

**PROCLAMATION  
OF RINGWOOD  
AS A CITY**



**SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1960**

## Partners in Progress

*"I approve of having something pre-eminent and kingly in a state; something must also be assigned to the authority of the leading citizens; lastly, something must be left to the judgment and will of the common people." — CICERO.*

# COMMONWEALTH CO-OPERATION

BRITISH  
C'WEALTH  
OF NATIONS

FEDERAL

STATE

CITY  
OF  
RINGWOOD

M.M.B.W.

C.R.B.

MUNICIPAL  
ASSOC'N.



H.R.H. QUEEN ELIZABETH



SIR DALLAS BROOKS  
Governor of Victoria

## **RINGWOOD — a City of Co-operation and Conservation**

The end of World War II in 1945 saw Ringwood, the young Rural Borough which had seceded from Lilydale some 21 years earlier, still very much an orchard district, and showing little promise of the development which was in such a short time to bring it to the status of a City.

Situated, as it is, only 15 miles from Melbourne at the foot of the Dandenongs, it has emerged as a beautiful residential suburb, determined to retain its rural beauty which can barely be rivalled by any other City in the Metropolis.

The rapidity of its progress has posed the 22,000 inhabitants with a challenge that they have already proved they are prepared to accept, the provision of the capital improvements vital in a modern society — community services, cultural development, sporting facilities and the like.

Tribute is paid to the citizens who, through the agency of more than 100 voluntary organisations, have co-operated with the Council to a commendable degree in its dual task of developing its nine square miles of territory to meet the needs of the people, whilst at the same time conserving, wherever possible, the natural beauty of Ringwood.





Cr. A. G. LAVIS, J.P.  
Mayor of Ringwood  
19th March, 1960

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR . . .

As we approach Proclamation Day, I am sure every citizen is proud of the beautiful municipality in which we live.

The road has not been easy — thousands of people have chosen to live here in the past decade, creating problems which are a challenge to a young and vigorous community.

Many things remain to be done, the amenities necessary to a prosperous and growing community come slowly in these days of high capital cost, but we have done well.

To those who have assisted our pioneers; the citizens who came later; our Members of Parliament; my Council and its officers; and the many organisations in Ringwood, I extend sincere thanks.

I hope you will enjoy and remember the celebrations which proclaim us the City of Ringwood.

# CO-OPERATION MADE THESE A REALITY!

Formed and/or Sealed Roadway .....	100 miles
Paved Footpaths .....	12 "
Constructed Channeling .....	45 "
Parks, Gardens and Reserves .....	300 acres
Trees planted in last five years .....	5,000
Street Lights .....	562
Parking Facilities in Ringwood Shopping Area for .....	450 cars
Sewerage Scheme — Adelaide Street Cost	£15,000

Baths, Health Centres, Youth Buildings, Pre-School Centres, Sporting Ovals, Tennis Courts,  
Bowling Greens, Croquet Greens, etc.

Year	Buildings	Population	N.A.V. £	U.C.V. £
1951	2,876	9,170	180,816	—
2	3,232	10,395	235,104	904,076
3	3,572	11,598	264,719	1,237,175
4	3,996	13,079	270,808	1,246,094
5	4,436	14,612	318,472	1,270,163
6	5,016	16,494	323,056	1,312,391
7	5,509	18,056	699,385	3,415,154
8	6,060	20,034	756,153	3,551,034
9	6,585	21,955	845,416	3,666,610



## RINGWOOD CITY COUNCIL — 1960

*Mayor:*

Cr. A. G. Lavis, J.P.

*East Ward:*

Cr. J. F. Hodgkins.

Cr. R. C. Horman, J.P.

Cr. P. Vergers, J.P.

*North Ward:*

Cr. D. J. Baxter.

Cr. B. J. Hubbard, J.P.

Cr. R. O. Spencer, J.P.

*South Ward:*

Cr. M. D. Deuter.

Cr. A. G. Lavis, J.P.

Cr. L. H. McLeod.

*Town Clerk:*

F. P. Dwerryhouse,  
A.I.M.A., J.P.

*City Engineer:*

A. C. Robertson,  
C.E., A.M.I.E. Aust.



# A PAGEANT OF PROGRESS

## Programme

SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 1960

- 2.30 p.m.** Proclamation of Ringwood as a City by His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, General Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J.  
A Guard of Honour will be provided for His Excellency from 3rd Field Engineer Regiment. The Southern Command Band will be in attendance.
- 3.00 p.m.** Procession of floats, Marching Girls, Chinese Dragon, Youth Organisations, etc., led by Mounted Troopers of the Victoria Police Force.
- 4.00 p.m.** Special City Council Meeting.
- 4.30 p.m.** Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve, conducted by Jubilee Park Development Auxiliary; Rides, Merry-go-rounds, etc. Ansett-A.N.A. Helicopter flights.
- 8.00 p.m.** East Ringwood Play Reading Group presents two 1 Act Plays at the Community Hall, East Ringwood.
- 8.30 p.m.** Proclamation Ball, Town Hall.



