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The Romsey Rag

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Sponsored this month by all those who advertise in our Business Directory.

It is not easy to conduct a local business and the Editorial Team would like all readers to acknowledge the time and service provided by local business and support them with your patronage whenever possible. *Have you really calculated the savings that can be made by using local businesses compared with the time and petrol money expended in chasing bargains elsewhere ?*

Thankyou John ! With the resignation of Sgt. John Rogers from the Victorian Police Force, Romsey and the Force have lost the highly valued community contribution of a man who was deeply committed to his vocation and the townships he served. John's resignation on 14th June ended a successful career spanning 23 years. After joining the Police Force he worked at various Police Stations and departments in Melbourne, before being stationed at Kyneton and eventually on 12/7/93 becoming the O.I.C at Romsey. As secretary of the Romsey Safety House Committee and an active Lion, John contributed in many ways behind the scenes and ensured that there was follow up action when required. Police are subject to so much criticism that it is great to have worked with a man who can professionally rise above the negative and get on with the task at hand. There is a message here though for us all. Let us more readily acknowledge the contribution and assistance that is provided. A word of thanks and an acknowledging smile doesn't have to cost us anything but yet all those involved become a little richer for the experience. You know your word of encouragement and praise may be thing that keeps us positive and willing to keep going ! Thankyou John for your counsel, friendship and professionalism. Be assured that you and Kay will be missed as you tour safely through this great country of ours.

We are currently waiting for a Sgt. to take up John's position. This vacancy should hopefully be filled next month. Meanwhile A/Sgt. Andrew Marciniak is O.I.C and he will be assisted by Snr. Const. Tony Carroll. Please direct routine queries to these men at Romsey Police Station on 54 295 46. If no one is in attendance the call will be diverted to Kyneton Police Station and messages will be passed on. If you urgently require Police to attend your premises dial "000" and the closest Police unit will be despatched.

SHIRE NEWS.....

Further to the Ambulance Station at Romsey...I attended the meeting with Mr. Alan Pegg, Director Corporate Services, North Western Ambulance Service and the Woodend Ambulance Auxiliary. The Ambulance Auxiliary at Woodend had \$28,000 in the bank but Mr. Alan Pegg announced two paramedics are to be stationed at Woodend with Stationwagons. The Woodend Ambulance Auxiliary felt they needed all their money for that so they have offered all the support and advice they can. The Paramedics will arrive in about 18 months - this should be around the time the Romsey Ambulance arrives if all goes well. They will commence a survey very shortly of the needs in the area. I will keep you all posted.

Budget and Rates are a very hot topic - I must say Cr. Neil has put a lot of effort into this - there is no doubt all the former Romsey Shire residents will incur at 5-6% rate increase to bring everyone in the Shire to the same level. This, as well as the unfunded superannuation liability of about 3.6 million is a concern of all councillors. When you look at the hidden costs of amalgamation - the government's story of great savings does not ring true. The rate equalisation was endorsed by the Minister for Local Government about 2 years ago - it is a must - it would be illegal under the provisions of the Local Government Act for us not to do it. Cr. Neil and myself will fight for an increase in services and funding for both the Monegetta and Mt. William Wards. Most other Councillors are sympathetic to our fight but we will see when they have to show their hand.

We were successful in gaining State funding for the second Youth Project Worker. He or she will start very soon so our youth will see the benefits of that appointment. The Shire of Mitchell are a bit envious because they missed out. I urge you to look at the budget and send us your comments during the public consultation process.

The Liquor Local Law is coming up as well as our Future Direction Plan.

I can be contacted on 54270723 or mobile 0416 017 197.

Cr. Rod Hardy, Mt. William Ward.

ROMSEY RED CROSS

We are having a Winter break with our meetings in July with our next meeting being Wednesday, 27th August which will be our Annual General Meeting with our venue to be announced in the August Romsey Rag.

If you can assist with donations for this cause, please contact Helen Clement on 54295 317 who will arrange to pick up and deliver the goods.

Helen Clement.

ROMSEY UNITING CHURCH

Our thoughts and prayers are with the many families who have loved members laid low with the wintry flu illnesses, and we pray that God will bless them with speedy and complete recoveries.

Our loving sympathy to Brynhild Hirst and her family members in the sad loss of her husband Arthur, loved husband and father and grandfather.

We continue to pray for both Jean and Chris Johnston with Chris now moved to Essendon District Hospital and still receiving treatment at the Royal Melbourne Private Hospital. Amy Green's sister is now out of hospital having received further radio-therapy treatment, and we think prayerful of them both.

Our relieving minister Rev. Bert Delossa continues his caring ministry in our Parish and is available for many pastoral concerns - a message can be left on 54295 351 or with Robert Clement on 54295 225.

Weekly worship services continue at Romsey Uniting Church in Pohlman Street at 9.00a.m. each Sunday and at Lancefield at 10.30p.m.

Several families are travelling north in search of warmer weather and we pray for safe journeying for them all. Val and Noel Shaw are visiting their daughter Sue and her husband Wayne Davidson at North Rockhampton, Rhonda and Chris Orton with family Danielle and Paul are in Surfers Paradise and Lianne and Alan Eames with daughters Belinda and Jessica are at Harvey Bay.

We all look forward to the coming of the Spring Season....

Our July Uniting Church Fellowship meeting will be held in the warm home of our Secretary Rona Clement at "Eden Park", Wallan Road, Romsey on Wednesday 9th July at 1.30p.m. Rona can be contacted on 54295 225.

Helen Clement.

