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TENNIS CLUB: FOLDING?

After many years of successful and continuous existence Warrandyte Tennis Club is faced with the prospect of abandonment.

Lack of public interest and council support are advanced as reasons for the club's possible collapse.

"The club is seriously considering folding up," president Keith Wilson told Warrandyte Diary this week.

"There are a number of reasons for this sad situation," he said, "notably our inability to obtain assistance from council, despite con-

stant pleas over many years. "Present councillors have shown some interest, but having struggled to hold things together for the past three or four years we are now at rock-bottom.

"There appears to be no alternative to a wind-up".

Mr. Wilson pointed out that large clubs in surrounding districts have attracted many of our promising young players.

"This is natural enough," he said. "These clubs are all enjoying considerable council support and now have excellent facilities.

"My wife and I have been associated with the Warrandyte club for 17 years and our children are both active players.

"For us, and for the one or two others who have worked hard over the years, it is sad to see the club disintegrating.

"But we must face the facts of life."

Many residents will be alarmed at the possibility of the club's abandonment.

Even if they do not play tennis themselves they will be aware that without a club the tennis courts must ultimately disappear and their children will be deprived of yet another recreational facility.

We are desperately short of sporting venues in Warrandyte. The tennis club should not be allowed to disappear without a trace.

A meeting of club members, parents of juniors and others interested has been called for 8.00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, at St Johns Church Hall in Taroonia Ave. to discuss the future of tennis in Warrandyte.

Youth Club meeting

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club will be held in St. John's Sunday School Hall, Taroonia Ave., on Monday, March 20, commencing at 8 p.m.

"The youth club is in desperate need of community help," secretary Mr Ron Harris said this week. "We appeal to all parents and everyone else interested to come along and give us their support."

They won't be be taking it with them . . .

As their first production for 1972, the drama group is presenting this month the rollicking American comedy "You Can't Take It With You".

Staged as part of the Arts Association's second annual "mini-festival", the play will commence its season on Friday, March 17 and continue each Friday, Saturday and Sunday night until March 26.

In the Ted Demeyer photo below are the cast of "You Can't Take It With You".

From left to right they are: Claude Herring, Chris Stevenson, Enid Bird, John Gooding, Leo Nette, Tony Hurdle, Joan Golding, Norm McGowan, Nanette Hills, Stan Lansdowne, Jenni Aldor, Tim Sherwood.

In the foreground is Lynne Sherwood.



Junior footy

Over the years Warrandyte sporting enthusiasts have always rallied strongly for a local cause.

However, over the past two years a handful of Warrandyte Football Club followers have had a battle on their hands to keep the under-17 side going.

The fact is that too few parents are showing enough interest.



Club officials say that if they can recruit one or two more parents it would help overcome the transport problem when the side plays away.

"These boys are terribly keen. Surely there must be someone in the district who could spare two hours on a Saturday morning to help them out," said club president, Mr. J. Templeton, this week.

The under-17 group is perhaps the hardest to fill in Warrandyte and the club is on the look-out for more players.

Mr. Templeton (844-3785) is keen to hear from any players eligible for the under-17 side.

Have your say on MMBW plan

Local residents will have an opportunity to examine, question and discuss the MMBW plan, as it affects Warrandyte, at a public meeting to be held this month.

Called by the Warrandyte Environment League, the meeting will be held in the Mechanics' Institute Hall on Tuesday, March 14, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

The League's acting secretary, Mr Richard Morton, told Warrandyte Diary this week that the gathering is being called to examine the plan following instructions handed down to Environment League officers by the over-flow public meeting held on August 13 last year.

The August meeting was a direct result of fears that Warrandyte was being destroyed, originally expressed by readers' letters published in the Diary.

"We hope that everyone who came to the original meeting, plus anyone else concerned, will be present at the meeting on March 14," Mr Morton said.

"The Board's plan is the



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WARRANDYTE?

key to Warrandyte's future. It is essential that everyone who lives here should accept the responsibility of ensuring that it genuinely serves the wishes of the majority of residents.

"The League can only proceed if it has a mandate for action from the people it represents."

It is hoped that a spokesman from the Board of Works will be present to explain the plan and answer residents' questions.

Local councillors from both sides of the river have also been invited to attend.

