

Warrandyte Diary takes on a new size and a new look this month.

The paper was launched last December as a service project by the Warrandyte Community Youth Club.

Initially we saw the paper as a fund-raising venture. So far, we are

only just paying our way. But in other respects Warrandyte Diary has more than fulfilled our expectations.

Originally the paper was intended to be a little local newsletter, a district notice board, ably supported by district advertising.

Gradually, over the ensuing months, we have been forced to take a stand on a number of local issues — issues that seem important to us.

The coming months may prove to be difficult ones for Warrandyte Diary. Our financial resources are meagre,

our manpower reserves are non-existent.

But we believe that our paper should survive. Turn to page 3 and read the letters we have printed there. The coming months may prove to be difficult ones for Warrandyte, too. We might find ourselves

battling to save Warrandyte as a good place in which to live. Warrandyte might be thankful for a voice independent of commercial or sectional control.

We will need your continuing support, assistance and patience.

THE WARRANDYTE *diary*

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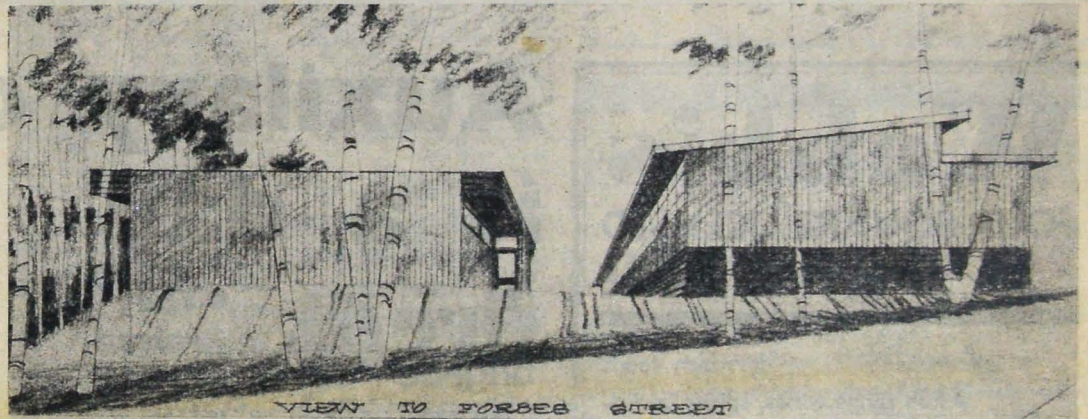
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Calendar Village

JULY

- 1st — Elderly Citizens' Committee Meeting and Film Afternoon.
- 2nd — Club Night, Youth Club, Three Plays by Drama Group.
- 3rd — WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes. Three Plays by Drama Group.
- 4th — WAA Drama Group Casting for September production.
- 5th — "Hard" Rubbish Collection for South-of-River Residents. Brownies and Girl Guides Association Annual Meeting.
- 6th — WAA Children's Drama Class.
- 7th — Youth Club General Committee Meeting.
- 8th — Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 9th — Club Night, Youth Club.
- 10th — WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes.
- 13th — WAA Children's Drama Class. Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting.
- 15th — Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 16th — Club Night, Youth Club.
- 17th — WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes.
- 19th — CAE-WAA Acting Class commences.
- 20th — WAA Children's Drama Class. Copy closes for Warrandyte Diary.
- 21st — WPS Mothers' Club Meeting.
- 22nd — Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 23rd — Club Night, Youth Club.
- 24th — WAA Children's Dancing and Painting Classes.
- 26th — CAE-WAA Acting Class.
- 27th — WAA Children's Drama Class.
- 29th — Elderly Citizens' Club Afternoon.
- 30th — Club Night, Youth Club.



WORK BEGINS ON LIBRARY

The construction of Warrandyte Primary School's long-awaited library building began last week with the commencement of preliminary setting-out and foundation works.

The contract for the library's construction has been awarded to Quest Constructions of Glen Waverley and the building must be completed by October 11.

Overall cost of the library will be \$13,500.

"This is the culmination of several years' effort on the part of the School Committee, Mothers' Club and the community in general," committee secretary Mrs. Beth Gallagher told Warrandyte Diary this week.

"The idea was first mooted more than six years ago," Mrs. Gallagher said.

