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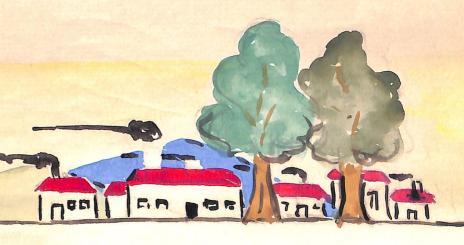
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RINGWOOD

Early History of

THE first five years of the council's activities could be found to be the most important in council history. Our officers possessed knowledge and character, and their ability was often shown when delicate negotiations had to be undertaken.

By J. K. McCASKILL, J.P.

features in the march of pro-gress that has taken place in past years are only briefly down, and a handsome facade mentioned. At a later date of brick and cement built at a the articles will be given in cost of £6000. The foundation fuller detail. The council de- stone was laid by the Mayor, cided to obtain all the infor- Cr. A. T. Miles, on February

ments with our proportion of kill, J.P., on June 27, 1936. commitments made in the South West Riding of the Shire of Library and the state of the Shire of Library and the state of the Shire of Lilydale before sever- £15,000. Today its value will ance. It was decided that 37 be difficult to assess.

The bank of an artificial sumption was over 84 million

of the outstanding municipal business. The front mation and advice it could, 19, 1927. During the building the borough made by the operations, the premises oppo-Town Clerk and surveyor, who site (A.N.Z. Bank) were rensubmitted their reports in due ted for a brief period. Later course, together with informa- in 1936 the back portion of the tion from Government depart- Institute Hall was demolished ments and from other sources. and a new auditorium erected The council's first move was at a cost of £9000. The comto make necessary financial memorative stone was laid by arrangements and adjust- the Mayor, Cr. J. K. McCas-

would be a fair basis for our negotiations.

The Soldiers' War Memorial Tower was unveiled on Satur-day. Angust 4, 1928, on the abandoned, and a Box Hill pro- supply area, there were over

the lack of accommodated, at units, and the sales, including

vivienne. Hodgkins and his daughter Max Deuter, and Or Fred Doug Baxter, Cr. and Reg. Spencer, Cr. and Mrs. Dwerryhouse, Cr. and Mrs. the Town Clerk and Mrs. Fred Bruce, Douglas and Stuart, Mrs. Manson, and their sons ed Mr. J. W. Manson, MLA, Visitors at the Show includwere grown by M. Tricarico.

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visitor's mouth to water. They which caused more than one the monster strawberries cult or special mendon were

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quarters at Ringwood, and the vhole of the former Lilydale Shire supply area became one district.

With rapid post-war development, areas east of Mooroolbark were transferred in 1950 from Ringwood to a new district based on Lilydale.

Because of the continued increase in consumers, a further eduction in the Ringwood administrative area was made in 1958, when Kilsyth and parts of Montrose were transferred to the Lilydale district.

Despite these transfers, Ringwood is still the second largest of the S.E.C.'s 75 electricity supply districts.

Operating from new district offices which the S.E.C. opened on the Maroondah Highway at Ringwood in 1958, it com-Bayswater, Boronia, part of Croydon, Heathmont, part of Montrose, part of Mooroolbark, Ringwood itself, The Basin, Wantirna, Warran-dyte, Warrandyte North and

Two very large factories, British Nylon Spinners and Dunlop, are established in the district, and there are in addition 181 other industrial consumers of varying size and importance.

Ringwood Early History of Ringwood

By J. K. McCASKILL, J.P.

A STRONG community spirit had existed for many years at Ringwood, and the need for their own local government had become more evident owing to the rapid progress and development, and how impracticable it was to have proper supervision and attention from municipal offices nine miles away at Lilydale.

Severance from Lilydale Barrett, John William . . Eventually a petition seek- Burkitt, Thos. Arthur ing severance from Lilydale Shire, requesting that Ring- Grant, Thomas 182 wood be constituted a borough Madden, Nicholas 179 1925. was presented to His Excel- McClelland, William .. 177 lency the Governor of Victoria Reddish, Thomas Wilearly in 1924. After searching enquiries by the Public Wiggins, George 82 Works Department, the peti-tioners' request was granted Messrs. Miles and McAlpin tioners' request was granted at an Executive Council meeting on October 22, 1924.

