

Cost-cutting led to resignation

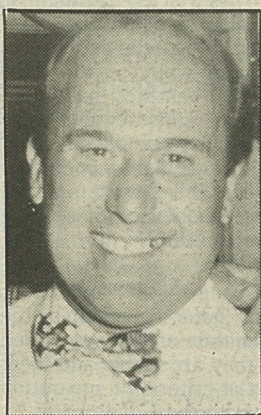
SEVERE cost-cutting to the Swan Hill Promotion and Development Corporation has resulted in manager Ian Cartwright resigning.

Cr Cartwright said it was in the interests of the corporation's continued efforts that he had decided to shorten his contract.

Early this month Swan Hill City Council slashed its financial help to the corporation by \$63,000 for the coming year.

Cr Cartwright said he resigned with regret because the corporation was now finally well-positioned to do its job effectively and boost Swan Hill's image and economic development.

"History will show



Ian Cartwright

whether the funding cuts severely restrict this development," Cr Cartwright said.

The SHPDC board said city council's funding cut-backs had resulted in the corporation having to completely review its

position and take a new direction.

"This in turn will affect the support the corporation has given to many community services and activities," the board said.

"That support provided expertise, which in turn fostered the development of Swan Hill.

"In an effort to maintain as much as possible of our work program and provide a direct benefit to our membership, we have had to rethink our method of operation.

"Part of this rationalisation is to put much of the manager's traditional work into the hands of the executive and membership," the board said.

Cr Cartwright said he and his wife, Jane, would still be able to take part in the corporation through

membership of Mulberry Farm Horse Riding at their Vinifera farm.

He said they would be able to undertake contract work for the corporation and operate tours in and around Swan Hill.

"However, our major activity will be as a business and promotion consultancy.

"This will on one hand provide direct confidential assistance to business and bodies in the region and on the other hand enable local business promotions and tourism infrastructure surveys and reports.

"Both Jane and I have a wide experience in business promotion, as well as new product marketing within and outside Australia, and are both entrepreneurial by nature.

"Our company, Tara Peaks Promotion Consultancy, would start operation upon the effective date of my resignation — October 31," Cr Cartwright said.

A development corporation spokesperson said the board and membership accepted Mr Cartwright's resignation and wished him and his family "the very best in his future business venture".



Jean, Jim life members

FOR the first time a husband and wife team has been honored by the Swan Hill and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society by the presentation of life memberships.

Jim and Jean McLean are pictured accepting the documents from A&P Society president Wayne Murray (left) at the traditional after-the-Show function on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs McLean between them have notched up more than 100 years' involvement with the Show and their time as workers totals 57 years.

Mrs McLean attended her first Show in 1925 and has missed only one since then.

She has been a successful exhibitor for almost 60 years, entering cookery

and many types of handicrafts, but specialising in tapestry and hand weaving.

When the women's committee was formed in 1976, Mrs McLean was elected secretary-treasurer — a position she held for three years before taking over as secretary for eight years.

Her involvement has been extensive over the years and includes judging at other Shows.

Mr McLean on Saturday saw his first grand parade for 41 years.

As a steward in Pavilion No 2 for that period he has been involved with distributing prize money at the time the parade is staged.

He has been an active member of the society for more than 35 years.

City protesting threat to LG training board

SWAN HILL City Council will protest against a proposal to disburse the Local Government Industry Training Board.

The council's last meeting decided to write letters to Minister for Tertiary Education and Training Haddon Storey and Minister for Local Government Roger Hallam urging the retention of the training board.

The council received a letter from Municipal Association of Victoria chief executive officer Rob Barfus requesting it protest against the proposed changes.

Mr Barfus said a ministerial review of industry training boards had recommended the splitting of local government training courses across six boards.

Town clerk Garry Mennie told the council it would be a shame to lose the local government training board because it

had the appropriate course to offer for every member of staff and its courses were a lot cheaper than many others available.

Mr Barfus said the MAV and local government had invested substantial funds, time and energy to make the board successful.

"The industry has received benefits from this investment and wishes to continue to reap the rewards of its ongoing commitment to the training and development of its workers.

"Mr Storey has not made a final decision so there is still time to press our case," Mr Barfus said.

He said the reason given for the changes were that local government did not fit the criteria for an industry set by the Office of Training and Further Education and it was occupationally based.

"Local government is a multi-functional industry (employing 46,300 full-time workers in Victoria)

covering a range of occupational disciplines where the challenge is to co-ordinate training and development options to meet industry needs," Mr Barfus said.

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NSW flood alert

The flood threat has increased along the Wakool and Edward Rivers following heavy rains in the Murray River catchment.

Before the weekend deluge only minor flooding along the Wakool and Edward River was predicted, but substantial flooding is now expected along the Wakool, Merran and Coobool Creek systems.

Moulamein rain

Moulamein recorded about 65mm of rain from Friday to Monday, but much heavier falls were experienced in surrounding districts.

For the first time in many years stormwater crossed the Moulamein-Swan Hill Road about 14km from Swan Hill.

Wakool Council workmen have placed warning signs either side of the stretch of water.

More roads in the Moulamein and Mellool districts are expected to close after the heavy rain and rising floodwaters.

'Getting Agro'

Look out for flies

Weather conditions are ideal for flystrike with plenty of moisture and temperatures on the increase.

Growers in areas north of Swan Hill are already feeling the effects of an increasing fly wave and are taking action.

If conditions are similar to last year then consideration must be given to a product which gives the longest protection at the least cost.

The following table should shed some light on the most widely used products on the market.



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Product	Application	Pest	Protection	\$/HD
Vetrazin	jet/dip	fly	12 wks	0.37
Seraphos	jet/dip	fly/lice	6-8 wks	0.13
Topclip Blue	jet/dip	fly/lice	4 wks	0.05
Blitz	backline	fly	12 wks	0.40
Vanquish	backline	fly/lice	10 wks	0.68
Jetamec	jet	fly/lice	16 wks	0.38

*Approx cost based on 3lt/hd of wash

Vetrazin: The premier product for flies, Vetrazin will give thorough, extended control at reasonable cost against even heavy strike pressure.

Seraphos: Intermediate length fly control at low cost.

Topclip Blue: Short term fly control only but very inexpensive, Vetrazin can be added to the dip for extended fly control.

Jetamec: Can provide long-term protection of blowfly strike and can be used to treat existing strike. Can also provide control of lice in long wool sheep. (New product.)

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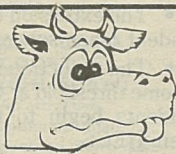
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