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RINGWOOD POLICE AND CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB

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PATRONS

Mr. J.W.Manson M.L.A.  
Mr.A.R.White Life Member

PRESIDENT  
Mr.T.L.Bronner

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Mr.A.G.Chapman

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Mr.R.Green  
Mr.B.Woods  
Mr.E.Shingles

Mr.A.Hagland  
Mr.N.McLeod  
Mr.N.Donald

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Mr.T.Orr

Mr.W.O'Neill  
Mrs. Harrison  
Mr.T.Watt

DELEGATE TO V.A.Y.C.

Mr.A.G.Chapman

LEADER- IN-CHARGE

Mr.B.Woods

HON. AUDITOR

Mr.H.James

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Mrs H. Wardle

OBJECTS

To promote the Physical, Mental, Moral and Social well-being of the Young People of the Ringwood District or elsewhere by provision of facilities for gymnasium and other organised activities.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I can again report a very successful year for the Ringwood Police & Citizens Youth Club.

Our membership maintained its high level and indeed we were enforced to commence a waiting list for the 7 to 8 year old boys half way through the year. We would still like to see more intermediate boys coming to the Club but feel that the responsibility in this direction lays directly at our door.

We must retain the lads coming up from the younger groups by giving them a greater variety of activities, including camps hikes and competition with other clubs. This is our aim and I feel sure we will succeed this year.

Financially the club is in a sound position with our existing building and equipment all freehold. In addition we have over the past two years built up a new building fund which will help us in our aim to extend the club buildings and provide better and more modern equipment.

I think that the parents of Ringwood would all agree that we as a community Youth Club must keep moving ahead, and with this in view we have drawn up plans for an extension to this building. We do not intend to build just for the sake of having a nice big building which we can proudly point to as one of the biggest Youth Club buildings in Melbourne, but have given the matter a lot of thought and decided that if we hope to hold teenagers then we must have something to offer them.

The extension plan has been drawn up with this in mind, a place where teenagers can come along play music, read books and play sport. This I think is what is needed for the teenage population of Ringwood.

As this is my final year as President of the Club, I have not felt that it would be fair to hand over to the new President and his committee a liability for the erection and subsequent paying off of an overdraft to go ahead with this plan, I have contented myself only with ensuring that the plan is feasible and that the necessary money will be forthcoming, and it is now for the new committee to decide whether or not they will go ahead.

To the Leader in Charge, Mr. Barry Woods, I say many thanks for his work throughout the year. I know Barry has not been able to give all the time he would like to the club because of the nature of his private vocation, but I feel that despite this his leadership has been good and he has given up many hours of his leisure time to the service of the club.

The leaders and junior leaders also have given wonderful support throughout the year and quite a number of them have done very well in leadership training under the V.A.Y.C. My thanks to them all for their support and I hope that they will continue the good work this year. Without our leaders the Club cannot go on.

The Committee who it has been my privilege to work with this year, have given me every possible support. At our regular meetings they have been prepared to argue matters of policy and ensure that the best possible decisions are arrived at. They have been ready and willing to give up their time to club matters whenever the need arose and one cannot ask for more.

I cannot mention the committee without making special mention of our secretary, Gordon Chapman. I think every parent in the club would know Gordon, he is always about to look after the enquiries of the parents and would without doubt spend more time on Youth Club business than any other one person associated with the Club.

Gordon is an advertisement for the Ringwood Police & Citizens Youth Club and without his support I could not have carried on the work which to us is vital in a district of so many young people.

The Ladies Auxiliary as usual has given us their full support, not only in money raising activities but in providing cups of tea at social gatherings and working bees. Without the full co-operation and help of the ladies our annual fete would not be the success it has been since its inception three years ago. My personal thanks to the President, Mrs. Littlepage and her wonderful band of ladies.

Finally I would like to say thank you to the V.A.Y.C. for sending along one of their senior representatives to our functions at the end of the year. It is very pleasing to know that our central body is interested to see what is going on in the clubs throughout Victoria and I am sure it must be of assistance to them when they are considering matters affecting these clubs where they are brought up at their regular meetings.

Now I would like to wish my successor whoever he may be a very productive and satisfying period in the chair. I am sure he will continue to have the support of the Leaders, his committee and the Ladies Auxiliary, and for my part I will assist him in every way possible. This club is providing a very necessary service to the community, and I will continue to give it my full support for as long as I can be of any assistance.

## A DECADE OF PROGRESS

Ten years have elapsed since a Public Meeting was held in the Town Hall on September 18th 1953 when on a motion put by Mr. A.R.White the Ringwood Youth Club was formed - later to be known as the Ringwood Police & Citizens Youth Club.