"It was originally intended that a library should be built at the school, followed by a canteen. However, when it was realised that the canteen would be an excellent source of funds, thus allowing for the construction of a better library building, the canteen was given preference.

"With the opening of the canteen in February, 1970, the way was clear for a

stepping-up of the campaign for a library.

"Quite a lot of money was raised through direct giving and a door-knock appeal, with Warrandyte people giving generously towards the project.

"However, we were still far short of the amount that had to be contributed locally so that we could qualify for the Government subsidy.

"It was then that the Warrandyte Civic Association came to our aid with a direct, 'no-strings' donation of \$2,200.

"The Civic Association had operated in the district for some years previously, raising funds for local causes, and their donation means that our library will be opened fully-equipped and completely free of debt."

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BLEND IN WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS

● Architect Kevin Makin's impression of Warrandyte Primary School's proposed new library (BELOW) shows how the building will blend in with both the existing classrooms and surrounding bushland.

● The local share of the library's cost of \$13,500 is \$4,500 with \$9,000 being contributed by the Education Department. A further \$1,000 will

be provided by the Department for a nucleus of books to stock the library, and this will be liberally supplemented by funds from local sources.

● A teacher-librarian will be appointed to the school prior to the library's completion, thus preparing the way for the utilization of the building by the children as soon as it is opened.

● Three study carrels and an audio-visual carrel will be included, thus increasing the library's effectiveness in modern group and individual teaching techniques.

● The library is being built to an individual design prepared by architect Kevin Makin and will be one of the most advanced of its type in Australia. Mr. Makin designed the outstanding library building at Templestowe Primary School.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL!

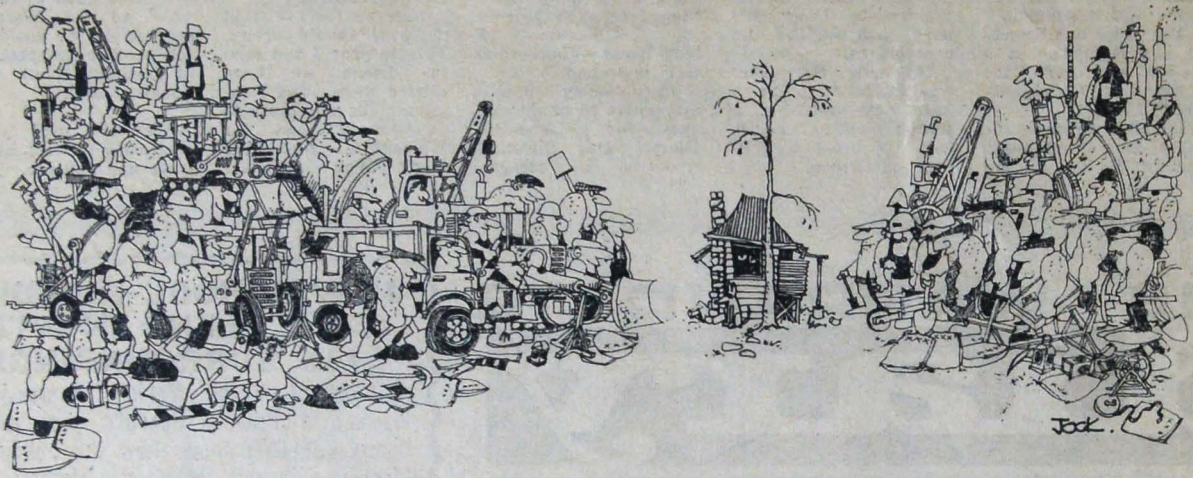
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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade has been disbanded.

The auxiliary secretary, Mrs. M. Docking, said the decision had been made because of "personal commitments of members".

Mrs. Docking said she would like to thank the people of Warrandyte and other suburbs for their support.

The group was formed soon after the fires in February, 1969, and raised \$1,621 for the brigade.

They were responsible for most of the equipment on the Land Rover unit, and also for the fast-fill trailer pump, one of the best equipped units in the area.

Brigade president, Mr. E. Saligari, said this week the

brigade was most grateful for the assistance given by the auxiliary.

He said he hoped they might be persuaded to reform at a later date, perhaps with a less onerous programme of fund-raising activities.

The brigade has begun a training programme in preparation for the summer fire period.