**SUNDAY, 20th MARCH, 1960**

**Morning**

- 11.00 a.m.** Special Church Services at all Churches in City.
- 11.30 a.m.** Special Mass at Our Lady's Church.

**Afternoon**

- 3.00 p.m.** Band Recital at Ringwood Lake Park. Hawthorn City Band, Kingsville and Yarraville Band.

**MONDAY, 21st MARCH, 1960**

- 10.00 a.m.** An exhibition of art objects will be on display in the Town Hall.  
**to**  
**9.00 p.m.** The Exhibition has been made available by the Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria.

The exhibits range from paintings, silver, china to antique furniture.

- 7.00 p.m.** Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.



**TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1960**

- 10.00 a.m.** Exhibition of art objects, Town Hall.  
**to**  
**9.00 p.m.**
- 7.00 p.m.** Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.

### WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1960

- 10.00 a.m.** Croquet Tournament, Ringwood Bowling Club.
- 2.30 p.m.** Reception in Town Hall to Citizens who were resident in Ringwood when Borough was created in 1924, are now 50 years or over and still resident in Ringwood.
- 7.00 p.m.** Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.
- 8.15 p.m.** Ballet Night, Town Hall. The Australian National Theatre Movement presents a night of Ballet, consisting of "Les Sylphides," "Divertissements," and "Peter and The Wolf."

### THURSDAY, 24th MARCH, 1960

#### (Children's Day)

- 10.00 a.m.** Croquet Tournament, Ringwood Bowling Club.
- 10.00 a.m.** Massed Choir, with representatives of children from all schools to
- 12 noon** in the City. Marching. Each school represented by two teams of 24 boys and 24 girls. Folk Dancing by representatives from High Schools and Primary Schools.
- 2.00 p.m.** School children to be entertained by Council at various functions.
- 7.00 p.m.** Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.
- 8.15 p.m.** Grand Variety Concert, Town Hall. Mr. Eric Fox, well-known personality in musical circles, presents a programme comprising high-class artists of various types of entertainment.

## FRIDAY, 25th MARCH, 1960

7.30 p.m. Naturalisation Ceremony, Town Hall.

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## SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1960

1.30 p.m. Bowls Tournament — Men's Fours, Ringwood Bowling Club, Warrandyte Road.

2.30 p.m. Ringwood Horticultural and Agricultural Society, Autumn Show, Town Hall.

Opening —  
The Mayor, Cr. A. G. Lavis, J.P.

2.30 p.m. "Back to Ringwood," Ringwood Lake Park, Maroondah Highway. Carnival, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.

Ansett-A.N.A. Helicopter flights, Ringwood Recreation Reserve.

Display by 3rd Field Engineer Regiment, Jubilee Park.

Display by Units from Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Jubilee Park.

- Ringwood Swimming and Life-Saving Club conducting Annual Club Championship from 21st February to 20th March, 1960. Member obtaining highest points receives special trophy.
- Ringwood Rifle Club, Shooting Competition, Saturday, 12th March, 1960.

## R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

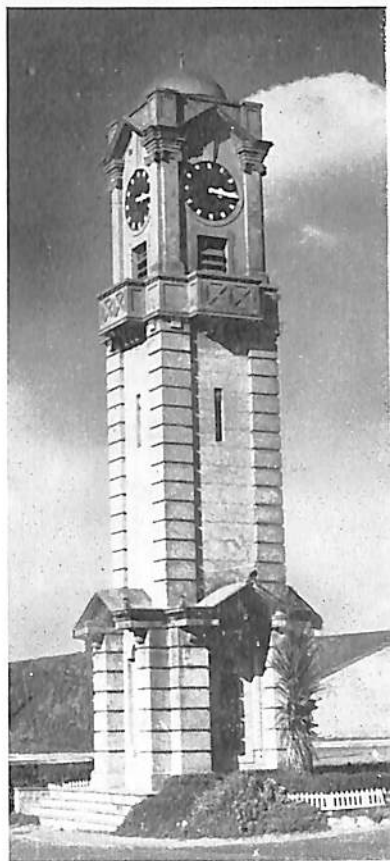
Erected by a grateful public as a tribute to Ringwood citizens who served in World War I, the Memorial Clocktower serves as the focal point for all R.S.L. Ceremonial.

The Ringwood Sub-Branch had several temporary meeting places in the years leading to 1952, when property was purchased in Station Street to provide a permanent "home," in the form of Memorial Club Rooms, which have been improved and extended to cater for all forms of club activities.

The interest created by having its own premises has built membership to more than 600, and this has allowed the R.S.L. to greatly expand its welfare activities.

In the past year Welfare Activity has increased two-fold, all records have been broken for the sale of Anzac Day, Poppy Day and Legacy Appeal Badges, and hospital visitation and blood-bank donations have been instigated.

