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To the Editor of the Ringwood Mail

Dear Sir

Would you please publish in your widely read paper the following letter for the information of the residents of the City of Ringwood.

Re the passing of my brother Mr J. P. Howship <sup>who was an ANZAC</sup> one of the pioneer family of Howships of Ringwood which name is connected with the early history of Ringwood or more particularly Ringwood East as the late J. P. Howship & myself purchased the Nursery of Mr John Hill around the year 1912 and after a couple of years my late brother Bert was taken into partnership & we bought the adjoining Nursery of Mr Will Hill & traded under the name of Howship Bros Rosedale Nursery & the name of one street in the old property Howship Avenue is named after the old firm as well as Rosedale Crescent. The move for the establishment of the Ringwood East RFLM started with myself & on meeting up with a Mr J. Birkett who I felt was the man I needed as he was a sub Estate agent a meeting was called & held in our packing shed at the end of Federal Rd which at that time ended at Mr Charlie Burdens Property & allotted on our property. This meeting was attended by about sixty residents and the late Mr C. Wedge was elected as first President of the Ringwood East Railway League & Progress Ass. with Mr J. Birkett as Secretary & myself as asst Secretary.



This League raised the sum of about 1,600<sup>from Rendents & land owners</sup> for the erection of the Ringwood East By Station and after the station was erected & paid for the League part was cancelled & the Program was carried on

The Present Ringwood East Cricket Club was formed at a meeting called by the Progressives and my three brothers Bert, Mewyn, & Percy played Cricket in the Ringwood district for many years & most of us were members of the Ringwood at first & then the Ringwood East Football clubs & followed the teams for years a few names of the old players come to mind in E. Thomas, C. Weil, J. Horneward, the Pratt family, & others I might mention for the benefit of the City of Ringwood residents that my eldest brother Laurie Cook of Newt & now living at Blairgowrie was with what was then known as Coopers Mills & designed & helped to build some of the first buildings on that property now known as Ringwood Timber & Trading Co. Also that myself & others namely the Reid Brothers, Mr Taylor, & I Cleary & voluntary labor formed the Tennis Courts at Ringwood East with the help of our young Ladies of the time, these courts I am pleased to say are well established & two more are added & provide good activities for the young people of the district



Also with the aid of C Thomas, Worm Blood & others we  
 formed the Methodist courts in Welara that Ringwood  
 from the Ringwood East Progress ass came the move  
 to have a Health Centre for Ringwood, This was established  
 after a good deal of enthusiastic work by some Mothers  
 after spending nearly fifty years in Ringwood & watching  
 it grow from a town surrounded by Orchardset to a City  
 I must congratulate the Civic Fathers & their staff on  
 the growth of Ringwood ~~the~~ and the fine Roadset  
 & Parks, Elders, Citizens Club if they have all done a good  
 job but why, oh why, have you neglected Uruies Rd  
 Ringwood East why has this road not been made  
 the drainage there is something to be seen to  
 be believed in such <sup>a</sup> city, the only solution is  
 making & curbing this road. I would ask those  
 responsible why the curbing was put down in Dublin  
 Road where there are no residents this curbing could  
 well <sup>have</sup> solved the problem in Uruies Road if used there  
 I recently spent a weekend with my Daughter Mrs  
 Monaro at the Corner of Maroondale Highway &  
 Uruies Rd & was disgusted at the condition of Uruies Rd  
 with the dirt & bad drainage & had to air my views  
 I suggest a trip to Uruies Rd by the Civic Fathers  
 led by the Health Inspector

I am Yours Sincerely  
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