"We want to stress, however," Mr Morton concluded, "that the meeting will not be a MMBW or council public relations junket. It will be a genuine opportunity for residents to express their opinions and exercise their will."

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Around the town

There has been some confusion regarding the local doctor's phone number. Dr. Rob Allen's surgery is 844-3044.

New committee members will be elected at the bi-annual meeting of parents at the Warrandyte State School on Wednesday, March 29, at 8 p.m. Nomination forms are obtainable from the principal.

The Warrandyte and District Welfare Service meals on wheels will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 16 at 8 pm at the home of president, Mrs M. Coleman. An amended constitution will be presented for adoption. All interested in the meals scheme are invited to attend.

Any newspapers, magazines, or old phone books lying about the house? The Girl Guide and Brownie local association is holding a paper drive on Saturday, March 18. Papers can be picked up if you are unable to bring them to Mrs Wagner in Pound Road. Phone

numbers to ring are 844-3393 and 844-3744.

This month will be an important one for the Warrandyte Fire Brigade. The brigade's general meeting will be held on March 14. The social club meeting will be held the next day.

The annual general meeting of the 1st Warrandyte Scout Association will be held in the Scout Hall on Tuesday, March 21 at 8 pm. Parents, keep this night free.

All groups in the Warrandyte Arts Association are combining for the second annual mini festival opening at 8 pm in the Mechanics Institute on Friday, March 17. The show will wind up on March 26. Highlight of the festival will be the first play of the season "You Can't Take It With You."

CHURCH TALKS TO CONTINUE

The next inter-church ecumenical service and discussion will be held at St. Gerards Catholic Church, Brackenbury St., on Sunday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

An open invitation is extended to people of all religions to attend.

"If you don't have any particular religious beliefs and don't normally attend church don't let that keep you away", one of the organisers said this week.

Sunday church services in the area are:—

St Johns Presbyterian Church, Tarooma Ave., Warrandyte Phone 844-3476—10 am. St Stephens Anglican Church, Stiggant Street, Warrandyte 844-3473—10 am. Emmanuel Anglican Church, Hopetoun Rd, Park Orchards 844-3473—8.45 am. St Gerards Catholic Church, Mitchell Ave., Warrandyte 870-0509—7.30 am & 10.30 am. St Annes Catholic Church, Knees Road, Park Orchards 870 0509—9 am & 5 pm. Gospel Church, Yarra Street, Warrandyte 712-0233—10 am Sunday School, 11.30 am Morning worship & Communion, 6.30 pm Evening Service.

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"Who needs a Youth Club anyway? Only the kids — and kids don't get to vote".

Golf day a success

Another successful RSL v Warrandyte Football Club golf challenge was held recently at Healesville.

The football club won three matches to two, with one drawn.

At the prize-giving ceremony at an undisclosed spot, serious charges were made that the football club was paying money to influence RSL members to play with them!

It is likely the team sheets will be checked more thoroughly next time and that the RSL will demand transfer fees.

Mr George Bell, assistant organiser of the golf day, accepted the handsome loser's trophy on behalf of the RSL.

Results included: Best net score: Brian Tomlinson (W.F.C.) 60. Best Nine: Kevin Luttick and Ken Sargeant (W.F.C.) tied. Worst score: Les McGinnes.

Red Cross Appeal

The annual Red Cross appeal in Warrandyte will be held on Sunday, March 19.

Last year organisers reported an excellent turn-out of collectors, mainly young people, and they are hoping for a similar response this year.

Anyone who is prepared to help can ring Mrs Pat McAuley, 844 3470.