Official Proclamation Ceremony

Saturday, December 13, 1924, at 2 p.m.

This was made from a platform on a beflagged dais in elect, Cr. A. T. Miles, opened first Mayor was elected. the proceedings by giving a hearty welcome to all.

On the platform were Messrs. A. E. Chandler, M.L.C., W. Tyner, M.L.C., and J. P. Jones, M.L.C. (late Minister of Public Works), also borough councillors and councillors from adjoining shires.

The ceremony was to have been performed by the Hon. B. McAlpin, W. MacKinlay, A. Blood, J. K. McCaskill, H. G. L. Goudie, Minister for Public Works, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending. Mr. W. H. Everard, M.L.A., in the Minister's ab- has been acting as secretary sence, read the proclamation since the borough was prodeclaring Ringwood a borough. claimed, was voted to the Short and appropriate ad- chair. He stated that the first dresses were given by Hons. business was to fix the J. P. Jones, A. E. Chandler and W. Tyner, Ms.L.C., and Crs. Wallace and Hughes Lilydale Shire Council), all the rate of £50 a year. of whom wished the borough every success.

Commemorate Celebrations

sports held in the reserve was Miles said they had conferred directed by a Citizens' Com- a great honour on him by mitee. At 1 o'clock a proces- electing him first Mayor of sion of school children, deco- Ringwood. At the same time rated vehicles, trade displays, headed by the Ladies' Pipe Band and Ringwood Brass Band and an old-time bullock team driven by the pioneer, Mr. W. Hussey, opened pro- the borough, and to do this as

Wentworth 192 liam 162

were declared elected for three years.

Messrs. MacKinlay and Blood were declared elected for two years.

Messrs. McCaskill and Wileight months.

The first meeting of the the recreation ground, where new council was held at 10 several hundreds of people a.m. on December 24, 1924, in the Mechanics' Hall, when the

Ringwood Borough -First Meeting

In accordance with the Act, the first statutory meeting of the Ringwood Borough Couneil was held in the Mechanics' December 24.

Present: Crs. A. T. Miles, J. G. Wilkins.

Mr. Winterbottom (secretary Shire of Lilydale), who Mayor's allowance, which, on the motion of Crs. McAlpin and MacKinlay, was fixed at

Cr. A. T. Miles, having been unanimously elected Mayor, was installed in the chair by the acting chairman and wished every success by him.

An ambitious programme of In taking the chair, Cr. he was cognisant of the fact During the after-w other events were relied upon the assistance of

ough of Ararat, was then ap- wood, England. pointed and commenced duties at Ringwood on March 9, 1925.

Mr. F. R. Lucas was appointed engineer and surveyor on March 12, and commenced duties at Ringwood on April 6,

Messrs. Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie were appointed borough solicitors on January 29,

Dr. A. T. Langley was appointed medical officer on March 12, 1925.

E., S. and A. Bank, Ringwood, were appointed borough bankers on February 12, 1925; they agreed to a bank overdraft of £5000 to enable the council to carry on until the general rates were collected.

Permanent Day Staff: Mr. W. Hardidge appointed forekins were declared elected for man and Mr. Joseph Kay and Mr. Alfred Hargreaves day men at log rates. (There were 18 applications).

Ringwood "Mail" was appointed the official newspaper. Borough Seal: That Messrs. Whitehead & Co. procure seal as submitted, with the alteration of kookaburras for blackward not Backward"). The have not diminished Hall at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, council dealt at some length on the question of the seal. It in the area where you live is identical with the seal of bring it with you to our next

the appointment. (There the principle of the early were 33 applications). Mr. A. council, and it carries with it F. B. Long, Town Clerk, Bor-friendly feelings with Ring-

Valuation of Borough

Mr. N. L. Dawborn was appointed on January 15, 1925, to make a valuation of the Borough of Ringwood at 1/6 1925. Salary £500 per annum. per assessment. The need for urgency was stressed. There were five applications. Results can be seen by reading retiring councillors' speeches on August 26, 1925.