The recent purchase of additional property adjacent to the existing club rooms will permit the Sub-Branch to fulfil its intention of further expansion.



## RED CROSS

Ringwood Emergency Service Company No. 1 was the first Company formed in Australia. Two of its members, Mrs. H. E. Parker and Mrs. Cribbes, have received medallions and two bars for forty years of service.



In recent years new Companies have been formed at Ringwood East and Heathmont, with Junior Red Cross Circles at Ringwood East and Winnington Grammar School.

Members are instructed in First Aid and Home Nursing; also assist with immunisation services, the Mobile Blood Bank, and are in charge of Medical Loan Equipment.

Ringwood East Company gives valuable service in transporting incapacitated patients to and from hospital.

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Cribbes who have received forty year certificates.



## PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Utility Services which are an accepted part of our community life are provided by a number of inter-related public and semi-public organisations.

In keeping with its expansion, Ringwood possesses a new Police Station in Ringwood Street; a modern Civil Ambulance Station in Pitt Street, and a Fire Brigade Station in Maroondah Highway.

- ♦ Police Station
- ♦ Fire Brigade Station
- ♦ Ambulance Station

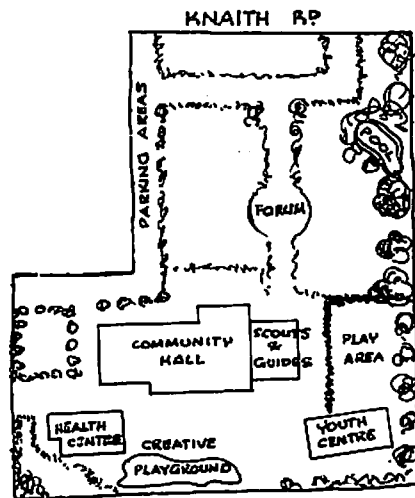


# PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

*"Projects of Progress"*

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Progress Associations are the direct result of the desire of citizens to improve and beautify their suburb . . . and to initiate or endeavour to have effected through local council, proposals which will advance the welfare of the district. The City of Ringwood is fortunate in having five such active groups — the Heathmont Advancement League, Norwood, Ringwood, Heatherdale and East Ringwood Progress Associations. Each of these groups meet regularly to discuss and develop ideas that will be of benefit to the individual and community alike. Enthusiastic and active private citizens can, in this way, be partners in progress with their local council.



### RINGWOOD EAST COMMUNITY CENTRE

This Centre is a practical demonstration of what can be achieved when local people get together to work for a community project. One hall is already completed and it is the aim of the Planning Committee of the Centre to have additional halls and buildings provided within the next few years for local groups and activities.

# HEALTH

## INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

### Ringwood

(Full-time operation)

Opened December, 1928.

Babies at Centre — 1,316.  
For Year 1959.

### East Ringwood—Knaith Road

(Part-time operation)

Opened 5/1/59.

Babies at Centre — 278.  
For Year 1959.

### Heathmont-Viviani Crescent

(Part-time operation)

Opened 24/2/53.

Babies at Centre — 131.  
For Year 1959.

Ringwood  
Infant Welfare Centre.

## PRE-SCHOOL CENTRES

Greenwood Park  
Heathmont  
Heatherdale  
East Ringwood (Baptist Church)

Notlen Street  
Maroondah  
Ringwood (Methodist Church).

## EMERGENCY HOME HELP SERVICES

are provided by the Council.





# EDUCATION

## SCHOOLS IN MUNICIPALITY

	No. of Students 1960
Eastwood State .....	427
Heathmont State ....	468
Our Lady's R.C. ....	640
North Ringwood State	96
Norwood High .....	357
Norwood State .....	596
Ringwood East State ..	485
Ringwood High .....	900
Ringwood State .....	956
Ringwood Technical ....	500
Seventh Day Adventist .	34
St. Francis de la Salle ..	75
Tintern C.E.G.G.S. ....	504
Winnington Grammar ..	110

Ringwood  
High School.

*"The ultimate aim of education is to produce individuals who are effective members of the societies to which they belong."*

—M. Knowles.



## PLAYGROUNDS — GARDENS



Our children's playgrounds are tangible evidence of results obtained by partners in progress.

