



Christmas celebrations

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by . . .*

Singing carols by the river will be a highlight of festive celebrations in Warrandyte this Christmas.

It is fitting indeed that an Ecumenical Carol Service, during this time of goodwill, should culminate a year of activity towards Christian unity by churches in Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

The carol service will be held on the riverbank at Stiggant Reserve on Sunday, December 19, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches have been holding monthly discussions, open to everyone, and have been discovering that they have a lot more in common than they ever anticipated.

The ministers from all three churches will be taking an active part in the carol service and several Warrandyte organisations are assisting with facilities, arrangements and singers.

The service will be of special interest to children.

There will be no admission fee, but a collection will be taken up to aid the Pakistani refugees.

. . . and a birthday

This issue of YOUR local newspaper, Warrandyte Diary, marks our first year of publication.

We are proud to say that each month we have grown from strength to strength and the Diary is here to stay.

All work on the paper is undertaken on a voluntary basis. All profits assist the Community Youth Club.

We wish to thank Warrandyte people for their assistance and support.

Our circulation figures have increased and advertisers report pleasing results.

Altogether, it has been a most successful first year. Those of us who help compile the paper will strive to again give you a brighter and better village newspaper next year.

By the way, our next issue will be published in February, 1972.

Until then, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Diary editorial staff and all connected with the Youth Club.

— EDITORS

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FLATS TO BE BUILT — then no more

A double-storey block of four flats is to be built on the corner of West End Road and the Warrandyte-Heidelberg Road.

The decision permitting construction of these flats in Warrandyte was taken at a recent meeting of Doncaster and Templestowe City Council.

However, it seems quite certain that once these flats have been built they will be the last to be erected in Warrandyte.

Commenting on the decision, Cr Ken Buxton told Warrandyte Diary: "The original permit was issued to Mr Jack Williams in 1968. There were no complaints from ratepayers.

"The land has since been acquired by L. C. G. & U. Hodgson and Council had no alternative but to confirm its original decision.

"However, no more blocks of flats can be built in Warrandyte as there is no provision for this type of construction in zoning that has come into force since this original permit was issued.

"Mr Hodgson has declared his intention to construct the block of flats so that they will be in keeping with their surroundings," Cr Buxton said.

Two other items discussed at council on the same night could have important implications for Warrandyte.

The Warrandyte Road-

Pound Road subdivision, owned by Hooker-Rex Pty. Ltd., on land formerly owned by Mr A. Croxford, had been previously considered and was ready for approval by council.

However, following discussion, council decided that approval should be deferred pending legal advice in case the subdivision plan contravenes certain provisions of the Local Government Act, the Health Act, or the Stream Pollution Regulations.

Council approved an amended plan for the proposed subdivision in Webb Street.

This plan now allows for five allotments, each in excess of one acre, all with access to Webb Street.

The decision follows representations by residents in Webb Street and David Road and the Warrandyte

Diary distribution changes

As from the February and all subsequent issues the distribution procedure for Warrandyte Diary will be changed.

Copies of the Diary will no longer be distributed house-to-house, but will be available free, as soon after the first Friday of each month as possible, from all our usual outlets in Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Donvale, Research, Warranwood, Wonga Park, Kangaroo Ground and Research, plus many others still being arranged.

You should be able to pick up a copy of the Diary for February from the newsagent or store nearest your home.

We will publish a full list of shops stocking the Diary in our next issue.

However, if you would find it very difficult to pick up your copy, please phone Stan Andrew, our distribution manager — 844 3543 — and he will arrange to get a copy to you each month.

Environment League, objecting to an original plan for 32 blocks, with some blocks obtaining road access through land designated for the proposed national park.

Community Centre committee formed

A committee has been formed to co-ordinate efforts towards the building of a new community centre in Warrandyte.

Representatives of the three organisations initially involved in the projected centre — elderly citizens, arts association and youth club — met with Councillors Viv Rush and Ken Buxton and decided to establish the committee.