Continued next week

RINGWOOD PROGFESS ASSOCIATION

The Ringwood Progress Association takes this opportunity in congratulating Ringwood on becoming a city.

The motto for this city, 'Progredere ne Regredere' (forward not back) could well be adapted by this Association. However, to enable the Ringwood Progress Association to really go forward new blood is required.

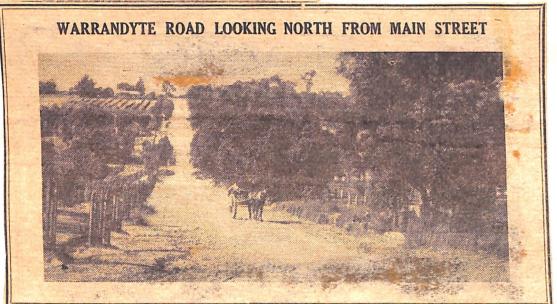
It must be remembered that birds, with the motto, "Pro- now we are a city the probcredere Ne Recredere" ("For- lems to be faced in the future

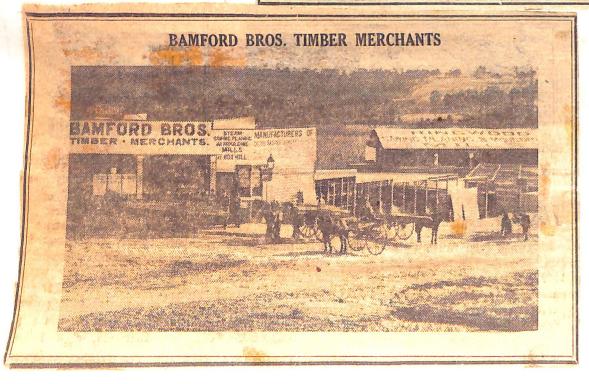
the Borough of Ringwood, meeting at the Holeproof England, except with the alteration. The motto, "For- 28, at 8 p.m.

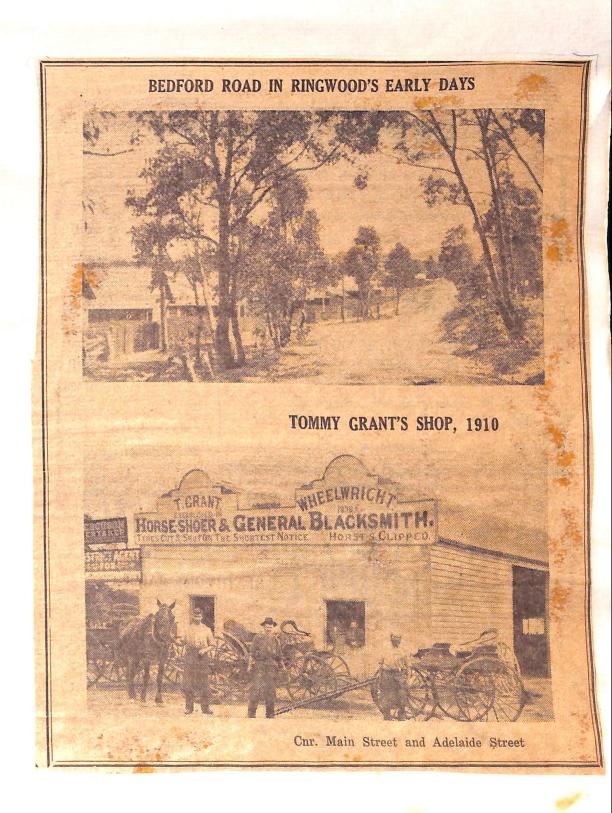
ward not Backward" has been See you there?

SCENES "RINGWOOD" EARLY (19.









