

Ringwood Lake

Dawes' Park

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The Reporter

10/8/1906

Ringwood holes

A Public Meeting was held recently in the Ringwood Hall, for the purpose of making arrangements for the improvement of the recreation ground, it was unanimously resolved that a deputation consisting of Cos. Kinsella, Jeeves + Taylor wait on the Minister of Lands + Mines at an early date, along with Messrs - Wilson, Pratt, Fitzpatrick, Belkinn (2) Parker + Codlin to obtain 8 acres more ground, the present being inadequate to meet the requirements. The mines Dept. ~~would~~ ^{would} sell the land to a depth of 50ft, so there should be no trouble in obtaining the portion asked for.

Lillydale Shire Council

Reported
5/3/09

Ringwood Reserve. 28/9/06

At the meeting of the Lillydale shire council on Saturday the president reported that the minister of lands had promised to look into the matter of providing a recreation reserve for Ringwood, and if he could grant their request he would do so.—Cr Taylor said that as the lease for antimony mining had been forfeited the matter was simplified, and they should press it now, and ask the department for the land before it was taken up again.—Cr Wallace said the minister seemed favorable; he expressed his pleasure at meeting the deputation, and said he wished others were as business-like.

From Lands Dept. notifying that Messrs J. Hann, O. J. Pratt, A. Kennedy, H. Hughes, A. B. Taylor, E. Kinsella, + E. T. Jeeves, have been gazetted as a Committee of Management for the Reserve at Ringwood. The last three (who are Councillors) are members of such Committee only so long as they are Councillors for the Shire of Lillydale.—Received

4/2/10 To Council - Mr A V Greenwood Secy.
 R. Wood Mechanic Institute submitting
 Mr Grant's offer to transfer free of charge
 a piece of land near the Reserve provided
 the Council would erect a paling fence
 similar to the present one. The Institute
 would arrange to liquidate the expense -
 After this position had been explained by
 Cr McAlpin, Cr Jones moved that the
 offer be accepted This was seconded by
 Cr Hughes and Carried

24/3/10 Land offered by Mr T Grant is 29 ft. by 200 ft.

9/12/10 ^{Engineer J B McComb C.E.}
 Council - Those proposed plans etc. for
 Sandy Gully work. Tenders can be called
 for next meeting. I find that no advantage
 proportionate with the cost will be gained
 by raising the level of the Road at this spot.
 The gradients are not steep on either side
 being 1 in 18 + 1 in 24. Unless a cutting was
 put in to the Club Hotel the 1 in 18 could not
 be materially improved. The proposal to put in
 a 5 in. Monier pipe or Brick culvert composed
 of 5 in. radial Bricks. This with fencing and
 footpath on one side and formation made
 one chain wide will materially improve
 the Main Road. - Tenders to be called for the
 work on the motion of Cr J B McAlpin + Daly

Committee of Management of R. Wood Reserve have been informed that the
 Lands Dept. ^{has} granted £25. towards the cost of erecting
 688 ft. of Picket fencing on the Ringwood Street frontage
 of the Reserve. Liddle Shire Council will ~~grant~~ grant £10
 to this grant.

27/3/12

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Council Minutes 16/5/27

Ringwood Recreation Reserve

Resignation of Trustees (Messrs Grant, Hill, Burch, Bennett) 1927.
about
over a period of 12 years. were elected Life members
of the Reserve, and each presented with a gold medal.

Minutes
16/11/26

Dawes Park

Motion carried that it be 1926
known as Ringwood Park

the rule in the Minute Book dealing with a Committee of Five be rescinded, and that the Committee consist of six members. His motion was seconded by Mr. Burch, and carried. Mr. Henman was then nominated as sixth Committee-man and duly elected.

Auditor.—Mr. Skerrett.
Press Correspondent—Mr. Skerrett

Correspondence.

A letter from the Borough Council was read, intimating that it was adhering to its previous decision regarding a Baby Health Centre; that it had instructed the police to take action to prevent cyclists riding on footpaths; that it had referred the matter of trees on Mount Dandenong Road to the Engineer, and that the request concerning lights on the railway station was not indicative of the wishes of the League. Messrs. Skerrett and Hodgkins moved that the letter be received.

The Secretary said that the letter did not explain matters fully enough. The Town Clerk had suggested a conference, and that a delegate be appointed to attend Council meetings

Baby Health Centre.—In regard to a Baby Health Centre, the question of cost was the difficulty. He had drafted a letter to the Baby Health Centre Association asking whether Ringwood could be coupled with any other body and thus cut down expenses.

The letter was read and approved, and he was instructed to forward it.

Delegate to Council.—It was resolved to send a delegate to Borough Council when required.

Lighting at Station — After a spirited discussion on this vexed question, the following motion was moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Herbert, and carried:—"That the Council be asked to instal three lights—one at the south side of the station, one at the level foot crossing, and one half way along the road."

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RINGWOOD EAST PROGRESS LEAGUE. 21/3/28

21/3/28 SATISFACTION AT ANNUAL MEETING.

BIG STRIDES TAKEN BY GROWING BODY.

Rapid progress is being made by the Ringwood East Progress League, which at its annual meeting this week, admitted six new members, this number being equal to the total increase during the last financial year. In addition, a new membership drive is being organised, making the prospects of a successful season are remarkably good.

The annual meeting of the Ringwood East Progress League was held on Monday night, 19th March, in the pavilion at the Ringwood East Reserve. The president, Mr. C. Wedge, occupied the chair, and Messrs. Skerrett, Henman, Klix, A. Maggs, Burch, Hill, Herbert, Hodgkins, Boyle, and the secretary, Mr. P. Howship, were in attendance.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were duly read and confirmed by Messrs. Herbert and Hodgkins.

Secretary's Report and Balance Sheet

Mr. Howship read his Report for the past year, showing the work accomplished by the League. In spite of the Balance Sheet showing a credit of £1, he intimated that there were several liabilities. On the motion of Messrs. Burch and Klix, the Report was received, and the Balance Sheet adopted, subject to its being passed by the auditor.

"The Report shows that we have done a fair amount of work," said the President, "and although the year has been a dull one, we shall live in hopes of something better to come."

Election of Officers.

President—Mr. Wedge, was nominated by Mr. Henman to fill the president's chair for the ensuing period. The nominator said that Mr. Wedge had performed faithfully service for several years. Mr. Hill supported the nomination. Mr. Henman's only contestant was Mr. Klix, who was nominated by Mr.

Herbert. Mr. Skerrett was nominated, but declined, declaring himself satisfied with Mr. Wedge. The ballot resulted in a win for Mr. Wedge by six votes to five.

In announcing the result, the Secretary, Mr. Howship, congratulated Mr. Wedge on his appointment, but said that Mr. Klix deserved the thanks of the meeting for allowing himself to be nominated.

When expressing thanks for his election, Mr. Wedge said that he would have liked to see another member elected, and had voted for Mr. Klix. However, he would do his best to forward the interests of the League.

Mr. Klix, who in turn had voted for Mr. C. Wedge, congratulated him on his election.

Vice-Presidents—Messrs. Skerrett, Hill and Klix were nominated and elected Vice-Presidents, and duly expressed thanks.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. C. Howship, nominated by Mr. Skerrett, was elected to fill this position. Mr. C. Howship had been an energetic Secretary, said the Chairman, and they could not find a better man to push the interests of the community. Responding, Mr. Howship said that he was not satisfied with his own work in the past, as he had little time to spare. Referring to the Report of the Council meeting, in which it was said that the Progress Association should be represented at the meetings, he said he had been handicapped through want of time, but would in the next twelve months do what he could. (Applause.)

Committee—Seven members were nominated to fill the five vacancies on the Committee, and at the first ballot, four were elected, necessitating a second ballot to decide the fifth officer. The following five gentlemen were then elected to the committee: — Messrs. Herbert, Hodgkins, Daley, Burch and Boyle. At this stage, Mr. Hill moved that

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 Information was conveyed through "Ringwood Notes," a few weeks ago in the "Reporter," that a strip of land had been reserved on the banks of the Mulum Mulum creek for park purposes. A search has since been made at the titles office, and the plans have been forwarded to the local progress association, which has sent a resolution asking the Lilydale council to take action. The width of the reserve varies from one to three chains. If the council could see its way to acquire a strip of land here and there, with the view of making the reserve a uniform width or say two chains, three public purposes would be served. First, the creek will become the main drain of Ringwood, and it will pay the government or council to acquire the land now. Next, the place could be made a beautiful park or walk, as at one time, and not so very long ago, it was fringed with beautiful trees and other ferns, but alas, the devastating hand of the vandal has been at work, and its ancient glories have departed. Surely no better work could be done by the progress association than to make an attempt to restore the reserve to its pristine beauty, and again, when Ringwood becomes a populous centre the reserve would serve the purpose of another lung. Mr. Greenwood, who is keenly interested in the question of garden cities, has gone to some trouble in the matter, as he is anxious that Ringwood should be a pioneer in the latest methods of town planning. The present reserve and the increased size of Anderson's creek reserve was due in great measure to the work of Messrs. Anthony Loughnan, John Parker and A. V. Greenwood, and it is to be hoped that the Lilydale council will use every effort to back up the work already done. The reserves have a total length of from three to four miles, and in other words about 32 acres, surely a magnificent heritage.
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A deputation was appointed to wait on the shire council on Monday and suggest to that body the wisdom of purchasing four or five acres of land adjoining Mr. Dawes' residence for a public reserve. It was pointed out at the meeting that Mr. Dawes was willing to sell the land on very favorable terms.
 Progress Assoc
 15/12/22

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from the THE RESERVE.
 The next matter he had to draw attention to was the removal of the earthbank at the reserve. In 1915 the reserve had been handed over to the progress league, which had spent a considerable sum on improving it but owing to lack of funds they could not make all the improvements they would have liked. He understood that the bank of earth was to be cut away and portion of the reserve removed. The reserve could be made a beauty spot, and he asked the council to reserve it for that purpose.

The engineer said the C.R.B. had informed the council that they intended taking in the portion of the reserve which was on the road, to widen the same, and Cr. Miles said the council had given its consent. He (Cr. Miles) said it was no use misleading the deputation in this matter when they knew that the road was going to be widened at this spot. If they were to ask Messrs. Young and Madden if they were in favor of widening the road they would say yes. The other councillors said the road was under the jurisdiction of the C.R.B., who had informed them that they intended to use their portion of the thoroughfare when it suited them.

