

# CITY OF RINGWOOD



## News Sheet

FEBRUARY 1970

Photo: "THE NEW RINGWOOD CIVIC CENTRE"  
Corner Braeside Avenue and Maroondah Highway







The Council is pleased to present this news sheet to the people of Ringwood. I trust you will find it interesting. The purpose of the news sheet is an endeavour to make people more conscious of the local community in which they live, to make them aware of what the Council is doing, and to provide both information on the functions of Local Government and matters affecting same which the Law expects us to know and also what is simply interesting to be known.

It is almost ten years since Ringwood was proclaimed a city — March, 1960. During these years the municipality has witnessed solid development in which the Council has been most actively involved.

We are now entering the 1970's and the Council looks forward to further solid development to thus help make Ringwood an even better place in which to live, in the decade now facing us.

B. J. HUBBARD, J.P.  
MAYOR.

# Increasing Demands on Local Government

AS OUR SOCIETY becomes more complex with technological change the demands on Local Government increase.

It is not so many years ago such activities as Elderly Citizens Clubrooms, Home Help Services, Traffic Engineering, e.g. traffic lights, road markings, with particular interest on the motor car age, and Town Planning, were unheard of. Now these activities form a major part of the Council's functions and cost the ratepayers many thousands of dollars annually.

Unfortunately, whereas the scope of activity has increased, the scope of obtaining revenue has not proportionately increased.

Therefore, in an age of rapidly rising costs the Council is forced to increase general property rates at an even greater rate than that which is reflected in the rise in general costs if it is to give the people the amenities and services they look to the Council for.

To what extent rates are increased depends in the main upon the demand for works and services and the ability of the ratepayers to pay and these two difficult questions are constantly having to be answered by the Council.

## The New Civic Centre

THE NEW MUNICIPAL Offices, Council Chamber and public meeting room facilities are to be officially opened by His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, on Saturday, 7th February, 1970. This is the first of four major projects of the Council to be completed following the Eastland Shopping Centre project.

The old municipal offices at the Town Hall were erected in 1927 when the municipality had a population of only 2000 people (present population approximately 33,000), and a staff of six, whereas today staff is in excess of 40. The old Antimony Mine Reserve between Braeside Avenue and Mines Road was chosen after careful consideration and investigation of sites which could have been available for the new building. It is of interest to note that the records tell us antimony was discovered on the site in 1869 and the early settlement evolved around this industry. Antimony was mined on the site intermittently until 1934. It was not until the fluctuating availability that many men in Ringwood turned to wood cutting and later as the land was cleared, to fruit grow-

ing. Now, of course, the fruit growing too, has made way for residential development. It is appropriate therefore that the old Mine Reserve again becomes the centre of a most important district activity — its administration.

Siting of the new building allows for further development on the site such as a Town Hall, theatre complex for the arts or any other similar type building considered appropriate to the needs of the municipality as time goes by. Local organisations will be interested to note that the new building contains a public meeting room with kitchen facilities and will seat some 90 people. This room is readily available for hire at most nominal charges. Further information can be obtained simply by a phone call to the Civic Centre.

## Are you thinking of building?

**A BUILDING PERMIT must be obtained from the Council's Building Surveyor at the Civic Centre for all types of building, including additions, alterations, outbuildings, front fences, the erection of signs, etc.**

Building permits are required in order to ensure buildings are structurally sound and conform to the requirements of the Uniform Building Regulations (Victoria) and the owner or any subsequent owner, is getting the building in accordance

with plans which have been approved. There are many requirements for buildings, with none probably more important than their siting and affect on amenity of the particular area, and in this regard there are Council requirements providing minimum distances in which buildings may be erected from property boundaries. Also in certain areas, only buildings of brick or masonry construction are allowed.

The Council's Building Inspectors make a number of inspections of all buildings in course of erection in order to ensure that they are being erected in conformity with the approved plans. One will see that although a building permit costs money it is a good safe-guard for the owner, as well as a safe-guard

for residents of the particular area as a whole where the building is being erected.

There are various requirements in order to obtain a building permit with the prime requirements being the submission of two copies of building plans drawn in ink showing ground plan with overall dimensions. The Building Office at the Civic Centre is open from 9 am to 12 noon daily for the approving of building plans. General information may be obtained from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., either by telephone or in person.

During the last Council financial year 1208 permits were issued by the Building Surveyor for all types of buildings, alterations and additions, including 437 for new residences. Housing brings people — people bring housing — whichever way one wishes to look at it — with consequent demands on the Council for provision of roads, recreational facilities, health services, etc.

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

### North Ward:

Cr. B. J. Hubbard, J.P.\*  
Cr. N. Aus\*  
Cr. R. J. Martin  
\* Has been Mayor.

### South Ward:

Cr. J. M. McRae  
Cr. G. R. G. Smart  
Cr. J. C. B. McCubbin, J.P.

### East Ward:

Cr. P. Vergers, J.P.\*  
Cr. S. C. Morris, J.P.\*  
Cr. Patricia E. Palmer

### QUALIFICATIONS.

To qualify for election as a Councillor a person either must be liable to be rated (occupier) or owner of a property in the Municipal district, of a rateable value of at least \$40.00. He must retain the necessary qualification throughout his term as Councillor, although he need not hold the same property as when elected.

Councillors are generally elected for a period of three years, except in cases of extraordinary vacancy.

Their service is in an honorary capacity — they are not paid — but the Mayor (Chairman of the Council) receives an allowance to meet expenses associated with his position.

