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### MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Our second Newsletter is planned for the near future. This Bulletin is to keep you up to date on recent developments.

Mr Toni Foti of Stock Constructions is on the defensive. Did you notice that the plans for the Blackburn Road entrance to the proposed centre published in the 'Nunawading Gazette' on 24th June say that the 'Main Entrance' is off Blackburn Road? Did you notice that the story beneath the plan says that the 'main entrance' is in Gardenia Street? Mr Foti now has to have two 'main entrances' to the shopping centre because he has been forced to admit that his design does not integrate with South Parade.

This picture of the Blackburn Road facade published in the 'Gazette' is a picture of only part of that facade. It forgets to include the large supermarket with its second story on top. It forgets to say that the supermarket (or the other three facades) does not have any decoration with brickwork, timber or terra cotta tiles. It even forgets to say that the 'Main Entrance' on Blackburn Road will be behind the present service station. Our next Newsletter will show you how the complex will actually look from Blackburn Road.

If you saw the floor layout of the complex published in the 'Gazette' on 1st July, you could be forgiven for thinking that the complex is a pleasant, open-air cluster of shops such as the BVRG advocates. It is not. The complex always was, and still remains, a large enclosed concrete box. 'Open area' on that sketch does not mean open to the sky. It means 'open' in the way that the coffee place at Box Hill Central means 'open' i.e. enclosed. The Newsletter will show this.

Do not be misled. The complex is just as big as we said it would be (but for about one and a half feet lopped off the height of the north-west corner). Mr Foti makes such miniscule changes to his design and then charges us with being inaccurate. All Mr Foti's charges will be answered in the Newsletter.

We understand that Mr Foti's proposal has only a considerably qualified, and by no means unanimous, support of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce.

Sub-committees on traffic, commerce, design, amenity, planning and other issues are now at work, thanks to the support you gave us at the public meeting a month ago. We may soon need to call on you to distribute the Newsletter and help with traffic surveys and other jobs.

Your help and support has been most encouraging.