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ON VERY EASY RENT TERMS,**

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I HAVE HOUSES FOR SALE, or

I WILL BUILD TO YOUR ORDER

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JOHN ROBERTS *7/8/27*

**BUILDER, DESIGNER AND
CONTRACTOR.**

Phone 97, RINGWOOD.
Canterbury Road, Bayswater.

Improvements.—Mr. A. J. Pinner *7/27/27* has let a building contract to Messrs. John Knox and Son on the Wantirna road. Messrs. Knox and Son have been out for some little time, but have to their credit some of the finest villas from Ringwood to Lilydale, and it is to be hoped that the present contract is of good omen that will revive the building progress of a short time ago. Out at Vermont Mr. Livermore is going on with buildings, also.

TENDERS.

A. C. LEITH, M.C.E.

Architect and Consulting Engineer,
408 Collins Street, Melbourne,

Invites Tenders for

Brick Lockup Shop at Ringwood
for C. V. Ward, Esq.

Plans also with Mr. Ward, News
Agent, Ringwood.

Tenders close July 25th. Deposit,
£10. *13/7/27*

BAMFORD BROS.' SAW AND MOULDING MILLS.

Another striking example of the business progress may be seen at Bamford Bros.' saw and moulding mills. Nine years ago Bamford Bros. started with a small engine and stock on the south side of the line, near the signal-box, and employed one hand. Very rapidly the business grew, until it was found that the premises were too small, and a move was made to the present site, in White Horse road, where a more powerful engine, of 20 horse-power was installed, and the number of hands greatly increased. The steady growth has never ceased, so that recently it was found necessary to further improve the buildings and stock. The old building has been enlarged, and an additional story placed on top, the upper portion being used for a joinery shop. An overhead carrier has been erected to handle more readily the huge logs, which are cut to the required size. Quite a large number of various wood-working and other labor-saving machines have also made their appearance with the growth of business; and it has been found necessary to instal a more powerful engine to drive this improved machinery. The latest addition to the already flourishing business is an engine, capable of working up to 90 h.p., manufactured in England by the Robey Engine Co., and is of very modern design, being fitted with the patent trip valve gear. The driving wheel weighs three tons, and is 10ft in diameter. The new boiler is of Victorian manufacture, made by Anderson and Sons, of Melbourne, and is also of very latest style, of the under-fired multi-tubular type. Owing to the rapid strides of this business, many hands are now employed, which goes to increase the population of Box Hill, being of great advantage to the local trader. The engine which has been displaced at Box Hill is to be removed to Ringwood, where the firm started a branch some time ago. If the growth that has taken place in nine years continues it augurs well for the future prosperity of Bamford Bros. and Box Hill.

13/8/09

30/11/17 AUCTION SALE.

Voluntary Winding-up of Partnership
of Messrs. Bamford Bros.

What promises to be the most important business sale ever held in the district will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday next, 4th and 5th of December, when the extensive plant, machinery, stock-in-trade, vehicles, horses, etc., of the Messrs. Bamford Bros., White Horse road, Box Hill, will be submitted to auction by Messrs. J. W. Styles and Co., auctioneers, of Collins st., Melbourne. During the past years, Bamford Bros. have conducted one of the most extensive and up-to-date timber businesses outside of Melbourne proper, and the sale of a splendid plant, and one which, under present war conditions, would be very hard to accumulate in the ordinary way. Besides the plant and machinery, several blocks of land and buildings will be offered, and a large and valuable collection of different kinds of timber, including imported and Victorian timbers. Amongst the machinery are a trip-valve horizontal steam engine, by Robey, England; an underfired multi-tubular boiler, by Anderson and Son; 48in. iron circular saw bench, 12in. 4-side moulding machine, 6in. do., 36 in. iron circular saw bench, 32in. band saw, 12in. buzz planer, 24in. 3-side thicknessing machine, jig saw with boring attachment, 6in. 4-side tennoning machine, chain morticing machine, sand-papering machine, door and sash cramping machine, routing machine, pendulum saw, saw guillotine etc. The whole of the plant will be on view on Saturday, December from 9 to 12, and on Monday, from 10 to 5. Catalogues are now ready and may be obtained from the auctioneers.

WOMEN'S COTTON SINGLETS, special quality, finely woven, ribbed with short sleeves, strongly made.

Usual Price, 1/11.

REALISING SALE PRICE, 1/- each.

LADIES' SINGLETS, big range, in plain and fancy woven ribs, in short sleeves and shoulder strap styles.

Wonderful Bargain. Usual Price, 2/11. Must be Sold.

REALISING PRICE TO CLEAR, 1/4 each.

LADIES' LISLE GLOVES, all sizes, in shades of Pastel, Black and White.

Usual Prices, 1/11 & 2/6 pr. REALISING SALE PRICE, 4d. pr.

LADIES' SUEDE FINISH GLOVES, good quality, in plain shades of White, Light and Dark Grey, Pastel and Beaver.

Regular Prices, 2/6 and 2/11 pair. Must be Sold.

REALISING SALE PRICE, 7d. pair.

LADIES' VOILE JUMPERS, made from special fine quality Voile, neatly trimmed with lace insertion and embroidery.

Worth 6/11.

REALISING SALE PRICE, 2/11.

LADIES' FINE QUALITY LONGCLOTH KNICKERS AND BLOOMERS, neatly trimmed with lace insertion and edging.

Worth 3/11 and 4/11 pair. REALISING SALE PRICE, 1/- pair

MEN'S SHIRTS, in Tennis, Fashion and Sports styles, all sizes. Special Bargain Clearing lines.

Usual Prices, 4/11, 5/11 ea. REALISING SALE PRICE, 2/11 ea.

MEN'S CELLULOID COLLARS AND SOFT SILK COLLARS, two kinds, all sizes.

Usual Price, 1/- ea. REALISING SALE PRICE, 2d. ea, 1/- the half-dozen.

MEN'S TIES, good range of Wide-end Ties, dark ground and a large assortment of designs. Special quality.

Usual Prices, 2/6 and 2/11 each. Must be sold.

REALISING SALE PRICE, 7d. each, 3 ties for 1/9.

Also better line in Wide-end Ties, made from best quality materials and neat designs. Regular Prices, 3/6, 3/11. Must Sell.

REALISING SALE PRICE, 1/- each.

BOYS' BOSTON COATS, in strong washing material, best make, with half-belt backs, good fit and finish, in sizes 3 to 8.

Usual Price, 5/11. REALISING SALE PRICE, 3/6

TELEPHONE 4. **A. C. BEILBY STORES, RINGWOOD**

WE SELL—GROCERIES, DRAPERY, CLOTHING, MERCERY, IRON-MONGERY, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, DAIRY AND GENERAL PRODUCE.

WONDERFUL BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

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WHITEHORSE ROAD, RINGWOOD.

Bran, 1/4; Pollard, 1/7;

Wheat, 7/1; Cow Oats, 4/1;

No. 1 Branning, 4/-; No. 3

Branning, 1/9; Lupol, 5/6.

All other Lines of Produce at equally Low Rates.

Artificial Manures, Sprays, Etc.

TERMS.—Remittance with order.

Free Delivery on Rail.

26.9.1924

Chemist for Ringwood.

A preliminary advertisement in this issue announces that Mr. M. Zions, of Hawthorn, intends opening a pharmacy at Ringwood, in premises now in course of erection opposite the station. Mr. Zions recently disposed of his extensive business at Sandringham, and previously to opening that establishment he held the position of dispenser at Sydney hospital and the Vice-Regal pharmacies, in New South Wales. The advent of Mr. Zions in Ringwood will be appreciated not only by the Ringwood people, but by the residents of the contiguous districts of Fern Tree Gully, Croydon, Sassafras, &c.

Wonderful £5/5/- Suits.

Mr. Northwood, of Main street, Ringwood, is most gratified with the great success which has attended his announcement of wonderful 5/5/- suits. The great demand has enabled him to obtain even greater values in suiting materials. A visit would certainly reward those in search of splendid values in tailor-made suits.

mail 13/3/29

13.3.29

**AUTHORISED NEWS AGENT
STATIONERY & CONFECTIONERY
TOBACCO & SOFT DRINKS,**

mail

C. V. WARD

22/9/26

(Successor to Millard & Son),

MAIN STREET & RAILWAY BOOK STALL,

RINGWOOD.

**RAILWAY BOOKSTALL,
RINGWOOD EAST.**

Sole Agents and Distributors of all Newspapers—"Age," "Sun," "Argus," "Mail," "Morning Post," etc., delivered anywhere.

Splendid up-to-date Library. Only the Latest Books by Best Authors kept.

BE WISE—JOIN—READ GOOD BOOKS.

We have a splendid assortment of Stationery, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Pipes, Toys, etc., always in stock.

A TRIAL SOLICITED.

18.6.1914

Shoeing Forge.

8/6/17

FOR GOOD SHOEING TRY

F. KENWORTHY,

COACHBUILDER, SHOEING, AND GENERAL SMITH.

Ringwood.

(Opposite Sale Yards).

BUILDER OF LORRIES, WAGGONS, and JINKERS, BUGGIES, Etc.
RUBBER TYRES FITTED.

REPAIRS, REPAINTING and TRIMMING AT LOWEST RATES.

PRICES GIVEN FOR ALL CLASSES OF WORK.

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30/11/17

Auctions.

**TUESDAY NEXT, and
WEDNESDAY NEXT,
December 4th & 5th.**

At 10.30 Each Day.

White Horse Rd., Box Hill.

VOLUNTARY WINDING UP
(In Consequence of Dissolution of
Partnership)

Of
**MESSRS. BAMFORD BROS.,
TIMBER MERCHANTS,**
Freehold Properties at Box Hill and
Canterbury.

**MACHINERY, PLANT, STOCK-
IN-TRADE, Vehicles, Horses,**

**TRIP. VALVE HORIZONTAL
STEAM ENGINE,** by Robey, Eng-
land, 12in. Cylinder, by 26in. stroke,
with Superheater.

**UNDERFIRED, MULTIBULAR
BOILER,** by Anderson and Son,
16ft. by 6ft., W.P. 120 lb.

(BUILT SPECIALLY FOR BAM-
FORD BROS.)

48in. **IRON CIRCULAR SAW
BENCH,** by H. V. Hampton,

12ins. 4 **SIDE MOULDING MACH-
INE,** by J. A. Fay & Co.

6ins. 4 **SIDE MOULDING MACH-
INE,** by J. A. Fay & Co.

36ins. **IRON CIRCULAR SAW
BENCH,** by W. R. Simpson.

32ins. **BAND SAW** (by Silver Manu-
facturing Co.), with Canting Table.

12ins. **BUZZ PLANER,** by W. B.
Haigh.

24ins. 3 **SIDE THICKNESSING
MACHINE.**

**JIG SAW WITH BORING AT-
TACHMENT,** by Lacey.

6 ins. 4 **SIDE TENNONING MACH-
INE,** with scribing Head.

CHAIN MORTICING MACHINE,
by W. B. Haigh.

Sandpapering Machine, Door and
Sash Cramping Machine, Routing
Machine, Pendulum Saw, Saw Guil-
lotine, Double Ended Emery Grin-
der, Saw-sharpening Machine,
Shafting, Pulleys and Belting.
OVERHEAD TRAVELLER.

**QUANTITY BALTIC FLOORING
and WEATHERBOARDS.**

**QUANTITY SHEET GLASS,
LARGE STOCK ASSORTED
TIMBER, RED PINE, OREGON,
DEAL, HARDWOOD, MOULD-
INGS, 150 ASSORTED DOORS,
SASHES and FRAMES, QUAN-
TITY NEW FRUIT CASES, OF-
FICE FURNITURE, F.P. SAFE**
by Dyke.

30.11.1917

Also
LAND and BUILDINGS.
THE BUILDINGS ARE OF GAL-
VANISED IRON, OREGON and
HARDWOOD, and are in SPLEN-
DID ORDER.
On LAND Having a Frontage of 123
Feet to WHITEHORSE ROAD,
by a depth of 122ft. Along WATTS
STREET;

Also,
AN ALLOTMENT ADJOINING,
Of 42ft. to WATTS STREET, by a
Depth of 156ft.;

And
**VACANT ALLOTMENT AT CAN-
TERBURY** of 100ft. to CANTER-
BURY ROAD, by 110ft. DEEP,
CLOSE. CANTERBURY STA-
TION (Right Opposite Proposed
Station, between Canterbury and
Surrey Hills).

N.B.—The Whole of the Timber
Yard, Property, Buildings and Mach-
inery, etc., May Be Offered in ONE
LOT, and if Not Disposed Of, the
Machinery, Plant, and Stock Will Be
Sold as Announced and Catalogued,
and the BUILDINGS for REMOVAL

• **WITHOUT RESERVE.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
WITHOUT RESERVE.**

**ON VIEW, SATURDAY, DECEM-
BER 1st, 9-12; and MONDAY,
DECEMBER 3rd, 9-5.**

The Property, Machinery, Plant
and Stock of the Ringwood Mill are
to be sold at Auction Early in Feb-
ruary.

CATALOGUES READY.

J. W. STYLES & SON.

Machinery Auctioneers (Special
Dept.) and Estate Agents.
361 Collins street, Melbourne.
Tel. Central 4266.

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F. J. HARRIS,

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RINGWOOD.

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ous vans for furniture. Country re-
movals a speciality.
Phone, 37 Ringwood.

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Manufacturer**

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Stocks always on hand of BALTIC FLOORINGS, WEATHERBOARDS
and LININGS. Also OREGON, RED PINE and SHELVING BOARDS.
Write for Price Lists.

NOTE.—A saving up to 40 per cent. can be made on special lines of
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Orders by Post receive Prompt attention.

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16.6.22

16.6.22

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Family Butcher
RINGWOOD

PRIME CORNED BEEF, PICKLED
PORK, OX TONGUES, Etc.

MEAT OF BEST QUALITY AT
MOST REASONABLE PRICES.
FAMILIES WAITED ON FOR
ORDERS.

COOLING CHAMBER ON
PREMISES.

ICE FOR SALE. TERMS CASH.
TELEPHONE 36.

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12.1.1917

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CASH GROCERY

AT WHITE HORSE ROAD,
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To secure a fair share of Public
Patronage.

MELBOURNE PRICES.

Dairy Produce a Specialty.

23.4.1924

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NEWSAGENT, STATIONER, AND
CONFECTIONER.

COFFEE PALACE BUILDING,
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TOBACCO FANCY GOODS, TOYS, Etc.
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YOUR CUSTOM SOLICITED.

J EVANS & SON

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailors

MAIN STREET

RINGWOOD

Up-to-Date Tailoring at Bedrock
Prices

Call and Inspect

PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, hereby notify
that the shopping hours will in
future be from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
Monday till Thursday, inclusive;
8.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 8.30
a.m. till 1 p.m. Saturday.

A. C. BEILBY,
FALCONER BROS.
W. BLOOD,
J. SKERRITT,
R. WEBBER.

30.4.1924

Uniform Hours of Trading.

A notice appears in our advertis-
ing columns on the part of Ring-
wood grocers, in which they inti-
mate that in future their premises
will be open for business on Mon-
day to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. to
6 p.m.; Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.;
and Saturday, 8.30 to 1 p.m. The
uniform hours of trading will be
welcomed by the public.

30.7.1924

WHERE TO SHOP LOCALLY

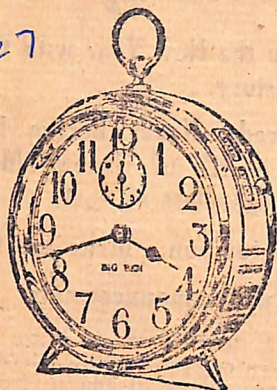
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RINGWOOD. 7/4/24

AUCTIONEERS—Blacker & Co.
BAKERS—Falconer Bros., T. Reid.
BOOT REPAIRER—L. J. Coyle.
BRICKWORK CONTRACTOR—T.
Hydon.
BUILDERS—W. Dufty, R. Kent.
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Pratt.
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CAB PROPRIETORS—Jas. Brown.
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loney, Mrs. Noble, F. Whiteway.
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DENTIST—R. W. Bartlett.
DAIRY PRODUCE—Mrs. Davidson.
DRAPERS—A. C. Beilby, W. Swin-
ton.
FLORIST & NURSERYMEN—W.
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ER—H. A. Girdwood.
FURNITURE—Ringwood Supply
Stores, W. Swinton, A. C. Beilby.
GROCERS—W. Blood, A. C. Beilby,
Falconer Bros., Jas. Skerrett,
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ESTATE AGENTS—W. Ashton, C. E.
Carter, Ellis & Co., J. B. McAlpin,
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Madden), Club (T. H. Reddish),
IRONMONGER—A. C. Beilby, H. J.
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JEWELLER—R. O. Reed.
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son.
MOTOR GARAGE—W. Guy.
MOTOR ENGINEERS—W. Guy, A.
Stroebe.
MOTOR BODY BUILDERS—F. Ken-
worthy.
MILLINERY—A. C. Beilby, W.
Swinton.
MUSIC TEACHER—J. A. Davis.
ORCHARD REQUISITES—J. G.
Aird.
PASTRYCOOK—Mr. T. Reid.
PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Miss H. M.
Downing.
PRODUCE MERCHANTS—A. C.
Beilby, Falconer Bros., A. J. &
J. C. Mann.
PLUMBER & TINSMITH—S. F.
Hunt.
PICTURE SHOW—Ringwood Pic-
tures (Mr. Malcolm).
PAINTER—L. Skurrie.
PHOTOGRAPHER—W. H. Whiter.
SHOE STORES—A. C. Beilby, L. J.
Coyle.
SADDLER—A. Anderson.
SOLICITORS—Russell, Bona and
Russell.
SCHOOL—Winnington School for
Girls.
STORE—James Skerrett.
TIMBER MERCHANT—H. J. Bently
TAILORS—A. C. Beilby, J. Evans,

4.4.1924

19/1/27



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R. O. REED

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MAIN STREET,
RINGWOOD.19/1/27
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MOTOR CARS and BURGLARY.

MAIN STREET, RINGWOOD.

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ARTIFICIAL MANURES,

ELEPHANT BRAND FRUIT

SPRAYS,

POULTRY FEED.

BENZINE, OILS, HORSE AND
COW RUGS, PLOWSHARES.

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WHITE HORSE ROAD,

RINGWOOD

19.1.1927

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General Stores

RINGWOOD.

Mail
26/8/1925

Great Stocktaking & Removing Sale

NOW IN FULL SWING.

Goods Must Be Cleared

BE SURE AND COME TO THIS SALE.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO CLEAR THE GOODS.
PRICE IS NOT AN OBJECT.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS DAILY FOR BARGAINS.

MEN'S KHAKI DRILL SHIRTS, made from good heavyweight drill; all strongly sewn throughout. A splendid shirt for strong wear. Usual price, 6/11.

MEN'S GALATEA SHIRTS, navy grounds, white stripes, fast colors and good wearers. Usual price, 5/6.

MEN'S SINGLET, fleece lined, warm and strong for winter wear. Usual price, 4/6.

MEN'S UNDERPANTS, Wool and Cotton. Very special line. Usual price 6/11.

MEN'S HEAVY KNIT SOX, for strong wear. Usual price, 4/11.

MEN'S DRESSED LINEN COLLARS, all sizes, in every shape. Usual price 8/11.

MEN'S PYJAMAS, made from special Pyjama Flannelette. Usual price 8/11. Must be cleared.

MEN'S ENGINEER'S TWIST TROUSERS, good, strong heavy-twill cloth. Usual price 8/11.

MEN'S TWEED SUITS, made from good strong dark grey tweed; well made and finished. An exceptional bargain. Usual price 45/.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, made from heavy weight diagonal tweeds; belt all round. Smart and stylish. Usual price 40/. Must be cleared.

BOYS' NAVY CHEVIOT SERGE SUITS, smart Boston make, with belt at back.

NAVY SERGE, 40 inches wide, all wool, good weight; nice shade of Navy and fast dye. Usual price 3/6 yard. Must be cleared.

LADIES' WINTER BLOUSES—Huge stocks must be cleared. Price no object. Wincey Blouses, immense range of special stripe designs, well made; specially suitable for winter wear. Usual price 6/11. Must be cleared.

WOOL! **WOOL!** **WOOL!** Best 4-Ply Scotch Fingering Wools in every wanted shade.

Stock Reducing Price, 3/10½ **WOOL!** **WOOL!** **WOOL!** Best 4-Ply Scotch Fingering Wools in every wanted shade.

Stock Reducing Price, 6d. and 7½d. Skein.

LADIES' ALL WOOD RIBBED HOSE, 2/1 rib, in Tan only. Splendid heavy quality. Will give the best of wear. Usual price 5/11.

WOMEN'S PATENT 1-BAR SHOES, leather, Cuban heels; made from best quality patent, smart shape, good fitting, wonderful value. Usual price 17/6.

Stocktaking Sale Price, 14/11 **GIRLS' PATENT 1-BAR & ANKLE STRAP SHOES**, made from superior quality patent leather, with good strong, solid leather soles. Neat styles, and good wearers. Usual price 9/11.

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26.8.1925

LORRY FLYNN

FARRIER and COACHBUILDER
MAIN STREET

RINGWOOD
MODERN METHODS USED

Market Gardeners' Trucks are Featured by Me.