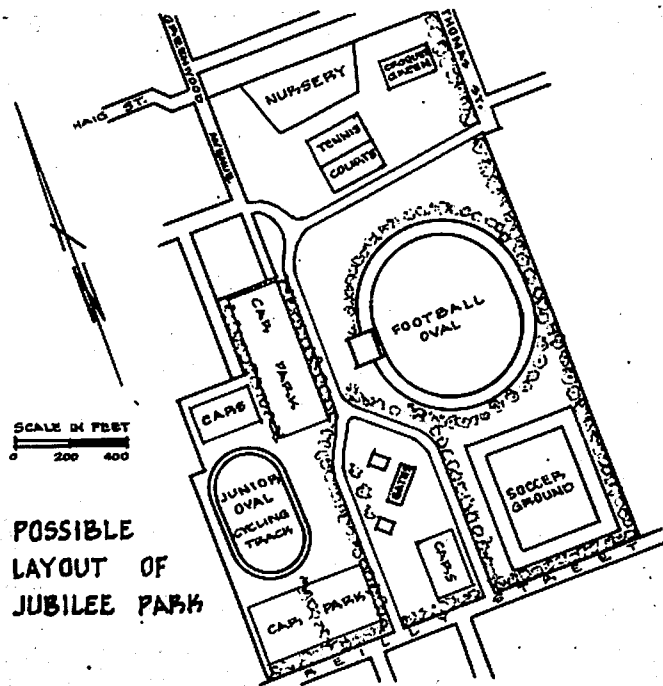
Boys and girls throughout the city at this time can thank the Ringwood Henley Carnival Committee for the service task of providing twenty-four equipped playground sites. This committee of citizens has annually conducted a fund raising carnival to equip and beautify our playgrounds; they have provided the requisites for healthy exercise and enjoyment for thousands of children.

Browning's vision has yet to be realised in Ringwood—

“The beauty and the wonder and the power,  
The shape of things, their colours, light and shades.”

Wise planning and vision has provided excellent public garden sites, but their development is a community task still before us. Ringwood Lake Reserve, in particular, has great potential which, when realised, will go a long way to establishing Ringwood as the garden city its citizens desire it to be.

# PARKS FOR PLEASURE



PARKS & RESERVES	Acres
Ringwood Lake Park	15
Jubilee Park	60
Heathmont Reserve	11
Greenwood Park	6
Bell Bird Park	12
North Ringwood Reserve	8
East Ringwood Reserve	16
Wombalano Park	25
B. J. Hubbard Reserve	16
H. E. Parker Reserve	21
Norwood Reserve	5
Heatherdale Road Reserve	30

In all, some 300 acres are permanently reserved for parklands and recreational purposes.

## CHURCHES NEW BUILDING PROGRESS . . .

*"For God so loved the World that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have Eternal Life." — John 3:16.*

1960 finds the Churches of Ringwood completing the biggest Church Building Programme in our history. Every Church in Ringwood has seen the need for expansion of premises. In Ringwood, Heathmont, Ringwood East and Ringwood North new churches and halls of modern design have been erected.

Baptist  
Brethren Fellowship  
Christadelphian  
Christian Science

Churches of Christ  
Church of England  
Lutheran  
Methodist  
Pentecostal

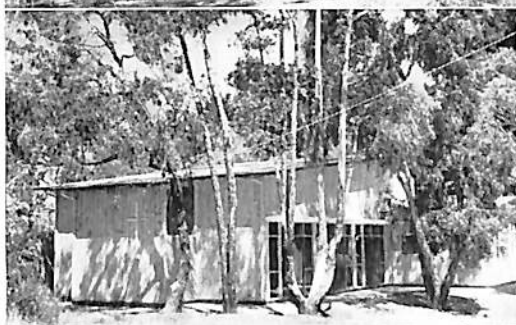
Presbyterian  
Roman Catholic  
Salvation Army  
Seventh Day Adventist

Church of England  
Heathmont.

Presbyterian Church Hall  
Heathmont.

St. Francis de la Salle's  
School  
East Ringwood.

Ringwood Methodist  
Sunday School Hall.



## GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL . . .

Ringwood's advancement to the municipal rank of a city is a matter of great interest to Good Neighbours.

Ringwood's population growth in recent years has been closely linked with Australia's immigration policy. A magnificent job has been done by government and municipal departments in settling New Australians . . . but they can act only in an official capacity. Good Neighbour work begins where officialdom ends.

The Good Neighbour Council seeks to counter loneliness and isolation. By contact work, by language classes and by guidance in personal matters, the Good Neighbour Council tries to make the migrant feel at home in every sense of the word.

As President of the Ringwood Good Neighbour Council, I would like to place on record my deep appreciation of the splendid co-operation received from the Ringwood City Council, the Churches and many voluntary organisations. In particular, the Naturalisation Ceremonies have, by their very sincerity and quiet dignity, left a lasting impression on those who have become Australian citizens.

On behalf of the Ringwood Good Neighbour Council, I extend best wishes to the City Council of Ringwood.

