

the Rowville drive-in theatre screen on January 15 — into a pile of cardboard boxes!

The stuntman is Jim Murrie, a member of the newly-formed Rat Pack Stuntmen team.

Jim will jump during the interval and will carry two smoke flares down with him.

Village Drive-In Theatres is using Jim and members of the stunt team to promote its feature, True Grit, starring John Wayne.

Jim will make his leap on three nights, starting on January 15.

The stunt team, which has been practising high jumps and other stunt work in deep sandpits at Cranbourne is preparing to take part in a new Melbourne-produced film The Rat Pack.

As an example of their work, the stuntmen will be required to jump from speedboats travelling at more than 60 mph.

Another stunt will involve crashing a speeding motorboat in to the side of a freighter.

One of their targets was the Fidelity Permanent Building Society, in Thomas St., Dandenong, where they used a rock to smash a 10 ft. by 8 ft. plateglass window worth \$200.

A bombardment with empty beer bottles and rocks wrecked a 5 ft. by

ing in a room behind the shop, was awakened by the smashing of glass. He found the front window of his milk bar shattered by a milk bottle and was just in time to see a white station wagon driven away at high speed.

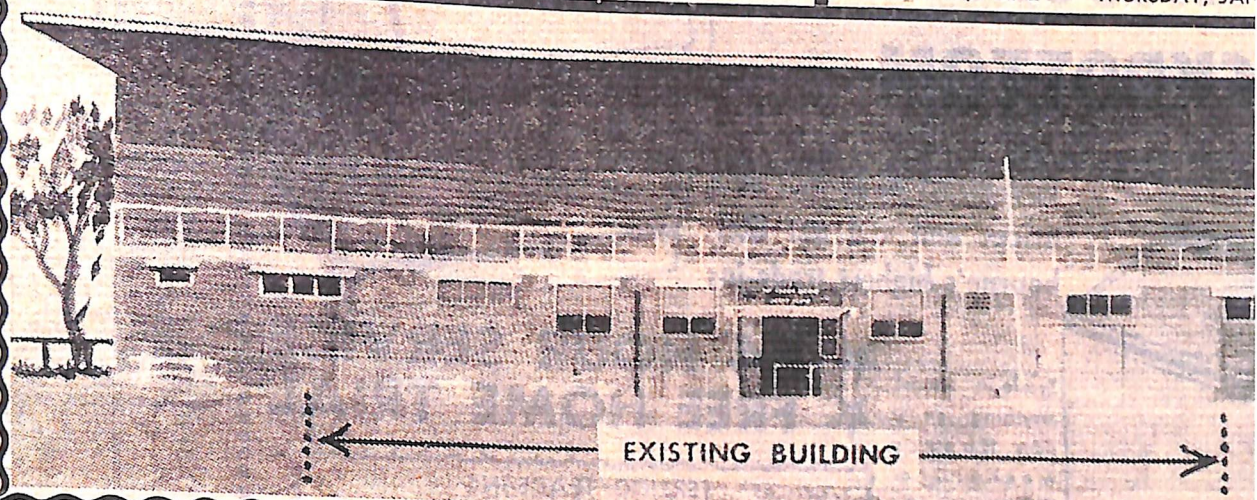
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COUNCIL SEEKS TROTS TRACK TALK

Approach to Govt.

\$43,000 o

DANDENONG. — The arch Shepley Oval — long h football and cricket patrons — improved.

Other improvements to be carried out by Dandenong City Council in a \$43,000 splurge, include the roofing - over and lengthening of the grandstand.

Big 'f' Shepley on wa

after which tenders be called. It is estimated work should begin March.

In addition to grandstand toilets, other block will be l near the existing sc board.

A council spokesman said this week that Dandenong Football C was making approach commercial organisat

The project, approved by council at its last meeting, provides for the existing stairways at both ends of the Frank Storan Stand to be removed and that toilets be provided at each end, extending out 20 ft.

New stairways will be built leading to the 120 ft.-long spectator area which will have a cantilever roof to a width of 31 ft.

Journal artist Tony Dean has superimposed on the picture by Graham Southam how the grandstand will look.

The Frank Storan stand, named after a renowned cricketer, was provided by the Dandenong Cricket Association some years ago when the organisation provided \$50,000 through various fund-raising enterprises. Council's plan has to be formally approved by the Health Department.



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by Paul Neenan

DANDENONG. — The establishment of a top-class trotting track in Dandenong is a step nearer reality and appears a strong possibility in 1970.

The latest move by Dandenong Council has strengthened hopes that a metropolitan-standard trotting track will be in operation at Greaves Reserve.

Council has decided to ask the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte, to receive a deputation from Dandenong Trotting Club and representatives of council.

At an election meeting before the recent Dandenong by-election, the Premier agreed to allow a deputation to meet "the appropriate Minister" — in this case, the Chief Secretary, Sir Arthur Rylah.

The secretary of Dandenong Trotting Club, Mr John English, asked Sir Henry to receive a deputation.

Meanwhile, a Bill to allow trotting in Dandenong is still on the notice paper of the Legislative Council. It has been proposed by Labor MLC Mr Ian Cathie (South-Eastern Province) and it appears likely the Government will allow debate on the Bill in March when Parliament resumes.

Govt. 'softens'

With the Government still smarting from its defeat in the local by-election, it appears that the Liberal Party will give far greater consideration to allowing the Bill through. This is also strengthened by the State elections due in May.

Sir Henry Bolte has refused to meet trotting club deputations since he was first approached in 1968. There is no doubt the Government is "softening" on the question of another trotting track in the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Perhaps significantly, the Labor Party has been strongly in favor of the proposal since its inception. At present, there are 27 registered trotting clubs in the State and only one in Melbourne. Legislation to allow night trotting in Melbourne was introduced by the Cain Government more than 20 years ago. There has not been another metropolitan