Mr. McAlpin wanted to know if the road were widened if the remaining part would be metalled and asphalted. At the present time the road on the opposite side was a quagmire in winter.

No reply was given to this question, and so far as the reserve is concerned the matter remains in statu quo.
 27/1/22 by Mr. J.B. McAlpin

1922

Ringwood Parks.
 That the Borough Council is alive to the importance of providing public parks for its citizens in the most economical manner was pointed out by the Mayor on Thursday at the council meeting. He said that on their loan schedule provision had been made for the sum of £2750 to be expended for parks. Out of this sum £1000 was to be used to complete the purchase of Ringwood Park, formerly known as Dawes Park, which they bought on contract of sale some years ago. As the balance of purchase money was subject to interest at 6 per cent., they had decided to borrow the amount of their outstanding indebtedness, £1000, at 5 12/6, pay off the vendor, and save 7/6 per cent. per annum in interest. A sum of £210 had been spent towards the provision of a lake and other improvements in Ringwood Park; £500 had been set aside for a recreation ground at Heathmont, and this amount would probably be increased to £750, so that approximately £2000 of the proposed loan was to replace money already spent on for which liability had been incurred, and the balance was to provide for necessary expenditure over the next three years on all the parks and recreation grounds in Ringwood, also in paying the council's share of making Reynold's avenue. The £2750 was not fresh expenditure, but when the municipality was in a position to do so he was quite prepared to spend money on such an important and absolutely necessary provision as recreation reserves.
 Mail 7/2/27

1927

Generous Benefactions.
 In the course of the town clerk's report to the fortnightly meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday, the following clause appeared:—"The receipts for the past fortnight included a donation of £25 by Mr. A. Loughnan towards park improvements, which was accompanied by a particularly brief communication from the donor which was very typical of this public-spirited citizen's way of quietly assisting worthy objects." The generosity of Mr. Loughnan was the subject of much complimentary reference at the council table. Mr. McAlpin said it was a pleasure to find a citizen coming forward in this manner. Mr. Loughnan had always been generous. His gifts were always handsome. He moved that the best thanks of the council be tendered to Mr. Loughnan. Cr. McCaskill, in seconding the motion, it was just what they had learned to expect of Mr. Loughnan. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Lucas (borough surveyor) also intimated that Mr. F. Clota and the Football Club had guaranteed £25 towards the same object. The thanks of the council are to be tendered from the council to Mr. Clota and the club.

TENDERS are invited for the erection of post and angle rail fence (labor only) around football ground on East Ringwood Recreation Reserve. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars apply to A. KENNEDY, Secretary to Trustees, Ringwood. 10/3/22

1922

16/2/23 REPORTS. Lake
 The president reported the result of the deputation to the council last month re the purchase of Mr. Dawes' land for reserve purposes. The majority of the council were in favor of securing the land, which was left in the hands of the riding members to settle. This being the case, the president said it behoved them to "push their barrow" with the local representatives for all they were worth. He (the president) mentioned the fact that an offer of £26 a year had been made to lease the reserve for grazing purposes. There was a consensus of opinion that in the course of a few years the land in question would treble its value. If the council allowed this opportunity to pass without securing the land it would commit a

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RECREATION RESERVE TRUSTEES.
 SERVICES APPRECIATED.
 At Thursday evening's meeting of the Ringwood Borough Council a letter was received from Mr. J. W. Barrett, on behalf of Messrs. J. B. McAlpin T. Grant and himself, resigning the position of trustees of the Central Recreation Ground, and forwarding a credit balance of £11 17/6. The writer pointed out that as the borough had been constituted it had been felt by the trustees that the council should properly be the trustees. The Mayor, in moving that the resignation be accepted, referred to the especially fine work that had been done by Messrs. McAlpin and Grant for the past twenty years, and also by Mr. Barrett for a shorter period. The ground had been well managed, and their action in resigning for the reasons given would be appreciated. He moved that a record of appreciation should be entered in the minutes of the services rendered, and that three gold membership badges of entry to the Recreation Reserve be presented respectively to Messrs. McAlpin, Grant and Barrett. It was but a small tribute to the valuable services rendered by the trustees. Cr. Wilkins seconded the motion, and said that the resignation had been the outcome of a fine spirit. The council would now be sole trustees. No doubt the small presentation would be looked small upon with pleasure in the years to come. Cr. Blood supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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General Business.

The Secretary introduced the subject of organising a drive for membership. After discussion, it was agreed that the best method to adopt was a personal canvass by members.

The Secretary moved that each intending member should be proposed by another member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herbert, and carried.

In reply to a question, Mr. Skerrett explained that he "drive" meant that every member was to work to bring his neighbor along. If each member did his best, the result would be satisfactory.

The Chairman: I have two new members to propose tonight.

Mr. Klix: I have another one!

The following new members were then admitted:—

Mr. H. Boyle and Mr. J. McCaffrey, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Hill; Mr. W. Nolan, proposed by Mr. Klix and seconded by Mr. Skerrett; Mr. Roy Guest and Mr. W. Reddish, proposed by Mr. Skerrett and seconded by Mr. Burch.

Mr. Klix moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work during the season. The motion, seconded by Mr. Hill, was carried by acclamation. Mr. Howship suitably responded, and announced that last year's increase in membership, viz., six, had already been equalled this season.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman remarked that he hoped it would be the forerunner of further successful meetings.

R/East Krogho Area
1928

8/6/23
RINGWOOD PROGRESS LEAGUE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The year just ended has been one of steady and solid progress for the district. The league has introduced many projects for the district's benefit. Several have been successfully launched, others have not materialised.

High School.

A public meeting was called to discuss this, and the idea was approved of. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister of Education (Sir A. Peacock). The scheme put forward was the securing of 7½ acres of Mrs. N. Pratt's land at £100 per acre, and using the old school until the new high school was built. The land was secured under offer for three months. After the opening ceremony of the new State school the deputation put the case to the Minister. It was ably supported by the councillors for the riding. The Minister considered it practically impossible to grant the request at the present juncture, as it was a matter of finance, owing to the fact that many districts have been waiting for years for such schools; after having arranged for their share of finances they would have to be considered first. The deputation was disappointed at this reply, as the Government would be making a goodly sum from the sale of the old school site, this helping to provide for the cost. At some future date the matter will probably be revived, as Ringwood is such an admirable center for a high school.

Postal.

The Postal department having decided to purchase a site for a new post office and telephone exchange, the league decided to recommend a site at the entrance of the Ringwood railway station. Upon investigation the department found this to be impracticable, owing to the fact that it was unable to obtain the freehold to the land. A second recommendation was then made that part of the old school site at the corner of Ringwood street and Main road be purchased. This was more successful. The department has secured this site, and substantial buildings for the district's postal and telephone requirements will be erected thereon.

The appreciation of the league was accorded to the telephone operator, Miss Wilson, for her promptness and courtesy to local subscribers generally.

water service, and requested the help of the league. A deputation was arranged to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and it was proved conclusively that this particular locality was too high to get a water service at present.

Building Regulations.

The building regulations drawn up by the league last year have been adopted by the shire council practically without alteration, and are now in operation.

Sanitary Depot.

It was considered that a sanitary depot and rubbish tip were urgently needed. This was brought under the notice of the shire council, and it has decided to secure about 20 acres of land for the purpose.

Roads.

Perhaps of all the business the league has to deal with, roads are the most important. Of all roads of the district it was felt that Wantirna road was in the worst condition, and it was decided that every effort should be made to urge the powers that be to commence the construction of same. With this object in view your executive waited on the members for the riding. They found that the council had been using every means in its power to get this road made, and the stumbling block was that the Country Roads Board were without funds, and could do nothing. The council promised that as far as that portion of the road under their jurisdiction was concerned, it would be made this financial year; and the Country Roads Board should be again interviewed. The Country Roads Board has now provided the money, a tender has been let, and in a few months the road should be a fine public highway.

Main Road.

The proper making and maintaining of the Main road was also brought under the notice of the council. The suggestion was made that as this road had to carry an enormous traffic, it should be properly made and tarred similar to that portion of it in the Nunawading shire. Also that a patrol man be engaged to keep constant watch over a given section, and see to its proper maintenance.

The widening of Wantirna road was also suggested. Consideration was promised.

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Railways.

The inauguration of electric trains necessitated the compiling of a new time table. The Chief Commissioner (Mr. Clapp) promised that his officers would confer with the league executive in this matter. The league decided to take time by the forelock, and appointed a committee to go exhaustively into the matter and endeavor to draw up a time table that would meet the requirements of the travelling public of Ringwood. This was done, and allowed for a service of 37 trains daily each way. A copy was submitted to the Commissioners. A round-table conference was subsequently held at Ringwood station, and the official time table giving 32 trains daily, was considered. This time table is now in use, and meets with general approval.

The matter of a railway station at Heatherdale road was brought under the notice of the league. The idea was endorsed, and a committee was appointed, and now has the matter in hand.

A letter of thanks was sent to Mr. Clapp for the great convenience of running all trains through to Melbourne, thus obviating changing at Box Hill; also for completion of overhead bridge.

Reserves.

The matter of more reserves for the district was dealt with, and it was felt that future requirements would not be met by the area held for recreation purposes at present. It was considered a splendid proposition if the fourteen-acre property owned by Mrs. Dawes could be secured, its situation being unique. Mr. Dawes met the league in a public-spirited manner and offered the land at £70 an acre, terms. Deposit £5, and the residue within seven years at 6 per cent. per annum. A deputation then waited on the shire council and put the case very forcibly. The matter was left with the riding members, with power to act, and they eventually decided to purchase it. This act secures for Ringwood a site peculiarly situated for the purpose of pleasure gardens, lake and public park. If the league had done nothing more for the year it perhaps has justified its existence in being instrumental in getting this fine property for the purpose stated.

Water.

The support of the league was asked in several instances to help in securing water reticulation for various streets. The soldier residents in Bedford road felt somewhat incensed that they did not have the advantage of the

Footpaths.

The following requests have been made during the year:—Attention to footpath, Bedford road, from Ringwood House to Corbett's; from Kenworthy's to Heatherdale road. That the footpaths on Government roads within a given radius of the railway station shall be asphalted to a width of three feet.

