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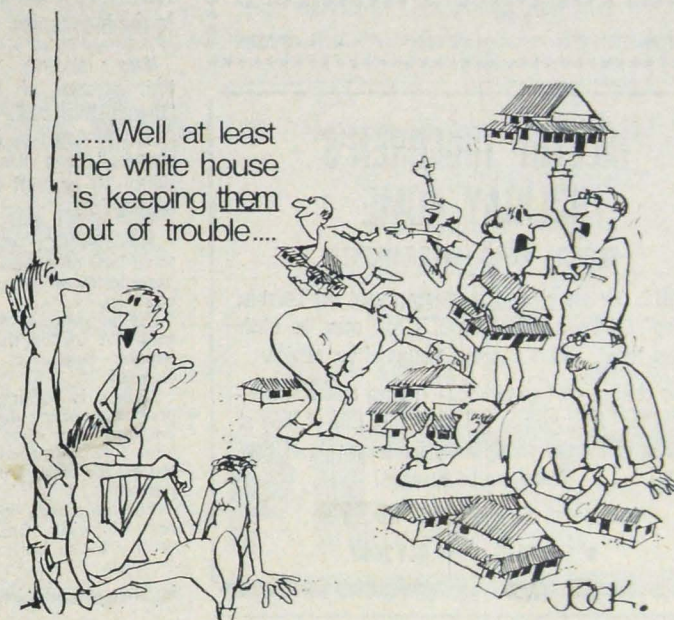
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# Council quiet on White House

• EDITORIAL

# WHERE IS OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE?



Local residents are asking, "What has become of Warrandyte's proposed community centre?"

On the surface, so far as Warrandyte Diary can find out, nothing concrete.

It would appear the scheme is in danger of falling flat for want of a few thousand dollars.

The original intention of Doncaster and Templestowe Council was to purchase the White House in Tarooma Ave. as temporary headquarters for the Community Youth Club and the

Elderly Citizens.

The council then planned to ultimately demolish the White House and erect "a fine new centre" on the site.

Last thing we heard, the Town Clerk was nego-

tiating over a price with the owners of the property. Apparently agreement has not yet been reached.

These premises are needed now.

Youth Club junior and senior groups are still meeting each week in totally inadequate conditions in the recreation ground pavilion.

The Keystone Club, catering for the important 16-21 age group, is in danger of collapse for want of clubrooms.

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club is still in need of a permanent home after many years of battling.

In our growing community both organisations are serving a need. The youth club, for example, is catering for many young people whose requirements are not being met by other groups in the area.

Anyone doubting this should look in at the club's monthly Saturday night dance.

Compared to other areas in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe, Warrandyte appears to be running a poor last in providing for the young and old.

Council can rest assured that as the district continues to develop community needs will become greater and property values must increase.

Is the White House proposal to become another Warrandyte "white elephant"?

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This group, the Storyville Jazzmen, is to give a concert in the Mechanics' Hall on Sunday, April 30, under the auspices of the Warrandyte Arts Association.

"House band" for the Victorian Jazz Club since it commenced, the Storyville Jazzmen comprises eight very experienced and highly-rated Australian jazz musicians with

many concerts and TV appearances to their credit.

Trumpeter with the group is Warrandyte resident Dick Tattam.

Their 12" LP for W & G, "Spreadin' Rhythm Around" received a rave review in the United States.

The concert begins at 8.15 p.m. Tickets will cost \$1.25 for adults and 50c. for children under 14.

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On behalf of Temple Taxis of Warrandyte and the Warrandyte Cricket Club I wish to bring to the notice of the public that the inclusion of telephone number 874 1544 under the listing TAXIS on the 1972 Cricket Club Calendar was an error, and service in this area can be obtained by phoning 846 1815.

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"It is up to the whole community to support the Warrandyte Environment League and its officers in their endeavours to protect our surroundings." — Cr Don Ingersole (Shire of Eltham) speaking in discussion.

