Dear B.S.L. Friends,

I do hope you like the picture of our proposed Community Centre at Carrum Downs, which appears in this issue. We are very grateful to our honorary architect for Carrum Downs, Mr. David Chancellor, who has gone to endless trouble to prepare the plans to what promises to be, a really fine building.

You know we hope to call our building “Queen’s House” in honour of Her Majesty’s visit to this country. Application for permission to do so has gone to London. If the permission we seek is granted, we will be able to feel in a sense we will be working under Royal Patronage, and that for many years to come our Community Centre will be a memorial to a beloved Monarch’s visit to this country. The arches will come down, the flags will be put away, functions will be only a memory, but our “Queen’s House” will remain.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU:

I know that as many of you as possible will be with us on April 3rd. I realise that we are holding the function at a time when the weather conditions are somewhat uncertain. We are arranging, however, to have a marquee, so please do not stay away even if the weather should be showery.

The chief object of the Community Centre is the welfare of those on the Settlement now, and those who will be there in the years to come. One of the principles of the Brotherhood is to demonstrate on a small scale what should be on a large scale. All who have visited the Settlement and these include medical men, social workers and others who are concerned about the problem of the aged, say that ours is one of the answers to this problem. We believe that instead of large and expensive benevolent homes, there should be communities such as ours in all parts of the State.

There will no doubt always be the need of something in the nature of benevolent homes, but if the ageing were to be properly cared for before they became infirm, there would be far less need for those institutions where men and women sit passively waiting for death. Believing as we do, our aim is to make Carrum Downs Settlement as perfect as we possibly can. I say this because I want you, our Friends, to know that in supporting our work, you are demonstrating to Australia the kind of thing that should be done. What I say in regard to Carrum Downs is none the less true in regard to Fitzroy and Mornington.

A BIG YEAR:

1954 promises to be an important year in our history, for we are hoping to open our enlarged Coolibah Club before long. Although all is now going well in this direction, there have been many irritating delays in the work of building and renovation. We are very grateful to another honorary architect, in the person of Mr. Dossetor, Snr. We are indeed rich in Friends? Please remember that the opening of the new Coolibah Club will be none the less important than the function at Carrum Downs on April 3rd. The date for the Fitzroy event has not yet been fixed, but you will be informed in good time.

AND “NOW”:

You must excuse me for again referring to our paper “Now” for before it was produced I was feeling well nigh hopeless in regard to our first of all works—slum clearance. The outlook now however is quite different. Already “Now” is having its effect on those responsible for the social welfare of the community. The circulation is reasonably good, but it must be very much better if “Now” is to be as effective as it might be.

I have no hesitation in recommending the paper, for it has been most favourably commended by many who are in a position to judge as to its merits. May I make some suggestions as to how many of you might be able to help in regard to enlarging the circulation of the paper.

1. If not already a subscriber, become one, (6/- per annum).
2. If a subscriber, make a special point of handing a copy to at least one friend who might be interested in such matters as the paper deals with.
3. Become a canvasser. Here is an opportunity to do something for the Brotherhood and for the community as a whole, and at the same time of earning a few extra pounds. If a canvasser gains even 10 subscribers, he would earn £1. Those who already do this work for us, report that the name of the Brotherhood helps much in gaining subscribers.

NEED FOR ALERTNESS:

I believe that the greatest need at the present time is for the ordinary well-meaning intelligent Australian
to become alert to those things that are hindering this land of ours from being a nation able to make the contribution towards the solving of those problems which must be solved if civilization is to be saved. I know you will help in this matter if it is at all possible. After all there are now nearly 6,000 B.S.L. Friends, between us all we should be able to do something really worthwhile.

By the Grace of God we have been enabled to do much in our twenty odd years of life, much more however remains to be done. The pushing of "Now" is one of the important things we can do. Our Greetings to you all.

On behalf of the B.S.L.,
I am, Good B.S.L. Friends,
Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
Sekhim B.S.L.

GENERAL NOTES

VOLUNTARY HELPERS' SHOP:
In the last issue of B.S.L. Notes, the Voluntary Helpers' Shop which is helping the Brotherhood was incorrectly described as being in Burke Avenue, off Glenferrie Road. Burke Avenue runs off Burke Road, opposite Woolworths near the Camberwell Junction.

STAMPS:
An inmate of Pentridge Gaol who is a stamp enthusiast has volunteered to sort used stamps for the Brotherhood in his spare time. This means we can now find use for more stamps than we have been receiving. Used stamps of any value are useful and may be left at 51 Royal Arcade.

"NOW" AT NEWSAGENTS:
"Now," the Brotherhood's monthly journal on social questions, is now sold at newsagents in the metropolitan area. If you are not a regular subscriber ask your newsagent for a copy of "Now." Having read one copy you're sure to become an annual subscriber!

