, was at the meeting. John Batman was born at Parramatta, but moved to Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania) as a young man. He was an experienced bushman, got on well with the natives, and built up large pastoral holdings. He came to Port Phillip in 1835 as representative of a group of men interested in moving their sheep and cattle to the area. He 'purchased' a large tract of land from the aborigines for the Port Phillip Association, but did not prosper himself. Mr Weire showed a copy of the 'deed' signed by Batman and the aboriginal leaders agreeing to the 'sale' of the land in return for a supply of goods.

John Batman died in 1839 without receiving any compensation, and very little recognition, for his pioneering efforts. The suburb of Batman, a park in Northcote, Batman Avenue, the Batman's Hill Hotel in Spencer Street, and his tombstone re-erected at the Victoria Market (the original Melbourne cemetery) are about all that remain today. Perhaps with the redevelopment of the docklands and rail yards, Batman's Hill, where his original house and garden were, will be raised again.

A display covering Batman and other early explorers is on show at the Court House Museum in Lancefield. This is open on Sundays from 1.30 to 4.00 p.m. and well worth a visit.

The next meeting of the historical society will be held on Tuesday, 22 April, at Seymour Cottage, 20 Palmer Street, Romsey at 8.00 p.m.. This is a very important meeting for the future of the society. All members are urged to attend and contribute to the decision making.

A Mothers' Day street stall will be held at the Romsey Central Shops on 10 May.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

Scouting in Romsey celebrates its 40th Anniversary in a few weeks time. All ex-scouting people are invited to return to the scout hall to see scouts in 1997, and to help in the celebrations. See old friends, relive old memories. Celebrations will begin at 3.00pm on Saturday 3rd May. All are invited to attend.

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BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS APRIL 1997

We were very proud to show our school to **Mr. Peter Allen, the Director of Schools in Victoria**, a few weeks ago. Together with the Loddon Campaspe Mallee **General Manager, Mr. Ian Stevens**, the two men spent nearly an hour looking over and admiring our little school. They were both impressed with the ground improvements, the mix of Staff and subjects and the overall tone of the children and the school. They were both very supportive of the smaller schools and the educational value that we are offering our communities.

Our Grade Prep/1/2/ children had a wonderful excursion to the **Anakie Fairy Park** where they were enchanted by the fairy tales displayed. This was the highlight of the theme that the children had been working on in class this term.

We welcome **Cons. Rob Harper** to our school to work with the children in the **Police in Schools Program**. The children are looking at various aspects of bike safety.

We joined with Clarkefield and Darraweit for a terrific **Group Day** of games, art and athletic activities. The children were all mixed together and had a thoroughly enjoyable day of working and playing with new friends.

Our two **Easter fundraising activities** were a hot cross bun drive and the perennial Easter Basket raffle. Both were exceptionally well supported by school families and the wider community alike. **Winners of the raffle were Erin Simper, Frost's Sawmill and Lyn Alford**. Our thanks to everybody.

On a lighter note, **International Women's Day** was celebrated at school, where yours truly (complete with collar and tie) put on a silver service morning tea for Mrs. Batty, Mrs Cooke, Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Rankin, the other hard working members of the Bolinda team. (I expect I will be spoilt on International Men's Day!!!!!!!)

We are pleased to already see some families visiting us and talking about options for their children's schooling in 1998. Please feel free to drop in and see us at any time, the kettle is always on and we would be happy to talk with you. Until next month, bye from Bolinda.

Keith Jenkins - Principal 54 285 317



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Romsey Primary School News

April 1997

Carnival Success and Thanks. The weather was extremely kind to the huge crowd which attended our School Carnival on the 21st March. Much organisation had preceded the event and we are indebted to Mrs Gillian Gorrie and her large team of loyal helpers who all hopped in to ensure that all the preparation and cleanup was done efficiently. They were greatly rewarded with the number of families who turned up and enjoyed themselves. It would appear that approximately \$6,700 was raised from this event. Thankyou all for your support.

Easter: The whole school walked down to the Anglican Church Romsey on Maundy Thursday for an Easter service led by Fr. Paul Wood. The second service for the yr 3-6 children saw children seated in the aisle as they listened to the story of Easter told by Father Paul with the aid of large illustrations. Religious Instruction is held at the school on a regular basis on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Mrs Helen Clement would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist as an instructor. Thanks to the Parents' Club, the Easter bunny made his appearance again this year, much to the delight of the children.

