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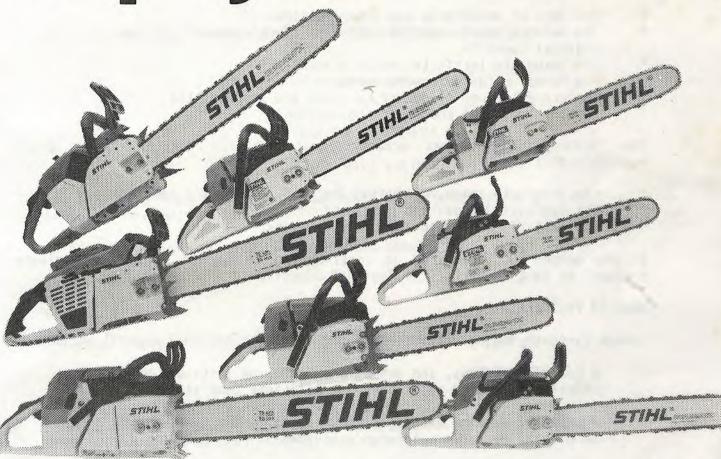
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NEWS FROM CANBERRA

The recent Federal Council meting of the R.A.I.P.R. held in Canberra in May was attended by 4 Victorian representatives. I found it most interesting and rewarding, with a full day being devoted to a workshop on the future directions of the Institute.

The end result of the days work, aside from some very specific issues, was the resolution to develop a "Corporate Plan" over the next year, which will guide the development and direction of the Institute for the next few years.

The workshop identified several major areas of concern which require addressing. They included,

- * The cost of membership and other services.
- * The balance and interaction between Federal Council and the Regional Councils.
- * The image the Institute should present.
- * The format of annual conferences.
- * The presentation, frequency, purpose and scope of the Institute Journal and other publications.

The Victorian Region has accepted responsibility for developing draft proposals on :

- * the Institute image, including the development of a new logo.
- the National Journal and publications.
- * the cost of membership and other services.

If any member is interested in contributing to any of these areas please contact me or a member of the Regional Council.

NEWS IN VICTORIA

Issues currently being considered by the Victorian Regional Council include:

- * A policy statement, and annual programme, on Institute public relations prepared by it's Public Relations Committee.
- * A proposal by some members of Council to form a link with Civenex in displaying Parks maintenance equipment.
- * The Institute budget for the Victorian Region for 1987/88.
- * The organisational structure of the Vic Region.

It is with regret that the Victorian Regional Council accepted the resignation of Keith Lord as from April 1987. Keith has worked with the Region for 3 years and has made a significant contribution to our organisation, particularly in the membership area, where he maintained all Victorian records. Keith has left to spend more time with his young family.

The Victorian Regional Council welcomes as a new Councillor Lee Holmes. Lee is the Director of Recreation Services with the City of St. Kilda, he has been irvolved with Local Government Recreation for about 6 years and is well placed to provide the Institute with his experience and insight of how parks and recreation issues can be jointly solved, and assist in developing a programme of activities which will address the needs of our recreation oriented members.

Visit by notable American Arboriculturist.

Professor Emiritus, Richard Harris and his wife Vera visited Victoria recently to map out a major tour to Australia by 25 to 30 Park Managers, Horticulturists and Arboriculturists in October, 1987. The American visitors timing will coincide with the National Conference in Canberra during October. The groups visit to Melbourne from October 28 to 30 will culminate in a seminar at V.C.A.H. Burnley in the evening of their last day in Melbourne. Professor Harris was most interested in the method of tree management adopted around our powerlines and in the quality of general tree care.

JOS DUIVENVOORDEN, R.A.I.P.R. - VICTORIAN REGION - PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

R.A.I.P.R. (INC. VIC) VICTORIAN REGION

The following statement is made available to inform members of the financial status of the Region.

As at 4.5.87 the Institutes Balance Sheet shows:

 Cash at Bank
 981.85

 Creditors
 1578.00

 Investment Account
 5152.25

 Total
 \$7,712.10

The above sums have been achieved on a \$12,002.78 turnover and a balance brought forward from 1985/86 of \$2,621.00.