FAMOUS DATES IN RINGWOODS HISTORY

UNVEILING THE PROGRESS STONE IN 1936



L. to R.: The Mayor, Cr. J. K. McCaskill, Mr. Walker (Foreman), Mr. F. R. Lucas, Borough Engineer, Cr. A. T. Miles

The Mayor, Cr. A. T. Miles, the Town Clerk, Mr. A. F. B. Long, the Architect, Mr. Leith, the Contractor, Mr. A. J. Roberts, Mr. Hayden (Bricklayer) Capt. E. T. Miles

SNAPPED AT OPENING MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 22nd OCTOBER, 1909



On September 22, 1909, the Ringwood Mechanics' Institute and Free Library was officially opened by the Premier, Hon. J. Murray. The day was declared a public holiday.



On March 17, 1911, the Ringwood Cool Stores were opened by the Governor, His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson-Carmichael, following the opening of the show. In 1915 the Cool Stores was formed into a Co-operative Society

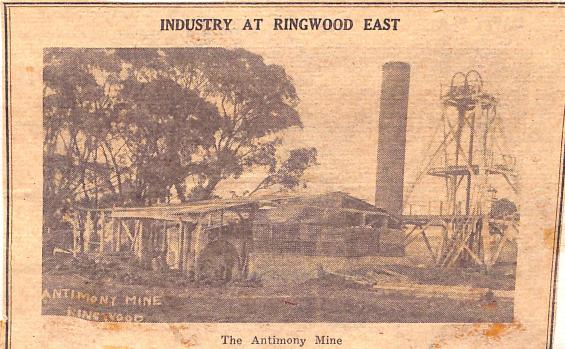


COOL STORES, 1911

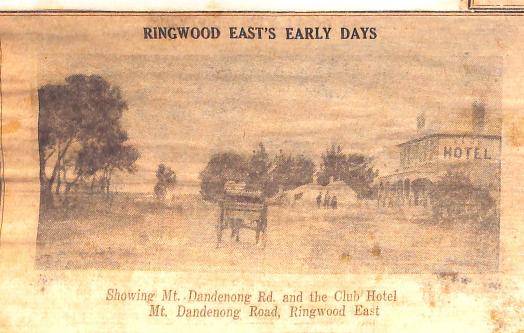
RINGWOOD EAST.

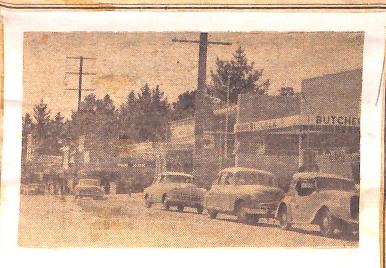
Ringwood East was practically the centre of activities in the early (19. The three antimony mines were in full swing, the brick and tile works operating and large numbers of men employed in working on the railway line and laying the water main. There were also a number of shops a boarding house, of forty rooms the club hotel, and a public hall on the Dandenong road. The hall was destroyed by fire in about 1909 When the mines and the brick and tile works

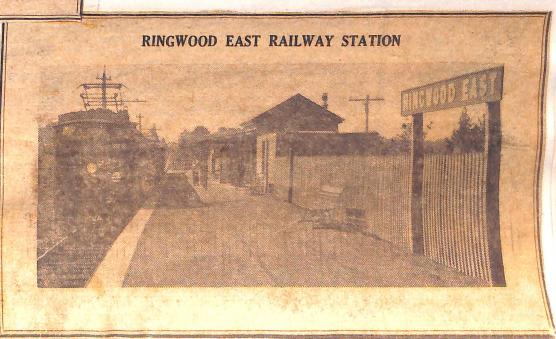
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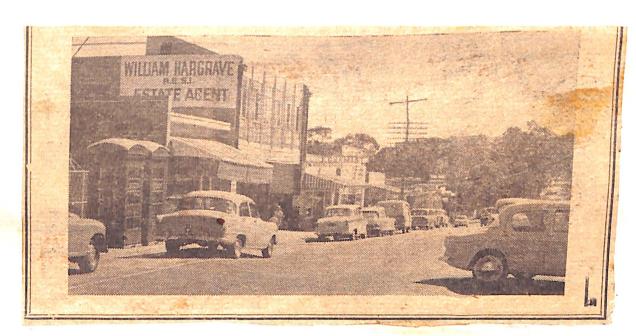
closed down and the railway extended beyond the boundaries of Ringwood East was greatly