New members are welcome, especially from the 21 years and over age group, to undertake training requiring a few limited hours each month.

Interested residents should contact Jim Bucknall at 844 3604 or any Officer, for further details.

The brigade meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Brigade Headquarters, Mitchell Ave.

The meeting dates are: July 13, August 10, September 14 (Bi-annual elections), October 12, November 9.

elderly citizens INCREASE IN MEMBERS

Membership of the Elderly Citizens Club is steadily increasing.

Attendances at club afternoons are generally about 50.

Secretary Mr. Bob Watson said this week that new members were welcome.

He pointed out people did not have to be 60 years or over to be eligible to join.

"If you would like to enjoy a pleasant afternoon once a week, but happen to be one of the not-so-olds, we will welcome you as an associate member," Mr. Watson said.

Our past president Mr. Rigby Laphorne is holidaying in Adelaide after a recent operation at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. All club members wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Ted Nordsberg has presented the club with an attractive notice board for our clubrooms.

Dates to remember: July 1 (Committee meeting and film afternoon). Club afternoons on July 8, 15, 22 and 29.

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ALARMED RESIDENTS WRITE:

'Guard over the village we chose to live in ...!'

Suddenly, seemingly overnight, the Warrandyte we know and love is threatened. Threatened in the name of progress.

By developers, by people who cut down trees without thought of replacement, by an insidious frittering away of bushland, by a desire to pull down and change the face of our township.

Four residents of Warrandyte have written to us, deploring this destruction. Here are their letters.

'... first action is to flatten all the bush on the block ...'

SIR,

As residents of Warrandyte for many years we are becoming disturbed at certain trends which effect the natural environment of the Warrandyte in which we live.

Living in Warrandyte only appeals to a small percentage of the large numbers who visit here.

There are many people who would not tolerate the comparatively poor local facilities, even though the surroundings are pleasant.

Hence those who choose to live and enjoy Warrandyte must be the type of people who appreciate the natural environment of the river, the hills and the bush.

If the above is true then the person who puzzles us is the block-owner whose first action prior to building is to flatten all the bush on the block and bulldoze a large flat area for his dwelling, resulting in the complete loss of the soil and the native trees which probably influenced his purchase of the block in the first place.

We are aware that the reason often given for this wholesale slaughter of the bush is fire protection.

The idea that clearing all the native bush on one's block is the only way to protect one's house against fire is completely wrong.

A crown fire in the foliage of trees will not be sustained if the trees are reduced in density so that the tops have a reasonably clear space between them.

A 40% canopy, i.e., 40% of the ground plan area is covered by the projected area of the tree foliage on the ground, would be safe against all bush fires we have seen in Warrandyte.

It is important that the undergrowth is cleared for at least 30 to 40 feet around the house.

If a natural area of native plants is desired, create this away from the house and isolate it by clearing the undergrowth area or by surrounding it with paths or drive.

If any person is considering completely clearing their land think what Warrandyte would look like if everybody decided to do the same.

We have in mind that a similar message to the above should be made available to all purchasers of land in the Warrandyte area in the form of a printed card distributed by estate agents and councils.

Any person or organisation interested in assisting in the supply of such cards please contact us.

—HEATHER and BRUCE DAY, Blooms Road (844 3310).

'... reaching a point where we have to stop and think ...'

SIR,

Ten years ago now my husband and I chose to live in Warrandyte and like most people who have settled in this village, did so for a number of reasons; the beautiful natural environment and the village atmosphere being perhaps the greatest attractions.

As months and years went by we became used to living among trees and birds and almost forgot that the charm of this place could be affected.

The 1962 fires made us realise that the face of Warrandyte could indeed change very quickly. After that sad change came a happier one, when the bush regenerated and nature rapidly restored its beauty.

Over the last few years however, our township has been expanding and changing gradually but more permanently and I think we are now reaching a point where we have to stop and think and decide whether we want to retain Warrandyte's beauty and history or drift gradually into a suburb with such attractions as made footpaths, brick post office, car yards—and who knows—traffic lights at the bridge!

I fully realise that changes made in the name of progress are hard to stop, but could we not try to bend "progress" a little to blend in with what is left of Warrandyte's character?

