

the Council will spend £100,000 on improvements to the ground, and the expulsion of Moorabbin from the V.F.A. There is a move towards the amalgamation of the Federal and Peninsula Football Leagues.

It is pleasant to report on the Community projects in the city. Meals on Wheels, staffed mainly by volunteers, provides up to twenty-five dinners a day for those unable to cook in their own homes. Standard Newspapers again conducted its 'Firewood for Pensioners' Fund. The Moorabbin Historical Society and Mr. D. Chipp, M.H.R. organized the Junior Citizens' Scheme, through which three senior students from Moorabbin Secondary Schools went to Canberra to learn something of how Australia is governed. Moorabbin Jaycees staged a Careers Exhibition and, looking further afield, organized the help of local schools for a clinic at Hong Kong. The Lions Club raised £3,000 for the Gordon Boys' Home and in the same cause, a Moorabbin Ladies' Auxiliary continues its work. The local branch of St. John Ambulance attracts young people anxious to serve in emergencies.

It is equally pleasing to note how the cultural life of the city is expanding. The libraries flourish; in them pictures have been displayed; more pictures - £500 worth - came to grace the new Town Hall. Three amateur groups - the City of Moorabbin Theatre Group and St. Paul's and St. Christopher's Players, both of Bentleigh, produced several plays, the Southern Light Opera Company staged 'The Mikado' and 'Iolanthe'. The five groups of the Cheltenham Arts and Crafts Society - A Camera Club, an Art Group, a Light Opera Company, a Horticultural Society and the Moorabbin Historical Society staged an exhibition in March; in November the singers put on 'The Pirates of Penzance'. An inter-school music festival in August was very successful; an attempt to arrange a Carols by Candlelight in Cheltenham failed - perhaps Carols by Candlelight are on the way out.

It is not so pleasing to report on the continued shortage of housing for old people, on vandalism, especially of the youth who bent sign posts, as he said, 'to appear smart', and on many traffic offences. The death of several inmates outside the old people's home in Warrigal Road has caused concern. And one pities the Fire Brigade officers who endured as many false alarms as genuine calls - maybe there is something for the psychologist here?

One feature of life in Moorabbin in 1964 you could hardly miss - the fetes. There have been fetes for schools, for institutions, for churches, for Youth Clubs, for scouts, for guides. On one Saturday there were five; as money spinners there seems nothing to equal them.