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The Mayor and Councillors,
Borough of Ringwood,
Sirs,

As the swimming season is fast approaching I take this opportunity of bringing before you the necessity for a "Club Room" at the Baths.

During the last season it was evident that the absence of a club room was the main reason why our membership was not larger than it was. Actually we had little to offer club members for their subscriptions.

The majority of Clubs, nowadays, have a Club room, and it has been found that the managements of the various baths concerned are indebted to the Swimming Clubs for the increased patronage to the many Municipal Baths.

A room, where members could hold their meetings, indulge in other forms of recreation, recreation

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have lectures, demonstrations &c, would undoubtedly lead to far greater membership; and the greater the membership the greater the receipts of the Baths would be. We conduct Carnivals and have the leading members of the executive of the T. A. S. A. in attendance. We have no facilities to entertain them.

A Baths without a Swimming Club could never be a solid paying proposition, nor could it ever bear the hall mark of efficiency without the aid of a Club.

I would suggest that you gentlemen consider the erection of a Club room. Our Club is willing to assist the Council in defraying the cost over a period. In fact, the Club has no intention of endeavouring to build up a large credit balance, rather does it wish to assist the Council in the great undertaking, and the members feel, as I do, that anything we can do to assist the Council in making the Baths pay its way will be done wholeheartedly.

I understand that the Engineer, Mr Lucas, has already made inquiries regarding the cost, and that Cr. Miles also interested himself in the matter during the time the old Town Hall was being demolished.

I should, therefore, imagine that it would not take very long to come to a decision on the matter.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., and I would deem it a favour if you could let me know something definite regarding the prospects of a Club room, so as I can put the matter before the members at the meeting.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I am,
Yours faithfully,
J. M. Aherne
President R. S. C.