Back to Business

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JUST A NOTE.... There seems to be some confusion and panic with Romsey Secretarial Service now being in the capable hands of Ann Lee - articles and ads (with payment) can still be left at the Secretarial Service with the kind assistance of Ann during her business hours which are 9.30a.m. till 4.00p.m. Monday to Friday. If anyone needs to speak to me about anything concerning 'The Rag' please contact me at home after hours on 54295 724 (telephone/fax) and not at the Medical Centre which is where I now spend my days!

May I take this opportunity to thank all well wishers at their concern over my Sam's recent rather sudden visit to St. Vincent's Hospital - he only needed an angioplasty! - at least the shock of it has stopped him smoking! and he is well again and back to work and golf! Thank you to the Catholic Church congregation for praying for Sam - it must have worked even though we are not Catholic! and thanks yet again to the caring people of Romsey.

Margaret Howatson.

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ABOUT THE DRUG HOTLINE

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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU CALL THE HOTLINE?

You can expect to discuss what you know with the Drug Intelligence Reporting Centre investigator on duty. The officer will be interested in names, associates, addresses, descriptions, vehicles, telephone numbers or anything that could be useful in an investigation. It doesn't matter if you don't know much — the smallest detail can provide a starting point for an investigation.

The investigator will ask questions to make the most of your information. Everything you say is treated in the strictest confidence. You can give as much or as little information as you like, and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to.

The information in your call will be immediately evaluated and checked against existing records, before further action is taken.

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Grace Rackham 54295 670....Glenice Mitchell 54296 418....Doreen Morgan 54296 060....

ROMSEY LIVING WORD INC. A.O.G. CHURCH.

Romsey Living Word Inc. Lot 7 Mitchell Crt, hold regular Sunday morning service with Sunday school at 10:00 am. Saturday evening service is every second Saturday beginning with a sausage sizzle at 6:00 pm.

BIBLE COLLEGE is coming to Romsey

Night school classes will be commencing July 15 & 16, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9:30 pm. All denominations welcome, a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of the Bible without the hassle of travel.

- Subjects;** # The Rearing & Discipline of Children. (Marriage & Family)
 # What it means to be saved! (Soteriology)
 # Know what you believe! (Apologetics)
 # Evangelism.

These subjects will be accredited with C.V.B.C. (Central Victoria Bible College) and results presented at the end of year graduation. To enquire further, please phone the office on 54296 737 or a.h 54295 381.

Why go to Melbourne, stay local and help your children.

Coming to Romsey!

19 July 6:30 pm.

Opportunity for family portrait caricatures

\$ 5.00 per head
\$10.00 per family

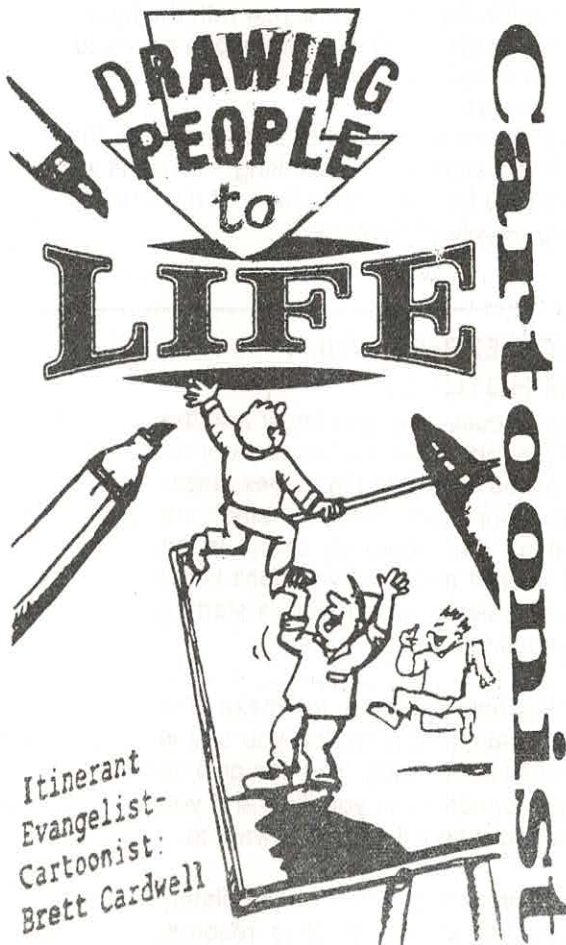
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COUNCIL NEWS - MONEGEETTA WARD

Residents may recall, approximately three months ago, a public meeting was called to discuss a proposed Telstra facility in Crooked Road, Romsey. Recently a letter was received at the Shire authored by Hassell Consultants. The letter states in part "in light of the opposition to the proposed Romsey mobile telephone base station, it has been decided that the provision of this service to the Romsey and Lancefield areas is no longer a high priority for Telstra. Therefore Telstra is not actively pursuing an alternative location until the issue of community acceptance is addressed." It was interesting to note that after July 1, 1997, telecommunication carriers will be required to obtain a planning permit for mobile telephone network infrastructure.

Budget discussions are ongoing. Residents will soon be aware of and able to comment on our 97/98 budget proposal. Money is very tight and numerous capitol works projects throughout the Shire have been culled. There is no doubt in my mind that former Romsey Shire citizens will suffer a 5-6% rate increase over last year whilst the rest of the Macedon Ranges Shire gain a percentage drop. This strategy (rate equalisation) was endorsed by the Minister approximately 2 years ago.