It will have two main

aims. To consider the requirements of each organisation within the centre complex, and to begin planning a major drive for funds to finance construction of the centre.

Office-bearers are Mr Ted Demeyer, president; Mr George Vlek, secretary; Mr Bob Watson, treasurer.

Local Federal Member, the Hon. Peter Howson, Minister for Arts and the Environment, has agreed to act as patron of the appeal.

A fund-raising sub-committee is expected to meet some time this month.

A spokesman for the committee stressed that although the three organisations mentioned have taken the initiative in this matter, any residents interested are cordially invited to offer their assistance and support.

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Teacher changes at local school

With the end of the year approaching, both Warrandyte primary schools report drastic staff changes for 1972.

Seven teachers are leaving Warrandyte Primary School and four are departing from South Warrandyte.

The changes at Warrandyte have been largely caused by teachers bettering their positions, and because a number of positions previously held on a temporary basis are now being filled by permanent appointments.

"Staffing at the school should now be fairly stable over the next few years," Mr Len Mares, principal, said last week.

Those leaving at Warrandyte are Mr F. Myring, who is transferring closer to his home at Seville; Mr D. Tinkler, who has been granted study leave; Mr G. Siddle, who has received his first permanent appointment as a rural school head at Melville Forest.

Mrs C. Lush has received promotion to Park Orchards; Mrs P. Thompson is transferring to Waldau and Misses K. Hartley and M. Trickett are also transferring, destinations as yet unknown.

There will be one more teacher at Warrandyte next year, plus a teacher-librarian, yet to be appointed.

Incoming staff are: Mr M. Byers, promoting from Rus-

kin Park; Mr G. Hooper, on promotion from the Library Services Branch; Mr G. Docking, who has completed National Service; Mr P. Moran from Kilocunda Road via Bena; Mr D. Trowbridge from Vermont; Miss L. Spargo from Doncaster South; Mrs M. Watkins from South Warrandyte, and Miss E. McConchie from Yea.

At South Warrandyte the principal, Mr. A. Gear, is being promoted to Mornington. He is being replaced by Mr G. Lord from Goroke.

Miss M. O'Toole from Mullum is being appointed to the new position of infant mistress at South Warrandyte.

Other changes are: Mrs M. Watkins is transferring to Warrandyte and is being replaced by Mr B. Tiddy from Doncaster Park, and Mr G. Whitby is going into National Service.

LETTER:

Daylight saving

Now that we have daylight saving and have settled all the arguments as to whether the clocks were to be changed on Saturday night or Sunday night, we have entered into a new era for Victorians.

The farmers don't seem to have taken to it kindly, but for the rest of us it is a change which, it is said, is as good as a holiday.

Enemies like routine, apathy and boredom may be challenged and we may be stirred out of our passivity and spend less time in front of the "box".

It will be a boon for weight-watchers as pounds disappear on the tennis court or we take a quick dip in the pool in the evening.

Undoubtedly the main benefit will be to get outdoors and really observe and appreciate the world of nature around us, probably changing us into ardent conservationists and anti-pollutionists.

The week-end will not be taken up by all those odd jobs. Instead, we can distribute them over the week and then look forward to a nice quiet leisurely time with the children at the week-ends.

I think I'll buy a garden seat this summer and enter into this new era of tranquility.

What's that you say? "Grandma wants to know will you call in on your way home from work and mow the lawn!"

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Secondary students for 1972

The wide variety of secondary schools available to local children is indicated by the destinations of outgoing grade six pupils from Warrandyte primary schools.

Exit students from Warrandyte and their destinations are as follows:

Norwood High — Donald Baigent, Felix Baker, Larry Barker, Mark Bence, Simon Dodd, Karl Hickman, Kevin Jones, Stephen Maguire, Andrew McKenzie, Ian Reeves, Richard Stringer, Pamela Austin, Amanda Betley, Michelle Cameron, Abra Day, Lynette Goodall, Jacqueline Hooke, Melanie Stephens, Karen Williams.