It seems a little strange to have just 9 school days between Easter and the term 1 vacation but Mrs Hewson is making the most of this time. She is on study leave at the moment and will be returning to her Yr 3/4 students next term. Thanks are expressed to Mrs Robb for assisting with that class for this short period.

Royal Children's Hospital Appeal: Thanks to the generosity of parents and staff, we were able to forward a \$300 cheque as our contribution towards the record Appeal total. Due to the carnival preparations the Appeal may have been overshadowed some what and so our annual sausage sizzle will be held on the last Thursday of the Term. April 10th. Come along and share a sausage with us at 12.30.

Hospitalisation: We are pleased to say that Mrs Anne Skinner and Mr Lloyd Clarke are feeling much better and are improving each day. Lloyd, our handyman, suffered broken ribs while cutting fire wood. Anne, one of our effective school cleaners, was taken to hospital with heart problems. Both Anne and Lloyd are most appreciative of the good wishes expressed to them by the community. We trust that they will both be back at work next term.

Water Wise Poster competition successes. Five children from Yr 1/2 successfully entered the Science works poster competition and as a result visited the World Congress centre for the presentations. We congratulated Joel Thomas, Kristyn Barnes, Beau Jackson, Hannah Crofts, & Carly Nanos.

Practisathon: Mrs Megan Smithies is encouraging our musicians to practise their instruments during our practisathon. Judging from the interest generated by the media, you could expect to be reading about this activity in the local paper shortly.

Music Camp: Mrs Rowlands and 10 of our students will be attending the district Music Camp at Campaspe Downs next week. This program provides invaluable experience to our young, talented musicians and the concert produced for parents on the Thursday evening is outstanding.

Safety House in Action: The local Association will meet again on April 7th at 7.30pm. This group are supporting the **Safe - T - Puppet Show** which will be conducted at school for yr. P-4 students on May 12th

FAMPA - Family Maths Project Australia: Tuesday May 6th. All families Welcome: Each year the school encourages families to participate in an activity night. Last year the focus was on Science but again this year

our staff our planning to encourage all families to come along and be challenged by the fun maths activities that they can do together at home. Maths is all around us and such nights aim to promote maths as a fun activity.

Police in Schools Program: Const. Rob Harper has taken on the important role of spreading the word about the role of Police in our community as well as explaining the important safety aspects of the laws children need to obey. Rob is working with our Yr 1/2 classes on a rotational basis as well as teaching all students in our 5/6 unit. We are most appreciative of his work and his co-operation in handling some of the problems we are experiencing.

Sporting Successes: - Tennis: Special congratulations are extended to Brenton McAdam, one of our Yr 6 students who won the right to represent the District at Bendigo in the VPSSA State Tennis Championships and because he is undefeated so far in singles, has received an invitation to play in the Bruce Cup. We wish him continued success.

Swimming - Samantha Neeley represented the district at the swimming championships in Bendigo and was up against some very strong competition in the 12/13 yr old sections. We were very pleased that she came 3rd in the freestyle and fourth in butterfly

Athletics - Emma Neeley: Athlete of the Year at Little Athletics. At assembly recently, Emma proudly displayed the medallion and perpetual trophy that will bear her name.

Auskick: The season began again with registration on April 4th. This program is suitable for boys and girls from Prep - Yr 6 The cost of the program is \$20 and will be conducted between 4-5pm on Friday afternoons in Term 2.

M.S. Readathon - Tuesday April 29th, the second day of Term 2 a speaker from M.S will address the children who are in years 3 - 6. The M.S readathon encourages children to read as many books as they can during a three week period. The children gain sponsors from amongst their family and friends and by so doing raise money for M.S research. The speaker from M.S answers the children's questions and by using a video tape presentation is able to explain the effects of the disease and just how important the money raised, is to research. We hope that the community will again support the children's efforts.

Mr Sherren is acting Principal at Chewton this term and is expected to return to his teaching role with Yr 5/6 next term

Lord Somers District Education Camp at Somers May 20th - 28th 18 of our pupils will be attending with 140 other children from our area.

