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To The Mayor.

Dear Sir

We are all pleased to see you have put a new man on at the Baths, one that is a good worker, by the look of the place during week end it was a real joy to go there and find it so clean. And not to find the Lady in Bathers, We have also discovered you have employed a rate payer. It is what should be. When you have men that can do the work.

A Onlooker.

And Rate Payer

BATHS FOR RINGWOOD

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At Thursday's meeting the Ringwood Borough Council, Mr. F. R. Lucas (engineer) reported on the question of public baths for Ringwood as follows:—

In submitting my report as to the advisability of constructing public baths at Ringwood, I must first state that this question is a big one, which needs very careful consideration. In the course of my investigation, I have inspected baths at Hawthorn, Camberwell, Malvern, Dandenong and Brunswick, and find that there is really no limit to the money that can be expended in the construction of modern baths. In order to make baths attractive and a good business proposition, it is most important to take the following considerations into account:—(1) Locality and surroundings; (2) purity of water supply; (3) class of construction; (4) capital cost and possible revenue.

In the first place, baths should be erected so as to form portion of a park or garden. Partial screening could be effected by mounds with shrubs and flowers, and the actual bathing area could be protected by a wire fence. If seats, teahouse, etc., were provided in the surrounding gardens, the games of the bathers would be enjoyed by the general public. Proper costumes would be insisted on, and mixed bathing allowed during certain hours. Baths conducted on these lines would become very popular, and might be a source of profit. With regard to site, I know of none better than Ringwood Park, which is centrally situated, and being on the Main road would be seen by many thousands of motorists passing through the township. There is ample room here, and the natural surroundings could be made most attractive at a comparatively small cost. Another big advantage for this site is the fact that the water in the lake could be used with just as good results as Yan Yean, if a filtering plant were installed, and of course this alone would mean a very considerable saving unless arrangement could be made to get a free supply of water from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. As an alternative site, I would suggest that portion of the Miles Park, which was originally set aside for tennis courts. This site is also very central, and although not on the Main road is very handy to the main reserve, and would probably be more patronised by the various sporting clubs. However, the choice between these two sites is a matter which could be discussed by the Council, as they are both suitable, and the cost of construction would probably be about the same in each case.

The next thing to be decided on is whether the support to be expected from local residents would warrant the expense involved in constructing modern baths with sand filtration and chlorinating systems, or whether it would have to be confined to a plain swimming pool constructed in such a way that filtering and chlorinating scheme could be added later without heavy expense. From the experience of those municipalities who have constructed baths, it would appear that the consideration of the purification of the water used is almost im-

portant matter, the principal advantages of which may be outlined as under:—(1) Safety from drowning; (2) health, i.e., freedom from transmission of diseases per medium of water from one person to another; (3) bathing is more attractive than when dirty water is used.

By the installation of a properly designed filtration plant, the water in the baths can be kept practically free from colouring matter, and turbidity or solids in suspension. This not only makes the baths more attractive, but at the same time is desirable from the point of view of safety, when it is realised that the bottom of baths often becomes invisible when filled with two feet of

fresh unfiltered tap water, but filtered it is possible to tell whether a small coin is showing heads or tails in 9 feet of water, the additional safety to life can readily be estimated. I might elaborate to some extent on the effect of chlorination, but as this report only deals in a general way it is sufficient to say that water treated by this process will maintain a standard of purity equal to very good drinking water. I have emphasised the importance of this part of the construction, although this part of the construction, although I quite realise that the cost of installation (about £2000) would probably be out of our reach at the present time in order that proper consideration may be given to the necessity of making provision in any scheme which may be adopted for the addition of this plant at a later date.

With regard to the swimming pool itself, I do not think it would be necessary to make this as large as most of those around the inner suburbs, and for the purpose of this report I am basing all estimates on a basin 100 feet long by 30 feet wide at the deep end, widening out to 50 feet at the shallow end, the depth ranging from 2ft. 6in. to about 8ft. For the sake of comparison, I might here state here the dimensions of some of the pools I have visited:—Dandenong, 120ft. x 60ft.; Hawthorn, 120ft. x 60ft.; Brunswick, 180ft. x 60ft.; Camberwell, 150ft. x 36ft. to 75ft.; Y.M.C.A., 75ft. x 30ft.; Melbourne City, 100ft. x 33ft. From these figures it will be seen that the size I suggest will be amply large for all future requirements of this district. The floor, walls and paths would be constructed in reinforced concrete. The walls tiled above water level with white glazed tiles and for a distance of 6in. below the water level with blue glazed tiles, the surface of the remainder of the walls and floors being lined with white meduca cement rendering. Apart from the contrasting colour effect it is found that the blue tiling does not show up grease limes which quickly form at water level. Scum gutters would be provided right round the pool in order to carry off all surface scum, and also to provide a safety rail for swimmers. Dressing sheds, conveniences and showers would also be provided for.