Mitcham Tech. — Ian Broome, Laurence Foster, Malcolm Harris, Eric Hogg,

Murray Smith, Bram Hoekveer, Janet Cook, Cheryl Inwood, Heather Martin, Jenny Nagle, Toni O'Keefe.

Templestowe High — Tony Phillips. **Ringwood Tech.** — Richard Walker, Wendy Neylon. **ERA** — Richard Browne, Rebecca Burgess. **Luther College** — Craig Wilson, Andrea Goble. **Yarra Valley** — David Wilson. **Lilydale RS** — Deborah Holland. **Aquinas** — Ingrid Krnjucev.

For sixth graders leaving South Warrandyte the pattern is similar:

Norwood High — Jenny Parlevliet, Thelma Cruden, Carol Cruden, Gianina Villanova, Wayne Grainger, Brett Jamieson, Mark Denham, Randy McGrath, Edward Pierce, Rodney Jeffreys.

Ringwood Tech. — Peter Bryant, Janine Glasson. **Mitcham Tech.** — Neville Ragg. **Luther College** — Lorene Wyss. **Heidelberg Tech.** — Kevin Marshall. **Kingswood College** — Michael Blackmore, John McLaren. **Whitefriars'** — John O'Neill. **Melbourne Grammar** — Andrew McGregor.

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"Yeah, well yer'd be flat out buildin' flats around this joint, wouldn't yer? I mean there'd be no flat land flat enough, would there?"

**mountain
greenery**

Low-lying land near the dairy during the floods last month. A council tractor went in to pull out a caravan, got bogged. A second council tractor went in to pull out both of them, got bogged. A tow-truck, with the help of the historic oak tree on the edge of the Yarra Street footpath, pulled out all three.

★ **Wide-brown-land department:** Local type proud of his river frontage worked hard to cut the blackberries and restore the bank to its natural beauty. Two days later the area was littered with three motorcycle tyres, two tubes, numerous beer cans and the remains of trees hacked down for a bonfire.

★ In "Warrandyte Story" this month (see page 5) Harry Hudson writes of an elaborate scheme to transform the recreation ground. The year was 1874. Now, almost 100 years later, plans are in the air to make the ground a fitting recreation centre for our district. Among the ideas is one to put Anderson's Creek underground. We'll just have to make sure that we get a first-class ground, and retain the natural beauty of the area.

★ If anyone should see some timber railings lying around they belong to a resident of Bradley's Lane. He recently returned home after a week-end away to find that persons unknown had gone to a good deal of trouble to dismantle and remove half the coral fence fronting his property.

Around the town

The painting group of the Warrandyte Arts Association will hold an open air art exhibition at Potters Cottage on Sunday, December 5, from 10.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. Wonderful chance to buy that Christmas present.

Mr Roy Mayne, of Research Road, Warrandyte (844-3713), points out he is available at week-ends and evenings as a commissioner for taking declarations and affidavits. Mr Mayne has had considerable experience in this field.

The WAA drama group will hold a casting meeting late in January for their first production of the year. Joan Blair (844-3281) or Enid Bird (712-0302) can supply further information.

The Warrandyte Social Club is meeting at the RSL Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings. The club has added a billiard table to the already first-class facilities available. The club is open for women who have been showing good form at carpet bowls. Meals are available on Saturday nights.

The Elderly Citizens' Club will hold their Christmas luncheon at Alfred's Homestead on Monday, December 13. Notify the secretary if you are going because final bookings cannot be completed until then. Anyone requiring transport contact the secretary. The luncheon will be the club's last get-together this year. First meeting in the new year will be on January 18.

A special general meeting of the WAA drama group will be held in the Mechanics Hall on Tuesday, December 7, to elect a secretary. Bev Richards, who was elected secretary last month, has since had to resign. Officers elected at the annual meeting were: Chairman, Enid Bird; Treasurer, Joan Blair.

Looking for somewhere to celebrate New Year's eve? Why not take yourself to Potters Cottage. The food is first-class and an excellent three-piece band has been engaged. It's a B-Y-O and admission is \$5 a head. For bookings, ring 844 3078.

