

domestic service, and residents have their own telephone.

The residents are enjoying their new lifestyle, and visiting them it's quite obvious they get on well together.

"We know the staff are there, but they don't interfere — we just get on with our own lives" says Mrs Dorothy Billing, who has lived there

since the unit opened in February. Mrs Min Whelan moved in at the same time. She has lived in the Box Hill area for 50 years and is pleased to be able to stay close to her family.

The Carinya unit started as an experiment but has soon shown the important role it will play in providing a range of choices in accommodation for older people.

in Darwin he has returned to Melbourne and has already taken up this new and interesting challenge at Carrum Downs.

We are very fortunate that as able and dedicated people move on to other things, there always seem to be new people coming forward to fill their places, and to make their own distinctive contributions to the total life of the Brotherhood.

## Dear Friends of the Brotherhood

Some important Executive changes have occurred within the Brotherhood over the past month and I want to take the opportunity of speaking to you about these matters rather than write my usual editorial comment.

At the end of September Eric Hart retired from the position of Executive Officer for the Geelong Region. Eric first came in contact with the Brotherhood in 1958 when Father Tucker convened a small meeting at Christ Church Geelong to see whether it might be possible to establish a settlement in the area similar to the one he was leaving at Carrum Downs. Eric Hart was one of the people present at that meeting and he was elected as Assistant Secretary. Over time he became Secretary and Treasurer, carrying out much of his work through his family firm. Over 27 years both in a voluntary capacity and more recently as Executive Officer, Eric Hart has served the Brotherhood with great distinction. That period has seen a remarkable development from the bare red clay soil of Lara to a thriving settlement consisting of 258 residents, hostel, a nursing home and now more recently an activities centre.

That work has of course been shared by many people but there is no doubt that the close partnership formed by Father Tucker with Eric Hart, Neville Brooke and others has been a major factor in achieving such remarkable success in a very short period.

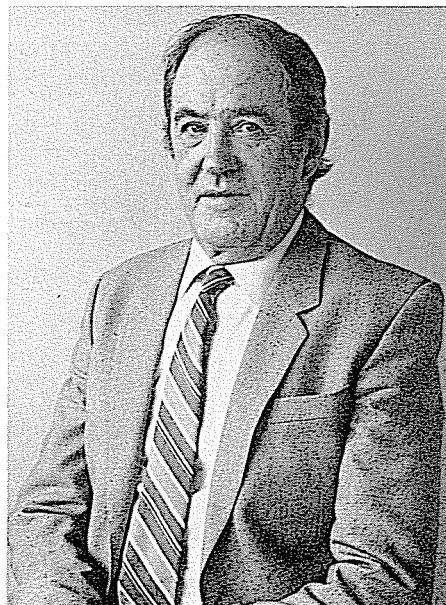
Since 1969 Eric Hart has also served in various capacities on the Board of the Brotherhood and has made an important contribution in bridging the particular local interests of the Geelong Region with the total

concerns of the Brotherhood. Success in achieving this balance has been due in no small measure to his efforts.

He leaves still relatively youthful and with plenty of vigour and a wealth of expertise. We hope to see him around in a consultative capacity for many years to come and we wish him and his wife Jean a fulfilling and happy time ahead.

Eric Hart's position has been filled by Graeme Bound who has been for the past two years, Executive Officer of the Peninsula Region, and we wish him every success in his new duties. He comes as no stranger and his record of management at Carrum Downs has been outstanding.

We also welcome Adrian Harris who has been appointed as the Executive Officer for the Peninsula Region. Adrian too, is no stranger, because he worked for many years with Community Aid Abroad and more recently as its National Director. After a stint with the YMCA



Eric Hart

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Hollingworth".

Peter Hollingworth  
Executive Director

## Two Auxiliaries Close

Two of the Brotherhood's longest established auxiliaries have disbanded.

Fortunis was formed in the North Balwyn area in 1957. Koonung Auxiliary, many of whom were friends of the Fortunis Group, followed in 1964 in the Bulleen area.

Both groups have raised money for the Brotherhood through social functions, working for the annual fair and they were most supportive when the Ivanhoe Auxiliary shop was started.

These two groups are representative of the hundreds of people who have so freely given of their time and effort since the earliest days of the Brotherhood. Our thanks go to all their members who have given so much.

## New Donors

Many 'Action' subscribers will have received an appeal letter from the Brotherhood in the last few weeks. This is additional to our other appeals and has been delivered to households in a number of Melbourne suburbs, in an attempt to gain new supporters. We are sorry that it is of course not possible to avoid the names of our regular donors. However, these special letters have cost only 7c each, including the delivery charge, so that the duplication does not in fact have a substantial cost involved.