In the past, residents of

Warrandyte have acted together successfully to avert the construction of a railway and light industry, and thus retained our isolation.

Would it not be possible now to get together and guard over the village we chose to live in?

—ANNEKE VAN DE LOO, Mullens Road.

'... without some action we will find ourselves surrounded by paling fences'

SIR,

At the moment Warrandyte is on the verge of a land boom; already the developer has moved into the Harris Gully Road area.

Bulldozers have been tearing at the earth for weeks, gouging out roads, knocking down trees to make way for about 70 quarter acre building blocks.

Right throughout the Warrandyte area, "land for sale" signs are appearing overnight like mushrooms.


Many sales are being forced on owners because of the council's policy on rating, while other owners are taking advantage of the rezoning of land from large allotments to smaller allotments.

In Harris Gully Road, areas of land have been recently rezoned from 5 acre to quarter acre subdivision by the council without the knowledge of the owner or residents in the area.

Such action, together with the method of rating, will force owners into selling their land to developers who have no interest in the local environment, but whose main object is to make a quick profit.

I believe this is a vital issue and your paper could be the means of making the community aware that without some action we will find ourselves surrounded by paling fences and become just another suburban area and your column "Mountain Greenery" will have to be renamed "Concrete Facts."

—RON HARRIS, Harris Gully Road.



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THE TALE OF A DOG

BY ANNE MARTIN

What do you do when you arrive home from work and discover that a bitch has moved in and had puppies on your verandah?

Tiger is a fox terrier cross Australian terrier who belongs to a pensioner. She has an ideal life for a dog, sleeping on her master's bed. She eats the same food as he does, is as free as a bird living in the hills of Warrandyte.

Season time arrived Tiger went wild, so did all the dogs in Warrandyte; the lost dogs' home was quiet in comparison with Webb Street. When time for the birth arrived Tiger did not go home. Her master intended to destroy the pups, perhaps she sensed danger, who can tell?

So on Friday, April 30, I arrived home to find Tiger and six new-born pups in my dog's kennel. What would

suppose we should have, certainly the females but why is it so wrong to be born a girl?

Being very soft-hearted when it comes to a dog in need, and even more especially believing one of our dogs to be the father, we cleaned up Mum and checked her over, gave her a warm clean bed in the laundry and there the puppies grew.

Six babies are a lot to cope with, but by supplemented feeding we have reared them all and they are fine healthy little dogs, and, I might add—very lively.

Now, of course, the big problem is placing them in homes where they will be loved and cared for. Four

have already been successful in their quest.

The people who took them were quite happy to donate \$2 towards the cost of having "Mum" spayed so that she can go back to her ever-loving master, and peace can reign in Warrandyte once more.

We still need to place two females who, when four months old, can be spayed for \$10.

Is there any room in your inn? We need volunteers. Please, can one be you?

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Producers Discovered

PLAYS REVIEWED BY C.G.

WAA Drama Group has succeeded in finding at least two new producers of promise.

As their current season of three one-act plays was designed with this object in view, the group should feel satisfied that their project has been so successful, for in Mairi Barkei and Jock Macneish they have discovered two potentially very talented producers.

Mairi Barkei's production of James W. Bell's play "Symphony in Illusion" was rich in inventive design and movement.

She handled the difficult, rather out-dated moralistic script with competence and was ably assisted by clear and forceful acting from Sue May, Sharry McKenzie, Sondra Hopkins, Beth Gallagher, Joan Blair, Leeanne Brooks and Jeanette Milner.

Jock Macneish took N. F. Simpson's "The Form", a

seemingly abstract play, handled it as a knockabout comedy, and the results were superb. His settings and his devising of stage business brought the play to life and turned a difficult script into an enjoyable theatrical experience.

Enid Bird, Jim Pleasance, Anne Martin and Roy Hopkins provided some of the best comedy acting I have seen on an amateur stage.

The first play on the programme, "Love in the Ape House", was not in the same class as the others. Peter Milner, Diane Baxter, Doug Rogers and Jock Macneish battled hard to make something of this pedestrian comedy feebly attempting to make a statement about human behaviour.

Choice of Plays

Members of the Warrandyte Arts Association drama group will have no cause for complaint if they miss out on a role in the September production.

Previously, the drama group has been criticised for not deciding on a play before the casting meeting.

