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Magnificent men take off



THE president of the Doncaster Aeromodellers Club, Mr Cliffe McIver, proudly displays the championship trophy under a model Thunderbolt.

Model club flies high on trophies

THE Doncaster Aeromodellers Club is keen to boost membership after scooping the pool at the district inter-club championship.

At the Lilydale Flying Field the club won five out of nine events including racing, scale model displays, aerobatics, glider competitions and novelty events.

Mr Stephen Green of Doncaster won the novelty section with a banner attached to his plane and Mr Anthony Mott, also of Doncaster, won the large scale event.

The club meets at Bulleen Park every Sunday. There are 120 members aged between five and adult.

Seven to face court for fight

SEVEN men have been remanded to Preston Court on January 30 next year after an alleged brawl at the Sentimental Bloke Hotel, Bulleen.

Heidelberg police said they were called to the hotel about 10 pm after staff reported they

feared there would be trouble.

Fourteen police attended and fighting broke out after guards told some men to leave.

The seven men were charged with causing an affray, assaulting police and resisting arrest.

Talks solve health fears

AN Arbitration Commission Hearing resolved Doncaster-Templestowe's garbage strike yesterday but problems are lingering for residents.

People will have to endure the sight of overflowing garbage bins until the backlog is cleared during the week.

The month-long dispute involved the Transport Workers Union, the Victorian Road Transport Association and Clearwaste Contractors.

Representatives will meet again next month to discuss the problems and until then the garbage collectors will work to rule.

The dispute began when the contractor employed by the Doncaster-Templestowe Council, Mr John Van Happen, sacked a collection crew of three men and removed one truck from service.

The 21 garbage collectors enforced overtime bans as a protest about the sackings.

Mr Van Happen then sacked the 21 collectors who staged sit-in protest meetings at the garbage depot in Kim Close, Bulleen.

The men were reinstated last week.

Residents were angry about the garbage strike and feared health problems because of the pile-up in the streets.

The Member for Doncaster, Mr Morris Williams, said the strike was making a "mockery" of the city.

"The council should serve a notice on the con-

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tractor and under the Health Act it could be in trouble," he said.

"Apparently the men keep going back to work but they are missing whole blocks because it is a go-slow strike."

A Newland Close, Templestowe, resident, MF Geoff Birtles, said residents threatened to dump garbage at the entrance to the Municipal Offices in Doncaster Rd if the strike had not been resolved.

Mr Birtles complained about the strike about two weeks ago and he wrote to the town clerk, Mr George Morton, and two ward councillors.

Mr Birtles said he was amazed that he did not receive a reply from the council representatives answering his questions.

"Despite the letters and an article in last week's News, I have not received any reply yet," Mr Birtles said.

A Doncaster woman, Mrs Bernice McLean, said the situation was disgraceful and unsatisfactory.

Mrs McLean complained that the garbage collectors emptied only the big bins and threw plastic garbage bags on the road and footpaths.

Mrs McLean said that her husband was a doctor and he described the situation as disgusting because of problems with rats, mice, flies and European wasps.

A resident of Wilson Rd, Doncaster, Mrs L. Ross, said she has not had her garbage collected for about a month.

"The district is revolting and the stench has been bad because of the hot weather," Mrs Ross said.

"We are on the tail end of the service so our garbage is left out in the street. It is unfair."

Mrs Ross was also concerned about the health of children.

A Donvale resident, Mr Michael Nieger, asked where councillors were during the dispute because he had not been able to contact any to get information.

"Dogs are having a field day during the strike and now they take plates with them to have a smorgasbord," Mr Nieger said.

"We already get nothing for our rates so surely we are entitled to have our garbage collected."

A spokesman for the council's health department, Mr Doug Hawkins, said that the council was not party to the dispute.

Mr Hawkins said it involved the Transport Workers Union, the Transport Association and the contractor.

He said the garbage would be cleared away this week and normal service would resume.

He said that the council had asked the TWU if it could place hoppers in local parks during the dispute but the union had refused to allow it.

The council also provided free tipping for ratepayers at the Heidelberg Transfer Station and offered to disinfect big bins.

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