The TRI (Towards Real Independence) Program will be conducted specifically for parents with children in years 3-6. This is a very helpful program to be conducted over 5 evenings in May by Mrs Sherren. Any queries regarding the content of the program may be directed to Diane. It is important for planning purposes however that any interested parents make contact with the school as soon as possible.

Interactive Television via Satellite - a program for anyone interested in the early years of child development. The Lady Gowrie organisation is sponsoring this evening program to be conducted at the school on Tuesday 27th May 7.30 - 10pm. The program deals with "**Child Health and Child Care.**" Any interested parents and educators may attend.

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)



MACEDON RANGES HEALTH CARE

Romsey Medical Centre wishes to advise all community based organisations in Romsey/Lancefield/Riddells Creek and all surrounding districts that a Community Noticeboard is now erected in the waiting area of the Romsey Medical Centre. Only community based organisation notices will be displayed and only for a period of one month. Please use this facility to advertise your organisation or function - just speak to the Receptionists' at the Desk.



*A Patch
of*



Lancefield

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*Patchwork and Quilting
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time to buy anything is last year*

MARTY ALLEN



Romsey School Carnival March 27 th 1997.

WE DID IT !! AND WHAT A SUCCESS IT WAS. THANKS TO ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESS 'S FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP .

Now the winners of all our prizes !!!!!

CARNIVAL RAFFLE !1st Prize ;Debbi Goodwin ,2nd Prize : Andrew Quin ,3rd Prize :Joyce Krstic ,4th Prize : Mary Ferguson ,Sponsored by Carols Fuels , Romsey Smash Repairs ,Commonwealth bank, Bentinc Woodend ,Ridges Riverwalk etc .

LUCKY \$100 bills 1st one Mrs F Pilgrim , 2nd one Michelle Burton LUCKY \$50 bill 1st one Neil Rowley ,2nd one Paul Bain LOLLIE JAR : their were 67 lollies in the jar guessed by Charlie Moro

The TIME CLOCK slot was won by Kathy Lakey Dean Jones Bushrangers Shirt was bought by Mrs Turnham. THE FIRST HOLE IN ONE Sponsored by Mobil and the Commonwealth Bank, winner was Richard Lobb Closest to the Pin winners were: 4.30 pm J Nicholls, 5.30 pm Arran Ryan 7ish Brent Rowley (please forgive not sure of other winners)

BASKETBALL THROW . Best Overall ;louie Auer ,Under 12 Matt Carroll ,10 and under Lauren Toy .

Adult : Jenny Hartley and Julie Hudson BIKE ACTIVITIES : Sponsored by Alford's Mobil Romsey . The Bike activities were very popular especially amongst the 3/4, 5/6 students their were lots of winners congratulations to all . Best dressed kike : Our winners Junior : Ben Morrison and Lucy and Jodie McGough .Senior ; Kirsty Wakefield and Amy Zawilla .

TEDDY BEARS !!!TEDDY BEARS !!! TEDDY BEARS !!!

We had 270 odd Teddy bears that entered our competition

Our winners were :Smallest : Winner ,Rachael Hudson Runner up Caitlyn Harrison.Other : Winner Brigit Rowley Runner up 32 red Cutest : Winner : Elizabeth Baker , Runner up :

Best Dressed :Winner : Melissa Kelly, Runner up Stan Hegarty. Most loved : Winner Kaye McNamara Runner up Tom Conlan. Biggest : Brenton Clarke . Oldest ;Winner Caitlin Henty ,Runners up Mike Chapman ,Sue Little. Champion :Winner : Stuart Gorrie.,Runner up, Erin Moore.

Balloon Race : Sponsored by The National Bank Romsey .we have been notified of one finder from East Pastoria near Kyneton the owner of the balloon was Richard Little , competition ends on Monday 7th April so if their are no more phone calls these people are the winners .And our winner of the Football signed by James Hird was Mrs Conlan .

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS !!!

Thankyou for just joining in and just having a go ,it all helped to make our carnival as successful as it was .

LANCEFIELD SWIMMING POOL

POOL DISCO #2!!

