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STRENGTHEN AUSTRALIA



Dear B.S.L. Friends,

I expect some of you read recently in the Melbourne 'Age' an interview with the Governor-General, Lord Casey. I found it most interesting, especially when reference was made to the need 'to strengthen Australia in order that we may cope with possible interference from outside'. The Governor-General was not as emphatic as was Mr George Ivan Smith, who tells us that we have but ten years to prepare for the 'interference from outside' but he most certainly warned us, in Boy Scout language, to 'be prepared'.

It is you B.S.L. Friends who over the years have enabled us to, in some degree, 'strengthen Australia'. It is sad to realise that a large number of potentially good Australians are, because of circumstances which are in most cases beyond their control, prevented from contributing to the welfare of the country. I think it is true to say that, again through you, we have been able to help many people rise above the handicaps which are theirs.

I think of those who come to our Social Service Bureau with their problems — widows, deserted wives and those who simply cannot 'make the grade'. For a certain number of these people we can do little more than give temporary help. On the other hand, there are many who can be given a new outlook on life, given the opportunity of bringing up their children in such a way as will enable those children to become good and useful citizens.

Then there is our work amongst young people. The school children who come to our play centre are not only encouraged in their playing but they are taught useful hobbies which will stand them in good stead in the years to come. The jazz music and the noise that emanates from the teenage department may not appeal to you and me, but valuable links are formed by the members of the staff and these young people who, so often, have little worthwhile guidance and have no conception of the true meaning of life. The presence of the B.S.L. during the most critical period of these youngsters' lives will often make the difference between success or failure.

Our work among the elderly does not only mean that we provide comfortable houses in pleasing surroundings for these people; we have provided security as well and so enabled those who are no longer young to make a valuable contribution towards the welfare of Australia. To me it is a deplorable thing that the experience gained throughout life should be wasted because of circumstances under which so many old people are compelled to live. You cannot expect a person whose housing is inadequate, who is lonely, who lacks security for the future and has nothing worthwhile to do, to make any worthwhile contribution towards the welfare of the nation. Many such people may live for 20 or even more years after retirement, during which time they are a burden to themselves and the community.

It is encouraging to know that the unhappy lot of many of our elderly citizens is becoming, to an ever increasing extent, more fully realised by those in authority, and that something is being done about it. We are most certainly demonstrating at Carrum Downs and Lara that old people, some in their eighties, can be of immense value to the nation.

In the interview to which I have referred, Lord Casey spoke of the need to strengthen Australia in order that we may be able to help 'our friends in Asia more'. The more we strengthen ourselves, the easier it will be to get friends, as we'll be more worthwhile as friends.

I think I can also say we are playing our part as far as aid is concerned. Community Aid Abroad, which was founded by the Brotherhood, has since 1962 sent \$438,341 to help our Asian friends to help themselves and so form bonds of friendship between ourselves and our northern neighbours.

I believe that this kind of thing (which is fundamental Christianity) is in the long run the only method by which peace can be obtained for ourselves and our children and for mankind as a whole.

During the month in which you receive this letter the Brotherhood will have been in Melbourne for 35 years. Its work over those years, I think, has been important but never as important as at the present time when we have

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PROBLEMS MUCH THE SAME AS EVER

The Brotherhood staff conference was held at St Laurence Park, settlement for the active elderly at Lara, on April 20. The conference is an annual event at which staff members from all centres get together to hear reports on the year's activities from heads of departments.

The main point to emerge from this year's reports was that despite our affluent society, people are still bringing the same types of problems to the Brotherhood that they were bringing 10 or 20 years ago. Problems such as court cases, debts, illness, desertion, pension difficulties, low incomes, employment and accommodation.

Father Tucker in his address stressed the need for a greater understanding of the Christian plan for living. 'It is down to earth common sense', he said, 'and in my opinion the BSL has proved the value of that plan'.

The Director, Bishop G. T. Sambell, spoke briefly on future expansion and the Brotherhood's responsibility towards its donors.

'I go on realising and I hope you go on realising', he said, 'that we don't produce one cent of our income.

'We only spend what people give us to spend', he went on, 'and this means that every one of us has to be so much more responsible in our stewardship and use of time, telephones, and all the small items as much as the big ones.'

The recently completed Tucker Court dining room was used as a conference room, and many of the 100 staff members who attended took advantage of the opportunity to make a tour of the settlement during the luncheon break.