We now come to the most important consideration of all, which is capital cost and working expenses. Until plans are prepared it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the capital cost, but the figures I give herewith are quite close enough to enable your Council to decide on what policy to be adopted:—Excavation, £150; concrete basin, £1700; paths, £75; fencing, £150; dressing sheds, £200; total, £2275. This amount is the minimum which would have to be provided for the pool itself, and of course if it were decided to construct a filtering plant this would cost about £2000 more. The running expenses would cost approximately per week:—Lighting and power, £4; attendance, £6; chemicals, £2; total, £12, which would amount to about £300 per season. Interest and sinking fund at 7 per cent. would amount to another £300, so that the total annual expense would be about £600 per annum.

Revenue.—The question of revenue is largely guess work, and will have to be treated on a conservative basis. At the Camberwell baths the takings from November 15 to January 18 of last year amounted to £652, but of course there is a very big population to draw from, and we could not base our estimates on this. We would be largely dependent on the travelling public, from whom we would probably get a good deal of support, especially if the water was filtered. I would consider that the following revenue be reasonably expected:—Season tickets, 150 adults at £1,

£150; 200 juniors at 10/, £100; casuals, visitors, 40 per day, £150; total, £400. This would still leave £200 to be made up, and it is this question which must be considered before anything definite with regard to construction can be decided on. Of course inter-school competitions and carnivals could be arranged, and the extra attraction of baths would probably bring a good many picnic parties to Ringwood, all of which would supplement the revenue, so that my estimate may prove to be a good deal too low, but, as stated previously, I have endeavoured to keep on the conservative side rather than over estimate for very obvious reasons. In conclusion, I might suggest that a strong committee of representatives from all sections be formed to go into the matter thoroughly, and find out if possible what support could be reasonably expected from the local residents, and also whether it would be possible to work up sufficient interest by means of social functions to raise sufficient funds to at least cover any loss.

Discussion.

Cr. Miles said that the project meant £4000 with chemical treatment of water and about £2000 without. If they should go on with the scheme, could the chemical plant be left over for the future? He knew that naturally people were most particular about the quality of water. It looked like an annual commitment of £350 per year. He would like to see baths gone on with if possible. He was not certain that the site on Whitehorse road was the best, for on the main highway it would be inadvisable to have cars pulling up-

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1946.

OPEN COLUMN

Swimming Club

Sir,—The Ringwood Swimming Club has again been reformed after having been held in abeyance during the war years. It is the ardent desire of the members of the Club that all non-swimmers in Ringwood should become swimmers; and in order to make this desire a reality we ask all parents to give the club their support by enrolling their children as members of the Club.

The Ringwood Club has always had a very good record with the Herald Learn to Swim Campaign, and this year we are out to break all existing records. Both men and women instructors will be at the Baths throughout the week, particularly during the week-ends. Full particulars may be obtained from the Baths attendant; Mr. Ken Ward (Ward's Newsagency), or any member of the Club.

Mr. Alf. Smith, well-known in swimming circles, has kindly offered to coach all members of the Club who are keen to reach championship class.

In addition, regular instructions will be given to all in life saving and all branches of swimming.

Ringwood citizens are asked to give the Club their full support by encouraging their children to enjoy the finest sport in the world. Don't forget you are never too young or too old to learn to swim.—Yours, etc.,

R. MACKLEY,

Sec. Ringwood Swimming Club.

RINGWOOD SWIMMER'S SUCCESS

Ron Mackley, recently of Ringwood, who learnt his swimming at the Ringwood Baths, has achieved a number of swimming successes with the Parkes Swimming Club, N.S.W.

He recently won the 100 metres breast stroke at the Forbes Swimming Carnival, the 50 metres senior handicap (breast stroke) at Parkes, and the 50 metres defence force handicap at Peak Hill. He also won the point score competition for the Parkes Club. He has been appointed swimming instructor for the N.S.W. A.S.A., and coached several swimmers who have won championships.

Mr Edge, an official of the N.S.W. A.S.A., in referring to Ron Mackley, said he was one of the most perfect breast stroke swimmers in the State.