Roads are still a problem as is Bencons capacity to perform proper/appropriate maintenance. Playground equipment throughout the Shire is undergoing a \$70,000 upgrade with additional equipment on order for installation before next summer. Playgrounds earmarked for urgent attention include the Lions Park in Main Street, Collier Close and the Recreation Reserve, Romsey

Finally, the Shire will hold four township meetings during July, inviting proprietors of registered business premises to become involved in Councils five star business rating system. Although initially being trialled within the local food industry, Council is considering extending its rating system to all business premises. Ratings will be awarded annually as part of the year audit and renewal of registration, and up to five stars can be given based on a number of health and safety criteria as well as presentation and service. Meetings will be at Kyneton Town Hall (8th - 7pm), Romsey Service Centre (15th - 7pm), Gisborne Service Centre (22nd - 7pm) and Woodend Service Centre (29th - 7pm).

Till next month,

(Cr.) Geoff NEIL

(03) 5429 6785

For Sale - Phone 54 296407 after 5pm

Olivetti Letra Typewriter (V.G.C) \$40	Single Folding bed complete with mattress \$20
Study Desk - (3 drawers) including bookshelf (V.G.C) \$90 Bone Colour	
Piano - E.Belling - Suit Beginner \$550	Cot - Chrome with brass Trim includes mattress \$90
Work Bench - Stainless Steel 13' X 2'	As new \$600 suit food premises

Romsey Primary School News

July 1997

Remaining Positive: Have you noticed that when you are feeling a little down in spirits, a bright word of encouragement, a beaming smile and the question, "how would you like me to help?", really gives you a lift. Stop and consider then just how your attitude directly affects others. Are you the bright spark in their day or just another complainant who reinforces the negative. When was the last time you stopped and made a positive comment to someone you hardly know. It really is more contagious than the common cold you know and far more welcome.

Thankyou: At Assembly on Monday 23rd June the children sang two Indonesian songs in appreciation of the work Mr Ron Viney has undertaken over the last three years. Ron initially provided support to the staff & parents with Indonesian studies during and after school as well as teaching in the 3-6 area. More recently Ron continues teaching Indonesian to adults through Lancefield House and to the year 3/4 students at our school. We are particularly pleased to have had Ron's knowledge and participation in our program during the first three years of our charter.

The staff have also made presentations to Ron and also to Marg McLennan. Marg, a teacher in the 1/2 unit will be leaving at the end of term to prepare for the imminent arrival of her first child. Marg plans to return to the teaching of the junior pupils of our school at the commencement of term 1 1998. We are pleased that Mrs Ellis, who is well known to the children, will be taking over Marg's teaching role. As a school we wish Marg & David all the very best as they commence their family.

ROMSEY SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM:

1998 Prep Enrolment Information Packs are currently available at the Kindergarten and the school office. It would be appreciated if this enrolment information could be completed before the end of July.

Pupil Road Safety: This is a prime concern to parents, teachers and school councillors and is the reason why School Council have decided to **permit only Year 4 students to ride their bikes to school** unless younger children are under the supervision of an adult. A public information evening will be held at 7.30pm on the 17th July (during the first week of next term) and it is planned that this policy will come into force during the second week of term. Mr. John Mackintosh who has previously been a consultant with Vic Roads with relationship to bike safety in schools has agreed to speak to parents and show a video. All those interested in Bike education and safety are invited to attend. Other literature regarding bike safety will be distributed with the newsletter on Tuesday 15th July, 1997.

Sport Safety: Councillors recently endorsed the school safety code which strongly recommends the wearing of **correctly fitted mouth guards** during all contact sports. Please watch the newsletter next term for further details in regard to this safety initiative. Dental injuries are the most common type of facial injury sustained during participation in contact sports. The majority are preventable if a professionally fitted mouthguard is worn.

A mouthguard should:

- * be worn during training and competition by all children who participate in contact sports.

* Be comfortable. * Have good retention and fit.

* Cause minimal interference to speaking and breathing.

Balanced Competition: In order to reduce the risk of injury, it is important to keep competitions balanced. Common sense should be used with consideration being given to the age, size, sex, strength, skill and psychological maturity of the players.

Crop A Cop is returning: School Council have endorsed this program and would encourage your participation. Const. Rob Harper, who takes lessons for our pupils, has given notice that he would like children to donate \$1 for his hair to be shaved off or \$1 for his eyebrows or \$1 for his moustache to be removed. He will look really strange won't he!

Constable Harper is planning a huge public relations day at Kyneton in October to which all children in neighbouring school from grade 3-6 are invited. This should really be an interesting day on which many branches of the Victoria Police will be able to demonstrate their skills and equipment. A Sausage Sizzle lunch will be provided.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council : Extension Of Hours At The Romsey Primary School Crossing:

Careful consideration has been given by Council to increasing the time frame due to a few who use the crossing after 9am. It would seem this has become an issue of concern for both families and Council and the result is the extension of the morning hours by fifteen minutes. These hours commenced on the 4th of June, 1997 and will be as follows: **8.15am to 9.15am : 3.15pm to 4.00pm.**

COBAW DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION Winter Sport Round Robin Carnival held at the Boardman Reserve in Sunbury on Friday 20th June.

With the exception of a small number of children absent due to illness every other Grade 5/6 child participated.

In Netball, Romsey were represented by one girls team and 3 mixed teams. The girls Netball finished third overall and the mixed teams finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

In T.Ball 2 mixed teams participated with Team A narrowly beaten in the Grand Final and Team B finished fifth. **Football,** Romsey were represented by 2 teams.