1928

Traders Assoc

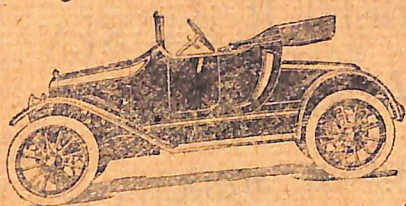
Seeks permission 10-9-25 to festoon streets with lights during shopping week

7-12-33 Traders ask Council to illuminate street for Xmas. Council agree if cost does not exceed £5.

RINGWOOD

Maxwell

Motor Garage



Engelhardt and Wight

WHITEHORSE RD., RINGWOOD

MOTOR DRIVING TAUGHT.

CYCLES AND MOTOR CYCLES BUILT.

All Repairs Done on the Premises at Moderate Rates.

Agents for the FAMOUS MAXWELL CARS.

Self-starting, Electric Lighting, Independent Magneto Ignition, and all the Latest Improvements.

Demonstration Any Time.

PRICE, £285. Terms Arranged

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From Johnson and Johnson, Melbourne, informing council that Mr. Patterson is desirous of purchasing a small strip of land on the south side of Oxford road (Ringwood), in order to bring his block up to the line of road where it deviates from its old line.—Cr. McAlpin moved that a letter be written to Mr. Patterson stating that there is no strip of land for sale.—Cr. Hardidge seconded.—Carried.

1917.

A. S. ELLIS

Desires to notify the public of Ringwood and surrounding districts that he has purchased the authorised news agency, fancy goods, stationery, and soft drinks business lately carried on by Mrs. A. F. Hamilton. The stocks have been replenished, and clients can rely on receiving best value for their money. A.S.E. trusts to merit a continuance of the support accorded his predecessor.

Mr. A. F. Ellis is now installed and ready for all business that civility and strict attention to the public's wants enjoins, and draws attention to the change of business from Mrs. Hamilton to himself. Having had a good business training and fair experience, Mr. Ellis has a right to expect a successful business career. We are all aware of the out-of-date accommodation provided at the railway station, and are with Mr. Ellis in his request to the railway commissioners to have it brought up to date and in keeping with the progress and demands of the town.

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RINGWOOD.

MONDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1893.

Sale Commences 1.30 p.m.

R. T. KINGS will hold his Monthly Sale of STOCK AND PRODUCE

at Burntbridge Hotel, on MONDAY, MARCH 6th. Sale commences at 1.30 p.m., when about 100 head of Cattle is expected to be yarded; also Pigs and Horses.

No charge will be made if Stock not sold.

RINGWOOD CARNIVAL.

Mail 28/12/33

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Traders' Association. 16/12/33

All traders are invited to be present at a meeting to be held on Monday, 20th November, at 8 o'clock at the Town Hall. Mail

1933

TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

RINGWOOD TOWN HALL
MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER

at 8 o'clock

All Traders invited to attend

1932

TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

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Formed at Ringwood.

At a well attended meeting of Ringwood business men held at the Town Hall on Monday evening, it was resolved to form the Ringwood Traders Association. Mr J. K. McCaskill, who had convened the meetings, explained the object for which it was called, namely, to create an organisation having for its objective the development of trade.

A provisional committee, comprising Messrs C. E. Carter, C. V. Ward, A. C. Beilby, J. Goudge, A. F. Bissett, A. G. Ashley, L. Little, F. Stevens and J. K. McCaskill, was appointed to make recommendations to a general meeting to be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Ringwood Town Hall, to which all engaged in business are cordially invited.

Mail 16/12/33

1933

IMPORTANT!

A MEETING of Business men, Shopkeepers and Traders will be held in the Ante Room of the Ringwood Town Hall on WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS IMPORTANT

Mail 2/11/33 J. K. McCASKILL,
Convenor

1933

A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

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What should be all to the advantage of Ringwood is a meeting of those engaged in any form of business which is to take place at the Ringwood Town Hall on Wednesday, 8th November, at 8 o'clock. The idea is to bring about a spirit of co-operation whereby Ringwood might be made a thriving business centre, and that the organisation so constituted will be watchful of all that affects the wellbeing of the commercial activities of the township. It is a movement worthy of the support of everybody engaged in any form of business or profession. A get-together movement such as this should be doubly welcome at such times as these. It is hoped that the meeting will be large and representative.

1933

29.11.34

6/12/34

RINGWOOD SHOPPING WEEK

TUESDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER 1934

Much enthusiasm prevails over the organisation of the Ringwood Shopping Week Christmas Carnival.

A well attended meeting of organisers met until the mid-night hour on Monday to finalise arrangements for the successful running of the carnival.

Reports of a most encouraging nature from the committees appointed to deal with finance, community singing, street minstrels, merry-go-round and side shows, juvenile procession, street decorations and illuminations, and band music were adopted.

The Shopping Carnival will be started on its way by the Mayor, Cr A. T. Miles, who will switch on the illuminations and speak at a community singing session in the Ringwood Jubilee Hall on Tuesday evening, 18th December, at 8 o'clock. From thence onwards the spirit of Christmas Shopping Carnival at Ringwood will prevail until and including Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December.

Cr J. K. McCaskill is chairman and Mr J. M. Stevens secretary and organiser of the campaign

mail 13/12/34

Traders' Association, applying for a donation to funds of Ringwood Christmas Shopping Carnival. It was resolved to defray the cost of the street illuminations and also to grant permission for the erection of bunting and ropes of coloured electric bulbs. Cr McCaskill reported in detail on the scheme for the Shopping Carnival. The council was unanimously of the opinion that the movement was well worth while supporting.

13/12/34

The Clock Striker and Illuminations

On Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock sharp, at the Jubilee Hall, because of the Town Hall being otherwise engaged, the Mayor, Cr A. T. Miles, will switch on the street illuminations and release the clock striker as the official opening of the Ringwood Christmas Shopping Campaign. There will be community singing and items by artists.

13/12/34

QUALITY MEAT CHEAP

AT RINGWOOD MARKET MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

- SAUSAGES 3 lbs. for 1/
- GRAVY BEEF 3 lbs. for 1/
- STEWING STEAK 3 lbs. for 1/3
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- BRISKET 3 1/2d. lb.
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- GRILLING STEAK 7d. lb.
- OX TRIPE 5d. lb.
- RUMP STEAK 9d. lb.

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19.4.34

RINGWOOD SHOW SOCIETY

29/11/34

ENTHUSIASTIC ANNUAL MEETING.

Two Days' Show Decided Upon.

A very largely attended annual meeting, associated with much enthusiasm, took place at the Town Hall of the Ringwood Show Society on Tuesday evening.

Welcome.

Mr A. C. Ostrom, who occupied the chair, welcomed old and new members of the society, saying that the outstanding feature of last year's show was the splendid spirit of friendly co-operation on the part of the committee of management, to which could be attributed the outstanding success of last year's show.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Mr F. A. Bissett, secretary, presented a colourful annual report on the success achieved and the lessons to be learned from the 1933 show.

Mr W. McClelland, treasurer, submitted the financial statement, which disclosed a credit balance of £47 15/1 from the operations of last year. Total revenue from all sources amounted to £202 7/3, and disbursements to £154 12/2. The balance-sheet, which had been duly audited by Messrs Good and McCaskill, was adopted with the annual report.

Election of Officers.

President, Mr A. C. Ostrom; vice-presidents, Messrs J. F. Maher and K. Wellington; secretary, Mr F. A. Bissett; treasurer, Mr W. McClelland; auditors, Messrs Good and J. K. McCaskill; committee, Messrs R. V. Tribolet, A. Organ, J. Breen, J. Stevens, F. Stevens, J. Breen, T. R. G. Williams, J. Goudge, F. Matthews, G. Mahony, T. Hamilton, C. Wright, R. McPhee, C. Ratten, L. Daley, McArthur and G. Burns, with power to add.

GENERAL.

29th and 30th March Fixed for Show.

It was unanimously resolved that, subject to the consent of the Borough Council, a two days' show be held on 29th and 30th March, 1935, classes scheduled to be: Flowers, fruit, needlework, art, cookery, preserves, educational, poultry, horses, wood chopping and athletic events. A suggestion that a class for dogs be included was not entertained in view of the expense associated with it.

Membership Fee.

Membership tickets were fixed at 3/6, which would allow of attendance at the four sessions of the show and the entertainment on Saturday night.

It was resolved to ask the council to receive a deputation of four at their committee meeting to record the thanks of the committee for assistance last year, and to ask for the use of the hall and grounds for the two days' show.

Fortnightly committee meetings of the show committee were decided upon.

Already enquiries for information concerning the show are being received.

RINGWOOD CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

mail 6/12/34

A WEEK OF GAIETY.

Cr J. K. McCaskill presided over a most representative meeting of Ringwood traders at the Ringwood Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

A satisfactory annual report and balance-sheet of the 1933 Christmas Carnival was presented by Mr F. W. Stevens, honorary secretary.

It was resolved to again organise a Christmas carnival, commencing on Tuesday, 18th December, with community singing, at which the Mayor, Cr A. T. Miles, is to be asked to declare the carnival open.

On Thursday it is expected that there will be a short vaudeville show.

A juvenile procession is to be organised for Friday afternoon, 20th December, for which liberal prizes are to be offered for best decorated pram and cart, individual sustained characters and company. At night a brass band will play in the streets.

On Christmas eve there will be a merry-go-round and Punch and Judy show.

The streets are to be gaily decorated by day with bunting, and at night these will be brilliantly lighted in colour effects.

A canvass is to be made for the necessary funds, and the executive officers are Cr J. K. McCaskill (chairman) and Mr F. W. Stevens (secretary).

RINGWOOD SHOPPING WEEK.

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The objective of the Ringwood Christmas Shopping Week organisation was attained. The well dressed streets, side shows and other possible amusement drew increased crowds to the progressive town of Ringwood.

The streets were congested on Christmas Eve with a well ordered, good natured crowd, all bent on enjoyment and shopping.

The minstrel troupe organised by Mr Crocker was most interesting, and the street procession of children most engaging. The prizes in this were—Decorated truck: W. Knopp, 1; Geoff. Anderson, 2. Decorated pram: Ida Edwards, 1; Ella Armstrong, 2. Sustained character (boys): Allen Adolphenson, 1; Allen Knopp, 2. Girls: Evelyn Kydd, 1; Jean Holloway, 2.

The prizes were presented on Christmas Eve by Cr J. K. McCaskill, J.P., chairman of the carnival committee.

The organisers, Messrs J. K. McCaskill and F. W. Stevens, are to be congratulated on the outstanding success of their efforts.

Among those who took part in the procession were: John Anderson (Swaggie), Allen Knopp (Bill Smith), Bill Cross (Early Explorer), F. Adolphenson (Swaggie), Bill Adolphenson (Soldier), Bryan Coyle (decorated cart), Desmond Crane (decorated cart), G. Anderson (decorated cart), Evelyn Kidd (Golliwog), Merna Kidd (Fannie's Sister), J. Jones (decorated cart, boat design), L. Smith (Bridesmaid), M. Mahon (Fancy), J. Holloway (Little Miss Australia), W. Mahon (18th Century), A. Anderson (Petunia), M. Anderson (Hawaiian Girl), Joyce Read (Early Victorian), Betty Read (Butterfly), F. Sorenson (Rosella Products), M. Isaac (Old Fashioned Lady), D. Isaac (Dutch Girl), Ella Armstrong (decorated pram), Billy Knopp (Swan, decorated cart).

The judges were Miss Cathie and Mr Stevens.

RINGWOOD SHOPPING WEEK

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

With much enthusiasm the Ringwood Christmas Shopping Carnival was launched on Tuesday. The main street was gay with bunting, and at night festoons of coloured lights gave a carnival appearance to the borough.

There were a merry-go-round and ocean wave and side shows.

The whole combined to give the effect of a progressive community which realised the value of the trading public towards its prosperity. It was largely to Cr J. K. McCaskill that the idea of these carnivals is due. He was successful in obtaining the co-operation of the traders last year, when the initial effort was so successful. Encouraged by this, he and Mr Stevens invited the business people to go still better, and thus instead of one or two days, this year's carnival is for a week.

On Tuesday evening the Mayor, Cr A. T. Miles, who was called away to Tasmania, had delegated to Cr Dawes the duty of switching on the illuminations and in declaring the Shopping Carnival duly opened.

At the Jubilee Hall, owing to the Town Hall being engaged, the formal ceremony of opening the "week" took place.

Cr McCaskill, carnival president, invited Cr Dawes to perform the ceremony. He congratulated the committee on the enterprise shown and the result achieved in 1933. It was in keeping with other progressive movements, such as the baths and clock striker. He commended the policy of shopping in Ringwood, where the values were so good. In conclusion, Cr Dawes wished the object much success.

Cr McCaskill, in the course of an earnest address, directed attention to the programme for the period. That night they were to have community singing, on Wednesday a street nigger minstrel show. A juvenile procession for prizes for the best decorated pram, billy cart and individuals would leave the Clock Tower at 3 o'clock on Friday. At night there would be a merry-go-round, etc., and so on for the shopping night, which would be repeated on Monday, Christmas Eve. A spirit of carnival would be abroad as an aid to shopping.

Continuing, Cr McCaskill commended Ringwood as a shopping centre. Goods were of excellent quality at most reasonable prices. Like elsewhere, traders had experienced the bad effects of the depression, and in view of their splendid values he urged all to buy in Ringwood. He commended to their notice the fixtures for the week, and invited their co-operation.

During the evening Mr Crocker most capably conducted community singing. Mr Crocker on the banjo, Mr Winter at the piano, and Mr Stevens with excellent recitations, including "The Mouse," contributed largely to the great enjoyment of the function.

RINGWOOD SHOPPING CARNIVAL.

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CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL.

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For several weeks past an active committee from traders and public bodies has been organising for a successful Christmas Shopping Week at Ringwood. With the Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill, as chairman and Mr F. W. Stevens secretary as leaders, this year's Shopping Week Carnival should eclipse all previous such occasions.

A tentative programme providing events for a week has been adopted. The items include an official opening and switching on of lights. There will be street minstrels, merry-go-round and side shows. There will also be a children's procession for prizes and a night swimming carnival for juveniles.

Altogether the committee has shown activity, and Ringwood should as a result be most attractive for its Christmas Shopping Week.

XMAS CARNIVAL

A MEETING of Ringwood Traders will be held at the Town Hall, Ringwood, TUESDAY, 19th OCT., to discuss plans for the Xmas Carnival.

All traders are urged to attend, and anyone interested cordially invited.

C. V. WARD, President.
J. K. McCASKILL, Secretary

TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

11/9/35 mail

The Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill, presided over a meeting of the Ringwood Traders' Association held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There were present: Messrs J. M. Stevens, A. S. Bailey, K. Wellington, C. V. Ward, J. Tozer, A. O. Clark, K. Dean, S. Cochrane, Stewart, Wademan, N. Dickinson, Holloway, Fletcher and Gillow.

Office-bearers elected were: President, Cr J. K. McCaskill; secretary and treasurer, Mr J. M. Stevens; committee, Messrs C. V. Ward, J. Tozer, K. Wellington, Wademan and Fletcher.

Matters of free buses, Christmas Carnival and verandah lighting were referred to the committee for consideration.

Much interest was evinced in the subjects under discussion, and it is hoped that as a result of enterprise business will be attracted to Ringwood.

RINGWOOD CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL.

24/12/35

On Thursday evening, under the presidency of Mr F. J. Maher, a most successful swimming carnival took place at the Ringwood Swimming Baths.

The officials who contributed towards the success of the evening were Messrs G. W. Muller, A. McArthur, F. Bissett, A. Organ, T. S. Hamilton, L. Jones, Barker, I. Little, J. Guest, C. V. Ward, Misses Cooper and Dark.

The juvenile procession on Friday was the best yet attempted both in point of number of entrants and the quality of the costumes.

Mr A. V. McArthur was a most efficient marshal, and he and Miss Cathie gave complete satisfaction as judges. The procession halted in front of the Mercery Centre, when Mr J. M. Stevens, the carnival secretary, distributed sweets and balloons, greatly to the enjoyment of the youngsters. The prize winners were: Decorated bicycle; Fred Matthews. Pram: Betty Reardon. Fancy costume (girl), J. Sorenson (Susanne), boy, Geoff. Anderson (plum pudding).

On Thursday evening the Fun of the Fair was continued in the streets, when in addition to the merry-go-round, swings, etc., Mr J. M. Stevens gave some splendid interpretations of Dickens' Scrooge and Micawber.

Altogether the Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill (president), Mr J. M. Stevens, secretary, and their splendid committee are to be congratulated on their efforts in so successfully organising the Ringwood Christmas Shopping Carnival.

Xmas Carnival.

The Mayor, Cr A. T. Miles, in discussing the preliminary plans for the Xmas Carnival at Ringwood with Cr J. K. McCaskill, expressed his whole hearted support and his readiness to assist. He hoped that the local traders would rally round the local shopkeepers and do all their buying during the Xmas festivities. The carnival, stated the Mayor, would go a long way in advertising Ringwood to the thousands of visitors who pass through on the way to the hills.

XMAS CARNIVAL

PLANS DISCUSSED.

At a meeting of Ringwood Traders held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday night, the action of Cr J. K. McCaskill, in endeavouring to revive the Xmas Carnival, was heartily approved.

Mr C. V. Ward was appointed president, and Cr J. K. McCaskill organising secretary and treasurer.

Preliminary plans were discussed and a further meeting was arranged for Tuesday evening next, October 19, at the Town Hall, Ringwood. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend.

RINGWOOD CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Wednesday, 18th Dec.—

OPENING NIGHT by the Mayor Cr J. K. McCaskill

Thursday, 19th Dec.—

at 8 p.m.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday, 20th Dec.—

at 3 o'clock
CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PROCESSION
and at 8 o'clock
FUN OF FAIR AT NIGHT

Monday, 23rd Dec.—

OPEN-AIR SHOW—Christmas Carols, Carnival, Balloons, Clowns. Come and hear Dickens' "Scrooge" and "David Copperfield."

Tuesday Night—

XMAS CAROLS

RINGWOOD SHOPPING NIGHT

Fun of Fair, Merry-go-round, Etc.

J. M. STEVENS,
Carnival Secretary.

RINGWOOD XMAS CARNIVAL

A meeting of the Ringwood Xmas Carnival was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday night, when it was decided to alter the name to the Ringwood Xmas Carnival. The members present expressed the opinion that all citizens would then be eligible to join the committee.

The president, Mr C. V. Ward, in outlining the aims and objects of the carnival, appealed to all citizens to support the Carnival Committee, thereby showing their interest in the wellbeing of Ringwood.

Matters of a general nature were discussed. The social side of the program is being arranged by the secretary, Cr J. K. McCaskill, who will report progress at a later meeting.

RINGWOOD XMAS CARNIVAL

LOCAL SHOPPING IS BEST AND SAFEST.

On Monday night a representative meeting of shopkeepers was held at the Town Hall, presided over by Mr C. V. Ward to discuss arrangements for the Xmas Carnival.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to abandon the proposed children's amusement in the interests of the health of the Borough, and to concentrate on flood lighting of the shopping area and attractive street decorations. An amplifier will be placed on the Town Hall, and band music and carols will be amplified during the evenings.

The festive program will be commenced on Tuesday, 21st Dec. The Soldiers' Memorial and the Town Hall will be specially flood lit. Special handbills will be distributed carrying a number. Watch the shop windows for the lucky number, and collect your free gift.

Essay Competition.

An essay competition for school children of the Borough on "What advantage is the Xmas Carnival to Ringwood?" has been organised and the essays must be handed in to the secretary, Cr J. K. McCaskill by Tuesday, 21st Dec., and the winners will be announced in the "Mail" on the 23rd.

Readers are urged to support the Xmas Shopping Week Campaign and do their shopping locally. SHOP IN SAFETY IN YOUR OWN TOWN is Ringwood's Xmas slogan.

CARNIVAL ESSAYS

Mail 24/12/37
The essay competition, open to scholars attending any school in the Borough, attracted a number of entries, and gave the judges, Messrs C. V. Ward (president Carnival Committee), M. Hall (president R.S.I.L.A.) and Atkinson (headmaster at Bayswater) a rather difficult task. Entries were not received from St. Mary's owing to the scholars being engaged in examinations and as Winnington Grammar School closed down earlier than usual this season they were unable to compete. The essays were of a high standard, and the prizes were awarded to—

Keith Mason 14, Ringwood East S.S., 1; Helen Russell, 14, Ringwood S.S., 2; Betty Baner, 11, Ringwood S.S., 3; Murray Graham, 13, Ringwood S.S., 4.

The essays as submitted to the judges were only numbered, and did not in any way indicate the competitor.

The essays will be published in our next issue.

XMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Mail 22/12/37
LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY MAYOR.

At 9 p.m. on Tuesday night, in the presence of a large number of residents, the Mayor, Cr. A. T. Miles, switched on the Xmas carnival illuminations in Ringwood. The shopping area, which has been gaily decorated with flags and bunting, and provided with additional lighting by the generosity of the Council presented an animated appearance. Big floodlights lit up the Town hall and the clock tower. An amplifier at the Town hall provided music befitting the occasion.

Mr. Ward, chairman of the Carnival Committee, before asking the Mayor to switch on the lights, said that it was the 4th carnival year, and their idea was to push Ringwood and create a local spirit that would advance the interests of the town. He desired to thank the members of the R.S.I.L.A. for their loyal assistance, and the council for their generosity in providing the lighting. (Applause.)

The Mayor, Cr. A. T. Miles, said that he appreciated the kindly references to the council. They were doing their best to forward Ringwood's interests. The main object of the carnival was to encourage local shopping. He had been in Ringwood 28 years and had never bought anything out of Ringwood, that could be obtained locally. (Applause.)