NEW SOCIAL WORKER

Miss Jean Elder joined the staff of the Social Service Bureau in March.

Miss Elder graduated in Social Studies from Melbourne University last year and is continuing her studies for an Arts Degree.

This new appointment brings the current number of Social Workers in the Bureau to five.

HELP NEEDED

Each winter the Brotherhood appeals to the public for donations of clothing and household goods to help cope with the influx of special problems that winter brings.

Pensioners and families need more blankets for their beds, more warm clothes and more nutritious food. There is an increase in sickness which brings more bills and in the case of the wage earner often affects the pay packet. Gas and electricity bills go up and a low income or a pension just becomes even more inadequate.

The results of the appeal will help meet added drain on the Brotherhood's resources. Clothing and goods donated are distributed through the Social Service Bureau or sold in Brotherhood Opportunity Shops which provide much of the finance for social service projects for pensioners, low income families and children.

We need clothing, bedding, crockery, ornaments, silverware, jewellery, postage stamps, vases, pictures, books, milk bottle tops, scrap metal and radios. If you can help ring 41 3183 and arrangements will be made for a van to call.

Country donors can send parcels freight free by rail, if addressed to the Brotherhood of St Laurence, c/o Flinders Street Railway Station.

EXPERIMENT AT ST LAURENCE PARK

High building costs are responsible for the fact that St Laurence Park settlement for the aged at Lara will experiment with a new type of accommodation in the next batch of cottages to be built.

Tenders are now being called for 18 new cottages, 12 of these will be the usual single bedroom cottages and 6 will be bed-sitting-room units built in 3 blocks of 2 units each.

The new cottages will be built on the eastern side of Tucker Court and will provide accommodation for an additional 20 residents.

The 6 bed-sitting-room units are an experiment. They have been designed to provide the same living standards as the single bedroom cottages at a more reasonable price.

SINGLE PEOPLE ON SICKNESS BENEFIT

Miss Jessica Sumner, a Brotherhood welfare officer, commented this week on the plight of single people living on the sickness benefit of \$8.25 a week.

As soon as sick pay stops, she pointed out, there is an immediate and drastic drop in income, and at a time when they are least able to cope with it.

Some who have not been ill before are unaware that they are entitled to the benefit. Miss Sumner thinks that they may give the wrong answers out of a sense of pride, or perhaps they have small sums saved when admitted and are not immediately eligible. Whatever the cause, they are often penniless and on the streets before they find out about the benefit, then they have to live for two weeks before the first cheque comes through.

But it is not only the individual problems that worry Miss Sumner, it is the whole principle of the system. The government, she went on, spends a great deal of money treating and nursing a person while he is in hospital, but as soon as he is well enough to be discharged and continue treatment as an outpatient he is expected to live on \$8.25 and gain in health and strength. He has to pay rent, fares, feed and clothe himself with this amount.

People, she said, are quite often outpatients for six months or more, and over this period their standards gradually deteriorate, with a corresponding effect on their morale.

CLUB NUMBERS GROW

With the completion of the summer camps, youth club nights at the Brotherhood are once again in full swing.

Numbers attending the intermediate club night, boys and girls 12-17 years of age, quickly grew to 65 so that after Easter it was decided to divide the group and open the club for two nights a week.

The girls of the younger group (12-14 years) have been trying out their culinary skills, producing such goodies as cakes, biscuits, fried rice and pancakes.

They do it for fun, said Youth Leader, Tricia Macintyre. There is always enough for everyone to sample the results, and a few of them are now cooking at home.

The girls are also encouraged to try their hand at sewing on the two sewing machines — they make things like cushion covers and plastic vanity bags, and one girl has made herself a skirt.

The boys' activities include slot-car racing and an electric train track. They are paying for the slot-cars out of their own pocket money and have little more than the basic equipment. The train set was donated and needs a lot of track replacements and repairs to rolling stock.

If anyone is able to help by donating extra parts for either of these activities please ring Miss McIntyre at 41 7055.

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reached the turning point in the history of mankind. We go forward knowing that we have your support, sympathy and understanding.

I am, dear B.S.L. Friends,
Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Secretary B.S.L.

A CASE FOR THE MEANS TEST

By Janet Paterson, Director of Research and Social Action.