Team A were undefeated for the day and will go onto represent Cobaw District in the Regional Championships at Bendigo in August. Team B performed well playing off for 3rd place and finally finishing fourth. Congratulations to all children for the participation, effort and sportsmanship displayed during the day.

Year 5/6 Netball. The efforts of the students and many supportive parents and friends were rewarded on Friday at our Cobaw Winter Sports Day. Mrs. McHenry and Katie Rodda have been helping to train the 4 teams each week and at Sunbury we were fortunate to have our committed regular umpires (minus one who was too sick with the winter bug), Mrs. Dremel and Mrs. Keats assisted by Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. Reilly and Shannon Venkort coached the girls' team while many parents helped out with the mixed teams. Thankyou to all for your encouragement.

Our Year 5/6 Auskick team which represented Richmond Football Club against Essendon in the Little League game at the M.C.G last Saturday are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and keen participation.

If you have any queries about the school programs, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Trevor Turnham - School Principal 5429 5099

The ROMSEY-LANCEFIELD LIONS & LIONESSES had their annual changeover night at Centrevic on Friday, 20th June. A good night was had by all. Lion Pat Sullivan was inducted as President for the 1997-1998 year and Lioness Barbara Dobson Lioness President for the coming year. The induction ceremony was performed by Lion Jim Quick from Brim Lions Club, and Lion John Rogers conducted the Lioness induction. The night was well represented by all Lions and Ladies and Lionesses.

New President Pat spoke on the coming year, promising help with the Ambulance for Romsey-Lancefield and also for Community Welfare.

President Pat said that new members are very welcome, and if you are interested, please come along to a meeting soon and see what it's all about.

Lioness President Barbara said that they would be supporting the Cord Blood Bank, and she thanked the community for their support in the past year.

Past President Lion Dave Quarrell spoke on the achievements for the 1996-1997 year including **Crop A Cop** (with thanks to Rotarian Craig Jamieson for his help).

Thanks also to all throughout the community for helping in Lions fundraising throughout the past year, and we look forward to your support in the coming year.

Lion John and Lady Lion Kay will be travelling around Australia on an extended holiday, and we all wish them well and good travelling.

Romsey-Lancefield Lions & Romsey Lionesses

TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the ROMSEY LANCEFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB is to take place at the Romsey /Lancefield Senior Citizens

Rooms, Mechanics Hall, Romsey 3434 on the 4th day of August, 1997 at 1p.m.

That at the meeting the following motion will be put:-

1. That the Secretary be authorized to make an application to incorporate the Club to be known as the Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club Incorporated.
2. That the purposes for which the proposed incorporated association is established are:-
 - 2.1. To promote and undertake or assist in promoting and undertaking benevolent assistance for elderly people, of both sexes, irrespective of creed, class or colour, within Romsey and Lancefield and without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing provision shall have power to do or to assist in doing any or all of the following things, namely:
 - (a) To provide a benevolent relief to elderly people by establishing and maintaining a club or clubs.
 - (b) To provide recreational facilities, social companionship and entertainment
 - (c) To organize and maintain a visiting service.

ROMSEY BOWLING CLUB NEWS

SOUP & SANDWICH DAY

are held every Thursday during Winter, and are a wonderful way to keep in form and enjoy the earthy companionship of other bowlers. New bowlers are most welcome to try their hand in a social atmosphere commencing at 11.00 a.m. with eight ends before the Soup & Sandwiches and two games of eight ends after lunch. It is great value at only \$5.00 and I understand that the winners on the day get their money back! Bookings can be made with the Club Secretary, Norm Thompson on his home number 54295 421 or at the Clubrooms on 54295 385. Casual dress is the order of the day.

NEWNHAM/MUSTEY SHIELD

Last year's event was unfortunately washed out. Lancefield will therefore host Romsey on Saturday 4th October. This is the Saturday prior to pennant commencing and presents an ideal opportunity to blow away the cobwebs and tune up for what follows - and wouldn't it be lovely to knock over Lancefield at home! A bit like winning at Victoria Park against the Pies! Please keep an eye on the Notice and Blackboard for further details.

NEW BOWLERS AND NEW MEMBERS....

You haven't lived if you haven't bowled!!!

New members, new bowlers and visitors are always welcome at Romsey. Club Secretary - Norm Thompson on 54295 421 and Club Coach - Tom Seymour, 54295 340 - are always on the look-out for new or recycled talent! They will not only talk to you but actively encourage callers to participate. Coaching and the loan of a set of bowls are freely available to all interested parties.

Until next month, good bowling everyone -

David (Narrow) Parrot, Publicity Officer - 54270 514.

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ROMSEY BUTCHERS SHOP UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.....

Congratulations and good luck is in order to Peter O'Rourke who is the new proprietor of Hardwick's Butchers and will now trade under the name of '**MACEDON RANGES MEAT SPECIALISTS**'.

Peter has managed the butchers shop for 6 years and now that he is the owner we wish him every success and all his hard work will continue to provide the people of Romsey with the highest standard of meat and of course a good laugh into the bargain!! Quality Service is Assured!

GOOD ON YA PETE!!!

FOR SALE.....FOR SALE.....FOR SALE.....FOR SALE.....FOR SALE.....