Various.—Several matters have received our attention and have not yet been finalized, viz.:—Town beautification scheme; cemetery; and a better telephone service. These matters are receiving attention from the committee appointed, who will report in due course.

Financial.—The finances of the league are in a sound condition, as disclosed by the balance sheet, there being a credit balance of £7/19/2.

Valedictory.—Mr. Luke Johns, a member of the executive and an active member of the league, has removed from the district. Mr. Johns was a worker, and was always ready to do anything in his power for the district's progress. Such men are always missed in a community, and we are sorry to have lost him.

Obituary.—We regret to have to record the death of one of our most valued and active members, Mr. Tom Brown. The deceased gentleman, although well over 70 years of age, attended every meeting, and right up to his last illness took a great interest in the public affairs of the district. He was one of Ringwood's earliest pioneers. We deeply regret he can be with us no more.

General.—Our district is still going strong. We have nothing to fear for it. The great outstanding event of the year is the electrification of the railway. This puts Ringwood where Box Hill was under steam train conditions, and it can safely be stated the development will be rapid, and with increased development the need of a live progress league will be even more apparent than in the past. We appeal to citizens who wish to see the district progress on right lines to join the league, and thus give support to a worthy object.

Reminder.—Nominations for representation on executive for the four sections of the district, should be in hand not later than June 5. Subscriptions are now due—2/6 per member.

Ringwood
Progress League

1923

RINGWOOD NORTH

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A bachelors' ball was held at South Warrantdyte on Saturday evening last in aid of the funds of the proposed hall at North Ringwood. There was a good attendance, and the sociable spirit which was very manifest among the people contributed greatly to the success of the evening. The usual programme of dances was indulged in, and Miss J. Hore and Mr. K. Buchanan, of Box Hill, were successful in winning the prize for the Monte Carlo. Mrs. E. A. Milne won the competition for which a prize consisting of a toilet set was given. A novel innovation was introduced into the evening's entertainment by the ladies donning masks and the gentlemen gay coloured bow ties and mock spectacles. This gave a carnival spirit to the dance, and created much merriment. Among those present was Councillor J. Coleman, representative of the Warrantdyte riding in the Shire of Doncaster and Templestowe. His attendance was very much appreciated. Mr. John Dickson capably discharged the duties of MC., and the music was provided by Messrs. K. Milne (piano) and Arthur Bedson (violin). A dainty supper was provided and served by the ladies. The energetic secretary, Mr. C. J. Ratten, made very complete arrangements for the dance, and he was ably assisted by Mesdames M. Dickson, Krieger, Wooley, Helm, Morgan, C. J. Ratten, T. Williams, Miss Neil, and Messrs. A. J. Wooley, R. Krieger, M. Dickson and Les. Dickson. *L. Dale Mack*

The construction of the deviation of Warrantdyte road via Holmes' Gully is proceeding satisfactorily. The object of this work is to divert traffic from Tortice's Hill, the grade of which is considered too steep. The new road enters the property of Mr. W. Tortice's just near Miss Bird's store, and joins the present road again just above Kent's Gully. Portions of the land belonging to Messrs. Tortice, Allen, E. A. Milne, Morgan, Priest and Kent have been resumed by the Country Roads Board, and the grade of the deviation is a very easy one.

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Ringwood Recreation Reserve.

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FOOTBALLERS' OFFER APPRECIATED.

Acting on the agreement reached by members of the Ringwood Football Club at the annual meeting, Messrs. F. Whiteway and A. W. Blood waited on the borough council last week relative to placing the arena in the reserve at the rear of the town hall in a fit state for football during the coming season.

Briefly introduced by Cr. Miles, Mr. Whiteway said the reason for their presence was to find out something in regard to the ground. The question had been asked as to the possibility of playing football on it this year, and it was suggested that the council be asked to put it in order. He had pointed out that the council had already spent hundreds of pounds on it, but was not able to finish it owing to lack of funds, and unless the footballers were in earnest and prepared to assist they could not expect it to be put in order. The members were unanimous in offering assistance, and they also had offers of horses and implements to work on the ground which needed top-dressing. The ground, unfortunately, was very hard in places, and there was no likelihood of grass growing on it until it was top dressed. If the council would show them some way of getting suitable soil they would find sufficient labor to go some way towards putting the ground in order. An unfortunate position was that the cricket association had arranged to hold the final matches on the reserve, and unless they could be got to play elsewhere it would be impossible to get on with the work right away. They had hopes, however, that the cricket association would agree to play the finals somewhere else.

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RINGWOOD RESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

1937

£300 TO BE SPENT.

The sporting public will be pleased to know that a start has been made on the Ringwood Reserve improvements. The improvements are to include a fence around the playing arena, consisting of 6 x 6 posts with a cable running through them. Top dressing and levelling of the ground and planting in grass and the planting of a hedge along the Ringwood street boundary. Good progress has been made to date, and the fencing is completed. It is intended to use a Rotary hoe on the playing arena and then top dress the ground preparatory to sowing it in grass.

After next Saturday the Ringwood Football Club will transfer to the Ringwood East ground for the balance of the season.

It is expected that the improvements will be completed in time for the opening of the cricket season, provided the grass makes satisfactory growth.

1937

RESERVE FOR NORTH RINGWOOD

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COUNCIL DECIDES TO PURCHASE.

Speaking on the proposal to purchase a recreation reserve for North Ringwood, Cr Pearson said that negotiations had been in progress for some time without any favorable result. The owner concerned was sticking out for his price, and was not prepared to budge. The areas suitable for a reserve at North Ringwood are somewhat limited, and as the reserve is an absolute necessity to the district he would move that the council take the necessary steps to purchase the property of Mr French, comprising approximately eight acres at a purchase price of £675. That a deposit of £100 be paid, and the balance to be paid in equal instalments over a period of 10 years at 5 per cent.

Speaking on the motion, Cr Pearson said he thought the price was in excess of its true value, but the terms are easy, and they had to look to the future. It was an excellent opportunity of acquiring a permanent reserve for North Ringwood.

In seconding the motion, Cr Parker said the district was developing, and a recreation reserve was needed. There was a splendid lot of young men resident in the district and the Cricket Club had won the Ringwood District Cricket Premiership for the second year in succession. He supported the proposal to purchase the property.

The motion was carried, and the owner is to be approached with reference to filling in a dam on the property.

Government Grant Sought.

Cr Miles said that now they had decided to purchase the property, they should go into the question of what is necessary to be done and apply to the Government for a grant. We were promised by the Premier at the time of their visit of inspection last year that the Government would grant money for park and reserve improvements.

Cr Miles' suggestion was adopted, and plans and specifications of the required work on the reserve will be drawn up.

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RINGWOOD LAKE MYSTERY

Body of Unknown Man Found

Somewhat of a sensation was caused in Ringwood on Saturday when the body of an unknown man was found in the Ringwood lake, just off the main road.

The body, which had evidently been in the water for over a month, was close to the bank and almost submerged.

The object had been noticed by persons in the vicinity for weeks, but no notice had been taken of what just looked like rubbish. Saturday afternoon, a resident walking around the lake saw the object and decided to investigate, and found that it was the body of a man. The police were immediately informed, and the body was removed to the Morgue.

The body was of a man about 60 to 65 years of age, 10 stone in weight and 5ft 8in. in height, of medium build, with good blue suit, grey socks and black shoes. There was nothing in the pockets, and to date the body has not been identified.

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mail 18/6/42
RINGWOOD LAKE TRAGEDY

BODY OF MISSING CROYDON MAN FOUND IN LAKE

At about 1 p.m. on Wednesday, an employee of the Electricity Commission noticed the body of a man floating on the Ringwood lake, Whitehorse road, Ringwood.

He notified the police, and the body was removed to the Morgue, where it was later identified as Robt. Exell aged 50, of Jackson street, Croydon.

Deceased had been missing from his home since the 4th June, and an intensive search had been made for him, and the Ringwood lake and other places had been dragged without result.

This is the second body recovered from the lake within the last two years.

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Loan of £1000

mail 11/9/41
40 ACRES PARKLAND TO BE PURCHASED

The action of the council in approving of the scheme to purchase 40 acres of parkland as a National Park will commend, itself to citizens who possess the vision for the future. It is a progressive step, a sound investment, and an essential provision for the future of the Borough. It will entail no financial burden, as the loan is repayable over 10 years at 3½ per cent. interest.

The following motion was moved by Cr H. E. Parker, notice of which had been given:—"That the council purchase approximately 40 acres of land known as the Ford Estate, situated in Loughnan road, and that arrangements be made for the loan of £1000, repayable over a period of 10 years at a rate of interest not to exceed £3/15/ per annum, and that the town clerk take the necessary steps to carry this out."

The park, he said, which because of its wild flowers and variety of ferns, shrubs and trees, already attracted visitors to the district, would become as a controlled park a great asset to the Borough. It was already better known outside Ringwood than in Ringwood itself.

The executors gave the council an option over the land for £1050 purchase price on a deposit of £350 and balance on terms at 4½ per cent. He was not prepared to commit the council to 4½ per cent. interest, and approached a Benefit Society, and was offered a loan of £1000 over a period of 10 years at 3½ per cent. interest. This made the proposition more attractive in that the land could be bought straight out by means of the loan on most easy terms.

He had been told that the council should not borrow money in war time. That if they could raise £1000 it should be put into war loans, etc. But war or no war, they had to keep the place going, and that meant development, and for the sake of their soldiers who would be returning this was an opportunity that must not be passed by. If they did not close with the offer they would never get the chance again, as the executors could already get more for the land than the price submitted.

The Borough valuations to date were £55,906, comprising local owners £36,039 and absentee owners £19,867, so that from absentee owners we get over one-third of our revenue. Thus one-third of the money will come from outside.

Cr Frank Parker: How much money can we borrow?

Town Clerk: We could borrow up to £17,000 with a safe margin.

Mayor: It would cost each householder approximately 2/3 a year.

Cr H. E. Parker: If we are not prepared to do that we have no civic pride.

Cr T. A. Hall, in seconding the motion, said the area was a beautiful place, and should be reserved as a public park. He had heard some criticism of the scheme, but many had offered congratulations and donations of money. The £1000 could easily be raised in the Borough if necessary, but under the present offer it was not needed.

