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RINGWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members,

Welcome to the first issue of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce News Bulletin, which has been the special effort of our Liason Officer, Mrs. Joy Spencer.

Possibly you may think that each time Mrs. Spencer visits you it is only because of a request for subscriptions, Christmas decorations, or something similar; and it would appear that the Chamber's only function was to spend money.

Certainly to achieve a reasonable result, the expenses incurred by a Chamber of Commerce can be quite considerable, but I am sure that the outcome could be much more effective if members would pass on to Mrs. Spencer any suggestions of their own on which your Executive Committee could act, at their regular monthly meetings.

Your Chamber can only be as strong as its members, and it would appear evident by reports in the Press recently that some areas around Ringwood are concerned about our development.

Let us combine a vigorous Chamber of Commerce with our development and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Yours in the service of the -

RINGWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

KEN WARD, President

Dear Members,

As newly appointed Liason Officer for the Chamber, I am meeting some of you for the first time, and renewing acquaintances with others I have known over the years. To one and all, thank you for the courtesy you have shown me in perhaps occupying a few precious minutes, at a time not quite convenient to you.

In editing this first issue of our news bulletin I trust you will bear with me in my attempt to bring to you and your colleagues in the business world of Ringwood, matters of interest from your Chamber of Commerce.

By presenting this bulletin periodically, the Chamber of Commerce is hopeful of keeping its members, and in fact, all the commercial people of Ringwood, aware of what is going on in and around the City of Ringwood.

I shall be calling upon you regularly and would appreciate your assistance in collating any items of news in which you think others may be interested.

If you are not already a member of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce, perhaps this edition will help you to decide to pay the subscription of \$8.00 required, and so entitle you to the benefits of membership.

(Mrs) JOY SPENCER
Liason Officer

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The last General Meeting of the Chamber was held at the Coach & Horses Hotel, on Tuesday 2nd August, and the 32 members present enjoyed a pleasant dinner followed by a most entertaining and informative talk on current trends in men's wear given by Mr. Minchinton, Men's Wear Controller of the Myer Emporium.

The guest speaker was introduced to members by our President, Mr. Ken Ward, and from the questions asked Mr. Minchinton at the conclusion of his speech it was apparent that most of our members are 'with it' when it comes to today's fashions! (Must admit though that some of them would cause more than a little comment were they to appear at their place of business dressed in some of the Carnaby Street gear shown).

It is to be hoped that, with the increasing number of business houses in the City, our dinners and such events of the future will be marked by a greater attendance of members, as those present on this occasion voted it a particularly happy and entertaining evening.

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The September meeting of your Executive Committee was held on the first Wednesday of the month, presided over by Mr. Ken Ward.

Those in attendance were: Messrs. B. Whitaker, K. Tibb, R. Mason, W. Kent, L. Steuart, B. Tankey, Mrs. G. Hocking and Mrs. J. Spencer.

PARKING: As you are aware, parking is the big problem at present and was the main topic of discussion at the meeting. It was decided to approach the M.M.B.W. and Ringwood City Council seeking certain land in fairly close proximity to the main shopping section with a view to its ultimate use as a parking area.

A move was made at the meeting that all shop and office owners be urged to enlist the aid of their staff in parking their own vehicles away from the business section of the town, thus creating extra parking facilities for customers.

An example of an area where this could be implemented is the parking allotment on Maple's site at the west end of the town, which appears to be occupied by cars for much longer than the normal "one hour" allowed in other parking areas.

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CHRISTMAS - STREET DECORATIONS

Once again we are all set to decorate the main street for the festive season.

With the purchase of additional lights, etc. and labour involved in installation, we shall be calling upon owners of shops and premises in the area to assist with the cost of same. However, you can be assured the amount will be very small.

Taking into account the pleasure given to so many people and to the fact that, by decorating the main thoroughfare, we help put Ringwood on the map (by Ringwood we mean YOU) we feel sure that you will assist us by donating generously the amount we shall ask of you, as has been done in the past.