Local residents had a chance to examine the Board of Works proposed plan for Melbourne and its surrounds, as it will affect Warrandyte, at a public meeting in the Mechanics' Hall last month.

Many residents expressed their approval of the plan. "Overall, Warrandyte has been served very well by the Board planners," town planning consultant Mr Harcourt Long told the meeting.

However, Cr Ken Buxton (City of Doncaster and Templestowe) sounded a warning.

"It is only a plan," he said. "A lot of things can happen before it is proclaimed.

"There is nothing to stop people chopping down trees on land they own, even if land is ultimately intended for conservation purposes.

"It would even be possible for Victoria's fourth university to be built on land



**WHICH WAY WARRANDYTE?**

set aside for conservation and landscape interest."

"Council is investigating means of protecting the areas to be conserved," Cr Viv Rush commented.

Acting secretary of the Environment League, Mr Richard Morton, opened proceedings by outlining the league's activities since it was founded at a public meeting of residents held last August.

He explained, in particular, league actions in opposition to subdivisions in the area and its current campaign to have undeveloped areas south of the river changed from "C" residential zoning (¼ acre allotments) to "D" zoning (minimum one acre).

Mr Bruce Day, chairman of the League, assisted residents to locate their own properties on the plan, then noted town planning consultant and architect, Mr Harcourt Long, explained the plan in detail.

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APRIL

- 1—WAA Junior Dance Class.
  - 5—WAA Painting Group.
  - 6—Elderly Citizens. Cricket Club Presentations Night.
  - 7—Youth Club.
  - 8—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes. Guides' Street Stall. Youth Club Dance.
  - 9—WFB Meeting.
  - 11—Guides. WAA Poetry Reading.
  - 12—WAA Painting Group.
  - 13—Elderly Citizens. WFB Wine-Tasting.
  - 14—ALP Branch Meeting. Youth Club.
  - 15—WAA Junior Painting and Drama Classes.
  - 16—Diary copy closes.
  - 17—Guides LA.
  - 18—Scouts and Cubs Luncheon. Guides.
  - 19—WPS Mothers' Club Annual Meeting. WAA Painting Goup.
  - 20—Elderly Citizens. Nursing Mothers' Meeting. Brownies.
  - 21—Youth Club.
  - 22—WAA Junior Painting and Drama Classes. School Library Preview.
  - 25—Anzac Day.
  - 26—WAA Painting Group.
  - 27—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
  - 28—Youth Club.
  - 29—WAA Junior Painting and Drama Classes.
  - 30—WAA Jazz Concert.
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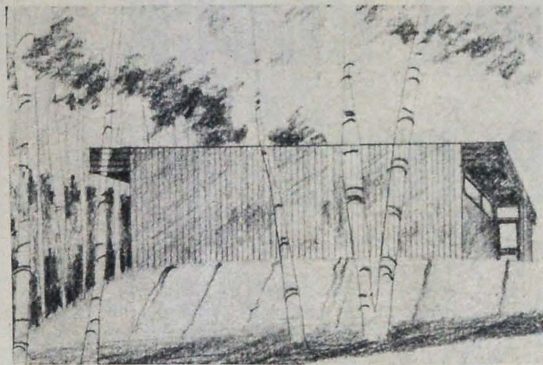
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# Children's author at library preview



Well-known Australian children's author, Mavis Thorpe-Clark, will be guest speaker at a special preview day at Warrandyte Primary School's new library.

Now nearing completion, the library (pictured left) is the culmination of several years' hard work by parents and the community in general.

The school committee decided that the best way to show appreciation for this mammoth effort was to organise a special preview, prior to the

library's official opening, for parents, school children and anyone else interested.

The preview will be held on Saturday, April 22.

The library will open from 10.00 am on, with school committee members in attendance to show visitors around the new building.

It is anticipated that a number of publishers will be arranging displays of their books and these will give some indication of the type of publication that should be included on the new library's shelves, unfor-

tunately looking rather bare at the moment.