DAVID FRANCIS, R.A.I.P.R. - VICTORIAN REGION - TREASURER

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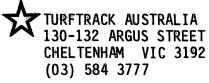
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INAPPROPRIATE TO CRITICISE

Reference is made to your letter of 23 February, 1987, in which you expressed concern at Council's decision to appoint a Parks Engineer with engineering qualifications, rather than a person qualified under courses designed for Parks and Recreation personnel.

The situation is that Council specifically required an employee with engineering qualifications, as the duties of the position embraces structural design of sporting facility buildings. Council has in recent years carried out the construction of an international standard athletics track, and several new sporting fields involving major earthworks and installation of automatic watering systems. Furthermore, Council has recently constructed a major multi-purpose indoor sporting stadium, which at the time of building incorporated the largest air-thrust wooden floor in Australia.

Associated with these construction works is the necessity to design associated internal roads, and you will therefore observe the need for this particular Engineer to possess appropriate tertiary engineering qualifications, specific to the nature of duties prescribed.

I would also advise that the Parks and Gardens sub-department of the City Engineer's department employs a Parks and Recreation Supervisor, who for your information is paid at the highest grade applicable to that position within the NSW Salaried Officers Award. Council also employs two persons who hold a Diploma in Horticulture, and there is every intention of allowing these two people to assume more senior positions as that section grows with the expansion of the City. Also employed are a number of apprentices, and other qualified gardeners who have already completed their apprenticeships.

I would suggest that it was inappropriate for you to criticise Council's appointment before seeking any explanation of the situation, and I trust that this information will overcome your concern in the matter.

D.I. McLEAN TOWN CLERK - CITY OF ALBURY

EDITOR'S NOTE: COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED TO VCAH BURNLEY

PARKS ENGINEER

It was with interest that I read Mr. McLeans reply to your letter regarding the position of Parks Engineer with Albury Council. It's good to know Albury will have the best toilet blocks in New South Wales if not the best Parks. A large number of people will be relieved at that thought.

RODNEY SWEETNAM HAMPTON PARK

BREAK DOWN THE SYSTEMS

I read with a mixture of interest and annoyance the letters published in the March Vic News relating to the Parks Engineer position at the City of Albury.

interest in that I obtained a copy of the specification for the position (but did not apply). This specification called for a person with park management and administrative experience. Except where an Engineering qualification was requested, all other requirements and conditions of employment could adequately have been filled by many professional Park Managers.

Annoyance in the content and tone of the letter from the Town Clerk of the City of Albury. He first assumes that the appointment of a Parks Engineer (rather than Parks Director/Manager) would "place more emphasis on this area of Council's activities". He thus suggests once again that "the Engineer" is that professional ordained to build all things and therefore by default control all built form. Such a philosophy I would hope went out with "the Ark". The professional engineer is only one of a number of professionals responsible for the design, control and management of the built form and the environment. Is the Town Clerk then saying that an Engineer is better qualified for this position than an Architect, Building Surveyor, Landscape Architect or Park Manager?

Secondly, the decision of the City of Albury to make the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens only "responsible for the day to day operations of the routine Parks and Gardens work", further removes the ability of trained "Park Professionals" to have an important input into the development of the City in which they work. Such a system results in people of similar background and philosophy having control over all aspects of the future of our communities. Do only Town Clerks and Engineers have the right or knowledge or experience to make such decisions?

And thirdly, the closing paragraph intimates that the "Council" (I presume the Management Committee of Senior Officers actually) does not believe that any Park Manager in Australia is proficiently educated or skilled to undertake the duties of the position. I would suggest that the ability of a person to fulfil the requirements of this position is a product of not only technical and construction knowledge and experience, but also more importantly the personal attributes of common sense, ability to manage and relate to people, innovative and logical thought processes, and a hard working attitude. Engineers do not have a mortgage on such attributes and they are not handed out along with any Degree. Such traits are possessed by members of all professions.

In closing, Park Managers need to break down the systems and attitudes which seek to down grade our profession. We need to promote ourselves in a professional manner and believe in ourselves that we have something important to say.

MIKE HOY Ringwood.