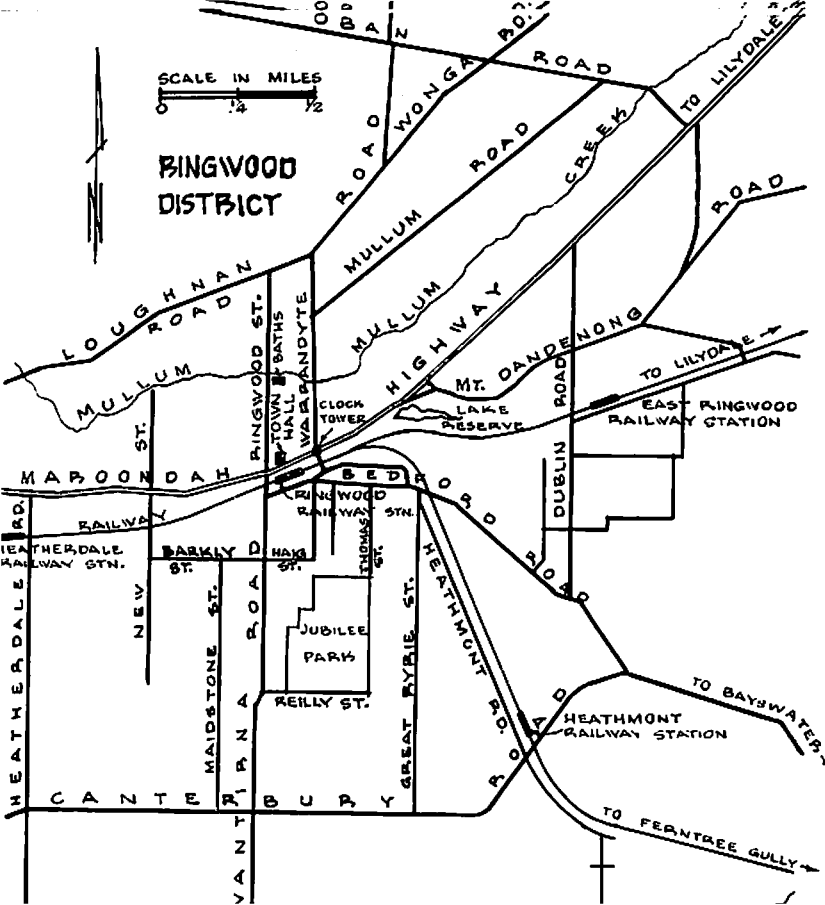
*F. C. Penny.*

Presentation of Naturalisation Certificate.



F. C. PENNY





# CITY OF RINGWOOD

## WARD BOUNDARIES

### NORTH —

Maroondah Highway, Warrandyte Road, Mullum Road, Oban Road, Wonga Road, Kalinda Road.

### EAST —

Warrandyte Road, Mullum Road, Oban Road, Wonga Road to northern boundary line.  
 Intersection of Maroondah Highway and Warrandyte Roads, Bedford Road, Canterbury Road to eastern boundary line.

### SOUTH —

Maroondah Highway, Pitt Street, Bedford Road, Canterbury Road, Armstrong Road, Dandenong Creek, Heatherdale Road.

