

Fire ravages high school canteen

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FIRE RAVAGES HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN

A decision to start rebuilding the fire-gutted canteen and shelter sheds at the Maribyrnong High School will have to be made by the Education Department.

In memory of Annette

Next Saturday afternoon a crowd of more than 300 is expected to attend a ceremony to be held in the gardens of the Footscray and District Hospital.

The ceremony is being held to officially hand over to the hospital a bed which is being dedicated to the memory of nine-year-old Annette Elizabeth Freiburg, who was killed in a traffic accident last November.

The bed, which cost £500, is being presented to the hospital by the members of the hospital's youth group, the Jays.

Annette was a member of the Jays, and was president of group seven at the time of her death.

● **Speaker**

Representatives of other organisations, of which Annette was a

The president of the school's Advisory Council and the Parents and Citizens' Association, Mr. Les Guy, said this yesterday as the remaining frame of the canteen was being pulled down, for safety reasons.

He said if the decision were left to the school's committee, rebuilding would be started almost immediately; however nothing can be done until the decision is made by the department.

£7000 damage caused

The school's canteen and two shelter sheds were completely destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon, and the fire caused damage estimated at more than £7000.

Mr. Guy said it was not clear as to who first gave the alarm, as many people had rung the Sunshine Fire Brigade.

There were three cleaners

at the school when the fire was first noticed at about 5.30 pm.

At the present time one of the class rooms is being used as a canteen and Mr. Guy appealed to all parents to give assistance to the woman working in the canteen.

How did it start?

The school lost four refrigerators, two pie warmers, a number of urns and a number of tables and chairs when fire struck the seven-year-old timber building.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, however Mr. Guy said one of the refrigerators had been giving trouble and there were indications the fire started in the vicinity of the refrigerators.

The fire brigade was hampered badly by the lack of water pressure when trying to combat the flames; however, the fire had too much of a hold on the building and even with good pressure it was doubtful if the brigade could have saved the building and equipment.