The Mechanics Hall committee is not too happy. Someone has punched a large hole in the wall near

the stage. Accidents do happen, but surely the person responsible could have let the hall committee know.

Potters Cottage will begin their summer pottery school on January 17. Elsa Ardern (844 3400) is handling enquiries. First term of the potters' school in 1972 will begin on Monday, January 31.

Well-known Warrandyte potter Marjorie Eysbertse, of Koornong Court, is exhibiting some of her pottery at The Hut Gallery, Fern Tree Gully. Paintings by leading artist Gaye Bonham are also in the exhibition.

Pupils of local music teacher Mr Patrick T. Murphy will give an end-of-the-year recital at the home of Mr and Mrs L. Vizard, Selby Avenue, Warrandyte, on Sunday, December 12. Presentations will be made by Cr K. Buxton and Mrs Jarvis, acting head, Park Orchards School. Guests by invitation only.

NEW GROUP FOR SCOUTS

The First Warrandyte Boy Scouts group is preparing to form a new Scout group during 1972.

This is due to the continuing interest in Cub and Scout activities.

The group has recruited several new Scouters who will receive on-the-job training at meetings of the First Warrandyte group.

The group leader (844-3222) would like to hear from adults interested in helping the local movement. No previous experience is necessary.

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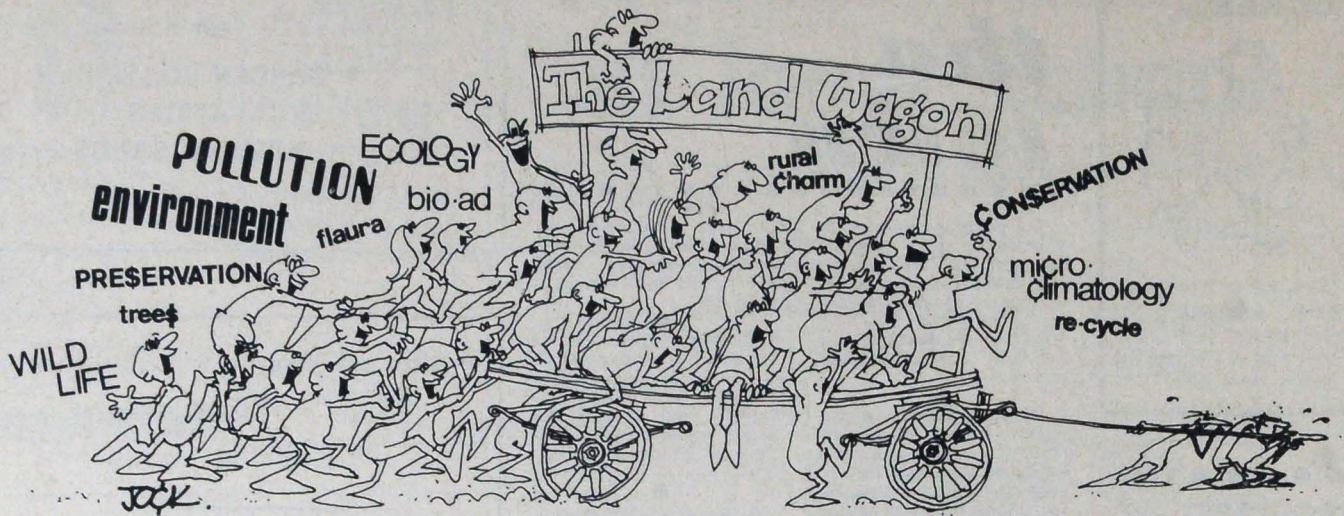
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● Introducing JUDY McDONALD, newcomer to Warrandyte, housewife and freelance writer.

Judy will be contributing feature articles to the Diary on a regular basis.

"This attractive property . . ."

By Judy McDonald

The advertisement read "One acre . . . sloping . . . timbered views . . . close to trans." My husband's waning enthusiasm for becoming a landowner was suddenly rejuvenated. Always eager to move from suburbia, I offered to see the agent the following day.