But this has been difficult to arrange because of the shortage of men within the group, and no firm idea who is available until the meeting.

A change has been made in planning. On Sunday, July 4, at 2.30 p.m. in the hall, casting for the September production will be held.

Bob Karl, the producer, will attend and the play will be decided at this meeting from "The Living Room", "Look Back in Anger", "Chalk Garden", and "Summer of the 17th Doll".

By holding the meeting and selecting one of these plays on this date, the drama group feel it is the fairest method for the producer.

The C.A.E. is providing an experienced teacher, Leila Blake, for acting

classes commencing on Monday, July 19, in the hall. The lessons will last ten weeks. Fee for the course is \$5 or \$1 a night.

On Tuesday, July 13, Lois Osborne will produce a play reading of "Dear Charles" in the hall at 8 p.m. All members and friends are welcome.

COPY CLOSING FOR NEXT ISSUE

Copy for the next issue of Warrandyte Diary must reach the editor by Tuesday, July 20.

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.



There is more than a river dividing our community. Administration by two separate municipalities is a continual source of frustration for groups and individuals attempting to improve the quality of life for Warrandyte as a whole.

August is council election month. Perhaps this is the year when we should look hard at the possibilities of including the whole of Warrandyte within the borders of one municipality.

Warrandyte's future as a special place may be already in the balance. "One Warrandyte" will have a far greater chance of deciding its own future than will two separate areas, both the tail-ends of two different council districts. August, 1972, may be too late.

"This Shop Does Not Sell 'Roo Meat" says the sign in our butchers. Multiply his concern by a thousand butchers across the country and there might yet be hope for Australia's wildlife.

Someone in the Blooms Road area is emptying their toilet pan straight onto the ground in a little clump of bush. Putrid dogs and small children have had to be cleaned up on several occasions recently. Neighbourly . . .

John Voller of Third Street, local potter and art teacher, was running late for the opening of the Victoria Ceramic Society annual exhibition. He rushed in, to be greeted with the news that Professor Burke had just opened the show—and bought a set of goblets and a decanter of John's making.

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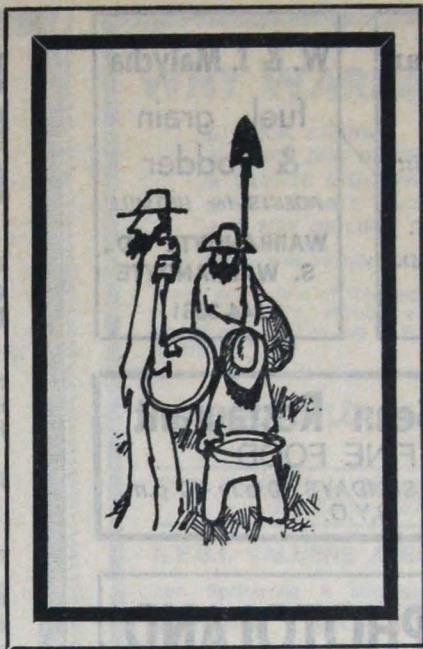
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Although Warrandyte's first school opened towards the end of 1856, with Thomas Downard as headmaster, it was not until 1864 that it was made a National School with Mrs. Rosa Mary Pretty in charge.

The original building was a small shingle-roof building at the corner of Forbes and Yarra Streets.

When the State School system was introduced in 1873, Warrandyte School was listed number 12, giving rise to the erroneous idea that it was the twelfth school in the State. It was the system, however, to number schools in alphabetical order, so that Anderson's Creek came near the top of the list. It retained its number when, in 1908, it was altered officially to Warrandyte.

In 1877 the school was shifted to its present site.

Warrandyte owes a debt of gratitude to its school teachers who have guided the learning of so many of its young citizens.

It is known that Henry Kingsley, author of "Geoffrey Hamlyn", endeavoured to make his fortune on the diggings. He camped on a site adjoining the Warrandyte Cemetery.

The Rev. J. Campbell, a school chum of Kingsley, in 1931, at the age of 94 years, told how on arriving at Melbourne in 1857 he went to see his friend, Dr. Irving, a University professor. It was on Dr. Irving's advice that he left for the Caledonian Goldfields to join Kingsley, where he toiled and moiled and helped with the rough cooking.