Cr Purser said that if the offer was not accepted the council would lose a wonderful opportunity. If we had confidence in the future of the Borough we must secure the land, which would be a wonderful acquisition to the Borough.

Cr Frank Parker: The purchase price and terms were a surprise to him. For many years citizens had suggested buying the land, and it was worth £70 to £100 an acre. The decision to buy the land indicates a progressive council. He suggested it before, but thought it hopeless.

It is a wise step, and is one of the few remaining natural beauty spots. As an adjoining owner he would give the council a strip of land as a right-of-way to the park.

Cr H. E. Parker: The price offered is a sacrifice, and is not the original price. When told of the object of the purchase, the executors reduced the price as a gesture to the people of Ringwood. It was not the true value of the land.

Mayor: The land would in the future be a wonderful asset, an ideal picnic ground, an attraction for tourists and an advertisement for the Borough. Its purchase as a park would be a wise step.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Cr H. T. Parker: Now that the motion is carried, I may state that an offer was made for the land several hundreds of pounds higher, and if the motion had been lost to-night we would have missed the bus.

The position now is that the motion has to be confirmed at a council meeting in four weeks. An advertisement will have to be issued to give ratepayers an opportunity of taking any steps to oppose the proposed loan. Ratepayers may, if they so desire, demand a poll.

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Proposed Purchase of Park Land

mail

22/4/43

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND PARK PURPOSES

COUNCIL LOOKS AHEAD

At the council meeting on Thursday, the council decided to enter into negotiations for the purchase of Bedford Park Estate of 26 acres to be used for educational and park purposes, and to secure an option over the property pending satisfactory arrangements being made for the purchase and financing of the proposal.

The proposal was brought forward, under notice of motion by Cr Frank Parker, who said that it was essential that the Borough should look ahead and secure land when there was the opportunity, for park and educational purposes. We know, he said, what secondary and high schools have done for Box Hill, and we will never get a high school here unless we have the land, and we now have the opportunity to get it.

the council is a bargain. We all know the land. It comprises 26 acres of the Bedford Park Estate. It adjoins the railway crossing in Bedford road. It is in a good position and highly suitable for the purpose mentioned. Now is the time to get it and not wait till the war is over, when there will be no land available and we would then have to acquire land at a greater cost.

Cr Purser, in seconding the motion, congratulated the mover on bringing the matter forward. The idea is excellent and it is necessary now to provide for the future educational development of the district by providing a suitable site for a high school Upwey, Lilydale, Box Hill have high schools and yet this place lends itself to the development of education by means of a high school. We have 14 schools within 5 miles of the proposed site and in 6 nearby schools there are over 1000 scholars. There is no question that this district will greatly develop and a high school established here would be of tremendous benefit to the Borough. The area mentioned is suitable, is convenient, well situated and is available to the council on most reasonable terms. We should not hesitate, and should open negotiations immediately.

Twelve months ago he had tried to induce the council to purchase 40 acres of park land on Loughnan's Hill Estate, but owing to war conditions and the influence of a few councillors, the council was not able to go on with the matter. Since then the land has been sold and the owner has already sold off the land wood to the value of £1000, enough to pay for the place, and there is two thirds of the timber left. We could have sold enough timber off the land to pay for the purchase and retain all the good trees. We lost a great opportunity through the opposition of a few.

Now we have another opportunity. If we don't secure the land now we will never get it at all and the chance of getting a high school will become remote. The price offered to

Cr H E Parker supported the proposal, and said if we didn't secure the land there was only one other place available, the City Road site, and it was not as good a proposition. A high school for Ringwood had been brought up several years ago and at his request Mrs Webber and Hon G L Chandler had brought the matter before Parliament. The Minister of Education had been approached, but apparently the thing was arranged and the high school went to Box Hill. We have got to have a high school here. Because of the development which will come, educational facilities will have to be provided, and this land offers an opportunity, and if we let it go we will be making a serious mistake.

Cr Purser: It is the only suitable land in the Borough for the purpose.

Cr Hall: I am in agreement with the motion, but you need to put up a concrete scheme. What is the price and on what terms can the land be secured?

Cr H E Parker: All we want at present is an option.

Cr Hall: The owner should put a price on it and it should be divulged. We can't ask the ratepayers to sign a blank cheque.

Cr Frank Parker: The price is alright, but until an option is obtained it is unwise to discuss that. There may be criticism of my action because a war is on, but he would remind them that in Coventry and other places they are already preparing for reconstruction. We must look and plan ahead. If we miss the chance the place will be sold and we will lose it for all time.

Mavor: The proposal is a good one and the area would make an excellent site, both for a high school and a park, and would be an asset to the Borough, and would help its development. If the price is satisfactory and terms can be arranged, the council would be wise in going ahead with the proposal. Cr McCaskill had intimated to him that he was sympathetic towards the proposal.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the Mayor and town clerk were instructed to enter into negotiations on the terms of the motion.

PURCHASE OF PARK LAND

mail 20/5/43

BEDFORD PARK ESTATE TO BE ACQUIRED BY COUNCIL

Following the proposal at the previous council meeting to enter into negotiations for the purchase of Bedford Park Estate, comprising 26 acres, situated in Bedford road, Ringwood, the Mayor and Town Clerk interviewed the trustees of the es-

High School now built thereon, also Boy Club

mail 27/5/43

J. O'Keefe, withdrawing officer of sale of 40 acres to council.—Received. *mail 18/12/41*

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COUNCIL ACTION APPROVED

Mail To the Editor 3/6/43

Sir.—Our local council is to be commended for their progressive policy in purchasing the land in Bedford road for the purpose of a high school and park. We are an increasing population, notwithstanding present day affairs, and the building of a high school has been warranted for some time. It is to the credit of the council that they have realised this necessity, and it is for them to push on and make this borough the centre of activities in this and other directions. I have heard complaints re the railway crossing being in close proximity to this site, but this can and must be remedied by lowering the line. The abolition of railway level crossings is spoken of as a post-war problem. We need not wait for this, but agitate for its removal now, and this crossing, owing to the contour of the country on each side, lends itself to being lowered, thus ensuring safety to the public and an advantage to the Railway Department.—Yours, etc,

PROGRESS.

tate and the Mayor submitted to the meeting the price and conditions under which the property could be purchased.

The Mayor, Cr T. R. G. Williams, said the negotiations had been most satisfactory. The land was offered for £2000, with £250 deposit and £250 per year, with the balance payable at the end of five years, with interest at 4 per cent, and the right to pay off the whole of the amount at any time. The price was reasonable, and the terms and conditions excellent. The estate would prove a valuable asset to the borough, and could be utilised for a high school and a park. He recommended the acceptance of the offer.

Cr Frank Parker congratulated the Mayor on the successful negotiations. The price and terms were most reasonable, and the council would be wise to make provision for the development of the borough. He moved that the offer and terms as submitted by the Mayor be accepted, and that the necessary documents for the purchase of the land be prepared.

Cr Purser, in seconding the motion said it was a definite step forward in the development of the borough. The action of the council in purchasing this land will prove a great acquisition to the borough, and will be of benefit to the rising generation.

Cr H. E. Parker, in supporting the motion, said it was the last piece of ground, of that area, available to the council, and was most suitable for the purpose for which it was intended—that of a secondary school and park. It was an excellent proposition, which had his full support.

Cr McCaskill said the Mayor was to be congratulated on the successful negotiations. He had been able to obtain terms and conditions that were most favorable, and the price was considerably under the municipal valuation. It is an excellent deal and a wise move on the part of the council.

Cr T. Hall said the proposal had his approval and support. He believed the purchase of the land would have the approval of the ratepayers, and would eventually be an asset to the borough.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mail 20/5/43

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF ESTATE 25/1/45

At the Ringwood Council meeting Cr H E Parker moved "That this council compulsorily acquire all that land commonly known as the Sanders Estate, embracing assessments Nos 761, 762, 763 and 764, lots 79 and 108."

He said the council had been negotiating for the land for eighteen months for the purposes of a public recreation reserve. The owner was not prepared to sell, and as no satisfactory arrangements could be made it left no other course than to take steps to acquire the land compulsorily.

As the Minister must approve of the terms of the acquisition, it means that all parties concerned will get a fair deal. The matter of price will be fixed by the Government, and everything will be done in a clear-cut manner.

The Mayor: This land is held by adverse possession. It was taken up in 1868, and some of the owners are untraceable. We will get what we are entitled to by law. This 40 acres will be the corner stone of our town planning.

Cr Purser, who seconded the motion, said he was impressed by the suitability of the land for the purposes intended. It will be a great acquisition to the borough.

The motion was carried unanimously.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Cr Frank Parker announced with great regret that the borough had lost forever the opportunity of acquiring the 40 acres of natural park at the foot of Loughnan's Hill. They all knew what he thought of the position. They would in future see bare hillside. The destruction of the natural forest was like murder to him. This parkland should have been taken over by the State years ago. They would in future have to plant trees instead of retaining the natural forest.

Mail 8/10/42

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THIRD NOTICE OF MOTION

No New Works

"That no new works, excepting post-war, Federal Aid Works and private streets be undertaken during the present municipal year; that no financial commitments be made, and that the staff and plant be concentrated on roads, drains and other essential work."

This was the third notice of motion submitted by Cr. Miles who said he was taking this action because a lot of the roads were in such a dreadful state. It will take all we can do to put our roads in order. The Main Road, Wantirna, Dublin and other roads are in a bad state. No one is to blame over the matter, but it will take the engineer and staff all their time to get the roads in order without taking on anything else. It is no use committing ourselves to any other work under the circumstances. It is the common sense thing to do.

The Dictator

Cr. Hubbard: I will second the motion pro forma for discussion but I will speak against it. Cr. Miles is adopting the role of dictator. Apparently he hasn't any faith in his colleagues and is moving that no further commitments be made for the year. If this is carried we tie our hands and the ratepayers would think the Council was a one-man show—run by one who has no faith in the other 5 members. I agree that we have our hands full but what in the heck do we want this motion for. It is ridiculous and Cr. Miles shows a lack of confidence in his colleagues.

Cr. Pearson: I cannot appreciate Cr. Hubbard's remarks. The idea is to make sure that essential maintenance work is attended to. There have been cases in the past where proposals seem desirable and money has been voted to them. We have contributed £300 to a playground and there may be other incidents. It is easy to be led off the main path. If the motion is carried we will be bound for this year to concentrate on our present schedule and not handle anything else.

