

Also sent to: Mrs. M. Lypson,
31 Jackson Street, Sunbury

Mr. S. S. Payne, President,
Diggers Rest Progress Association

Mr. J. A. McKenzie,
Sunbury Road, Bulla

15th March, 1972

Mr. & Mrs. R. Hann,
"Oak Bank",
DIGGERS REST 3427

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Hann,

Council has considered your letter of the 3rd February, 1972, and your comments referring to the Sunbury 'Happening' have been noted by Council.

Unfortunately, at the present time Council has no authority to grant or refuse permission for such festivals to be conducted, and a similar position exists with the Victoria Police, Country Fire Authority and Health Department.

In this particular instance, Council could act only in accord with the powers available to it; informed the promoters that it was not prepared to support the function in any way and would not offer any objection, provided certain matters in respect to Public Health were complied with.

At all times, Council was concerned with the possibility of property damage and inconvenience to the farming community within the general area of the Festival, and Council Officers attended conferences with Police, Country Fire Authority, Health Department and the promoters, at which these matters were discussed, and even representations made to the promoters to at least postpone the festival to a period when the fire risk would not be as acute.

Furthermore, Council has agreed to support a recommendation from one such conference, that the Government be requested to introduce appropriate Legislation, whereby the Authorities would be empowered to exercise control over, and even prohibit such functions in hazardous circumstances or conditions.

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Mr. & Mrs. R. Hann

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15th March, 1972

Since the festival, Council has drawn to the attention of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, its concern that no control was exercised, in particular over the matter of male nudity, and requesting that action be taken for the preparation and adoption of the appropriate Legislation to control any future proposals.

Letters have been received from other ratepayers complaining about the festival, and replies forwarded similar to this letter.

Please be assured that Council was concerned over this matter, but could act only within the powers available.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. KELLY
SHIRE SECRETARY

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R. and L. Hann.
"Oak Bank"
Diggers Rest.
3rd Feb. 1972.

President & Councillors
Bulla Shire Council.
45 Macedon St.
SUNBURY

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Dear Sirs,

We would like to lodge a protest concerning the recent Pop Festival held on Mr. Geo. Duncans property on the 29,30,31st January.

We as a family worked very hard the previous week preparing to protect our property and possessions, removing hay to safty, ploughing fire breaks etc. We all sincerely trust that in the future you will consider very seriously before any permits are issued for another such function.

With inadequate toilet facilities and security fences our property became the place for human faeces and litter. Numerous camp fires had been lit, some left burning, also considerable damage to our fences and windmill. We had to have some on patrol the complete weekend.

Further more I would be interested to know how the water from Jacksons creek was fit for swimming where as at Sunbury it has been proved a health hazard. During the weekend of the festival Duncans portion of the creek water was just a filthy turmoil with a combination of litter and swimmers, many of the young people came into our property to swim and I and members of my family wittednessed nudity and sexual relations in front of many decent teenagers, if Mr. Duncan approves of this behaviour on his property, we certainly do not.

You as our councillors and representatives to the comminuty sincerely trust you will consider us in future requests.

Yours faithfully

Lilian Hann. *Lilian Hann.*

Ronald Hann

10
Sunbury Rd.
Bulla 3047.
16th Feb 1972.

The President & councillors
Bulla Shire

Shire Offices.

Sunbury 3429.

Dear Sir's

Re - Pop Festival held on Mr Leo Duncan's
property, Diggers Rest. on 29th, 30th and 31st Jan 1972.

I wish to enter a strong protest in regard to the
immoral behaviour and disgusting conditions which
occurred at this festival and urge the Council to take the
strongest action to ensure that such a festival of this
nature does not take place in this Shire in the future.

It appeared to me that a big majority of these fans who
attended this festival were of the non-conformist type,
By this I mean they do not conform to laws, Regulations
or common decency.

I personally saw a long haired youth at 10-30 on the
Saturday morning on the Lancefield-Melbourne Road in front
of my place, with no cloths on, parade before the passing
motorists; amid, cat calls, yells and whistles! and my son
witnessed a girl to relieve herself on the roadside in the

Afternoon, while the boy friend held her hand and in full view of the passing motorists.