As a result of the success of the first Disco and many requests from both children and Parents a second Disco was held at the Pool on Feb 28. Once again we were blessed with a perfect night with mild temperature and no wind and saw an excellent crowd arriving early for a swim before dark. The Pool temperature had dropped over the previous weeks and most swimmers had had enough by 9 o'clock when the Disco got into full swing.

Unfortunately, another great night was slightly marred by a small number of teenagers who succeeded in smuggling alcohol into the Pool grounds (despite bag checks at the entry gate) and making fools of themselves as the evening progressed.

The noticeable decrease in Parent / Adult attendance (even though there is no admittance charge for them) made the policing of the grounds more difficult for the Committee to manage.

Undaunted by this minor disappointment the Committee will be running Disco nights during the 97/98 Season and will be organising tighter Security measures to ensure the situation does not occur again.

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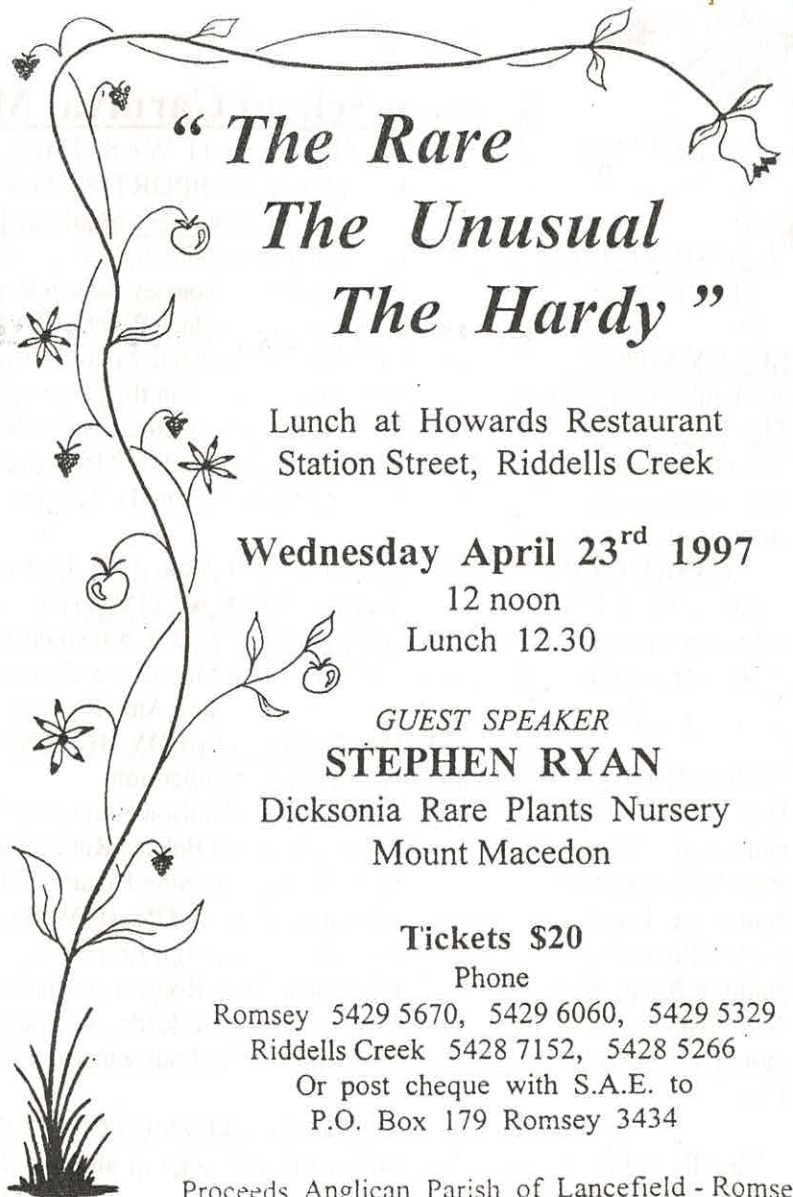
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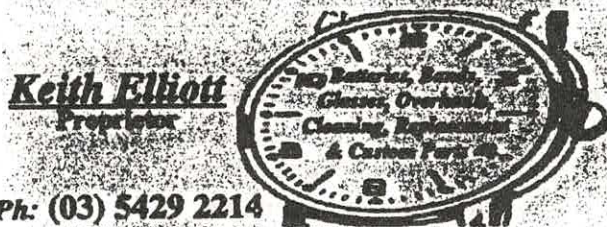
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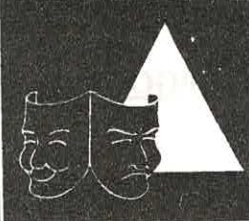
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Due to their tremendous success the following workshops will be repeated in Term 2, - **Easy Bread Making, Focaccia and Pizza making, Make your own cosmetics, glass painting and Folk art workshops.** For confirmation of dates, please ring Nola at the Neighborhood House on 03)54291214.