Every 1/- spent out of Ringwood was a loss to the town. If every ratepayer made a practice of spending their money locally, they would boost the town, and by the advancement of the town they would greatly profit themselves. (Hear, hear). The new year slogan must be "Shop In Ringwood". He wished them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and as he switched on the lights he trusted that the bright light of prosperity would light up their path through the coming year. (Applause).

Mr. Foreman, a member of the carnival committee, in moving a vote of thanks to the Mayor, hoped that their action would help to put Ringwood on the map, and place it "Miles" above other towns. (Applause).

Mr Goodwin supported and seconded the motion.

The diggers who had worked so loyally in erecting the bunting and lights were afterwards entertained, with the carnival committee, by the Mayor, and complimentary references were made to the work of the Mayor, and to the valued assistance given by the diggers whenever called upon.

The Carnival Committee are to be complimented on their efforts to boost Ringwood, and Cr. McCaskill, the secretary of the committee is particularly deserving of praise for his untiring efforts to advance Ringwood's interests.

XMAS CARNIVAL

22/12/38
The Ringwood Diggers are deserving of every praise for their efforts to make Xmas week a carnival week in Ringwood. On Saturday and Monday they decorated the Main street with bunting, flags and lights, giving the shopping area a festive appearance. A merry-go-round was erected near the railway station, and on Tuesday at 8 p.m. the lights were switched on from the balcony of the Town Hall by His Worship the Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill, J.P.

Previous to switching on the lights the Mayor congratulated the Diggers on undertaking to run the carnival. This is the 5th carnival in Ringwood, and this year it was in danger of being abandoned, but the Diggers came to the rescue, and the council appreciates their efforts to give the citizens an interest in their own town. He appealed to the citizens to co-operate and rally round the carnival activities. The idea is to encourage local shopping, to spend your money in your own town, and the Diggers in promoting the carnival are doing a good job for the town and district. The past year had been an anxious one, but in wishing all residents a Happy Xmas he sincerely trusted that the New Year would be one of peace and prosperity, in which they could work together for the general good.

The lights were then switched on, the merry-go-round started off, and the carnival commenced.

On Wednesday various side shows with Father Xmas entertained the people, and the carnival will be continued on Thursday and Friday. The big event for Friday will be the fancy dress procession, leaving the clock tower at 2.30 p.m.

RINGWOOD CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Mail 29/9/38
COMMITTEE CEASE OPERATIONS

The annual meeting of the Xmas Carnival Committee was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, with Mr C. V. Ward, president, in the chair. After a lengthy and full discussion, it was decided to abandon the Christmas carnival owing to the lack of interest by the shopkeepers and the apathy shown by the residents. It was also decided to hand over the audited credit balance of the committees funds to the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

The secretary thanked the few members for their loyal support and splendid help during the carnival and also previous carnivals. It seemed to him to be always the same few willing workers who carried on. He regretted the decision arrived at, but considered that the shopkeepers and citizens had themselves entirely to blame through their want of interest.

Mail 20/10/38
THANKS.
To the Editor.

Sir,—I desire to acknowledge, through the columns of your paper, a donation of £2/17/2 from the Citizens' Carnival Committee towards the funds of the Ringwood Ladies' Benevolent Society. My president and committee are highly appreciative of this generous contribution.

Yours sincerely,

G. DAWES,
Hon. Sec. Ladies' Benevolent Society

"The Mail"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1938

Change of Business.

The grocery business of Mr W. Blood, Bedford road, Ringwood, has recently changed hands, the purchaser being Mr J. Halas. Mr W. Blood has been in business in Ringwood for over 40 years, and first started in the old shop at Ringwood East opposite the Club Hotel. In 1915 he built and removed to the present shop at the corner of Bedford road and Pitt street Ringwood. Mr W. Blood is one of the few remaining links with the early days of Ringwood, and has well earned his retirement.

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Ringwood Co-Operative Housing Society

"Mail" Oct 9th 1947

Remarkable Achievements

The Marvellous growth and the wonderful achievements of the Ringwood Co-operative Housing Society since its inception in November 1945 was evidenced at the Annual Meeting held in the Ringwood Parish Hall on October 2.

This Society has done more for the development of the Borough than any other organisation in the history of the Borough and, strange to relate, it has received little recognition of the Borough Council.

No 1 Society—101 Members, Capital £99,472

No 2 Society—90 Members, Capital £94,504

No. 1 Society was quickly filled with 101 members. Sixteen members are now residing in their new homes, 21 dwellings have been started and are in various stages of completion, and 16 other dwellings are approved and many start erection at will.

The members have applied for municipal permits totalling £72,400.

Such was the amazing growth of the No. 1 Society that a No. 2 Society was formed in January, 1947. It has a membership of 90, with a capital value of £94,504.

It may be necessary to form a third society to cope with the applications.

This Society is producing the goods, and the residents of Ringwood do not realise that it is the most important organisation in the district. It is making it possible for the working man to procure a home of his own.

Read the annual report submitted by the secretary. The achievements of the Society in the short time of operation are nothing short of marvellous.

Secretary's Report.

From a small and difficult beginning on the windy night of Tuesday, November 20th, 1945, the Society has grown to considerable proportions during periods of unavoidable delay in having application for advances approved. This was chiefly due to the co-operative housing movement being new to Victoria, but in less than three years it has grown beyond all expectations, having reached over 100 societies, each averaging approximately 100 members and £100,000 each.

At the period under review, February 14th, 1946 (date of registration), to June 27th, 1947 (17 pays), there are 101 members, who have subscribed for 1843 shares totalling £99,472 in the capital of the Society, 68 applications for advances have been dealt with, of which 16 members have had their dwellings completed and are residing in them, 21 dwellings are started and are in various stages of completion from just beginning to within three weeks of completion, while 16 are approved and may start erection at their will.

The Society's valuer makes periodical inspections of the dwellings in course of erection, and every precaution has been taken to ensure the proper carrying out of the work in question.

The funds of the Society have been carefully guarded over the period under review, and the management account has a credit balance of £94,12/7 to carry forward, whilst a credit balance of £79/13/6 has been carried forward to interest reserve. During the period £16,641/12/6 has been paid to builders as progress payment for the erection of dwellings for members, the first payment for this purpose being made on July 22nd, 1946, meaning that the £16,641 for progress payments has been paid over a period of eleven months, or an average of £1,512 per month.

The Society's members have applied for municipal permits to the extent of £72,400.

It is a specific recommendation of the board that fire insurances on

members' dwellings be effected through the Society's official company (Eagle Star Insurance Co.). This not only ensures that the risk will be automatically covered at all times, but will also assist the Society's management account, which receives the commission on policies ordinarily paid to outside collectors.

As the Society pays interest daily on a substantial overdraft, fines for late payments of members' monthly subscriptions must be strictly enforced.

On June 12th, 1947, a release was received from the registrar exempting the Society from submitting to the registry for approval applications for advances to members where the amount to be loaned was under 80 per cent. This eliminates considerable delay, and exhibits a growth of confidence in the management of the Society by the registry.

A No. 2 Society was formed and registered on January 20th, 1947, and now has a membership of 90, who have subscribed for 1750 shares, totalling £94,504. Thirty-one applications for advances have been dealt with, and a good number are under construction (council permits have been applied for). Applications are still being received for membership, and it is a distinct possibility that a third society will be a necessity to cope with the applications.

The achievements of the two societies are surely worthy of inclusion in the annals of the local municipal authority, as housing is one of the first essentials for the progress of the Borough; but, unfortunately little interest has been shown in the project by councillors. A wonderful asset has been brought into being throughout the Borough unheralded and without recognition by the Borough Council.

On June 23rd, 1947, Director M. Brewer resigned as director as a protest against circulars Nos. 13 and 16 issued by the registrar. His action was fully warranted by the results achieved. In view of the circumstances the Board has requested Mr. Brewer to again offer himself for nomination as a director for the ensuing year.

Management Account.

Revenue.—Management fees, £391 12/9; entrance fees, £138/4/6; transfer fees, £11/14/6; insurance commission, £3/10/4; other receipts, £14/6/8; total, £559/8/9.

Expenditure.—Secretarial fees, £272/10/6; directors' fees, £53/6/8; audit fees, £15/15/-; printing, stationery, advertising, £49/9/8; postage and telephone, £25/14/-; rent, £21 4/-; general expenses, £26/10/4; balance carried forward (surplus for the year), £94/18/7; total, £559/8/9.

General Interest Account.

Revenue.—Members' loan payments (interest), £288/0/6; late admission interest collected, £5/15/11; fines for late payment of dues, £20/14/4; total, £314/10/9.

Expenditure.—Interest paid by Society to bank, £165/15/-; provision for interest on shares in force at end of year, £69/2/3; balance transferred to interest reserve account, £79/13/6; total, £314/10/9.

Balance Sheet.

Liabilities.—Subs. paid on 1843 shares (nominal value £99,472), £2345 2/5; provision for interest, £69/2/3; interest reserve account, £79/13/6; management, ledger account balance, £94/18/7; overdraft, including interest, £14,016/12/11; audit fees and salaries, £17/18/10; valuation and inspection fees, £41/13/2; total, £16,665 1/8.

Assets.—Advances approved £42,868, less sum to be advanced £26,226/7/6—£16,641/12/6; loan payments (interest), 7/4; furniture and equipment, £15; sundry debtors, £3 1/10; cash on hand, £5; total, £16,665 1/8.

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A LOCAL INDUSTRY

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MODERN FURNITURE .. EMPORIUM.

One of the largest and most exclusive ranges of modern furniture is to be seen at Bently's Furniture Emporium, Main street, Ringwood. Those residents of the district who have not yet seen the tastefully arranged display of furniture of all descriptions would be astonished to find in Ringwood such a display, not surpassed even in the city, of quality furniture at reasonable prices, and most of it manufactured locally by local artisans. All the local made furniture reflects great credit on the enterprise of Mr Bently and the workmanship of his employees. Some of the hand-carved furniture, done by Mr Bert Godfrey, Ringwood, will equal anything of its kind anywhere.

The display occupies five floors and two window displays. Two ingenious pieces of furniture are a convertible table and tray and a collapsible child's cot. The tray, a beautiful article, can be released by a spring, and four legs appear, and the tray becomes a table; handy for evenings. The cot is a dropside, with wire mattress, and folds up so that it can be easily carried. The kitchen settings are worth inspection. Cabinets of all descriptions, tables and chairs to match, with kitchen ware and crockery.

In diningroom suites you can see all descriptions in walnut, imported oak, etc. The range of sideboards is exquisite and some samples of combined china cabinets and sideboards are a work of art.

A very large range of lounge suites are displayed, and the prices range from £14 10/- to £28 10/-, according to quality. There are lounge suites that will suit any home, from a small villa to a mansion.

The bedroom suites are of beautiful design and workmanship, featuring the latest roll drawer designs to more plainer models. These range from £12 12/6 upwards, and contain four pieces, including a gent's wardrobe.

In mattresses there is the very latest with zipp fastened compartments, which can be easily opened and each compartment refilled.

There is nothing better than the range of mattresses, kapok, pure wool and hygienic wool shown at Bently's. Easy chairs are in good variety, and they are easy. To sit in one is to experience supreme comfort. One the writer tried, which is priced at £5 5/-, would be a joy for ever. Some have the modern rack on each arm for books, etc. The exquisite glory chests with rolled drawer designs would be a glory to any girl who has designs on mere man. To see them is to desire.

To the modern business man the office furniture would appeal. Office tables and desks range from £3 to £10. Bridge chairs, rocking chairs, cane chairs, any sort of chairs, are there.

Rugs, in the latest Italian designs, of all descriptions, carpets and linoleums, form another attractive display.

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One of the most interesting departments is the hardware, with porcelain baths, pedestal basins, enamel stoves, stoves of all makes and anything you need in hardware. The whole display is worth while inspecting. Courteous attendants will show you around, and you will be amazed not only at the quality and the variety but also at the reasonable prices and the easy terms. Mr Bently supplies furniture all over Victoria and even to Tasmania. Why go out of your own district to purchase your home furnishings?

Bently's Business Brings Benefits.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

THE COOPER CASE CO. PTY. LTD.

(Henderson St., North Melbourne)
wish to announce that they are
**RE-OPENING THEIR SAW MILLS
AT RINGWOOD AS A
TIMBER YARD**

The Business Name of this Project
will be

RINGWOOD TIMBER & TRADING CO.

The objects of this Company will be
to supply Ringwood and adjoining
Territory with all Timber & Hard-
ware Requisites for the Building of
Homes

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RINGWOOD TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of Ringwood traders held in the Town Hall on Monday 24 traders were present and a number of apologies were received.

It was decided to change the name to Ringwood Traders and Commerce Association.

One of the objectives of the newly formed association is to foster a spirit of co-operation amongst the traders and to encourage local residents to shop locally.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. Robt. C. Stoney; vice presidents, Messrs A. F. Bisset and E. Stewart; secretary, Mr. J. Delahunty; treasurer, Mr. T. Mathieson; committee, Messrs R. K. Dickson, C. E. Sleeman, J. Barton, K. Williams.

It is hoped to enrol every trader in Ringwood as a member. A full report next issue.

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EXTENSION OF BUSINESS

Opening a branch of the business in the M.U. Hall, Ringwood, almost three years ago, Holeproof Limited has found it necessary to open another branch in Ringwood, and recently the Jubilee Hall in Station Street, Ringwood, was taken over for this purpose. There is also another branch at Nunawading, and a site has been acquired in Whitehorse Road, Ringwood, on which will be erected at a later date a modern factory which will give employment under congenial conditions to several hundred local employees.

This extension of business in Ringwood is a healthy sign and will be a decided asset to the district. At the new branch, which is close to the Railway Station, positions are available for junior and senior girls to learn this light and congenial work. Good rates are paid while learning and with bonuses in addition when trained. For further particulars consult the staff manager, 106 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene, or phone WF 1151.

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RINGWOOD TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

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31/7/47

To Ringwood Traders—

With a view to forming a Traders' Association in Ringwood a Meeting has been convened for Tuesday, August 5, at 12.45 p.m. in the Ringwood Lower Town Hall.

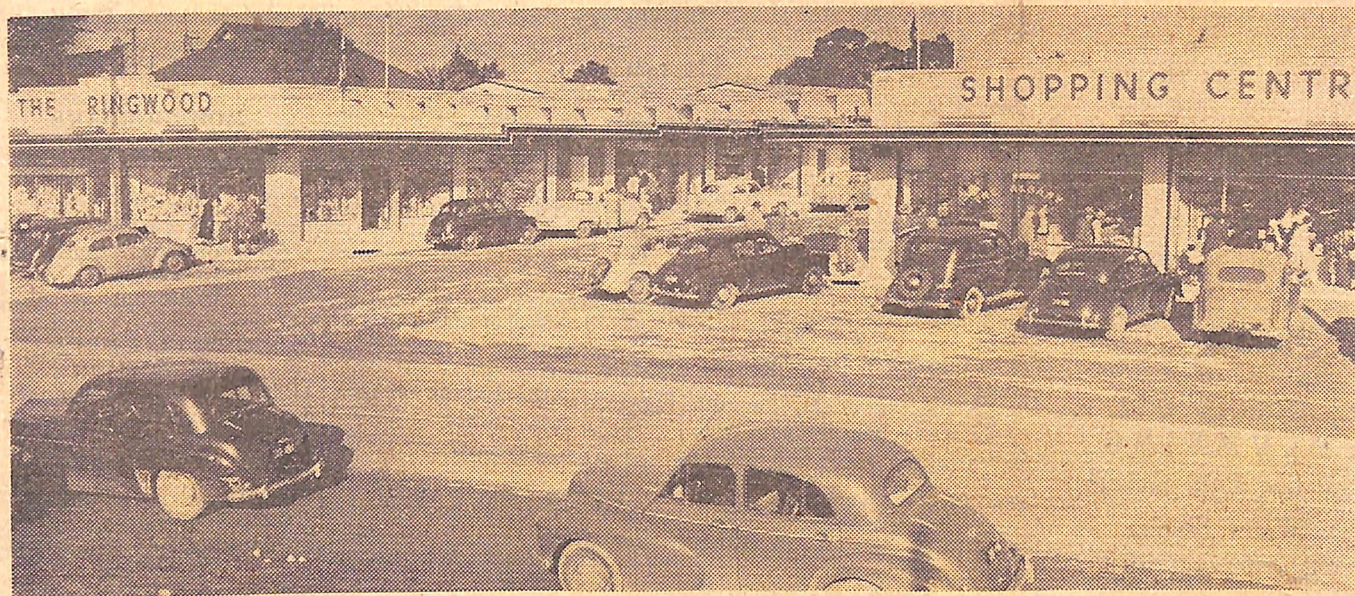
Traders are urged to support this movement to protect their own interests.

The proposed aims of the Association will be:—

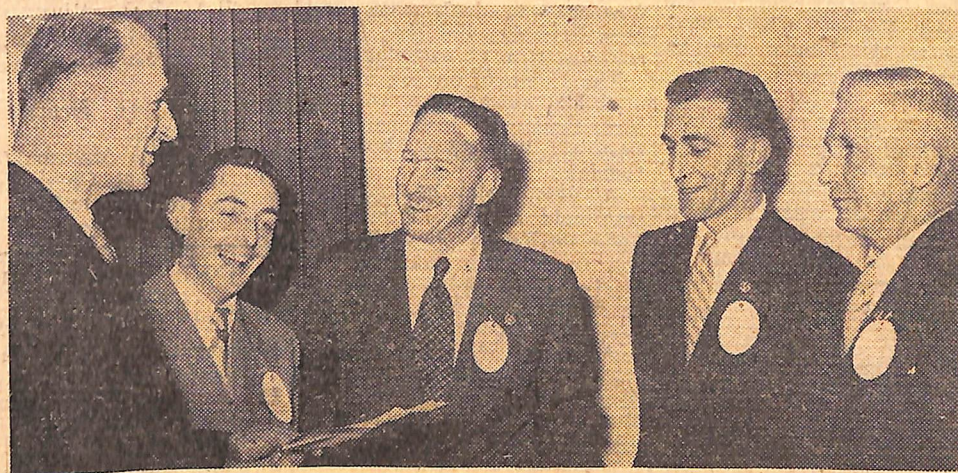
- Improved shopping facilities.
- Extension of the Main Shopping areas.
- Extension of hours of Main Street lighting to 5 a.m.
- Annual Shopping Week
- Fire and Burglary Protection
- Any other matters for the benefit of Traders in general.

ROBT. C. STONEY Joint
J. DELAHUNTY Convenors.

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THE BIG FIVE AT THE OPENING ON TUESDAY, JULY 6



L. to R.: K. Verey (Chairman Shopping Centre Committee), K. Ward, Sec., W. Harrison (Pres. Ringwood Chamber of Commerce, S. Bird, one of the shopkeepers, E. Murray, the man of the moment, the builder and co-owner

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MURRAY
PLACE

MAN OF THE HOUR

The Man of the Hour was Mr. E. S. (Ted) Murray, of Ringwood. With his former partner, the late Mr. M. Grenfell, Mr. Murray bought the site and planned the centre about 14 months ago.

Built by Mr. Murray within the short space of 10 mths, the Centre has created Melbourne-wide interest, and has brought Ringwood, and its potentialities, well into the limelight.

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HEARD AT SHOPPING CENTRE OPENING

I have been appointed as toastmaster, said Mr. W. Harrison, president Ringwood Chamber of Commerce. 'I hope that suits all, if not, you know what to do, call in Charles Howitt. He suits everyone.

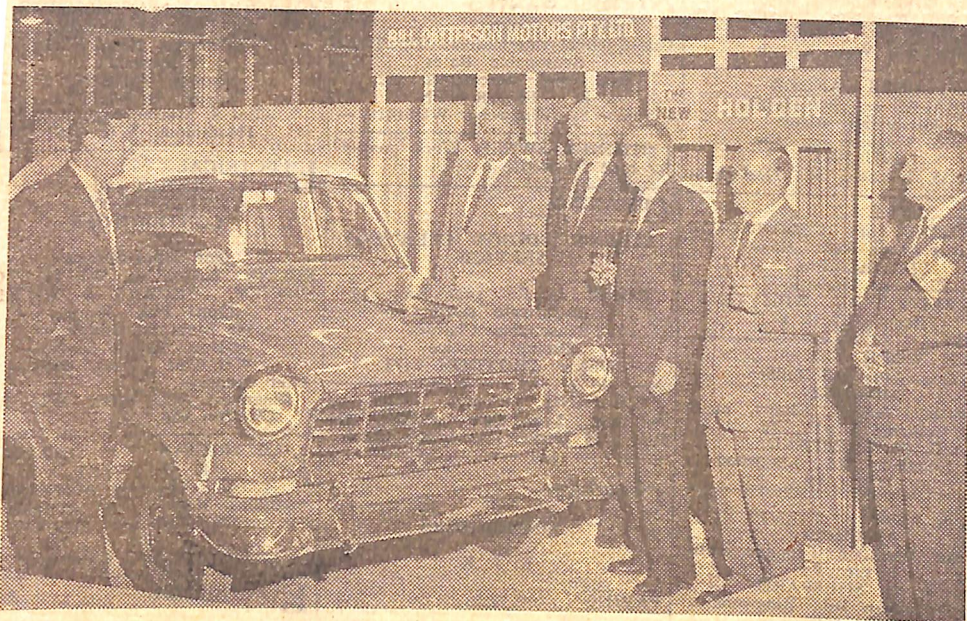
'I'm not much good at speeches,' said the same speaker, 'And if anyone says 'shoo' him out, I'll know I'm due to be tossed out 'Verey' soon.'