If I was to take my cloths off in full view of the general Public, then I would be arrested and charged. I, and some of my family visited a neighbour's property and also witnessed Rudes of both sexes at the Festival on the Sunday and Monday afternoons and sexual acts were viewed by my friends at the same time and in full view of everybody.

On Sunday evening there was at least thirty fires burning on Duncan's, three in lousins on their flat amongst the dry grass and six on Shepards Hillside.

These are things that should never have been allowed to happen. Is there a Law for the Ordinary citizen and one for the Pop Jan? I could add many more things but I think the Council are fully aware from the publicity in the Press of the happenings that did take place over this long weekend, and I feel that the people concerned with the running of this Festival should hold their Heads in shame by condoning this sort of behaviour.

No consideration was given to the neighbouring properties, when property was damaged, filth, Excret'a, Waste, papers and bottles were left behind over this weekend. A Festival of this type is a blot on the Council and the community of this district and should be deplored by any self respecting person.

I again urge the Council to take the strongest action and thus prevent a repetition of such a Festival.

Yours faithfully
J. A. McKenzie



24th February, 1972

Mr. S. S. Payne,
President,
Diggers Rest Progress Association,
"Punjel Estates"
DIGGERS REST

Dear Mr. Payne,

Your letter of..... 18th February, 1972
concerning..... future Pop Festivals being
held on Mr. G. Duncan's property...
is acknowledged with thanks and will in due course be
considered by Council.

Yours faithfully,

John M. Kelly,
SHIRE SECRETARY.

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18th February, 1972

To The
President and Councillors
for the
Shire of Bulla.

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Diggers Rest Progress Association
Meeting held Wednesday, 16th Feb, 1972.

Copy to C/S

On behalf of the Diggers Rest Progress Association, We wish to protest strongly against any future Pop Festivals being held on Mr George Duncan's Property, on the Bulla-Holden Road.

A serious complaint has been received by us from Mr Hanns of the adjoining Property complaining about the amount of Damage done by people attending the Festival.

Listed below are the complaints made by Mr Hanns.

It is the first time since the Hanns Family settled on this Property, which We believe is approx 90 Years ago, that the Milk Board refused to accept part of their Milk.

They had to remove from their cows plastic bags being chewed.

Adjoining fences have been cut, and the adjoining paddock was used for Toilet facilities and was left in a disgusting condition.

The pipe leading down to the ball valve on the Windmill was badly bent, thus stopping the function of the Windmill for pumping Water.

This had to be dismantled and straightened.

Also extensive litter was not cleaned up when the Organisers were requested to do so.

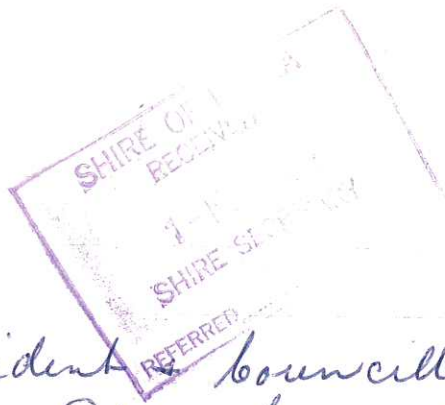
In the opinion of all the adjoining Landowners, should the Pop Festivals be held regularly, depreciation of surrounding properties will be Devalued.

The Diggers Rest Progress Association would appreciate it if you would treat this matter as urgent and of a serious nature.

We would appreciate an early reply, thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Faithfully,

S.S. Payne.
PRESIDENT.



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31 Jackson ST
Sunbury 3429.

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The President & Councillors.
of Bulla Shire Council.

Dear Sirs.

In reference to the recent Pop. Festival, held at Diggers Rest, I wish to protest in the advent of any future Festivals. Granted, the majority who attended, behaved themselves, in a decent manner, but those who did not, were a disgrace to themselves and the Community, as I imagine you will all well know by now. I appeal to you, as our representatives, to consider very seriously, before any such permits are granted in the future, as the majority of Rate payers prefer to keep our District clean and respectable.

I remain

yours faithfully,

Mrs M. Lupson.