Cr. Purser: I oppose the motion. Roads have deteriorated through circumstances over which we had no control, but this motion precludes us from doing any other work, no matter how urgent. The Mayor, in speaking on the financial situation, indicated we are approx £400 better off than this time last year. He would not be a party to being tied with any further restrictions.

The Mayor: I have listened to the views expressed and cannot agree with the proposal.

The Retort Courteous.

In closing the debate Cr Miles said the discussion had been quite impersonal with the exception of Cr. Hubbard, who seemed to take everything as a personal matter and referred to it as a lack of faith in other councillors. Nothing was further from his mind. He was there to do what he could in the interests of the ratepayers. When Cr. Hubbard has had more experience he will be a little more moderate in his speech.

The motion was defeated, Crs. Miles and Pearson voting in the affirmative and Crs. McCaskill, Hubbard, Purser and Caterer against

23.1.47

RINGWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Acquisition of Sanders Estate Cr. Miles Motion Defeated

A lively discussion followed the notice of motion by Cr. A. T. Miles. "That the resolution on the Council minutes authorising the compulsory resumption of the land known as Sanders Estate be, and is hereby rescinded, and that the Government be requested to take no further action in the matter."

Cr. Miles said he didn't want to be pessimistic, he was not against the acquisition of the land, but, the great point was that the council with all its other commitments could not afford it, and we had to watch our financial investments carefully. It is true, as the Mayor pointed out, that £500 will be collected on post-war work already done, but we will cut into our arrears to provide £5500 to be further spent. In addition to our ordinary overdraft we still have to provide £5000 for the works program, £300 for the children's playground. Then there will be a bigger wages bill to meet. Through being included in the Metropolitan area, wages will go up 10/ per week, approx. £7 10/ weekly extra—£367 per year. The fact that we will not be handling the water rates in the new scheme will be a loss of £800 per year and £100 in interest as the arrangement with the bank sets off the credit balance of the water rates against our overdraft.

We have to provide for approx. an additional £6400 for this financial year. It will be a big load and will mean a thundering big overdraft. We need to avoid making that greater and by being prudent can in time wipe it out. He was not against the acquisition of parklands, in fact he was keen on it, but we are not in the position to incur the liability. It will cost us £350 a year in interest and sinking fund.

Another point of view is that we have many other parklands that we are not making use of. There is Bedford Park of 26 acres, 10 acres of this is set aside for a multi-purpose school, but these is still 16 acres that could be used for recreation purposes. At present it is neglected and full of bracken. Why not make use of the areas we have.

Ringwood East reserve could be developed to accommodate 2 playing arenas. We have grounds at Heathmont and North Ringwood only used during the spring and summer months. At present we have 150 acres of park lands in the Borough, and we are not justified in incurring further indebtedness in the purchase of land for recreation or other purposes. At present with all our grounds we haven't a decent recreation reserve in the Borough. If, on account of finance, we cannot develop the areas we have, why burden ourselves with additional reserves. We should first

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concentrate on improving the areas we have before we incur further expense. My contention is that it is not an opportune time to go on with the acquisition of Sanders Estate because we have not the funds to finance it.

Cut Your Coat According to the Cloth

Cr. Pearson, in seconding the motion, said he appreciated the fact that the acquisition of extra areas for reserves was definitely advantageous, but from the figures quoted tonight—which are substantially correct—it is evident that for a number of years ahead we will not have any large amount to spend in improving areas such as the Sanders Estate. We must cut our coat according to our cloth.

We require more plant for the work of the Borough and modern plant is costly. We still have the problem of Pitt Street on our hands. Although the proposed acquisition can be financed on the loan market we are faced with increased overhead in wages, salaries, etc., and the rising cost of commodities. Our inclusion in the M. & M.B. of Works area will certainly be beneficial in many ways. We'll get a sewerage scheme but on the other hand we'll have certain commitments to meet.

It would be imprudent at the present time to burden ourselves with extra liability for a ground which would be used only 4 to 5 hours a week. We can put our money to better use in improving our roads, drains, paths and other amenities for the ratepayers.

Buying Land Now by the Acre Later On It Will be By the Foot

Cr. Hubbard: I am surprised that a man of Cr. Miles' experience contends that 150 acres of park lands are sufficient for Ringwood. Why, it ought to be 300. At present, he said, we are buying land by the acre, later on land will be sold by the foot. The mover and seconder of the motion lack any vision for the future. We must secure this area to provide for Ringwood's tremendous future development.

This acquisition has been debated quite a lot, and he would draw the attention of Cr. Miles to the fact that if it was easy to finance works in the years gone by at 6 per cent. it can be done today at 3½ per cent.

The area will be an asset to the Borough for all time. He strongly opposed the motion.

Cr. Purser, in opposing the motion, said he had spoken to leading business men on the matter and the consensus of opinion was that the acquisition of the estate was essential in the future development of the Borough.

Cr. Miles has gone into figures, but this deal will be financed over a period of years in which all citizens will help to pay it off. It is valuable land, acquired under wonderfully advantageous terms and will be a definite acquisition to the Borough for all time.

Anyone with any vision can see that in a few years Ringwood will be a second Box Hill. We will have a multi-purpose school, railway terminus, industries. People will be attracted here. It has been stated that Heathmont and North Ringwood grounds are only used part of the year, but in five years time every ground in Ringwood will be fully occupied.

If the motion is carried you will be dependent on the Ringwood Reserve for football and cricket for all time, and it is neither a good ground or a desirable ground. If we turn down this wonderful opportunity we will be lacking in our duty as councillors, and will lose faith in the future development of the Borough.

Afraid!

Cr. Caterer: I'm afraid I must also oppose the motion.

Cr. Miles: There's nothing to be afraid of.

Cr. Caterer: One point I want to stress is that we need not only playing areas, of which we haven't enough, but we need open spaces.

On our present valuation, and on the already enormous development taking place we need not worry over financing a scheme that private enterprise would jump at, at three times the price. It's such a wonderful opportunity that we cannot afford to miss it.

Financial Position Never Better.

Mayor: In the debate nothing has been advanced against the purchase of the estate except from a financial point of view.

I repeat what I said before—I don't know anytime in the history of the Borough that the financial position has ever been better. We have to look to the future.

The Writing on the Wall.

In closing the debate, Cr. Miles said that the writing was on the wall. The Mayor said the only reason put forward against the acquisition was finance. Of course it is! It is the whole reason.

It tickled me to be accused of lack of courage. You forget that I'm the man who brought Ringwood into being. I was laughed at when I proposed the separation from the Lillydale Shire.

When recently I advocated a rate of 3/- you would only go a Scotch twopence, which will all go west when we get in the metropolitan area. I hope in my arguments I'm wrong, but I'm jolly well sure I'm not.

The motion was lost, Crs. Miles and Pearson voting in the affirmative and Crs. McCaskill, Hubbard, Purser and Caterer against.

COMPULSORY SALE OF PROPERTIES

Second Notice of Motion

"That the necessary action be taken forthwith to sell all properties on which rates and other charges have been outstanding for long periods."

This was the second notice of motion submitted by Cr. A. T. Miles.

In introducing the motion, Cr. Miles said he hoped for a better reception than the previous motion. Long standing arrears, he said had to be cleaned up. There were cases of hardship in which the Council tried to assist ratepayers by giving them time, but the long standing cases had to be dealt with.

Cr. Miles said he had no intention of his motion including Sanders Estate, and with the approval of the Mayor he would amend his motion to read—That the town clerk prepare a list of defaulting properties and submit to the Council with a view of selling. The amended motion was seconded by Cr Purser, and carried.

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13/6/22 RINGWOOD EAST.

As an outcome of the agitation for a railway station at Ringwood East, a strong Railway League was formed some weeks ago. Data was collected and presented to the Railways Commissioner on his visit to the proposed site, and the prospects for a station are considered very bright on the completion of the electrification of the line to Lilydale. We have it on good authority that this should be commenced at an early date. In the immediate vicinity of the proposed station are some of the best residential parts of the district, and building activity would follow on the establishment of a station.

At a meeting held on Thursday evening, 7th inst., the Railway League was amalgamated with the East Ringwood Progress Association, and the two bodies will now carry on their activities in conjunction.

A good deal has been accomplished to date. Following on representations to the Education department, the matter of a school for Ringwood East, which has been under consideration for some time, was brought to a head. A letter under date of May 31st was received by Mr. E. Lindsay, who has been very actively associated with the school movement, stating that the Minister of Education had approved of the erection of a school, and that the matter was now in the hands of the Public Works department to have the work carried out as soon as possible. The school will prove a great boon to the residents, as there are upwards of 100 children waiting to attend, many of whom have at present to walk three miles to school.

Various repairs to roads and footpaths have been attended to after being brought under the notice of the Shire Council by the Progress Association.

It is proposed to hold an Arbor Day at an early date and plant trees in Mt. Dandenong road. The Shire Council has signified its approval, and formal permission is only awaited from the Country Roads Board before proceeding with the work. The planting of pines is also to be undertaken in the Recreation Reserve. This should prove of great value, as shelter is badly needed.

Every effort is to be made to beautify and popularise Ringwood East, which has too long been neglected. This was the original township of Ringwood, and residents, by active co-operation, could do much to regain lost ground.

1923

REQUESTS FROM EAST RINGWOOD. 1/2/24

A deputation representing residents of East Ringwood made the following requests:—

(1) Formation of road approaches to the proposed Dublin road station, and council's co-operation in making Patterson, Bona and Station streets, which is equivalent to two miles of road.

(2) Asking for financial assistance towards the purchasing by the East Ringwood Progress League of land for the purpose of making a swimming pool, tennis courts and recreation ground in the vicinity of the proposed new station, and suggesting that the council give assistance on the pound for pound basis.

(3) That the council approve of the plan of subdivision of Mr. Chandler, with blocks of 7500 feet area, the plan having been held up owing to the negotiations regarding the station.

The council decided as follows:—

(1) That the secretary provide the secretary of the East Ringwood Progress League with the details of the procedure for the striking of a special rate, as the council considered this was the most equitable way in which the roads could be made, and by this means all users of the road would contribute to the cost.