They were just raising the blinds as I entered the office, smiling optimistically. Before I had time to get out more than "One acre — yesterday's paper," I found myself comfortably ensconced in the agent's car.

He drove as though an hour late for an appointment and as we rocketed along asked more about what we hoped to buy. I had it all off pat, "Gentle slope, lightly timbered with views." His look didn't assure me that they had files chock-a-bloc with such listings — at our price — but I put it down to him not wanting to appear too pushy. I was mistaken.

"This should just suit you then," he said, screeching to a halt beside a precipice. The top of their sign-board was just visible from the road — and it was only ten feet in from the fence. I wouldn't let go the fence as we gazed at this "sloping" acre.

"Could do with a viewing platform," I joked. Apparently this wasn't funny.

"Well, you wanted a view." He waved vaguely off towards the distance, gripping the fence with his other hand.

"Yes, magnificent," I agreed, "but views actually came after ability-to-build. You see we don't just want to bring banana lounges out here on Sunday — we want to build." He obviously wished that he did have that appointment as he briskly showed me back to the car.

"Now that we're out here I'll just show you . . ." I was to hear those words a hundred times in the next few months.

The next agent I tried listened sympathetically to my slightly exaggerated story of cliffs and climbing ropes.

"Oh, I think we have the very block you're looking for. It only came in yesterday."

At least he drove as though he was only half-an-hour late, but my spirits began to sag as the winding rutted road we were following plummeted into a marshy, narrow valley, and there, surrounded on three sides by a creek with the fourth a solid wall of timber, was our "perfectly flat acre."

"I didn't know we had a cyclone last night," I said sarcastically, eyeing his sign which sure had taken a lot of battering since yesterday. He ignored this studiously and set out to list the good points of the block. However as he was sinking up to his ankles in black ooze, this didn't take long.

The rest of the land he showed me that day "now that we're out here . . ." is better forgotten. Surely someone had something between the Grand Canyon and the Black Lagoon?

The search continued. My legs were scratched and aching, my feet blistered, my agents exasperated. Still I was optimistic.

LETTER:

Thanks for flood help

We would like to thank, through the Diary, the many friends, neighbours and relations who helped us in the recent floods.

To name a few: Doncaster Council (who sent trucks and a number of men to help move out our furniture), Bill-Tinn Cupboards, Pam and Brian Murphy, Willy Vella, Les Rudd, Gordon and Thelma Kirkbridge, the Hurron family, Judy and Don McDonald, Geoff and June McLoughlin, John and Dianne Young, relieving policeman Constable Cal Dash, Mr and Mrs. Christensen, Ray Cook and the women of the Majellan Club, Neil Bloomfield of Aywon Carpets and anyone else we may have overlooked.

The way these people and others rallied around to help us was terrific and another reason why it's so good to live in "The Village".

One of our friends remarked, "Some people will do anything for a bit of publicity", but one thing is for sure — we've changed our minds about wanting a river frontage block.

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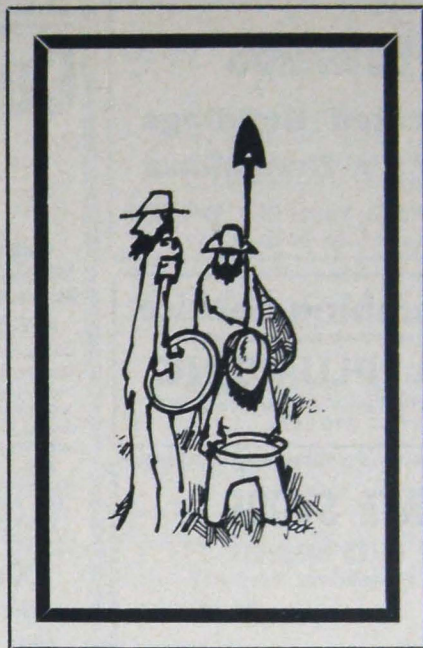
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Continuing Harry Hudson's WARRANTYTE STORY



Once the recreation ground was officially recognised as such — in 1864 — the first trustees were appointed.