These ten years tell the story of a group of public minded citizens, men and women who saw the much wanted need for a club - with fully trained leaders to promote the physical mental and moral well being of the young people of Ringwood. With this objective in view they with great determination set about their task and despite many setbacks and disappointments a start was made on the club rooms in Bedford Park on land allotted for that purpose by the Council. The club rooms were completed in 1959 and officially opened by the Hon. A. Rylah, Chief Secretary, on August 22nd 1959 - truly a fine community effort and a tribute to all who have been associated with the Club. Since 1959 many more hours have been put into the club rooms and its surrounds to maintain the high standard set and to provide added amenities and equipment for its members.

The year 1963 saw the committee setting their sights even higher and with a new objective in view - 1964 we hope will see even greater improvements in all aspects of Club activities.

### WHAT OF THE FUTURE:

The committee in its wisdom has seen the urgent need to cater for the ever growing numbers in the club who will soon be reaching the teenage stage - with this in view the building committee was asked to prepare plans for an extension to the club rooms, providing a teenage lounge, craft room, office and other rooms for general use by the members. The plans have been drawn up and specifications are being prepared with the hope and desire as noted in the President's report to commence the work in 1964. We cannot achieve these objects without the support of the community and as mentioned on many occasions this is a Community Youth Club, open to all and as such merits the support of the citizens of Ringwood - will you as parents help us to make this club worthy of the City of Ringwood. (enclosed are sketches of the proposed extensions)

### 1963

The year 1963 proved a busy one for the committee and the club has continued to progress both from the administrative side and the club side. This year four new members were elected to the committee, Mr. E. Shingles, Mr. T. Watt, Mr T.Orr and Mr.M.Donald- They have really been an asset to the club and have always been willing to assist in all club activities and have brought in many new and useful ideas.

The President, Mr. T.L. Bronner, again proved a hard taskmaster, but at all times Tom was on the job setting an example for all to follow. The committee congratulate Tom on another successful year and for his continued interest in the club. We feel that we have achieved something this year and as you read this report we feel sure you will agree that the committee is at all times trying to improve the facilities and amenities for the members, remembering at all times that a large and pretentious building does not make a club - it is what is going on inside that really counts.

### ACTIVITIES

As in previous years the club has endeavoured to provide as many activities as possible to groups of all ages. This year a new group, 7 to 8 years, was formed and proved extremely popular and successful. Another new activity was Basketball for boys and girls, which provided some diversion from the normal activities.

### THE GROUPS

Girls Group:- Callisthenics- Once again we must congratulate Mrs. Wulf for the excellent job she has done in training the callisthenics Group and the Committee wish to thank Mrs. Wulf for her continued interest in the club and for her support and co-operation at all times.

The Annual Display held in November was really first class and was thoroughly enjoyed by the very large number of parents and relations of the girls who attended. Our congratulations to all the girls who won medals for their work during the year and for the high standard reached - the judges were high in their praise of the girls on judging day and said the task of selecting the winners was far from easy - truly a compliment to Mrs. Wulf.

Senior Girls - Gymnastics - Miss Norma White took over the leadership of this group and we congratulate Norma on a job well done; also our thanks to Miss Carmel Hardstaff and Dot. Beveridge who ably assisted Norma when the group increased in numbers. We look to this group to become really strong next year as they are now doing more varied and interesting activities. Congratulations to the medal winners in this section.

Girls Basketball: The girls under Norma White as Coach and Carmel Hardstaff as Captain formed a basketball team. After a disappointing start they improved greatly and made the Final Four, a fine effort in their first season. They were beaten in the final after time on was played on three occasions - our congratulations to all the girls and to Louise Karneman who won the trophy for the best player of the year.

### Boys Groups:

There were three sections in this group, Intermediates, Juniors and Midgets. As in previous years the junior group was the

largest group averaging between 50 to 60, the Midgets formed this year averaged 30 to 35 and the Inters 20 to 30 members. The senior group did not function this year owing to lack of numbers.

The midget group proved popular and these young boys showed keen interest in their work, as did all members of the other groups. The Boys and Senior Girls Display proved very popular indeed and the large number who attended enjoyed seeing the boys in action. Our congratulations to all the Medal Winners.

During the year the boys took part in several inter-club competitions obtaining Pennants at the Athletic Sports - Runners Up and a three Star Award in the gymnastic competitions, also some placings at the swimming carnival.

The Craft Group were very successful in the Arts and Craft competition winning a 3 Star and a 2 Star Award.

We look forward to participation in future inter club competitions as they not only help the club to become better known but also provide the members with an added incentive and from which they derive great benefit through participation in healthy competition.

