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Circulating throughout Warrandyte, South Warrandyte,
North Warrandyte, Warranwood, Wonga Park
and Kangaroo Ground.

CAN GARBAGE GO TWICE WEEKLY?

TOWN CLEAN-UP BY SCOUTS

Appalled by untidiness along riverbank and main road, 1st Warrandyte Scout Group is holding a "Cleanathon" on Sunday, June 20.

They are going to collect all rubbish from Selby Store to Tarooona Avenue.

"We felt this would be more useful than walking 10 miles," a scouts' spokesman said last week.

The scouts are asking residents to sponsor them at \$1.00 each, proceeds to go towards urgently needed renovation of the scout hall.

Warrandyte must be among the few Melbourne suburbs with a once-a-week garbage collection.

Some authorities measure the affluence of a community by the volume of its garbage.

Are we so poverty-stricken that we cannot keep up with other areas in garbage fall-out?

Most people in Warrandyte have two rubbish tins these days.

Modern packaging—wrappings, cans, cartons and so on — all serve to cram these bins to bursting point. What happens to the excess?

Burning difficult

For at least four or five months of the year lighting of incinerators is difficult, if not prohibited.

Even when permitted, the constant burning of paper and plastic containers in incinerators adds to the pollution of both the atmosphere and bushland.

Rats prevalent

Some residents have told Warrandyte Diary they have never known a time when there were so many rats in the area.

Is this linked with the difficulties we are experiencing in disposing of our garbage?

Inadequate municipal garbage collection can lead to indiscriminate dumping. This is the last thing we want. (See "Jock's Warrandyte", page 2.)

Finance problem?

How will an additional collection be financed? Perhaps our local councillors—both the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and Shire of Eltham — can come to light with some costing figures in this regard.

Village Calendar

JUNE

- 1st—WAA Children's Drama Class.
- 4th—Club Night, Youth Club.
- 5th—WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes.
- 8th—WAA Children's Drama Class.
- 10th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 11th—Club Night, Youth Club.
- 12th—WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes.
- 13th—WAA Theatre Night to the Pram Factory.
- 15th—WAA Children's Drama Class.
- 17th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 18th—Club Night, Youth Club. Four Plays by Drama Group. Football Ladies' Smorgasbord Supper Dance.
- 19th—WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes. Four Plays by Drama Group.
- 20th—Scout Group's "Cleanathon" (see this page).
- 22nd—WAA Children's Drama Class. Copy closes for Warrandyte Diary.
- 24th—Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon. Four Plays by Drama Group.
- 25th—Club Night, Youth Club.
- 26th—WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes. Four Plays by Drama Group.
- 29th—WAA Children's Drama Class.

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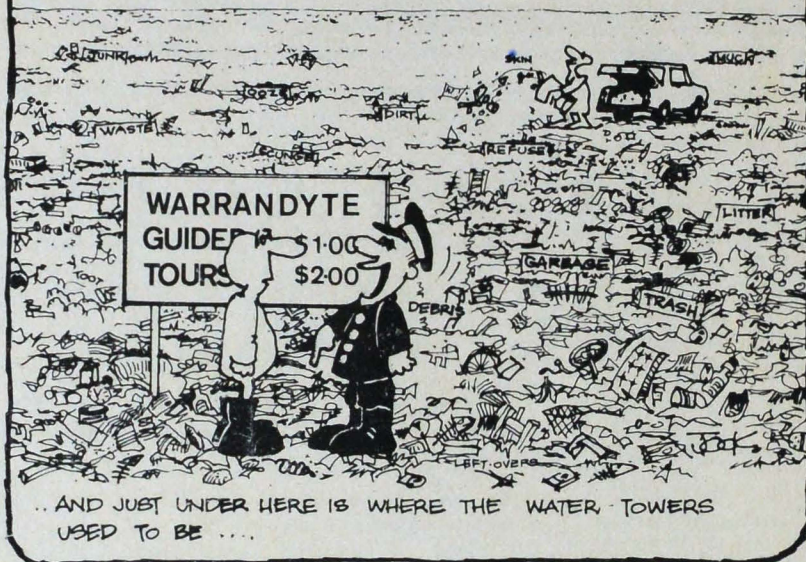
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Church talk-back

The Rev. Paul Buckingham, new minister of St John's Presbyterian Church, Warrandyte, has introduced "talk-back" programs at church services and they are proving popular.

The first was held on May 2 when parishioners had the opportunity to question Mr

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Buckingham during the sermon.