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RINGWOOD COUNCIL

The Council is Commended

A PPRECIATIVE comment on the Ringwood Council's brochure entitled "Proclamation of a City", have been heard on all sides from ratepayers who have received their free copy of the smart little green booklet. A tree sketched in the corner of the cover is a reminder that despite its coming of age, Ringwood intends to maintain its standard of rural

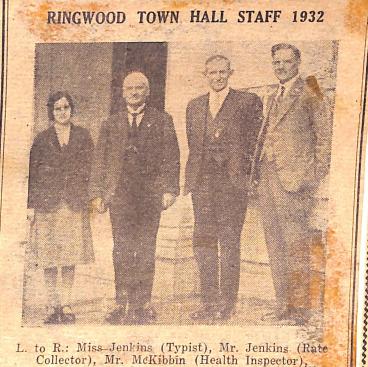
received a copy and the book- a message for the future and let is a worthy souvenir of a suggests that Ringwood is a momentous occasion. A typic- community of people as well al comment came from Mr. Bruce Hamilton, of Felix Cres, who said he thought that new settlers in Ringwood who had come from other countries would appreciate the information contained in the brochure. Copies sent to their relatives overseas would show the progress which had been made in a district which boasted a mere 4,000 of population in 1950.

Mr. Roy Wilkins, who is in business in the town and whose father was one of the original councillors in 1924. said that a tremendous amount of research and work had obviously gone into the compilation of the brochure, and the result was an interesting collation of activties in the district.

The booklet consisting of 32 pages sets out the program for the full week of celebrations and in dealing with the various organisations in Ringwood, it shows the diversity of interest of the people who have settled here. Voluntary organisations range from Red Cross, Progress Associations, Women's Service Groups and Youth Groups to the cultural and sporting societies. It has avoided naming personalities realising that the work over the years of growth has largely been accomplished by co. operation from many people MANAGORIO CONTRACTORIO CONTRACT

Every home in the Borough | The booklet concludes with

as an important point on a metropolitan map. It is not only true of individuals but it is true of communities to say "that man shall not live by bread alone." In the turbulent era in which we live we must be sure that the spiritual foundations of our national life are made strong and sure. This is a challenge to citizens.



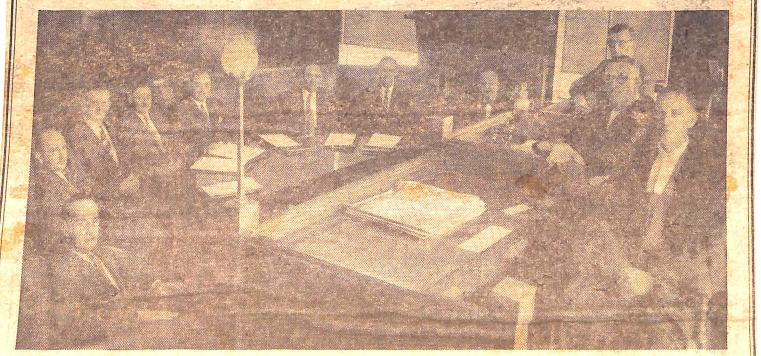
RINGWOOD COUNCIL AT GAS and FUEL CORPORATION LUNCHEON



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 Mgnr Cas and Fuel Corporation), Mr. A. Robertson (Engineer Borough of Ringwood)

LAST RINGWOOD COUNCIL MEETING AS A BOROUGH

Mr. A. F. B. Long (Town Clerk)



L. to R.—Crs. M. Deuter, L. McLeod, Peter Vergers, F. Hodgkins, R. Horman, B. Hubbard, R. Spencer, D. Baxter, Engineer (A. Robertson), The Mayor (Cr. A. Lavis), Town Clerk (F. P. Dwerryhouse)

-Photo: Peter Payen's Ringwood Studios.