(2) The council was not prepared at the present time to contribute to cost of baths, etc.

(3) That under the special circumstances the plan would be accepted by the council.

EAST RINGWOOD REQUESTS.

Mr. Burkett, secretary of the East Ringwood Progress League, made a number of requests in writing, which he handed to Mr. Clapp. They were all connected with the station at East Ringwood, and were to the effect that if the residents paid £1000 in cash and guaranteed to provide the gravel, would the department make them a liberal concession and also go right on with the work, on a guarantee being given for the balance? And would the department allow the work to be done locally, as this would be a great help to them. He also asked that a plan of the proposed station be sent to them, and that the station be known as East Ringwood station. PL 25/1/24

Mr. Clapp promised to consider the matter, and send a reply when he had done so.

1924

MAIL 2/1/24 RINGWOOD EAST MATTERS.

Mr. Burkitt, on behalf of the East Ringwood Railway League, asked—(1) Would the Commissioners accept £1000 cash and the League carry out the earthwork for the platform; the Commissioners to supply the gravel? (2) Would the Commissioners go on with the necessary buildings and complete all other equipment as soon as the League lodges £1000 and finishes the earth filling and gravelling of the platform, and the League provides an acceptable guarantee for the further payment or work required within a given period? (3) Would the Commissioners supply the League with a specification of the woodwork for the crossover and the platform buildings and accept a local tender for that work? (4) Would the Commissioners provide that the new station should be named East Ringwood? Mr. Clapp was handed a copy of these resolutions, and after remarking on the interest taken said they would be examined and a reply sent in due course.

1924

MAIL RINGWOOD EAST RAILWAY LEAGUE. 28/5/24

PUBLIC NOTICE TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS, RINGWOOD EAST.

A GREAT PUBLIC MEETING of above Landholders and all Residents concerned in the new Railway Station, to be built before the end of this present year at the Dublin Road site, chosen by the Victorian Railway Commissioners, is hereby called for WEDNESDAY, May 28th next, in the Football Pavilion on the Mount Dandenong Road, Ringwood East, at 7.30 p.m.

Business:—

To adopt an equitable plan of payment for the erection of the above Railway Station platform and buildings.

And to

Arrange for collection of the payment to be made for above to the Railway Commissioners.

H. LEE STEERE, President.
THOS. A. W. BURKITT, Hon. S
Ringwood East Railway League.

1924

EAST RINGWOOD

DEPUTATION. 24/10/05

Mr Hand and three other residents of Ringwood waited on the council and asked that assistance be given to the matter of securing additional land for the recreation reserve at the back of the antimony mines, Ringwood. The deputation pointed out that the government was about to dispose of a number of crown allotments in the locality, and cut them up into 4 and 5-acre blocks, which it was feared would slightly place the reserve at a disadvantage. At present the reserve was only 8 acres, and it was hardly sufficient what with the way the ground was situated. They wanted to use the ground for sports purposes, and desired to be allowed to charge for admission.—The president thought that permission to charge would have to be obtained from the minister. He moved that the council make application for an extension of the reserve so as to take in about 8 acres more. It was possible he would be in town and see the minister of lands in reference to the matter.—Cr Kinsella seconded the motion, which was carried.

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EAST RINGWOOD RECREATION GROUND.

Messrs. Hann, Kenney, and the secretary of the Ringwood football club waited on the council, and said they wanted a post and rail fence put around the playing arena. This would cost £70. If the council would give them £35 the residents would subsidise the balance. Mr. Hann said that if the ground were enclosed they could charge for admission to the semifinal and final matches. They would hand to the council 20 per cent. of the profits after paying expenses. In two years he thought they would be able to refund to the council the money it advanced them. It would be a good proposition for the council. He hoped a local football competition would be started in Ringwood this season, and a meeting to organise same would be held forthwith.

Cr. Miles said this was a good proposition, and he would support it. He moved that the council vote £35 which was to be spent on erecting a fence around the East Ringwood Recreation Ground, council to receive 20 per cent. of the profits. Cr. Hamill said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion which was carried.

The deputation thanked the council.

1923

RINGWOOD EAST.

The monthly meeting of the Ringwood East Progress Association and Railway League was held on Thursday evening last at the residence of Mrs. Klix. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was very good, and spoke volumes for the enthusiasm of members. Mr. H. A. Lee Steere, who has taken a trip of several months' duration to Western Australia, tendered his resignation as chairman. In a letter to the association he commended the work that was being done, and gave assurance of his support to the efforts of the association during his absence. It was decided to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. Lee Steere for past services.

It was resolved to approach the shire council with a request for more lights on Mt. Dandenong road, one each at Sheffield and Dublin roads, and one in the center of the "park." A light in the "park" is particularly needed. It is a dark and forboding spot at night, and it is little wonder that ladies coming from the trains after sunset hesitate to pass through.

The secretary reported that the matter of the school had been moved forward another stage, and it could be expected that actual building operations would be commenced in the near future.

The principal business for discussion was the forthcoming Arbor Day. This is to be held on Saturday, 28th inst. (to-morrow). The main purpose, at present, is to plant trees for shelter along the front and west side of the Ringwood East Recreation Reserve. All those willing to assist are requested to assemble in the reserve as early as possible on Saturday afternoon. Afternoon tea is being provided by the ladies, and a good muster is hoped for.

It was decided to hold a regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday in each month. It is to be hoped that residents will note this and attend, for there are many who have not yet joined up with the movement, and all are welcome. Due notice of the meetings will appear in the press.

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Ringwood East Railway League and Progress Association.

The MONTHLY MEETING of the above will be held at the residence of Mrs. Klix on Thursday Evening Next, August 16, at 8 p.m.

Come along and air your views.

Everybody welcome.

T. BURKITT, Secretary.

C. HOWSHIP, Asst. Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Progress Association on Tuesday night Mr. Madden reported the result of a deputation that waited on the Railway Commissioners on Tuesday afternoon, when a request was made that a railway station be erected at Dublin road, a mile and a quarter from Ringwood, instead of at the other suggested site, about two miles from Ringwood. The deputation laid stress on the fact that there were 81 passengers who, if the station were provided, would make daily use of it, and as the commissioners had purchased a site for a station at Dublin road it was evident that they had at one time considered it the most suitable site. The chairman of commissioners said the estimated cost of the station was £3799, and land owners in the vicinity should pay a portion of the cost. Members of the deputation considered that there would be little or no difficulty in raising the money, and left with a promise that the whole matter would be investigated and a reply forwarded to the association not later than the end of the month.

The other matters dealt with at the meeting were of a routine nature, with the exception of a complaint made by one of the members that an official who was on duty was found to be fast asleep. The matter is to be reported to the authorities concerned.

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Cr. Mackinlay said he was in sympathy with the movement to secure a park at East Ringwood, except for the lack of funds. The people of Ringwood should pay for this. Ringwood was likely to be formed into a borough, in which case the liability would fall on the new council.—Cr. McGhee said he thought council should close with the offer.—Cr. Hamill moved that the offer be accepted. Cr. Mackinlay seconded, and the motion was carried.

Cr. Miles moved that the council business paper be got out on the Monday before the meeting, and a supplementary one on Friday. Seconded by Cr. Hamill and carried.

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Cr. Miles said that last year names of trustees of the Croydon hall had been approved, but no intimation sent. He asked that letter be sent.

Cr. Miles asked what the daymen were doing at Croydon. The engineer said no daymen were at present working at Croydon. Cr. Miles then asked the engineer to have some holes in the Main road filled in.

Cr. Miles said the trustees of the East Ringwood reserve were anxious to enlarge the pavilion. They were willing to find labor if council would supply timber. He moved that council agree to this proposal. Seconded by Cr. Hamill and carried.

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RINGWOOD EAST.

Friday last was not the best of days for any outdoor function, the weather being most uncertain. However, that did not deter a fairly large number of parents and friends from attending the outing. The necessary arrangements were in the hands of the Ladies' Guild, consisting of Mesdames Brown (president), Nielsen, Maggs, Hodgkins, with Mrs E. Hann as organising secretary. The arrangements had been made in a most satisfactory manner, and everything passed off pleasantly. Regarding provisions, parents had been invited to bring or send a basket, and the response was so generous that there was enough and to spare. The children were also provided with a plentiful supply of sweets and goodies. Under the direction of the headmaster, several trees were well and truly planted. A very happy time was spent, and the members of the Guild are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts.

School Committee Meeting.

The monthly meeting was held in the school on Tuesday evening. There was a full attendance of members, and the head master (Mr. Hatfield) was also in attendance. The principal business was to make final arrangements for the anniversary con-

Electric Light.

Very general satisfaction is felt by residents in the Healesville road at the decision of the council to install several additional lights. It is understood in all four new lights are to be placed between the junction and the Burnt Bridge. These lights will be a great boon to those who use the road.

Ringwood East Cricket Club.

The first annual meeting will be held in the pavilion. The prospects for the coming season are said to be particularly bright, judging from the reports of several prominent local players joining up. The club is in the happy position of commencing the season with a substantial credit balance, also a first-class collection of material.

Tennis Club Meeting.

The committee met at the residence of Mr. F. Davies on Monday evening for the purpose of receiving reports as to the progress in organising the club. There were present Mrs. Davies, the Misses Bloomfield, Hardridge and the secretary Miss Hodgett, also Mr. Nielson, who had been asked to make an audit of the books. The present credit balance amounts to £6 6/9. The result has been obtained by the means of several donations and two successful socials. The audit found everything perfectly satisfactory. It was decided to proceed with the formation of the club, and in order to generate further interest the secretary was instructed to make inquiries as to the possibility of hiring a private court for the time being. It was also arranged to hold another social at an early date. An executive committee, consisting of Mesdames Davies and Lord, Miss Hardridge and Miss Hodgett, was appointed to continue the organising work.

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(Contributed.)

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held in the pavilion on Monday evening. Considering the state of the weather, the attendance was very satisfactory. The president was in the chair, and there were also present: Mesdames Davies and Nielsen, Messrs. Klix, Daley, Bruce, Hodgkins, Herbert, Davies, Nielsen and Skerritt (acting secretary).

Proposed Erection of Hall.