Highlight of the day will be an address, at 2.30 pm, by children's author, Mavis Thorpe-Clark.

Miss Thorpe-Clark won the Australian Children's Book Award in 1957 with her novel "The Min-Min".

Several of her other books have been awarded high commendations by the Australian Children's Book Council.

Miss Thorpe-Clark's books are published in the USA, Germany, the UK and Japan, as well as Australia.

## How your rates are spent

Council rates and land assessments always provide a keen topic. Residents are reminded that the deadline for rates is Monday, April 10, otherwise interest will be charged from December 10 at 8 per cent.

On December 10 last year, council fixed the rate charged against properties. Monies from this source are used to finance the adopted estimates.

Rate concessions are not given to pensioners or others, but in cases of hardship, payment with interest

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may be deferred to the estate.

A declaration of income is handled confidentially—details not even reach the Council.

Our council rates are levied as cents in the dollar on the unimproved (undeveloped) value of the property.

For Warrandyte ward, the general rate provides \$146,763 and urban farm rate \$30,533 and a C.R.B. rate \$4,407. This is \$181,703 of \$240,756, including Government grants, profit on the quarry, etc. This represents about 8 per cent of the city's income of \$3,156,618.

Our ward includes Park Orchards and South Warrandyte.

Amounts included in the adopted estimates for the Warrandyte ward this year include the sealing of Harris Gully Road (\$6,000), sealing of Knees Road, Hussey's Lane (\$2,000), Coleman Park Toilet for basketball (\$2,000), Coleman Park Tennis Pavilion (\$2,000), Warrandyte Community Youth Club (\$5,000), Warrandyte Recreation toilet block (\$3,000), Park Orchards, site works (\$1,000).

Maintenance estimates in-

clude \$14,400 for parks and reserves in the ward, roads (\$14,933), city swimming pool (\$1,700), cleaning of public toilets (\$640).

In the health services sector, garbage will account for \$10,100, infant welfare centres \$4,400 and library \$4,200.

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# Don't knock the rock

Something intangible has lured me back to Warrandyte summer after summer. Ever since when as a child I sank like a stone to the bottom of the river — borne there rapidly by the water-logging of my hand-knitted bathers — adventure and mystery have lurked around every bend.

I was sure one could live in Warrandyte for a lifetime and still never know of every lane and walking track, every glowing gully of wattles, or burbling creek.

Since moving here I realise that one mystery will remain unsolved for me forever.

How did they do it?

How did our pioneers dig mines in this granite-hard land of ours?

The mind boggles.

We can't even dig a four inch drain without employing all the brains and industrial knowledge of this mechanical age.

Local dogs go into hysterics if you give them a bone to bury and our cats' resentful stares haunt our dreams.

Well-meaning friends have

descended on us bearing trailer loads of deep-rooted plants.

We have to build mounds for them. It's beginning to look like a small cemetery.

Have you ever tried erecting a rotary clothes-line in a slab of rock? Well don't! There's nothing rotary about ours now.

"Of course it's a solid foundation . . ." everyone offers as consolation, but you can hear the "but . . ."

Before we moved dozens of people had offered to wield a pick and shovel in return for a barbeque feed — but there's nothing for them to pick or shovel!

Husband and friend dashed up one morning with horribly noisy machine to quickly open up a trench for the water-pipe. Twenty-four hours and one hair-line crack later they were still at it.

How did those early diggers do it? Granted they led harder lives than our men.

They didn't spend hours downing cold beers in front of the telly. They didn't get out their buggies rather than walk to the local store.

But how did they make such huge holes?

Maybe the promise of

gold did the trick. I could probably split a rock or two myself given an occasional nugget for encouragement.

I'm sure their wives didn't nag any harder. I mean most men would dig through anything to avoid that noise.

Maybe the womens' sweet-voiced encouragement flowing from beneath wide-brimmed sun bonnets did more for the cause.