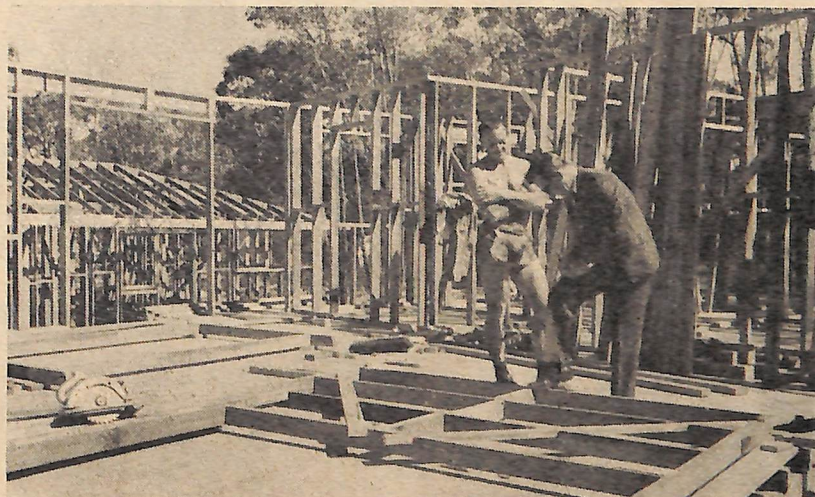
The Annual Election of Councillors is usually held towards the end of August each year; a third of the Councillors retire each year, but may be re-elected. Persons of 21 years of age, who are natural born or naturalised subjects of Her Majesty The Queen, and who are entitled to be

enrolled in respect to rateable property within the Municipal district are entitled to one vote; the old, multiple system of votes — up to three votes, depending on property value — was amended last year in favour of the one-person one-vote system.

The spouse of a ratepayer is now entitled to be enrolled providing application is made in the prescribed manner. Forms are available from the ratecollector at the Civic Centre.

Unlike voting for the Federal and State parliaments, voting for the Ringwood City Council is not compulsory, although it is compulsory in many Municipalities.

It is of interest to note that in the most recent Council Election to elect one Councillor for the South Ward, the total number of votes cast represented only 27% of those persons on the Municipal Roll. This can, of course, be interpreted in two ways — general satisfaction with the local administration, or a degree of apathy in municipal affairs.



Council Officer inspecting new residence in course of erection.

**COUNCIL PROVIDES — Public Halls, Infant Welfare Centres, Home Help Service, Elderly Citizens' Clubrooms, Library, Parks**



# Major Road Construction Works

WORK HAS JUST commenced on construction of the northern carriageway of Mount Dandenong Road, west of Bona Street to Maroondah Highway and on completion will provide dual carriageways for the full length of this main road within the municipality. With more and faster cars coming on to the roads there is an increasing need for road improvements and the Council is endeavouring to meet this need in the interests of safety as finance becomes available.

Work is shortly to commence on reconstruction of Wonga Road north of Oban Road to the bend. Later on in the year the Council expects to be able to commence reconstruction of the Canterbury Road/Wantirna Road intersection. The Council receives considerable financial assistance from the Country Roads Board on these major works.

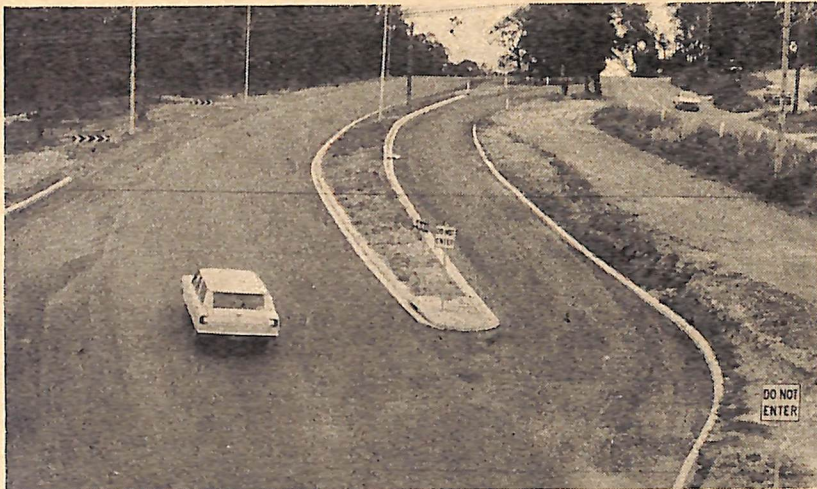
## Traffic Lights

Coupled with increasing vehicular traffic is the need for more pedestrian and school crossings and this year the Council is having installed signalised school crossings in Bedford Road at St. Mary's School, in Canterbury Road near Armstrong Road and is contributing to the cost of one in Maroondah Highway just east of the municipal boundary which will serve the Croydon West High and State Schools. A pedestrian crossing will probably be installed at the shopping centre in Wantirna Road near Kirk Street.

## Footpaths

Associated with roads are, of course, footpaths and this year the Council proposes constructing the following footpaths — half cost to be borne by the Council and half cost by abutting property owners:

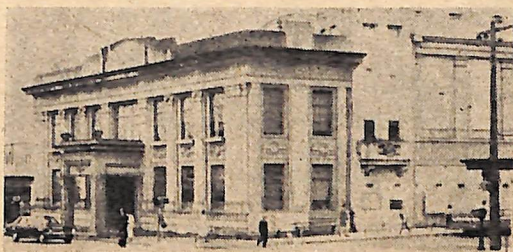
West side Braeside Avenue to Mt. Dandenong Road; east side Braeside Avenue, Wilson Street to Mt. Dandenong Road; Alexandra Avenue south side, Vista Avenue easterly; Warrandyte Road west side, Unsworth Road to Rosebank Avenue; Melview Drive northerly 270 ft.; south side Mullum Road, Oliver Street easterly; south side Maroondah Highway Oban Road to Beaufort Road shopping centre; west side Wantirna Road, Canterbury Road to Gordon Road; Mt. Dandenong Road north side, Purser Avenue to Everard Road.