The "talk-back" is part of a series of special interest services on the first Sunday morning of each month.

The next special interest service will be on July 4 at 10 a.m. It will be in the form of a dialogue service, with members asking questions.

Each Sunday morning at 10 am, both worship and Sunday School is held. On the first Sunday of each month at 7 pm, a combined service is held with Anglicans. On June 6 at 7 pm the service will be in the Anglican Church. On July 7 at 7 pm the service will be at the Presbyterian Church.

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Council to press on for the big centre

Warrandyte Diary's plea last month for a greater share of finance for extra community facilities has brought immediate response.

Residents have expressed their support for our stand and already the mayor (Cr Ken Buxton) has made a public statement on the issue.

Many people complained to the Diary that Park Orchards appeared to be getting a much better deal from the council when it came to the spending of finance on community projects.

So far, figures quoted have not been disputed. It was claimed that Doncaster and Templestowe Council had spent \$40,000 on developing Domeney Reserve, and intends to spend a further \$40,000.

The mayor said that despite a reduction in the size of area for the Warrandyte Community Centre, plans would still go ahead.

Cr Buxton said the Crown Lands Department had advised the council that the site near Anderson's Creek would be reduced.

The mayor said that he was disappointed with the Department's latest findings. However, he said, council would continue with amended plans.

At least 15 months ago council applied to use a section of crown land at the corner of Warrandyte and Harris Gully roads for a community centre. At that stage the Crown Lands Department gave the idea the green light.

However, the department now says a reduction of the site is needed for an access road.

How much land has been "snipped" from the original site? Is the reduced area going to be adequate for council's imaginative project?

The mayor is to be commended on his intention to go ahead. From now on, he must get 100 per cent support from his fellow councillors and the residents of Warrandyte.

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POLLUTION OF RIVER IS PROBLEM

\$1,000 PER BLOCK FOR SEWERAGE?

The provision of sewerage for Warrandyte township could cost as much as \$1,000 a block because of the rocky, hilly terrain.

"It appears that both drainage and sewerage schemes will come eventually," Cr Rush said in his Warrandyte Diary column "Minding Your Own Business".

Cr Rush continued: "Water reticulation and increased population have brought many health and drainage problems to the township.

"The construction of an underground drainage system is undoubtedly the solution," Cr Rush said.

Council Plans Not Acceptable

"Government subsidies of \$16,000 were allocated in January and October 1969 to the Council for such works on the initiative of Ken May.

"The money is still available from the Treasury.

"Plans submitted by the Council are not acceptable to the Government.

"The Council has been

COPY CLOSING FOR NEXT ISSUE

Copy for the next issue of Warrandyte Diary must reach the editor by Tuesday, June 22.

We will be pleased to publish news of your organisation free of charge.

Groups in surrounding districts — Warranwood, Kangaroo Ground, Wonga Park, South and North Warrandyte — are especially invited to contribute.

advised that the Department of Health is concerned with the high pollution level caused by discharge of dry weather sullage flows from drainage systems during low flows in the river, such as in the 67/68 drought, when untreated water presented a real danger to health.

"The Department says the drains would have to be designed to prevent admission to the river of domestic sullage and septic tank effluent which is considered difficult if not impossible.

"Treatment for household drainage only is not warranted.

'Packaged' Sewage Treatment

"The Department of Health refers to the present consideration being given by the Board of Works to the provision of sewerage for rapidly developing areas within the fringe of the metropolis.

"It makes mention of a proposal that these areas would initially be served by packaged sewage treatment plants which would then be phased out over a period of ten years as the Board's main sewers are extended as part of the main South Eastern Sewerage Scheme.

"It appears that both drainage and sewerage schemes will come eventually.

"Sewerage could be treated at a central point, so that all the catchment areas of the township would need to be connected, presumably by sewer drains near the river.

"What with rock and other difficulties a rough estimate of the capital cost is \$700 to \$1,000 for each block, either occupied or vacant," Cr. Rush concluded.

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Changes in play casts

A season of three one-act plays being presented this month and next by the WAA Drama Group will go on despite changes in cast.

The plays being enacted are "Symphony in Illusion", "The Form" and "Love in an Ape House".

They are being produced by Mairi Barkei, Jock Macneish and Doug McManus.

arts association

Lois Osborne, Frank Turtle and Eric Bottomley will not be appearing. Beth Gallagher and Eleanor Farrington are now taking part. As yet, Frank Turtle's part has not been filled.