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NEW HOLDEN ANNOUNCEMENT IN RINGWOOD

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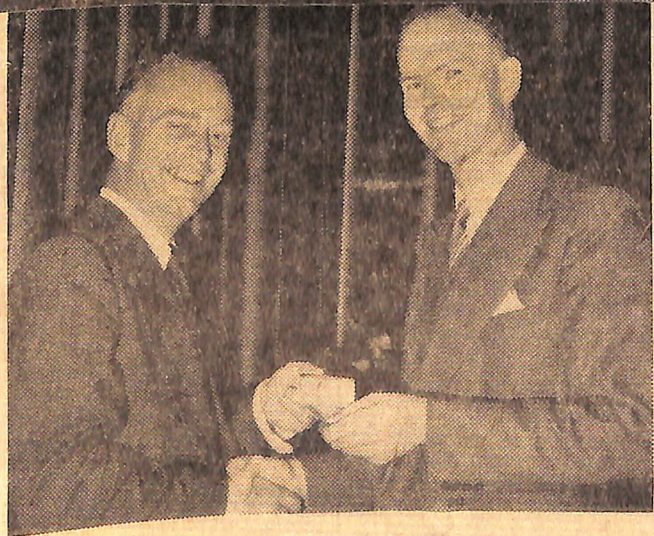
Photographed at the Announcement of the New Holden at Bill Patterson Motors Pty. Ltd., on Thursday evening, 8th May. L. to R. Mr. Bill Patterson, Mr. Bill Webber, Mr. Gerald Patterson, Mr. Frank Marjason, Mr. Joseph Oberman, Mr. W. Carruthers. Over 1200 people saw the display and enjoyed the hospitality of Bill Patterson Motors Pty. Ltd.

Photo: J. Gallagher, WU 2568

COLES STORES PRIZE WINNING WINDOW DISPLAY



26.1.1956.



Mr. Peck, Chairman Ringwood Chamber of Commerce, presenting cheque to Mr. G. Tate, Mgr. Coles Stores, Ringwood

Prize Winning Window Display

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R'wood Reviewed

(By Laurence Anderson)

RINGWOOD is strategically situated to become a virile, commercial and industrial centre. It already has the expansion and the possibilities—but is Ringwood taking advantage of this great opportunity?

Decentralisation of industries and population was brought about by the enforced spread of wartime production factories to areas less vulnerable to destruction than the closely-packed metropolis.

When the war ended these new and virile production centres remained with their factories, their shopping centres and population. Private enterprise took over the factory sites, and commercial business moved in to service these newly established areas. The upsurge of post-war business with myriad pent-up demands, gave great impetus to this decentralisation movement.

Ringwood, caught up in this new post-war movement, became a target for expansion. The decentralisation trend, following the long eastern transport highway, converged on this area seeking factory space, shops, homes and the facilities attending them. Ringwood could provide them all, as well as a potential work force and an increasing number of customers.

How did Ringwood meet this new challenge to its rural serenity? Is this town conscious of those new opportunities? Those are the vital questions.

Perhaps the following factors will tell the story.

A picture of how decentralisation of trade and manufacturing has helped Ringwood is shown by the increase of factories, shops and the local work force—those people who work either near home or in this locality. To-day, the number of people working in Ringwood is almost three times greater than it was in 1947. These figures tell part of the story:—

Manufacturing: 1947, 564; 1954, 1752; increase 1188.
Commerce: 1947, 1129; 1954, 3064; increase 1935. Total increase, 3123. This means an increase of 184% in seven years.

With the normal progress of business since June, 1954, it is safe to say that to-day the Ringwood area finds employment for some 3500 people. It's still growing.

From this viewpoint, and the fact that business is still increasing, the question arises—"Can Ringwood continue to hold and attract a suitable work force against the inducement of other progressive

areas and the metropolis?" Only by providing equal conditions and better facilities can this be done. This area would need to show something more positive in social and business progress (not to be confused with expansion) than the "hopeful planning" which for too long has taken the place of "achievement" in these progressive post-war years.

The increase of Ringwood's businesses—factories, shops, offices—is indicative of the solid expansion in this area. These figures point to both the cause and effect of Ringwood's expansion and summarise some of its problems—

Industrial: 1947, 18; 1952, 41; 1954, 57; increase 183%.
Commercial: 1947, 60; 1952, 104; 1954, 274; increase 356%.

Thus industrial enterprises have increased almost 2½ times and commercial businesses 4½ times in seven years. These are the places which absorb the work force, where goods are made and bought, and where some of Ringwood's money is earned and spent. These places are

at once the hub, the nerve centres and the lifeline of the town of Ringwood. They are the reason for Ringwood's being and living—and the barometer of its otherwise placid life. Is there really anything that cannot be obtained in Ringwood—even if it is necessary to go elsewhere to get a better type of article or a better service? Why has this area's vital nerve-centre been neglected so long for better facilities for better conditions?

Is it because the businesses of Ringwood have not yet learned to speak with a united voice? They could cause great changes if they did!

Now take a glance at their value to the community.

In the years between 1947 and 1955 the retail businesses of Ringwood have acquired money—they already had position as regards trade. This money is their annual turnover—or sales—and this is not to be confused with "profit!" Businesses, of course, can have

a great volume of turnover and still not make a profit if they are not well run. No doubt some of Ringwood's businesses have found that. But one of the most reliable indications of a prosperous community is the rate of increase in the volume of its trade.

Retail trade turnover in 1947 was £560,000; 1949, £716,000; 1953, £2,147,000; 1955, £2,611,000, an increase of 366%.

These figures show that Ringwood's retail sales have increased almost five times in eight years!

But just how much trade is passing by because of lack of space, lack of better shopping facilities, lack of traffic control and parking areas, bad services—and the like? Just look around Ringwood on Friday or Saturday if you do not agree with this view. Ask yourself, "Can I get good value and better service here?" "Shop locally" is a very good slogan provided you can shop in comfort and with economy. For this area to gain advantages from this great expansion, Ringwood's businesses must constantly improve their services and facilities. Therein lies the answer to Ringwood's many commercial and industrial problems.

Ringwood to-day is suffering—and suffering acutely—from industrial and commercial constriction. Expansion has gone on, but progress has hardly kept pace. A surfeit of "good business" in the last five years—business which came and was not sought after—has given this area an overfed self-satisfied outlook. These good years could have a disastrous effect, simply because these times are not normal—they are abnormal—just as the lack of a consolidated united business outlook is not normal. Ringwood's business men were warned on this point by a prominent business leader, recently reported in these columns as having said—"the economic conditions in Ringwood directly follow the rise and fall in our national funds. Watch them for your indications." (Sir John Allison.)

If the greater business world does this for safety and consistent trading, Ringwood could hardly afford to do less. But how? Only by united outlook and united effort!

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Local Trade

RINGWOOD AND CROYDON continue to show signs of expansion. Some degree of mushroom growth is inseparable from suburban expansion, but a time comes when there should be more attention given to consolidating and developing local organisation.

Trade is the lifeblood of any community and in our districts we have active Chambers of Commerce the members of which are anxious to make a constructive contribution towards local trade development. It is quite possible that there are business men and women who remind themselves that they have managed for many years to carry on without any outside organisation's help, and they do not feel enthusiastic about altering the course which has been successfully followed in the past. While this attitude of mind is understandable, it is not in line with reality.

The simple truth is that local population figures show a marked upward trend and because of this new business is being attracted. It is no secret that stores with well-known names may soon be opening up locally and they will bring with them all the drive and organisational ability which has brought them the success already achieved.

The advent of these newcomers need not be regarded with apprehension by local business men and women. We live in a free society and what can be achieved by one business can be achieved by the other, the only proviso being that the same degree of enterprise and up-to-date thinking be translated into action.

Your local Chamber of Commerce exists to provide a forum in which your problems can be discussed and to provide organisation through which action may be taken in respect of the problems. Ringwood and Croydon Chambers of Commerce are affiliated members of the Federation of Victorian Chambers of Commerce and as such are capable of taking action on a State-wide basis.

It is no exaggeration to say that participation in the work of the local Chamber of Commerce may be regarded as a gilt-edged investment and an investment which should be made by all interested in a progressive trade policy for their district.

The 'Mail' Most Improved

Suburban

Newspaper, 1959



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Presented to
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 Chairman *W. J. ...*
 Secretary *W. J. ...*

19/11/1959.

HERE'S TO US

TO-DAY we are abandoning normal editorial policy and instead of talking about other things and other people we are going to say a word about ourselves.

The occasion of this personal reference is an important one, for, as many of our readers already know, the "Ringwood and Croydon Mail" has won the "Everett Memorial Award." This award is given to the most improved newspaper in the suburban area in 1959.

The award certificate was presented to the "Mail" representatives by the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks.

Since publication commenced in 1923, the "Mail" has been a privately owned newspaper, and the present proprietor and editor, Mr. C. E. Sleeman, has been closely identified with the publication since 1937.

In days when the happenings of one moment are around the world in another moment, the task of turning out a suburban newspaper which will be of service to the community is no easy one.

The proprietorship of the "Mail" has always sought to avoid popularity which was gained cheaply. Such popularity is often the dearest in the long run. It may be of interest to readers to know just what are the principles which constitute our editorial policy.

First, we have sought to maintain a balance between reading matter and advertising space. In others words, we regard the "Mail" as being primarily a newspaper.

Second, we have sought to ensure that the "Mail" should be a forum for varied points of view. These views have quite often proved themselves to be not only varied but conflicting.

Third, we have endeavoured to provide editorial support for movements in the district which are directed towards improvement and community betterment, and we have offered constructive criticism of anything which we considered might prove harmful to the district's progress.

Finally, we have confidence in the future of Ringwood and Croydon and their surrounding districts. The area which is served by the "Mail" is an area in which great progress has been made and there is abundant evidence that even greater progress will be made in the future.

To the "Mail's" staff we would say "thank you." The honour which has been given to us is in a large measure due to the loyalty and industry of a splendid team.

19/11/1959



The Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks, presenting to Mr. H. Sleeman, Director, Ringwood and Croydon Mail Pty. Ltd., the Certificate for the Most Improved Suburban Newspaper, at the South Melbourne Cricket Club Pavilion last Thurs.

—Photo, David Holmes, 4 Eustace St., Blackburn.



● Members of the panel at the seminar for home buyers — Standing (from left) Bruce Collins, John O'Donnell, Richard Carter and Max Tresise. Seated (from left): Patrick Harth, Ron Lester and Leo Prato.

Buy a home, but avoid the traps

It is easier to buy your own home than it has ever been before — that was the message to the 150 people who attended the Leader Associated Newspapers/RESI sponsored Home Buyers' Course at Ringwood last week.

The course which was held over two nights was opened by the Minister for Housing, Mr Frank Wilkes. Speakers included members of the legal profession, real estate agents and finance consultants.

The course was designed for anyone in

the market for a house, covering such topics as buying a home, estate agent/buyer relationships, finding suitable finance, and how to make an offer for a property. The second session covered legal aspects and how to avoid common mistakes.

Local real estate

agent John O'Donnell said good judgment from experience which comes from bad judgment was important. It was advisable to get the advice of an estate agent, who had been through it.

He recommended finding a committee agent who would look after your interests.

Mr O'Donnell said that it was a great advantage to have your finance arranged before you go out looking for a house, and to understand the terminology used by agents and sellers.

It was vital to work out what your needs are, as opposed to what you might want.

"We all want far too much," he said.

Repairs

"Look at the expenses of repairs and who will do them. A husband working full time and renovating a house puts quite a strain on a marriage.

He advised that the bread winner be insured in case of accident.

He said when looking at properties it was important to look at:

- The aspect of the house and whether it was built on low lying, rocky, or sloping land;

- The size of the land. It was important to know what you were letting yourself in for;

- The area and type

of community, so that you would not be surprised if you found an airport next door. Position could not be changed.

- Education and transport facilities in the area. Do they match your needs?

- The cost of carrying out any restoration needed on the property should be taken into account;

- The general condition of the house. Check if the walls are straight, cracked, or if the cracks are leading anywhere. See that the house is well ventilated;

- The condition of the plumbing, water pressure, and spouting; and

- Check if there are any large trees (particularly gum trees) close to the house which could cause problems.

Mr O'Donnell recommended buyers to have an architect inspect the house.

An architect's fee would be about \$150. He should be able to pick all the faults in a house as this was what he was trained to do.

An architect's opinion was particularly important on older homes.

Flats and town houses were ideal for married or retired couples as they were designed for modern living.

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CHRISTMAS AT ^{Europe} RINGWOOD ^{Wendy Young}

The bakers are running hot

"ALWAYS busy," says Mr David Kacan of the Eastland French Kitchen.

And as Christmas approaches, things are getting even busier as his team of seven chefs work 12-14 hours a day preparing orders and gettings things ready for the festive day.

The Eastland French Kitchen is remarkable for a number of reasons, number one of which is the authenticity of their European cuisine.

Puddings are the real thing, made by hand from natural ingredients and matured in the traditional cloth coverings.

Their German stollen and gingerbread houses are prepared by a German cook according to a traditional recipe.

Their Dutch Christmas rings are prepared by a Dutch pastry-cook from a family recipe.

Everything is authentic, fresh and traditional. Where else would you find fruit mince pastries with ingredients that have been maturing in rum for the last six months? Where else would you go to find fully iced Christmas cakes that have been created by a European decorator of 20 years experience?

Even their hams have been specially cured by a

European butcher - but are in limited supply.

And as for the Christmas turkey, that too can be had cooked 'just right,' as Mr Kacan says.

"Served hot or cold," he went on to say, "It has been cooked just right to retain the juices. Customers are welcome to come in and try a piece before buying, in fact, tastings of everything we sell are available."

If you're browsing at Eastland, the French Kitchen is the place for lunch with home-made pies and gourmet sandwiches just the thing to stave off hunger while deciding on what turkey you'll be ordering.



WENDY Payne with a gingerbread house.

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Discount pioneer will be missed

By NOELINE EGAN

THE original "King Billy", Mr Jack Taylor, the man behind the Billy Guyatts discount kingdom, has died.

Mr Taylor, 61, died last week at his Wonga Park property after suffering a massive heart attack.

Mr Taylor, a pioneer of the "discount bulkstore" style of retailing, was one of Melbourne's biggest and best known retail tycoons. He began building his empire in the eastern suburbs.

Until he stepped down recently as executive chairman, Mr Taylor headed the huge Billy Guyatts Ltd electrical and furniture retailing empire, with its 48 retail outlets in four states.

His sudden death shocked and saddened his many friends in the business community.

Billy Guyatts director and company secretary, Mr Geoffrey Butt, who had a long time association with Mr Taylor said: "Jack Taylor combined the qualities of leadership and business acumen with compassion and understanding."

"This is a very desirable combination in someone who can be loosely described as a 'business tycoon'."

Mr Butt said his sense of great personal loss was shared by fellow Billy Guyatts director, Mr Gregory Smith.

The general manager of Bayswater Bulk, Mr Max Finch, managing director of Billy Guyatts for seven years, and Mr Taylor's "right hand man" for 18 years, paid a fond tribute to his former boss.

"With the death of Jack Taylor, the book has closed on a colorful and exciting era in the electrical and furniture discount retailing industry," he said.

"A great number of today's most successful electrical retail traders acknowledge the debt they owe Jack for his guidance and the knowledge he imparted."

"Many who now manage, or own, their own businesses began their careers working as salesmen for Jack."

"He was a 'benevolent dictator' of the industry and will be sadly missed by us all."

"He had the great gift that despite his stature and wealth, he never lost the common touch."



The Late Mr Jack Taylor.

"I have lost a great friend of 30 years standing and the industry has lost a great leader."

For some years Mr Taylor became his company's highly identifiable figurehead as the original "King Billy" in an intense television and newspaper campaign.

In reality it was an out-of-character role for Jack Taylor, who by nature was a private family man, who preferred to keep a low profile.

But he was also had an astute understanding of the value of advertising.

He was in every sense a self-made man.

The son of a struggling truck driver, he served in the Royal Australian Navy in World War 11 and later worked for a wool firm, while studying accountancy part time.

In 1952, with capital borrowed from his father-in-law and a bank, he bought a newsagency in East Melbourne and later a baby wear and toy shop in Mitcham.

Then came television and Mr Taylor recognised the potential of the small electrical shop, Hannams, next door.

He acquired an interest in it and within five years, he owned it outright.

Over the next 15 years he established a 13-store electrical retail chain, with a multi million dollar turnover.

Mr Taylor also took a keen interest in his local community, and was a founder of the *Nunawading Gazette*, the *Box Hill Gazette* and the *Knox Gazette*, which he later sold to Leader Associated Newspapers.

He identified very closely with his original Mitcham store and for

many years he and his family lived within walking distance in Mitcham Rd.

In 1972, Mr Taylor sold the Hannams' chain to the Sydney-based National Investments Limited.

His intention was to retire, with his wife, Beryl, sons John and Ian, and daughter, Jan, to their 16ha property in Wonga Park.

But in 1973, the Taylor family bought the three-store discount electrical chain, Billy Guyatt, from the former Australian champion cyclist of the same name.

Two years later Mr Taylor joined the business as chairman and managing director and his "retail empire building" began again.

By taking over major competitors, including Clive Peeters and Discount City, he rapidly expanded his holding to 17 stores.

In September, 1985, Billy Guyatts Discount City became a public company, Billy Guyatts Ltd, with Jack Taylor its executive chairman.

An estimated 250 family, friends and business associates paid their last respects to Mr Taylor at a simple funeral service in Ringwood, on Thursday.

And following the service a procession headed to the Warrandyte Cemetery where Mr Taylor was buried in a lawn grave.

The funeral celebrant, Mr Brian McInerny, described Mr Taylor as a clever, energetic businessman, who had worked tirelessly to build a good life for himself and an even better one for his family, wife, Beryl, and children: John, Ian, and Jan.

Ringwood Chamber of Commerce golf day

DUST OFF your plus fours, and tune up them golf sticks; because the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce is organising a fabulous fun golf day.

Budding Greg Normans and so on will be able to strut their stuff at the Ringwood Golf Course on Wednesday, November 9, starting at 1pm. According to chamber spokesman Chris Cooper, an actual competition called an Ambrose will be conducted. Chris also said that the Ambrose event was specifically designed to be enjoyed, no matter how incompetent the golfer.

For those who've never swung a golf club in anger or otherwise, the Ambrose event sounds like a promising way to perhaps start a career as a hack golfer, and the word is, the worse you are the better the chance of getting a good handicap and maybe even winning a prize or two. Yes, there will be a host of prizes, as well as a host of food and liquor. Approximately \$3000 in prizes will be won on the day, including a trip for two to Jupiter's Casino on the delightful Gold Coast in Queensland. After the game the organisers have, with the help of the golf club, organised a barbeque and drinks. Chamber spokesman Chris Cooper has issued an open invitation to all local business people be they members of the chamber or not. For bookings and enquiries contact Chris Cooper on 879 1711, or Vin Crowe on 879 1712.

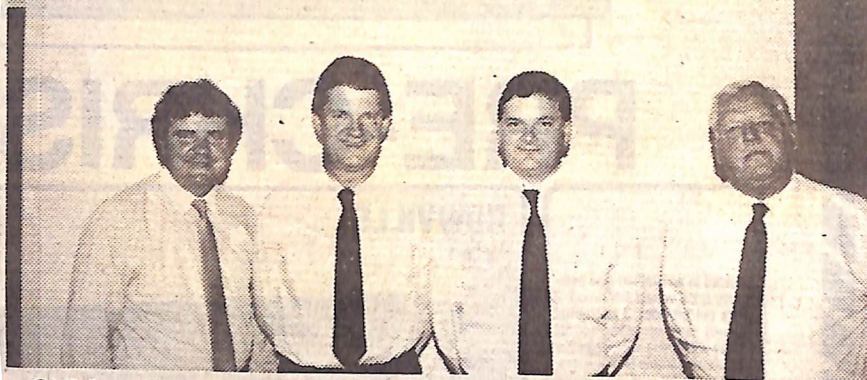
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Carter goes 'National'!

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OLD faces in new premises: from left Neil Dalton, Estate Agents Board; Ian Bremner executive director, Real Estate Institute of Victoria; Richard Carter and Alan Carter.

THE new offices of Ringwood Estate Agents CE Carter & Son Pty Ltd, at 128 Maroondah Hwy, were officially opened at a recent function.

They were formerly occupied by the National Australia Bank.

In officially opening the offices, Ian Bremner, the Executive Director of the Real Estate Institute of Victoria, paid tribute to the role played by CE Carter & Son in community and institute affairs.

"CE Carter & Son is one of the very few family owned real estate agencies now run by the third generation of the family," said Mr Bremner.

"It emphasizes the commitment to personal service to clients which has always been the policy of the firm."

Also present at the function were Neil Dalton, Chief Executive Officer of the Estate Agents Board, representatives of the National Australia Bank, solicitors and accountants and other clients of the firm.

Guests of honor were Mr & Mrs Alan Carter.

Alan Carter is the former senior partner of the firm, retiring in June this year after 40 years in the firm which was

founded by his father in 1923.

The present senior partner of the firm is Richard Carter.



In this bicentennial year, we at C.E. CARTER & SON PTY LTD are also celebrating another anniversary — the 65th anniversary of the founding of the firm by C.E. CARTER in 1923.