Perhaps most of the mining was done when the dishes were being washed. Nowadays it's watering the garden or fiddling with the car; but yes, working the mine would be a better excuse.

In normal suburbia, rockeries are quite the "in" thing. Pile some rocks around a mound of earth and there you have it.

We are going to have an earthery. Pile some earth around a pile of rocks.

I've taken note. The way to an early divorce in our household will be to ask once too often for a hole to be dug for something.

Even if I wore a crinoline and sun bonnet I have a strong feeling that one great effort would be made to dig that final hole—for me!

## Loveable Lunatics

• PLAY REVIEWED

"You Can't Take It With You" must have rung all the bells when it first hit Broadway in 1936.

It was still ringing bells when it opened here in Warrandyte last week.

The delightful people in this play—presented by the WAA drama group as their first production for the year—have dated to be sure, but the method in their madness is even more apt today than it would have been 36 years ago.

Tim Sherwood stood out as Grandpa. Every movement and nuance was exactly right for this wise and wonderful old man.

Ed the bagpipe playing printer who will never cope was Doug McManus. Is Doug McManus a bagpipe playing printer who doesn't cope? That explains it then.

Lynne Sherwood was cast against type as Essie, and she carried it through with a brilliantly sharp edge.

Jenni Aldor's Rheba was

played with skill and confidence. Rheba and Donald (very ably acted by Alan Lansdowne) were hideously anachronistic stage negroes.

Joan Golding as Penny the ratty playwright mother was in a part that fitted her special comic talents like a glove.

Others in the big cast, all playing most convincing loveable lunatics, were Leo Nette, Tony Hurdle, John Gooding, Claude Herring, Helen Davidson, Norm McGowan, Joan Blair and Enid Bird.

Perhaps the two players with the least experience—Nannette Hills and Chris Stevenson—had the most difficult roles in any comedy—the "straight" parts, Alice and Tony.

Bob Karl's production was appropriately traditionally competent. He moved his large cast around the small stage with artless confidence.

The set design was disappointing.

A most entertaining piece of theatre.—C.G.

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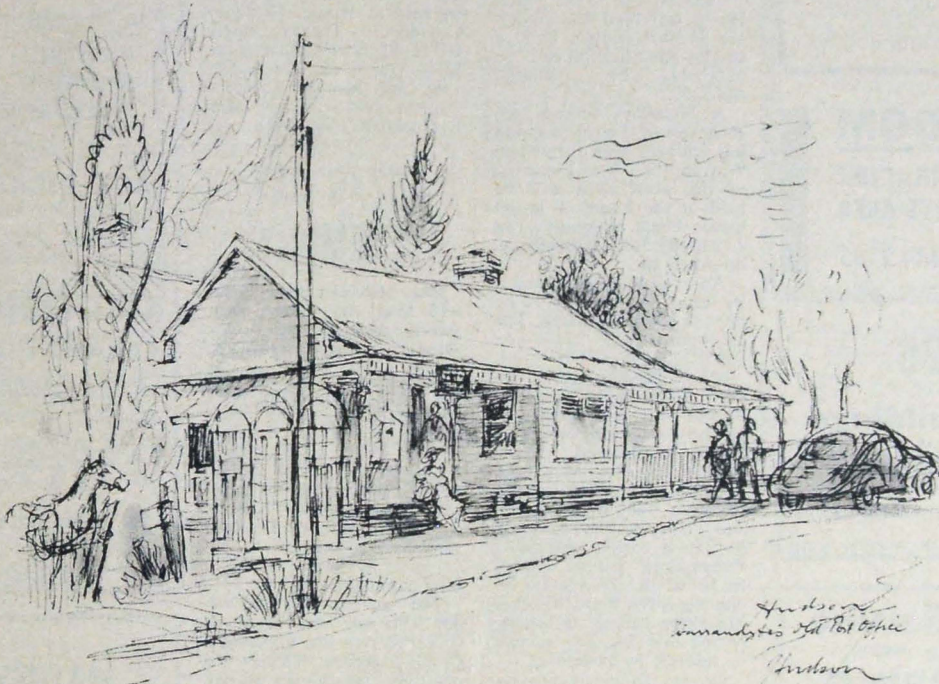
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# When the post office was a club

Warrandyte's post office may have been re-located, but the ghosts of our village's old-timers will still be at the old location, opposite the pub, sitting in the sunshine waiting for the mail.