This is portion of the newly constructed northern carriageway of Mt. Dandenong Road, east of Bona Street.

## What is the Future

OF THESE TWO PUBLIC facilities which have served the people of Ringwood and District so well over the years?



## TOWN HALL

Council, believing the best use of the site is for a strong commercial development, is presently offering the property for sale. Demand for use of the Main Hall over recent years has been decreasing and at present the Council has made no decision as to whether or not it will build a replacement hall.



## BATHS

It is conceivable that when the new Swimming Centre at Jubilee Park is open — next swimming season — the Baths in Ringwood Street will not be required. However, the Council has not yet given consideration to what the future of the Baths will be.

## Those unmade private streets are rapidly going

This is one of the newly constructed streets in the Loughnan Hill area with its pleasing street contours, fine retaining walls and with the preservation of as much tree growth as was practicable.



Currently the Heathwood Street group of private streets, comprising some two miles of road pavement, is under construction and in which scheme retaining walls are being provided similar to those in the Loughnan Hill area. When this scheme is completed there will only be the odd unmade residential private street left to be constructed by Council. By this time next year the Council hopes to have constructed the streets in the Light Industrial area between Heatherdale Road and New Street, just south of the railway line, also the residential streets of Harriet Street; Barnic Road, Muller Road, Kenbry Road, Possum Lane; Rosedale Crescent, Howship Court and Federal Road; Lorienne and Philip Streets; Vista Court.

## THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF RINGWOOD

The Council is very conscious of the need for adequate street lighting at night time and in the past few years has spent some thousands of dollars in providing underground cabling to give the municipality the excellent and attractive lighting along Maroondah Highway, Mt. Dandenong Road and the portion of Canterbury Road through the Heathmont Shopping Centre.

There are some 1727 street lights throughout the municipality. Each 250 watt colour corrected mercury vapour lantern, which is the typical light along the major roads in the municipality costs the Council \$38.64 annually and each ordinary residential street lantern costs the Council \$11.40 annually. In all the Council has budgeted to spend \$42,500 on street lighting this current financial year.



Recently completed section of Maroondah Highway street lighting, to the eastern boundary of the municipality.

and Gardens, Roads and Drains, Traffic Signals, Public Conveniences, Bus and Taxi Terminal, Rubbish Tip, Sporting Facilities.