In a country where a growing section of the population falls into the 'aged' category, it is not surprising to find considerable interest in the test which determines whether or not one is entitled to an age pension.

However, recently this perennial interest has been heightened by the appointment as Minister for Social Services of Mr W. Wentworth, a man who is known to be sympathetic to the idea of abolition. Another new factor is the establishment of the 'Removal of Means Test Association', pledged, as its name indicates, to secure the pension for every aged person as a right, regardless of economic circumstances.

Before making any decisions about this issue, it is important to look hard at the facts. At present some 650,000 people, or just over half the population who are eligible by age, receive some sort of pension.

The cost of this to the country is approximately \$400 million per annum. Even within the ranks of the full pensioner group, people's economic circumstances vary greatly because the means test has been progressively relaxed over the years. At one end of the scale is the pensioner who is totally dependent on his pension and without any other assets, capital or income, whatsoever. At the other end he may own his own home and its contents and a car, as well as having a bank account of \$419 and other weekly income of \$10. Both these individuals draw the same pension of \$13 a week.

Unfortunately it is not possible to estimate from annual reports of the Social Services Department how many people are in each of these groups, or at stages in between.

The only guide is the work of the Institute of Applied Economic Research, which has been studying poverty in Melbourne. In the words of Professor Richard Downing, who is responsible for the aged section of the survey, 'Pensioners who have little or no income or property with which to supplement the pension . . . are in real poverty unless they are fortunate enough to be paying little or no rent, and also to be receiving substantial help from relatives and friends.' He goes on to say that the survey shows this is the condition of 'an uncomfortably large proportion of pensioners'. (Address to Annual Meeting of College of Optometry, Melbourne, April 24, 1968.)

Constant Agitation

In many ways it is the gradual inclusion of people further up the economic scale which provides the constant agitation for abolition of the means test, because with each relaxation of conditions a new group of people just fail to qualify and they raise their voices in understandable protest. This protest is steadily becoming more organised, articulate and powerful, and it calls attention to the grievances of those who are deprived of a pension although they paid taxes and saved all their working lives. While their claims deserve careful consideration, it is the object here to comment on the situation of the pensioners who are not organised, articulate or powerful—the

ones who are solely dependent on their \$13 a week income.

Put simply, these people without assets, capital or other income will gain nothing from the abolition of the means test. Although the community on the one hand recognises their need by donating to Christmas or blanket or firewood appeals, it will not be helping them if the means test is removed.

They will stay at the bottom of the economic ladder on a subsistence pension which is far less likely to be increased when 1,300,000 people have to be paid, instead of 650,000. Hopes of relating pension rates to living costs will inevitably be pushed further away, and the butter will end up being spread very thinly.

High Level Research

This is not to say that there is not obvious room for improvement in the pensions system. The danger is that this should result from adoption of a catch-cry instead of high level research. Many major issues demand study, beginning with the fundamental one of need versus right, and including matters such as extension of medical services to everyone at a certain age, the idea of a guaranteed minimal income, and Professor Downing's recent suggestion of national superannuation incorporating a means test and contributions.

It is certainly time for some changes, but the community should not be mesmerised into believing that a move which will cost the country another \$400 million a year while doing nothing for those in poverty, is the answer.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID AT BENDIGO

The foundation stone at St Laurence Court, Eaglehawk, was laid by the Bishop of Bendigo, Rt Revd R. E. Richards, at the end of March.

The court is being erected in conjunction with the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo, and is the Brotherhood's first joint venture in housing the elderly.

It is expected that the first stage, which will accommodate 23, will be completed this month. The flats are for pensioners of all denominations, and many applications have already been received.

DUKE'S STUDY TOUR VISITS BROTHERHOOD

A study tour of the Duke of Edinburgh's Third Commonwealth Study Conference included a visit to the Brotherhood's headquarters in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, on May 22.

The main object of the study tour's section of the conference was for members to meet people in widely differing circumstances and environments and to find out what the impact of industrial development has meant to them.

The visit to the Brotherhood was part of a tour of Collingwood under the theme of 'Living Environment'. The two sessions actually held at the Brotherhood were 'Family Life in the Inner Areas' and 'Growing up in Inner Areas'.

Mr David Scott, Director of Community Aid Abroad and Associate Director of the Brotherhood of St Laurence, chaired the sessions, and two members of Brotherhood staff, Mrs Anne Stevenson, Senior Social Worker, and Mrs Judith O'Neill of the Research and Social Action Department, were amongst the speakers who addressed the members of the study group.