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"We Lead—They Follow."

Cr McCaskill's boast at the Ringwood Borough Council meeting on Thursday, "We lead—they follow," is justified. The remark arose from a discussion over a request from the Herald Learn - to swim movement seeking co-operation in the campaign. The council's activities in swimming matters is well known. It was during Cr McCaskill's occupancy of the Mayor position that the municipal baths were erected, and since then the council has given every encouragement and support to the activities of the Swimming Club. If every locality gave the same support to swimming as does our council, there would be no need for the Learn-to-swim Campaign. We lead, may others follow.

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RINGWOOD SWIMMING and SOCCER CLUBS' PRESENTATION NIGHT

The joint Social and Presentation night, held by the above Clubs on October 28, provided a generous gathering of folks with a most enjoyable evening.

The Mayor (Cr. McCaskill) who made the numerous presentations, congratulated both clubs on their enthusiasm and enterprise in building up to such a good post-war start.

"I would like, said Cr. McCaskill to see the Baths and playing grounds of Ringwood brought up to Olympic standard."

Soccer Club presentations were—Silver cup (donated by Mr. W. Mann for best playing Club member in 1st team) won by Basil Jervis. Silver cup (donated by Mr. Osboldstone for

best playing club member in 2nd team) to Ernie Good; and a pair of ash trays went to Roy Wheelan for being the most consistent player of the season.

Mrs. P. Smith was presented with a crystal cruet set in appreciation of her untiring efforts on the social committee.

Swimming Club trophy winners were—Mr. Ken Ward who holds the Senior Men's Shield for following year; Bobby Jones, who won the Junior Men's shield, and Keith Smith who won the cup for the Juvenile Boys.

Among the girls the shield for senior women went to Teresa Clarke, a silver butter dish for junior women was captured by K. Southwell, while Pat Conlan won the silver serviette rings for juvenile girls.

Supper was served and the dancing continued merrily for the remainder of the evening.

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RINGWOOD SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Ringwood club held its second annual inter-club competitions at the Ringwood baths on Saturday night, when about 500 interested folk watched the events. The principal event was the 300 yards medley championship of Victoria. W. Weir the Australian breast-stroke and medley champion, was fully expected to defeat the former Australian champion, A. King. The time broke the previous best on record swim by an Australian, and also the Victorian record for the distance. R. Masters, the Australian diving champion, conceding up to 15 points in the one metre springboard diving handicap, was narrowly defeated.

Results:—Medley Championship of Victoria, 300 yards.—Breast-stroke, back-stroke, and free style: W. Weir (West St. Kilda), 1.

Junior Handicap, 66 yards.—D. Hardley (Y.M.C.A.), 12, 1; J. Keene (Warrandyte), 20, 2.

Women's Open Handicap, 100 yards.—Heat winners: J. Ward, D. Painter, V. George, G. Johnstone, M. Reynolds, V. Schneider. Final: G. Johnstone (St. Kilda), V. George (Surrey Park), 2; M. Reynolds (St. Kilda), 3.

B Grade Handicap, 200 yards.—N. Kelly (Surrey Park), 1; S. Thorpe (Kew), 2; D. Palmer (Abbotsford), 3.

A Grade Handicap, 200 yards.—N. Collacott (Surrey Park), 1; G. Pedder (Middle Park), 2; J. McGrath (Y.M.C.A.), 3.

Springboard Diving Handicap.—A. Mott (Middle Park Surf), 1; R. Masters (Y.M.C.), 2; T. Kiernan

The Mayor, Cr. J. K. McCaskill, addressed the large crowd at the conclusion of the carnival. He thanked the Swimming Club for their organising effort, and appealed to the local citizens to support and encourage the club. He congratulated the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association for their interest in the Ringwood Baths, and hoped that in the near future Ringwood members would be competitors in their Victorian championships.

Town Clerk.

Swimming Certificates. — Photographs have been taken of the Town Hall and Baths, and a satisfactory block procured of the former. The Mayor and Cr Pearson recommend that the certificate cover three distances—66 yards, 200 yards and 440 yards—together with life saving efficiency, a different coloured seal being attached when each of the above distances have been accomplished. The signature of the Mayor for the time being to be added when the seal is attached.

Municipal News.

The Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill, accompanied by Cr H. F. Pearson, met Mr J. F. Maher, president, Mr McArthur, organiser, and Messrs G. Muller, Jones and Tann, of the Ringwood Swimming Club, at the Ringwood Town Hall recently, when it was resolved to provide more seating accommodation at the Ringwood Baths and to provide swimming certificates under the seal of the Borough Council.

