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35. Sunbury Happening at Australia Day Weekend:

For Council's interest, the following matters were attended to for the Sunbury Happening:-

A conference was held with the Victoria Police and Country Roads Board regarding the location of signs and the traffic routes to be used during the Happening. A building permit was issued for the stage and inspections were made of other Television Towers which were erected by the Television Companies without a permit. These all conformed to Regulations.

The Council cut the grass and graded the sides of Bulla/Diggers Rest Road and Duncan's Lane to form fire breaks. Road signs were made available to the Police to assist them in carrying out their traffic control. A further inspection was carried out on site with the Police, Health Department, C.F.A. and other bodies.

During the weekend the Council provided water tankers to keep the dust down and when rain again falls the shoulders of the roads will be graded as these were well worn. The Council via the Health Inspector also arranged to take water samples of the creek above the stage, at the stage and at Holden Bridge. These results will not be known for some weeks.

During the weekend, the Council provided a truck at the request of the Police to remove rubbish from the Calder Highway and at several hotels in Sunbury. The rubbish tip has been used for the depositing of the enormous quantity of rubbish from the Happening.

The Council received the fullest co-operation from the Victoria Police and they should be congratulated on their handling of the situation. The Police requested the Council to provide a traffic route through Sunbury. This was done and nine signs erected indicating the correct route for the traffic which entered from Melbourne and was diverted down the Calder Highway to Diggers Rest.

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