BULLDOZERS-RR

"I am strongly in favour of protecting rural holdings and would bitterly resist any attempts at indiscriminate sub-divisions or re-sub-divisions."

Don INGERSOLE North Riding Candidate, Eltham Shire elections.



An unprecedented interest in conservation is sweeping Warrandyte. Residents are apprehensive about the future of our village. The controversy is raging on all fronts like a bushfire out of control.

Following letters in the Warrandyte Dairy last month, a large cross-section of our community feels so strongly about this issue that they have joined forces in calling for a protest meeting. They have come out in open support of a plan for specific action. Here are their views on this vital matter.

"WHEN WILL ALL THE TREES BE GONE . . .

"Sadly, this question could be asked here in Warrandyte not too many years from now.

"Already you can ask, "Where have all the wallabies gone?" They were plentiful in places just a few years ago. If you live in Harris Gully Road you can ask, "Where have all the bellbirds gone?" They were plentiful six weeks ago.

"How much time is there for rosellas, for kookaburras, for magpies? How much time for trees?

"In parts of Warrandyte the song of the buildozer drowns out all else. To us it sings none too sweetly.

"As the children grow up, as they play on bitumen roads, gazing at brick walls and paling fences, inhaling petrol fumes, will our wist-ful memories be an adequate subctitute? substitute?

"We are worried about the Warrandyte our child-ren will grow up in. We are worried about the sort of place it may be when we are older. "How many people do you know in your street? Or a mile away? Or two miles? How many will you know when Warrandyte be-comes another Doncaster? A human sea. And how many people will know you? You will become another face in the supermarket. A non person. A thing. The

man two doors up. A suburbanite.

"Our argument is not with the gradual settle-ment of the township area, on blocks that have been subdivided for many years. Providing trees are left whenever possible and re-planted where feasible. Providing the kerbing of streets and the building of concrete footpaths is avoidstreets and the building of concrete footpaths is avoid-ed. Providing these new-comers who come to live among us are prepared to cherish and respect War-randyte as we have tried to do do.

"It is the clearing of fur-ther bushland that we are prepared to stand against. The scarring of rural land.

ment should drive along Harris Gully road, some time soon.

meeting

"AND THIS IS ONLY THE **BEGINNING. DO WE WANT EVEN MORE?**

"We, the undersigned, do not. We are certain that the rest of our community does not want it either. Ex-cept perhaps the land speculators and perhaps the odd local businessman wanting greater sales but forgetting that this will attract comnat this will attract com-petition to Warrandyte—if you call a big new super-market, another link in a great nation-wide chain, 'competition'.

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The destruction of Warran-dyte. Anyone who doubts the validity of our argu-

"Competition". "There is only one answer. There must be a gathering of the community. It must discuss what has happened. It must discuss where we are heading. It must question the council-lors, other local govern-ment representatives and candidates for council who ment representatives and candidates for council who actively solicit our vote. What are they going to do about this?

"We must know how our councillors are exercising their discretionary powers-and councillors do have and councillors do have discretion. Is this power being used in such a way as to force closer subdivision? "What are the future plans

"What are the future plans of the Eltham Council and of the Council of Doncas-ter and Templestowe as re-gards Warrandyte? What are the plans of the Board of Works? Are these plans official and settled? Are they subject to change? "All these questions and many others must be answered. They must be answered at a public meet-ing at which we, the resi-dents of Warrandyte, must ask the questions and ex-press our opinions, about

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the sort of Warrandyte we want to live in; the sort of policy our elected rep-resentatives must follow if they are to remain our elected representatives they are to remain elected representatives.

"We must gather to save "We must gather to save our Warrandyte. Before it is too late. We will see you at a PUBLIC MEETING at the MECHANICS' HALL on FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, at 8.00 p.m."

RESEARCH ART CLASSES

A Research artist, Bar-bara Munro, is running an art group in her studio in Kanandah Court (rear of the Church of England, off the main road) for any in-terested locals. Mrs Munro, who special-ises in bark and fabric col-lage will be advising the group in whatever art ac-tivity they choose. The group meets each Thursday night at 7.30.