C.E. CARTER took over a real estate practice from one John Smith on a site in Main Street, now Maroondah

Highway, which is now in front of the Eastland Shopping Centre. In our earliest surviving piece of business correspondence, dated January 22, 1923 and addressed to "Mr H. Kelly, Powelltown", C.E. CARTER promises to "give my best attention to business entrusted to care and hope to merit your confidence".

That promise is still valid 65 years after it was made. Our aim over our entire existence is to provide a range and quality of service better than our competitor. We are one of the very few agents in the district who are also fully qualified and

registered valuers. We are one of the few who maintain a fully operating property management department staffed with personnel dealing only with property management. And of course we have a strong and vigorous sales department which has been the backbone of our business for 65 years.

Perhaps the key to the success of our business is in C.E. CARTER'S promise to give his "best attention to business entrusted to care". It has been a hallmark of the firm's operation over 65 years that there has always been a personal, full time involvement

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in the business by the principals C.E. CARTER from 1923 to 1955, A.B. CARTER from 1947 to 1987 and RICHARD CARTER since 1972. This involvement has guaranteed a continuity of service, an outstanding level of experience and an unparalleled knowledge in contemporary and local real estate matters.

C.E. CARTER & SON PTY LTD are Agents, Auctioneers and Valuers established in Ringwood since 1923. After 65 years, we still promise to give our "best attention to business entrusted to care".



Richard A. Carter

B. Ec., FREI, AAI, Registered Valuer

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Home Improvements

A bit of country in Ringwood

OBAN Trading started out as a hay and grain store serving the farmers in the area.

Slowly it developed its trade to include birdseed for racing and aviary birds, feed for horse owners and lawnseed for gardeners.

Oban buys in bulk and so can pass on savings to its customers who may have pigeons, budgerigars, parrots and finches to feed.

Originally customers would drive around the back of what is now the hardware shed and drive through it, picking up their needs from inside the shed.

The property next door was purchased later and this then became the produce store with another two sheds at the back now carrying horse feed like rye and clover, grass hays, lucerne and straw in bales in one shed and bulk dog and cat food in the other.

With the relocation of the produce section you now drive around the outside of the sheds to the side entrance of the produce shed for pick ups.

Oban carries fertilizers, firewood (redgum at \$65 per cubic metre), hardwood and softwood for building, roofing iron sheets and fi-

breglass in sheets and rolls; garden stakes, fencing posts, star posts, a wide range of wire fencing, agricultural sprays, welding accessories, agricultural pipes, ladders, potting mixes, wheelbarrows, cement mixers and briquettes.

Briquettes are still big sellers, being used in combustion stoves and heaters.

Oban will deliver briquettes, in fact, any order under \$50 will be delivered for a charge of \$5.

Oban is developing its hardware lines and offers advice to the handyman and builder.

Good customer relations is top of the list of priorities for proprietors Matt and Mark Webster.

"If someone wants a certain item which we don't have, we try to find out where they can get it," says Matt.

"We aim to help people buy the right material for the job and to save money by doing many jobs themselves rather than having to call in a contractor."

If you're looking for treated pine for building, Oban is "just about the cheapest in the area at the

moment" says Matt with 6"x1" treated pine at \$1.44 a metre or \$1.29 in packed lots, and 4"x4" is \$4.45 a metre.

Oban is "quite competitive with prices on trellis," says Matt and suggests it can be used to block off around carports, beautify bare walls and messy garden areas, for instance around compost bins where a solid fence is neither needed nor wanted.

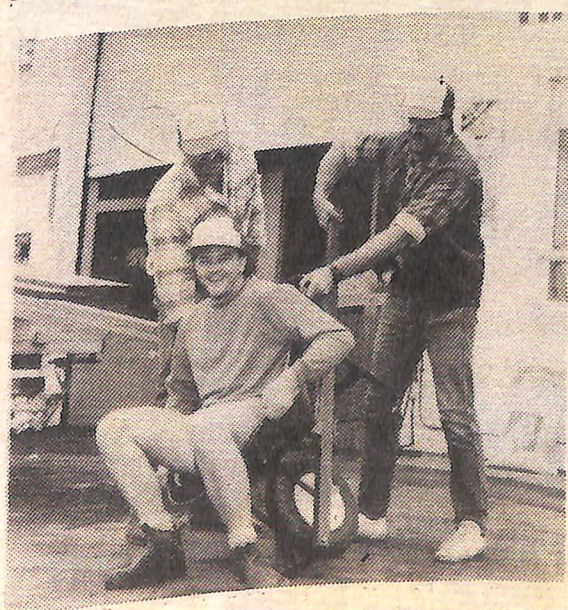
Oban's prices are \$22.50 for the closed square type measuring 2400mm x 900mm, \$34.90 for the same style measuring 2400mm x 1500mm (other stores are selling this at \$52 currently), and \$29.90 for the open square type measuring 2400mm x 1500mm.

One final note, Oban has a Colorbond kit on hand for customers to see different styles of houses with different coloured roofing.

As an extension to the tester kit you could take a picture of your home (from a high vantage point) have it developed in a 6"x4" print, cut out the roof section and take it in to Oban where you can use the colour plates from the tester kit, behind the picture of your own home to select the best colour for your roof.

Oban Trading is at 7 - 9 Oban Rd, Ringwood, phone 870 3215.

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The Oban Trading team - Matt, Mark and Anthony.

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Since the advent of the Strata Titles Act 1967, villa units have been an important part of the housing mix in Metropolitan Melbourne, and particularly in this area.

The Strata Titles Act introduced the concept of the Body Corporate which has the responsibility of managing the unit development – or more particularly, the Common Property – on behalf of the unit owners. The Act has generally worked particularly well over

the past 21 years.

Legislation now before the Victorian Parliament will totally abolish the STRATA TITLES ACT.

That legislation, known as the "Subdivision Bill" not only repeals the Strata Titles Act but also the Cluster Titles Act and large slices of the Local Government Act. Subdivision procedures will now be contained in the one Act, regardless of the form of subdivision (e.g. housing allotments, villa units, high use apartments etc.).

The Bill proposes that the government has power to bring in Regulations prescribing the constitution, duties, functions, powers, rights and liabilities of a body

corporate and its members. These proposed regulations have not yet been circulated and it is regrettable that unit owners and bodies corporate now face the abolition of the Strata Titles Act without knowing whether new regulations will maintain the status quo or represent a radical departure from traditional practices.

A most important change in the Subdivision Bill relates to insurance. It is proposed to make it compulsory for all bodies corporate to insure the buildings in the name of the body corporate and to take away the right of owners, by unanimous resolution, to insure separately. This has significant

practical ramifications particularly for dual occupancy development where owners traditionally have done their own thing without recourse to the body corporate.

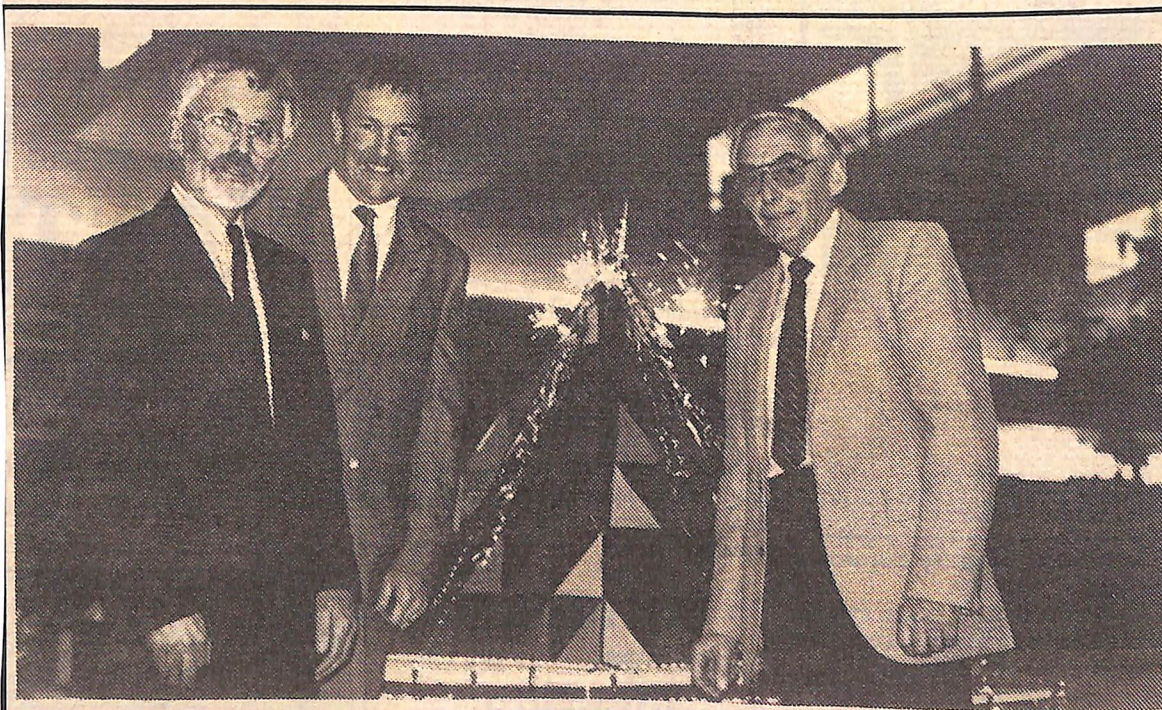
There are many more alterations to the law and practice of bodies corporate than can be canvassed in these few paragraphs. Members of bodies corporate are invited to contact me personally if they would like further information.

C.E. CARTER & SON PTY. LTD. are Agents, Auctioneers and Valuers established in Ringwood and surrounding districts since 1923. You can profit from our experience.

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Eastland celebrates 21 years



Eastland's centre manager Richard Balcke joins Wolfgang Gartner and Ken Ward during the centre's 21st birthday celebrations.

A GIANT birthday cake measuring six feet high by 12 feet square was unveiled at the Eastland Shopping Centre to commence celebrations for the centre's 21st birthday.

The cake resembled a kaleidoscopic pyramid. It took David and Annette Casen from the French Kitchen in Eastland three weeks to create the concoction.

Weighing in at a whopping 350 kilograms, the fruit cake was estimated to have cost \$3,500.

Guests for the opening celebrations included two of the original tenants, Ken Ward (Ward's Newsagency) and Wolfgang Gartner (Gartner, Harris and Blake: optometrist)

Mr Gartner remembered when the site for the Eastland shopping centre was

just a football oval. Mr Ward (a former President of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce) believes Eastland is central to all retail trade in the area.

Mr Ward stressed the need for a solution to the traffic bottle-neck commonly experienced in the town's centre.

The week long celebrations culminated on Friday evening with a spectacular fireworks display.

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Death of Miss Hope Ware ^{22/1/69}

THE death of Miss Hope Ware on Wednesday, January 1, will be sad news for many Ringwood people.

For years as manager of Williams Pharmacy, she rendered great service to the Ringwood public and endeared herself to all who

came in contact with her. For many years Williams Pharmacy was the only chemist's shop in Ringwood and Miss Ware the only chemist.

Being a resident chemist she was on call at all hours.

Many will remember the comfort and help she always gave so readily, not only to people but to so many people's pets.

Being an animal lover herself, she was always ready to help in this field.

Some years ago Miss Ware left Ringwood and opened her own pharmacy in Lower Fern Tree Gully.

There she continued her willing service to the public. Her passing will leave sadness in many hearts.

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Building society hits a million

In the two years that it has been operating in Ringwood, the Ringwood Permanent Building Society has received \$1 million from its depositors.

The Manager, Mr A. F. Collins told the Gazette that the branch opened in Ringwood Rd. in February 1969 with \$150,000.

The amount of people seeking loans had increased considerably since that time, he said, and the Society had just made its 100th loan to Mr and Mrs Tilson, who will be building a home in Zeehan Rd., Boronia West.

"We have sought our support from the area and it has been the Board's policy to put its support back into the area", said Mr Collins.

"The Board is extremely grateful to the people in the area for

their support and in turn has been able to help so many people. With continuing support we should be able to provide more finance for more families", he added.

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RINGWOOD COUNCIL AT GAS and FUEL CORPORATION LUNCHEON



L. to R.: Cr. E. Hill (President Lillydale Shire), Mr. F. Dwerryhouse (Ringwood Town Clerk), Cr. A. G. Lavis (Mayor of Ringwood), Mr. T. D. Cole (Supply Mgrn Gas and Fuel Corporation), Mr. A. Robertson (Engineer Borough of Ringwood)

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RINGWOOD newsagent Ken Ward reflects on 42 years in the business.

Ken has decided to say goodbye after 42 years

MR Ken Ward said a somewhat sad goodbye to his Ringwood newsagency last week after 42 years of dedicated and hard work.

Known for his cheerful manner and personal service, Mr Ward decided the time was just right to hand over the reins of the family business to someone else.

It was a sad farewell to a man who had done so much in the community and who devoted much of his life to the development of Ringwood.

"I reckon that when you feel the time is right to retire, then you should go," he said simply.

"I had no hesitation in deciding to go and am looking forward to the new challenges that the future will undoubtedly bring."

Though he is philosophical

about his decision to retire Mr Ward did admit to having some difficulty leaving a business which his family started more than 50 years ago.

His father, Claude, bought a newsagency in Ringwood in 1925 and worked there until his death in 1947.

"Dad actually died in the back of the shop and this really influenced my decision to retire," he said.

Mr Ward started his career as a paper boy at the age of 10 and has worked in the "retail outlet" ever since.

It was only during World War 2 when he served with the RAAF medical squadron that he was away from the business.

In 1967, with his wife Ruth, Mr Ward moved the business to the newly built Eastland shopping complex and has never looked back.

"The customers have been fantastic to me over the years and I am very grateful to them," the former Ringwood Chamber of Commerce president said.

"I have had many marvellous experiences and fortunately I can take those memories with me."

The father of three and grandfather of four made it clear he would not be idle in retirement.

A keen jogger and golfer, Mr Ward wants to start up a small consultancy business where he can advise aspiring newsagents.

"I believe there is a need in this area and it will be a challenge," an optimistic Mr Ward said.

The new owners of the Eastland Newsagency are John and Helen Rees who previously owned a newsagency business in Tally Ho.

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Test broadcast licence in the balance

By JOANNE
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EASTERN Community Broadcasters Incorporated (ECB) will be trying to prove they can run a permanent radio station when they conduct a test broadcast in May.

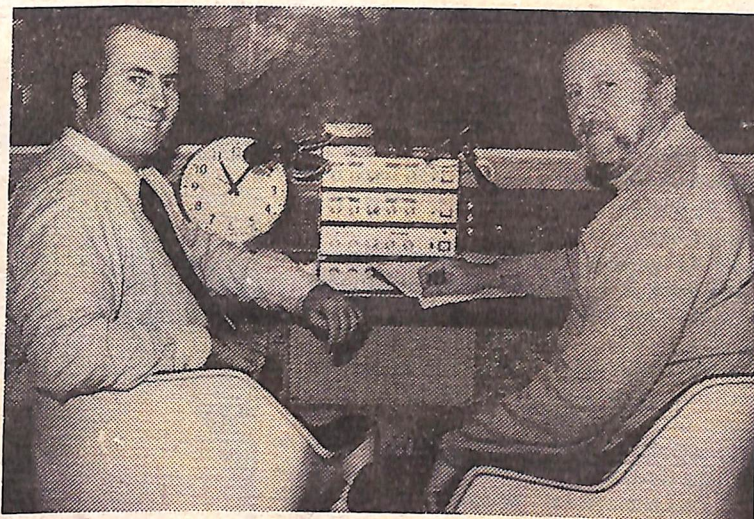
After 15 years of preparation and hope, it seems at last the dream of a permanent licence may be granted for ECB.

ECB secretary, Mr Peter McArthur, said the Federal Department of Communication was close to granting community broadcasting licences and that ECB was on the list of hopefuls.

He said ECB would have to make a final submission to the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal and a government decision was due "in the next few months".

The government has made provision for 12 Melbourne community radio stations on FM frequencies, but only three have been granted - RPP in Mornington, RIM in Melton and a western suburbs station yet to begin broadcasts.

ECB, serving Ringwood, Croydon, Knox, Nunawading, Lilydale and Doncaster, is one of several local



FORMER Croydon mayor, Peter McArthur, and former Ringwood mayor, Gerald Stewart, committee members of the Eastern Community Broadcasters.

groups fighting for one of the other nine licences.

Yarra Valley Broadcasters, based in Healesville, and Mountain District Radio have also applied for licences in separate areas.

Test broadcasts are one way of demonstrating the capabilities and responsibility of licence contenders.

ECB's broadcast on May 8-14 will be their last chance to prove themselves.

"We will have to show the community we are capable of doing broadcasts," said Mr McArthur.

But it is also a chance for

authorities to test broadcast frequencies, he said.

"You've got to fit new stations on the dial and there can be problems with interference and reception which you don't realise until you test the frequencies out".

ECB will be heard on 90.5 on the FM dial and will transmit from its usual home on top of the Board of Works tower on Cheong's Hill in Ringwood.

"That position provides good reception," said Mr McArthur.

People will be able to ring the station via an office provided by the Ringwood Croydon Advisory Service.

Community groups are encouraged to participate with their news and views.

"We operate basically on a music format, with community programs in between.

"But ECB is not for finger snapping DJ's," said Mr McArthur.

"You've got to show you are part of the community - we are about community involvement and community information sharing".

Volunteering is what it is all about.

Unlicensed community radio groups are not permitted to raise money through advertising or sponsorship.

But ECB is very confident of being granted a licence and Mr McArthur said money was needed for permanent transmission equipment.

To help raise the money ECB will end the broadcast with a "radiothon" on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14.

Mr McArthur said more than 150 local organisations had utilised ECB air time and he hoped many would make donations.

He said all donations would be acknowledged on air.

Locals should tune into ECB between 7am and midnight from May 8-14.

Community groups wishing to participate in the broadcast can ring Carmel on 201 063, Peter on 870 1576, Ruth 725 9458, Gerald on 870 4351, Stan on 729 5072 or Herb on 725 3866.

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Retailers at risk

Chamber of Commerce president relates fears of Ringwood becoming a commercial graveyard

RINGWOOD was becoming a "retail and commercial graveyard" with an evident "mass exodus" of traders, Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Paul Morris, told a meeting of local business and council representatives.

"When major accounting firms and banks are deciding Ringwood is not the place for a regional office something is awfully wrong," Mr Morris said.

Strangled

He urged about 80 local business people at an information night organised by Ringwood City Council on the proposed bypass and district centre to "get behind" council and the chamber on the bypass for the "sake of residents, our children and our businesses".

"Business is difficult enough today without having to cope with a stagnated and absolutely strangled system of roads in our area.

"We need the bypass on the present alignment.

"The bypass is our only option," Mr Morris said.

He said after many years debate over the bypass to have "one or two councilors come in off the street, as it were, not knowing the

By MAL GILL

issues, not understanding the very heart of the place, and to put forward the views that they are, leaves me cold".

Issues

He said the chamber already had 1500 "save Ringwood - build the bypass NOW" stickers in circulation and was prepared to produce more.

Mr Morris urged people at the meeting to display a sticker on their car.

A Ringwood resident for 20 years, Mr Morris said he jogged along Mullum Mullum Creek every second day and assured the meeting the creek was "slowly becoming cleaner".

He said environment issues relating to the creek could still be tackled with construction of the bypass along the creek valley.

Planning

Mayor, Cr Lillian Rosewame, and Cr Frank Corr told the meeting council was "hamstrung" to a degree to end the current "hiatus" in approval for construction of the bypass and exhibition of a planning scheme amendment to

allow the district centre to proceed.

"It is now up to outside groups like yourselves," Cr Corr told the meeting.

"We really cannot direct you to take any action but I am sure that for your own businesses and the people of Ringwood you can find something worthwhile to do to push along the bypass," Cr Rosewame said.

Panel

The meeting was told

more than 50,000 vehicles used Maroondah Highway through Ringwood every day and it was established before the previous panel that Ringwood had the highest through traffic in Melbourne.

Council chief executive officer, Mr John Paech, said it was "vital" Ringwood traders took part in the second panel hearing scheduled for February.

He said the panel would

be putting out a document identifying the bypass issues before Christmas.

Mr Paech confirmed Mr Morris's views of traders leaving Ringwood and development not going ahead.

Developers

"Apart from the vacant shops along Maroondah Highway, council has been talking to developers over the past 18 months about substantial office, retail and

entertainment development," Mr Paech said.

He said council had told developers the district centre amendment would be exhibited in August or September this year but as this had not happened many of the developers had subsequently, "chosen to go elsewhere or had put their developments on hold".

"My understanding is as soon as substantial activity begins to take place (in the district centre) there are

others who will move into Ringwood, but at present it is a no-go situation," Mr Paech said.

The bypass is an integral part of the proposed district centre plan.

Because council is a landowner in the district centre and its holdings will be affected by the planning scheme amendment, it believes the Planning and Environment Ministry should exhibit the amendment.

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Report warns against 'rushed' development

THE redevelopment of smaller retail shopping centres in Ringwood and Croydon should not be rushed, according to a planning report.

The study, conducted by the Planning and Environment Ministry and the Ringwood and Croydon Councils looked at the proposed expansion of retail centres in North Ringwood and North West Croydon.

The centres considered for future expansion in-

clude McAdam Square and North Ringwood.

However, the study concluded that it was "not necessary to rush to approve a development".

A key reason being the slower than expected population growth in the area.

The study also found that an increase of up to 7200 sq m of neighborhood shopping space would be needed in the area in the short and medium term.

It found there did not appear to be pressure from residents for it all to

be provided in the one location.

