



ONE of the hundreds of bungalows built by Eisner Constructions.

Eisner wife convicted of murdering daughters

By CHRIS EVANS

EISNER St off Leslie St in St Albans East is named after builder and real estate agent George Eisner, whose wife was convicted of murdering their two children in 1961.

Originally from Czechoslovakia, George Eisner married Vlasta Potstevnska in Prague in June of 1943. They were both 23 years old.

The family migrated to Australia in January 1950, and built a house at 5 Collins St, St Albans. Mr Eisner established a building and real estate business and built hundreds of bungalows on basic house blocks in the district.

A cheap buy, the bungalow was essentially a half-house, bought on the understanding that it would either be completed or demolished at a future time. For the newly-arrived migrant, the bungalow offered security and the opportunity to own a little piece of Australia.

Although there were no roads or footpaths at first, by the time these were installed most people had managed to pay off their blocks. In effect, they never had to carry too great a burden at any one time.

But life in the lucky country did not work out for the Eisner family.

On 18 December 1961, Mr Eisner arrived home to find his wife, Vlasta, and the two daughters on a double bed in the children's bedroom.



According to the official summary of evidence presented at the subsequent coroner's inquest: "The two children were dead and Vlasta Eisner was alive but unconscious."

"The deceased Helen Eisner was a schoolgirl aged 16 years and the deceased Irene Eisner was a schoolgirl aged 11 years," the summary said. "For the past two years George Eisner has considered his marriage a failure and has talked of separation. He has informed Vlasta Eisner that he is interested in another woman and this has caused Vlasta Eisner to become depressed and nervous."

The summary then tells of how Mrs Eisner consulted several doctors, seeking prescriptions for Soneryl tablets, and how she consumed these in excess.

This caused her to be hospitalised before obtaining a further prescription from the same medication from a different doctor. "About 1pm on Friday 15 December, George Eisner

left his home to go to Ararat," the summary said.

"Vlasta Eisner, knowing that her husband was going to see the other woman, became depressed and decided to take her own life and also the lives of her two children."

"She induced the children to take a fatal dose of Soneryl tablets and then took a dose herself, which she believed would also be fatal."

When the trio was discovered, Mrs Eisner was taken to the Footscray Hospital where she was treated and given psychiatric assistance, before being transferred to the Royal Melbourne Hospital for further psychiatric care.

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Following her trial, in June 1962, she was detained in the Fairlea Women's Prison at the Governor's Pleasure.

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Huge debt burden for high school

By PETER STRACHAN

ST ALBANS High School is \$120,000 in debt, appears to have lost some of its equipment and needs a state government loan to stay afloat.

Acting general manager of the Ministry of Education's Western Metropolitan Region, Graham Willis, has applied for the loan on the school's behalf to the state's Department of Management and Budget.

In a letter to the department, he says the loan should be able to be repaid at \$10,000 a quarter over the next three years.

The size of the shortfall became obvious during an audit in July.

"Preliminary findings indicate that the school over a number of years, was not processing payments to creditors as they became due."

"Consequently, school council continued to enter into agreements for the supply of goods and services, thereby compounding the financial problems to the extent that they now require an advance of \$120,000 to meet creditor demands," the letter says.

To ensure the continued operation of the school, I recommend that the ministry apply for a special advance of \$120,000 from DMB."

A separate letter to the school council from the auditor—a Mr F M Malone—lists missing or incomplete records dating back to 1984 and notes that most of the receipt books and bank pay-ins from January, 1985 to June this year were unavailable to him.

The auditor complains in the letter that school accounts were often overdrawn — by up to \$18,785.88 in one case; that bank reconciliation statements were rarely prepared and that money invested was difficult to trace as it moved through the school's accounting system.

"Daily canteen takings were not always individually receipted."

"Canteen takings were banked into the extraneous account despite the school operating a separate canteen account."

"There was no evidence of any receipting of cash from the red phone."

"There were numerous instances of payments being deliberately delayed."

"This resulted in many complaints from suppliers about the school's ability to pay its accounts," the audit statement said.

The audit also discovered underpayments of wages, late payment of orders placed without the principal's signature.

"A small sample check" of school equipment revealed an Akai radio cassette recorder, a National

television set and a Canon color video camera were missing.

A video cassette recorder valued at \$500 was believed to have been sold for spare parts.

The auditor's report called for more effective accounting of money passing through the school's accounts and for a better check on the whereabouts or disposal details of school equipment.

"School council is reminded that school equipment represents a substantial amount of school funds."

"By keeping appropriate records and identifying valuable items of school equipment, losses can be minimised."

Furniture and equipment worth more than \$50 and with a life expectancy of more than three years should be listed in a register, and there should be a loans record book maintained.

In a closing comment, the auditor said the loss or non-completion of the school's records prevented a full audit of its affairs.

"Appreciation is expressed to the principal, treasurer and office staff for their co-operation and assistance throughout the course of the audit."

"Particular mention should be made of the efforts of the previous bur-sar, Mrs K Wright, whose assistance was invaluable," the auditor said.

Council drops all charges against Wally Mazurek

By MAX WILSON

SUNSHINE Council last week voted to drop all legal charges against environmentalist Dr Wally Mazurek over an incident in the council chambers on 11 April.

It had been claimed that Dr Mazurek was responsible for allowing an odorous substance to be emitted in the council chamber.

Subsequent to the 11 April meeting, charges involving causing reckless injury and behaving in an offensive manner were

brought by police, and later adjourned in Sunshine court. Dr Mazurek pleaded not guilty to all charges.

At last week's meeting, Cr Jean Boles successfully moved to rescind a motion under which the council was supporting, factually and financially, all persons said to have suffered physical and mental distress as a consequence of the Mazurek action.

Cr Boles also moved successfully that a statement of no complaint be forwarded to the police and that any inferred allegation that Dr Mazurek removed chemical substances from his place of employment be retracted.

Subsequent to the council meeting, Dr Mazurek told The Advocate he was relieved by the decision because it brought the matter, which needed attention, into order.

There are still five private claims against Dr Mazurek, pending a decision or withdrawal.

Hulett St tip due to close

THE Hulett St rubbish tip in Sunshine is expected to be closed at the end of next month.

It is almost full and is already being topped with a metre of clean soil.

Apart from Sunshine, it has served the cities of Footscray and Essendon.

A more modern and efficient direct tip to serve the municipalities is about to open on Old Geelong Rd at Brooklyn. It will have a weighbridge.



THE former Eisner family home at 5 Collins St, St Albans. George Eisner built many of the first migrant dwellings in St Albans after World War Two. Picture reproduced with permission from the World War Two Kipper of Public Records, Melbourne.

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