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Feathers from the Bird of Time - Moorabbin 1964
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What was the remark we heard as November slipped into December? 'Christmas again. Doesn't time fly?' Fly it does. But the Moorabbin Historical Society which records the present as well as the past has caught a few feathers as it flew over in 1964 - and here they are.

Five new organizations have been formed in the city - the Moorabbin Amateur Swimming Club, the Coatesville Tennis Club, a Moorabbin and District branch of Red Cross, a Sportsmen's Club with headquarters at Moorabbin Football Ground, and a surprising little sprout of nationalism - a Moorabbin Caledonian Society. The Memorial Swimming Pool, with a Learners' Pool soon to follow, was opened in February, two new Churches, a Methodist and a Roman Catholic are going up at Cheltenham, Marian Lodge at St. John of God Home was opened as a training unit. There is to be a new health centre in Cooma Street, Moorabbin and a new primary school at Cheltenham Heights. (It's interesting, and we think an improvement, that new schools are being given a name and are not just known by the name of their street).

We have a new Mayor, Councillor D. Blackburn, and a new Councillor, Cr. F. Le Page. Cr. G. Basterfield was re-elected for Moorabbin Ward.

The question that aroused most public interest in 1964 was the rezoning of Healey's land in Moorabbin. Three Chambers of Commerce concerned themselves about it and letters to the Moorabbin News reflected several points of view.

Another topic about which there has been much talk is Sunday Sport. As yet only social and charity games are allowed. Fluoridation was approved by the Council but rejected by the Board of Works.

There has been plenty of sport in Moorabbin in 1964. The most interesting events were concerned with football - the signing of a seven year lease between Moorabbin and St. Kilda Clubs, by which