### WARD AREA (Acres)

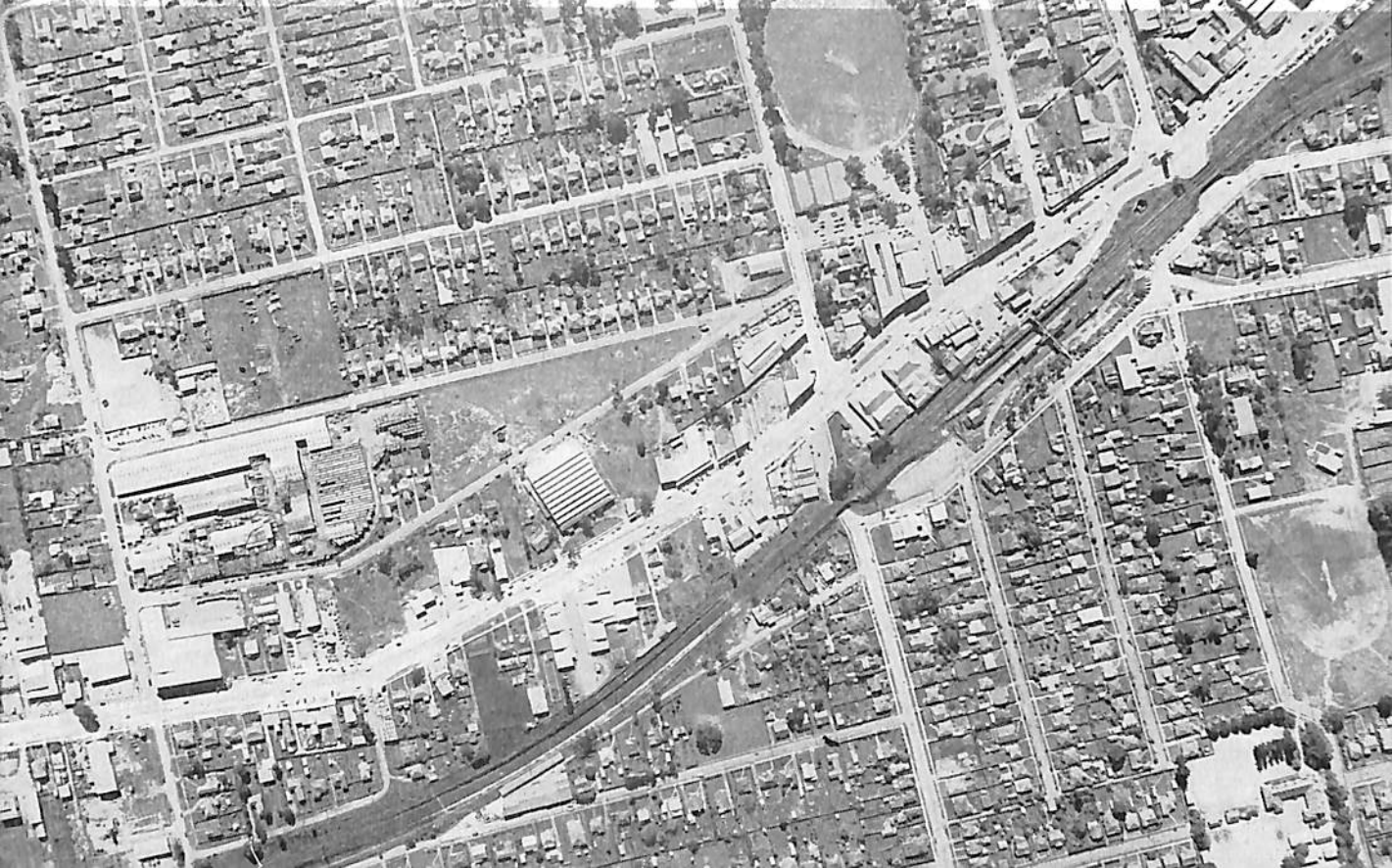
North	East	South
1546	2003	2077

### WARD POPULATION

North	East	South
4808	7670	9477

### WARD RATING VALUE (U.C.V.)

North	East	South
£1,138,229	£980,529	£1,547,852



# WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUPS

To adequately record the encouragement, inspiration and practical help of individual women or the groups through which they work in any community is difficult if not impossible.

At this time in the history of Ringwood, we honour all women who voluntarily and unobtrusively work for the relief of distress, the comfort of the aged, the sick, the advancement of Ringwood and our Nation.

Civilian Widows (Sub-branch APEX)  
Country Women's Association  
Heatherdale Ladies' Club  
Red Cross  
Ringwood and Croydon Auxiliary  
for Spastics.  
Ringwood Ladies' Benevolent Society  
Ringwood Women's Christian Temperance Union  
The Mental Hospital Auxiliary  
The Soroptomists of Ringwood  
Districts and Foothills  
Women's Association for Disabled  
Ex-Service Personnel

Ladies Auxiliaries to—

Churches  
Ex-Servicemen's Organisations  
Guides  
Hospitals  
Ringwood Old-Age and Invalid  
Pensioners' Association  
Schools  
Scouts  
Sporting Clubs  
The Ringwood Animal Welfare  
League.  
Youth Groups

*HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE*



## YOUTH GROUPS — Tomorrow's Citizens

The future of Ringwood as a city is vested in its youth. Our lovely, natural environment of parklands, hills and trees is ideally suited to youth group activities. In Bedford Park the Council has provided large sites for the Police and Citizens' Youth Club, the Scouts and the Guides. When all these movements have completed their building programmes the youth of Ringwood will have available to them wonderful facilities for their leisure hours and citizenship development.

The Police and Citizens' Youth Club opened their new main building in 1959 after several years of pioneering work in temporary premises. Today the club is providing a full programme of physical activities, crafts and educational activities for our boys and girls.

The Scouts and Guides are constantly expanding their work. In recent years groups have been formed at Heathmont and Ringwood East. British Commonwealth Youth Sunday is regularly held in Ringwood each year when

all our youth groups join together in a march followed by an inspirational service.

Every Church has a wide range of youth groups operating nightly in their halls.

In all these youth groups of Ringwood we have programmes training members to be co-operative citizens accepting the obligations and responsibilities, also to appreciate the benefits, of living in a Christian and democratic community.



## CULTURAL

As was the experience in the United States, so in Australia, where an intensive immigration programme has brought to a young country, with its own characteristic background, some of the culture accumulated over centuries in the old world. This merging of the old and the new can result only in an increased interest in cultural matters.



In Ringwood this interest is fostered and satisfied primarily through the Arts and Crafts Society, whose most ambitious project was the sponsoring some years ago of the Ringwood Eisteddfod, which, held annually, includes ballet, as well as vocal and instrumental events.

From a humble beginning the Eisteddfod is now firmly established and, in particular, the principal feature — the Ringwood Aria — attracts competitors from all over Victoria.

The prize for the Aria is donated by the Council, which has indicated its intention to sponsor the event to even greater prominence.

The City is also fortunate to have Play Reading Groups at Ringwood and Ringwood East (where there is also a Teenage Group), as well as a Stamp Club and a Chess Club.

All these organisations do much to provide the citizens with a cultural outlet, and their efforts are commended.