They were Dr John Elms, Walter Pretty, Arthur Liddlelow, Thomas Porteous and William Collins.

Much energetic work was put into improvements over the next ten years and in 1874 the trustees presented an ambitious proposal to the Lands Department in the hope that a really fine recreation centre would be established.

Unfortunately their high hopes were never realised owing to lack of funds. Then, as now, the government had little money for developmental work and we can only assume that the local community was not wealthy enough to carry out the scheme envisaged.

The plan, which is in the possession of the Lands Department, shows a layout incorporating oval, bowling green and croquet court. At a spot where the present kiosk stands, a greenkeeper's house is shown, adjoining which is a decorative fish pond.

Willows were to supplant scrub and a rustic bridge was to have spanned Anderson's Creek. A fine dream! But although the trustees stated, in their request for £150 grant, that more than £100 had been spent on the ground over ten years, nothing eventuated.

That beautiful plan found a niche in a pigeon-hole in Melbourne, gathering dust alongside so many others, neatly tied with red tape.

In February, 1883, P. G. H. Leslie, the famous Surrey (England) opening batsman, who was touring Australia with a team from Marylebone Cricket Club, paid a surprise visit to Warrandyte in the company of J. Hare, P.M.

Magistrate Hare combined business with pleasure. He presided over the local court, imposing fines of ten shillings each on several of the locals for cutting wood on crown land, then took the English cricketer on a "comprehensive" tour of the village.

There is no record of any cricket that day, but one can be sure the cricket club entertained the eminent visitor in a manner worthy of his position in the cricketing world.

Teams from Ringwood, Lilydale, Eltham, Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hills, Christmas Hills, Croydon and others in surrounding districts all visited Warrandyte between 1880 and 1900, although there was no organised cricket. Of

Fishpond rustic bridge & brewery cricket

course Warrandyte's club journeyed to these districts for return matches, spreading the social life of cricket over a wide area.

St. Patrick's Day, 1887, must have been one of gay exuberance in the town. On that fateful day forty employees from West End Brewery visited Warrandyte. A cricket match arranged with a team of fifteen from the brewery attracted almost the entire local population to the recreation ground.

It is fairly certain that a grand picnic was the result, for the scoreboard got out of hand and showed the home eleven winning 67 to 60, whereas a later check gives the game to the brewery, 54 to 53.

Scoring arithmetic towards the end of the match must have been somewhat casual. No doubt the visiting brewers had induced all and sundry to sample the workmanship of their wares throughout the day, to the detriment of scoring records. Who cares anyway? It must have been rollicking good fun — and what's St. Pat's day for, you might ask.

One match which had a happy ending was played between the councillors of Bulleen and Nunawading shires in 1888. Warrandyte's representatives were Councillors Andrews, Stiggants and Hutchinson.

A certain amount of ill-feeling which had existed between the two shires

melted in the friendly atmosphere of the game. Once again the social advantages of cricket became evident and a more harmonious relationship grew up between the two municipalities.

A less happy incident took place during 1892. Unforgivable, the Croydon cricketers thought it. Due to play a match, the Croydon lads rode into town with gay abandon and dismounted at the recreation ground, only to find themselves in splendid isolation.

Seeking out the secretary of the home team, they learned to their dismay that that embarrassed gentleman had forgotten to inform club members of the day's arrangements. In an effort to placate the disgruntled visitors, Warrandyte's secretary endeavoured to fix a match for the following week, but the Croydonians would have none of it. Nor would they wash the dust from out of their throats with a friendly glass.

In a great huff, and hugging insult to their bosom, they mounted their ponies and galloped off in a cloud of dust. It was twenty years before a Croydon team returned.

In 1905 Warrandyte entered the Cameron Trophy Association and played regular club cricket from then on. An exceptionally fine team took the field during 1907, for at the end of the season they not only carried off the trophy unbeaten, but had on only one occasion — against Yarra Glen — failed to win every match by an innings.