The plays will be presented on June 18, 19, 24, 26, and July 2 and 3.

Kath McMahon is stage manager of "Symphony in Illusion".

Classes resume

Children's classes have resumed for painting, dancing and drama. Adult classes have begun for pottery and painting.

A new class in copper, jewellery and sculpture began on June 2. Pat Tugen is tutor in this section. Enquiries can be made with Ann Dickson at 844-3076.

Theatre night

On June 13 Drama Group members will visit the Pram Factory to see Sue Kerr's production for New Theatre of "The Day the Whores Came to Play Tennis". Tickets are available from Joan Blair, 844-3281.



Film crews from local television series have been thick on Warrandyte roads over the past few weeks. The rumour that local cows and horses have been requested to join Actors' Equity must be denied, however.

Outspoken signs department: Half-way down the Stony Creek hill on Research road — "Slow Down Speed Pigs". Fair enough.

The suggestion for a 50-50 dance in Warrandyte has been taken up. The Youth Club fund-raising committee hopes to kick one off towards the end of winter. Watch for further news.

Possam - stirring department: The many comments and expressions of support we have received for our front-page feature on Warrandyte's proposed community centre have given us heart. The Diary will take up other local items of importance as they arise; not that we've heard the last of the community centre business, mind you.

There was this drunk goldminer, see. Got back to his hut to find that he'd lost his key. Stumbled across his pick, spent the rest of the night digging his way in through his solid stone chimney. The cold and sober light of dawn revealed that he could have gone in through the hut's only—and glassless — window. The language could be heard from Melbourne Hill to Growler's Reef.

Friend of ours found a quantity of rubbish strewn along a back road just out of town. From envelopes and such among the offending litter it was obvious that the dumper lived in Warrandyte. What's that story about the fox that fouled its own lair?

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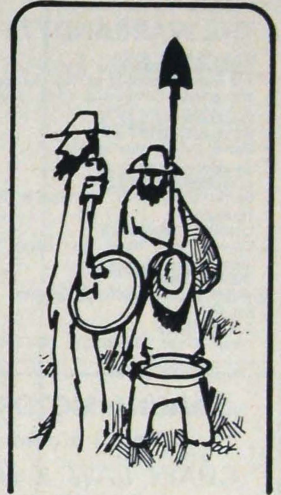
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It was during the 1860's that Warrandyte had a visit from its only recorded bushranger.

Some years earlier Major Newman had been forced to cross the river by a bushranger holding a pistol at his head, but there is no record of the reason for this strange exercise.

The bushranger to whom we refer, however, was Robert Bourke, a young Irishman of 19 years.

His shortlived adventure began boastfully at Scoresby, near Dandenong, and ended at Hurstbridge, whence he had gone via Warrandyte. Apparently he had done a bit of highwayman stuff in New South Wales, according to his own boasting.

One bleak and wet October night in 1866 a Mrs Russell, in answer to a knock, opened her door to the well-spoken young braggart who was wearing a poncho or riding cloak. The Russell home was at Thompson's Gully, Warrandyte. Realising he was weary and hungry, Mrs Russell gave the young visitor food and a bed in a hut belonging to her husband's partner.

Before daybreak next morning Bourke was on his way to Hurstbridge after getting Harry Houghton to row him across the river

At Hurstbridge some hours later, he was eating breakfast given him by Miss Ellen Hurst, whose suspicions were aroused when she noticed a pistol in his pocket. Hastily she informed her brother, who picked up a shotgun and went to talk with Bourke. He asked the usual casual questions, "Where have you come from? Where are you going".

Bourke replied that he was travelling from Cape Schank to Kilmore.

"Then you are a long way off your course," said Hurst.

Bourke jumped to his feet shouting, "Do you doubt my word! You insult me; don't you know I'm a bushranger?" at the same time drawing his pistol.

Hurst fired his shotgun, but missed. He then jumped the bushranger. During the ensuing struggle, Hurst was shot in the chest. Bourke was over-powered by some station hands and placed under arrest. Hurst unfortunately, died later that day.

Poor young boastful Bourke. He was found guilty of murder and hanged, despite a strong recommendation for mercy and a large petition signed by Melbourne citizens.

Apart from this incident in the district there is little on record of real lawlessness.

The early promise of prosperity in Warrandyte flowered during the 1870's.