## HORTICULTURE

Many thousands of people who "migrated" to Ringwood in the past decade were attracted by its natural beauty, and were determined that not only should that beauty be retained, but that improvements, when effected, should be considered in the setting provided by nature.

Their determination found voice through the strong and influential Ringwood Horticultural Society, whose principal events each year are the Spring and Autumn Shows. These shows convert the Town Hall into a fairyland of flowers, and not only do they invite competitors from far and wide, but they attract many citizens who have come to consider them as events "not to be missed."

The Society also sponsors regular Garden Competitions, and has encouraged traders to engage in keen competition with floral window displays.

Regular monthly meetings attract large attendances at which there is wide and informative discussion on all matters "horticultural."

It is hoped that, just as Melbourne is known as the Garden City, so one day, assisted by the efforts of the Horticultural Society, Ringwood may be known as the Garden Suburb.



## PHYSICAL FITNESS

It is incumbent on us, as a people, to see that all age groups in our community are provided with the opportunity and equipment necessary to the attainment and maintenance of healthy minds in healthy bodies.

Ringwood is proud of the work being done by its Youth Leaders.

The Ringwood Police and Citizens' Youth Club has already spent more than £6,000 on a project ultimately estimated to cost, on completion, £15,000.

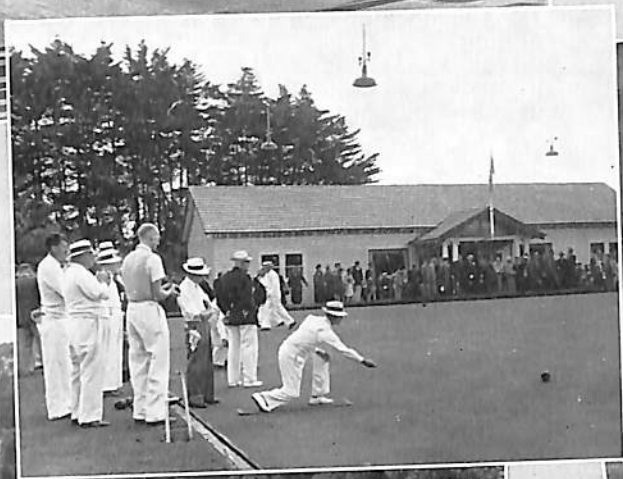
The Heathmont Youth Club, although not yet in a position to obtain its own premises, is also doing fine work.

There are clubs providing facilities for cricket, cycling, swimming, croquet, football, tennis, bowls, golf, all active and responsible organisations.

Australians have won international repute for their athletic prowess, and barely a week

passes without publicity of some record achievement in one sport or another. To some extent, credit for this must go to our high standard of living and favourable climatic conditions. However, none of these successes come about without much preparation and a great deal of hard work.





## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In any virile growing town the Chamber of Commerce represents the Voice of the Business World.

Formed as an association of retailers, industrialists, and professional men, its task is to act in the interests of its members and to promote the commercial and industrial growth of the town.

The Ringwood Chamber of Commerce (President, K. C. Ward; Secretary, B. Whitaker) grew out of earlier Traders' Associations, is affiliated with the Associated Chambers of Commerce and is well supported by the business community.

The commercial area of Ringwood has completely changed in recent years with a great influx of new businesses. As a result of this rapid growth, many problems have arisen affecting the business people and their customers. The Chamber of Commerce is very conscious of the fact that the buyer is the ultimate arbiter as to whether its members stay in business and therefore regards its prime duty as assisting its members in their efforts to enhance the status of Ringwood as a shopping centre.

The East Ringwood Chamber of Commerce, having been formed in 1958, although young in years, has a core of enthusiastic members who, through the President, H. Burrige, and Secretary, R. Poynter, are endeavouring to provide all of the necessary business and shopping facilities required by the rapidly expanding community of Ringwood East.



K. C. WARD



B. WHITAKER

## THE HISTORY OF OTHER YEARS

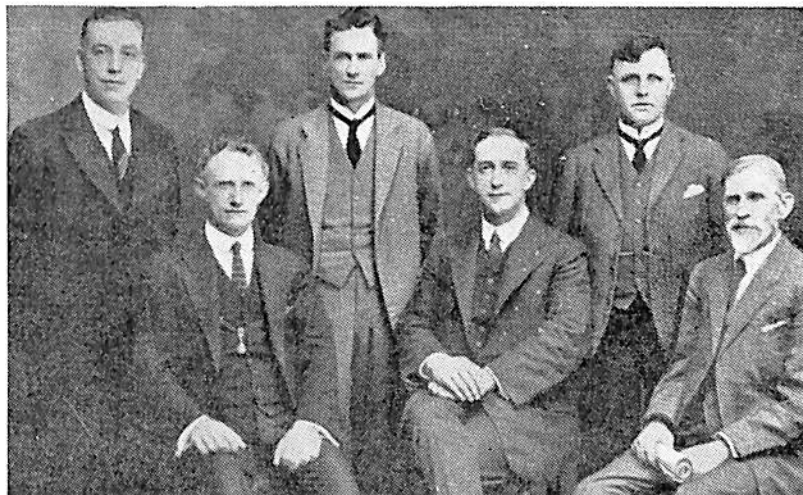
Thirty-five years ago, on 13th December, 1924, Ringwood was proclaimed a Borough. This historical event was brought about by the courage and vision of citizens who petitioned the Government of the day for a severance from the Shire of Lillydale.

