

Wodonga's loss

When Les Stone died last week Wodonga lost more than a straight-shooting councillor and school teacher.

Wodonga lost its most valuable contact with the organisation that can make or break the town - the Development Corporation.

Les Stone had five years experience as a member of the Wodonga Development Committee, as shire president then mayor and lately, as the town's representative on the Development Corporation.

His value to Wodonga as representative on the corporation went beyond his unquestionable loyalty to the best interests of the people of Wodonga.

He was among the most coherent spokesmen Wodonga has had, and was a brake on extremist elements in the town.

Wodonga could ill afford to lose him.



Santa visits Council

Wodonga City Council's last meeting for 1974 was one of the brightest for years, with invitations issued to "come outside" and a generally appropriate atmosphere for the season prevailing.


A highlight was provided by brick maker and hotelier Viv Weatherall, who at the meeting received permission to build three floors of a planned six storey office development behind his Wodonga hotel.

Weatherall was overjoyed. Rushing back to his hostelry he pulled a case of champagne from the fridge, grabbed a picture of Father Christmas from a nearby wall and rang sports store proprietor, Tony Conway, with an urgent request for a toy telescope.

Wrapping the three items in colorful Christmas paper Weatherall dashed back to the council chambers and interrupting a stern committee procedure dropped his gift on the mayor's table.

Interpretations of the gesture have been conflicting. The champagne must represent good cheer. The picture of Santa Claus could infer that council couldn't see Father Christmas with his six-storey offer for looking, and perhaps the telescope was for short-sighted councillors. But then Weatherall is known to believe in the theory that a successful insult depends heavily on the fact that those being insulted are unaware of the intention.

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