According to the study a new shopping centre development, such as the controversial Warranwood Plaza proposal, was not warranted.

The Member for Ringwood, Mrs Kay Setches, has already announced that the State Government would not support retail development on the Plymouth and Bernboka roads corner site.

The study confirmed this and stated the proposed plaza site was poorly located and too close to McAdam Square.

"If in due course a new centre is justified, care must be taken to ensure that local amenity and traffic problems were addressed and resolved," the report said.

The retailing needs study also included Burnt Bridge shopping centre on Maroondah Highway and the centre on the corner of Exeter Rd and Maroondah Highway, North Croydon.

The proposal for McAdam Square is to extend the existing centre along Plymouth Rd to

Sandgate Av., adding almost half as much floor space again and providing additional specialty shops.

A proposal for the North Ringwood Centre is to extend the existing supermarket on the corner of Warrandyte and Oban roads.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We at C. E. Carter & Son Pty Ltd are delighted to announce we have joined the First National Group of Independent Real Estate Agents.

Membership of First National links us in with over 500 leading estate agents throughout Australia and New Zealand. More particularly, it enables us to expand and develop even more the quality and range of services we can offer to clients.

We believe this to be one of the most significant moves we have made in our 66 years in real estate in Ringwood and are looking forward to our involvement, and the benefits it will bring us all, with eager anticipation.

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Chamber of Commerce

THE matter of Sunday Trading was discussed at this month's meeting of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce. And after vigorous debate, a motion was moved, and passed that opening businesses on Sunday should be a democratic decision and those wishing to do so should not be restricted.

The next Ringwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting will be held on Wednesday November 21, as this will be the last meeting for 1990 a special Christmas break up party will be held on that night. All business persons are cordially invited to attend with a view to getting to know each other.

The Chamber meets at the RSL at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm dinner on the third Wednesday of each month. Guests are made extremely welcome. If you would like to join us for the November meeting please ring Deirdre or Louise on 870 1126, as numbers are essential.

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Business profile



BACK row from left, Chris Marshall, Liz Todd, and Tania Wilkins. Front row, Lisa Wilkins and Wendy Wilkins.

Family to fore in business

WENDY Wilkins may be new to the hairdressing business, but there's nothing amateurish in the way she's running the Black Onyx Hair Salon.

She researched the market before taking over the salon named after the previous owner, Neil Becker.

Wendy knows exactly what she wants — from the choice of name, something entirely different yet distinctive, to the elegant black and apricot salon decor.

Well-planned promotions and an advertising

campaign helped to launch the salon in September last year. Wendy had introductory offers and service vouchers to publicise the business.

Black Onyx soon gained a name for itself in the Ringwood market.

While Wendy manages her salon in her friendly, efficient manner, she leaves the actual hairdressing to the experts.

Liz Todd who worked for the previous owner for a few years, is still at the salon to take care of her clients. Chris Marshall, a very experienced cutter, recently joined

the team, and there's Leanne Carroll, a second-year apprentice and fast learner.

Daughter, Tania, also works in the salon. She worked four years in a Forest Hill salon and is now a competent hairdresser.

Her sister, Lisa, a beautician, offers facials, waxing, manicures and pedicures.

Black Onyx has a solarium where clients can relax and chat to the women about hair care.

Wendy's salon is at 6 Ringwood Street, Ringwood, contact 870 0689.

Chamber needs tonic

POSITIVE moves are being made to keep Ringwood's Chamber of Commerce and Industry alive.

Committee members met last Wednesday to discuss further meetings which will decide the chamber's future.

Real Estate Agent Paul Morris said the meeting discussed ways of "cranking up the place" and getting traders interested in the organisation.

"We are having a hiccup with the chamber and will be inviting past members, including past dignitaries and office holders, to discuss what we can do to get

By JODIE MENZIES

things moving again," Mr Morris said.

Mr Morris said the chamber wanted input from members as to how they could set about helping themselves.

It was decided at the committee meeting that a special meeting would be held on April 28.

The committee also decided to field a candidate for the next council election and is hoping a chamber member will come forward to represent them.

Mr Morris said the chamber had grave concerns about the City of

Ringwood. "I think it could be said that the city's malaise has caused the chamber's malaise.

"We are now certainly having to look at ourselves

and our agenda for the next 12 months," he said.

For more information about the chamber, phone Mr Morris on 870-2277 or Vin Crowe on 870-1133.

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Rally to 'crank up' a city in state of crisis

By SUE HEWITT

RINGWOOD is in crisis and must tackle its problems with a multi-faceted approach, according to the local Chamber of Commerce.

In an amazing turnaround, the chamber which faced closure only weeks ago has fought back and placed the recovery of Ringwood as its highest priority.

Chamber spokesman,

Mr Paul Morris, said last week there would be a mass Ringwood-In-Crisis rally on April 28 to get the town moving.

"We have to set up a strategy to crank up the city," he said.

He said action must be taken on:

- Solving the wrangle between the Ringwood Council and Myer over the proposed \$100 million Eastland re-development.

- Re-development of several sites on the Maroondah Highway, including the former Billy Guyatt site into an office-entertainment complex; and the Ringwood by-pass road.

Mr Morris said the rally at the Ringwood RSL at 5.30pm, April 28, would draw on the expertise of all sectors of the community.

The call for a mass meeting comes at a time when the impact of the recession on Ringwood can be shown through the number

of people needing assistance at the Wesley Community Contact Centre.

The centre has handed out \$10,000 this year to people needing food parcels or rent assistance.

Since opening last December the trickle of people coming through its doors has grown into a flood.

In January there were 220 calls for help, in February 280 and last month there were 400 people seeking accommodation, financial assistance, counselling

and other services.

Centre manager, Mr Bernie Durkin, said it was a myth to think of Ringwood as an affluent, well-served area.

The Department of Social Security's Ringwood district figures supported this claim. The district has Australia's largest number of unemployed with 9502 registered for the dole in February and a further 24,370 people on some form of pension — the state's highest.

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City plans fight-back

RINGWOOD faces a crisis and plans are underway to tackle its problems.

The chamber of commerce is planning a Ringwood-in-crisis rally for April 28 to get the town moving. In an amazing turnaround, the chamber, which faced closure only weeks ago, has fought back and placed the recovery of Ringwood as its highest priority.

The call for a mass meeting is a timely one, given the district's startling unemployment figures and its high number of single parents.

● See page 3 for the full story and pages 8 and 9 for a special focus feature on the district's growing poverty.

CHAMBER COMMERCE

Trader apathy has chamber worried

By JODIE MENZIES

RINGWOOD'S Chamber of Commerce and Industry could be forced to fold if apathy among traders and business people continues.

At last week's chamber meeting, which only attracted 14 people, discussions began on the revitalisation of Ringwood as a shopping district, but quickly turned to the future of the organisation which represents the retail and business sector.

Concerns were raised about the direction the chamber was taking and about a sharp decline in interest during the past 12 months.

Bedford Rd trader Doug Markham said he had lost confidence in the chamber because he believed it was not representing members to the best of its ability.

"I am not going to be a member unless something is done about the chamber itself," Mr Markham said.

His views were echoed by others present, who said they believed the chamber had to get itself in order before Ringwood as a whole could be revitalised.

Estate agent Richard Carter said the best way to promote Ringwood was for businesses to promote themselves, something which the chamber could help them do.

"My first interest is in my own business and it may well be that what the chamber needs is a rebirth or to lapse and re-emerge as the Ringwood Business Association," Mr Carter said.

He said the chamber was made up of a group of individuals, but people in the group needed to work together if the concept was to work.

Real estate agent Paul Morris said he would be in favor of 'taking the drastic step of disbanding' if it would mean breathing fresh life into the organisation.

Chamber president John Rees said those present at the meeting should be seeking to re-establish contact with members who had not attended meetings for some time.

Accountant Vincent Crowe said the chamber had been active in the area for some time and could not be disbanded without first consulting other members.

"It has been very active over the years and we are not in a position to be able to say let's disband, but we can go to the other members and ask them what they want," Mr Crowe said. "We can find out if people want the chamber to exist," he said. "I think it deserves the chance to address current members."

A group of members present at last week's meeting will get together this week to discuss future strategies and a campaign before another meeting is called to hear member's views.

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Another victim?

HOW business people in Ringwood can remain apathetic during times of recession is beyond comprehension.

One can understand they would be distressed and worried about the future of their own businesses, but not that they would be so apathetic as to jeopardise the future of their Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Retailers are constantly lamenting the state of the economy, but that is no excuse for letting their organisation, an organisation which is designed to unite and help traders and business people, fall by the way side.

The irony of the situation is not to be missed. Many businesses in the area have been forced to close because of the recession and now it seems that the very organisation designed to help them may have to close its doors too.

It seems sad that such a potentially brilliant institution should die simply because its members cannot be bothered to spare a few hours one night a month to discuss ways to make Ringwood a better place to shop.

In years gone by, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ringwood was a force to be reckoned with.

People sat back and listened when the chamber raised its voice.

They had the power to make things happen.

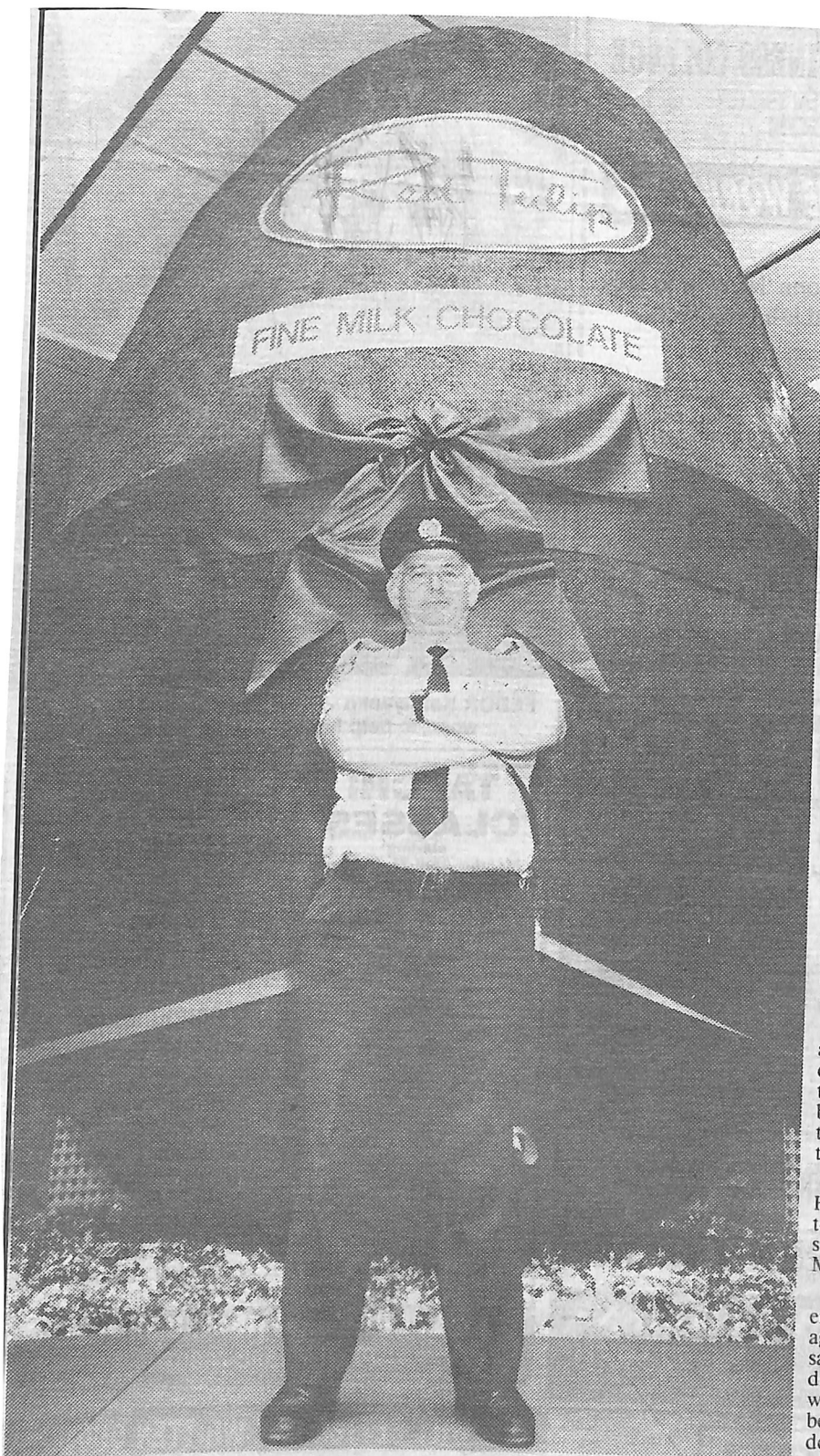
Now, people laugh, and say "oh, you mean the Chamber of Horrors, or the Chamber of Comics".

Certainly, Ringwood needs help — every area can do with a boost of new life, but if the Chamber of Commerce, the body which can bring all our traders and business people together to fight for the common good of Ringwood's economy, is allowed to die, what hope has the area got?

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It's a super egg

By JO-ANNE ROBERTS

TO HELP celebrate its 25th anniversary of making chocolate at its Ringwood factory, Cadbury Red Tulip was determined to make this Easter a big one.

What better way than to create the world's largest Easter egg and ensure Cadbury Red Tulip a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

After five months of work from inception to completion, Cadbury Red Tulip proudly unveiled its mammoth 7.1 m tall milk chocolate Easter egg last Thursday.

The egg easily beats the previous world record holder produced by the Tobler Suchard Company of Bedford in April 1987, which stood 5.78 m tall.

Cadbury Red Tulip's egg has been built around a three-tonne steel frame and wire mesh, using 4.755 tonnes of chocolate.

To give some idea of the amount of chocolate in question, that's equivalent to 19,020 250g family-size blocks of chocolate, with a total retail value of more than \$56,000.

Cricket star Merv Hughes visited the factory to officially unveil the egg, said personnel manager Ms Caroline Reich.

Cadbury Red Tulip's engineering project manager, Mr Phillip Masters, said the egg would be on display for about three weeks, when it would then be broken from the top down and the pieces donated to charities and hospitals.

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SECURITY guard Pat Murtagh keeps rampant chocoholics at bay from the world's largest Easter egg.

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Bid to revive city

By SUE HEWITT

THE new-look Ringwood Chamber of Commerce may field independent candidates for three seats on the local council at the August election.

The chamber is upset over delays in council decisions and action on such major projects as the redevelopment of Eastland.

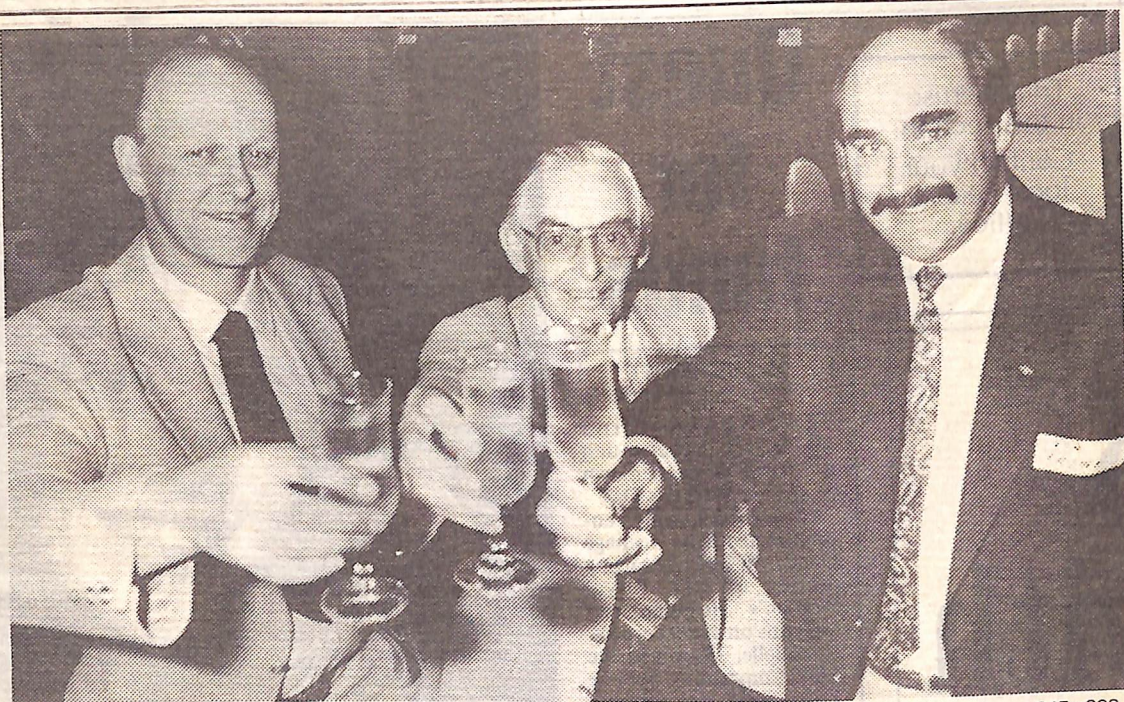
Its concern over bickering among councillors and a minority anti-roads group on council also made it consider supporting new candidates for vacancies in each ward.

At its Ringwood in Crisis meeting last week, the chamber executive, guest speakers and members raised a number of concerns about issues in Ringwood and decided to set up several sub-committees to thrash out a strategy to revive the city.

The meeting also decided to put new life into the chamber by appointing a paid secretary, undertaking a membership drive and calling for members wanting to inject new blood into the executive.

One of the chamber's new committees would act as a council watchdog after the meeting heard of wide-ranging concerns over council's actions.

Cr Robin Gardini told the meeting he supported the move to field chamber-backed candidates because local government in



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A TOAST to new beginnings for chamber members: president John Rees, life member Ken Ward and committee member Vin Crowe.

Ringwood had become a "game".

Former councillor and mayor, Mrs Betty Milton, said anti bypass lobby on council was a strong minority which "you can't flick off your shoulder".

She said some councillors aimed to "disrupt, denigrate and destroy" the council.

Mr Paul Morris, the chamber vice-president, said it could be in the chamber's best interests to canvas for progressive candidates. He cited delays in the Eastland proposal as one reason for Ringwood losing its commercial and retail prestige.

A local estate agent, Mr Richard Carter, said Australia was in a recession which hit Victoria the worse and Ringwood even deeper.

He said the city needed leadership at Federal, state and local government levels as well as from within

its own ranks.

The chamber had to recognise and resolve to address the problems, engage council in meaningful

two-way discussions and embark on an action plan to revive the city, he said.

Chamber life member, Mr Ken Ward, said a paid

secretary was needed to ensure the organisation became a strong pressure group involving many local businesses.

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Chamber set to back deal

THE Ringwood Chamber of Commerce is likely to support the proposed deal to allow the redevelopment of Eastland.

A chamber spokesman, Mr Richard Carter said last week the proposal was a "very complex, imaginative, flexible concept" and council should be congratulated.

Council proposed to sell Coles-Myer the Eastland site under a unique arrangement netting council more than \$18 million over 10 years.

The proposal went on display last week.

Mr Carter said the chamber still had to consider it in greater detail but was likely to make a submission supporting the deal.

One resident, Mr David Caldwell, said the \$18-million price tag for the site was a "fire sale" price and questioned why Coles-Myer could buy the site under a

"hire-purchase" type arrangement.

He complained that it cost \$20 to buy the council's four documents on the proposal.

But Mr Carter, who is also the vice-president of the Real Estate Institute of Victoria, said the site's value was reduced by an unprofitable lease that ran until 2041.

He said the bulk of the money would be paid to council in the first three years and would not be devalued by inflation.

Nest egg

This income would be placed in a Ringwood trust so that "the nest egg will not be frittered away on councillors' pet projects", Mr Carter said.

Council's chief executive officer, Mr John Paech, said a number of people had inspected the proposal at the civic centre.

The main document only cost \$5 to buy, he said.

Chamber support for Eastland deal

RINGWOOD Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed Eastland shopping centre land transfer and trust funds deal between Ringwood Council and Coles Myer Ltd. More than 60 chamber members last week endorsed a formal motion congratulating Mayor, Cr Max Williams, and council chief executive, Mr John Paech, on getting the proposed deal with Coles Myer moving and to the public exhibition stage after three years of negotiations became deadlocked last September.

By MAL GILL

Cr Williams, who returned only hours before from a three day Institute of Municipal Management conference in Canberra, and Mr Paech attended last week's chamber meeting to explain the complex proposed Eastland agreement to members.

Chamber president and Eastland newsagent, Mr John Rees, said later the congratulatory motion was a "pat on the back" for Cr Williams and Mr Paech for "getting something done."

Ringwood traders were "very disillusioned" about the lack of progress on Eastland and other district centre development needed to entice shoppers back to Ringwood, Mr Rees said.

Real estate agent and head of the chamber's civic affairs committee, Mr Richard Carter, said the chamber would make a detailed submission to the three person panel appointed to consider public comments on the Eastland proposal.

"Our submission will generally be supporting the concept proposed," Mr Carter said.

"While we support the general thrust we will be addressing a number of areas (in the proposed agreement) to see how they stack up against the criteria of what is best for Ringwood people.

"There may be some areas of the proposal where we advise council to take great care or where we are not absolutely convinced it has the greatest interests of Ringwood at heart," Mr Carter said.

"There is a general feeling in Ringwood that we have to do something" to attract people back to the district centre, he said.

"That is not to say we support the proposed agreement on Eastland simply because it is proposing to do something and we will go through it in detail," Mr Carter said.