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- 4—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.
- 5—Ecumenical Church Service.
- 7—WAA Junior Drama Class. Guides.
- 8—WAA Copper Jewellery, Sculpture and Painting Classes.
- 9—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
- 10—ALP Branch Meeting.
- 11—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.
- 13—Tennis Club Meeting. WAA Junior Drama Class.
- 14—WAA Junior Drama Class. Guides. Warrandyte Fire Brigade Meeting. Environment League Public Meeting.
- 15—WFB Social Club. WPS Mothers' Club. WAA Copper Jewellery, Sculpture and Painting Classes.
- 16—Elderly Citizens. Meals on Wheels meeting.
- 17—WAA Play and Mini-Festival.
- 18—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes. Guides' Paper Drive. WAA Play and Mini-Festival.
- 19—WAA Play & Mini-Festival. Diary copy closes. Red Cross Appeal.
- 20—Guides LA. Youth Club Annual Meeting.
- 21—WAA Junior Drama Class. Guides. Scouts' General Meeting.
- 22—WAA Copper Jewellery, Sculpture and Painting Classes.
- 23—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
- 24—WAA Play & Mini-Festival
- 25—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes. WAA Play & Mini-Festival.
- 26—WAA Play & Mini-Festival.
- 28—Guides. WAA Junior Drama Class.
- 29—WPS Parents' Meeting. WAA Copper Jewellery, Sculpture & Painting Classes.
- 30—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.

NOTE: All care taken with dates, but no responsibility can be accepted by the editor.

• LOCAL COUNCILLOR VIV RUSH REPORTS . . .

Permits have been refused for a swimming pool display centre near Deep Creek and a plant hire and building storage yard in Webb Street.

The refusals have been advised by the M.M.B.W. Both the businesses are in the rural zone.

Under the Metropolitan Planning Scheme, the council has not been delegated powers for the rural zone.

The M.M.B.W. has also refused a child minding centre at Pound Bend in the proposed open space zone.

All applicants may appeal against the refusals.

There is a large expenditure for reinstatement of pavements where water scours from blocked private culverts and filled in drains.

The old type of council roadman no longer exists. If you see your crossing blocked, a few minutes could save a lot of rate money.

SUBDIVISIONS

Roads are being constructed on a 119-lot subdivision at Pound Road-West End Road. Council has tentatively approved a six lot subdivision at Harris Gully Road and Hodgson's Road, and a 25-lot subdivision on a proposed road off Harris Gully Road.

It has also approved a five lot subdivision with a requirement for all waste septic tanks facing Webb Street. This replaces the 32-lot with a road off David Street refused by Council.

All these subdivisions are in the existing Residential "C" zoning.

NO PUMPS

Council will not be renewing the licences for kerbside petrol pumps which exist at Warrandyte and Templestowe.

RUBBISH

Council is seeking a conference with Forestry officers for assistance in helping to control the rubbish dumpers in the Reserve at the top of Webb Street.

POLLUTION

Tests at recreational areas throughout Pound Bend and Warrandyte indicate the Yarra River is safe for swimming.

The tests were carried out by Melbourne University authorities using the standard laid down by the American Water Pollution Control Authority.

Results from the Warrandyte tests are consistent with those of a private firm acting for the Shire of Eltham.

The real solution of drains and sewers will take a long time to implement and will be expensive to rate-payers. Such a solution also needs public acceptance and support.

Meanwhile, watch the greasetrap and the septic tank effluent.

Another matter where Council appeals for co-operation is on drive-ins to private property.

By law, the construction of crossings from the roads, including pipes in the drains, are the responsibility of owners, and so is the maintenance.

