

Wyn Thomson



● ● The remains of the old Forests Department's Ludlow school building lie smouldering after last Saturday morning's blaze.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB HQ GUTTED

BUSSELTON junior football received a body-blow last Saturday when the Country Junior Football Club's headquarters at Ludlow Park was burnt to the ground.

The fire gutted the old Forests Department school building before department workers could put it out, destroying approximately \$2000 worth of club property.

The fire was first noticed about 9 am by Towns under-14 football team coach Neil Gibsons while he, and members of the team, were eating breakfast.

The players and Mr Gibsons were staying at the park on an overnight training camp.

The building was evacuated after it became obvious the fire was out of control and all of the players' equipment, clothes and sleeping bags were destroyed in the blaze.

The cause of the fire is still uncertain but it is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

Ludlow Park has been the Country Junior Football Club's headquarters since the club secured a 10-year lease with the Forests Department in 1973.

The property includes the gutted building, football ground and the old Jarrahwood school building which is used for recreational purposes.

The club had supplied beds, bedding, furniture and kitchen appliances and was able to accommodate about 40 people.

All contents and equipment in the storeroom were destroyed in the fire. None was insured.

The loss of the building has dented severely the club's hopes for the project as it has only just

begun to show any profit.

The aim of the project was to establish a training ground and headquarters for the club as well as using the facilities for fund-raising and fostering junior sport in the district.

The club hires the grounds to other junior organisations at minimal charge and the response to the project since its inception has been more than encouraging.

The park has been heavily booked for the immediate months and destruction of the main building could mean the loss of about \$1200 in revenue for the club.

The annual junior football carnival which is held at the park in September could also be jeopardised although club officials are uncertain at this stage.

Club members and parents have spent many hours improving the grounds and facilities at the park and the loss of the building has saddened many people.

Phone calls have been received from junior club coaches in Perth offering help if the club plans to rebuild.

Club secretary and project instigator Mike Adams said that although no decision had been reached the club would probably rebuild in some form.

Mr Adams would have been one of the most disappointed men associated with the project as he spent many hours organising and cultivating the scheme.

Club president, Vasse MLA Barry Blaikie, echoed Mr Adams' feelings concerning the building's destruction but was

confident of a rebuilding programme because of the club's spirit.

The rebuilding programme would have to be passed by the Forests Department, which has already indicated there will be no objection.

The department covers all buildings by insurance but the money would not cover a rebuilding programme.

The old weatherboard building was constructed in 1921 and officially opened the following year as the first field staff foresters training school in the State.

The late Dr T. M. Stoot,

of Busselton, was the first teacher at the school which closed in 1927 after the establishment of the Australian Forestry School in Canberra.

Since its closure as a school and the inception of the Country Football Club's project in 1973, the building has been used as a live-in camp for job and fire training.

The department leased the property as a community-recreation project and the club has been charged only a "peppercorn rental" ever since.

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## APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR VILLAGE PROJECT

BUSSELTON: Applications are being called for tenants to occupy the first 10 units of the Freemasons' village project now under construction in West Busselton.

The first stage of the 34-unit project will cost \$160,000 and is expected to be occupied before Christmas.

Committee chairman Mr R. Rose said that in recent months there had been many inquiries about the units, but it was only now that applications were being called and these would close on September 30.

He stressed that allocations would be made entirely on a needs basis and the units were each multi-purpose in that they were suitable for married couples or single residents.

Mr Rose said there was no ongoing charge and the rentals would be \$16.50 double and \$13.50 single.

Application forms are available from committee secretary Mr K. Sadler at his business in Prince street, Busselton.

Mr Rose said anybody could apply for a unit, but pointed out that the project was being administered under the Disabled Persons and Pensioners' Act.

The committee is anxious to obtain a suitable name for the village project, but does not want it to become a memorial to an individual.

It will welcome name suggestions, which can be made to Mr Sadler, which have a particular significance in the district.

## CYSS planning town directory

BUSSELTON Community Youth Support Scheme has devised a plan to help newcomers to the town and the present residents to find out about the town's facilities.

They are planning a town directory that will list business, cultural and sporting bodies.

Busselton Rotary Club has provided \$50 towards publicity and promotion of the project.

It is not planned to be a list of shops in the town, as these are readily visible, but rather a comprehensive list of the tradesmen and professional people of the town, who are not so easily located.

The directory will also include local sporting and leisure clubs and committees are asked to contact the CYSS with up-to-date information on their clubs.

Business entries will cost \$2 to cover the cost of paper and printing.

### FORECAST

FINE and partly cloudy with a light breeze. Occasional showers or two drizzle periods.

It is hoped that all bodies concerned will want to be listed. But in order to keep the project within its capabilities, the group has been forced to limit the directory to Busselton businesses and clubs only.

## Jetty can be used: Chamber

BUSSELTON Chamber of Commerce expressed concern at its last meeting that many people outside the district believe the Busselton Jetty has been completely destroyed by cyclone Abby.

Chamber secretary Mrs Madge Skinner said on Tuesday that many people from Perth may cancel their holiday plans in Busselton because of this misapprehension.

Much of the programme of the Jetty was destroyed by the cyclone, but the structure still stands. The Jetty is a fine example of the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

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### Skeleton confirmed as Aboriginal

BUSSELTON: The human skeleton found in Vasse recently by two school boys has been confirmed by WA Museum officials as Aboriginal.

However, this is as far as the experts can go as the site was too disturbed to be able to uncover further clues as to its origins.

When officials visited the site to collect the skeleton, they were unable to find the hands or legs.

### Disturbed

Consequently, full investigations of the skeleton cannot be carried out and it has not been possible to determine its sex.

However, the skeleton is believed to be from a young adult from the pre-contact era.

This means the Aboriginal died and was buried before the white man settled in Australia.

Because the site is so disturbed it is unlikely that further investigations will be carried out.

Museum officials last week asked that the public contact their nearest police station if they found such artifacts and leave the immediate area alone so that officials could carry out proper investigations.