Cr Williams said he was

"particularly pleased" the chamber of commerce supported the Eastland proposal.

"It is very important that people who support the proposal make submissions to the panel as well as the people who have concerns about it or some particular aspect of it," Cr Williams said.

Copies of the draft agreement between council and Coles Myer are available at the Civic Centre for \$5 and submissions will be accepted by the panel comprising barrister, Mr Chris Wren, financial consultant, Mr Ian Gaudian, and valuer, Mr Mihael Sully, for another two weeks.

The panel is due to report to council on June 26 and council expects to make a decision on whether it proceeds further with the agreement by the end of June.

The basic formal documentation is currently being prepared to minimise delays after council and Coles Myer reach agreement on what changes, if any, are required to the proposed agreement as a result of public submissions.

Before the formal agreement can be signed by Coles Myer and council it must be approved by Treasurer, Mr Tony Sheehan, and Ethnic, Municipal and Community Affairs Minister, Ms Carolyn Hogg.

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Ms Hogg has already approved the draft agreement and indicated to council that if the final document is similar there will be no delay in approving it.

Under the proposed agreement a Ringwood unit trust established by council would receive \$18.5 million over the next nine years then \$243,330, indexed for inflation, annually until 2041, the year the current lease with Coles Myer is due to expire.

In return the council owned Eastland site - the area encumbered by lease to Coles Myer is valued at \$5 million - and adjoining Coles Myer land will be consolidated and subdivided into two properties with an Eastland shopping centre trust getting title to the shopping centre and land needed for its redevelopment and the Ringwood trust retaining land, currently car park, in front of the shopping centre.

The proposed agreement also locks Coles Myer into its \$150 million redevelopment of Eastland next year and no titles to council land will be transferred to the ESC trust until Coles Myer completes the centre redevelopment in August 1994.

A business man with extensive property interests in the heart of Ringwood has privately told one councillor he believes council has achieved a very good deal with Coles Myer which will nett council far more than it could ever hope for from a straight sale of land to Coles Myer based on the current average price per square metre commercial land is bringing.

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Chamber backs Gardini

RINGWOOD's Chamber of Commerce and Industry has stuck by its president, Cr Robin Gardini, refusing to accept his resignation over a conflict of interest between his roles as chamber president and Ringwood councillor.

By MAL GILL

Cr Gardini announced he would resign as chamber president during bitter argument on the chamber's submission to Planning and Housing Minister, Mr Andrew McCutcheon, on the Ringwood district centre planning scheme amendment L14 at last week's council meeting.

The submission which strongly opposes aspects of L14, particularly the proposed office park location, was prepared by a chamber sub-committee headed by estate agent, Mr Richard Carter, but was signed by Cr Gardini as chamber president and public officer.

It was argued council needed to reaffirm its support for L14 because of Cr Gardini's signature on an objection which was written partly in the first person and could give the impression it was council's view.

However, two days after the council meeting a special meeting of the executive com-

mittee of the chamber of commerce decided unanimously to reject Cr Gardini's resignation and to retain him as president.

Despite Cr Gardini's public admission he does not support the chamber submission he signed but supported council's position instead, a brief statement issued by the chamber's immediate past president, Mr Paul Morris, after the committee meeting said the chamber "strongly supports Cr Gardini in his first year as president".

The chamber had the right to make submissions on planning issues whether it agreed with council's position or not and had a "strong determination" to ensure decisions were "in the best interests of Ringwood", Mr Morris said.

After his resignation was rejected Cr Gardini said he offered to resign because he "did not want to embarrass the chamber in any way".

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Chamber backs Gardini

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He said he was a member of council's district centre and bypass sub-committees and had "always" supported amendment L14 and the district centre development proposals.

"I signed it (chamber submission) on behalf of the chamber as its president and public officer.

"It did not strike me at the time that my signature could be misinterpreted", he said.

Cr Gardini said he read the body of the submission before signing it but had not read the front page preamble and did not realise it was written in the first person.

He said there was "no bad feeling towards council generally" by the chamber but members were angry Cr Greg Adkins had distributed copies of its submission to everyone in the public gallery at the council meeting.

Cr Gardini said that when he took over as president the chamber's numbers had dwindled to 14 members but it now had 100 members.

At last week's council meeting the issue of Cr Gardini's signature on the chamber's objection to L14 was raised by Cr Adkins in urgent business.

Cr Adkins told the meeting he distributed copies of the submission to councillors and the public gallery after council officers refused to although it was a public document. He pointed out the preamble, Cr Gardini's signature and claimed the submission contained "errors of fact".

"Why did Cr Gardini contradict council by signing this?" Cr Adkins asked.

"As the public officer of the chamber he did not have to sign it".

He said Cr Gardini's conflict of interest was

"of such a serious nature" that council "will have to reaffirm its support for amendment L14".

Cr Max Williams said Cr Gardini's signature on the submission showed "an appalling lack of judgement".

"He (Cr Gardini) has explained that it (objections in the submission) is not his personal view but having deemed to sign it, he should have first edited it.

"I would far prefer that Cr Gardini had not signed it", Cr Williams said.

Cr Michael Nardella said the matter had been taken "totally out of context" and there was no

Council cannot be judge and jury at the same time

- Cr Michael Nardella

need for council to reaffirm its support for L14.

"They (the chamber) have every democratic right to make a submission and to object", Cr Nardella said.

"We (council) cannot be judge and jury at the same time".

He said the issue had been raised to cause a "mischief" between council and the chamber.

Council decided to reaffirm its support for amendments L14 and L17 (a minor district centre planning scheme amendment) and to "reassure the chamber of commerce it supports its right to make a submission to the Minister as it sees fit".

Cr Adkins and Williams, Cr Lillian Rosewarne and Mayor, Cr Betty Milton, voted for the reaffirmation motion. Cr Nardella and Cr Neil

McDonald voted against it.

Two councillors were away and Cr Gardini declared a pecuniary interest and left the chamber while the vote was taken.

On returning to the chamber Cr Gardini made a personal explanation to council claiming he reaffirmed his support for the district centre and the amendments and to "prove" his support he would carry out his promise to resign as chamber president.

At the same meeting Cr Neil McDonald asked a series of questions about council's former planning and development director, Mr Neil Arbuthnot, who is retained by council as a planning consultant and who helped prepare amendment L14.

Chief executive, Mr John Paech, confirmed council supplied Mr Arbuthnot with an office and telephone at the Civic Centre although he had his own office in Hawthorn.

Council's contract with Mr Arbuthnot required him to work at the Civic Centre on council business three days a week, Mr Paech said.

Other councillors pointed out Cr McDonald was on council when Mr Arbuthnot was retained as a consultant and claimed he should already have known of the arrangements and was attempting to embarrass council with the questions.

Last week's meeting was the second council meeting in a row featuring acrimony and personal attacks. The Post understands the issue of Cr Gardini's signature on the chamber of commerce submission may not be finished and that one councillor is agitating for the issue to be relisted for further debate at the next closed doors committee meeting.

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RETAILERS are leaving Ringwood in droves amid claims the centre is in its death throes.

More than 50 businesses, including factories and banks shut up shop last year due to the uncertainty over the Ringwood Bypass and planned development of the district centre.

This is revealed in a survey conducted in November by consultants on behalf of Ringwood Council.

The alarming news has sparked

By PETER JANKY

an attack from leading real estate agents and Ringwood Council, blaming State Government indecision and apathy for the mess.

Richard Carter, of Carter Real Estate, said Ringwood is at one of its most critical points in its history and the future of the city will hinge on developments in the next six months.

"The rapid demise of Ringwood

will only be arrested by a firm decision to go ahead with the bypass," Mr Carter said.

An equally disgruntled Ringwood Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Paul Morris, said a large number of businesses are contemplating not renewing their leases because of an uncertain future in Ringwood.

He said one only needed to question why the larger retailing giants had not set up in Ringwood yet.

"We are perceived as not to be an attractive place to set up business.

We are going backwards," he said.

Ringwood Council's director of planning and development, Neil Arbuthnot, admitted businesses are leaving Ringwood and the economic future of the municipality is hanging in the balance.

"If we don't get the bypass Ringwood will slowly choke to death," he said.

Mr Arbuthnot said all intersections along Maroondah Highway shopping strip are at, or nearly at, saturation point.

He said the Ringwood Bypass decision is not just about road traffic management but the future of Ringwood and the entire eastern corridor.

"However, it's not all doom and gloom.

"Substantial developments are waiting for the green light.

"We have major office expansion proposed for Ringwood and also in the commercial, retail and entertainment areas," he said.

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Eastland set to expand next year

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Planning and Environment Minister, Mr Tom Roper, to exhibit the district centre amendment for public comment and hastened implementation of the district centre plan.

Uncertainty over the eventual implementation of the plan which encourages complementary redevelopment around Eastland, and over the proposed Ringwood bypass is understood to have influenced Coles Myer's decision to proceed slowly with its Eastland plans.

The company is believed to be keeping its options open and increasing its chances of getting a new permit by applying for an extension of time on its existing permit.

Any significant change

to redevelopment plans first lodged with the ministry and council in 1986 or any further increase in the proposed retail floorspace expansion would require a new permit.

Coles Myer's corporate property manager, Mr Peter Allard, confirmed the company had applied for a permit extension and had also been discussing revised redevelopment plans with the ministry and council.

"We are still wanting to develop the Eastland centre but we want the best possible development and we are exploring all options," Mr Allard said.

"We are hoping to start on it next year but that depends on a number of issues in the Ringwood area being resolved," Mr Allard said.

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Chamber meets



Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr Phillip Gude is the guest speaker.

THE Ringwood chamber of commerce will hold a special July meeting. The guest speaker is Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr Phillip Gude.

Mr Gude, who is also Opposition spokesman for Employment and Industrial Relations, Youth Affairs and Consumer Affairs, will outline Opposition policies to the chamber members.

The July meeting will be a lunch time meeting, from noon to 12.30pm, at the Ringwood Convention Centre on Thursday July 11.

The June meeting of the chamber will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at the Ringwood RSL Hall with guest speakers being the members of a special task force from the State Electricity Commission, on the subject of cost cutting and power conservation.

Tickets for the Phillip Gude meeting are \$20 per head, which includes a two course luncheon, and are available from chamber president, Mr Robin Gardini on 8701126.

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'Crisis of confidence'

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Demand is for Kirner to quit

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Chamber of Commerce is calling on the Premier, Mrs Kirner, to resign.

The chamber has written a letter to the Premier stating she should resign "because of gross financial and economic mismanagement by your government".

The letter is signed by immediate past president of the chamber, Mr Paul Morris.

At its April meeting the chamber also passed a motion of no confidence in the State Government.

"Business people and the community at large have lost confidence in your government and do not believe it has the vision, policies or the expertise to get our state back on track," Mr Morris wrote.

"An immediate state election is the only solution now.

"Yesterday's news of unacceptable budget over-runs, together with all your financial fiascos — VEDC, Pyramid, Tricontinental, State Bank — just to list a few,

By ANNE MULVANEY

reflect your government's incompetence."

Mr Morris wrote that a "crisis of confidence" existed in Victoria and that, notwithstanding the nationwide recession, the community had "finally run out of patience".

He ended the letter by writing, "Your performance would demonstrate that if you were in small business, you would now be out of business."

Non-political

Mr Morris told the *Mail* that he had instigated the motion because he did not believe the government had the "ability or capacity to get us out of this mess".

Mr Morris said the letter was a "non-political comment".

He said if the government did go to the polls it could well see the Liberal Party come into power, but the letter was not to be taken as support for the Liberal Party or any other political party.

"I just hope it (the letter) doesn't go unnoticed

and that she (the Premier) doesn't tear it up," Mr Morris said.

"It is a definite message from the mortgage belt — and a lot of us are residents out here as well — that we are very, very concerned."

Ringwood Chamber of Commerce president, Cr Robin Gardini, said the chamber would contact other Victorian chambers, the national and state chambers of commerce and industry and politicians to seek their support for the no confidence motion.

Cr Gardini said no other bodies had yet been contacted but he expected there would be an "excellent response".

He said the letter had been written and the motion of no confidence passed because of the "general failure of the government".

"They just haven't come up with the goods and people have no confidence in them," Cr Gardini said.

He said the chamber would begin a campaign to boost Ringwood business and help those that had so far remained afloat to survive.

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IEL, Burlock plan \$500m office park

By RAE KASPIEW

A JOINT-venture company involving Industrial Equity Ltd and Melbourne developer the Burlock Group is planning a \$500 million office park in the Melbourne suburb of Ringwood.

A planning scheme amendment that will allow the project to proceed was this week placed on public exhibition by the Ringwood City Council.

The project will be Melbourne's largest office park.

Under the amendment, a 12ha island site bounded by the Maroondah Highway, Warrandyte Road and the yet-to-be constructed Ringwood by-pass, recently given the go-ahead by the State Government, will be re-zoned Ringwood District Centre Office Zone.

A mixture of zonings, including commercial, residential and light industrial, is now in force over various parts of the site.

The joint-venture company, Fountain Bond Pty Ltd, already owns most of the land but there is also council-owned land involved in the scheme.

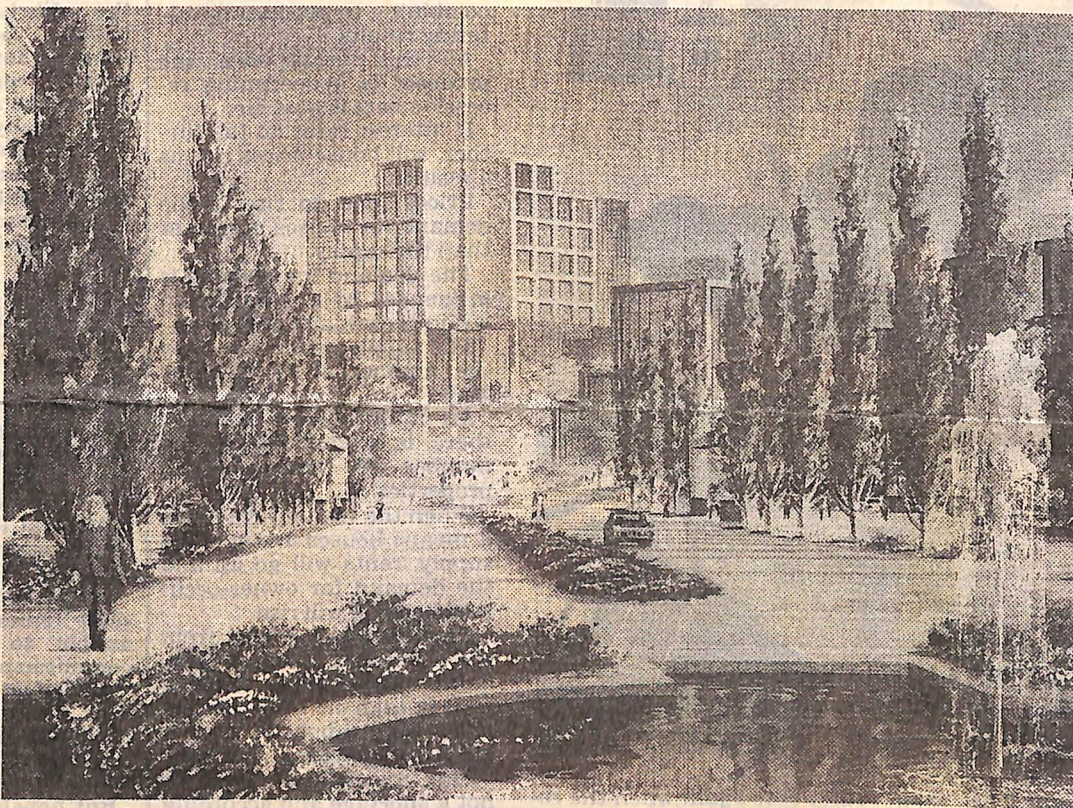
Fountain Bond plans a heavily landscaped, high-quality office development for the site, called the Ringwood Office Park.

In total, 160,000sq m of floor-space, spread over 22 buildings, is planned. Offices would take up about 140,000sq m of the floorspace with about 40,000sq m devoted to ancillary uses such as a 200-room hotel, shops, banking facilities and a post office.

The park will comprise 40 per cent open space. It will be designed by architectural firm Bruce Henderson and Associates.

Landscaping features will include a series of ornamental lakes and the office buildings will be based around a central boulevard.

Except for visitor carparking, the 1229 car spaces to be



The Ringwood Office Park . . . leading the way for suburban commercial development

provided will be concealed in carparks that will be incorporated in the buildings.

The proposal heralds the emergence of Ringwood, about 25km east of the central business district, as a centre of commercial development.

It flows from a State Government planning policy that created 16 suburban District Centres, including Ringwood, to become a focus for commercial and retail development.

Following the introduction of the policy in 1981, each of the District Centres has been formulating a strategy plan to guide development.

The Ringwood Office Park is an important part of the City of Ringwood's strategy plan.

It will also highlight the increasing importance of suburban commercial develop-

ment, which experts believe will gather pace in the 1990s.

The managing director of Ratio Consultants Pty Ltd, Dr Jeff Wolinski, said the trend for a greater proportion of the workforce to be located in the suburbs, which became established in the late 1980s, would increase over the next decade. Ratio Consultants is handling the project planning.

"Forecasts show that most new office jobs will be located in the suburbs rather than the central business district," he said.

The suburb of Box Hill, about 16km from the CBD, became the premier office location in the 1980s.

Sites there are now limited and market observers believe that the area is close to reaching its full potential, leaving room for a new suburban

commercial centre to emerge.

Although the present economic climate and property market conditions have put a damper on the short-term prospects for new large-scale development, the Victorian manager of IEL, Mr John Hall, is enthusiastic about the long-term future of the park.

With final planning approval for the development expected to take up to 12 months, he believes it will be well-positioned to take advantage of the next economic and property market upturn.

Already there has been keen interest from prospective tenants.

"We have a number of very serious inquiries from large space users, including three companies that require more than 20,000 square metres," he said.

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Sunday trading

THE issue of Sunday Trading will be coming up to Parliament very shortly. Traders in Ringwood are invited to attend the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce for help and information regarding this matter.

An application from the New Ringwood Market to trade on Sundays has been supported by the Ringwood Council as have applications to allow extra trading over the Christmas period for shops within the Central district business of Ringwood. The Ringwood Council are still waiting for a report from the government on the by-pass road, which was due at the end of September. The next meeting of the

Chamber of Commerce

Ringwood chamber of Commerce will be held at the Ringwood RSL on Wednesday 17th October, at 7.00pm. Guest speaker will be Mr John Paech, Chief Executive Officer of the Ringwood Council. This should prove to be a very interesting evening and all business persons are cordially invited and will be made most welcome. Those interested in joining on the evening, please phone Deirdre or Louise on this number: 870 1126.

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REIV AGM

AT THEIR August Annual General Meeting The Ringwood/Lilydale Branch of The Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV) elected their office bearers for 1990-91:

John Ulrik, President; Chris Thomas, Senior Vice President; Shane Lowe, Junior Vice President and Delegate to REIV; Les Prato, Secretary; Libby Hayes, Minute Secretary; Kurt Gunther, Treasurer; Lance Rechsteiner, Imm. Past President and Del-



President John Ulrik

egate to REIV; Andy McLean, Membership Chairman; Chris Cooper, Agreed to continue as Honorary Branch Solicitor; Vin, Crowe, Honorary Auditor.

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Eastland expansion proceeding

COLES Myer Ltd has been negotiating revised expansion and redevelopment plans for Eastland shopping centre and hopes to begin work on the project next year.

The Post understands Coles Myer is close to reaching agreement on new proposals with the Planning and Environment Ministry and Ringwood City Council.

The company recently applied to the ministry for a two year extension to its existing permit allowing a \$90 million Eastland redevelopment which would lift both retail floorspace and car parking capacity by 58 per cent.

The existing permit was granted in 1988 but has not been acted upon and is due to expire in May.

Some Ringwood councillors are known to be irritated by Coles Myer's delay in starting the project.

The Eastland expansion and redevelopment is a key element in Ringwood's district centre plan and could have proceeded ahead of the planning scheme amendment needed to implement most of the district centre plan.

Some councillors believe an earlier start on redeveloping Eastland would have placed greater pressure on

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RINGWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Challenging Address on Parking

ON WEDNESDAY, May 20, the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce arranged a public meeting to hear Mr. G. Connor, B.Econ., M.A.P.I., speak on the subject of parking. The address was splendid, but the attendance was disappointing.

Throughout his address Mr. Connor held firmly to the view that all "the motor car is king," and he emphasised the fact that all commercial planning is now being centred around the motor car.

Australia is tending to follow the American pattern—a pattern which consists of a large department store supported by smaller stores and surrounded by parking space for thousands of cars.

The Myer Emporium project in Chadstone is one of the first indications in Victoria of the American trend referred to.

In dealing with these developments Mr. Connor made the following points:—

- All suburban commercial development is centred around the supermarket or food store and the motor car. At present there is one car for every 3.9 persons in Australia and the number is increasing steadily. Australia has more motor vehicles per head of population than any country other than U.S.A. and Canada. Australia is fast approaching the two car per family stage.

- Recent surveys taken in Melbourne show that half of all Saturday and Friday business is done with people who drive cars to the shopping area, and that approximately 50-75% of all retail business is done on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with particular emphasis on Friday and Saturday.

- It is possible that within five years all suburban shopping centres will be dominated by the food store or supermarket.