The result of their digging was very disappointing but Kingsley was working on his book, "Geoffrey Hamlyn", throughout that period. Rev. Campbell finished his account of the period with Kingsley by remarking, "I believe there is a town there now called Warrandyte, where Melbourne trippers go for their picnics."

The religious life of Warrandyte, as stated earlier, began in 1851 when Rev. J. H. Gregory and Rev. Cheyne held services in the tents of Louis Michel and Habberling. From these rough beginnings sprang our present churches.

The first Anglican church was erected in 1870 on land granted by the Crown at the present site of St. Stephen. It was only a small room which was replaced by a larger church in December, 1906.

Schools, churches and still more gold . . .

The present church of St. Stephen was built after the destructive bushfire of 1939 through the energetic efforts of parishioners.

The first Roman Catholic priest to visit Warrandyte was Rev. Father William Finn, of Heidelberg. In 1865 he held mass and baptized three children. From then on a priest visited the settlement, usually from Heidelberg, every six months. It was 1907 before the first Catholic church was built.

Gold mining began to boom in Warrandyte from 1870, after Grants Water Battery was installed in 1868. This was the first big lift given to quartz mining in the district since crushing and carting prices were reduced. By the end of 1870, from the crushing of 38 tons of quartz, a yield of 153 fine ounces of gold was shown.

The Yarra Tribute Co., working a claim under the river 50 yards upstream from the island, was highly successful from 1870 to 1874 when the reef petered. Ten years later it was rediscovered.

The old Pigtail Co. produced 1,500 ounces of gold in the two years between 1874 and 1876. It was discovered by H. Stiggins.

There were numerous Chinese in Warrandyte in those days, from which derives the name Pigtail Hill.

Diorite Dykes also proved successful ground in 1878, on the old Thompson Estate.

So what began with Louis Michel at one end of Warrandyte showed profits at the other end.

The Dykes were a mass of small quartz leaders running in decomposed rock. This proved easy crushing for the new Elliott Freehold Co., which employed 30 men on a stamp-crusher. Of 22,114 tons of material treated from the Dykes, 1,726 ounces of gold was yielded.

A venture unique in the history of gold mining in Victoria was carried out by David Mitchell, father of the world-renowned singer, Dame Nellie Melba.

He formed the Evelyn Tunnel Gold Mining Company, for the purpose of constructing a dam across the bed of the River Yarra, to divert the flow through a tunnel constructed at Pound Bend. It was hoped to puddle the bed of the Yarra for more than three miles.

A large party of mining financiers and other gentlemen assembled at the mouth of the tunnel on July 3, 1890, to watch the Yarra take on its new course.

Originally estimated to cost £10,000 and twelve months to complete, the work was carried out in three and a half months at a cost of £2,100 by the application of a new American method of construction.

The tunnel, which was 634 feet long, 18 feet wide and 14 feet deep, proved quite a success after several false starts. Despite the overburden of mud, which had to be scraped to a depth of 50 feet without suitable machinery, £8,000 worth of gold was recovered in twelve months.

With successes such as these, the prosperity of Warrandyte seemed assured for years to come, but after the turn of the century there was a gradual falling off in gold production.

Then came new gleams, including the discovering of the Caledonian Mine in 1904, but the halcyon days of Warrandyte were dwindling.

The booming days towards the end of the last century made it imperative that faster communications should be installed. So in 1900 the first telephone was installed at Warrandyte Hotel and connected with Kangaroo Ground exchange.

This, together with the faster mail services from Heidelberg and Ringwood by coach, brought the town within "cooee" of Melbourne.

Warrandyte was no longer a settlement lost in the bush, but a town, with representation on the Council at Doncaster.

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and for all of us—when the work they had
done in restoring the gold memorial should
be so heartlessly destroyed by vandals.

This restored reminder of a part of our national
heritage has been reduced to a reminder of the
ignorance and thoughtlessness of a destructive
few.

One wonders what impulse motivates such
people.

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I spoke last month of Mrs. Enid Bird's concern
and practical help for the sick and needy.

When the Warrandyte Arts Association was
formed about 1956, Enid and Malcolm Bird be-
came two of our most active supporters. Their
enthusiasm helped get the association off the
ground. I have seen them mending chairs, batt-
ling with scenery, prompting, acting, stage man-
aging and giving everything to the project in hand.