FITZROY NOTES

PENSIONERS HOLIDAYS:
The 1954 holiday season for pensioners began at Morven on 27th February. Again it is hoped to send ten pensioners each week throughout the autumn and spring. Two weeks during the autumn will be allocated to invalids while two weeks at the end of the season will be used for under-nourished children. Friends are asked to call at Morven in Tanti Avenue, Mornington and see the home in action.

We still need voluntary car drivers who would give up a Saturday morning occasionally to take a car load of our guests to Mornington. Ring us at Fitzroy if you can help in this very practical way.

QUEEN'S VISIT:
We were able to arrange for most of the members of our Coolibah Club as well at potential members of the Women's Club to see the Queen. The Hawthorn Rotary Club kindly made available their stand near Government House, while private homes invited smaller groups.

SUNDAY TEA AT COOLIBAH CLUB:
The Coolibah Club is now open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Sunday evenings outside groups or clubs often act as hosts to the Club members and provide the evening supper.

We would be pleased to know of any groups or persons who would be prepared to help by acting as hosts at the Club on Sunday evenings.

—G.T.S.

The Need for a Community Centre

The whole principle of the Carrum Downs Settlement is that the elderly residents should not only have suitable accommodation, but that they should have opportunities to lead interesting, useful lives and to contribute to the life, welfare and growth of the community to which they belong.

In the early days of the Settlement the importance of encouraging community life was recognised. A small building consisting of one room and an annexe was set aside as a meeting place for residents and to house the library. Talks were given by visiting speakers, films were shown and visiting groups entertained by residents. A social club, "The Sunshine Club," was started and outings and entertainments organised by the members.

As the population of the Settlement increased the tiny Community Centre assumed a new importance in Settlement life and it became apparent that the Settlement had outgrown its Community Centre. Hence the dreams and plans for the new Centre, which will come a step nearer to fulfilment on April 3rd.

The new Community Centre will enable all the community activities to be co-ordinated and housed in the one group of buildings and it will provide for the future development of the Settlement.

The hall will seat 200 people and will be used for meetings, film and stage shows and concerts. At one end there is provision for a Sanctuary so that services may be held in the hall when congregations are too large for the existing Chapel.

The handcrafts room will be the headquarters of "Carrum Downs Industries," which has been formed by residents to grow produce and make goods for sale to assist the financing of community projects. It is hoped that handcrafts and other recreational and occupational activities will be extended as they are most important features of the Settlement's plan for the aged.

A cafeteria will serve meals for residents, particularly bachelors, who do not wish to cook their own meals every day. Meals and afternoon tea will be served to visitors to the Settlement.

A shop in the Centre will house the "Tucker Box," a small co-operative store now being operated in cramped conditions by residents.

The library and reading room will be light and bright and will also be used for small meetings.

The supervisor for the Community Centre, who will be a resident of the Settlement, will live in the two room flat.

Verandas, numerous windows and a paved courtyard are features of the attractively designed Centre.

Work will commence on the first part of the Community Centre in May and it is hoped that if funds are available the Centre will be completed this year.
Community Centre, Carrum Downs

A sketch of the proposed Community Centre. Honorary Architect is Mr. David Chancellor, B. Arch., A.R.A.I.A.

The Community Centre will consist of a hall seating 200 people, a library, handcrafts room, kitchen and cafeteria shop, and a flat for the welfare officer who will be a resident of the Settlement.

INAUGURATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE
BY
SIR EDMUND and LADY HERRING
Saturday, April 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Commemorative trees will be planted by the following:

Guardian Trees: Sir Edmund and Lady Herring
Tree of the Church: Right Reverend Bishop Cranwick
Tree of the State: Sir George Knox, M.L.A.
Tree of Healing: Dr. G. R. Weigall, President, B.M.A.
Tree of Learning: Dr. Darling, Headmaster, Geelong, C.E.G.S.
Tree of Industry and Commerce: Sir John Allison, President, Chamber of Commerce.
Tree of Architecture: Mr. Balcombe Griffiths, President, R.V.I.A.
Tree of Country Life: Mrs. Hedditich, State President, Country Women’s Association

Bus seats must be booked at 51 Royal Arcade by March 30th.

Buses will leave Batman Avenue at 2 p.m. Afternoon tea will be provided at the Settlement.

Tree of Law: His Honour, Judge Stretton
Tree of Arts: Mr. Daryl Lindsay, Director, National Gallery
Tree of the Home: Mrs. Hain, President, The Housewives Association
Tree of Labour: Mr. A. M. Storey, Secretary, Shop Assistants’ Union
Tree of Voluntary Service: Miss M. Chisholm, President, Melbourne Soroptimists Club
Tree of Entertainment: Mr. John Ford, Chief Announcer, 3 KZ.

TICKETS are 6/6 return.
Welcome to B.S.L. New Friends for January and February

We extend a very warm welcome to the new Friends whose names appear here.

We are often asked “What is expected of B.S.L. Friends?”