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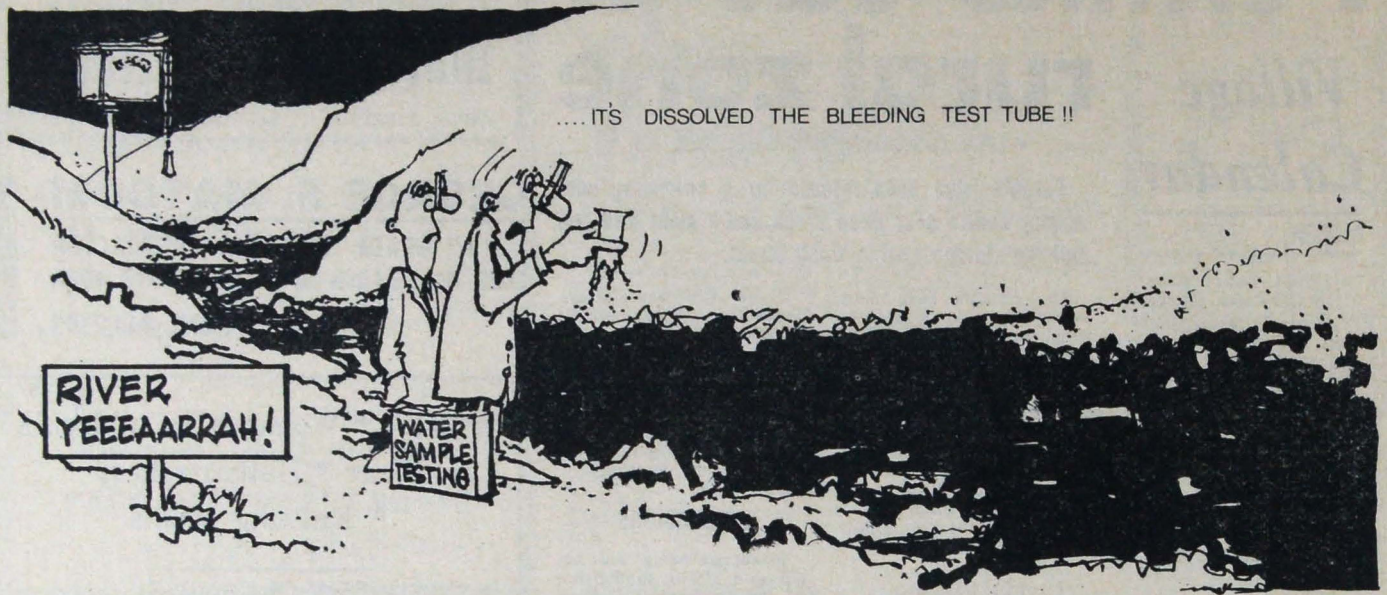
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There is something in the air . . .

BY JUDY MACDONALD

Early maps of Warrandyte show "our" hill as Growlers Hill.

Maybe the miners growled as their mules slithered and staggered on the steep tracks leading to the mines.

Or maybe they growled when the reef they were following took a plunge beneath a ledge of rock, a ledge which remained impervious to pick and shovel.

The growls would have been louder when the summer sun blazed from the sky, causing trickles of sweat to prickle their beards, smart their eyes, and soak their cork-fringed hats.

Whatever the reason for the name, something in the air makes it so.

This dawned on me when I heard the low growl in my husband's throat when he first saw the block that I had fallen in love with.

"Too steep, too steep", was all he muttered for days, and I wasn't brave enough to ask if he meant the cost or the slope.

When he finally stopped growling he even started to purr a little.

After being convinced by me, and relatives, and me and friends, and me, that the view was worth any inconvenience.

The next person the air affected was the builder, although I must admit his growl was more of a groan and not to be compared with

the thorn-in-the-pad growl from our bank manager.

The neighbours have been marvellous and very restrained with their growling.

After all, it's a bit hard watching a huge brick truck thundering towards ones house at sixty mile per hour—in reverse!

Or to have invading armies of sweating little men rushing downhill past one's house on the front of forty foot lengths of roofing iron.

I know rushing doesn't usually apply to tradesmen, but in this case once that iron started to move it didn't want to stop, and at one stage we visualised the whole shipment making its way at breakneck speed to the centre of the village, shaving everything in its path as it went!

The removals man, though not actually growling, barely managed to keep his smile and his hand shook visibly as he wrote out the quote.

Mine shook harder as I read it.

There is, however, something in the air which takes the growls away.

To look out over the mist filled valleys in the newness of an autumn dawn, at the mountains rising out of their morning bath; to stand in the shadow cast by the hill late on a summer afternoon and see the glint of far-off windows reflecting the apricot wash of the sky; or just to hear the birds that still—and I hope always will—about there, would still anyone's growls.

A few steps from the house is the uninviting entrance to a mine.

Busy spiders and lazing lizards lurk in its mouth.

Nearby, a pile of spoil bears witness to this being a place of dreams.

The molten glob of wired glass that was perhaps a miner's lantern, now scorched black by a searing flame, shows that it was also a place of nightmares.

Myriad wildflowers nod and sway along the winding path to the nearest house, hardly a sound disturbs the stillness except perhaps the annoyed revving of yet another motorist who doesn't know the meaning of "no through road".