PRAISE FOR PARENTS

Parents of Warrandyte Girl Guides and Brownies were praised recently for their valuable assistance in the development of the Guide magnetic Guide movement.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Warrandyte District Guides and Brownies Association, loc association President Mrs local association President Mrs J. Buchanan stressed that the objectives of the Guide movement were to assist the individual girl to develop into a self-reliant and self-disciplined person. District Commissioner Mrs N Wagner outlined the

N. Wagner outlined year's activities of Guides and Brownies thanked parents for the and their support.

Mrs Wagner extended a welcome to the region Commissioner, Mrs A. P. Leigh.

Leigh. Office-bearers elected were: President, Mrs M. Swart; secretary, Mrs M. James; treasurer, Mrs E. Sharpe; bade secretary, Mrs W. Hickman.



SUPPORTERS FOR STATEMENT

The following residents, deeply disturbed by what is happening to Warrandyte, have signed the above statement. They are standing up to be counted. ler, E. M. Day, R. G. & B. Coles, A. & S. Robinson, J. & C. Green, R. & B. I. Harris. J. & H. M. Cupples, B. & H. Day, M. & L. McNamara, C. & J. Scott, A. & A. Nuzum, P. & L. North, S. Hal-pern, T. & M. Jilek, L. Cox, M. & O. Goble, P. Torok, M. Tabbiner.

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J. & H. Henke, D. Macneish, Y. Reid, J. Bucknall, J. Ellis, H. Loy, H. & P. Davidson, V. Hawkins, H. Goos-sens, G. & J. Huggins, P. Robertson, J. Walli-ker, J. Sinclair, J. Young, P. & T. Booth. C. & T. Hofman, G. & I. King, E. Hardiman, ń

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CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT WARRANDYTE, NORTH WARRANDYTE, SOUTH WARRANDYTE, WARRANWOOD, WONGA PARK & KANGAROO GROUND.

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Well-known Warrandyte identity Don Ingersole has decided to stand as a candidate for the North Riding in the forthcoming Eltham Shire Council elections.

Formerly mayor of Hawthorn and ex-director of the Moomba Festival, Mr Ingersole is standing on a policy of rural conservation, adequate finance for road repair and opposition to the proposed appointment of a general manager for Eltham Shire Council.

"I have accepted my committee's nomination be-cause I am extremely in-terested in local govern-ment and believe that my knowledge and experience can be of benefit to rate-payers," Mr Ingersole told

Warrandyte Diary last week Warrandyte Diary last week. "I strongly oppose the appointment of a general manager of Eltham Shire Council. Apart from the fact that this would be a borderline project legally, it would seem ludicrous to me to appoint a general man-

Brakenbury Street.

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Sir, As a resident of Warran-dyte for many years I am most disturbed not so much about the loss of trees, but the amount of rubbish

the amount of rubbish dumping. On the subject of trees, I believe that if they are cut down for necessity they should be replaced by better and more useful trees.

trees. What I object to is our people

Rubbish dumpers

ager over the heads of the shire clerk and engineer. "The salary for this new job is in the vicinity of \$18,000 per annum. Add this to the allied costs, and you are looking at \$30,000-\$40,000 each year. This could result in a 3% in-crease in rotes

340,000 each year. This could result in a 3% in-crease in rates. "If a council believes it necessary to make an ap-pointment of this nature, they should at least inform the ratepayers through a series of press advertise-ments headed 'Notice of Intent'. Ratepayers then have the opportunity to ac-cept or reject the proposal. "I am strongly in favor of protecting rural hold-ings and would bitterly re-sist any attempts at indis-criminate sub-divisions or re-sub-divisions. "Other matters which I

criminate sub-divisions or re-sub-divisions.
"Other matters which I would carefully watch include the pollution of the Yarra and minor waterways and the invasion of industrial zoning into residential or rural areas.
"I would insist upon an equitable and adequate allocation of finance for road reconstruction and repair and would work to protect the interests of ratepayers on rural holdings who could possibly be inconvenienced by the proposed M & MBW dam."
Mr Ingersole is aged 56 years. He lives in Bradleys Lane and has three sons. His wife, Edna, is also youtly interested in local government and has always supported her husband in all his endeavours.
Don is a returned serviceman, ex-AIF, is vice-president of Warrandyte RSL and a senior member of the Melbourne Lions' Club.