Malcolm has played many a supporting role,
beside being president of the group.

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The next member of this family is Allison Bird,
who graduated from local dramatics to such TV
productions as "Bellbird" and "Homicide" and is
well established with the Melbourne Theatre Com-
pany.

Their son David, even at school age, was a
drama lighting expert. In fact he and Vigo Stewart
re-organised the whole lighting system.

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Last month I omitted mentioning an earlier
branch of the Red Cross that grew out of activity
around the Comforts Fund during World War II.
This branch faded out for lack of active members.

Mrs. Davies, then Mrs. Miller, was president.

Many groups of various kinds have been formed
in the district which, for lack of continued support,
have ceased to exist. Pity.

●GIRL GUIDE NEWS

New Brownie Pack starts

Younger girls in the district, and their parents, will be in-
terested to learn that a new First Warrandyte Brownie Pack has
been formed.

The leader of the pack is
Mrs. D. Hartshorn assisted
by Jenny Wagner.

Girls between 7 and 10
years wishing to join
should ring Mrs. Harts-
horn (844-3617) after
5.30 p.m.

The Girl Guides have a
new leader this year. She
is Mrs. B. Reid who is being
assisted by Renee Swart. Any
girl from 10 to 15 years
interested in joining the Girl
Guides can contact Mrs.
Reid (844-3974) after
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The annual meeting of
the Brownies and Girl
Guides Local Association
will be held on Monday,
July 5, at 1.15 p.m. in the
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CLEAN-UP A SUCCESS

The First Warrandyte
Scout Group's "Cleanathon"
last month was an outstand-
ing success all round.

More than 35 Scouts,
Cubs and parents took part
and about \$250 was raised
towards renovation of the
Scout Hall.

Local residents sponsored
the Scouts for \$1 a head
in the clean-up.

Favorable comments have
been received by Warrandyte
Diary on the wonderful job
performed by the Scouts.

Areas cleaned included
along the river bank and
the main street, Research
Road, Kangaroo Ground
Rd., Tresize St., Everard
Drive and Webb St.

A Scouts' spokesman said
this week the group were
most grateful to the people
of Warrandyte for their
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Monthly Doncaster & Templestowe Council Summary on Warrandyte "happenings" by Cr. Viv Rush . . .

TWICE WEEKLY GARBAGE IS OUT

Warrandyte Ward will at present retain the once weekly garbage collection.

A new garbage contract is being prepared and will be let later this year. This is the time a change could be made for Warrandyte.

The present contract rate is 10c a bin in Warrandyte for one collection and 15c for the remainder of the City where two collections are made.

The new rates must be substantially higher due, firstly to wage rises, etc., and secondly to the longer leads to dump, possibly at Northcote, because our own tip sites are full.

In planning a bi-weekly service without Saturday work, collections would be on a 2½ day cycle, with one half collection on a two-day interval and the other a three-day.

Observations show the two-day interval expensive for its benefit.

In Melbourne, 11 of 48 municipalities have a bi-weekly collection. Mostly these are old areas that have a carry

In the last issue of the Diary we reported that some residents were pressing for a twice-a-week garbage collection.

They claimed that with modern packaging these days, bins soon became over-crammed with once-a-week collection.

on from Saturday morning work.

Some cities using council labor use Wednesday as a fill-in day on odd jobs. This is very costly.

Of our nine neighboring municipalities, only one has a bi-weekly service.

Warrandyte township constitutes less than 4% of the City's revenue, and with its low density and terrain it is difficult to service.

Once weekly service will help to maintain present services without too much increase in rates.

At present, each household is permitted two 2 cubic feet approved containers at each collection. This is equal to more than 24 gallons of household garbage a week.

RESERVE WORK

Following a meeting with clubs that use the Recreation Ground, Councils will carry out further improvements.

Extensions to the

lower oval will allow the Warrandyte Cricket Club to field another team in the 1971/72 season.

Extended parking areas at the main oval will allow football patrons better views.

Floodlighting of the main parking area will give the Youth Club a better outdoor winter area than the oval.

SUBDIVISION

Road work on the new subdivision in Harris Gully Road has begun. This is the first development since the fifties where private land, that does not front an existing road reserve, has been subdivided.