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As the official publication of the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation, the journal enjoys a wide coverage of readership throughout all states of Australia and overseas - Government ministers, recreation planners and managers at local, state and federal government levels, national parks personnel, recreation officers, national fitness officers, members of Colleges, Institutes of Technology and Universities as well as students of the various disciplines.

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200 MILLION TREES

I would like to introduce to you a Bicentennial campaign called "Target : 200 Fillion Trees by 1988" Inc. I initiated this campaign in September 1985 and t is rapidly gaining momentum. It has been developed by volunteers and funded by donations and will be an ongoing project until this country is reafforested to a satisfactory level.

As well as supporting, organising, and encouraging specific tree planting activities, we are recording the numbers of trees planted since the campaign started. Our aim is to record over 200 million trees before 31st December, 1988. To date we have over ten and a half million.

The 'tree counting' aspect of the campaign is important, since experience overseas (as with the Los Angles 'Tree People') has shown that as tree totals increase, the campaign gains momentum, providing greater incentive and encouragement for more people to plant trees. Your tree planting totals would be a valuable contribution to this project. We would like to contact officers responsible for tree planting so that we can establish totals for trees planted in the past eighteen months. We would also appreciate details of past successes and future plans for inclusion in our national newsletter.

Our newsletter aims to link tree planters, tree planting groups, schools, community groups, tree nurseries, Councils and associated industries throughout Australia. This network provides encouragement for individual efforts to increase tree cover in this country.

We are already receiving enthusiastic support from many Councils, and from groups such as Keep Australia Beautiful, Men of the Trees, APPM, schools, and private companies. We invite you to join the increasing number of organistions who are contributing.

I am enclosing a copy of our brochure, which outlines the objectives of the campaign. Also, our newsletter, which details some of the positive tree planting activities being achieved.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to receiving your progressive tree planting totals since September 1985 either by mail, or by telephone, if more convenient.

CLAIRE EKAS (Co-ordinator)

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This year's National Conference of the Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation has a strong urban theme, with an emphasis on urban parks and facilities, and on the recreation problems and opportunities in metropolitan areas.

The Conference theme "Metropolitan Prospectives in Parks and Recreation" is particularly appropriate to municipal officers and local government councillors. As usual the Conference will feature concurrent sessions on Urban Recreation, Technical Horticulture, Natural Area Management, and Cemeteries and Crematoria. There will be an extensive industry display mounted at the National Exhibition Centre in conjunction with the Conference, and a series of tours in and around Canberra during the Conference week.

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"THE PITCHEROOS"



For further information :

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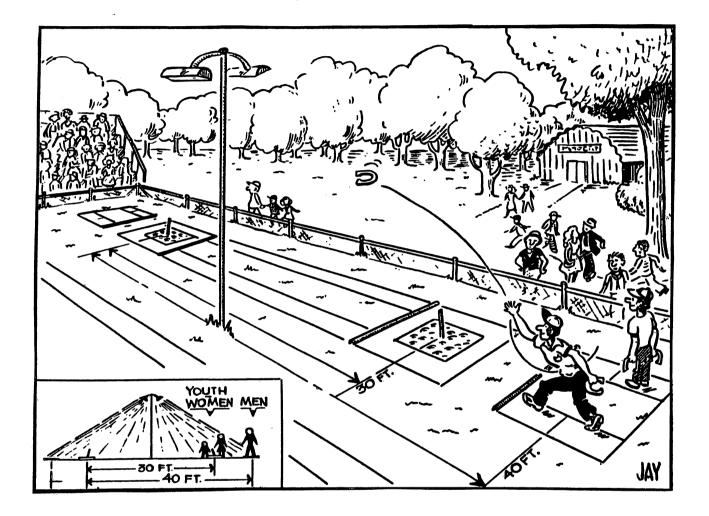
Horseshoe pitching originated from the Olympic game of Discus throwing. The greeks idolized the athletes who competed in the Olympic games and sought to imitate them. The discus and equipment used in the Olympic contest were too expensive for the average person to afford. They began by fashioning substitutes for the discus and developed the game of quoits. They soon shifted their attention from distance to accuracy, with pegs being placed in the ground as targets. They tried to encircle the peg for ringers and so this is the game which preceded the game of horseshoes.

