

the outside as is done at the High Schools might not be worth the expense involved. Many people still have no conscience about where they dump their rubbish. We did not know how much stealing went on until the police discovered in Moorabbin a cache of goods worth £4,000 stolen from suburbs within and adjoining the city.

We have a new Mayor, Councillor H. Stevens of North Ward, and a new Councillor, Cr. D. Bricker of Moorabbin Ward. Changes in Legislative Assembly methods affect Moorabbin; there are to be two new electorates, Heatherton and Bentleigh, the Ormond electorate will disappear and there will be changes in the boundaries between Moorabbin and Sandringham. The Moorabbin sub-division of the Legislative Council electorate of South-Eastern Province will now be part of the Higinbotham province.

There are other less obvious changes. Two Bentleigh state schools report slightly lower enrolments; the population is growing up. Nearly 200 migrants were naturalized; they are settling steadily into the life of the city. A visit from some African teachers suggests that we are drawing closer to other nations. For the year ended June 1965 building permits were the highest for ten years, but industrial permits have dropped; there may not be many more factories. A conference on war toys suggests that some parents don't want their children to think of guns and tanks as part of life. There has been a suggestion in Council for a city creche; this may mean that more mothers are going to work. And the gentler sex is still moving up - women have applied for admission to the Moorabbin Skin Divers Club and the Caledonian Pipe Band.

Two features of life in Moorabbin are very noticeable - the Youth Clubs and the fetes. There are five Youth Clubs in the city, all flourishing and expanding. One has over 400 members, another has recently opened its own athletic track; to what extent, one wonders, do they cut across the activities of churches and scouts and guides? At the fetes the competition in money raising is almost frantic; they lure customers with T.V. stars, bands, miniature trains, pony rides, a display of Army vehicles, pancake tossing, beauty parlours for dogs and their owners and even a family contest with a holiday in Fiji as the prize.

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The President and officers of the Society wish all members and friends a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.