- **1 x Pair Apricot Rubber Backed Drapes** 7Ft 2in drop x 6ft across. 4 Cream Terylene Pattern Curtains 7ft 2in drop x 9ft 4in across (1 curtain to suit sliding door). 6 Pine Rods Curtain (drapes) rails with rings and brackets - 4 at 6ft across and 2 of 9ft 4in across (1 pine rod to suit sliding door). Dowling rods to hang terylene curtains with brackets. Will separate....the lot \$140 ono. 1 x 24 inch boys 10 speed Roadmaster Bike \$60 ono. Contact Anne on 54296 426 after 4.30 p.m.
- **5 Piece Black & Grey Queen Bed Set** - Bedhead radio/alarm; large dresser \$200 ono. 2 Large Black Laminated Bookshelves 6' x2/6" x 9" \$50 ono; 2 old Scout Uniforms - Best Offer. 1 x Wooden Cot with Mattress - %50 ono. Tel: 54296 282.
- **Waveless Water Bed** (Queen Size) Excellent Condition \$500 ono Phone: 54296 316.
- **Ride-On Mower** - Yardman - Excellent Working Condition - 36" cut. Briggs & Stratton 12 hp motor. Key Start. \$1,000 ono - Tel: 54295 368.

CRAFT CLASSES - ROMSEY.....Smocking 12th & 19th August - Crochet 14th & 21st August - Heirloom Sewing 1st & 8th September - Floral Arrangement - 10th September - For details please phone - Joy on 54270 319 or Merryn on 54270 413.

ROMSEY GARDEN WORLD

**** BARE ROOTED TREES & ROSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE****

****FRUIT TREES - \$13.50 - \$28.00** **ORNAMENTALS - \$13.80 - \$22.30****

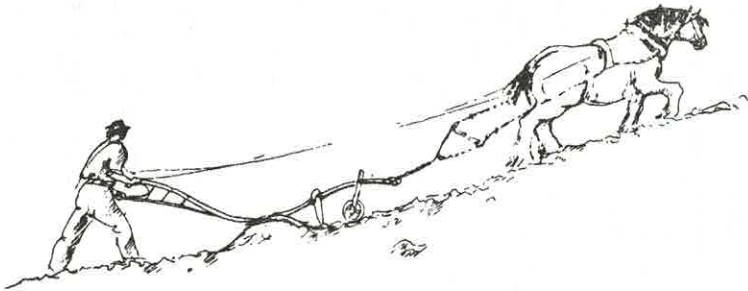
****ROSES - STANDARD - \$27.60 (Double) - WEEPING - \$49.50 (Budded)****

****WEEPING CHERRIES - \$45 - \$55** **WEEPING BIRCH - \$65****

OPEN 7 DAYS---9.00AM - 5.00PM TEL: (03) 54296 464

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

P.O. Box 11,
ROMSEY, 3434.



HISTORIC QUILTS ON DISPLAY

The quilt worked over one hundred years ago by the ladies of the Lancefield Presbyterian Church will soon be joined by one produced recently with the names of current residents of the area on it. The new quilt has been made by members of the Historical Society to commemorate the centenary of the original one, and will be displayed in the Lancefield Court House Museum. The museum is open on Sundays from 1.30 to 4.00 p.m., and is well worth a visit to view the area's history.

The magnificent quilt made in 1896 was raffled at a Sale of Gifts held in the Lancefield Mechanics' Institute in February 1896 to raise funds to pay off the debt incurred in making improvements to the Manse. These extracts from the *Lancefield Mercury* tell us something of the event:

'The centre of attraction is the magnificent quilt, hung against the wall at the back of the stage. The quilt contains 465 autographs beautifully worked with various coloured crewel silks on a background of royal blue satin, and is lined with old gold sateen. Surrounded by the words "Lancefield Sale of Gifts", in the centre of the quilt is a painting of a rose, thistle, and shamrock artistically executed by Miss Anderson, of Rochford. As is well known the quilt was made and the names worked by Mrs Condon, of Rochford, and she and Miss Anderson have shown singular ability in accomplishing their work. This piece of work alone will realise a large sum, about £23 being in hand, clear of all expense, from the fee charged for having names placed on the quilt.' The lucky winner of the raffle of the quilt was Mrs J. Dunn of Rochford. A profit of £32/15/0 was made through the raffle.

The stalls included two fancy goods, refreshments, Christmas tree, and a toy stall. £35 was raised on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The best dressed doll competition was won by Miss Kitty Harris with her bride doll; Martha Burns was second, and Jessie Hemphill was third, from ten entries. The Sale of Gifts concluded on Saturday night. The left over goods were auctioned at 10.30 p.m. by Mr Ralph Williams. Prices were greatly reduced, but every article was disposed of.

The net proceeds were £150/19/8, after expenses of £12/7/7 were paid. This was enough to clear all debt, and it was considered a very successful event. The full balance sheet was published later.

The Historical Society wishes to thank all those who supported the street stall held last month. About \$250 was raised to help with the maintenance of Seymour Cottage in Romsey, and the Lancefield Court House Museum. Treatment to eradicate the termites under the cottage has been undertaken once again, and the damaged flooring has been replaced. Mr Jack Parkhurst is to be thanked for his work in repairing the damage.

At the May meeting of the society Jim Hall told of his experiences as a youngster growing up in Lancefield, where his father operated the Universal General Store in the shop now occupied by Lancefield Hair Care. The talk was very good and encouraged other members to recall other occurrences of the times. At present an interesting display of old photographs and relics of Lancefield has been mounted in a window of this shop. Members are continuing work on compiling the brochure detailing the historic sites in Romsey and Lancefield. This should be completed and published by the end of the year.

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 'Woodlands', the home of Mr & Mrs Lobb, on the Romsey-Kilmore Road, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 22 July.

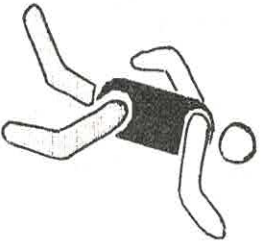
WHAT DO YOU THINK???