The group, a cross section of members of the conference who were drawn from more than 30 Commonwealth countries, was studying problems such as Housing Commission activity in slum clearance, the adequacy of recreational facilities, the sociological implications of high density housing plans for the future development of Collingwood, the role of government as it relates to industrial development and welfare responsibility, and the creation of neighbourhood pockets by subdivision by public transport. In particular, they studied Collingwood as an inner suburb to a major and growing metropolis, with a high migrant population and suffering to a degree from high land prices and the lure of the outer suburbs.

The two-day tour covered visits to several organisations including the Coolibah Club (the Brotherhood's day centre for pensioners), migrant clubs, high schools, and major industries in the area where they discussed the problems and achievements of suburban, metropolitan living with business and professional leaders.

Other study tour areas in Victoria were Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Port Melbourne, Ballarat, Waverley, Shepparton, Dandenong, Mildura, Portland and Melbourne.

FAIR DATES

October 19—Carrum Downs Village Fair.

November 1—Annual Market Fair in Lower Melbourne Town Hall.

HOLIDAYS AT MORNINGTON

It has been a constantly changing scene at 'Morven', the Brotherhood's holiday home in Tanti Avenue, Mornington, for the Hostess, Miss Alma Smith.

The last group of children had no sooner gone at the end of January than a group of 20 patients from Sunbury Mental Hospital moved in. This is the second year that the Brotherhood has been able to assist the Mental Hygiene Department in this way and the scheme has proved an unqualified success.

In all, 60 patients from Sunbury had a holiday at 'Morven' in February. They camped in the grounds in youth centre tents and before the last group left they dismantled the tents and carefully stacked them away in readiness for the first youth camp next Summer. A group of patients also returned to put a new roof on the boat shed and others will be visiting Carrum Downs later in the year to help in grounds maintenance and other jobs.

After the Sunbury holiday makers left the first group of pensioners arrived for a 10-day holiday. Apart from breaks during the school holidays, when 'Morven' is available for families from the Social Service Bureau, and another break of a week at the end of May for a student welfare seminar, 'Morven' will be used exclusively for pensioners' holidays for the rest of the year.

The holidays are for pensioners who would not otherwise be able to afford one and for many it is their first holiday in years.



Holiday-makers stroll in the grounds.

Doctors, clergy and other organisations refer pensioners in need of a holiday to the Brotherhood and every effort is made to ensure that they enjoy their stay.

Voluntary drivers transport them to and from Morven and local residents arrange outings and drives. 'Morven' is only a few minutes' walk from the beach and the boat shed is a favourite place for afternoon tea on a fine day.

Brotherhood Profiles: SISTER VERA ROOK

Sister Vera Rook has had an interesting life since she completed her training at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, England. This has included industrial welfare work, organising the mobile ambulance at Hove during the second world war, acting as welfare officer with the Save The Children Fund at Robinvale in North West Victoria and being washed off the rocks at Whale Beach in New South Wales.

But, the highlight of her career, so far, she said, was the seven years she spent as Matron of St George's, Hurstpier Point, the largest County Council home for the aged in East Sussex. It was while she was working in a private hospital in England that she first became interested in the plight of elderly people. Here she was worried by the lack of understanding by the administration of the need for security which was so necessary to the elderly patients. So she jumped at the chance to help when she was asked to be the first Matron of St George's.

Apart from a two-year break during which she worked her way up to Hayman Island and back, Sister Rook has been Matron at the Carrum Downs settlement for the active elderly almost ever since she came to Australia from England in 1956.

'In the beginning,' she commented, 'I had no paid staff to help me and things were pretty hectic. Residents who were trained sisters helped in a voluntary capacity and we were kept on the run visiting the cottages and Collins Court flats as well as looking after the people who were sick in hospital'.

Now, Sister Rook has a paid part time staff and is able to give more time to the residents generally. She has always felt that activity is the key to a happy old age and it was the residents' involvement in the actual running of the settlement which impressed her most when she first visited Carrum Downs.

Sister Rook feels she is sometimes criticised for being too fastidious. She points out that hospital standards must be high but in the Collins Court flatettes a more homely standard is kept. She cannot speak too highly of her staff and the wonderful co-operation she receives from them.