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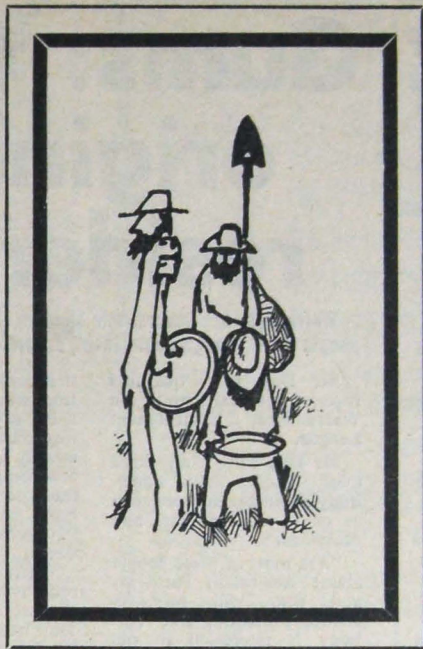
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Warrandyte never really recovered its prosperity after the collapse of the workings at Elliott Freehold on Pigtail Hill in 1881.

Most miners in the town were thrown out of employment and as the company was unable to recoup its losses, they drifted away.

All this coincided with the Land Boom, which can only be paralleled with the depression years of the 1930's.

The power and glamour of gold had over-shadowed all else in Warrandyte, but while conceding that gold helped start our town, it has never been so important as many would have us believe.

Of those who pioneered the more solid industries, such as fruit-growing, pig-farming, sheep and cattle, little is recorded. The unspectacular side of Warrandyte's economy was "born to blush unseen".

Although such an item as tobacco never made any great contribution to the district's economy, it is worth noting that the first tobacco grown in Victoria came from the property of Mrs Ellis on Kangaroo Ground Rd. This worthy woman also produced the first ton of honey ever exported from Victoria.

Small items no doubt, but ones which helped form a solid core behind the froth of gold and help dispel the once common pessimistic and disparaging criticism of the value of local soil. In parts the soil is unarable—but only in parts.

At Kangaroo Ground the Stephensons raised sheep and produced the first wine in the vicinity of Melbourne. It was from these vineyards that wine was supplied to Government House for many years, until the blight—from which they never recovered—attacked the vines. The same blight ruined vineyards at Lilydale.

Vegetables in quantity have been grown in the district, and at Pound Bend there is a market garden of quite large acreage. Stony Creek is another arable area, where there was a herb farm.

End of the days that used to be

The cultivation of flowers has been, and still is, a favourite pastime. In some instances quite profitable.

These are but a few instances of the real work of our pioneers.

The impression so far given is that Warrandyte, because of gold, was huddled around Anderson's creek, or scattered for a few miles along the river.

At first that was the picture that presented itself, but after 1900, when the drifters had drifted on, the solid settlers established themselves over a wide area, carving a future out of the bush, far from the river and the original goldfield.

With the erection of a Mechanics' Institute—now known as The Hall—Warrandyte's social life gained a new focus.

Dances, concerts, public meetings and later a cinema drew the inhabitants together regularly. Clubs and associations were formed with a view to establishing cultural as well as sporting interests.

The introduction of motor buses between Melbourne and Warrandyte put "paid" to horse-drawn coaches and encouraged a new generation to seek work in and around the city.

Most of us look back with nostalgia on those friendly family motor buses. Our daily journeyings were watched over by those drivers with the same concern as a hen for her chicks.

Although the driver would never start until everyone was aboard we were never late on the job. Considerable latitude was given to latecomers and it was always with regret and a certain amount of disquiet that the driver started without any member of his bus-family.

One example, among many, was the occasion on which the bus stopped outside the home of a "regular" on the way to Templestowe. Mother was waiting at the gate, the house was 100 yards from the road.

"Rosy's a bit late this morning," said Mum. "She's just getting a bite of breakfast. Don't mind waiting, do you?"

"She's right. How're the apples coming along?" said the driver. "It's a good year for tomatoes."

The conversation drifted on for more than five minutes before Rosy burst from the house at a gallop. In one hand swung a small case, in the other was a last piece of toast.

"Well, s'long, see you tomorrow," called the driver, starting his motor.

Mother strolled to the gate, watching the bus and its family rounding the bend.

Some say "those were the days". Perhaps they were. Perhaps they are but the sweet memories of youth. But the tragedy of progress has made the bus service impersonal—a slave to rush and bustle and increasing population.

