

GREATER



HASTINGS

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Sixteenth Annual Meeting

will be held on

WEDNESDAY, 27th JULY, 1966

in the

HASTINGS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

at 8 p.m.

AGENDA:

ANNUAL REPORT
BALANCE SHEET
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
GENERAL

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NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

All nominations must be made on Official Forms and must be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. Forms obtainable at Greater Hastings Office, Russell Street N., Hastings.

ANNUAL REPORT

It is indeed a pleasure to present this, our 16th Annual Report, and to be able to record another successful year's activities. Both our major promotions, Highland Games and Blossom Festival were blessed with reasonably fine weather and successfully staged. The financial returns have been most gratifying, as you will see in our Annual Statement of Accounts.

Much of the success associated with our endeavours during the past year has been due to the great co-operation that has been extended to us by His Worship the Mayor and members of the Hastings City Council, its departmental officers and staff. We also value very greatly the co-operation and assistance of the Hastings Retailers' Association.

ANNUAL HASTINGS BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Greater Hastings appreciates the interest shown and the continued support given during the Blossom Festivities over the years. Last year's procession was one of the best seen in Hastings over recent years and with the combining of Fantasyland and Blossom Festival floats an excellent procession was witnessed by many thousands of visitors and local residents. Once again it was proved by the thousands who attended that this is an attraction Hastings must retain. We are indebted to all who entered floats, etc., and also the many bands and marching teams, some travelling many miles to participate in the procession.

The fund raising activities at Windsor Park were conducted by the various Fantasyland Queen Carnival committees. It would be impossible to estimate how much money was raised for the project on this day, however the loss of normal revenue to our organisation from these activities is reflected in the Blossom Festival profit shown in our Annual Accounts.

We are again indebted to Miss Hall, the staff and patients of the Memorial Hospital, members of local organisations and to the many people who were responsible for the mammoth task associated with the prefabricated floral decorations used on the archways. To the many women who worked for six continuous weeks affixing the decorations to the arches go our sincere thanks.

We thank all those young ladies who entered the 1965 Blossom Festival Queen Contest and we congratulate Miss Christine Coleman, our Blossom Queen and her two princesses Miss Ann Littlejohn and Miss Christine Ansell, and convey thanks to them for the capable manner in which they carried out their important duties. At the moment Miss Coleman is on a world tour which was her prize for winning the contest. We wish to record our thanks to N.Z. Wool Board, Thos. Borthwick & Son and Air New Zealand for making this prize, valued at £900, possible. While overseas Miss Coleman will visit Hastings, Sussex, to be the official guest at the 900th Celebrations of the Battle of Hastings. Arrangements for this visit to our Sister City have been going on for some considerable time and we are sure that it will further strengthen the ties between the two Hastings.

SIXTEENTH HASTINGS HIGHLAND GAMES

The Annual Hastings Highland Games is our major activity and has become the Dominion's outstanding Easter attraction. In the short space of 16 years they have gained national recognition and are the premier gathering of their kind in New Zealand.

We are conscious of the fact that the overall success of the Highland Games is due to the outstanding co-operation and assistance received from many individuals and organisations, and we wish to express our special thanks to the Superintendent of Reserves and his staff for the magnificent job they do preparing the park.

Entries in all sections of this year's Games were a near record and the officials and stewards of each section are to be congratulated on the high standard and efficient control exercised throughout the Games. Though the gate takings were down £400 on the previous year this was partly offset by the sponsorship of various events by local business houses and individuals. We would like to thank these sponsors wholeheartedly for their support which is reflected in the overall financial result of the Games.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND WINDSOR PARK CAMPING GROUNDS

The Annual Hastings Community Christmas Carols again proved a very important and popular pre-Christmas activity and Greater Hastings was very pleased to be associated with the National Council of Churches in its presentation.

Last Christmas saw further improvements with the decorated lighting in the central shopping area of the City. This was made possible by the combined efforts and financial assistance of the Hastings Retailers' Association, Hastings City Council, Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board and members of the Greater Hastings Active General Committee. It is hoped that this year will see a further extension to this decorative lighting scheme. We would like to record our thanks to the staff of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board for their advice and assistance.

Once again the annual visit of Father Christmas to the patients of the Hastings Memorial Hospital proved most popular. Accompanied by his fairy assistants Father Christmas distributed presents supplied by the Hastings Retailers' Association to every patient in the Hospital. We wish to thank Mr. J. Hannon, Mrs. Joan McVicar and her six lovely fairies, Mr. L. G. Harlen for the use of the fire engine, and Mr. Warwick Shooter, an ideal Father Christmas.

With a record attendance of campers at Windsor Park over Christmas and New Year, our secretary was in daily and nightly attendance at the Information Bureau. This, together with the presentation of evening outdoor concerts, film evenings and the attendance of local bands has made Windsor Park one of the most popular camping grounds in the Dominion. We wish to thank Mrs. R. Johnston for her valuable assistance, together with officials and members of the Hastings Open Air Skating Club.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

The financial result of the year's activities is most encouraging. We look forward to the future with confidence, that given fine weather for our promotions we can carry on providing the City and District with the attractions which have played a major part in putting "Hastings" on the map. Membership provides a certain amount of finance to carry on our work. However, it is only by the financial success of our two major promotions that it is possible for us to continue our work for the community.