It was in 1906, after a match against Carlton Cricket Club at the local ground on ANA Day, that a ladies' team took the field for the first time, to beat Carlton ladies, 19 to 19.

Around 1908 the Cameron Trophy Association gave way to the Reporter Association, sponsored by the Box Hill Reporter newspaper. Warrandyte's nomination was refused because of transport difficulties, which seems to have been a common problem among clubs in the association.

When Warrandyte did enter the competition in 1909 there was so much discontent among other clubs that it withdrew after a few games. Warrandyte's isolation was making it difficult for the locals to enjoy club cricket.

Most of these difficulties were overcome during the next few years, however, and Warrandyte gradually improved its position until 1915, when World War I put a stop to competitive sport.

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DRAMAS REVIEWED

Comedies played with gusto

The novelty and intimacy of theatre-in-the-round was enjoyed by audiences at last month's presentations by the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group.

The two plays, "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard and "The American Dream" by Edward Albee, permitted the very real comic acting talents of a number of their members.

The credibility of the accents was the highlight of "The American Dream".

Perhaps this play required

a more experienced cast to bring out its full satire, but Yvonne Reid, Doug McManus, Dorothy Bessant, Soni Hopkins and Alan Lansdowne coped remarkably well.

"The Real Inspector Hound", a play within a play, was produced with gusto and was most effective in the arena setting.

It may have worked better with a straighter treatment of the internal action, but the cast capably maintained the farcical melodramatic style throughout.

Newcomer Tim Sherwood was most convincing as the critic Birdboot. His obvious ability to play light male leads should prove an asset to the group.

Jock Macneish's mad Spike Milligan of a Magnus was a delight. Even his eyes were working.

Other players holding up their ends were Martin and Joan Golding, Jim Pleasance, Sharry McKenzie, Isabel Telford and Norm McGowan. Gary Broome played The Body, rather stiffly.

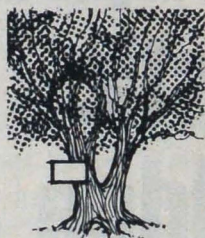
Both plays were produced by Irving Reid.—C.G.

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'YARRA RIVER IS A SEWER'

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The Yarra River has become an open public sewer from Warrandyte to the sea, according to the Labor candidate for Casey, Mr Race Mathews.

"Melbourne will be faced with a major threat to public health this summer," Mr Mathews said.

"Scientists investigating pollution levels in the Yarra now know that its water contains bacteria which causes gastro-enteritis.

"The grim truth is that we have turned the Yarra into a festering reservoir of infection which may at any moment touch off an epidemic of major proportions."

Mr Mathews said this situation was a direct result of the failure of the State and Federal Governments to plan properly for urban development and to spend enough on sewerage and drainage in expanding areas such as Doncaster, Templestowe and Warrandyte.

"More than 400,000 of Melbourne's population live in homes which are unsewered," he said.

"Their sullage water, the overflow from their septic tanks and in some cases their raw sewage finds its way directly or indirectly into our natural waterways.

"Every 100 ml of drain water in unsewered areas contains 5½-million bacteria from the intestines of animals and people whereas in sewer areas it contains only 2½-thousand of these bacteria.

"The utter inadequacy of sewerage and drainage facilities causes all of Melbourne's most serious water pollution problems.

"If an epidemic of gastro-

enteritis eventuates, all the deaths and all the human misery which go with it will rest squarely on the shoulders of the ministers who have been unwilling to meet this most basic and essential of human needs.

"The population of unsewered areas for which the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works is responsible increased between 1947 and 1966 from 66,000 to 322,000.

"The board estimates that by 1985 the homes of at least 138,000 of these people will still be unsewered and there will be nearly one million people living in other areas for which it accepts no responsibility.

"The state of waterways in these areas can be anticipated if we remember that water is regarded as undrinkable with an intestinal bacteria count of more than 50 and unswimmable with a count of more than 1,000.