Will Warrandyte—our village—also fall victim to these things? Need it all be so inevitable?

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Gums: Our original residents

Warrandyte has several fine species of gums, but too few people know enough about them, according to Mr Bruce Day.

Mr Day is a qualified forester and chairman of the Warrandyte Environment League.

Mr Day said it appeared many people talked knowingly about exotic trees such as oaks, elms, poplars and camellias.

"Ask most of these people about Australian eucalypts and they will probably answer something like 'Nobody is interested in old gums.'"

Mr Day thinks it is time

that contempt for our native trees was changed.

He says that for ease of identification, eucalypts are usually divided into classes according to the nature and the type of bark—ironbarks, box barks, gum barks, stringybarks and peppermint barks.

Warrandyte has representatives of all these classes, except ironbarks. The nearest ironbarks can be seen at Kangaroo Ground.

Mr Day says there are three box bark trees commonly seen in Warrandyte. They are red box, yellow box and tangle leaf box.

The box bark leaves are round both when juvenile and mature. The wood was used extensively last century for mine props, hence large trees are now scarce.

Some good examples are growing below and on the east side of the War Memorial near the bridge.

The yellow box is a tall, graceful tree. Some excellent specimens of this tree can be seen near builder Alex Edward's premises at the junction of Yarra St. and Harris Gully Rd.

There is also another example in the car park opposite the Grand Hotel.

The longleaf box is an irregular, branchy tree of medium height. The lance-like leaves are 6 to 8 inches long, curved, up to two inches wide, dark green in colour, and pendulous.

A good specimen of this tree can be seen in the front garden of the former Waxworks museum.

Mr Day says that by pointing out these trees in the Warrandyte area he hopes people will recognise these "original residents" more readily.

Top Labor man is guest

Guest speaker at the local branch meeting of the A.L.P. on Friday, March 10, will be Mr P. Nolan, assistant secretary of the Trades Hall Council.

The meeting will be held in St Stephen's Church of England hall, Stiggart St, at 8 p.m.

Office-bearers are: Chairman, H. Van Gemert. Senior vice-chairman, C. Bentley. Junior vice-chairman, D. Duckworth. Secretary, J. Davis (844 2108). Treasurer, R. Hopkins. Returning officer, M. Richards.

Tell us all about it

We want your news. Jot down your club reports and doings and drop them in the letter-box on the old tree in Yarra St.

Beth Gallagher (844-3518) is interested in personal paragraphs. Give her a ring.

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When will someone give us a pedestrian crossing in our main street?

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Our taxi service has taken flight. There we sit hopefully at the old taxi stand, but in vain. I think we will have to acquire an old-fashioned hansom cab to trundle us on our various ways. Anyone for a ride?

Warrandyte Fire Brigade, a very important unit in our community, is seeking greater support from us all. They are out to really make things hum and are forming a social club. The inaugural meeting (details elsewhere in this issue) will be followed by wine-tasting get-together in April.

Talking to a dear old soul one day about the best way to time boiled eggs. I asked her if she had an egg-timer. "Oh no," she said. "I sing two verses of 'Nearer My God to Thee' for soft and three verses for hard." We might try that one. Cheers.

New Guide leader

First Lieutenant Renee Swart has been appointed leader of the Warrandyte Girl Guides.

Renee replaces Mrs Barbara Reid who was captain last year.

Michelle O'Brien has become the first Warrandyte Brownie Guide to advance to the 1st Warrandyte Girl Guide Company.

Two Park Orchards girls, Amanda Mendes and Pamela Ball recently joined the Guides.

Other newly enrolled Guides are: Pam Austin, Debbie Inwood, Cheryl Inwood, Rebecca Burgess, Jenny Vizard, Lisa Van der Haar, Morgan Arkcoll, Marie McDougall, Karen Bentley.

Waiting list for Cubs

Cubs have started again this year with a full pack and a substantial waiting list.

On Saturday, March 11, the pack will visit a model railway display at the Camberwell Civic Centre.

Last month a 'hobo' night was held and there were some funny costumes. Equal first prize for the worst costume was won by Andrew Ley and Warwick Hartog.