In her own home at Carrum Downs she has a fascinating collection of stones, fossils and shells which she has collected on her numerous trips about Australia. She is a keen field naturalist and would like to see more Australians interested in the conservation of native flora and fauna. Other interests include photography, marine biology and collecting antique china and silver.

Sister Rook has a daughter who came to Australia with her in 1956, who is now married to an Australian — she has two Australian grandchildren.



The sun lounge is a popular spot on sunny mornings.

RESULTS OF FLAT SURVEY

by Judith O'Neill, co-author with Anne Stevenson and Elaine Martin of 'High Living', a survey on family life in flats.

Like most inexperienced authors, I think we believed that once we handed the flat study manuscript over to the publishers, Melbourne University Press, our work would be done. But we reckoned without such mysteries as galley proofs, page proofs, indexes, upper case, lower case, deletions and corrections. After what seemed an endless time sorting all these out, we were delighted and somewhat surprised when the book was finally released in September last year. No longer would we need to spend time explaining our findings or digging out a reasonably intact manuscript. Now we could say to all the people who wanted information, 'Buy the book'.

It was at this point we learnt another lesson about being authors. Instead of having less to do, we found ourselves in demand to give talks, to work on committees, to help plan all manner of things from lecture courses at the University to playgrounds on flat estates. It seemed that once people had absorbed what was in the book, they were interested in following the line of thought. Certainly we have come to realise that perhaps our most important contribution lies in our ability to actively relate what we discovered to other people and organisations in the community.

In many ways the response of the community to Housing Commission high-rise development was similar to its condemnation of the slums which the flats were replacing. Emotional phrases such as 'gaols in the sky', 'prisons for families', 'breeding grounds for delinquents' made headlines in the newspapers and convinced most people that we were once more going to the dogs. In this way, the new flats were condemned without trial by people who never had and probably never would get closer to them than passing by in a car or a tram.

In the face of this community criticism, the decision was taken by the Brotherhood to conduct a systematic 'consumer' survey of tenants on a particular flat estate. Interviewers asked the tenants themselves what they thought about their new housing, and the results as presented in the report are firmly based on their reactions and attitudes at that time.

It was found, for instance, that for most tenants the move to the flats had given a much improved standard of housing. A large number of tenants had previously lived in very poor accommodation, often sharing a house or living in rooms. They told us how pleased they were with their clean, new flats and how comfortable they found them, but at the same time they made it clear that the limitations of the flats created problems.

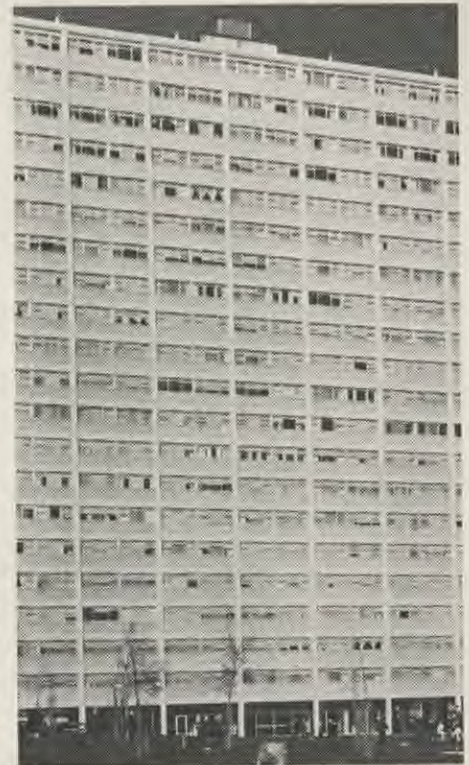
On the estate we studied, the families with young children were housed in four-storey 'walk-up' flats where the only access to the flat was by stair and all shopping,

laundry and even the garbage can had to be lugged up and down. The laundries were at roof level, and a special trip had to be made to do the family wash. On the other hand, in the tall 20-storey blocks the Housing Commission was able to provide better and more convenient services such as laundries on every floor, garbage disposal chutes and, of course, lifts, all of which made life easier for the tenants. In both types of flats, storage space for the paraphernalia of family life was very limited. Children's bikes, prams, cots, high chairs, had to be stacked in bedrooms if the family wished to keep them.

No Man's Land

Though it was clear to us that inadequate services did make things more difficult for families, they were less worried about such practical things than they were about their children. Parents felt that as soon as their children went out-doors, they were in a no-man's land, free and unsupervised.