They are asked:

1. To take a sympathetic interest in B.S.L. activities.
2. To interest their friends in the B.S.L. and to endeavour to get them to become B.S.L. Friends, and perhaps to join a “B.S.L. Group,” whose aim is to organise an annual function for B.S.L. funds.
3. To pay 5/- a year to help defray the expense of printing and posting the B.S.L. Notes.

Humanly speaking, the success the Brotherhood has had over the years is due to a very large extent to its Friends. As our Friends have grown so has the work grown. The effect of what we do in the future depends on our success or otherwise in gaining new Friends.

Mr. Julian Smith, Toorak
Mrs. E. Casey, W. B'swick
Miss M. Armstrong, M'tone
Mr. R. Aitchison, M. Albert
Mr. R. Wilson, Deepdene
Mrs. Stockdale, E. Preston
Mrs. Haugh, Preston
Mrs. Nichols, Canterbury
Miss A. M. James, Cam'well
Mrs. Slack, Mont Albert
Mrs. Lindus, East Preston
Miss H. Gibbons, M. Ponds
Mrs. J. Beattie, W'town
Mrs. Hamilton, Hawthorn
Mrs. A. Alexander, A'burton
Mr. & Mrs. R. Jenkins, Kew
Mr. & Mrs. L. Doyle, B'wyn

Country
Mr. Wood, Carrum Downs
Mr. & Mrs. J. Roberts, Mornington
Mr. & Mrs. J. Harding, Mornington
Mr. & Mrs. Amey, Jindivick
Mrs. H. Amey, Jindivick
Miss K. Daley, F. T. Gully
Mrs. Stewart, Dandenong
Mr. G. Stirling Howo, B'digo

Ms. Coulson, Carrum D'ns
Mrs. Beacon, Carrum D'ns
Miss G. M. Crouch, Point Lonsdale
Mrs. V. Facey, Seaforth
The Treas. (Mrs. Cooper), Emu Creek
St. James, C. of E. Ladies Guild, Jindivick
Mr. D. Reeves, Hornsby, N.S.W.
Miss M. M. Leish, Yea
Treas. (G. Quinton) Ladies Guild, Whittlesea
Mrs. Montz, Vermont
Mrs. Osborne, Seymour
Miss K. Daley, U. F. Gully
Miss M. Wilson, C'rum D'ns
Mrs. G. M. Rhodes, Colac
Mrs. O'Shea, Carrum D'ns
Mrs. Hooper, Croydon
Mrs. R. H. Greaves, Deniliquin, N.S.W.
Mrs. C. McLean, D'denong
Miss I. Claridge, Kyabram
Mr. & Mrs. Gerlach, B'ronia
Cr. V. Lambert, F. Gully
Mrs. Catanach, C'rump D'ns

Melbourne
Mr. & Mrs. Grant, W. E'don
Mrs. D. Turner, Elwood
Mrs. Allen, East Coburg
Mr. K. Quintine, S'vey Hills
Miss Oliver, Melbourne
Miss M. Cole, E. Brunswick
Mrs. Connell, B'righton
Miss E. Yorke, E. M'bourne
Miss Uren, Moreland
Mrs. M. Simpson, P. V. S'th
Mr. H. C. Poulkes, M'ton
Mrs. Rendle, Ascot Vale

Miss Neely, Newport
Mr. F. Murdock, Sth. Yarra
Mrs. M. Allen, M'die B'ton
Mrs. R. Evans, Brighton
Mrs. E. Barber, Glen Iris
Mrs. Law, Oakleigh
Mrs. W. Halliday, St. Kilda
Mrs. Meaden, Glen Iris
Mr. F. H. Thomson, B'swick
Mrs. L. Bolitho, Albert Park
Mr. & Mrs. I. Tonkin, South Camberwell
Mr. Kerr Boyd, S'vey Hills

B.S.L. GROUP NEWS

OPPORTUNITY SHOP:

Would any ladies like to assist us in our Opportunity Shop? If so would they contact Mrs. Kimpton on Wednesdays at 51 Royal Arcade.

We are always grateful for any used clothes, shoes, stamps, knick-knacks and jewellery for our shop.

J.E.

NEW B.S.L. GROUP:

We extend a warm welcome to the “Glen Iris B.S.L. Group” which has been formed to work for the Brotherhood.

Any Malvern or Glen Iris friends of the Brotherhood who would like to join the group are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Davies, 8 Walerna Road, Glen Iris, Bl 2966.

A card afternoon will be held on Thursday, April 29th at the home of Mrs. A. H. Smart, 181 Glen Iris, Road at 1.30 p.m.

KNITTERS:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our good friends who have knitted many attractive and varied articles for our shop. And I would like too, to make an appeal for any odds and ends of wool. We have a list of male and invalid knitters who will knit tea-cosies, pot-holders etc., for us.

—J.E.

DONATION SLIP

TO THE SUPERIOR, B.S.L.
51 ROYAL ARCADE,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Please find my donation for £

Name __________________________________________
Address __________________________________________

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."