This game was being played before the birth of Christ. A few centuries after the dawn of the Christian era, Greek & Roman armies began to attach metal strips to the feet of their horses to prevent the hoofts from being torn to pieces on the rough terrain over which they moved. As the first horseshoes were discarded, they were gathered up by the solders and camp followers and pitched. These shoes were thought to have weighed nearly four pounds. The standard Pitching shoe today, weighs approximately two and one half pounds.

The Norman soldiers introduced the game of horseshoes to the English, when they invaded England. The English preferred the game of quoits. However, both games were played in England through the centuries.

The early American Settlers brought along the game of quoits, and Horseshoes. During the Revolutionary war the game of horseshoes was played almost exclusively. The American forefathers were ardent players of horseshoe games and nearly every person in America today has played the game at sometime or another in their life.

The first organised horseshoe club in the U.S.A. was formed as a local club in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1899. The game of horseshoes as we know it today, came about in 1920 at this time the art of horseshoe pitching became a game of scientific skill and ability. Standard rules and regulations were introduced.

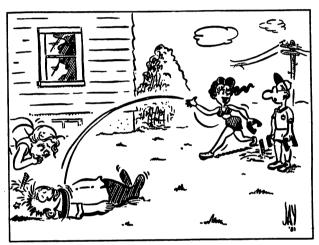


Today the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association is well organised and has clubs and contests throughout America. New rules are being made to update the game periodically. One of the Clubs, affiliated with the N.H.P.A. (U.S.A.), is the 'Pitcheroos,' Horseshoe Club here in Mitcham, Victoria. Founded in 1984, it became affiliated with the N.H.P.A. (AUST) whose headquarters is in Bendigo, Victoria. N.H.P.A. has been registered for approximately 4 years.

As far as I can ascertain, Australians have been pitching horseshoes since before the turn of the century (probably since about 1854), but until very recent times the sport was an ad hoc one with no formal organisation whatsoever.

We really started "getting our act together" six years ago but as you will appreciate, our first attempts were a little like stumbling around in the dark and they left a lot to be desired. Until then the sport was only played in isclated rural pockets across the continent, mostly in very old country towns which blossomed in the 1800's and early 1890's but which are now almost ghost towns. The bare rudiments of the game of horseshoe pitching had been passed down through generations and people would get together for a game using cast off shoes from work horses. Prior to 1981, the only time the sport appeared to have widened its horizons beyond individual country towns is an annual event which was conducted at the local country show in Bendigo. To date, I have not been able to find any other evidence of competition beyond the "village level" at any other venue throughout the country.

I should mention at this point that in 1981 a National Horseshoe Pitching Association was formally registered in the Bendigo area and competitors at the annual country show commenced paying under this banner. It was about the same time as this that I began getting a few people together in Melbourne but none of us were aware of the existence of the Bendigo group.



DOES THAT COUNT AS A RINGER ?

There are currently about 800 pitchers Australia-wide, all strictly recreational. 350-400 have now adopted N.H.P.A. rules and regulations.

Australian Championships are held in Bendigo, each year, plus State Championships where applicable, i.e. in Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland, Northern Territory. We have yet to get the sport off the ground in the remaining States/Territories.

I first became interested in the sport of horsehoe pitching whilst serving in the Pacific and Japan during WWII. Upon my return to Australia in 1946 I became a typical backyard pitcher, much like the other Aussies mentioned earlier in this article. However, after suffering from a back injury for many years which seriously limited any physical activity, I realised in 1981 that I could pitch horsehoes for exercise with no ill effects and find a great deal of enjoyment at the same time. It was at this stage that I began to look about for other people whom I could introduce to the sport. By 1982 there were about 25 of us playing regularly at my home and we subsequently formed the "Pitcheroos". We stumbled along as a backyard club, increasing our membership to about 40 in 1984. This was OK for weekend fun, but we were making up the rules as we went along and we still had no outside competition, for as far as we knew at that stage we were the only people in Australia indulging in the sport. (It was not until 1985 that we accidently learned of the Bendigo group and their annual competition).