The further consideration of this matter was the principal business of the evening, and a long discussion took place regarding the various proposals which had been placed before the members at the previous meeting. It became evident that there was a pronounced feeling amongst those present that the time was not quite opportune for raising money for the purpose, and that it would be much better to defer further action for the present. At the close of the discussion a motion was carried almost unanimously to that effect.

General satisfaction was expressed that the electric light had been installed at the railway crossing. The question was raised as to why the light had not been placed on the south side of the line. It was pointed out that to carry the line to the other side would have entailed heavy expense, which was not considered justified.

The absence of road lights along the Main road past the junction and on to the Burnt Bridge was again referred to. Mr. Herbert suggested that an effort be made to have a light placed at the corner of Vine street and the Healesville road. It was decided to forward the request to the council.

Footpaths Needed.

Mr. Nielsen directed attention to the bad state of approaches to several homes on the north side of Healesville road. Instances were given of residents being placed at great inconvenience owing to the absence of drains to carry off the soakage from the road and also the total absence of footpaths. Messrs. Skerritt and Herbert also spoke in support. It was then decided that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Herbert, Burke and Nielsen, wait on the council with reference to the matter complained of.

A Much Needed Road Light.

When the schedule of extra street lights to be installed was published some time ago, it was stated that one would be placed near Brinkman's on the Main Healesville road. It now appears that for some reason no instructions have been given to the Commission to have this done. There is probably no part of the borough where a light is more needed. Ratepayers find it hard to understand why the other principal roads and streets are well catered for in this respect; the part where the road traffic is heaviest is the most neglected. This part of the road is used daily by a number of young ladies who have to go to business, and because of the uncertain state of the footpath and the absence of a light are compelled at very great personal risk to walk on the main motor road. There is undoubtedly a very strong feeling of disappointment and resentment on the part of those who live along the route.

Residents Disappointed.

The decision of the Board of Works against extending the water mains along the Main road has been received with feelings of very great regret. In view of the fact that there was practically a unanimous request for the extension, and also

the fact of a sufficient guarantee being forthcoming, it will be interesting to learn why the request has been turned down.

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Promising Outlook.

The copious rain which has fallen at intervals with some sunny days between is proving most beneficial, and an early spring is predicted. So far there is a marked absence of frosts. Two years ago a record was established in June.

School Social.

Under the auspices of the Ringwood East School Committee and the Ladies' Guild, the usual monthly social was held in the school on Friday evening. The attendance was satisfactory, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. In addition to providing revenue out of which many improvements had been made to the school and surroundings, these monthly functions play a factor in the social life of the district, and are eagerly looked forward to by the large number who attend. Another outstanding feature is the continued support most generously given by Mrs. Sinclair and members of her orchestra, who from month to month provide the necessary dance music. The attractiveness of euchre was shown by the large number who competed in the tournament, the finish of which was most interesting, particularly in the ladies' section, when in a play off Miss Amy Connell won by a single point from Mrs. Hodgkins. Mr. Lord was the fortunate winner in the gentlemen's section. In other competitive events winners were found in Miss Marjorie Nielsen and Mrs. Hodgetts. The supper arrangements were in the experienced hands of Mesdames Burke, Nielsen, Hann, Brinkman, Maher, R. Maggs and Smith. Gentlemen who rendered appreciated service were Messrs. R. Maggs, Maher, E. Hann, Strahan and E. Hann.

Foxes.

Foxes are about, and one resident has lost several prime ducks within the past few weeks in the vicinity of Mullum Creek.

Broken Lamp.

Some time back the Progress Association was instrumental in having a fine street light placed on the way up to the station from Dublin road. Some time recently it has been made a target for stones and other missiles, and nothing now remains but the frame.

Working Bee.

In order to complete the cleaning up process in the school gardens, a working bee has been arranged for Saturday afternoon next. The School Committee is hopeful of securing quite a number of parents and friends present.

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RINGWOOD EAST PROGRESS AND RAILWAY LEAGUE.

A special meeting of the above league was held in the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday last. In the absence of the president, Mr. H. Lee Steere, the chair was occupied by the vice-president. There were present the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Burkitt), and Messrs. Wedge, Watson, Howship, Klix, and W. H. Hill. The meeting was convened for the purpose of launching a suitable scheme in connection with the financing the cost of building the new railway station at Ringwood East. It was resolved to submit a scheme at the forthcoming public meeting on Wednesday evening next to the residents and landowners, in the form of a graduated scale of payments, on a fixed price per frontage foot. The same is to be discussed and adopted at the public meeting.

The rate per frontage foot will be fixed, according to the proximity of the land to the station. There will be three rates—quarter-mile, half-mile, and three-quarter mile. It is considered that if the landowners each subscribe only a comparatively small rate per frontage foot, the burden of finding the money to pay for the station which the Commissioners have promised to build for £2000, will not fall unduly heavily on any individual, and it is felt by the league that the sacrifice which all will have made will be abundantly returned. The fact of a station being built will commence a new era for the Ringwood East district. The distance from the present railway station has retarded the quick development of East Ringwood, and the fact of owning such magnificent public reserves and the naturally beautiful country surrounding, must give a great impetus to the development of the district. Whilst the Progress and Railway League has brought the railway station business to the present satisfactory stage, it is sincerely hoped that all interested residents will give their enthusiastic co-operation and assistance towards making the new station an established fact. The Hon. A. E. Chandler, M.L.A., has been asked to be present at the public meeting. Another important matter was also dealt with. Last winter the local residents held two working bees, also on Arbor Day, when pines were planted on two sides of the reserve. Owing, however, to the ravages of the cows and stock, the whole of the trees have been partially destroyed, and the trustees have been asked to grant protection from future trouble in this respect, and it is earnestly desired that the trustees will back up the efforts of the residents to beautify this splendid reserve.

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RINGWOOD EAST.

PROGRESS LEAGUE MEETING.

At the monthly meeting of the Progress Association and Railway League there were present: Mr. C. Wedge, in the chair, Messrs. C. Howship, assistant secretary, A. Henman, P. Klix, J. Hann, J. Skerrett, Kelly, Burch, and Saywell. It was resolved that a protest be lodged with the Department of Lands and Survey against the appointment of all borough councillors as a committee of management of the Ringwood East reserve, and that a copy of the letter of protest be forwarded to the council. In future the association will meet on the third Monday in each month. Mr. Henman reported that the notice board would soon be placed on the Ringwood East railway station. The Metropolitan Board of Works is to be written to, complaining of the water supply being cut off without notice. A letter is to be sent to the Rev. Mr. Whitburn, wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness. The secretary was instructed to bring several matters under the notice of the Borough Council, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns. Mr. Saywell, an ex-councillor of the New South Wales municipality for ten years, was welcomed by the president.

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OPEN COLUMN.

RINGWOOD EAST RESERVE.

Sir,—In your recent issue, when consideration was being given to the subject of the application for a permissive occupancy on the part of the proposed Bowling Club, it was stated at the council meeting that whilst the Ringwood reserve was neither good for football or cricket, the Ringwood East reserve was suitable for both, conveying to my mind the suggestion that there was thus little need for Ringwood to bother about obtaining a ground for themselves. Does not the Ringwood East ground belong to those citizens who live in the vicinity, who have improved it, and are still willing to further improve the reserve? The time is not far distant when Ringwood East, with its increasing population, may have cricket and football clubs of its own. Who, then, should have preference in the use of this reserve?

I contend that this cannot be considered a borough ground in the matter of sports, as it is impossible to provide on this reserve for the whole municipality in this regard. It therefore behoves the citizens of Ringwood central to obtain land suitable for sporting purposes situated centrally.

It is contended by councillors that the Borough Council should control all the public reserves within the municipality, but I would ask, why not let those worthy citizens, who have controlled the Ringwood East reserve, still carry on in that capacity, and be permitted to improve this splendid ground, as in the past? Yours, etc.,

H. C. HOWSHIP.

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Accident to Mr. Dellar.

The accident to Mr. Bert Del'ar last week will deprive the club of his service for some time. It is most unfortunate, for both the club and the player himself. Right through the season Mr. Dellar has been showing most consistent form both with bat and ball, and has a very fine average in both departments. Of a very genial disposition, Bert has been a first-class club man, and in that connection he will be greatly missed.

5/6/27
Bush Fire Damage.

Eight residents of Mt. Dandenong road, directing attention to the damage caused by the recent fire alleged to have commenced by a passing steam navy. They asked that the offenders be prosecuted with a view to obtaining compensation for the sufferers.—Cr. Blood enquired if counsel's opinion could be obtained. Cr. McAlpin moved, Cr. Blood seconded, that the town clerk make further enquiries. Carried.

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RINGWOOD EAST.

Electric Light Extension.

It is expected that during the week the electric light will be installed in the Baptist Church, and be in use on Sunday evening. The lighting arrangements in the past have been anything but satisfactory, and the officers of the church have had an anxious time. All will point in appreciation of the action of the council in providing this boon.

Baptist Church.

Special services were held on Sunday last, the occasion being observed generally by the Baptist denomination throughout Victoria. The Rev. J. J. Proctor was present at all services, and the attendances were quite satisfactory. At the evening service Mr. Proctor delivered a most interesting and instructive sermon on Sunday school work, its effect on the individual and on the community generally. The fact of so many young people losing interest in Sunday schools and their total disregard for the sacredness of the Lord's Day was deplored. It was pointed out that whilst Jewish and Catholic children received religious instruction regularly, parents of Protestant children were neglectful in this respect, and in many instances it was absent. This disregard of spiritual matters was not in the best interest of the children or the State. Parents were asked to show by precept and example their interest in all matters pertaining to the moral and spiritual training of the young at all times. The congregational hymns were sung most heartily by those present, and while the offering was being taken up a duet was very nicely rendered by the Misses Pearl Klix and Avis Fellman.

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White Horse Road Reticulation.

The work of laying a 4in. water main along White Horse road is now in progress, and is expected to be completed during next week. Keen disappointment is felt at the Board's decision to extend it no further than 50 chains.

Sickness Prevalent.

Influenza in a mild form is prevalent in many homes throughout the district. Fortunately no very serious cases have so far been reported.

Successful Working Bees.

The working bees organised by the Ringwood East Progress Association for the purpose of lining the pavilion are being successfully maintained. The work is now well in hand, and should be completed in the course of another four weeks, when it is intended to hold a social gathering. In addition to members of the association, most willing help has been given by Messrs. Errington, E. Hann, Hooker, H. E. Watson, Henman, R. Maggs and A. Kennedy.