Shops were established. Four hotels, "The Warrandyte", "Anderson's Creek", "Bell Chambers" and "The Union", were endeavouring to cope with the flow of business. A branch of the Commercial Bank was opened, there was a police station, courthouse and a school.

During this period a new bridge was also built, which had taken 10 years of continuous agitation and petitioning the government, before the combined efforts of representatives from Doncaster and Eltham Shires succeeded.

Since the flood had swept away the first bridge in 1863, much inconvenience had been caused by the return to primitive means of crossing the river.

On October 7, 1875, the new wooden bridge was completed at a cost of £1,419, paid for by the Shires of Doncaster and Eltham with a government grant of £700. It was designed and built by C. S. Wingrove, Shire Clerk, Engineer and Surveyor to the Eltham Council. This bridge was a magnificent monument to the engineering skill and workmanship of our pioneers.

For eighty years the old bridge stood. Built of yellow box timber from the forests around Stony Creek, it was held as firmly in the affections of the people of Warrandyte as its footings were held in the mud of the Yarra's bed.

With an overall length of 311 feet and a width of 11 feet, it rested on 47 piles of 14 inch diameter. It withstood flood and fire, including a terrific battering in 1934, when it was completely submerged. The flood waters on that occasion rose more than four feet over the decking. There have been other occasions when it has been covered, but never so completely as in 1934.

In the last months of 1955 the old bridge was decently interred and now the new modern structure, higher and much wider, which took three years to build, copes with the ever-increasing traffic through the district.

The old bridge was the setting for all New Year Eve celebrations for many years, when the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the exploding of firecrackers, accompanied by the skirl of bagpipes, ushered in the tender hours of each year.

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There were other Red Cross members who gave their time and cars for this need, but the services rendered to the sick and needy by Mrs. Bird were innumerable.

Cheerfully and unobtrusively she has done so much for us all that we are reduced to those simple words, that will be echoed in every corner of the village — thank you Mrs. Bird.

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A valuable painting is missing from our local school. Depicting the old wooden bridge over the Yarra, it is the work of local artist, the late Mrs. Jo Sweatman.

We feel that at some time it has been lent to some local group or individual, and inadvertently has not been returned.

Any information would be appreciated, before the Education Department starts asking questions.

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Tail of a horse.

Said horse fell into a well in which there was 28

feet of water. First the Fire Brigade was called in to pump out the water, then the RACV came to haul out our neddy, then the RSPCA arrived to make sure the poor old fellow had not suffered from his ordeal.

Ding-dong-bell, horsie's down the well.

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And now we welcome a new and genial host to the Grand Hotel — Danny McLoone. When he really gets his feet into Warrandyte soil we know he will be a great asset to the village.

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Eggs are not always what they seem — even Easter eggs.

Wife of one of our taxi drivers received a birthday gift from her father. A radiogram or an electric clock? No such luck. Nothing but a 10 cent Easter egg.

Finally she decided to swallow both her pride and the wretched egg. Inside was a \$200 note.

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Warrandyte RSL is seeking more members. Any ex-service personnel living in the district should contact secretary Mr. N. Pearson (844 3546) for details.

The club is actively engaged in a program of social and welfare work.

In the next issue of Warrandyte Diary the club will announce their social calendar dates for the year.

Our active seniors keep busy

elderly citizens

Club social afternoons of the Elderly Citizens' Club will be held on June 10, 17 and 24.

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CHRISTINE ALDOR EXHIBITION

An exhibition of paintings and etchings by the late Christine Aldor will be held at the Clay Pot during June.

Christine Aldor is remembered by many Warrandyte people for her work with the WAA where she conducted art classes for both children and adults for a number of years.

Wide local interest is expected in the exhibition, which is being arranged in her memory.

Late last month club members went on a bus trip to Mount Dandenong. The party stopped at Olinda for lunch.

Recently a presentation was made to Mrs. Chisholm for her untiring efforts in helping the club during the past eight years.

Mrs. Chisholm was presented with a woollen dressing gown by the club secretary, Mr. Bob Watson.

A few weeks ago the Tootgarook Elderly Citizen's Club visited Warrandyte.

After lunch at the Grand Hotel the visitors met in the clubrooms in the afternoon for a sing-song and afternoon tea.

Club president, Mr. Bert Lording, welcomed the guests. The Tootgarook president responded and thanked the Warrandyte club for an enjoyable afternoon.