They told us that they were worried by their disobedience and cheekiness which they put down to the bad example of the children they played with. Unfortunately, there were no facilities for supervised play, and certainly no staff to organise it on the estate grounds. In fact, no real thought had been given the fact that a flat estate is a new sort of environment and that old techniques of child discipline and rearing were simply no longer valid.



Hotham Estate high rise flats, Melbourne.

This survey was essentially an exploratory study, but we feel it has made people more aware of the problems and needs of tenants and of the Housing Commission itself, and, more important, it has pointed to the necessity of continuing research and evaluation of attempts at social change.

SCHEME PROVIDES HOMES FOR AGED

It is now 13 years since Father Tucker started what has become known as 'The Better Way' scheme.

Father Tucker felt that the custom of sending flowers to honour the dead and express sympathy for the bereaved could be replaced by something better. He suggested that instead people might like to send a donation to an organisation which was trying to do something to improve the lot of those still on earth, thus contributing towards a more permanent memorial for their friends.

The Brotherhood opened a special fund for donations received in this way and earmarked it for the building and maintenance of cottages for the elderly. A simple dignified card was prepared for sending to the bereaved. On the card is written the name of the departed in whose honour the money has been donated and also the name of the person or persons responsible for the sending of the card.

Since 'The Better Way' started, 11 cottages for the elderly have been built at Carrum Downs and Lara under the scheme and it

will also finance one of the flat units at St Laurence Court, Bendigo, which the Brotherhood is erecting in conjunction with the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo.

Any persons wishing to use 'The Better Way' have only to write to The Secretary, 'The Better Way', Brotherhood of St Laurence, 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne, or telephone 63 3011 and a card will be sent immediately to the bereaved.

The following information should be supplied:

- The name of the deceased.
- The name and address of the sender and any other names you would like to appear on the card.
- The name and address of the person to whom the card is to be sent.

The 'In Memoriam' card will be sent immediately this information is received.

The donation may be sent or taken to the Brotherhood of St Laurence, 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne, at your convenience.

The amount of the donation is entirely at the donor's discretion and no mention of the amount appears on the card.

Talking about... AUXILIARIES

Auxiliary members will be sorry to learn that Miss Rutledge is still under treatment for a severe back complaint and will not return to us until January next year. Mrs Thelma Tuxen will act as Auxiliary Organiser until she returns.

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The 'Flower Power' progressive dinner held by the Younger Set in March was a rip-roaring success. Two members spent days making outsize, colourful paper flowers which were auctioned at the end of the evening—top price for a single bloom was \$2.31.

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Dandenong Auxiliary's idea of coping with crowds by holding a luncheon in two homes simultaneously was a great success. In April Mrs Moodie and Mrs Rickards made their homes available for the luncheons, after which their respective guests enjoyed an afternoon of cards and 'beetles'.

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A very thrilled Preston Auxiliary won 3rd prize on their first attempt in the Edment's table setting competition at Northland last month. The prize was \$5 and a brooch, and they received \$6 from shoppers' votes.

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Sunshine Auxiliary is looking forward to a film afternoon when the Vice-President, Mrs Doak, returns from her holiday. The subject will be 'Winter in Queensland'.

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It was a milestone for the Eaglehawk and Bendigo Auxiliaries when the foundation stone was laid last month at St Laurence Court, flats for the elderly at Eaglehawk. Both auxiliaries assisted in the catering for this function, which attracted a large crowd of supporters.

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Brighton members are delighted with the success of the two opportunity shops they organised this year, one in January and the other in May. They hire an empty shop for a fortnight, distribute plenty of handbills advertising their whereabouts, and they are in business. As fast as supporters bring clothing and household articles into the shop they sell them—the big battle is trying to keep ahead with the pricing.

There are now 10 members on the Sewing Auxiliary, and between them they are turning out over 100 aprons a month, not to mention children's frocks, and pillow cases made from white shirts.

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November 1 is the date set for the annual Market Fair, and Fitzroy Auxiliary members are already busy on their regular sorting days at the Salvage Division collecting items for sale on the stalls.

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Top marks to the Camberwell Auxiliary for an excellently organised luncheon for 400 in April. 'Simple but delicious' sums up the comments we heard. After lunch a capacity audience listened to a witty and informative talk by the Governor, Sir Roban Delacombe, and saw the films he took whilst on a visit to the South Pole three years ago.