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The **'Take a Break' Program (Occasional Child Care)** is offered to all. Not just parents attending classes. If you want to take a break from your kids for any reason at all, shopping meet with friend, why not use the services at the Neighborhood House. As this is an expanding service, please ring the Neighborhood House for availability times. Cost \$5-00 per session.

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LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Committee of the Macedon Ranges North Eastern Business and Tourism Association is very disappointed at the response to this great opportunity for local business - so far! Only 30-odd replies have been received to date....come on all you electricians, plumbers, childminders, etc. get your act in gear and support this!

The next meeting of the Business Association will be held on Monday, 21st April at the Lancefield Hotel commencing at 7.30p.m. - ALL WELCOME!!!

One of the projects for the newly formed **Macedon Ranges North Eastern Business and Tourism Association** is to publish a directory of all businesses operating in the region, no matter what size.

This directory will take the form of a one line entry free of charge. similar to the yellow pages. Once the directory has been completed it will be distributed to every household within the region.

To help in this endeavour it would be appreciated if all business people will fill out the form below and return it to - Macedon Ranges North Eastern Region Business & Tourism Association, c/o- Margaret Howatson, Romsey Secretarial Service, 110 Main Street, Romsey, 3434 - behind Kilkenny Real Estate. Or 2 High Street, Lancefield, 3435. Extra copies of the form can be obtained at Romsey Secretarial Service. This directory will be of benefit to the whole community. Please make the effort to help it work.

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ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Saturday, 12th April, is our annual Presentation Night. We hope all our members will be able to attend - \$10 per head - tickets from Margaret. On May 6th the Ladies are hosting a showing of Chirago Casual Clothes at the Clubhouse commencing 10.00a.m. Men's Fours will be played on April 27th and to put your name in for this event please ring Norm Thomson on 5429 5421. Winter Bowls will also be played and for more information on this please speak to Norm. We had a great Summer of bowls - the weather was very kind - we even managed to play twilight bowls every Friday night so hope this will continue next season.

Margaret Howatson, Publicity Officer. 54 29 5724.

1ST ROMSEY SCOUT GROUP

By the time of printing, our fund-raising Supper Dance will have happened. Thankyou to all who attended and I'm sure a great night will have been had by all.

The Bottle Depot has now closed. Please do not leave bottles at the Scout Hall. Leave out for council kerbside collection. Please assist our community by recycling your glass through this collection.

Cubs have been busy this term, participating in many community efforts. Scouts are preparing for the Jamboree. Please support them when you can.

Does your child want to become a cub or scout. It is open to boys and girls from age 8 and over.

Leader contact: Heldi Carroll, Cub Leader: 5429 5813. Meet Tuesday night 6.30-8.00pm.

P.J. Gay, Scout Leader: 5429 5749. Meet Friday night 7.15-9.15pm.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our Easter services were well attended and a time of spiritual fellowship, with our grateful thanks to Bert Dellosa for his leadership and pastoral care. We offer to Bert and his family our prayerful support in his time of concern in the illness of his Father.

We also pray for Chris Johnston and Alf Anderson - both receiving treatment for serious illnesses.

Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on 27th April with non-perishable goods being sent to "Care Mission" at Broadmeadows.

Our time of Consultation with our Presbytery from Maribyrnong Valley is rapidly approaching and all parishioners are requested to help us prayerfully and practically through this process. We have to evaluate our thoughts and goals for the on-going future of our parish, and we hope to receive valuable thought and in-sight from many dedicated contributors. The dates and places of meetings are all included in our monthly "Our Good News" and weekly bulletins, so please check these dates and enter them in your diary. Two important dates to remember are 4th May and 25th May when evaluating meetings for our consultation will be held. Further information or pastoral concerns can be directed to Bert Dellosa on 5429 5351 or to Noel Shaw on 5429 5509.