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Sir, I too, must raise my voke in protest regarding our village—though I don't suppose I shall throw my-self in front of a bulldozer, or chain myself to a drain pipe!

I have noticed the Harris Gully horror — those quarter-acre "glorious sites". I would be interested to hear Councillor Rush say a few more words on the in-dividual rights of land-holders to subdivide.

dividual rights of land-holders to subdivide. In my ignorance and in-nocence, I thought that if a piece of land, say, twenty acre block, then permission was needed from both the Council and the MMBW if subdivision was requested. Surely the individual has no automatic right to break up his land just because he is a landholder, with land zoned X, Y, Z or whatever? There are a few more questions which should be considered. For instance, how far do the bounds of "this township" extend? Where is the mythical green belt which is sup-posed to protect the country-side from cancerous Mel-bourne? Residents of Warrandyte, are we able to protect our-selves? Or is it already too late and must we say fare-well to our simple village? Warrandyte is unique, and we are lucky to live here. Let it remain that way-full of trees, winding roads, no concrete paths, few street lights.

After all, if we wanted suburban benefits we would live nearer a main rail or

N RYA

What I object to is our own citizens and people from the suburbs dumping their rubbish on other peo-ple's holdings. This offensive junk and rubbish is strewn in practi-cally every conceivable area where there are beautiful trees and bushland. Trees have become a marker for these people to unload their rubbish. Trees are not much good if the beauty expressed by them is a marker for a mound of rubbish. mound of rubbish. To have trees to beautify our hamlet is one thing, but to become a monument to a rubbish heap is quite wrong. Let's do something about this.

F. FRYER, Webb Street.

(Several letters received have been held over until next month because of lack of space,---Editor.)







Don McDonald

FRESH FRUIT &

VEGETABLES

CLAY POT Opp. bridge

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Continuing

<u>Harry Hudson's</u>

RRANDYTE

Terrible

night. Anyhow, the accused were found not guilty.

The riotous behaviour charge did not stand against the others and they were discharged also. By this time everyone was thoroughly confused by the stories of the police, the hotel-keeper and the men charged.

The police had obviously panicked about the whole affair, drawing infer-ences of secret meetings connected with the "spiriting away of witnesses," simply because people were seen entering and leaving the hotel. It is not necessary to enlighten anyone as to the reasons why people come and go at any hotel.

The whole affair was nothing but a heavy-handed joke at a time when peo-ple worked hard, played hard and lived hard in a hard new land.

John Mullens was well-known for his attempts at "livening-up" the old town. He would often ride along the main street in the middle of the night crack-ing his whip and shouting, for no other reason than "to wake the place up".

While on the subject of corpses, there is the story of the conscientious grave-diggers and the sympathetic mourners.

It has always been contended that the lost reefs passed through Warrandyte cemetery, consequently there was never a dearth of grave-diggers. Graves were dug slowly and with great care in an endeavour to "unload the lode".

It is said the grave-digger and his mates also washed the earth taken from graves before all burials. So far no gleam has glimmered, but for years there was always hope—even in death. On one occasion a reef of rock, be-lieved to contain gold, is said to have been left undisturbed across an open grave so that the coffin had to be lowered by an endwise manoeuvre under the barrier. the barrier.

Many a bereaved family has wonder-ed at the crowds of male mourners who followed their loved ones for the last time. Arrived at the grave, these gentle-men dressed in Sunday best and with their most lugubrious faces, would scan the walls of the grave with practised eye for the lost lode, taking no further part in the funeral proceedings. in the funeral proceedings.

One wonders what desecration may have taken place had gold been located in our cemetery!