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Traffic worry at school

About people

Nursing sister Sue Church, of Melbourne Hill Road, is driving to Perth where she will holiday for a few weeks before taking up a hospital appointment.

Mrs Sally Newton has returned to England after several months in Australia visiting her family. Mrs Newton's daughter, Ann Hilton, lives in Webb St. Before departing, Mrs Newton said she was taking back many happy memories and hoped to make a return visit.

Well-known potter Marj Beecham and her husband, Pie, and family, have moved to Warrandyte. They have bought Pie's old family home "Landfall" in Castle Road.

John and Mireille Golding have returned after one and a half years visiting Ceylon, India, Nepal, Greece, France, Spain and England.

Local business woman Joan Blair appeared recently in several episodes of the popular TV serial, *Bellbird*. Mrs Blair is an active member of the Warrandyte Arts Association.

Mr and Mrs Jim Hornings, of Mitchell Avenue, have returned from a recent holiday on the Gold Coast.

Well known local music teacher Patrick Murphy spent his holidays in Indonesia.

Ko and Muffy Ehrenburg flew to Holland recently to visit Ko's family.

Les and Geneve Gough, daughter Leanne, and son Peter, have returned from three weeks in New Zealand.

George Broome and sons Gary and Ian are back after an air trip to England. They visited George's father.

WAA drama group member and Warrandyte State School committee member, Dr. Tony Hurdle, is leaving with his family in June to live in England. He was chairman of the drama group committee for two years.

Copy for next issue

Copy for the next issue of Warrandyte Diary must be in the hands of the editor by Sunday, March 19.

Traffic congestion outside the Warrandyte State School is causing problems again this year.

School committee chairman, Mr R. Anderson, has appealed to parents to help ease the situation by driving correctly and leaving children where they do not have to cross the road between cars.

The school principal, Mr L. Mares, has been helping direct cars outside the school gate.

The school committee have approached the council to examine the problem.

Washaways have made the road extremely hazardous in the Brackenbury St. extension and Anderson Street.

New parents — and others still uncertain — are reminded of the bell times at the school. First bell is rung at 8.50, when children should be at school and can enter the buildings to put their bags away. It's commonly known as the "bag and mag" bell. Second bell to gather for assembly is rung at 8.57. Assembly starts at 9 a.m.

The natural playground area planned last year for a section of the school ground is now well under way.

The excavation for the site was carried out just before the holidays by Mr

Ron Day. Mr Dick Visser is supervising the construction of the pieces of playground equipment, planned by George James, who also surveyed the site.

These three men have donated their services to the school. Other parents are asked to assist by helping at working bees throughout the year.

Secretary of the School Committee (Beth Gallagher 844 3518) will be pleased to hear from parents in this regard.

The money for the playground was raised last year by the pupils when they took part in a walkathon organised by the Mothers' Club.

The canteen is open every Monday throughout the school year.

Starting on the first Friday after Easter, pies and pasties will be available.

The canteen committee has decided to supply wholemeal rolls and white bread sandwiches this year instead of all white bread and rolls.

Proceeds from the sale of lunches raises about \$800 a year towards school funds and is assisting greatly towards construction of the new library.

FOOTBALL NAMES

The year the Warrandyte Football picture was taken (see back page) was 1958. Team members were:

Back row, L to R:— G. Day, B. Miller, A. Grasser, T. Carroll, B. Tomlinson, J. Bromage, K. Blenheim, J. Crooks, G. McDonough, Brian Day, G. Hewitt, Bruce Day, D. Fry (Hon Sec).
Front Row, L to R:— L. Aiken (Trainer), S. Craker (Head trainer), J. Reid, B. Stephens, W. Haines (vice-capt.), W. Cornhill (Pres.), R. Green (Capt.), J. Warr, G. Mawer, R. Haines, K. Wilson, R. Laphorne (trainer), Absent: G. Schultz.

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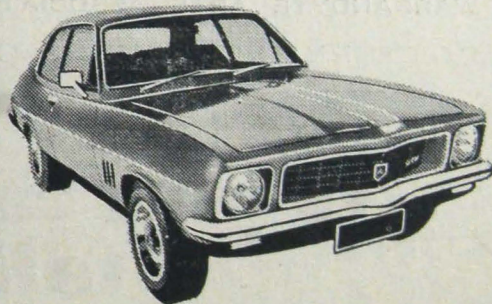
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VFA man to coach locals

Former North Melbourne and VFA player Brian Backhouse has been appointed playing coach of Warrandyte Football Club.