Should the Township of Romsey return to a speed limit of 60 K's?
Who else finds crossing or turning right down-right dangerous at times, especially at Woodend/Romsey Intersection and bearing in mind the recent TAC add on pedestrians!
We have given the 70 K's - I think it is time for Romsey to ask for a return to 60 K's!
Helen Watts.

Romsey Recreation Centre

Park Lane Romsey

Manager: Tom Doric
Phone : (03) 5429 5637
Mobile: 0418 356 400



GYM NEWS

Circuit Classes:

9.30am - Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, Thursdays &
Saturdays.
7pm - Mondays, Tuesdays &
Wednesdays.
8pm - Thursdays

Gym Hours:
Open during Centre hours.

*Note: Group Bookings available on request

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Low Impact Classes.
Cost: \$5.00 (Students \$3.50)

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Wednesdays 7pm-8.30pm
Instructor - Joe Azuolias
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* Tai Chi
* Kali
* Jujitsu
* Judo
* Self Defence.
* Self Discipline

Cost: \$ 5.00 per night.
(Family Discounts available)

For more information phone:
JOE (03) 5429 1393 or theCentre.

REGISTER NOW!
FOR
**JUNIOR
BASKETBALL**
16th JULY 5.30pm-7pm
Registration Night
& Sausage Sizzle
at the Romsey Recreation Centre

JUNIOR MIXED BASKETBALL

PLAYED MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
The new committee would like to welcome you and your children to become involved in local basketball!
Come to the Rec. Centre on registration night, enjoy the sausage sizzle and meet the new committee who are aiming to rejuvenate the junior basketball competition, catering for 6-16 year olds - boys & girls
New season starts 2nd week of term 3.
Register now to avoid disappointment!!
For details contact Annetta on 5429 2124 or Tom at the Centre.

REGISTRATION DAY JUNIOR MIXED NETBALL

THURSDAY 17TH JULY
5.30pm-7pm

JUNIOR MIXED NETBALL

PLAYED THURSDAYS
New season commences 24th July.
Enquiries re registration - please contact Michelle Thomas on 5429 6844 or Tom at the Centre.

SQUASH

PLAYED TUE & WED NIGHTS
New season commencing Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July.
Any players interested in playing in this social 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 VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
Any ladies interested in playing - contact Tracy on 5429 5035 or the Centre for information.
New season starts Wednesday 16th July.

LADIES NIGHT NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY NIGHTS.
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Competition will be played in two divisions.
Any teams interested in playing - contact Tom for details.

SENIOR MIXED BASKETBALL

PLAYED TUESDAY NIGHTS
New season starts Tuesday 15th July.
Last chance to register your team!
Contact Annetta on 5429 2124 or Tom at the Centre.

SENIOR MIXED VOLLEYBALL

PLAYED FRIDAY NIGHTS
New season starts Friday 18th July. Register your team now! Enquiries - phone Tracy on 5429 5035 or the Centre.

DAYTIME LADIES NETBALL

PLAYED MONDAY MORNINGS.
WANTED!!!!!! Ladies willing to have fun and some exercise as well! New season starts on Monday 14th July so come and join us!
Enquiries - contact Tom at the Centre.

DAYTIME LADIES BASKETBALL

PLAYED THURSDAY MORNINGS
The new season starts on Thursday 17th July.
Any ladies interested in playing please contact Annetta on 5429 2124 or Tom at the Centre

SENIOR MIXED NETBALL

PLAYED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
Summer season results:
Division A Premiers - No Fear
" Runners-Up - Bonecrushers
Division B Premiers - Rug Rats
" Runners-Up - Jackpots
Best & Fairest Female Player - Ros Trembath
B & F Runner-Up - Michelle O'Shannessy
Best & Fairest Male Player - Ian Austin
B & F Runner-Up - Peter Sankey

New season starts Wednesday 16th July.
Any teams interested in playing next season - contact the Rec Centre for details.

BADMINTON

Daytime social competition on Friday mornings at 9.30am. Recommences Friday 18th July.
Enquiries contact Val Hudson ph. 5429 6652 or Tom at the Centre.

WOMEN'S GOLF - ROMSEY.

Weekly results for the month of May.

7/5/97 Stroke.

1st. Pam Bray. 72 2nd. Darlene Baker. 73 3rd. Leila Beasley. 75
9 hole Winner; Heather Fenton

14/5/97 Monthly Medal.

1st. Beryl Cole. 63 2nd. Shirley Shelton. 67 3rd. Margaret Crump. 69
9 hole winner; Olive Hill.

21/5/97 Foursomes, Doris Chambers.

1st. Shirley Shelton and Mary Campbell.

28/5/97 Stableford

1st. Marg Crump. 42 pts 2nd. Hazel Allen. 32 pts 3rd. Leila Beasley. 32 pts.

Weekly results for the month of June.

4/6/97 First Round Club Championships

1st. Leila Beasley. 62 2nd. Margaret Crump. 66 3rd. Shirley Shelton. 67

11/6/97 Second Round Club Championships. Monthly Medal

1st. Margaret Crump. 71 2nd. Mary Campbell. 73 3rd. Pam Bray. 73

18/6/97 Third Round Club Championships.