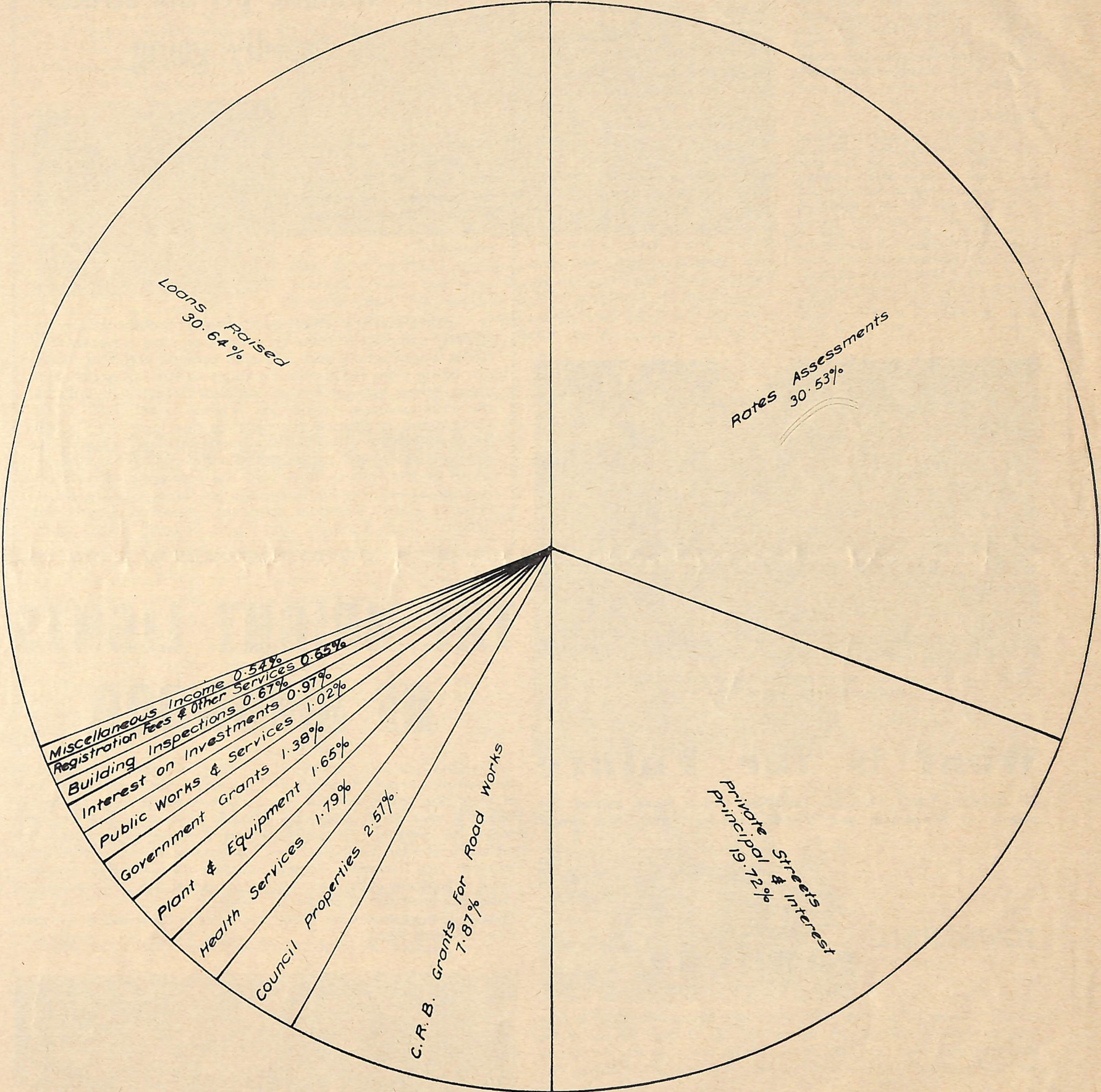


# YOUR COUNCIL OPERATES

WHERE THE MONEY IS RECEIVED

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES IN 1968-69

COUNCIL FINANCIAL YEAR



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2,486,773

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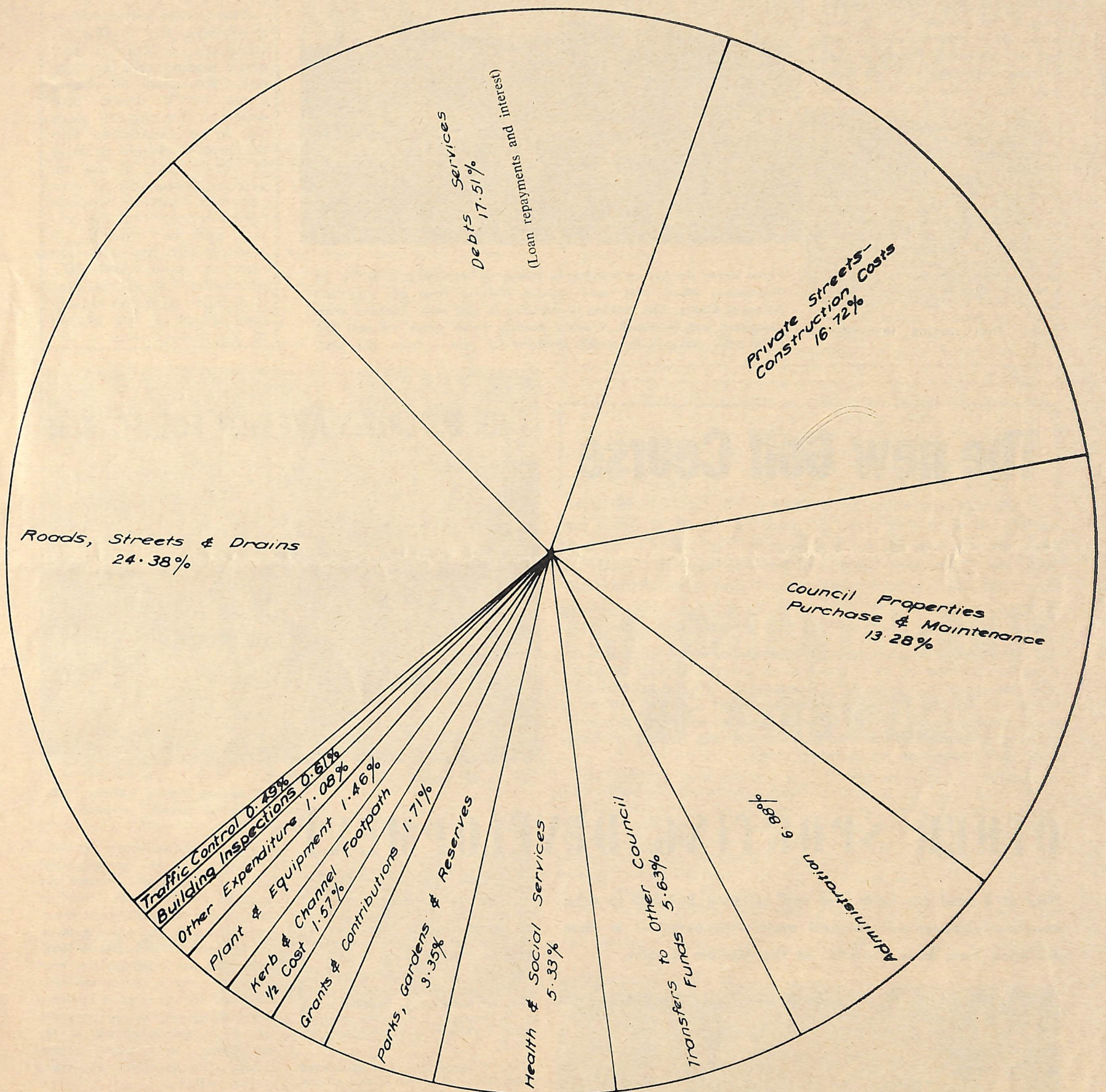


# ATES A BIG BUSINESS

FROM.... AND TO WHERE IT GOES

AR ENDS 30th SEPTEMBER

FUNDS EXPENDED FROM ALL SOURCES IN 1968-69



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2,327,849

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WERE EXPENDED  
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# The new LIBRARY

**THE LONG AWAITED** free Municipal Library will come into existence on Monday, 4th May, when the doors will be open to the public to provide a free library service to the people of the municipality for the first time.

