

'Self-help' will see athletic track 'dream' come true

Wagga will have its own international standard athletics facility within five years ... if the dreams of four men are realised.

The four, Bill Jacob, Graham Twit, Bernie Pearson and Bob Robertson with other members of the Koorringal and Police Citizens Youth athletics clubs, make up the Wagga Athletics Facility Development Committee.

The group was formed in February after the local government had stopped pouring funds into the Jubilee Park project.

"The government, together with the Department of Sport and Recreation had spent more than \$250,000 on the project and they simply ran out of funds," Robertson said.

"They had finished the land forming and had laid the track, but much more work was needed."

"We could have sat back and waited for the council to finish it off, but the funds wouldn't have been available for several years, so we formed the committee to get the ground finished off," added Twit.

The complex will be up to international standards, with olympic regulations being observed.

The committee hopes to eventually provide a covered seating area, a permanent tuckshop and a fully floodlit ground.

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needed drainage system at a cost of \$3000 and countless man hours.

The project is run solely on volunteer work and local business houses have been

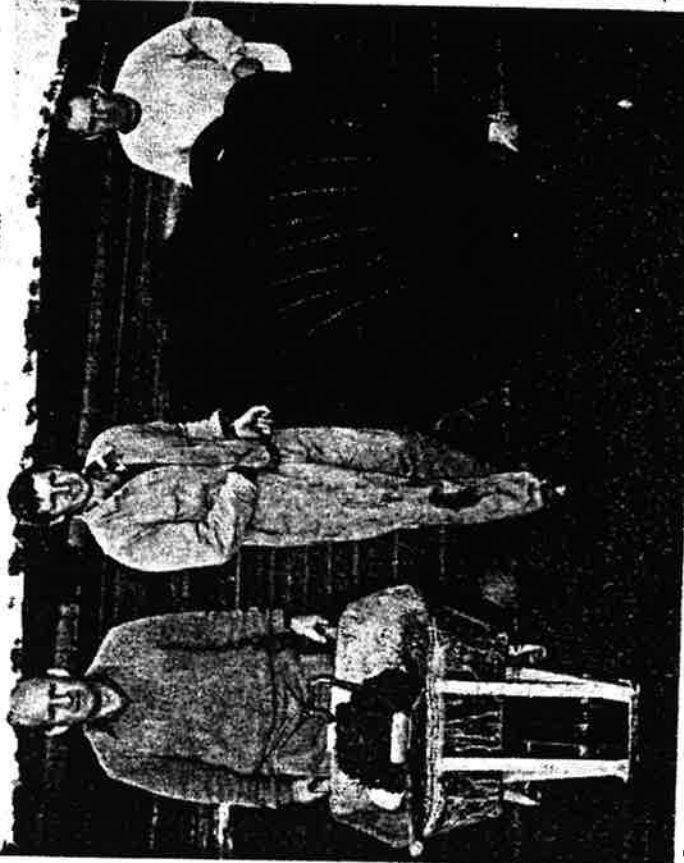
very supportive, supplying materials and the use of machinery.

With the official opening of the complex set down for

October 30, the committee is running to a tight schedule as well as a tight budget.

Help is required in the form of volunteer labour and funds to have the project finished on time or at all.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at Jubilee Park.



Members of the Wagga Athletics Facility Development Committee (left-right) Bill Jacob, Bernie Pearson and Bob Robertson finish another afternoon's work on the Jubilee Park athletics complex.



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