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RINGWOOD SWIMMING CLUB

Ringwood mail

The 3rd annual meeting of the Ringwood Swimming Club was held on Tuesday evening. The president, Mr Frank Maher, was in the chair, and a large attendance of members was present. The Mayor of Ringwood, Cr H. Pearson, was welcomed by the president, who in a few well chosen remarks said the presence of the Mayor at their annual meeting helped to consolidate that good feeling existing between the council and the Swimming Club. The council had at all times shown their interest in the club, and had done much to help them along. He hoped the council would consider the erection of a club room, which was necessary for the activities of the club. The baths were a credit to Ringwood, and had been commented on by the visiting swimmers as the cleanest and best equipped baths in and around Melbourne.

The Mayor, Cr Pearson, who was given a most cordial reception, said his council had the interests of the club at heart, and anything for the good of the club would have their earnest consideration. After all the Swimming Club was part and parcel of the baths, and anything done for the club was benefiting the municipal baths. (Applause.)

The annual balance-sheet presented by the treasurer was most satisfactory, notwithstanding the extra expense involved in staging the championships.

Election of Office Bearers.

President, Mr Frank Maher; vice-presidents, Messrs Trevor Hamilton, J. M. Stevens and C. V. Ward; secretary, Frank Mueller; assistant secretary, L Tann; treasurer, J. Goudge; auditor, Mr T. Hamilton; organiser, Mr McArthur; committee, office-bearers and Messrs Ratten, Wilkins, White, Sleeman, Kendrick and Tan.

Members' Fees.

Seniors, 3/6; juniors, 2/6. Reports showed that 165 members had received certificates last year in the Learn to Swim Campaign, and it was hoped, with the successful season anticipated, to increase that number.

Swimming Carnival

**Finlay (Melb.) Retains 300 Yards Victorian Medley Championship
Ron. Masters, Empire Diving Champion, Wins Diving**

INTERESTING INTER-CLUB EVENTS

The Annual Champion Swimming Carnival, organised by the Ringwood Swimming Club under the auspices of the V.A.S.A., was held at the Ringwood Baths on Monday night under ideal weather conditions. The appearance of Ron. Masters, diving champion of the British Empire, Australia and Victoria, K. Finlay, holder of the 330 yards Medley championship of Victoria, and leading metropolitan swimmers, attracted a large crowd. The attendance of local patrons was somewhat disappointing. Of the 300 present, over half came from the city and metropolitan clubs. This swimming pool is the finest public utility ever started in Ringwood. The Swimming Club is doing a magnificent public service. The youth of the district are trained to swim and to value clean healthy sport. Championship carnivals are put on, which advertise Ringwood as nothing else does. One would imagine the Ringwood public would take a pride in achievements as this. But no! the lethargy and indifference of the public to movements for the benefit of the district is appalling, and at one of the finest swimming carnivals ever witnessed in Ringwood, out of about 2500 residents barely 150 took the trouble to patronise a function that is helping to put Ringwood on the map. The rest of the people came from the metropolitan area.

Excellent swimming and diving was witnessed. The 300 yards Medley Championship was won by Finlay (Melbourne), the present holder, with Atkinson, the runner-up last year, again coming 2nd. Walker cut a trifle ahead on the breast stroke, but Finlay showed great pace in the back stroke, and gained a six yards lead. Maintaining the lead in the free style, he finished first six yards ahead of Atkinson, and seven yards separated Atkinson and Walker 3rd.

A promising girl swimmer, Joan Hills, was seen in action. She put up a remarkable swim in the 66 yards final, giving the winner, E. Maidment, 13 seconds, and only being beaten by a finger tip.

Another promising swimmer, Pat Hewitt, was unfortunate in being disqualified for starting before her time.

The various events were run off without a hitch by a competent team of V.A.S.A. officials, with Mr Fawcett, secretary, in charge. The officials were:—Starters, T. Richardson and A. Blue; judges, J. Warner and J. Shore; timekeeper, D. Davies; compiler, A. Sugden.

It was the first time that Inter-Club events for the premiership competition were held at Ringwood. The competing clubs were:—A Grade Division: Olympic and Y.M.C.A. B Grade Division: North Melbourne, Deep Rock, Fairfield.

The Swimming Club officials—Mr T. S. Hamilton (president), Mr L. Tann (secretary), Mr A. V. McArthur (organiser)—had made complete arrangements for the carnival, and are to be complimented on staging the best carnival yet.