After many years of planning and the last two years of vigorous endeavour by the Library staff in purchasing and cataloguing some 20,000 books, the Council looks forward to this new service. The book stock will be progressively increased and will ultimately provide a book selection comparable with any municipal library in the State of Victoria.

The Library facilities are available to ratepayers, residents and persons employed or attending school within the municipality without charge. For those who have not obtained enrolment cards, which have been forwarded with rate notices, and distributed to schools they may be obtained from the Civic Centre and should be completed, one card by each person intending to join, and should be returned to the Civic Centre as soon as convenient. Membership cards will not be posted until April and must of course be presented when seeking to borrow books.

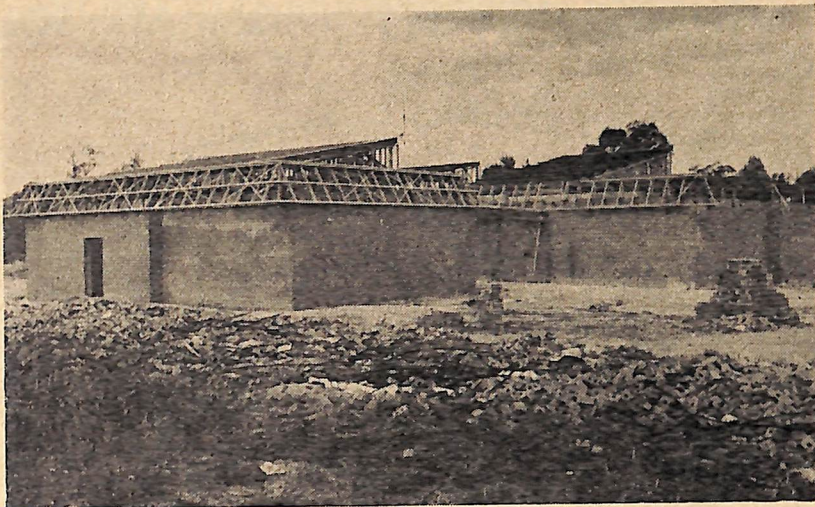


Photo shows the library building in course of erection. It is at No. 28 Warrandyte Road, only short walking distance from the Ringwood Shopping Centre. The building is estimated to cost some \$200,000 when completed and furnished. A public meeting room which will seat 100 is included and will be readily available for hire as from May next.

## SWIMMING CENTRE

Work has now commenced on the Council's new swimming centre complex at Jubilee Park, immediately to the west of the Soccer Stadium. It is planned that the new pools will be available for use by the beginning of the 1970/71 summer swimming season.

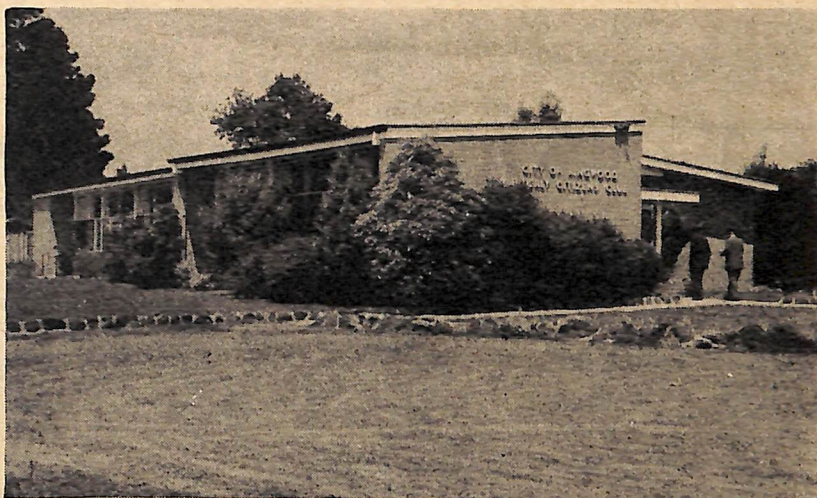
The Centre will comprise a full size pool to Olympic standards, a learners pool and a wading pool for toddlers. Provision is being made for a diving pool which in the original plans was to be constructed with the other pools, but because of rise in costs it now appears construction of this pool will have to be postponed in order that the project can be provided in keeping with the estimated cost of some \$400,000, which the Council believes is as much as it can reasonably spend on the project at the present time.

## The new Golf Course

Work is proceeding to schedule on the Golf Course development on some 112 acres of land, nearly all of which has been recently acquired for this purpose. The Golf Course area abuts the Dandenong Creek and has frontages to Canterbury Road (opposite MacRobertson's factory) and to Wantirna Road. A large portion of the area is being filled by the land-fill method of tipping, using the site as a garbage and rubbish tip.

Work has commenced on the construction of fairways and if works continue to plan, the first nine holes should be available for use within 2-3 years. Construction of the second nine holes will follow. It is envisaged the Golf Course will be a public course and which the Council believes will fulfil a rapidly growing requirement for this type of sporting facility in Ringwood and immediate surrounding areas.