"The count of the Mullum Mullum Creek is already 77,000 at Orban Road in Croydon, 39,000 at Deep Creek Road in Ringwood, 16,000 at Old Warrandyte Road, and 18,000 at Warrandyte Road, Templestowe.

"All the areas traversed by the Mullum Mullum

Creek are heavily populated with young families. Any child who swims or paddles in the creek or plays on its banks is exposed to a serious health risk.

"Melbourne's sewerage backlog, the pollution of the Yarra which it has produced and the health hazard which that pollution entails are all now so serious that they demand action not only by the State Government but by the Commonwealth.

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Keeness and enthusiasm among players, officials and supporters has helped lift the club out of the doldrums.

All players are reminded that their membership fee is now due.

The committee has warned that unfinancial players will not be considered for selection.

With so many players available the committee has ruled "no pay, no play".

Spectators were treated to a run-making feast at the Recreation Ground in a recent first eleven game.

Captain Robert White belted 131 and Steven Peake scored 118 not out. Their partnership yielded 248 runs and squashed any hopes Bennettswood had of winning.

White and Peake are batting in devastating form. White has scored two centuries.

Another outstanding performance was given by spinner Alan Woolcock at Wattle Park.

His tight bowling played a big part in Warrandyte's outright win. Woolcock finished with match figures of 11/80.

Two groups at Dance

Two groups and continuous dancing will be a feature of the Community Youth Club's dance on December 4 at the Warrandyte Hall.

One of the groups is the all-time favourite "Adam".

The dance starts at 8.30 p.m. and the cost is only \$1.

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Vice-captain John Chapman is in good form with the bat. He finishes his Army duties soon, and with more time to practice, should further strengthen the batting line-up.

Rain probably robbed the second eleven of an outright win against Bennettswood. Dennis Jackson showed his best form of the season with a hard-hitting 44.

The second eleven's four hopes were jolted when they were defeated outright by Heatherdale. This defeat showed up some weaknesses in the side.

Heatherdale blasted Warrandyte's bowlers and declared at 7/210. Heatherdale, pressing strongly for an outright, had Warrandyte in trouble at 4/15 at stumps on the first day.

However, on the second day, Adrian Newell and vice-captain Michael Lovett figured in a fighting partnership of 68 which helped pull Warrandyte out of trouble.

Just when both batsmen looked like getting on top, Lovett was run out for 26. Newell went on to make a dashing 40.

Warrandyte batted a second time. Impatient batting saw them crash again for 105 despite another fighting 34 n.o. by Newell.

The under-16 side scored an exciting seven run win against East Doncaster. This win was full of merit because the side was without

captain Terry Kuipers and Linton Smith could not bowl due to injury.

The club is again compiling the popular Warrandyte and District Business Directory. President Allan Bellinger is handling inquiries.

On the social side the club has held several successful functions. The night at Alan Woolcock's home raised more than \$50. A car trial and big Christmas hamper is coming up.

Cricket details

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 3/300 dec. (White 131, Peake 118 n.o., Martin 25), def. Bennettswood 66. (Miraj 2/12, R. Kuipers 2/15, L. Bellinger 2/19.)

Warrandyte 218 (J. Chapman 63, Peake 42, White 24, M. Davis 16), def. Wattle Park 82 (Woolcock 4/34, Peake 4/21) and 128 (Woolcock 7/46).

SECONDS: Warrandyte 159 (Jackson 44, C. Smith 36, Newell 25, Lovett 22), def. Bennettswood 47 (Thornton 6/25, Pepper 3/18).

Heatherdale 7/210 dec. (G. Smith 4/59) and 1/10, def. Warrandyte 108 (Newell 40, Lovett 26) and 105 (Newell 34 n.o., G. Smith 17).

UNDER-16: Warrandyte 115 (G. Smith 28, T. Kuipers 21, L. Smith 17, Ferris 14), v. Box Hill North. Match called off on second day because of rain.

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