CITY DAY IN RINGWOOD

Thousands Watch Governor Proclaim New City

MORE than 30,000 watched and cheered as the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency General Sir Dallag B. MORE than 30,000 watched and cheered as the dovernor of the toria, His Excellency General Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J., proclaimed Ringwood as Victoria's newest City. The actual time of Proclamation was precisely 11 minutes to 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, March-19, 1960. It was an event which will go down to posterity in the annals of

Ringwood's history.

It was a day of tropical by the Aide-de-Camp (Lieut. ing to the stature of the Comhumidity and flags fluttered in R. Nelson) of the Mayor and monwealth of Australia, and people massed behind the barricades, the children in front constantly spilling over onto the roadway and having to be moved back by smiling police officers.

The front of the Town Hall was festive with red white and blue bunting, massed foliage and plants and flowering window boxes, and the Vice-Regal stand in Melbourne St. fronted onto Maroondah Highway. It too was beautifully Mayor to the Governor. decorated and formed a fitting ADDRESS OF WELCOME ed company.

Rows of seats along the guests.

The railway footbridge was packed with people - they crowded the parapets of shops and filled the streets-Ringwood's residents were determined to see their Borough become a City.

There were troops and mus ic and happy people making a day out of Ringwood's Big. gest Day-the children waved their flags and scrambled for position-even a dog or two appeared on the scene, and behind the Vice-Regal stand tude the honour you have be-3AW's Mobile Unit broadcast towed on us by making the of which the Municipality of the ceremonial and proceedings to a wider listening au-

Excitement mounted Mayor and Mayoress of Ringwood, Cr. and Mrs. A. G. Lavis, the Town Clerk, Mr. Fred Dwerryhouse and Ms. Dwerryhouse emerged from the Town Hall and stood waiting by the platform for the arrival of the Vice-Regal Party With them stood a Scout ready to open the door of the Vice-Regal car.

And then a ripple ran through the crowd and heads all

turned in the one direction as the Mobile Police escort of the Vice-Regal car rode into The moment had arrivedand his wife to Their Ex- of Nations. cellencies, the Mayoress pre-

After the Royal Salute, Sir Dallas inspected the Guard of Honor (8th and 10th Syuadrons, 3rd Field Engineer Regiment).

The Address of Welcome Clerk, and presented by the

We, the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Ringfootpaths provided seating wood, representing the Citiaccommodation for special zens of Ringwood, humbly re- Hubbard, Cr. R. C. Horman, quest Your Excellency to ac- Cr. R. O. Spencer, Cr. Peter cept the assurance of loyalty to the Throne and devoted attachment to the person of Her Leod, Cr. M D Deuter. Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

We tender to Your Excellency and Lady Brooks a most City of Ringwood was heresincere and cordial welcome unto affixed on your visit to the Munici-March, 1960.

We have looked forward with pleasure to you visiting the tenth anniversary of your Ringwood, and we will re- arrival in Victoria to become member with pride and grati- Her Majesty's representative

Mayoress, and the Town Clerk to the British Commonwealth

It is our earnest prayer sented a bouquet to Lady that under Divine Providence your term as representative of Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen, in the State of Victoria will be marked with continued peace and prosperity, that you will enjoy the best of health and happiness, and was then read by the Town long retain the most pleasant memories of your public and private associations amongst

We have the honour to be Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servants, A. G. Lavis, Mayor; Cr. B. J. Vergers, Cr. D. J. Baxter, Cr. J. F Hodgkins, Cr. L. H. Mc-

In witness thereof the common seal of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the unto affixed this 19th day of Proclamation.

Having recently celebrated

PROCLAMATION OF A CITY

Ringwood forms an integral part—the manner in which you have carried out the duties of your office has endeared you to us and we pay trib-ute to the work and devotion to duty which you have given over the years at great personal sacrifice.