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GIPPSLAND NEWS

The first meeting for 1987 was held on the 18th February at Drouin, Shire of Buln Buln Offices. We had representation of ten (10) different Municipalities in our area.

The Agenda was as follows:

- The meeting was declared open by Buln Buln Offices Shire Councillor J. Butler and all present were welcomed. In his opening address, Cr. Butler recognised the need for a well organised Parks and Gardens Department and praised the effort and achievement of Leo Boeyen, former Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, who is now retired.
- 2. The President of the Victorian Region of the R.A.I.P.R., Jos Duivenvoorden, was welcomed to the meeting and addressed the meeting briefly.
- 3. Address by Mr. Wally Christie, Manager of Victorian Wholesale Nurseries. Topic: Nursery Techniques.
- 4. General discussion on how we can cope with Vandalism.

12.30 pm. Lunch

1.30 pm. Inspection of Civic Park and Drouins landscaped Commercial Centre.

The second meeting was held on the 15th April, 1987 at Trafalgar, Shire of Narracan Municipal Offices at 10.00 am.

Nine (9) people attended, representing eight Municipalities in our area.

- 1. The meeting was declared open by the Shire President, Cr. S. Ferguson. In her opening address, Cr. Ferguson said it was good to have meetings of this kind and the benefical effect our meeting have in Parks and Gardens management is evident.
- The topic for discussion was "Management of Bushland Reserves in Urban Areas". Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Peter Gray from the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands. Also present was Mr. Don Green from the Committee of Management of the Urban Reserve. Trafalgar.
- 3. In the afternoon, an inspection was made of the Urban Reserve in Trafalgar and management problems were discussed on site.

The next meeting will be held at Moe Municipal Offices on the 17th June, 1987. The topic of the meeting will be "Tree Pruning" and Ivan Earl, a well known tree surgeon, will talk on this subject.

For further information contact - Horst Muendel, Superintendent Parks and Gardens, Shire of Warragul, telephone (056) 23 0211

PUBLICATIONS

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Many organisations are now faced with mounting difficulties in managing their landscapes often under limited budgets and yet needing to provide for improved recreation demands. Todays landscape manager not only needs to ensure that their priorities are right and that the customers needs are met, but also that cost effective technical developments have been incorporated in the landscape. The Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture - Burnley have recently produced a proceedings entitled "Cost - Effective Landscape Design and Maintenance" which has segments on designing for low maintenance, planting design for low maintenance, cost effectiveness in turfgrass maintenance, planning for maintenance, and modern techniques of landscape maintenance. The 65 page proceedings can be purchased by forwarding \$10.00 which includes postage to:

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- 13. Tree planting near sewers and drains, March 1987.
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- b. To promote the aesthetic, scientific and social development and study of all matters related to, and influencing, the management of public parks and botanic gardens, national parks, cemeteries and open spaces, recreation and leisure services, facilities and programs.
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MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NURSERIES

2ND APRIL, 1987

About 70 representatives of Local Government Councils, educational institutions, State Government Authorities and crematoria attended this seminar at the City of Nunawading, Horticultural Centre.

A significant departure from normal Institute Seminars was noted with a high proportion of female registrations. It is hoped that this trend continues.

Attendees were offered a wide range of topics, with all lecturers being informative, and at times controversial. The odd chuckle also passed the lips of the audience.

Highlights of the day would include:

- 1. The weather (fine and sunny for a change), which made for a great BBQ lunch.
- The ever talkative and practical Graham Davies (Established Tree Transplanters) offered suggestions for would-be advanced tree growers.
- 3. The show-stealers were the "Simulated Plants" presented by Geoff Giles (Design Inn Sales Pty. Ltd.). These evoked much discussion and "positive" response from even the most ardent "real plant" advocate. We have come a long way since the humble plastic glady or daffodil from Coles.
- 4. The Roger Oxenbould (City of Malvern) three ring slide projector show entitled - "Spot the Nursery".
- 5. Paul Crowe (State Schools Nursery) and the one about the guy on the train to Bordertown....
- 6. Others included Geoff Conelan (VCAH Burnley) providing helpful hints on glasshouse covering/heating, Don Matthews (Department of Agriculture) with his own safe chemical use philosophies, and David Nichols (Debco Pty. Ltd.) on the topic of potting soil.