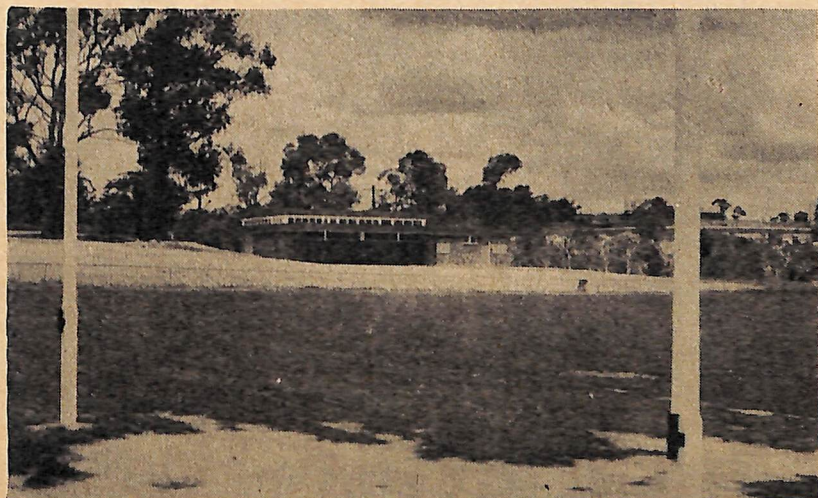
## OUR ELDERLIES ARE NOT FORGOTTEN



Ringwood Elderly Citizens Clubrooms as recently extended.

## OTHER SPORTING DEVELOPMENT

Now at a total developmental cost of some \$60,000 to date, two first class cricket/football ovals with excellent pavilion facilities, have been provided at the Mullum Reserve.



The Mullum Reserve. — This was a tip three years ago.

Special athletic club facilities are also provided at the Reserve which has become the new home for both the Men's and Women's Ringwood Amateur Athletic Clubs.

To keep up with the demand for sporting/recreational facilities in a growing community, predominantly in the younger age groups requires steady development of additional facilities.

The Council has just completed construction of a new soccer ground at the B. J. Hubbard Reserve and construction of the second, and what will be the major oval, at the H. E. Parker Reserve at Heathmont is presently nearing completion. A third temporary ground is being provided at Proclamation Park.

The North Ringwood Reserve is currently being reconstructed at a cost of some \$8000 to provide a first class sporting oval in the rapidly developing northern portion of the municipality.

A secondary oval at Jubilee Park is proposed for construction in the near future.

With a predominantly youthful population it is easy to understand how a Council could overlook the needs of the elderly in favour of the provision of children's and young people's playing and sporting facilities. However this is not so in Ringwood. Two fine buildings have been provided — one in Greenwood Park, Ringwood and the other in Laurence Grove, Ringwood East, for exclusive use of the elderly citizens of the municipality and active elderly citizens' clubs have been established in both buildings.

The Ringwood Clubrooms have just been extended at a cost of close on \$8000, which is being met by the Lions Club of Ringwood and the Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club itself.

The facilities are available to all residents of the municipality 60 and over.

If you are interested and seek more information on Club facilities and activities give the Club Secretaries a ring at 870 6101 for Ringwood and 870 3746 for Ringwood East.



# Health is SO Important

REGARDLESS OF WHAT a municipality provides in public amenities, the amenities are of little use to the person whose health will not permit him to enjoy them. The Council's Medical Officer of Health oversees the health of the community and is assisted in this responsibility by the Council's full-time Health Inspectors.

## Grease Traps are Traps

Grease traps are designed to do just what their name implies. They perform an important function in treating drainage from household kitchens. To work effectively they must be cleaned regularly. If neglected, they will become offensive and could cause the Council's main underground drains to clog up. Check your grease trap weekly. Contractors advertise special grease trap cleaning services in the local press, so "don't let your grease trap become a trap."

## Sewerage

If the Board of Works' sewer is available to your premises it is your obligation to connect your premises as soon as practical. This is in your interest as well as the interests of

the neighbourhood. Once the Board's sewers are available for connection you are assessed for sewerage rates whether you are using the facility or not. So why pay for this as well as either providing a septic tank or using the Council's Sanitary Service.

When your property is connected to the Board's sewer and you cease to require the Council's pan service, notify the Rate Collector at the Civic Centre immediately so that the service may be cancelled. You do not want to have to pay for a service for which you have no need.

## Food Sampling

Throughout the year the Council's Health Inspectors take many samples of food at random from shops within the municipality and have same analysed to ensure that food being

sold within the municipality contains in the correct proportions, what has been laid down as acceptable food standards. The Food Standard Regulations have been compiled in the interests of the consumer and the Council, through its health office staff, is constantly checking to see that shopkeepers, manufacturers etc. comply, and that foodstuffs are handled in a clean and wholesome manner.

## RATS - RATS

Fortunately, as the Council pipes more drains, the incidence of rats is decreasing. The Council engages a rodent control contractor who is continually inspecting the trouble spots and if any resident is experiencing the nuisance of rats, a call to the Civic Centre will bring prompt service to bait the affected areas. The Council provides rat bait free of charge on application to the Health Office.

## IT'S FOR YOUR FUND RAISING



Due to the success of the street stall caravan provided some years ago by the Lions Club of Ringwood, the Council has recently purchased another caravan for street stall use at the Heathmont and Ringwood East Shopping Centres. Any local

organisation may use same for street stall purposes free of charge. Street stalls are not permitted in the Heathmont or Ringwood East Shopping Centres other than in the caravan. For bookings and further details contact the Civic Centre.

## INFANT WELFARE CENTRE

The number of births to mothers in Ringwood during 1969 was very much greater than in the previous year. Such an increase in births, of course, means increased demand for pre-natal, natal and post-natal services. The importance of providing staff and facilities to meet this increased demand is stressed if a high standard of maternal, infant and pre-school health is to be maintained in Ringwood. How to reach families not availing themselves of the Infant Welfare Service is a problem.