The organiser, Mr McArthur, on whom fell the main bulk of the work, again demonstrated his flair for efficient administration.

EVENTS.

Girls Handicap, 66 yards, Under 16.

1st Heat: F. Dawson, 1; E. Maidment, 2; J. Parker, 3. Time, 1-22.

2nd Heat: J. Hills, 1; M. Spring, 2; P. Matthews, 3. Time, 58.

Final, E. Maidment, 1; J. Hills, 2; J. Parker, 3. Time, 1-13.

Boys, 66 yards free style. Under 16.

K. Ward, 1; A. Ballantyne, 2. Time, 47-2/5.

District Handicap, 100 yds. Free Style.

L Tann, 1; H. Sleeman, 2; F. Burgess, 3. Time, 1-12.

INTER-CLUB EVENTS.

Junior Sprint, 66 yards.

A Division: J. Mason (Olympic) 1; F. Thomas (Olympic), 2; W. Hardley (Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 39-4/5.

B—W. Harrison (Deep Rock), 1; K. Brown (Nth. Melb.), 2; M. Sharp (Fairfield), 3. Time, 42-2/5.

Senior Sprint, 66 yds. Free Style.

A—J. Kennedy (Olympic), 1; A. Eall (Olympic), 2; J. Watson

(Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 36-4/5.

This was a great race, and the time constituted a pool record.

B—L. Lyons (D.R.), 1; J. Linden (N.M.), 2; E. Labies (F.), 3.

Back Stroke, 100 yards.

A—C. French (Olympic), 1; T. Hardley (Y.M.C.A.), 2; A. Winch (Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 1-12 2/5

B—J. Lyons (F.), 1; D. Rogers (F.), 2; D. Kelly (D.R.), 3. Time, 1-20 3/5.

Breast Stroke, 100 yards.

A—Campbell (Olympic), 1; M. Levi (Olympic), 2; W. Harrison (Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 1-20 2/5.

Junior, 200 yards. Free Style.

A—J. Mason (Olympic), 1; F. Thomas (Olympic), 2; W. Hardley (Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 2-30.

B—L. Lyons (D.R.), 1. Time, 2-20

Senior, 200 yards. Free Style.

A—L. Winch (Y.M.C.A.), 1; J. Watson (Y.M.C.A.), 2; V. McCandlish (Olympic), 3. Time, 2-23 2/5

B—D. Rogers (F.), 1; J. Lynn

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A better site would be on the newly-acquired Miles Park, to which a notice could be directed from White Horse road. Boiled down it resolved itself into finding £2000 with an annual commitment of £350. Whilst public meetings were not usually very popular, still by this means they would be able to ascertain by their attendance if the people were likely to be interested. It would be a good test. He moved that the Mayor call a public meeting for the purpose.

Cr. Mackinlay seconded the motion. Cr. McCaskill said that whilst he was quite in sympathy with the baths, he thought a sub-committee of the Council should investigate the report, and be prepared to outline some policy for a public meeting.

Cr. Wilkins said he was usually against public meetings, and he thought investigation by a committee would give them something to work upon.

Cr. Blood supported the motion. He saw no advantage in holding over the matter for a committee meeting.

The Mayor said the vital factor was whether the people wanted the baths. He thought it better to leave it to a public meeting, when an opinion could be obtained on the lines to be submitted.

Cr. Miles said that by means of a public meeting they would merely

discover if there was much interest in the scheme and obtain an expression of opinion whether they wanted baths. He personally thought they would be a great asset. If they felt they had the interest of the people sufficiently behind it, then the matter of cost could be undertaken. The Mayor as chairman and any councillor who desired could put the case. The public meeting would merely show how much interest there was in the proposal.

Cr. McCaskill wondered whether a small referendum of the public might not be taken, as it was possible that only a few may attend a public meeting.

Cr. Miles and the Mayor agreed that the public meeting should enable them to get some idea as to whether it would be possible to obtain 150 adult and 200 junior season subscribers as suggested by the engineer. The scheme and all other matters relating to it would be the business of the Council.

The motion that a public meeting be called by the Mayor was carried.

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Spring Board Diving.

A—Ron. Masters (Y.M.C.A.), 38 pts., 1; C. McDonald (Y.M.C.A.), 31.6, 2; J. Bradshaw (Y.M.C.A.), 28.8, 3.

B—D. Cunningham (D.R.), 24 pts., 1; Christie (N.M.), 23.2, 2; P. Sandy (D.R.), 22.7, 3.