To all the presenters a hearty thanks. To those who attended, it is hoped that the days proceedings provided some applicable information and also posed some questions for further examination.

Finally, thanks to John Brandenburg, Director Parks and Recreation at Nunawading for the use of their magnificent facility and for the assistance of three of his second year horticultural apprentices (Ben Matthews, Geoff Lodge and Peter Zemancheff) in preparing morning/afternoon teas and BBQ lunch.

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Mr. Corrigan commented that the "Chip It" woodchipper was designed for ease of operation, safety and ergonomics. And with the growing awareness of safer work practices, this machine, will be welcomed by local councils and contractors alike.

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TIDY TOWNS 1986

VICTORIA'S TIDY TOWNS 1986

An award is given to each town with the highest total point score in its population category.

Points are awarded for positive litter control, recycling, community service group activities, tidy schools, beautification, restoration and general appearance.

The Tidy Towns competition is organised by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Vic.) Inc. The winner for 1986 is the Tidy Town of Horsham.



Cr. Ray Pummeroy, Mayor of Horsahm, accepting the Premier's trophy from the Hon. John Cain, Premier of Victoria, and Dame Phyllis Frost, DBE Chairman of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (Vic.) Inc.

GOROKE

Category 1 - Population under 500

Two beautiful new rose gardens in the main street are evidence of Gorke's outstanding beautification activities.

STRATFORD

Category 2 - Population between 501 and 1,500

1986 was the third consecutive year in which Stratford won a Tidy Towns award, and once again the support from all sections of the town was excellent.

The Committee of Management of the Stratford Recreation Reserve are highly commended for the outstanding improvements at the entrance to the reserve. These include the replacement of the picket fencing and the painting of the overhead wrought iron sign.

Other organisations commended for 1986 activities include the Senior Citizens Club for beautification at their Centre; CWA, Avon Branch and Stratford Branch, for continued development of the railway plantations; Apex Club for improvements at Apex Park; Lions Club for clearing highway area adjacent to swimming pool; Kindergarten for new beautification; Football Club for new memorial garden at the recreation reserve; Urban Fire Brigade for neat maintenance of their track and for assistance in tidying the recreation reserve; Bowls Club for beautification improvements; Mechanics Hall Committee of Management for continued restoration of the hall; Cemetery Trust for cemetery maintenance; Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies for highway litter pick ups.

NHILL

Category 3 - population between 1,501 and 4,000

Nhill Shire Council were very supportive of the Tidy Town Committee and again provided trees for planting, both by organisations, and clubs as well as residents and the number of trees ordered this year was in excess of 1,100.

The new Nhill Memorial Community Centre is the pride of the town: once the old theatre, it has been tastefully renovated into a magnificent complex surrounded by well landscaped flower beds and new attractive paving.

DROUIN

Category 4 - population between 4,001 and 10,000

The standard of beautification in Drouin is outstanding, and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council congratulates Councillors and staff of the shire of Buln Buln for their commitment to the maintenance of many attractive areas and to the further development of town beautification.

A recent and very impressive improvement was the development of the Alex Goudie Native Park in close proximity to the town centre. This restful park with its decorative lake was transformed from an unsightly morass and is indicative of the Shire Council's dedication to achieving the total beautification of all areas of the town. Other examples are the recent landscaping at the railway viaduct in Viaduct Place and the extensive tree planting in the John Lardner Reserve.

HORSHAM

Category 5 - Population over 10,000

Horsham City Council's Parks and Gardens Division deserves a special acknowledgement for its efforts in beautifying the gardens and round-abouts of Horsham with extensive tree planting, replanting and landscaping.

FRANKSTON

Category 6 - Metropolitan Suburbs

The condition of the main roads and residential streets reflected well on Council and their Tidy Town Committee. The thoroughfares were mostly litter free with grass and trees appearing to be very well maintained. 3MP sponsored the Tidy School Competition in conjunction with Council beautification works which were seen along Kananook Creek and in the developing White Street Mall.

