



FEBRUARY/ MARCH

1988

Welcome to the New Year of 1988. I hope it will be a happy, peaceful year for you. Time flies the year 2000 will be upon us before we know it. I have just returned from my Annual Holidays which were spent touring Tasmania. The weather was very mild and at Lake St. Clair in Southern Tasmania we were standing in front a a log fire to combat the cold weather! But the few days spent at Echuca, Cohuna and Swan Hill made up for this with lovely hot, sunny days.

Our 50th Anniversary Carols by Candlelight was a wonderful show. We have had many congratulatory calls and letters. Congratulations to all from the Public Relations Department for all the many hours of hard work that went into making the night so successful.

EASTER MARKET

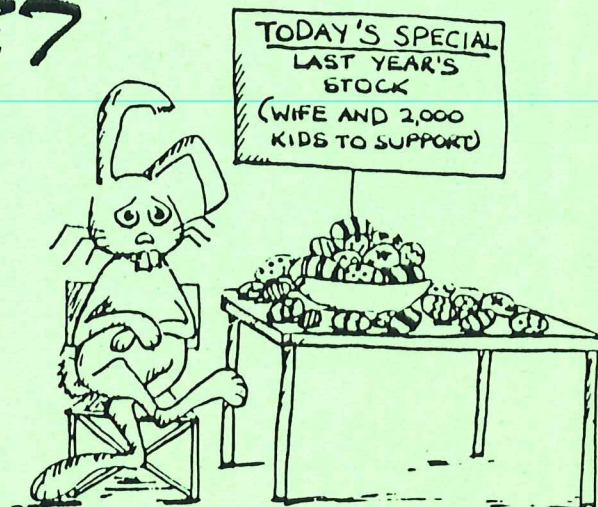
WHERE: In the grounds of
R.V.I.B.

WHEN: SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH

TIME: 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Admission: 20c. Children Free

Should be a great day as we have a large number of Stallholders from various Markets who have booked a site. Come along and join in the fun!



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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR GOLD BELL?

Any Auxiliary who has been in existence for 50 years and has not received their Gold Bell - could you please contact Pat Chaplin (Ext. 291) or Jan Greene (Ext. 293)

REGIONAL CONFERENCE
SORRENTO/BLAIRGOWRIE

The sun was glorious and so was Sorrento.

It was difficult to stay in the Hall all day for our Conference, with so much sunshine outside. But we did, and a most informative and enjoyable day was had by all.

Peter Cronin, Principal of the Burwood School for Blind Children spoke to us on his work, and that of the school. We learnt a great deal. Many thanks Peter.

At the conclusion of the day a 50 year badge was presented to Norm Clark. All present were extremely moved as Norm received the memento on behalf of his wife Dolly who passed away the previous week. Dolly was a Life Governor of the R.V.I.B. and had worked untiringly and continuously for much of her life to support the work of the R.V.I.B.

Thank you Dolly - R.I.P.

GOODS STILL AVAILABLE
FROM R.V.I.B.

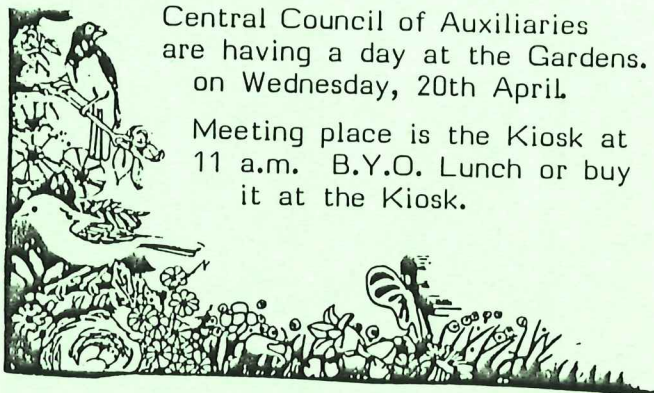
- Key Rings (\$2.00)
- Teaspoons (\$3.50)
- Glasses (2.50)
- Chocolate (\$1.50)
- Peanut Brittle (\$1.10)

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LUNCH AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Central Council of Auxiliaries are having a day at the Gardens. on Wednesday, 20th April.

Meeting place is the Kiosk at 11 a.m. B.Y.O. Lunch or buy it at the Kiosk.



Anglesea
Margaret Hutchison
Sid Whitelaw

Minyip
Jean Thompson

Sale
Eileen Counahan

Sorrento
Dolly Clark

PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE

Why not ask your local Councils if it is possible for them to paint white lines on steps in your town.

This has been done quite successfully in some areas e.g. on Post Office and Bank steps. This is, of course, to enable visually impaired people to cope with steps more easily. Councils in some towns have been most co-operative. Let's hope they will be in your town. It's certainly worth a try.



BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs. Margaret Reseigh from Donald Auxiliary who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on March 5th.

Congratulations from all of us and may you have a very happy day.



Regards to all,

Jan Greene

JAN GREENE
AUXILIARY CO-ORDINATOR

AUXILIARY 'APPENINGS

ANGLESEA

Their sympathy is extended to the families of Margaret Hutchison and Sid Whitelaw. Margaret was a valued member for over 20 years and Sid has audited their books for the last few years. His wife, Rita, is a member.

COBDEN

Meetings are usually held in a member's home every two months. Some of the activities the Auxiliary had last year were a visit to a friend's museum of all kinds of dolls and various collections of small bottles and other old things, and watched a demonstration of porcelain doll making. The year ended with their usual New Year's Eve dance at Cobrico. This is usually a very happy family affair with old time dancing and brought in around \$400.00. Although only a small membership, everyone works very happily together.

COBURG

A street stall was held in December and was very successful. Amount raised from this day was \$600.00.

ELTHAM

Arrangements are in hand for two Cake Stalls to be held, one in April and one in September. A picnic is to be held in March. A donation of \$80 was received from Mrs. Fitzgerald who is a regular donor to their Auxiliary. Many thanks.

ESSENDON

Had a very good Christmas Raffle. They are now busy working for their first stall on Friday, 19th. A total of \$394.00 was presented to R.V.I.B.

EUROA

Morning Coffee to be held in February, and they will be working for the sheep dog trials at the end of February, and are also getting organized for their street stall which is to be held in May.

FLEMINGTON EAST

Are busy getting ready for a Stall to be held soon. Dot Ballantyne is now recovering from an operation. Mrs. Brown is having a small operation at the Eye and Ear Hospital. Get well wishes to both members.

GEELONG

An apology: The wonderful Rose Show that Geelong Auxiliary hold each year was held at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. George Macauley** not Mrs. Gwen Turner as stated in the last Newsletter. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Macauley for all your hard work.

GISBORNE

Five of their members have earned a badge for 50 years service to R.V.I.B. Four of them have been members since its initial meeting on 15th March, 1932. The members are - Miss Jean Benson, Miss Adele Benson, Miss Elsie Black, Miss Betty Ross Watt (M.B.E.) and Mrs. Elsie Funston. In the early days Miss Jean Benson and her Mother did all the collecting in the Gisborne township. Then Miss Ross Watt took on the outlying areas, and later streets were allocated

GISBORNE(Cont.)

to various members. Miss Benson served one year as President. Each lady has helped at collecting, helping with stalls and afternoon teas, etc.

Congratulation to you ladies for such dedication over the years.

HAWTHORN

Their first card day was held last Thursday. They have received donations totalling \$545.00 which is a great start to the year.

HAPPENING

They have been knitting and sewing over the holidays getting their supplies up. Very few from this Auxiliary are working now.

HEALESVILLE

The Healesville Auxiliary held a very enjoyable and successful Luncheon at Mrs. Wortley's home in Mooroolbark, resulting in \$406.90 being raised.

Three members, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. Mac Namara and Mrs. Wortley each received 50 year badges for their long and loyal support.

Mrs. Tyrell Thomas was given a Life Governor's Certificate. Congratulations to them all.

KONGWAK

The Kongwak Auxiliary held their Christmas break-up at the delightful Tatra Hut Restaurant, in the Dandenongs, where they enjoyed a Smorgasborg Lunch and floor show. The Members were amused to see their President, Secretary and Treasurer on stage trying to play the Saxophone, Bagpipes and French Horn, not very successfully!!

MANSFIELD

A cheque for the great total of \$1,300 has been sent to R.V.I.B. Proceeds came from the Regional Conference held in Mansfield, Sale of Candles for Carols by Candlelight held at the Mansfield Hospital and a Bingo night.

MITCHAM

A break-up Luncheon for members was held in December. One of their good workers has moved to the country and they will miss her very much. Thirteen members were present at last Monday's Meeting when the Syllabus for the year was prepared.

MINYIP

Members mourn the passing of Mrs. Jean Thompson, a very loved and generous member of the Minyip Auxiliary. She was a past President and a tireless worker for the R.V.I.B. Vale

MURTOA

Congratulations to Mavis Yole who became a Grandmother of Triplets (boys) early January. Secretary of Murtoa, Mrs. Gwen Blandthorn was awarded the Australia Day Citizens Award for the many hours of work she has contributed to different local groups. Congratulations Gwen from all of us.

WOODEND

Congratulations to Mrs. Marie Morris who was presented with a 50 years service badge on 15th February. All members enjoyed an afternoon tea with a special cake baked for the occasion. A wonderful achievement.