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

What became known as "Chatty Incident", and caused a sensation in the English press under the heading "Ghouls at Warrandyte", was one of those high-spirited larks indulged in after a session with the grog, when egos are shifted and inhibitions discarded.

The lads were utterly consumed with uproarious fun - but the authorities "were not amused".

John Chatty, a respected Chinese citizen, early miner and inveterate gambler, lived in a three-roomed cottage near Forbes and Yarra Streets.

In 1903 he fell ill—some said it was consumption—and could not leave his bed. Although he consistently refused to have a doctor, various good friends attended him and watched over his wel-fare for three months.

As he approached his end he insisted on the presence of the local policeman in order to help him prepare his last will and testament. Constable Wade called at Chatty's house on Saturday evening, only to find the Chinaman dead. The policeman arranged, at 11 p.m., for Joe Shortland to take charge of the corpse until burial could be arranged on Monday. This meant Shortland would stay at the Chatty house.

All went well until Shortland awoke on Monday morning to find the door off its hinges and the corpse missing. After a mighty hullabaloo the body was found under a culvert close to the river. From then on things not only got con-fused, but decidedly complicated.

It appears that Shortland had two visitors on Sunday night—John Mullens and Bill Atkins—with whom he shared a half-gallon of beer, some bottled ale and which: and whisky.

Towards midnight a miner named Blair heard Mullens chuckling and sug-gesting it would be a lark to "pinch" the corpse. It was later suggested that Blair had made the proposition himself. In the meantime Shortland had ap-parently "taken the knock" after so much grog.

There was great excitement when Mul-lens and Atkins were arrested for of-fensive behaviour, and Eltham police

tale of a Chinese corpse!

aided by a plainclothes constable from Brighton arrived at Warrandyte to in-vestigate an alleged attempt to "spirit away" a witness.

In due course Mullens and Atkins ap-peared at Warrandyte Court House, but the honorary justices and the police were reluctant to open the doors to the noisy crowd outside.

In a fatuous endeavour to make a show, the police hastily arrested Mullens' three brothers, Joe, Pat and Sylvester, along with Joe Bornstein and John Sloan for riotous behaviour.

Mullens and Atkins were commited for trial at Melbourne where, instead of standing charged with body-snatching, the accused were tried for "indecent be-haviour towards a corpse"—a most un-usual charge, but probably made because they were originally accused of offensive behaviour.

It is said the court was convulsed when one witness told of a young man at the house during the night of the incident who seated himself beside the body of the Chinaman and sympathised with its soul. There seems to have been much coming and going of visitors to the Chatty house during that particular



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In the July issue of Warrandyte Diary Mr Ron Harris said: "In Harris Gully Road areas of land have been recently rezoned from five acres to quarter acre subdivision by the council without knowledge of the owner or residents in the area"

It is true that part of two lots of land have been re-zoned from rural to resi-dential in the MMBW plan-ning scheme. But the op-portunity of the owners to develop this land into resi-dential blocks has not been changed.

At the same time, seven blocks which had been pre-viously cut from one of the blocks, and fronted Harris Gully Road, were also re-zoned to residential.

In the MMBW planning scheme zone boundaries did not always follow title boundaries. But it has been customary for the develop-

GALLERY MAY NOT **RE-OPEN**

Due to the illness of its director, Anne Hudson, the re-opening of the Kutta Mahal Gallery will be in doubt for some time.

The "one-man" exhibition of paintings by Laurie Carter, it is hoped will be transferred to another gal-

> **KEEP US** IN MIND

Warrandyte Diary is anxious to hear from residents with news items, whether they have a sad, dents

whether they have a sad, serious or happy twist. We don't object to our "big brother" suburban papers getting their share of Warrandyte news, but spare us a thought and leave us a little bit of "meat". Warrandyte Diary is YOUR local paper. If you think you have a local newsworthy item, put pen to paper and drop your let-ter in our special box on the big pine tree opposite McDonald's newsagency in Yarra Street. Yarra Street.

RESEARCH ART GROUP "Treetops Studio" Kananda Crt., Research Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.

ment of all the land in one title to be developed in one zone.