The installation of the electric light was undertaken by Mr. P. Klix, with the assistance of Mr. W. Neal. On each occasion most acceptable afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. Wedge, Mrs. Klix and Mr and Mrs C. Howship.

PROGRESS LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of the Ringwood East Progress Association was held in the pavilion on Monday evening. The president (Mr. C. Wedge) was in the chair. Also present: Messrs de Pelsenair, Herbert, R. Maggs, Hodgkins, Russer, Klix, Nielsen, C. Howship (secretary).

Correspondence.

The town clerk wrote in reference to the pavilion that the matter of drains had been referred to the engineer.

Condition of Drains.

The conditions of drains on south side of Mt. Dandenong road was spoken to by several speakers. Mr. Geisler said it was in a filthy state. They were not getting their rights. They had to pay rates, and should have some consideration, otherwise they would have to go further. He moved that if no action was taken a letter be written to the council re the drain on south side of Mr. Dandenong road. Seconded by Mr. Hodgkins. Carried. Mr. Hodgkins said he had lived in one place for 12 years, and there had not been that many loads of metal in that time.

Erection of Kitchenette.

Mr. Herbert moved that the council be thanked for providing the extra material for the erection of the kitchenette; Seconded by Mr. Hodgkins. Carried.

REPORTS.

Visit of Railways Commissioners.

The president reported having asked the Commissioners to stop two extra trains. They had had a good hearing, and the Commissioners had promised to consider the matter. Mr. Herbert complained that the late Friday night train had been cut out, so they were really worse off.

Mission at Baptist Church.

Mr. Herbert asked for permission to place notices on board at railway station.—Permission was granted.

Footpath to Railway Station.

Mr. Klix complained that the footpath was being used for vehicular traffic. The president said nothing could be done, as it was a private street. Possibly a couple of posts would prevent the nuisance. He would get in touch with Mr. Chandler and see what could be done.

Lining the Pavilion.

The president said the workers had been doing splendidly. Messrs. A. Kennedy, E. Hann, Henman, Hooker and R. Maggs had been present. Mr. Geisler wondered if it was worth while going on with the matter. He thought they should go in for a hall of their own. They could never own the place. The ground should belong to the people. The president said all these grounds did belong to the people, and the council represented the people. Mr. Herbert said he thought the ground belonged to the people. The president said the question was: Were they to go on with the kitchenette?

Mr. C. Howship: The manner of administering the ground was unsatisfactory. No one was satisfied. They had lost the Ringwood club. They hoped some day to have a football team. However, he thought they should take advantage of the council's offer. They were not in a position to get a place of their own, and to put in order the present building was the next best thing.

Mr. Klix asked if the president had been able to visit the Lands Department to obtain information on the matter of the ground.

The president said he would undertake to attend to the matter before next meeting.

Mr. Dawes' Address.

Mr and Mrs Dawes were present by invitation, and the president (Mr. Wedge) extended a cordial welcome to them.

Mr. Dawes said he had lived in the district for 25 years, and was against over-borrowing. He thought the present rating unreasonable. The electricity charges also were too high, especially for commercial users.

Mr. Herbert: Is the candidate in favour of a dry cupboard?

Mr. Dawes replied that if ever he got to be Mayor he would have a dry cupboard.

Mr. Klix asked if returned, would the candidate be in favour of proper drainage for Ringwood.

In reply, Mr. Dawes said it was important that they should have good drainage everywhere.

Mr. Klix asked if returned, would he see thatt he ranger looked after the wandering stock.

Mr. Howship asked if Mr. Dawes was in favour of the present site for proposed bowling green.

Mr. Dawes said he understood the land had been given by Mr. Bamford for the purpose.

There being no other question, the chairman thanked Mr. Dawes, saying it was for each member to vote as he pleased.

On the motion of Messrs. Klix and Hodgkins, a vote of confidence in Mr. Dawes was carried.

Mr. Herbert said he hoped if elected Mr. Dawes would be able to attend the meetings of the association.

Mr. Howship said he thought councillors should attend these meetings. There could be no objection.

Mr. Herbert said his idea was that councillors should come as visitors only.

Mr. Howship said he did not want to be misunderstood. It was certainly not his wish that councillors should be influenced.

RINGWOOD EAST

Children's Hospital Assisted.

The annual school social in aid of the funds of the Ringwood branch of the Children's Hospital Auxiliary was held in the school on Friday evening last. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. As usual Mrs. Sinclair provided the dance music, which was greatly appreciated. The euchre prizes were eagerly competed for, when the fortunate winners were Mrs. Burke and Mr. Strahan. The ladies' prize was generously donated by Mrs. Matlock, who has for the past four years assisted in that direction, and whose help is appreciated by the committee. A specially arranged competition for a toilet set donated by Mrs. P. C. and Miss R. Nielsen was won by Mrs. Mulhall. The capable hands of the members of supper arrangements were in the the Ladis' Guild. Those present were Mesdames Burke, Hann, Nielsen, R. Maggs and Brinkman. Members of the school committee, who rendered appreciated service were Messrs. E. Hann, Strahan, and R. Maggs. Mr. Maher, head master, was also present. The proceeds amounted to £2 11/, which is most satisfactory.

Christian Endeavour Society Formed.

A branch of the Christian Endeavour Society has been formed in connection with the Baptist being held regularly each Monday evening.

Special Meetings Arranged.

Interesting special mission services will be held in the Dublin road church on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, September 7th and 8th.

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CRICKET CLUB SOCIAL.

To mark the close of the cricket season, the committee of the Ringwood East Cricket Club entertained the members of the ladies' committee to a social evening. The walls of the pavilion were festooned with gum tips and flowers, and the tables were tastefully decorated with variegated flowers. Owing to the president (Dr W. L. Colquhoun) being absent on holiday, Mr H. E. Cope occupied the chair, supported by Messrs E. Hann, J. Hann (treasurer) and F. Hodgkins (assistant secretary). Among the visitors were Mr S. Lennard (president R.D.C.A.) and Mr C. E. Sleeman (secretary R.D.C.A.) and Mrs Brinkman (ex-president ladies' committee).

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, the chairman proposed the toast of "The Ladies' Committee," and eulogised the splendid work done by them during the past season, in which they, with Mrs Izard as their president and Mrs Hann as their secretary, had raised over 26 10/ for the club's fund, in which with the aid of the committee had changed a debit balance of £6 into a credit of over £9. No words could emphasise the committee's thanks to the ladies. The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mr R. C. Stoney replied on behalf of the ladies.

Mr W. Errington proposed the health of "The R.D.C.A.," and Mr S. Lennard in response said he had the greatest admiration for the fine sporting spirit the club had always shown, no matter whether they won or lost, and he congratulated the club on having such a capable and enthusiastic body of workers as its ladies' committee.

Mr C. E. Sleeman stated that he would like to see the same social spirit in all clubs as at Ringwood East.

The toasts were interspersed with elocutionary and musical items.

The trophies won during the past season were presented by Mr S. Lennard, who congratulated the winners. A Grade—Special trophy (points system), F. Hodgkins; batting, J. Hann; bowling, A. Sleeman. C Grade—Special trophy, R. Skerrett; batting, R. C. Stoney; bowling, A. Maggs.

After the presentations tables were cleared, and dancing and games were indulged in. Supper was served by the gentlemen, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening.

not mentioned in Council's letter of June 23. It also asks that the Council agree to the change of name from Ringwood East to East Ringwood.

Referring to the proposal to change the name to East Ringwood, the Mayor said the Council should have an expression of opinion from the people. It was decided to inform the Progress Association to this effect.

Club Hotel Footpath: Speaking on this matter Cr. Hubbard said it was necessary. Pegs have been put in and the path has been defined. Something will have to be done. It was not right for ladies wheeling prams to have to go out on the main road amongst the passing traffic to get past because the pathway was blocked with cars. He moved some time ago that the path be constructed.

Engineer: We will be attending to the work at a later date.

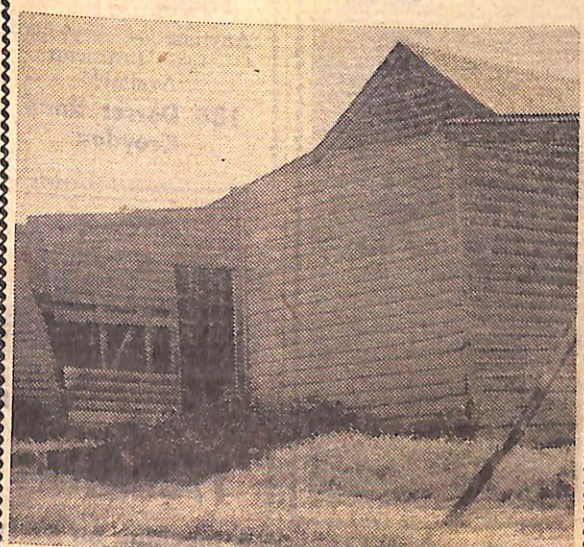
Cr. Pearson: I oppose the work being done at present. There is much more important work to be done. The allocation of cement to Councils is meagre and there is more important work to be done in gutters and channelling. The health inspector's report indicates various streets which are a menace to health owing to the lack of drainage. Cement supplies are short and should be used for the most essential work.

Cr. Caterer: The motion was carried that the work be done.

Ringwood East or East Ringwood? East Ringwood Progress League, asking that a line of white posts be erected on the north side of White Horse Road from Rupert Street to connect with those in front of Mrs. Burke's home. It also asks when the work previously written about will be carried out. Double line in Mt. Dandenong Road at bend near culvert. Mounds of earth near East Ringwood Post Office. Footpath in front of Club Hotel. The request for a direct line from the East Ringwood booth to Ringwood Exchange was

OLD STABLES TO GO

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Resting in the sun and waiting for the day bulldozers turn it into a heap of wood, is the old stable at Braeside Ave., Ringwood. It has been there for

at least 70 years but even the owners don't know exactly how old it is.

"Arthur and Bill Blood built it. They lived at Mount Dandenong Rd. diagonally opposite Daisys," said Mrs Hazel Guest. She said they had a shop and post office there. The stable, she recalls, was built for delivery horses for the bakery the Guest brothers took over from the Bloods in 1928.