The original Council was elected on 4th December, 1924. Cr. A. T. Miles was elected as Mayor at the first meeting of the Council held on 24th December, 1924. Within a short time of the initial appointments of Messrs. E. Winterbottom, Town Clerk, and W. E. Thompson, Surveyor, Messrs. A. F. D. Long and F. R. Lucas were appointed to the Office of Town Clerk and Engineer respectively.

The Borough Seal was struck on 19th February, 1925, incorporating some symbols to express the bond between the Ringwoods of England and Australia. For some years Council business was conducted in premises on the site of the A.N.Z. Bank, Maroondah Highway, now opposite the Town Hall. The foundation stone of the Town Hall Auditorium was laid in 1936 by the Mayor, Cr. J. K. McCaskill.

We can all be grateful to the Ringwood Historical Research Group — President, J. McCaskill, J.P.; Secretary, R. Pullen — for collecting, collating and preserving valuable records of historical events and personalities.

Back Row: J. K. McCASKILL, R. J. WILKINS, A. BLOOD.  
Front Row: J. B. McALPIN, A. T. MILES (Mayor),  
W. McKINLEY.



# OUR NEIGHBOURS

## CITY OF NUNAWADING

I desire, on behalf of the Council and the citizens of the City of Nunawading, to offer you my sincere congratulations on the elevation of your Borough to the status of a City.

This important advancement augurs well for the future of your municipality and, I feel sure, will result in greater progress, bringing with it untold benefit to your citizens.

I look forward to the same happy co-operation that has always existed between my municipality and yours.

May the development of your municipality, which has been so marked in the past, continue in the future.

C. S. ROSS, Mayor.

## SHIRE OF DONCASTER AND TEMPLESTOWE

Please convey to your Council and citizens the congratulations and good wishes of this Shire on the elevation of your municipality to the status of a City.

E. L. NEWBIGIN, J.P., President.

## SHIRE OF LILLYDALE

It is with a sense of great pleasure that my Council joins with the many who are rejoicing with you in your elevation to the status of a City.

Lillydale has had a particular interest in your progress, in that Ringwood was an offshoot of our Shire, and we have watched with admiration your growth over the 35 years since the breakaway.

To have achieved something big is a very happy state and we offer our sincere congratulations to all who have helped to bring this to pass.

E. C. HILL, Shire President.

## SHIRE OF FERN TREE GULLY

The Shire of Fern Tree Gully takes pleasure in joining with its sister municipalities in congratulating the Borough of Ringwood on its elevation to the status of a City.

We trust that as a City, Ringwood will continue to progress in the same manner as it has over recent years, and that the citizens of Ringwood will experience the benefit of the sound administration it enjoys at present.

A. A. ELLIOTT, J.P., Shire President.



# 1924 - Souvenir Brochure - 1960

On the occasion of the Proclamation of Ringwood as a City by His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, General Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J., on 19th March, 1960.

This Souvenir Programme has been produced in order that we all may have a permanent record of this great event in the history of Ringwood.

It tells the story of a modern, rapidly developing City, a story made possible by men and women devoted to the concern of making Ringwood a worthwhile place in which to live. Throughout the book you will find names and photographs of organisations and people who have helped in the development of Ringwood.

It is not possible to present more than indicative facts or random pictures chosen as typical of the whole. For every fact mentioned in this book, and for every photograph included, there are dozens equally meriting inclusion which only considerations of space have eliminated.

However, it was felt that a record, even if incomplete, should be available to all citizens of our City.

## THE FUTURE — Partners for Posterity

Ringwood's promotion to city status is not only a milestone but it is a symbolic gateway to a wider and more useful future.

In thinking of the future we will miss the whole point of true development if we think merely in terms of bricks and mortar, good roads and other material services.

Ringwood is a community of people as well as an important point on the metropolitan map. Like every other community it is made up of those who need baby health centres, pre-schools, libraries, playgrounds, swimming pools and the countless other amenities which are in line with modern concepts of living. These must be built and made effective so that not only this generation but generations to come will reap the benefit of our institutions.

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 and the building of the new City of Ringwood may well be a pointer to the noble vision contained in those words by Samuel Johnson—

City of God, how broad and far  
Outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
Of every age and clime.

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
With never-fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,  
To meet the dawning day!

With such a vision the citizens of Ringwood can go forward confidently as **PARTNERS FOR POSTERITY.**

## Athenian Oath of Citizenship

*We will never bring disgrace to this, our City, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our comrades; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the City Laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, that thus in all these ways we may transmit this City, greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.*



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