The manner in which this Municipality, the gateway to the Dandenong's, has progressed and developed since its inception, and more particularly over the last decade, has been phenomenal, and it will continue to develop, thus further enhancing the reputation of the State of Victoria, add-Continued on Page 5

TRIUMPH OF

The events of Proclamation Day, Sat., March 19, 1960, will go down in Ringwood's history as things to be remembered in capital letters - the Things That Happened on the Day Ringwood Became a City.

And for all these things -the Proclamation Ceremony itself, the huge procession afterwards, the Special Meeting of the Ringwood City Council, the Afternoon Tea Party which followed, and the brilliant Proclam ation Ball-a wealth of organisation went on behind the scenes-a wealth of organisation by committees, indoor and outdoor staff and scores of other peo-

And as for the results -they went without a

To the Mayor and Maythe Council and to all those others who worked to such a good end "The Mail" offers warmest con-

ORGANISATION

hitch. Protocol was given its due deference, hospitality flowed with smoothness and geniality, and The Day was proof positive of a triumph of organisation.

oress, the Town Clerk and gratulations.

* BACK TO RINGWOOD

Saturday will be 'Back to Ringwood" Day at Ringwood Lake, where old friends and neighbours can greet each other from

35,000 Watch Parade

ON Saturday, Ringwood was in the grip of celebration excitement and an estimated 35,000 people watched the gay parade of floats through the newly proclaimed City. Opposite the Town Hall, roofs, lamp posts and other vantage points were crammed with people.

His Excellency the Gover- posed of a model of Ringnor and Lady Brooks were wood's Clock Tower with varigiven special V.I.P. treatment ous notices 'Road Up', and from the mammoth Chinese 'Detour' surrounding it. A dragon in the parade and the large rabbit with a sign said air was thick with the red "What! No Borough in Ringsmoke of crackers thrown in wood City!" and its humor front of the dais upon which was appreciated. they were seated.

went round to the oval to join float depicting a cute house the carnival fun, but there and patio from which two were many hundreds who lovely girls waved to the cheered the Governor and his crowd. Heathmont and East lady as they left a formal Ringwood featured floral floats council meeting.

mounted troopers at the head with music. Ray Cramer, of of the procession set the Wonga Rd was represented by crowd on its toes and they a small floral float and the were wildly cheered.

in the procession and half of tive delivery vans. It highthat number were entered by lighted a beautiful girl with local firms. There were beau- a background of a large gold tiful girls, handsome men with hoop. clowns and marching girls, The R.S.L. carried a model all to delight the large of their memorial clock tower crowd. Among the Moomba flanked by a soldier, sailor floats which drew applause and airman. Maroondah Prewere those of the Milk Board, School Centre with the times J. C. Williamson's 'My Fair on their playground equip-Lady,' Shell, International ment drew a sympathetic mur-Harvester, Coles Pty. Ltd., mur as a placard asked for and many others.

Local automobile firms were

est models on parade from the Club, Banjo Club and Animal various showroms. Red Cross Welfare League all added coland Junior Red Cross floats orful floats to the parade. were eye-catching and Scouts, Guides, Youth Club and the only Church group, St. Paul's G.F.S. were applauded.

Stoney's Super Service fea-tured the difference between the old and the new in entertainment and the high step-ping draught horse which pulled the entry from the Ringwood Dairy was admired.

The seven bronzed life-savers on the Wright Bros. float drew particular applause from the female section of the onlookers. Cottees Ltd. of Blackburn, showed a touch of originality on their float com-

Ringwood Timber and Trad-Most of the crowd later ing Co had a most attractive while another electrical store, The appearance of four that of Frank Mills, gave out Lawford entry which was fol-There were about 60 floats lowed by two of their distinc-

help for their new building. The Children's Hospital, Good well represented with the lat- Neighbour Council, Cycling

ARMY DISPLAY AT PARK

As part of the Proclamation Celebrations an Army Display will be given by the 3 Field Engineer Regiment at Jubilee Park on Saturday after-

It will commence at 1:30 p.m. At 3.30 p.m. units of the Metroplitan Fire Brigade will give fire-fighting demonstrations. Admittance is free.