The Infant Welfare Sisters make home visits and offer help but are not able to devote all the time which they might like to on this function.

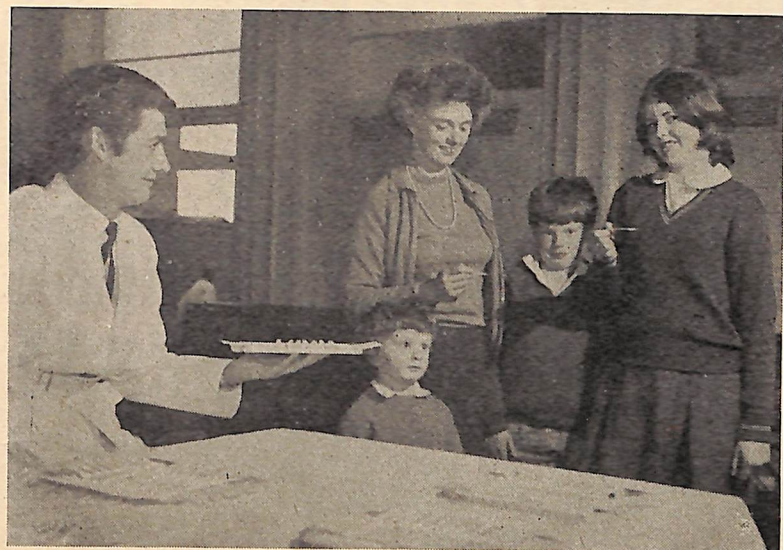
The Sisters' role in helping mothers gain competence and confidence in caring for their young children is well recognised; she can give guidance, and teach, but cannot completely change the behaviour of parents whose negligence or indifference may be the cause of their children's failure to thrive.

Health education is not simply a matter of providing information and the factors influencing changes in behaviour are many.

The three Infant Welfare Centres in the Municipality with Sisters in attendance, are as follows: —

Miles Avenue, Ringwood	Phone 870 6478
Laurence Grove, Ringwood East	Phone 870 6479
Viviani Crescent, Heathmont	Phone 870 6480

## "Be Wise ..... Be Immunised"



### THIS

or

### THAT

Immunisation is popular — now by the spoonful. The introduction last year of the new Sabin oral vaccine for protection against poliomyelitis has created an unprecedented demand on the Council's immunisation services. Sabin replaced Salk vaccine injections which were successfully administered for 14 years. The Council actively encourages all people to utilise the free immunisation services of the Council, whether it be for Smallpox, Whoop-

ing Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus or Poliomyelitis. It is expected immunisation against measles will shortly become available. Only the Sabin vaccine is available by the spoonful.

Immunisation against the other diseases is still by the needle. However, in Ringwood now the old terrors associated with the needle are a thing of the past. Gone are the days when queues slowly advanced towards a white clad man who heated up a needle with a blazing

spirit lamp to sterilise the equipment between each injection in full view of an anxious audience. Ringwood's regular free monthly immunisation sessions are conducted with modern disposable equipment. A new needle is used for every injection. With the older equipment a needle would be used several times with a consequent tendency for the point to become blunt for those people unfortunately at the end of the queue. Now the disposable system ensures

a sharp needle for everyone with a minimum of discomfort and amazing quickness.

Immunisation sessions are conducted at the Town Hall, usually from 6-7 p.m., as advertised from time to time, and usually the first Thursday in each month. Immunisation for infants is arranged through the Health Centres. During 1969 45,806 immunisations were administered with by far the greatest number being of the Sabin oral vaccine.

Further details are available from a phone call to the Health Department at the Civic Centre in respect to immunisation for adults, and for infants is available from the Infant Welfare Centres at:

Ringwood 870 6478

Ringwood East 870 6479

Heathmont 870 6480

Administration — Control of Public Nuisances — Building Control — Garbage and Sanitary Collection and Disposal.



# DO YOU KNOW...

## COUNCIL PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FROM THE CITY ENGINEER FOR:

- **Construction of vehicular crossing to entrance to your property; cost of such crossing being the full responsibility of the owner.**
- **Connection of drainage to kerb and channel where no drainage outlet in the kerb exists.**
- **To connect drainage to a Council drain, except where provision has been made.**
- **A Road Opening, when carrying out tapping from the water main, gas service, etc.**

### ● Are you erecting a fence?

If you are contemplating the erection of a front fence and the footpath has not been constructed, it is recommended you contact the City Engineer's Department, to ascertain future footpath levels, to avoid the necessity for future alterations to any fence or driveway.

### ● Land Use

The use to which land can be put is generally controlled by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Planning Scheme. When contemplating some new development or extensions to existing development, make sure that the proposed use is permitted on the property under consideration. Copies of the Planning Scheme are available for inspection at the Civic Centre.

The Council has its own Interim Development Order controlling the erection of flats throughout the whole of the Municipality. Areas where flats are permitted are strictly defined together with the standards which are to be observed.

### ● Clearway Ban

You may have noted that standing is prohibited on the south side Maroon-dah Highway, from Warrandyte Road to Heatherdale Road, 7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Monday to Friday. This is to facilitate the movement of peak traffic. It pays to read all parking signs before you park, to ensure that you are parking legally. With the increasing growth of the commercial areas throughout the Municipality it is necessary to change parking signs from time to time.