At the moment a drive is being conducted to bring our membership to a more realistic figure. It is hoped that next year we can report that our membership has at least doubled as a result of this drive.

ADMINISTRATION

This section of my report would not be complete if I did not record our sincere thanks to our Secretary/Organiser, Mr. John Minty, for the capable manner in which he has guided the destiny of the organisation during the period under review, much of the success enjoyed having been due to his initiative and enthusiasm.

I wish to place on record our very grateful thanks to our typist/receptionists for the efficient and courteous manner in which they have carried out their many responsibilities during the year.

It is with regret that we have to record the loss of one of our executive members through business reasons. Mr. Tony Wane has been a member of the executive since 1955, and was chairman of the Fantasyland Carnival Committee last year. We wish to record our sincere appreciation of the valued services which Mr. Wane rendered to our society. I also wish to thank my fellow executive members, Messrs Andy Dysart, Graham Aitcheson, Sid O'Neill, Ray Walker, Harold Robertson, Des Bristow and George Kearns. We also convey our special thanks to Mr. Rex Ingram for the valuable service given as treasurer.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation received from all sections of the community, but it must always be remembered that Greater Hastings is another voluntary organisation working in the interests of our City and district, and the success of the promotions themselves is only made possible as a result of the large amount of voluntary effort contributed by members of the Active General Committee of Greater Hastings. To these boys we say a big "thank you".

PROJECT

It is pleasing to report that the Queen Carnival held last year at the instigation of Greater Hastings to raise funds for our Fantasyland Project was an outstanding success. To the many individuals and organisations who helped with the Carnival go our sincere thanks. It is now the concern of everyone connected with the project to make it a reality as soon as possible. A planning committee has been formed and meetings are held regularly. Already tenders have been let to local contractors for preliminary development and this work is already under way.

THANKS

In conclusion we wish to thank the Hastings City Council for providing our Organisation with office accommodation and the services of the receptionist, Mrs. S. Taylor. Although space prohibits the mention of countless individuals, business firms and organisations who have assisted us in so many ways during the year, I know that the knowledge that they too have played a part in making "Hastings Greater" is thanks enough.

We close another year of activity in the knowledge that collectively we have made some extra contribution to the life of the community generally.

H. B. POPPELWELL,
President.

GREATER HASTINGS INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1966

1965 EXPENDITURE				1966				1965 INCOME				1966				
£		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
1632	To Salaries & Car Allowance	2008	15	4				586	By Annual Subscription	569	3	0				
—	„ Travelling Expenses	70	19	0				440	„ Publicity Memberships	472	17	0				
210	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephones	207	8	7										1042	0	0
157	„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	147	7	8				1269	„ Profit on Promotions:—							
129	„ Meeting Expenses	157	15	1				2175	1965 Blossom Festival	772	13	4				
40	„ Insurances	51	6	2					1966 Highland Games	1322	12	6				
44	„ Repairs and Maintenance	47	12	9				8	Christmas & New Year Activities	—	—	—				
27	„ Audit Fee	35	10	7										2095	5	10
76	„ Office Expenses	41	8	8				8	„ Interest					40	19	9
56	„ General Expenses	82	15	3				250	„ Donations					22	6	0
					2850	19	1	20	„ City Council Grant					500	0	0
	„ Donation Fantasyland Project							4778	„ Sundry Income					—	—	—
350	„ Christmas and New Year Activities				194	2	10									
—	„ Balance 1964/65 Promotions				31	0	4									
—	„ Instalment Written Off				8	19	8									
110	„ Seating				116	10	1									
270	„ Depreciation				239	3	7									
3101					3440	15	7									
1677	„ Net Income for Year				259	16	0									
4778					3700	11	7							3700	11	7

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1966

1965 LIABILITIES				1966				1965 ASSETS				1966				
£		£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
64	Sundry Creditors				315	18	5		Miscellaneous Assets—							
165	Fantasyland Project Fund				166	10	4		At 1.6.65	870	0	0				
	Accumulated Funds—								Add Additions	46	7	11				
	Balance at 1.6.65	3421	3	1						916	7	11				
3421	Add Net Income for year	259	16	0	3680	19	1	870	Less Depreciation	183	7	11				
														733	0	0
									Office Furniture & Equipment							
									At 1.6.65	152	0	0				
									Add Additions	65	15	8				
										217	15	8				
									152	Less Depreciation	43	15	8			
														174	0	0
									125	Sound Systems	125	0	0			
									125	Less Depreciation	12	0	0			
														113	0	0
									Portable Seating Contribution							
									At 1.6.65	328	0	0				
									Add Additions	138	10	1				
										466	10	1				
									328	Less Instalment Written Off	116	10	1			
														350	0	0
									218	Sundry Debtors				213	6	0
									1957	Australia & N.Z. Bank				1499	8	7
										H.B. & Gisborne Savings Bank				1000	0	0
										Stocks on Hand				58	3	0
										Prepayments				22	10	3
3650					4163	7	10	3650						4163	7	10

AUDIT REPORT

We report that the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st May, 1966, are in accordance with the Books and Vouchers of the Society which we have examined.

In our opinion they give respectively a fair view of the results of the activities of the Society during the year and of its finances at Balance Date.

RAINBOW & HOBBS,
Public Accountants.