According to Mr. Connor there are three strategic positions in the Melbourne area, and these strategic positions are occupied by Ringwood, Dandenong and Frankston. Roadways and railways together with distance from Melbourne all contribute towards justifying the claims

made for these three expanding suburbs.

Ringwood's Asset

Ringwood has an asset of inestimable value according to Mr. Connor. This asset comprises the Ringwood football ground and surrounding land, comprising 7-8 acres adjoining the main commercial centre. If this area was given over completely to off-street parking Ringwood would have an advantage over any other suburban centres. In no other centre had Mr. Connor seen such a magnificent prospective parking site capable of holding approximately 1,000 cars.

In concluding his address, Mr. Connor again laid emphasis on the motor car's growing importance in community life. The way in which parking problems in Ringwood are dealt with will determine Ringwood's future.

The provision of off-the-street parking areas within easy access of the shopping area is a number one essential. The week's supplies of groceries, meat, etc., are now being purchased all on one day and few people are disposed to carry large parcels long distances.

President's Thanks

Mr. Bill Patterson, the president of Ringwood's Chamber of Commerce, expressed the meetings warm appreciation of Mr. Connor's address. Mr. Patterson emphasised that Mr. Connor not only knew his subject, but also had the sometimes hard to find art of being able to convey his message to others in an easy-to-listen to style.

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Mr. John Smith elsewhere announces that he will carry on the business of late Williamson and Co. as a land, estate, finance and insurance agent. Mr. Smith pulled in here some seven years ago, and finding the place agreed with his health, decided to reside here, hence his starting business: and he only asks for an equal chance with all who require to buy, sell or insure. His capacity for organization and efficiency needs no words, for, during the five years of the unhappy war he acted as secretary for recruiting and war service committees at Ringwood, also press correspondent, supplying not only time, but material gratis, thus leaving all this work without costing the Government one single shilling. He was congratulated by the press and military for his fine work throughout the Commonwealth, and overseas, and is well and popularly known in press and business circles throughout the Commonwealth.

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Bakery Business Changes Hands.

After being in business in Ringwood for 8½ years, the proprietors of Goudge's business have disposed of their bakery business to Mr Conlan, of Surrey Hills, and, in thanking their many customers for their patronage and support in the past, respectfully solicit the same generous support be extended to Mr Colin Conlan. The same staff will continue in the business, with the exception of Mr J. Goudge, who will be leaving the district. 27/1/38

The Goudge family during their 8½ years in Ringwood have become well and widely known and respected. Mr J. Goudge has been prominent in sporting, social and public affairs. He was treasurer of the Swimming Club, in which he took a great interest. He is a member of the Ringwood Bowling Club, and is no mean exponent of the ancient game of bowls. He has been prominent in A.N.A. circles, and has been a leading official in the local branch. He was also an ardent supporter of the local football club. The public of Ringwood are appreciative of his active citizenship, and wish him well in his new sphere of activities

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College Wear Specials.

Walker's summer sale is now on, and every visit paid means definite savings. In addition, Walker's offer this week special college wear bargains. Suits, blazers, caps, ties, pullovers, hose and sports wear all are marked down. Right at the station, Glenferrie, Walker's Stores afford pleasant, easy and convenient buying at low prices.

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Ringwood's New Shopping Centre

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The Atrocious Lane to be Widened

The congestion in Ringwood's main shopping area on Fridays and Saturdays has emphasised the urgent need for the provision of more shopping facilities and Cr. Corr's motion for the widening of the lane from Melbourne Street to Adelaide Street to about 60 feet to enable shops to operate on the south side was passed unanimously by the Council.

In speaking to the motion, Cr. Corr said it was a pity it had not been moved 25 years ago. It's a problem that has exercised the minds of the council in the past and the time has come when the council must seriously consider it.

It is agreed that the lane is an eyesore, that it is a menace to public health, that the widening of the lane is necessary for business purposes, for public safety, to eliminate parking in the Main Street and to provide greater shopping facilities in Ringwood. The scheme is favored by the traders who are willing to give land for the purpose. It is practicable and a street of from 60 to 66 ft. is possible. If the scheme is acceptable to the council it will not interfere with a more ambitious scheme that may be introduced later but will be an integral part of the scheme. It's a business proposition for the increased revenue would meet the cost of construction. It means the resumption of only one building in Adelaide Street. The main thing is to get on with the job of making a shopping centre out of a disreputable 10ft lane.

I repeat that this is a business proposition and I move that steps be taken to implement the scheme for the widening of the lane from Melbourne Street to Adelaide Street to 60 or 66 feet and that the engineer and town clerk approach the property owners concerned.

I know, said Cr. Corr, of 3 land owners who have definitely promised to give land. We want a road of 60 to 66 feet—the wider the better.

Mayor: I second the motion. This

scheme is a good one and it has to come sooner or later. The sooner the better.

Cr. Hall: Is it proposed to have shop sites on the north side of the street?

Cr. Corr: That has not yet been taken into consideration. The scheme involves the widening of the road in the cheapest way as far as the resumption of property is concerned.

Cr. McCaskill: I support the scheme but I would like to see it carried right through to Warrandyte Road.

Cr. Parker: I have not changed my original ideas on town planning but I promised I would not bring up town planning again, otherwise I would have been delighted to move the motion. I congratulate Cr. Corr on his initiative and support the motion. It's not only necessary, it's inevitable.

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Cr. McAlpin: I support the motion but am disappointed that the rest of the lane to Warrandyte Road is not included. I realise that Bamford's resumption would be the snag.

Cr. Purser: I congratulate Cr. Corr on bringing this scheme forward. It will certainly add to the shopping facilities. I may be town planning coming in at the back door, but it's a good scheme. We certainly need further shopping facilities in Ringwood.

The motion was carried unanimously.

RINGWOOD TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

At a committee meeting of the proposed Ringwood Traders held on Tuesday evening the draft of the proposed constitution was discussed and will be submitted for adoption at the inaugural meeting in the Ringwood Town Hall on Monday, October 20, at 8 p.m.

In the meantime the traders will be circularised with the view of enlisting their co-operation and support in an effort to improve shopping facilities in Ringwood and to make Ringwood a real shopping centre. Ringwood traders are invited to help the Association to help them.

The development in Ringwood in the next few years will be abnormal, and co-operative effort by the traders will at least enable them to keep in step with the march of time.

Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Dinner



Here they are again! The Big Five—L. to R.: O. Roberts (Vice Pres.), A. Carter (Pres) K. Ward (Tras.), F. Ray (Sec.), and genial Bill Patterson

—Photo, David Holmes, WX 9046.

Ringwood Chamber of Commerce

MR. ALAN B. CARTER of C. E. Carter & Sons was elected President of the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce for 1956. Vice-Presidents elected were:— Mr. F. Coopersmith (Ringwood Timber and Trading Co. Pty. Ltd.), Mr. Jim Hassett (E. Hassett & Sons Pty. Ltd.) and Mr. C. Roberts (Alan Coffey Motors Pty. Ltd.).

Alan C. Peck) and her Ladies' Committee for their splendid co-operative work in organising the social side of the quarterly meetings of the Chamber. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Peck as a token of esteem and appreciation for her excellent work on behalf of the Chamber.

The Ringwood Chamber of Commerce held its 3rd Annual General Meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday, 8th March. The new President, Mr. Alan B. Carter, whose firm is one of the old-established businesses in Ringwood, succeeds Mr. Alan C. Peck, who becomes Immediate Past President.

Forty-two members attended and voted into office a strong and representative committee of Ringwood's leading business men with the main object of uniting the business interests of this district.

Seven amendments to the Constitution passed by the meeting included the provision for 3 Vice-Presidents, 10 Executive Members and an Executive Officer to be appointed by the Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

In his report on the year's activities—an abridged copy of which will be circulated to every business in Ringwood—the Retiring President (Mr. Alan C. Peck) outlined the salient features of the year's activities. This report stressed the importance of a Chamber of Commerce to Ringwood; it showed the achievements for 1955 by highlighting the Chamber's activities as an example of service this body can render to the people of this district. In concluding the report, Mr. Peck urged the support for the objectives of the Chamber* in making

The retiring Treasurer (Mr. L. B. Swan) presented a financial report which characterised the year's activities and reflected credit on the retiring committee's administration. The finances were in a sound state, particularly as applications for 1956 were received and accepted from 35 members to commence the year's activities.

OBJECTIVES.

In his concluding remarks the new President (Mr. Alan B. Carter) outlined the objectives of his committee for 1956, which were:—

(a) To unite the business interests of Ringwood in the agreed objectives of the Chamber; and

(b) To ensure that the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce had adequate representation with one of the most powerful and influential organisations in this State today, namely, the Federated Chambers of Commerce of Victoria.

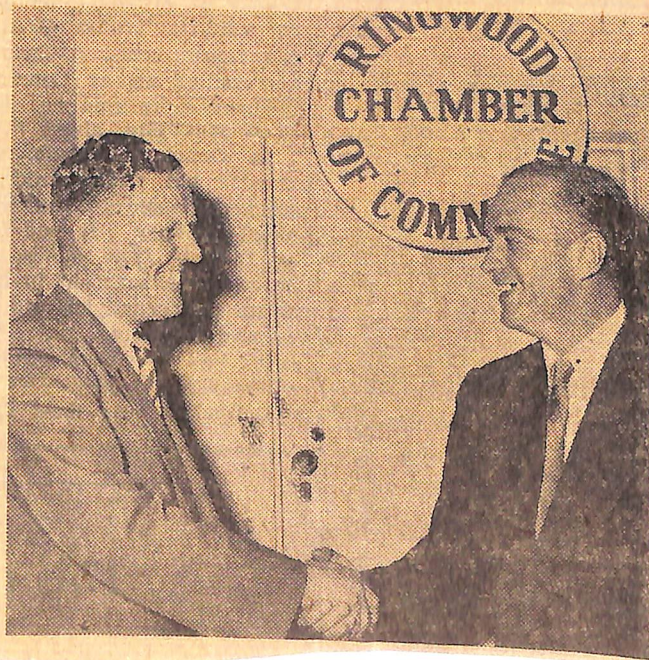
At the conclusion of the evening a sincere vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President's wife (Mrs.

this body what it should be—"The Voice of the Business World"—as far as Ringwood was concerned.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The offices of Secretary and Treasurer were filled respectively by Mr. Frank D. Ray and Mr. Ken Ward. Mr. Albert J. Aird, A.A.S.A., was elected Honorary Auditor.

Members elected to the Council included Messrs. Hargrave (Heathmont Real Estate Pty. Ltd.), James (E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.), Howell (E. Hassett & Sons), D. Barro (Barro's Paving Co.), Payens (Ringwood Studios), W. Webber (Transport Contractor), Kemp (Stoney Pty. Ltd.), Wardel (Lawfords Pty. Ltd.).



Midway Arcade is Tops

WITH the opening of the new Midway Arcade the March of Progress charged through Ringwood in seven league boots. There is a "top o' Collins St." air about its shops, offices and little salons which for color, design and contemporary fixings would be hard to beat.

Facts and figures about Ringwood's newest and most modern shopping centre are interesting. Its owners, Ringwood Investments Pty. Ltd., are a group of city investors who showed their confidence in Ringwood by building an arcade far superior to anything of this type previously put up in the district.

Not content with the necessary minimum, they put up a building on city architectural standards. A normal type of building would have given them the same rents, but they aimed at the ideal. They wanted nothing but the best so they built to maximum standards to Ringwood's ultimate advantage.

The architect, Mr. P. E. Jorgensen, is to be congratulated on his imaginative design, and the builders, Reinforced Concrete and Monier Pipe Construction Co. Pty. Ltd., on the way they carried it out.

The managing agents, C. E. Carter & Son, at last are relaxing happily after seeing the successful culmination of 24 years earnest thought and hard work. Mr. Allan Carter had the difficult task of selecting tenants out of hundreds of applications and took considerable care in choosing those personally acceptable to Ringwood. Fifty per cent of the downstairs tenants were already in business in the town, and they have shown their appreciation of their new surroundings by the high standard of their fittings.

The Midway Arcade has a 66 ft. frontage and 200ft. depth. It has an area of 8900 square feet in lettable shop space; and 8600 sq. ft. lettable office space upstairs. It has its own sewerage plant and toilets upstairs and down.

Davies' Midway Gift Salon strikes a note of elegance with its soft greypink ceiling and pastel grey walls. This is a spacious boutique and the softness of its coloring throws the wood-ware, china and sparkling gifts into high relief. Central feature is a magnificent piece of silver-grey driftwood from Cape Woolamai.

Rankin & Pyke's Home-made Cake Shop, with grey walls and phlox-pink ceiling, is a fresh and colorful background to good things to eat.

The Cafe Harva (Valerie Gordon and Harry Kwong), has glass walls to the Arcade and White Horse Rd, primrose and green tables and chairs, soft blue walls and a pink ceiling. With its Espresso coffee service, Continental cakes and "Take-away" Chinese dishes, it is something new for Ringwood. It is also available for parties.

Hansel and Gretel is a charming little children's wear shop, all soft colors, chintzes and cute little junior frocks and fixings.

In the upstairs offices, as attractive as the downstairs shops, the Commonwealth Employment Agency is housed, and also the Commonwealth Electoral offices. Among the other tenants are three solicitors, two accountants, and Agricultural Machinery Agency and Geoffrey Baker's photographic studios.

One of the most attractive features of the Arcade, as you stroll in from White Horse Rd. is the awning over each downstairs shop. In lacquered aluminium, striped yellow, green and red, these awnings are gay protection from sun and rain, and just the right size to leave space for sunshine from blue skies flooding the passageway of the Arcade.

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The building is reinforced concrete with plastered partitions and external walls. A 16ft. centre pediment surmounts the arcade. The electrical work, done by Carter's, the firm which wired Prince Henry's Hospital, is comprehensive, modern and attractive.

In keeping with today's standards, color has naturally been featured. Most exotic color scheme perhaps is in Jack Owen's Radio, Television and Electrical Shop. Here watermelon pink, parakeet green, grey and charcoal have been used on the walls to great advantage, while the charcoal and watermelon pink have been repeated on the floor.

In contrast Brenda Hall's Corset Salon has a soft mushroom carpet and pastel-toned pink and blue-grey walls. The stock is kept out of sight next door to the fitting rooms done in softest pink. Her Frock Shop next door has a charming primrose and grey background to the gaiety of Cole of California swim suits and summer frocks and sportswear.

Midway Shoes make modern use of varnished knotty pine with trim and fitting room seats of grey and watermelon pink, while Faye French's Hairdressing Salon has buttoned yellow upholstery, cunningly shaped cubicles, and yellow, grey-blue and pink sections between knotty pine

Sharing corner position honors with the Cafe Harva is Gillespie's ultra modern men's store. Its smart fixtures and fittings still have a pure white background but it's only a matter of time before a really sensational color scheme will replace it, we understand. At the back end of the Arcade the Meat Emporium also occupies a corner position. Its planning is excellent and its genuine bargains and good service are bringing it plenty of enthusiastic customers.

NEW RINGWOOD MARKET OPENS

A new concept in shopping — one stop-shopping — has come to Ringwood at the new RINGWOOD MARKET, corner of Ringwood and Seymour Sts., just across the road from Myers Eastland.

Ringwood Market was once a busy centre but in the last few years it has been allowed to run down as various plans for the development of the site were considered. In fact it looked little better than a shabby tin shed. Those who saw it then would not believe their eyes today. It has been completely rebuilt and decorated in a modern and pleasing style and will once more become a busy and thriving shopping centre. What is more it will provide an important and added dimension to Ringwood's shopping facilities—one-stop shopping.

The major tenant is a large FOODLAND supermarket with a high grade delicatessen section. There will be a chemist, butcher and greengrocer and various shops and stalls selling fish, shoes, hardware, men's and women's clothing, toys, plants and shrubs. A tea and coffee bar and cake shop will serve both take-away foods and also cater for those who wish to relax in the pleasant atmosphere and have a chat while shopping.

Ringwood's newest experience in shopping, the new Ringwood Market, will have its grand opening on December 2. Opening day promises to be fun and the promoters promise that there will be bargains galore.

The owner and designers of the new Ringwood Market have recreated the old-style market tradition with in a modern and colorful atmosphere, where carefully selected tenants will supply the highest quality goods and produce at old-style market prices. Stepping inside is like entering a different world. All the bright airy shops and stalls open inwards on to the centre of the market. This will be the hub of the market; a dynamic hive of activity with a gay carnival-like spirit.

The designers, Structural Consortium Pty. Ltd. have planned for easy and relaxed shopping. Special attention has been paid to providing for the convenience of shoppers. About a hundred sealed parking spaces surround the market, yet because of careful design all are within a few feet of the market entrances so that goods will not have to be carted long distances.

The outstanding feature of the design of the new Ringwood Market has been the concept of one-stop shopping, enabling housewives to complete all their regular shopping in one stop, and still be right next to their car.

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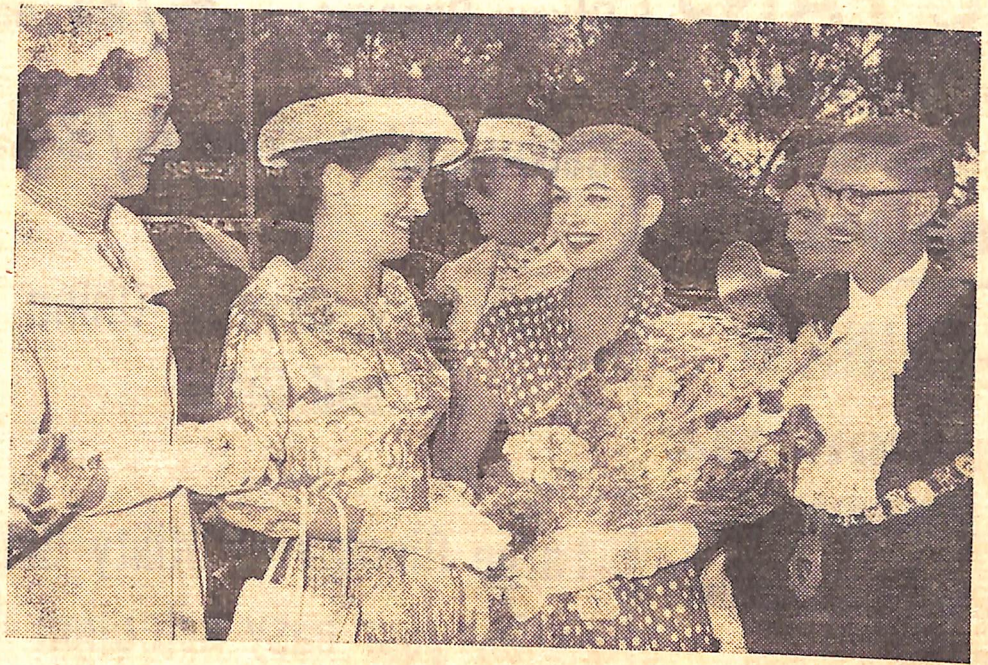
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Miss Audrey Chafer, of
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RINGWOOD LAKE CARNIVAL — OFFICIAL PARTY



L. to R.: The Mayoress (Mrs. Spencer), the Carnival Girl, Miss Chafer, "Panda"
(G.T.V's Glamour Girl) and the Mayor (Cr. R. O. Spencer)

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CARNIVAL GIRLS AT RINGWOOD LAKE ON AUSTRALIA DAY

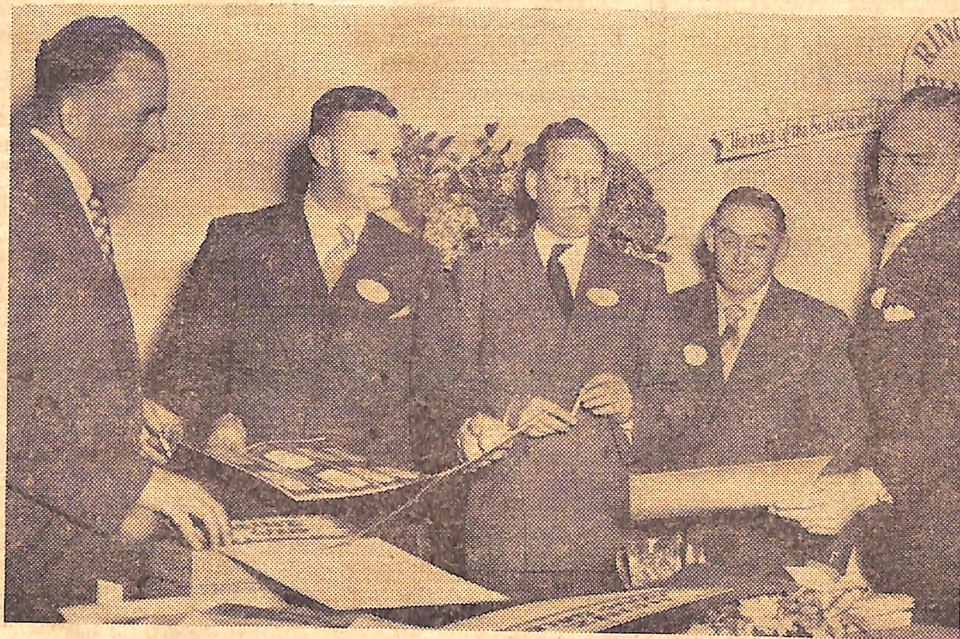


"Panda" looks them over and chooses the winner

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RINGWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



L. to R.: Mr. F. W. Kellow, who addressed the Chamber on "Display—Vital Link in Marketing", Mr. F Ray (Treas), Mr. A. Carter (Pres), Mr. K. Ward, Mr. W. Webber

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