As much as many of us are against development, the zoning of residential "C" for the township has existed since 1954. This gives owners of land rights to subdivide.

Outside of this township area, the rural areas have been restricted to 20-acre minimum blocks for the past few years.

Meals scheme goes well

The Warrandyte Meals on Wheels scheme which began in April is working smoothly and the service is proving popular.

Gradually the number of people receiving meals is building up.

The organisers are providing about seven to nine meals a day three days a week.

Under the scheme, nutritional meals are provided at well below cost.

Subsidies from Councils and the Commonwealth are a big help, but a substantial sum still has to be raised by the organisers to finance the venture.

The meals are prepared at the Judge Book Homes

in Eltham and brought across to Warrandyte by a team of voluntary drivers.

About 15 drivers are on the roster. Organisers say they could do with some "jockeys" to help drivers deliver meals.

Jean Cole or Mavis McLaughlin will be pleased to hear from any person who can help in this direction.

Meals-on-wheels is not only available for elderly people.

The organisers point out they can provide meals on

a short-term basis for any young person who may be living alone and temporarily incapacitated.

Donations to the meals-on-wheels is tax deductible.

During their rounds with meals, drivers observe many of the needs of elderly people.

Apparently some of these elderly folk need maintenance work done around their homes.

This could be a chance for more senior members of the Warrandyte Youth Club to band together to help with the odd jobs that may be beyond the physical capacity of elderly people.

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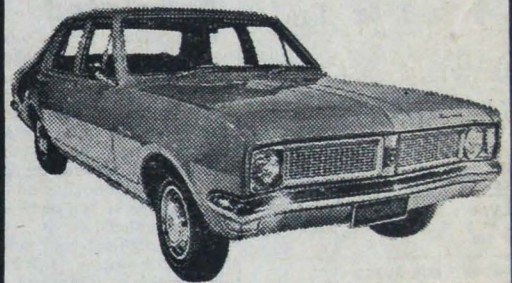
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Football Club Refreshments Served in Tent!

Spectators at football matches at Warrandyte Recreation Reserve on Saturday afternoons must feel as though they are back on the goldfields 100 years ago when they are served refreshments in a tent.

Warrandyte Football Club officials feel they deserve a better deal from the Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

The club sponsors four teams and is desperately short of space in the existing pavilion.

Because of the extra teams, more interest is being shown. Each week a big crowd attends the Warrandyte ground.

Match-box kitchen

The match-box size kitchen servery has become too small to cater for the crowds.

Distribution Manager Appointed

Warrandyte Diary now has a distribution manager. He is Mr. Stan Andrew of West End Road.

A member of the Youth Club General Committee, Stan will now be responsible for all aspects of the paper's circulation, including periodic checks on distributors and outlets.

Any enquiries or complaints concerning distribution should be addressed to him.

Stan's phone number is 844 3543.

The women's auxiliary is forced to work outside in often cold, wet and windy conditions in a TENT.

The money these women raise by selling refreshments, sweets, scones and tea, etc., helps raise the money essential to run four sides each week.

They moved into the tent because there is no room for them and their food-stuffs in the servery.

The tent has become a bit of a laughing stock among officials and players from opposing clubs. All other clubs in the competition, except Warrandyte, have a sizeable canteen.

Canteen needed

Warrandyte Football Club officials are pressing for a brick canteen from the council.

They say they look with envy at what has been done at other council football grounds, particularly Templestowe and Park Orchards.

Many football followers claim that a well-built lock-up, brick canteen could also double up and be used to ease the storage space problem.

Now that winter is with us, the muddy conditions

surrounding the ground again present problems.

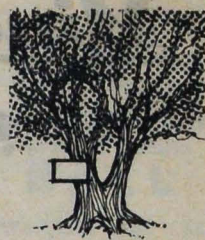
Cars, particularly those belonging to the visitors, unsuspectingly get caught in slippery, mud patches. The locals know what areas to avoid!

Football club officials say they will be approaching council to ask them if any rock or solid material can be laid to prevent cars becoming bogged, or caught in slippery conditions.

The general condition of the ground and the tidiness could not be faulted since council engaged a full-time curator.

Many favourable comments have been made on how well kept the area is compared to what it used to be.

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