Mrs P. Ratcliff of the City of Heidelberg Auxiliary died suddenly last month. Mrs Ratcliff was a foundation member of the Auxiliary and acted as treasurer until last year. She will be greatly missed by her friends on the auxiliary.

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Mrs Eileen Rossiter died on May 15. Mrs Rossiter had been a resident at Carrum Downs since 1955 and always took an active part in settlement affairs. She served on the Residents' Committee for many years, part of the time as Secretary; was Convenor of the Village Fair for a long period and Treasurer for a time; and also helped organise mail delivery for the settlement.

Mrs Rossiter will be greatly missed by the residents at Carrum Downs and her friends on the Brotherhood staff.

RINGWOOD: June 19, soup and sandwiches luncheon, followed by Textiles demonstration. July 10, annual meeting.

SUNSHINE: June 11, 'Golden Rule' pattern demonstration. June 24, Gas and Fuel Corporation model homes tour. At the annual meeting Mrs Bowyer was elected President; Mrs Doak, Vice-President; Mrs Jensen, Secretary; Mrs Atkins, Treasurer.

WARRANTYTE: June 25, luncheon and Home and Textiles demonstration.

Coming Events

BOX HILL: June 24, speaker from Asthma Foundation. July 22, annual meeting. August 26, 'Korbond Sewing Aids'—Mrs Joan Brown. These functions will be held at 973 Whitehorse Road, at 1.30 p.m.

BENDIGO: June 17, annual meeting, St Paul's church hall. Guest speaker, BSL Secretary, Mr Bruce Buchanan. June 24, golf gymkhana, Belvoir Golf Club.

BRIGHTON: June 20, annual meeting at Mrs Bayley's home, 7 Sussex Street.

CAMBERWELL: June 13, Jamaican luncheon, speaker Mr Calla. June 22, theatre night at Monash University Opera Company's production of '1066'.

CARRUM DOWNS: At the annual meeting Mrs Keane was elected Village Fair Convenor, Miss Hutson Assistant, Miss Turner Treasurer, and Mesdames Boyle, Beveridge, Cox, Foote, Foord and Griffiths were elected to the committee.

CAULFIELD: Members are now working for a street stall in the spring.

CHELTENHAM/MORDIALLOC: June 16, progressive luncheon: savouries and drinks Mrs Milbourne's home, 21 Fifth Avenue, Parkdale; main course and sweets Mrs Browning's home, 19 Harding Street, Beaumaris. June 21, street stall in Mentone.

DANDENONG: June 26, annual meeting and 'Fun With Food' demonstration, St Luke's hall. In August there is to be an opal demonstration.

EAGLEHAWK: In June a frypan demonstration will be given by Mrs Marjorie Leech of the S.E.C.

FORTUNAS: June 26, interior decoration demonstration. June 28, dinner dance. July 20, games night. August, visit to Tip Top Bakeries.

HARRIETVILLE: July 9, annual meeting.

HEIDELBERG: June 20 and 21, stall in The Mall. July 30, talk with films on work of the Water Police by Sergeant R. Tobin. August 7, morning coffee and Colvan Products demonstration, 10.15 a.m. at Mrs Hocking's, 50 Bond Street. August 14, afternoon tea at Myers, Northland. The annual meeting was held in March and all office-bearers were re-elected.

KOONUNG: June 13, meeting at 10 a.m. at Mrs Gaffney's, 12 Howitt Drive, Lower Templestowe. July 2, 10.30 a.m., visit to Felt and Textiles exposition, 631 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

MALVERN SHOP: June 3, morning coffee at Mrs Martin's 14 Rangeview Avenue, Chadstone, at 10.30 a.m.—speakers, The Fraser Twins. August 12, quarterly meeting 11 a.m.

MORNINGTON: At the annual meeting in April office-bearers elected were: Mrs Wood, President; Miss Vickery and Mrs Coombe, Vice-Presidents; Mrs Cameron, Secretary; Mrs Webley, Treasurer.

ORMOND: The annual meeting was held in April. Mrs Utber was elected President; Mrs Strachan and Miss Ryde, Vice-Presidents; Mrs F. M. Jones, Secretary; Mrs Fenton-Smith, Treasurer; Mrs Mercer, Social Secretary.

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