Frankston also won the Community Service Activities Award for the metropolitan suburbs with excellent Tidy Town involvement of local community groups, including Rotary, Rotaract, Lions, Kiwanis, TAFE students and Scouts.

BEAUTIFICATION AND RESTORATION

An award is given in each population category to the most active towns involved in improvements commenced, continued or completed within 12 months prior to judging day.

KATANDRA WEST

Category 1 - population under 500

On his arrival, the Tidy Town judge was warned not to stand still in case he was painted because almost every feature in the town has been given a coat of paint, including litter bins, seats, flag pole, store and post office. Young Farmers' Club Rooms, basketball hall, advertising signs and clock at football oval, children's playground and toilets to name a few.

LORNE

Category 2 - Population between 501 and 1,500

The appearance of the main street has been further improved by the Winchelsea Shire Council's installation of pavers, and the Council has also been active in beautification works, including the planting of trees in Vana Gully and near Doctor's car park, and the sealing, kerbing and planting of Anderson Street.

HEYFIELD

Category 3 - Population between 1,501 and 4,000

On this year's visit to Heyfield, the Tidy Towns judge saw one of the best examples of improvements to a town entrance. A number of activities had taken place at the intersection of George and Gordon Streets, all combining to greatly enhance the appearance of the area. The plan was designed by local Apexian Steve Kurec and brought to fruition by the Heyfield Chamber of Commerce with assistance from the Maffra Shire Council, and is an outstanding demonstration of community co-operation.

KYABRAM

Category 4 - Population between 4,001 and 10,000

For the second year in succession, Kyabram richly deserves this award; not only for improvements achieved but also for the excellent projects now being developed to further beautify "The Garden Town of the Garden State".

The new beautification in Allan Street will greatly improve the appearance of the town centre; the attractive restoration of the rear of the old Town Hall in association with the upgrading of the adjacent parking area is an outstanding development; the large extension area to beautiful Edis Park is most impressive.

TRARALGON

Category 5 - Population over 10,000

The most significant example is the new Traralgon Centre Shopping Plaza with its very attractive street paving and beautification, all combining with the restoration of the post office, court house, and surrounds to form an outstanding feature area of the central business district.

A very impressive beatification plan being developed by the City Council is the widening of the Traralgon Creek in association with the construction of a cycle track which now connects a number of park areas.

MELTON

Category 6 - Metropolitan Suburbs

Several major projects are under way or have been completed recently, including the notable Mt. Carberry project which is transforming an unsightly soil dump into an attractive park and lookout area.

Encouragement is given to residents by means of the Annual Garden Competition and the Best Kept Street Award; and of particular satisfaction to the judges was the completion of the restoration of the historical Craft Cottage.



Two members of Melton's Tidy Town Committee distributing trees for planting throughout Melton.

The preceding article was taken from the February 1987 issue of Tidy Towns and reproduced with the assistance of Mr. Ron Bond (Tidy Towns Judge).



INVERCARGILL 1987

NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION (INC.)

1987 CONFERENCE

INVERCARGILL - 28 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER, 1987

In order to assist with Conference planning the organising committee needs to know approximately how many delegates and partners may be attending the 1987 Conference in Invercargill. At the same time this notice will enable intending delegates to make provision, for attending the conference, in their 1987/88 estimates.

Our conference coincides with the centennial of national parks, in New Zealand and, because of that and the fact that the southern region contains two of New Zealand's most spectacular national parks the Conference will run over four days instead of the usual three.

Conference papers and topics will cover subjects which are pertinent to both local authority parks and, national parks and reserves. The theme of the Conference will be "Today's Demands - Tomorrow's Problems? The management of parks and recreation resources for the future."

Parks and recreation resources are coming under increasing pressure. In some instances use by the public at large and individual groups is becoming more intense. The government and some local authorities are moving more and more towards a user pays system without perhaps fully studying the effects on their patrons. Trends and demands, of various kinds, may catch controlling authorities unawares and create pressure on resources both financial and material, while in some areas the pressures of commercial concessions and sponsorship may create further problems. It is intended that these issues will be explored and discussed at the Conference.

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