1st. Mary Campbell. 67 2nd. Margaret Crump. 70 3rd. Beryl Cole. 72

25/6/97 Secret Nine and Queen Elizabeth Trophy

1st. Mary Campbell. 19 2nd. Leila Beasley. 16

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

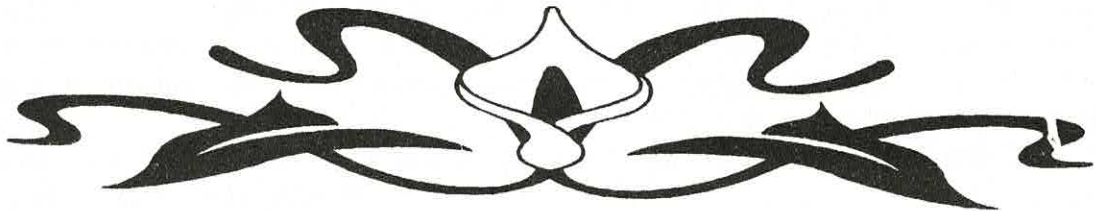
Shirley Shelton was the winner of our championships again this year with three consistent rounds winning by a margin of three strokes from Margaret Crump.

WELL DONE SHIRLEY!!!!!!

Margaret was the winner of the Phylis Mitchell Trophy for the best nett score and congratulations go to Marg as well.

ANTIQUE VALUATIONS.

We had a very interesting day last Sunday when we held the antique appraisal day as our major fundraiser for the year. A very entertaining day was provided by Warren Joel of LEONARD JOEL Auct. of Melbourne. Quite a lot of people made appointments to have their valuables assessed and many were quite surprised (one way or the other) with Warren's insightful comments. Other people saw our sign and came in on the day and Warren was happy to help them out as well. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the day and contributed to our fundraising and we would like also to thank the Romsey Rag people for advertising the day in the rag. Thanks.



INFORMAL ARTS FORUM

The Macedon Ranges Arts Advisory Committee invites all SHIRE ARTS people and interested community members to:-

**16 Old Farm Way
Romsey**

**from 7.00pm,
Friday 11th of July 1997**

This third forum will provide an opportunity for local artists to gather together, share a drink, let the committee know how you would like your particular artform to be promoted in the region.

Next Forum; Gisborne/Macedon in August.

Please join us!
Contact (03) 5422 0319

BOLINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL JULY NEWS

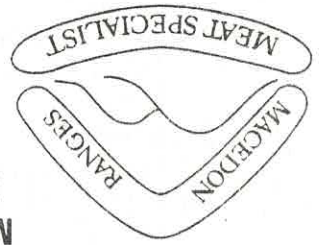
Recently we have participated in three hockey clinics at school, conducted by one of our own dads. The children are very enthusiastic and keen to learn the new skills associated with this Olympic sport, in which the Australian ladies' and men's teams are world leaders.

A whole school excursion to Scienceworks was a great day, and for some of the younger children was a completely new experience. The Space and Sports sections were of great interest, as well as a tour of the old pumping station.

We had a terrific day combined with Clarkfield, to participate with Ann Hudson in The Life Education van. The younger children learn about the complexity of the human body in an atmosphere which encourages the development of self esteem. The older children learn about making decisions that will affect their health and the health of others. They also discuss the pressures they may encounter from peers and community, and learn strategies and ways to help them deal with different and difficult situations.

The Grade Prep, one and two children thoroughly enjoyed an excursion to Kilmore to watch the children from Darrawit Guim put on an excellent performance of Alice in Wonderland. Congratulations to the staff and children of Darrawit for a wonderful show.

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Annie's Pouch, The Warrior,

A Wombat named Bosco and

The Roo that Won the Melbourne Cup.

There are also other good books written by Jackie in the junior high school range.

Preparations for our **Bolinda Spring Fair** are well under way and you could mark your diaries now for **SEPTEMBER 21st**.

A terrific day is always assured.

More information next month.

Due to interest already being shown for

1998 enrolments, we have made a submission for a new room to be relocated at Bolinda in time for the new school year.

We are having an **OPEN DAY** on **Sunday, 3rd August, from 2 - 4:00 pm.** You will be able to speak with staff and parents and have a pleasant afternoon tea as well.

If you are thinking about the options for your child for next year, feel free to drop in and speak with us at any time. The kettle is always on and our friendly staff are only too happy to sit and talk with you.

Until next month, bye from Bolinda

Keith Jenkins - Principal 54 285 317

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Rejection is a painful experience, indeed one that sometimes leads to extremes in behaviour as our need to be loved is threatened. Family and peers can be very critical and possibly quite unfair in their treatment of us and we may go to great lengths to gain acceptance. Our sense of allrightness may depend on this, unaware that rejection is the driving force in our life. **The love, acceptance and approval that we receive in our relationship with God is fundamental to His character.**

Regardless of our state, rich or poor, elevated or lowly He does not reject us.

It is interesting to note what the bible says; "we love Him because He loved us first." What is the bible saying, what is the implication. If there had to be a sacrifice for sin, and Jesus was it, then He gave His all. Death is a big price to pay for any reason. If this is what it took to reconcile man to God, this selfless act demonstrates a love beyond our wildest dreams.

Total and unconditional. Even if we don't believe, God still loves us. We may be separated from God and have no knowledge of Him, but still we are loved.

To embrace God's love is to embrace life. To receive Jesus is to experience the love and life that is God.

It would be trite to suggest that anyone receive Jesus in the context of our fellowship or any church for that matter. But we exhort everyone to ask Jesus into relationship with them as a matter of life. Then God lead you where He will.

We desire to share Gods love to all whatever the need. **It is after all God's goodness and love that leads us to Him, and having found Him causes us to stay.** He comforts those who mourn and are grieved by loss.