### ● It is your property

Vandalism costs your Council a significant sum each year. If you see Council property being wilfully damaged report the matter either to the Police or the Civic Centre.

### ● Watering around-the-clock

We appreciate your interest, but because the sprinklers on Maroon-dah Highway, east of Mount Dandenong Road turn-off, are working

at 3 a.m., does not mean that someone has forgotten to turn them off. These are worked by time-clock and operate during the night when demand for water is low and the watering will be most effective.

### ● Metropolitan Fire Brigade

Metropolitan municipalities contribute a third of the nett cost of maintaining the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. This year the Council will contribute about \$30,000. The Council also has to meet the cost of installation of fire hydrants, which cost \$100 each.

### ● Annual special clearance of refuse

The Council annually has a special clearance of refuse — inorganic and noncombustible material which is not removed with household garbage. The clearance usually takes place during the autumn months and ratepayers will be advised details in connection with the service a few weeks before the collection.

### ● Home Help Service

This is a service provided by the Council and for which a charge based on the recipient's ability to pay only, is made. The Council employs skilled women to give household assistance to residents temporarily in need of same due to sickness etc. Supervisor of the service can be contacted at the Civic Centre for further details.

### ● Holiday Play Centres

The Council has commenced to run annually in conjunction with the National Fitness Council, a holiday play centre during the Christmas holiday vacation. The centre is conducted at the Ringwood High School and in its first two years has proved a great success with the many hundreds of children who have made use of it.

The centre is appropriately advertised during the month of December and all children need do is to present themselves on any day the Centre is open. Activities range from outings and cultural to the sporting activities and any boy or girl from 5 years of age may attend.

### ● Horse Riding

Horse riding on footpaths is an offence. The owners of horses, ponies, etc. are reminded it is an offence to ride their animals on footpaths whether they are concreted or bituminized or not and on Council Reserves. This is a dangerous practice and for which offenders are liable for prosecution by the Council or by the Police.

### ● Rubbish Dumping

Persons dumping rubbish or even just throwing a piece of paper or cigarette butt down on the footpath or street channel are liable to penalties with fines of \$200. As well as being a dirty habit it can also be dangerous. Next time you wish to dispose of a piece of paper, cigarette butt, etc., stop and think before doing so and if a receptacle is not handy hold same until you are able to dispose of your piece of paper, cigarette butt, etc., in the correct place. Street cleaning costs "Mr. Ratepayer" many thousands of dollars annually.

### ● Keeping of Dogs

There is a limit to the number of dogs, depending on size of the allotment, kept on any property within the municipality. For the ordinary smallish residential sized allotment the limit is 2. Dogs must be registered with the Council and dogs are not allowed to be on the street unattended. The Council is determined dogs shall not roam the streets and is continuing to have drives throughout the district by the dog cart from the Lost Dogs Home under the supervision of the Council's dog registration officer.

In the event of a registered dog being collected, its owner can be notified in order to claim the dog, whereas in the case of an unregistered dog, not only is it impossible but the owner is liable to a penalty. If you think anything of your dog, keep it safe on your premises and when taking it for a walk have it under your control by means of a proper leash. Registration can be effected by sending to the Civic Centre a description of your dog and the registration fee of \$1; for Alsations the fee is \$11.

### ● Always remember

Ringwood is a most desirable residential municipality — help keep it this way by:

- Continuing to beautify your premises and keep them clean and tidy.
- Making every effort to preserve native flora and fauna.
- Keeping street trees watered during the summer months, particularly trees which have been recently planted.
- Keeping dogs off the street — unless on a leash.
- Destroying rats and vermin.
- Preventing trees and hedges from overhanging footpaths.
- Using off street car parking areas where possible and complying with parking signs.
- Assisting the Council in prevention of damage by vandals by reporting promptly any case which comes to your notice.
- Reporting any breakdown in sanitary or garbage service to the Civic Centre so that contractors can be notified immediately.

### ● House Numbering

Owners or occupiers of houses or buildings are required by law to affix a street number to their premises in a conspicuous place on either the front gate or fence post, or letter box, on the front building line of the property; such number to be a minimum of 2 inches in height. There is a penalty for failure to do so. Assist trades people and your friends to find your home easily. Otherwise your penalty as well as that provided by law, could well be the missing of an important delivery.

## FIRE HAZARDS

### IS YOUR PROPERTY LIKE THIS?



### GIVE OTHER PEOPLE A THOUGHT!

It is the owner's responsibility to see that his land is not left in a fire hazardous condition. The Council's Inspector is very active in examining properties with long grass and undergrowth and experience has shown the average vacant allotment requires clearing at least once a year.

Property owners should act on their own initiative in the matter and not wait for a directive from the Council. In the hot summer months risk of fire is great enough without being aggravated by long dry grass up against paling fences and only a matter of feet from buildings.

## IT PAYS TO BE KNOWN

The Council keeps a list of local organisations and the names and addresses of their Presidents and Secretaries.

Many people, both individuals and groups, throughout a period of 12 months seek information from this list and consequently it is desirable that this list is up to date.

However, a list is only as up to date as the individual organisations are themselves in advising the Council as to any change in office bearers. You never know what you could be missing out on if the Council does not know you exist!

If you have a municipal problem regarding which you have been unable to obtain satisfaction, write to the Town Clerk, who will assist you as far as possible or will place the matter before Council. The Council is at your service within the limits of its resources and powers. The various departments and officers of the Council are available and anxious to assist ratepayers in civic and communal problems. If in doubt on any matter telephone the Civic Centre at 870 4311.