

part said the agree-
did not need amend-
and offered reasons
Mr Mennie concurred
by saying: "If the agree-
and changes proposed
above now satisfy
position of the club,
I remain willing to
with the club's inde-
ally or as a group
amend the agree-
there and then by
the changes on the
processor.

"Should there be
specific issues unres-
then these can be
cussed and if no
ment is reached, the
matter be referred
council for its con-
sultation," Mr Mennie

Tonight's meeting
propose forming a
to look after the inter-
of ground users and
distribute information
latest developments
lease agreement.

mixed bag

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golf
club
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They will have
chance tomorrow
Murray Downs,
also has not rolled
yet.

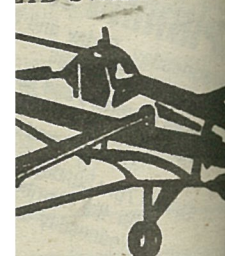
Social bowls
last week were liv-
tin (c), Errol Com-
Hayden Martin.

The mixed pairs
tition will begin on
with the first and
rounds to be decid-

Play will start at
and names are
entered on the
board.

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Closures and mergers plan



Mr Hayward

TEN school sites in
the Swan Hill district
will not operate next
year, with the State
Government accept-
ing all district task
force recommenda-
tions.

In the Tyntynder
Cluster seven schools —
Tyntynder South, Bever-
ford, Woorinen South,
Murraydale, Speewa,
Woorinen North and
Woorinen — will merge
on the Beverford and
Woorinen South sites.

In the Tyrrell Cluster,
Sea Lake Secondary Col-
lege and Sea Lake
Primary School will merge
to form a P-12 college on
with the first and
secondary college site.

Nandaly and Berriwil-
lock primary schools will
close and consolidate with
Sea Lake.

Castle Donnington
Primary School will close,
a move which will result in
additional classrooms in
Swan Hill.

Myall Primary School,
near Murrabit, has also
been closed.

On Friday district
school children received a
letter to take home to
parents explaining the
changes and why they are
necessary.

In his announcement on
Friday, Education
Minister Don Hayward
said that in 85 percent of
cases he either accepted
Quality Provision Task
force recommendations or
maintained the status

quo, deciding no change
was necessary.

He said the vast major-
ity of the 159 school site
closures — incorporating
147 primary and 12 second-
ary sites — were agreed.

There were 69 merges
Statewide.

Swan Hill School Sup-
port Centre manager Rob
Blachford said he hoped
parents would quickly
accept the changes and
concentrate on the posi-
tives.

Speaking on the Tyn-
tynder Cluster, Mr Blach-
ford said the two new
consolidated schools
would "have magnificent
facilities, with all the
resources of the existing
seven primary schools".

Mr Blachford said that
from surveys carried out

during the task force
process, he expected the
bulk of children within
the Tyntynder Cluster
would attend the two con-
solidated schools and
"they would be well
looked after".

He said there would also
be real curriculum
benefits.

"There will be exciting
developments for the
children.

"Because the schools
will be so large, this will
allow greater flexibility
with staff."

Mr Blachford said the
Quality Provision Task
Force process had been
one of genuine consulta-
tion with local communi-
ties.

He said parents had
been fully involved with
the task forces and "know
what's going on".

Mr Blachford said he
hoped parents would re-
alise the future benefits.

"I don't think they will
look back," he said.

"There will be some
disappointed and upset
people, but I think they
will get over that once the
full facts are well under-
stood," he said.

Mr Blachford said the
workload implementing
the changes would be
enormous over the next
two months.

"There will be a boom in
the making of modified
units, which will be put on
site as soon as possible for
the start of the new school
year."



THE Minister for Police
and Emergency Ser-
vices and Deputy
Premier, Mr Pat Mc-
Namara, came to Swan
Hill on Thursday to view
the local flood scene at
first hand.

Mr McNamara was
briefed by Swan Hill City
Engineer Frank Smith,
Acting Swan Hill Shire
Engineer John Webb
and Regional Director
Peter Simmons, of the
State Emergency Ser-
vice, on the current flood
situation in the Murray
River in this area and
the predicted peak
expected to arrive mid-
week.

At that stage the
prediction was 4.75
metres — some 10cm
lower than the initial
peak forecast about 11
days ago.

On Thursday the level
dropped to 4.69m —
marginally under major
flood level — after
remaining steady at
4.71m for almost two
weeks, just over major
flood level.

The river is ex-
pected to begin to rise
again early this week as
the flood peak out of the
Goulburn, Broken and
Ovens Rivers in the
State's north-east
reaches Swan Hill.

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Flood briefing for Minister

Mr McNamara was
told levees were ex-
pected to be capable of
containing the flood if no
further rain fell and
provided the banks did
not weaken under the
prolonged pressure
from the high river.

Continuous monitor-
ing of the banks is
taking place.

Mr Simmons (left) had
the help of a wall map of
the district rivers and
streams to acquaint Mr
McNamara (centre) and
Swan Hill MLA Mr Barry
Steggall with the strate-
gies being employed.

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