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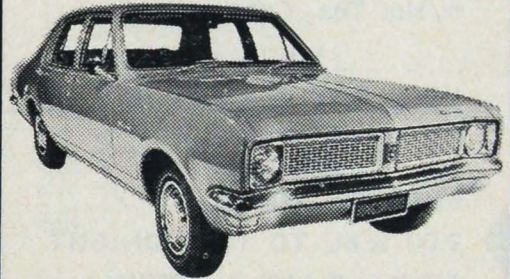
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KEYSTONERS' NEW HOME

Members of the Keystone Club — a division of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club — are busy setting up their new clubroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kuipers have kindly made available to the club a roomy and well-equipped bungalow in the grounds of their home in Maggie Lane.

Keystone is the section of the Youth Club catering for young people in the 16 to 21 age group.

The club has expressed its heartfelt thanks to the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade for the use of their



premises until an alternative clubroom could be found.

Keystone members are now appealing for chairs and other furniture for their new quarters. Prospective donors could ring Keystone secretary, Bronwyn Stringer (844 3394) or president Doug Stead (844 3792).

Other office-bearers are Rogan Bayard (vice-president), Ian Ingersole (treasurer) and Robert Gilbert (social secretary).

The Keystone Club meets each Friday night. The Junior and Senior Groups continue to meet on Friday nights in the pavilion at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve.

SUCCESSFUL AT MUSIC

The following pupils of Warrandyte music teacher Patrick Murphy recently passed their music examinations at Melbourne University:—

Christopher Van der Haar 94 (honors), Wendy Ninedek 90 (honors), Karren Pritchard 88 (honors), Russell Walton 88 (honors), John Robertson 80 (credit), Gina Goble 81 (credit), Susan McLaren 75 (credit), Sandra Vangemert 80 (credit), Lynne Beattie 79 (credit), Kirsty McLaren 72 (pass), Robyn Vangemert 73 (pass), Paul Van Bergin 69 (pass).

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FROM THE FOOTBALL FRONT

WANTED: UNDER-17 PLAYERS

Warrandyte Football Club is urgently seeking players for their under-17 side.

Any young players who may have moved into the district recently will be welcome.

Club officials feel there may also be some local boys who could be showing a bit more interest.

The first eighteen form has been patchy. The side has shown lapses in concentration when in a winning position.

Against Norwood the side had a commanding lead at half-time, but from then on had a struggle on their hands.

In the final term, Warrandyte fought back to lead by a point, but at the finish Norwood proved too fit.

The second eighteen kept up their good record by holding their place in the four.

Off the field the women supporters are proving a tower of strength.

The ladies committee is holding a smorgasbord supper dance at the South Warrandyte Hall on June 19. Tickets are \$6 and it's b.y.o.

Results:

Firsts: Norwood 16.7, Warrandyte 13.20. **Best:** Stephens, Luttick, Kerkhof, P. Read, Sergeant.

Seconds: Warrandyte 10.13, Norwood 10.10. **Best:**



B. Day, Johnson, B. Read, J. Ryan.

Under-17: Norwood 22.19, Warrandyte 0.0.

Under-15: Norwood 23.17, Warrandyte 1.2. **Best:** Dunnet, G. Bellinger, McCartin, McKenzie, G. Broome.

D'CASTER CLASH

First 18: Doncaster 16.11, Warrandyte 5.7. **Best:** P. Read, Kerkhof, M. Smith, Luttick, Stephens.

Second 18: Doncaster 18.20, Warrandyte 7.10. **Best:** Rochow, Cooper, Mitchell, Day, Johnson.

Under 17: Doncaster 23.16, Warrandyte 0.0. **Best:** Marshall, Lyng, L. Smith, Jones.

Under 15: Doncaster 15.23, Warrandyte 0.0. **Best:** Blair, Walker, McCartin, McKenzie, Bellinger.

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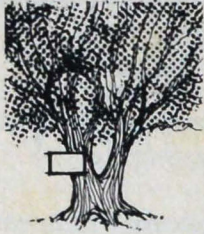
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Antique Shop opens arty facts

Mrs Judy Dowling, who opened an antique shop in Warrandyte last month, turned dealer when her own home became so overcrowded with antiques that she had to sell some of them.

Mrs. Dowling was formerly the owner of the Cottage Bric-a-Brac Store in Doncaster.

She was an avid collector for many years before she began selling antiques.

"I am still totally absorbed by an interest in lovely old pieces," she said last week. "I hate parting with every object I sell."

Warrandyte Antiques is

in Yarra Street, on the corner of Mitchell Avenue.

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