#### THE LEADERS

The Club as stated last year is most fortunate in having a strong and enthusiastic band of leaders under the capable guidance of our Leader in Charge, Mr. Barry Woods. We pay tribute to the really excellent work done by Barry and his fellow leaders for without their wholehearted support and co-operation the club could not efficiently function. The committee wish to sincerely thank them for their help and co-operation during the year and for the many long hours spent preparing programmes for their various groups which have functioned very well so we compliment each and every one of the leaders whose names are listed below:

Leader in Charge - Mr. B. Woods.

#### Boys Leaders

W.O'Neill (Craft)  
John Rutledge  
Peter White  
Chris Bronner  
Ross Horman  
Phil Ireland  
Raymond Wilkinson  
Howard Rourke

#### Girls Leaders

Mrs. Wulf (Callisthenics)  
Norma White  
Carmel Hardstaff  
Dot Beveridge  
Pam Bronner (Craft)  
Joan MacLean (Craft)

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The committee as in previous years has continued its policy of providing senior members with the opportunity of attending Leadership training camps conducted by our parent body the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs. This has proved of great benefit to the club and to those attending, the results speak for

themselves. This year John Rutledge and Peter White both successfully passed the Diploma Course giving the club now four Diploma course leaders; Norma White and Ross Horman completed and passed the General Leaders course; and Chris Bronner, Phil Ireland and Ray Wilkinson did the Senior Members course. Our congratulations to them all on their passing these courses and we hope they will go into more advanced courses in the coming year and that others will follow their example and take an interest in leadership thus enabling them to serve the club in future years.

#### KEYSTONE AWARD

This award presented by the V.A.Y.C. on recommendation of the club for leadership and service to the club in other ways is a truly coveted award and eagerly sought after by members throughout the State; it is an award that has to be lived up to and we feel sure that Peter White who received the Award this year will carry on the good work as others have done before him. We congratulate Peter on receiving the award and wish him all the very best for the future and thank Peter for his work on the club's behalf.

#### FUND RAISING

Our major fund raising effort was once again our annual Fete in November, this again proved a success both financially and socially; our thanks to Inspector N. Hume and his committee, the Ladies Auxiliary who worked very hard during the year to bring the Fete to a successful conclusion. Our thanks also to all who helped and assisted in any way both at the Fete and in the preparations for the Fete. We have continued to participate in Bottle Drives and they have been a regular source of income. The Ladies Auxiliary have as in other years been most generous with their contributions to the Club's funds and the committee wish to most sincerely thank them for their efforts on behalf of the club.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Once again Mr. K.E. Wilkinson was chairman of this committee and under his watchful eye and co-operation with the Treasurer, Mr. Ian Craig, the finances of the club are on a very sound footing as can be clearly seen in the attached financial statement. The committee wishes to thank Keith for his work with the club especially on the financial side over the past five years and hope that even though he is retiring from the committee this year owing to pressure of business he will still retain an interest in the club.

Our thanks also to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. Harry James, for once again auditing the books and for his continued interest in the Club.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ron Green and his co-members have again most efficiently carried on this section of the committee's activities and have continued to see to the many and varied jobs that need to be done in the club rooms and outside - our thanks to them on the club's behalf and to the parents who attended working bees during the year.



CAMPS

We again this year visited Ocean Grove. This year for the first time we had a mixed camp and some 40 boys and girls plus leaders attended the camp. This I feel was the most successful camp we have had and hope that all future camps will measure up to the standard set. Our thanks to Mrs. Bronner and Mrs. Hagland who looked after the girls at the camp. The committee wishes to again pass a most sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Keith Fraser who drove the bus, for his help and co-operation in making these camps possible and for the many little things he does for the members during the camp.

NEW ACTIVITIES

This year week-end camping was included in the Intermediate boys programme and proved very popular indeed. The Committee is desirous of seeing this activity grow and will purchase further camping equipment this year.

1964 will see the introduction of a junior girls gymnastic group 9 to 11 years, under the leadership of Norma White. To improve the standard of the Junior boys group it has been decided to split the group into two sections - 9 to 10 years and 11 to 12 years.

R.P.& C.Y.C. Leaders Council

This Council has once again functioned efficiently during the year and has arranged outings for the club members during the year and has had several most enjoyable outings themselves. They have always been willing to assist the committee at the various functions during the year and we thank them for their help and co-operation. We wish them continued success in their work and hope that 1964 will be even more rewarding both socially and in their work of trying to keep up a high standard of leadership in the club.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP

We again appeal to all parents to become Adult Subscribers (5/- per annum) and by so doing be able to take an active part in the club and at its general meetings.