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The West Bourke Books In. held their A G M on 23rd February 1997. Greg Powell was elected President; Dorothy Viney elected Secretary; Ron Viney was elected Treasurer. The Committee members are Peter Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell, Connie Colwell and Robyn Poletti.

The current project of the Committee is to publish the Lancefield History later this year and the Romsey History during 1998.

We urgently need your stories and if possible, photos, by the end of May at the latest.

All oldtimers and newcomers who live or have lived in Lancefield or its outlying districts in the last 150 years will be included.

The Lancefield contact is D Viney on 295584 and the Romsey contact is P Mitchell on 195447. Photos and articles may be posted P O Box 201 and these will be copied and returned to you.

There are still earlier books available; When Memory Turns the Key at \$25, Reflections at \$8.50. All Wild and Lonely Bush at \$20 and the Mt William Quarry at \$7.50. These are available at your Newsagent or at 99 Barry Street, Romsey.

Please send your information in as soon as possible.

D Viney Hon Sec.

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March Meeting

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April 20 Meeting

The Internet and it's tools are going to be explored in some detail. Free software (bring your own disks

for copying) will be available along with a tutorial on tricks & tips. Notes are being supplied. An explanation of some terms you may have heard:

www - world-wide-web - a visual representation of the Internet;

html - hyper-text mark-up language - a series of standardised codes to display information from the www;

ISP - Internet service provider - a company that provides you with access to the www;

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Notice of First Annual General Meeting

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editorial, an interim committee was elected to oversee the incorporation of the Club. Part of this was to give 28 days clear notice of the Annual General Meeting which is to be held at 2:00pm Sunday 15 May 1997. All are welcome.

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Items for the Rag should be handed to Margaret Howatson at Romsey Secretarial Service, 110 Main St., Romsey, before the first Friday in the month. The cut off date for the **May Romsey Rag is - Thursday, 1st May, 5pm.** It would be appreciated if material could be given to Margaret Howatson as early as possible please. Thankyou for your continued support and co-operation.

The Editors.

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

Michael Lane : 54 296 506.

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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.

Turning the Tide - the Victorian Government's strategy to reduce the use and abuse of drugs.

One of the recommendations made by the Premier's Drug Advisory Council, following its extensive work and public consultation in 1996, was that funds should be made available to support proposals for local community initiatives that focus positively on responding to drug use and misuse.

The Local Initiatives Grants Program, details of which are contained in the accompanying brochure, is the Government's response to that recommendation.

The Program aims to encourage local level community partnerships to address drug-related problems. \$750,000 has been allocated to the Program for each of the next three years with funding of up to \$100,000 being made available for individual projects.

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I encourage you strongly to think about issues in your area and how you might work with other agencies and organisations to help *turn the tide*.

Yours sincerely Jeff Kennett

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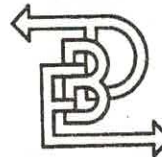
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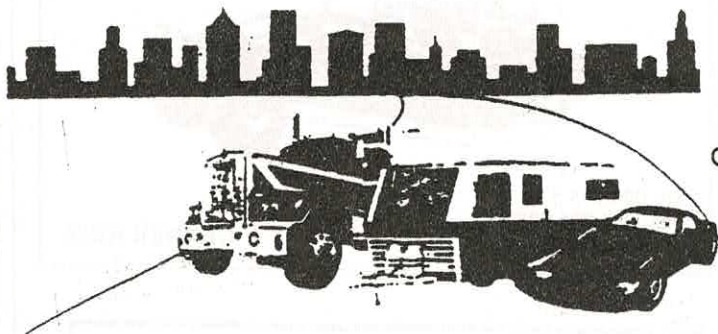
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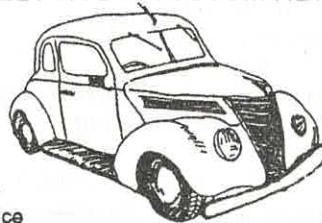
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