RINCWOOD VOICES ~



CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Park Carnival

Park Carnival when the Mayor (Cr. A. G. Lavis) presented the City Council's trophies for the champion sportsmen and sportswomen of the district.

In the cycling, Ringwood Reviewing the Carnival rider, Ken Walters, set a new generally, the Auxiliary was Australian record of 37.125 favoured most of the time by miles in one hour of roller fine weather, but was disapcycling. Much greater concen- pointed with the change late tration is required to ride a on Saturday afternoon which ricing cycle on the roller machine, and such a record is a severe test of endurance.

The Professional Roller

The Cycle on the roller brought cooler weather and rain, and consequently a much smaller attendance than was otherwise likely. However, although the final accounting

Cycling Championship, which has not been completed, it seems certain that the result will be reasonably satisfacnile) races, was won by another Ringwood person, Brian
Farmer, in the near record
time of 1 min 9 secs., and in
addition to his tash trophy he
received a sunably inscribed
sash.

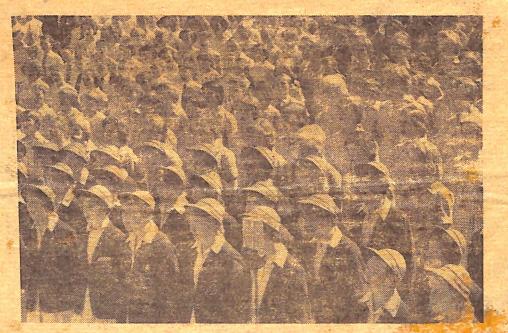
Trophies were won by the donations by local firms of the various prizes which were required for the contests held during the week. Bill Jenkins. - Under 14 Roben Kennedy; under

remembers tied in the

ad not been decided in time or presentation on Friday ight, but in the contest which as held on Saturday after oon, the trophy was won by r. Ralph Barnes' team.

Another item which was of special interest and appreciated by the audience on Friday night was the performance of the Bayswater Piano Accordian Band.

CITY PROCLAMATION CELEBRATIONS



Massed Choir at Jubilee Park, Thursday, 24th March -Photo, Peter Payen's Ringwood Studios

Concert at Town Hall

THE Variety Concert, presented at the Town Hall by the Council, as part of the Proclamation Week celebrations was a bright and happy show enjoyed by a large audience of Ringwood citizens.

Eddy soprano Peggy Shea, was the accompanist. artists were bass bariton Alan humorist Alan Rowe, 'the amazing Parer' a magician,

The program was present- Spanish Dancers, Jan and ed by that well-known musi- Mick Farruca from 'Carimas' cal personality Eric Fox, and Spanish Academy. Eric Fox

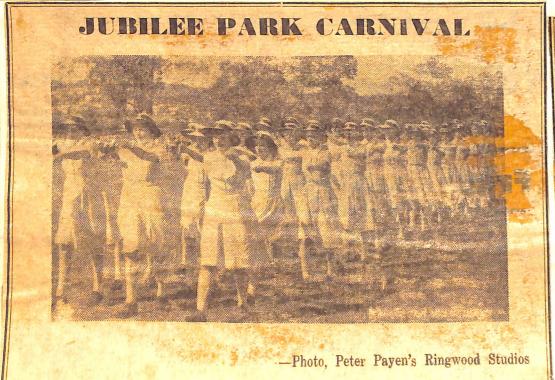
The audience loved the musical comedy offerings of and a sparkling pair of Peggy Shea and Alan Eddy, particularly the 'My Fair Lady' numbers, and showed proper mystification at the puzzles of 'the amazing Parer.' The Spanish Dancers were noisy, rhythmic and gay and brought the house down, notably in their 'Fandango de Huelva.'

As for Alan Rowe, he had his audience rocking in its seats with his dry humor and fantastic sketches. By and large it was a most enjoy. able and well-balanced show.

In a few happy words at the conclusion of the concert the Mayor greeted the audience, congratulated the artists and said he hoped everybody had enjoyed the bright show as much as he had

CITY OF RINGWOOD CARNIVAL







Folk Dancing at Jubilee Park