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David Jull, M.P., declaring open the National Five Display Village

An unusual note was introduced when Mr. Jull was deputising for the Federal Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development, the Honourable Kevin Newman, at the opening of the National Five Display Village at Jamboree Heights.

Mr. Jull was asked to declare the village open and to 'seal the compact' by sawing through a piece of Queensland Cedar, with a gold plated saw.

The National Five Village (see small photo on page 7) was put together to stimulate the home buying market. The National Five participants — Besser, Boral Brittains Bricks, Hardies, Hooker Centenary and Jennings Homes — pooled resources to construct one of the most carefully concepted display villages yet seen in Brisbane.

The theme of the display village is actually based on the fact that most prospective new home buyers are finding it increasingly difficult to build a home to their liking for a moderate cost. The National Five's purpose is to demonstrate that if a new home buyer carefully selects quality building components, builder and homesite, a good living home can indeed be achieved.

Amongst the official party at the opening of the village was Mr. David Jull, Federal Member for Bowman, The Hon. John Herbert, Minister for Community and Welfare Sarvices and Minister for Sport, The Honourable Norm Lee, Minister for Works and Housing, Mr. Jack Rowell, Chairman of the local Board of the Boral Group of Companies and Mr. Peter Lightfoot representing Hooker Centenary.

In his opening speech Mr. Lightfoot stated that it was felt that this village would prove to the public what a comfortable, liveable home one can achieve on a relatively small site — these average only a little over 600m2 — and with a compact home of some 100m2 average, yet yielding three bedrooms and most relaxed and spacious living. Mr. Lightfoot went on to say that this was the seventh Display Village that he has been associated with on the Centenary Project over the space of the last ten years and its development has been handled by the Committee in a most sophisticated way making this village the most professional production of them all.

Mr. Jull in his speech pointed out that the building Mr. Jull in his speech pointed out that the building industry is of course one of the most vital sectors of our Community. On it rests much of our economic progress. We depend on it for our living environment, our schools, our hospitals, our roads, our offices and perhaps above all else our shelter. Mr. Jull also stated that the outlook for the industry in Queensland is now quite rosy. Building approvals began to climb in June, dwelling commencements are expected to pick up before the end of this year.

Mr. Herbert congratulated the people who had combined to build the village on their enterprise which he felt would be rewarded in the way previous examples

The official part of the Opening of the village was concluded with a vote of thanks to the distinguished guests by Mr. Jack Rowell.

The Official Party made a tour of the village before partaking of morning tea.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Residents may have noticed that the timber which has been cut down on the Regional Shopping Centre Site has not been burnt as would be expected. A number of residents have availed themselves of timber from the site for garden stepping stones etc. and Hooker Centenary have deferred burning off to allow any local residents to take what they may care to use for garden requirements. This type of timber is used extensively these days in landscaping so no doubt we will see many members of the Centenary Set of Suburbs availing themselves of this offer in the weekends to come.

Corinda State High School

A successful morning was held at Corinda High on December 7th for the parents of next year's 8th Grade students. Parents met members of the staff and were shown over the school. Any Centenary Residents who would like their children to attend Corinda State High next year should contact the school on 379 4170. Corinda High is also to be given a face-lift. Hon. John Herbert, M.L.A., said that a quotation of \$15,950 has been accepted for the complete external painting of Blocks A, E and F and the covered walkway connection Block F to D and Block E to A. The work will be put in hand at an early date.

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BUSINESS STREAMLINED

Bulk Food Warehouse has moved from Staple Street, Jindalee to the Sumner Park Industrial Estate. The new warehouse has an area of 26,000 square feet as opposed to the 5,700 square feet of the previous warehouse.

Outside the warehouse provision has been made for parking with 200 spaces available.

The building is constructed of a non-static dust free material and is the first building of its size in Brisbane to use this material.

For the convenience of shoppers the aisles are a wide 8 feet, much wider than most supermarkets.

Peter Mapp and his staff have carried out extensive research into the general needs of housewives and the most popular brands required by them and have stocked this warehouse accordingly.

Many new ideas have been incorporated into the new warehouse among them some that Peter Mapp brought back from a trip to America, some of which relate to bulk packing and have been taken up by local manufacturers.

To enable them to re-sell to the public at genuine discount prices it is necessary for Mapps to purchase their goods in huge quantities. For example they are responsible for 20% of the total Queensland business of the Kiwi Group and are Lever and Kitchen's largest customer in the nation. The amount of tea alone stored in the warehouse is worth \$40,000.00.

The frozen food section holds some very interesting items particularly the seafood selection.

Throughout the new warehouse the emphasis is on cleanliness and this is extremely obvious around the frozen tood area and large freezer rooms located in the building.

The whole operation is controlled by a small computer located in the rear of the building.

It is amazing to learn that an operation of this size can be handled by a staff of nine which comprises 3% labour compared with approximately 9%-11% in most supermarkets.

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Mapps guarantee genuine discount buying and it's fairly obvious that less staff, less advertising, plus bulk buying add up to greater savings for the public.

Many Christmas items are on the shelves in the new warehouse and Centenary residents will find they can obtain many of their Christmas goodies very close to home.

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If any residents think their food bills are high they should spare a thought for Mapp's biggest customer who came down from the Northern Territory recently to stock up before the wet season — his bill?

SPORTING GRANTS

Subsidies and grants totalling \$33,931 to sporting, and youth and recreation projects in the Sherwood electorate for this year have been announced by Hon. John Herbert, M.L.A.

Mr. Herbert, the Minister for Community and Welfare Services and Minister for Sport, said these subsidies and grants were in addition to those given last year for projects which carried on into the current financial year.

Mr. Herbert said that 11 separate organisations would share the \$33,931 which had been made available under his department's scheme for encouragement to sport, and youth and recreation activities.

Subsidies to sporting, and youth and recreation projects carry a departmental subsidy of 33½ percent.

The grant paid for coaching of juniors is 50 percent of the cost.

The list includes:

McLeod Country Golf Club - construction of new showers and alteration to toilets - \$4,450; coaching of juniors - \$80.

Jindalee Golf Club - clearing and levelling of first fairway, increasing the size of the first green, extending the second, fifth and seventh tees, safety fence to the first tee, new tee to the eleventh, draining of the sixth fairway, and new machinery shed - \$1,909.

Jindalee Scout Group - concrete apron for craft for Sea Scout use - \$433.