SECRETARY'S REMARKS

I wish to thank all members of the committee, the Leaders for their continued support without which my job can become a lot harder and to our President Mr. Tom Bronner I say thank you for again getting me out of the rough on many occasions. To our Publicity Officer, Mrs. Wardle, I say thank you for your support and co-operation during the year and for helping to keep the Club in the public eye. To Mrs. Harrison my thanks for once again relieving me of the worry of the girl's group; in all I feel that without the support of all sections of the club my job would be far from easy. So my thanks to all for your generous support.

May the coming year under our new President bring forth all we desire and I ask the incoming committee to really get behind the new President and make this year a milestone in the history of the Club.

LEADER-IN-CHARGE'S REPORT

Firstly I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the leaders and the Leaders Council for an excellent productive year. Their good efforts towards our club is ample evidence of a devoted and reliable contribution to our programme of club development and welfare of the Ringwood Police & Citizens Youth Club.

Congratulations to the leaders in passing the following courses:

Peter White - Diploma (also our Keystone Award winner)  
 John Rutledge - Diploma  
 Norma White - General leadership  
 Ross Horman - General Leadership  
 Chris Bronner - Senior Members course.  
 Ray Wilkinson - Senior Members course.  
 Phillip Ireland - Senior Members course.

This will no doubt lay a strong foundation for the year 1964.

On the activities side of the club the leaders set themselves a hard target for 1963. Apart from general night activities which included specialised games, gymnastics, films, competitions, education and many others, there was a new group formed for midgets 7-8 years and senior girls basketball, also a senior girls night and a step up in craft activities.

In addition to all this outside camps were started for intermediate boys to Lorne and two trips to Cowes. These included some hiking and on one occasion water skiing.

I feel at this stage I should also mention the club members who received the club annual awards for all rounders for 1963:

Boys - Monday nights	-	1st	-	John Wood
		2nd	-	R.Saffron
		3rd	-	Ian Green
Boys - Wednesday night		1st	-	Les Horner
		2nd	-	Steve Cook
		3rd	-	Eddy Wilkins
Boys - Friday night		1st	-	Frank Barber
		2nd	-	Peter Hart
		3rd	-	Bruce Barber
		4th	-	Dennis Gibbs.
Girls - Basketball	-			Louise Karreman.

Senior Girls night	-	1st.	-	L.Bowring
		2nd	-	M. Mathews
		3rd	-	L.Spencer.
Girls Callisthenics - Babies		1st	-	Leanne Whelan Julie Scattergood
		2nd	-	Mauveen Rawson
		3rd	-	Lisa Hawkins.
		most improved	-	Robyn Wappett.
Juniors	-	1st	-	Gwenda Short
		2nd	-	Julie Cook
		3rd	-	Jan Lawson.
		most improved	-	Maureen Shanahan
Intermediates	-	1st	-	Hazelene Williams
		2nd	-	Barbara Sankey
		3rd	-	Valerie Shanahan
		most improved	-	Janice Davidson.

Looking to the future activities for 1964 the Leaders are again planning to make their club and members proud of and equal to any in the state. Activities and interests will be broader and new groups started and outside interests wider, especially hiking and camps to meet the growing needs of the members. The leaders hope that this year we may be able to cut down the waiting list we had to create, with regret, during 1963.

In closing my report the Leaders Council felt they were fortunate in having a close and excellent co-operation with the general committee and I personally would like to thank the committee and the committee president, Mr. Bronner, for their interest and willing help throughout 1963.



BUILDING ACCOUNT

Expenditure for 12 months to 31.12.63

Outside Front Wire Screens	145	0	0
Inside " " "	29	3	6
Wire Screen for Amplifier	9	0	0
Timber Screen Front of Hall	20	10	6
Under Stage	2	3	4
Outside light on Back Wall	30	1	6
Extension to Drain	4	18	0
Display board	4	4	0
Pipe for Basketball back boards	12	3	0
	<u>£257</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31.12.63

Accumulated Funds as at 31.12.62	7811	15	6
Bank Interest New Building Account	15	6	7
Surplus for 12 months 31.12.63	278	19	7
Transferred to New Building Account	450	0	0
	<u>£8556</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

Employment of Funds

Building	7292	17	7	
Add additions	<u>257</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	7550 1 5
Cash in Hand Petty Cash				20 0 0
Cash at Bank				
General Account	67	3	0	
New Building Account	<u>918</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	986 0 3
				<u>£8556</u> <u>1</u> <u>8</u>

New Building Account

To Balance 1.1.63	453	10	8	Cash at Bank		
Interest	15	6	7	31.12.63		918 17 3
Transferred from						
General Account	<u>450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
	<u>£918</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£918 17 3</u>

Honorary Treasurer

Audited and Found Correct



H. JAMES  
Bank Manager.

  
Ian.C.Craig

SKETCH OF FLOOR PLAN - PROPOSED EXTENSIONS