Backhouse has a reputation as a strong utility player with Waverley.

Warrandyte is fortunate that Backhouse has moved into Warrandyte and can devote much of his spare time helping develop the side.

For the past few years Warrandyte has finished just out of the four. Many supporters believe that a player of the calibre of Backhouse can get them into the four.

"But we must have the support of every player, official and supporter in Warrandyte for this to happen," club president, Mr Jack Templeton said this week.

Training has already started under Backhouse and it is obvious Warrandyte will be a much fitter and more enthusiastic side this season.

Mr Templeton (844-3785) and Backhouse are anxious to hear from any new players who may have moved into the district.

At the club's recent annual meeting, Mr Jack Templeton was appointed president for his fourth term.

New secretary is Brian Harris. Treasurer is Kevin Luttick. Mr. T. Warr is vice president.

Keith Rochow, who led the second 18 into the finals last season, is believed to be interested in tackling the job again this season.

An under-17 coach has not been appointed as yet. David Mitchell will again coach the under-15 side.



CRICKET:

3 teams in finals

All three Warrandyte cricket teams have reached the finals this season.

The B2 side finished fourth and is playing Forest Hill this Saturday (March 5) at Blackburn No. 2 ground in the first semi-final.

The D2 side which was formed this season finished third and are playing Heatherdale at Blackburn South.

The under-16 side is playing Burwood at Walker Park, Mitcham. After a poor start, Warrandyte's middle order batsmen pulled the side out of a lot of trouble.

This season has been one of the best for many years.

Tickets are selling well for the end of the season presentation night dinner dance.

Enquiries for tickets and bookings can be made with Glen Martin (844-3535), Peter Lovett (844-3794) or John Chapman (844-3326).

Of the three sides in the finals, B2 is perhaps the luckiest to be appearing.

In their last two matches the side was beaten outright and looked anything but a final four side.

But luck was with them. Some of the fancied sides

were beaten by down-the-list clubs and this allowed the B2 side to grab a shaky hold on fourth place.

The D2 side held their place in the four throughout the season. However, their form in recent matches showed batting weaknesses.



In the last game before the finals, Blackburn North, who are not in the four, almost scored an outright.

Blackburn batted first for 81. Warrandyte resumed at 3/74 then crashed to be out for 95.

Sensing an outright, Blackburn threw the bat at everything for a quick 56. Denis Jackson turned on his best bowling spell for the season to take 6/11.

Warrandyte again failed miserably with the bat and had to defend grimly to be

9/32 at stumps. One more wicket and the game would have swung Blackburn's way.

The under-16 side won a "death or glory" match against Burwood in the final home and home game. If they were defeated they would have missed out on the finals.

Warrandyte won the toss but were soon in trouble. Openers John McCartin and Trevor Craker failed to score.

Ken Ferris showed his best form for some time with a sound 18. He and Geoff Bellinger (26) were the only batsmen to offer much opposition.

Latest scores:

Firsts: Heatherdale 146 (Woolcock 3/38) and 4/41 (White 3/15) def. Warrandyte 83 and 103 (J. Chapman 39).

Seconds: Warrandyte 95 (A. Newell 30, S. Wilson 25) and 9/32 def. Blackburn North 81 (L. Bellinger 5/22, S. Wilson 3/13) and 56 (D. Jackson 6/11).

Under-16: First semi-final: Warrandyte 87 (G. Bellinger 26, Ferris 18) v East Burwood 0/7.

This picture should bring back memories. Many claim it was one of the best football sides ever produced in Warrandyte. They won a premiership in the top division of the Eastern Districts Football League. Test your memory and see how many you can recognise, and what year it was they won the flag. Many members of the side are still living in Warrandyte. Several are well known in local business, while others are playing a big part in community affairs. One or two were active players last season. Sorry, we don't want to embarrass anyone by giving ages, but turn to Page 7 and see how you fared with their names. Many thanks to Mr Wally Cornhill, of Port Phillip Press for supplying the picture.

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