300 yards Medley Championship of Victoria.

K. Finlay (Melb.), holder of title, 1; time, 4-7 2/5, 5 3/5 better than the previous year. W. Atkinson (Melb.), last year runner-up, 2; time, 4-19. R. Walker (Preston), 3; time, 4-28.

Medley Teams Race, 66 yds each stroke.

A — Olympic, 1; Olympic, 2; Y.M.C.A., 3. Time, 2-17.

B — North Melbourne, 1; Deep Rock, 2; Fairfield, 3. Time, 2-26 2/5.

Junior Teams Race, 4 each 66 yds.

A—Olympic, 1; Y.M.C.A., 2. Time, 3-8.

B—Deep Rock, 1; Fairfield, 2; North Melbourne, 3. Time, 3-10.

Senior Teams Race, 3 each 66 yds.

A—Olympic, 1; Y.M.C.A., 2; Y.M.C.A., 3.

B—North Melbourne, 1; Fairfield, 2; Deep Rock, 3. Time, 2-51.

Individual Medley, 100 yds.

A Division: Campbell (Olympic), 1; French (Olympic), 2; Harrison (Y.M.C.A.), 3. Time, 1-13.

B—D. Cunningham (D.R.), 1; N. Webb, N.M.), 2; J. Lyons (F.), 3. Time, 1-21.

A Division Placings: Olympic, 40; Y.M.C.A., 25.

B. Division Placings: North Melbourne, 24; Deep Rock, 24; Fairfield, 19.

Officials Entertained.

Following the carnival the visiting V.A.S.A. officials were entertained at the Town Hall by the president and committee of the Ringwood Swimming Club. Mr T. S. Hamilton, president R.S.C., presided. Cr H. E. Parker was present, deputising for the Mayor.

Mr Hamilton welcomed Cr H. E. Parker, council representative, and expressed his pleasure at seeing practically all the members of the council at the carnival. The club was doing an excellent work in the community. This season 160 had been taught swim under the Herald Learn to Swim Campaign. Quite a number were taking the life saving courses, and the club had achieved great success. He desired to express his appreciation of the excellent work of the organiser, Mr McArthur. (Applause.) The whole of the work of the carnival had fallen on his shoulders, and on behalf of the club he desired to thank Mr McArthur for his enthusiastic services.

They were under a great obligation to Mr Fawcett and the other officials of the V.A.S.A. In staging an annual championship at Ringwood and bringing the leading swimmers here, the V.A.S.A. were not only helping the club, but advertising the Borough. The swimming that night in the inter-club events had been of a high standard, and the club was profoundly thankful to the V.A.S.A. officials for their great help.

Baths Not Paying.

Cr H. E. Parker, in responding, analogised for the absence of the Mayor, who had to leave after the carnival. The council, he said, was appreciative of the fine work the Swimming Club was doing in the community, and congratulated them and the V.A.S.A. officials on the excellent carnival. The council would like to do more for the club, but he had to remind them that the baths were not paying, and they had to watch that position closely.

The "Man in Grey."

Mr Fawcett, secretary V.A.S.A., said the Ringwood Swimming Club had made great progress, and the carnival that night was the best they had staged. The Ringwood Club was more fortunate than other clubs. They possessed a "Man in Grey"—(applause)—and he did not know another club in Victoria that had such a rare possession. The success of the club was largely due to the "Man in Grey." (Hear, hear.)

The Function of the Baths.

Referring to baths not paying, he said they were not expected to pay. No baths paid. They were a public utility and necessity. Councils had parks and gardens, and nothing much was said about them not paying. Municipal baths were a public necessity, and councils should not worry so much about making them pay as making them of service to the community.

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Pool an energy saver

Ringwood Aquatic Centre is the first swimming pool in Victoria to undertake an environmentally friendly co-generation project.

Co-generation equipment has been installed which will allow gas now used to heat boilers to create electricity.

The pool will then be able to claim a subsidy from the SEC for electricity created and used at the pool, resulting in substantially lower power bills.

At the moment the aquatic centre requires large amounts of gas for boilers which heat the pool and also large amounts of electricity to provide lighting and air conditioning.

Manager of the centre, Danny Smith, said the project initiated by the Gas and Fuel Corporation is the first involving a swimming pool.

"They have used this project in other areas such as hospitals but this is the first time for a swimming pool."

The total cost of the co-generation project is \$97,000 and the aquatic centre has already received \$15,000 from council funds and loans.

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Ringwood Aquatic Centre