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DINNER DANCE

* MIRAMA * 15TH NOVEMBER 1966

It has been decided to hold our annual Dinner Dance at "Mirama", Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, on Tuesday 15th November 1966.

Remembering last year's very successful night, it is hoped that this year will be equally enjoyable, and as reservations are limited, you are asked to let our Secretary (Mr. Bruce Whitaker, 870.1133) know as soon as possible if you will be attending, and if so, the number of tickets required.

Cost of tickets will be \$12.00 per double, and as in the past, we are hoping that some of our bigger firms will organize a party from members of their staff and so help to make the night the success it should be.

We cannot promise dancing girls, but there will certainly be some good entertainment.

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A remark passed by one of our Committee members at the last Executive meeting was to the effect that the Chamber was concerned with 'Fellowship, not Fund-Raising'. This could well be our slogan!

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* Diplomacy is the art of letting *
* someone else have YOUR way. *
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CENTRAL SHOPPING PLAZA

With the opening of the shops in the newly-constructed shopping Plaza by the Railway Station, we have added to our membership quite considerably.

To those business houses who have joined us, we say 'thank you' and to the one or two others who are still thinking about it, we ask for their support, as without a full membership, it is difficult for a Chamber of Commerce to function successfully.

By way of introducing new members in this most recent development, we have gathered a few items of interest about the owner or Manager of each shop, and having in mind ladies first, we interviewed the Manager of Cheshire's Book Store.

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Mrs. Kit Price, with the assistance of her husband, organizes and arranges this very worthwhile addition to Ringwood. She has been in Australia for only five years, having come from England to the position of Credit Officer at Myer's, Melbourne. This is her first venture into this field, but she says books have been of great interest to her for many years, which is quite apparent in her desire to present them so effectively.

Mrs. Price, as Manager of Cheshire's, is delighted to be in Ringwood as it enables her to work in close proximity to her home on the outskirts of Boronia.

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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hick have opened Ringwood's first Donut Coffee Shop and are already finding it proving very popular. They are not new to business as they own the freehold of restaurants in Narbethong and Buxton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hick, with three of their four children, recently spent twelve months overseas. Whilst in England and the Continent, they studied all aspects of similar concerns and have incorporated many of their findings in this new venture.

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At the opposite end of this part of the new Centre we have a much needed Coffee Lounge, owned by well-known Jim Comatas who has, for many years, had the Milk Bar on the opposite side of the Highway.

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Ringwood Dry Cleaners occupy the corner position opposite the Railway Station and need no introduction to Ringwood, having been in business here for many years.

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Mr. P.M. McKay has the new Chemist shop, just opened in very up-to-date surroundings in the Railway Entrance. With his wife and two children, Mr. McKay resides in Heathmont.

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A graduate of the Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, U.S.A., Mr. Ralph Baker has most attractive rooms in Railway Place. The well-equipped office contains the latest in modern apparatus and Mr. Baker is in attendance three days each week, the rest of his time being occupied at his Springvale office. Mr. Baker is married with three young children, and has been resident in Australia for the past 2½ years.

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Met Graham Anderson, the young Manager of Gilbertson's Meat Emporium, fronting the Highway.

A keen footballer and squash player, Graham is married, and more recently managed a butcher's shop in Mordialloc.

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I'M FINE THANK YOU

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,
 I'm just as healthy as I can be;
 I have arthritis in both my knees,
 And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze;
 My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
 Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street;
 Sleep is denied me night after night
 And every morning I look a sight;
 My memory's failing, my head's in a spin
 But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold -
 That for you and for me who are growing old,
 It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,
 Than to let folk know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
 Well, my "Get up and go" has got up and went.
 But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
 Of all the grand places my "Get-up" has bin.

Old Age is golden I've heard it said
 But, sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
 With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
 My eyes on the table until I wake up.
 'Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,
 "Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

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When I was young my slippers were red;
 I could kick my heels up over my head.
 When I was older my slippers were blue,
 But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I am old my slippers are black;
 I walk to the store and puff my way back.
 I get up each morning and dust off my wits
 And pick up the paper and read the "Obits".
 If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
 So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

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