The things of this world perish, but **the love of God is eternal.**

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.

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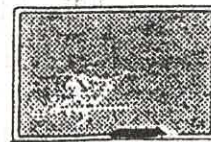
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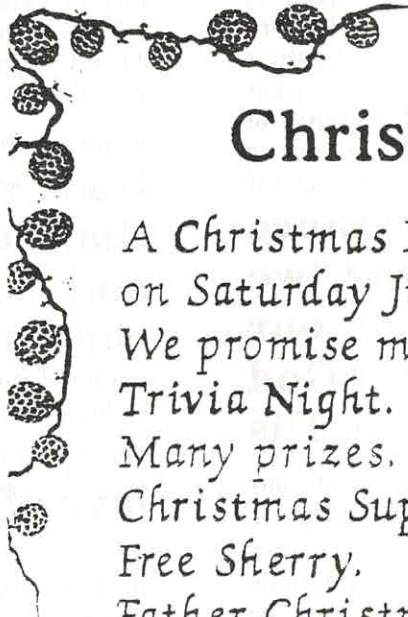
Just the way I Am !

This is a superbly presented collection of stories set in a fantasy land of brilliantly colored trees and flowers and butterflies. The four stories were specifically chosen for the way they deal so positively with the issues of Peer Pressure and the need to build self confidence. This presentation for the Prep to Year 2 children at Romsey Primary School will occur on Tuesday 15th July and is just another way in which the school is assisting the children develop a very positive image of themselves, and how their actions can have a dramatic effect on others. The School's Peer support Program emphasises these attributes too and is conducted by Mrs Little using the Year 5 pupils interacting as leaders and role models for our year 2 students. This highlights the co-operation implicit in our school motto - "Together we Learn and Grow!"

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Christmas in July

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Contacts:

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Romsey Primary School : Bi-Annual Musical Performance : "Dragongirl"

During all of 3rd Term every child in Grades 5-6 will be involved in our bi-annual musical performance - "Dragongirl". This musical fantasy is set mainly in ancient times in the Kingdom of Begonia. Great peril befalls the kingdom. The Dragongirl who comes from our time displays selfless courage to end the darkness. Many humorous characters will provide much laughter and the audience will have to be alert to catch the numerous punch lines. This production will be staged at the Mechanics Hall Romsey on Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th September. Tickets will be available on September 1st.

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	8am	Lancefield	Romsey
	10am	Romsey	Lancefield
Daily masses: as advertised in the weekly bulletin.			
Reconciliation (Confession): 11am Saturday or by arrangement.			

PRAYER LIFE

- Rosary recited before weekday Masses and before Sat. night Mass.
- 'Holy Name of Jesus' Prayer Group: Mon. 8pm Romsey Church Hall. Contact: Merle De Silva 54 295 672. If you would like to request prayers for family or individual needs please write clearly, no names necessary, to: The Holy Name Of Jesus Prayer Group, 57 Metcalfe Drive, Romsey.
- Christian Meditation (Silent Prayer) St. Mary's Church, Romsey, Mon. 8-9pm. Phone: Stephen 54 295 907

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Every first Thursday of the month coffee morning/afternoons are held at St. Mary's Church Hall, Romsey. 10.30 am start. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Lancefield/ Romsey offer a table of goods for sale, card games etc. Come & have a browse & chat, you will be most welcome! For transport call the Presbytery 54 292 130



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Further information : S. Holgate 54 295 907, P. Rochford 54 296035

CONFIRMATION

Home group meetings for our Parish Confirmation candidates will begin on July 21st. Please phone Sr. Patricia Stone 54 291 359 for further information about this Spirit-filled Sacrament.

PARISH FEAST DAY

St. Mary's Parish of Lancefield and Romsey is preparing to celebrate our Parish Feast Day. This will be on the 14th. September, which is the closest possible date to the birthday of the Blessed Virgin, which is on the 8th September. Details to follow later.

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The Romsey/Lancefield Senior Citizens Club will be holding a Cake Stall in the Shopping Centre on Saturday, 30th August, between 8.00 A.M. & 12.30 P.M.

The Senior Citizens meet Monday and Wednesday, 10.30am to 3pm for carpet bowls, cards and companionship.
For further information contact Margaret 5429 6377

Kindergarten Enrolments for 1998

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 31st July between 12.noon & 1pm in the foyer at the Kindergarten. Children should turn 4 before 30th April, 1998.

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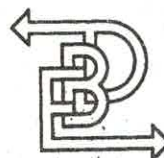
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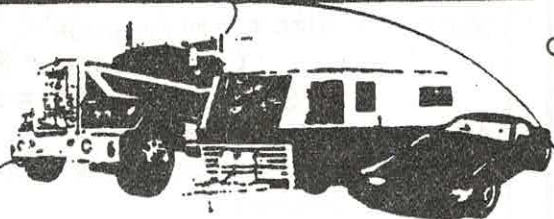


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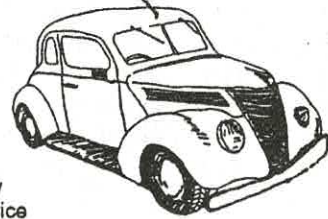
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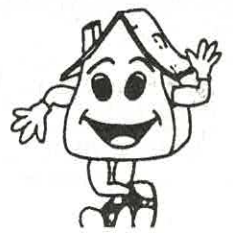
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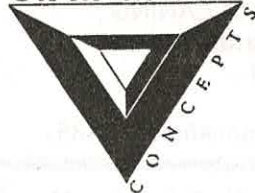
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