The Council prepared its own planning scheme in 1966 with more local detail than the MMBW plan, and showed zoning boundaries as title boundaries. The MMBW amended its plan to conform in Febru.

plan to conform in Febru-ary, 1971. The amendments were on public exhibition in 1970 for three months and mentioned in the local

papers. All the processes of Local Government are designed to Government are designed to be time consuming—pre-sumably as a protection to ratepayers. Councillors can-not change zonings by a resolution; it needs adver-tising, plans on exhibition, consideration of objections and the consent of the Governor in Council.

Wood for elderlies

The Elderly Citizens Club The Elderly Citizens Club requested firewood from the Council for some of its members. Dead trees from the Ringwood Road will be cut up and delivered to Warrandyte Ward residents.

Numbers on poles

A request has been re-ceived from Park Orchards for luminous house numbers on electric light poles. Council is looking at the practicability and the cost.

If it is possible an extension to Warrandyte would be

But we would need house numbers first. Would they take away the character of the area? And are they desired?

Estate agents

"'Land for Sale' signs are appearing overnight like mushrooms," says a recent letter in the Warrandyte Diary.

The Council has issued planning permits for two of the shops in the group half way to Selby Store to be used as estate agents. One by a local agent, one a newcomer.

Club seeks a lease

The Wyena Pony Club is seeking a lease from Coun-cil of land in the reserve above Brackenbury Street. It has asked Council for help with development works to cost \$3,500. The local councillors will confer with the club.

RAG DRIVE

Warrandyte Primary School Mothers' Club will be holding a further rag

School Mothers' Club will be holding a further rag drive in November. The club would appreci-ate it if residents could save their rags for the drive, or, alternatively ring Elizabeth Hardiman, 8443661, and she will pick them up. The next meeting of the club will be held in the school canteen on Wednes-day, August 18, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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WHY WARRANDYTE?





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Bayswater details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 10.9 drew with Bays-water 9.15. Best: Warr, Schubert, McDonough, Knight.

SECONDS: Warrandyte 4.6 drew with Bayswater 4.6. (No (No best players named).

UNDER-17: Bayswater 11.11 Warrandyte 2.0. Best: Marshall, Gilbert, Kuipers, Condie.

UNDER-15: Bayswater 8.11 Warrandyte 2.6. Best: W. Blair, Ellis, McCartin, Phillips.

YARRA STREET

OM WAS ON C 3 footy corc

Local TV repair man Tom Kerkhof topped the goal-kicking ratings recently when he bagged 13 goals against Nunawading.

Tom has been a regular member of the Warrandyte Football Club for several years.

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Veteran local football fol-lowers could not readily re-call such an outstanding performance. One Nunawading player said after the game: "He was just too good for us on the day. We had no hope of stopping him." After kicking his first three goals, local fans yel-led encouragement each time he got the ball. This spurred Tom to greater efforts.

Warrandyte Antiques

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By three-quarter time local football historians were reaching for their record books.

books. According to information supplied to the Warrandyte Diary, Tom's 13 goals broke the previous tally of 11 goals kicked by R. "Butch" Stewart. Tom apart from being a

Stewart. Tom, apart from being a key player in the Warran-dyte side, is also an active worker for the club off the field. Warrandyte football sup-

warrandyte football sup-porters must be close to having heart attacks after the results of recent matches. When Warrandyte played Heathmont, three of the

club's four teams played draw. The under-17 sid was defeated.

But that was not the end. A few weeks later the same thing almost happen-

same thing antost that ed again. Warrandyte firsts and seconds both played drawn games against Bayswater, but the under-17 and under-15 sides were defeated.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR 'MEALS'

The annual meeting of the Meals on Wheels scheme will be held in the Presbyterian Centre on Wed-nesday, August 11, at 8 p.m. Organisers of the meals scheme are the Warran-dyte and District Welfare Service

dyte and Distinct Service. At the annual meeting office-bearers will be elected, a balance sheet presented, and a report on the group's activities. On November 1 a cup eve dinner will be held. Proceeds will assist the proceeds scheme.



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