During the past ten or fifteen years many of Warrandyte's old landmarks have disappeared. Such is the tragedy of progress.

The latest such "tragedy" is the removal of the post office to a more modern dwelling south of the bridge.

The building itself remains, but for how much longer?

For well over sixty years the old post office was the meeting place of older residents, many of whom have passed on.

In earlier days there was

no house-to-house mail delivery so it was the habit of Warrandyte's inhabitants to collect their mail and newspapers daily.

Awaiting mail-sorting, old-timers would seat themselves on forms ranged around the veranda and discuss the news and grumble about progress, or the lack of progress—or just grumble.

Grumbling was a way-of-life.

Even when a twice weekly mail delivery was instituted with the baker's round, the

"club" continued to foregather at the post office.

Then came real progress with Bill McCulloch and his horse—a continuing subject for newspaper and magazine photographers.

Now that the 'Dyte has tramway buses and a water supply it is inevitable that the old post office should make way for more up-to-date premises, but many of us have a strange nostalgia for our ghosts and things antique.

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Local potter Maureen Leach has been invited to exhibit her pottery at The Hut Gallery, Ferntree Gully, on Sunday, April 9. The exhibition will run until May 21.

The Warrandyte Fire Brigade social club will hold a wine tasting at the White House on April 13. Tickets are \$4.50 a double, \$2.50 a single and tickets can be obtained by phoning 844 3432.

A Nursing Mothers Association of Australia group has recently been formed in Warrandyte. Next meeting of the association will be held at the home of group leader Ursula Cummins, Lot 4, Floods Rd., Warrandyte, on April 20.

An exhibition of ceramics by Gus McLaren is being held at Potters Cottage. The exhibition will close on April 16.

On Tuesday, April 22, the Warrandyte Primary School will be represented at the swimming events at South Camberwell. Alison Walker and Guy McKinder will be swimming at the Olympic Pool in the inter-zone competition. Recently in school region swimming Warrandyte gained places in 15 of the 16 events, including seven firsts. Teacher Mr Peter Moran is largely responsible for the revival of interest in swimming.

Cricket followers are reminded of the Warrandyte Cricket Club's annual presentation night at the Bird and Bottle, Croydon, on Thursday, April 6. With three teams in the finals it

looks like being a good night.

Warrandyte Fire Brigade is meeting on the second Sunday of each month. Their next meeting will be on April 9 at 10.30 am.

A luncheon organised by the Warrandyte Scouts and Cubs Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at Hunters' Lodge, Croydon, on Tuesday, April 18 at 12 noon. Tickets, at \$3.00 per head, are available from Mrs M. Temorshuizen (844 3729) or Mrs J. Bucknall (844 3604).

**ANZAC DAY  
 CEREMONY**

The Mitcham Pipe Band will lead the Anzac Day march through the township on Tuesday, April 25.

Warrandyte RSL officials are busy completing final arrangements for the ceremony.

The march will begin from the Scout Hall at 10 am and proceed to the RSL where the Rev R. Featherstone will conduct the service at the cenotaph.

An Army party will also take part in the service.

The annual meeting of the RSL was held recently. Office-bearers are President, Cr D. Ingersole. Vice-President, B. Hanrahan. Secretary, N. Pearson. Treasurer W. Cornhill. Auditor, A. Hurwood. Committee: L. Mitchell, Cr V. Rush, C. Davidson, G. Bell, A. Wisheart.

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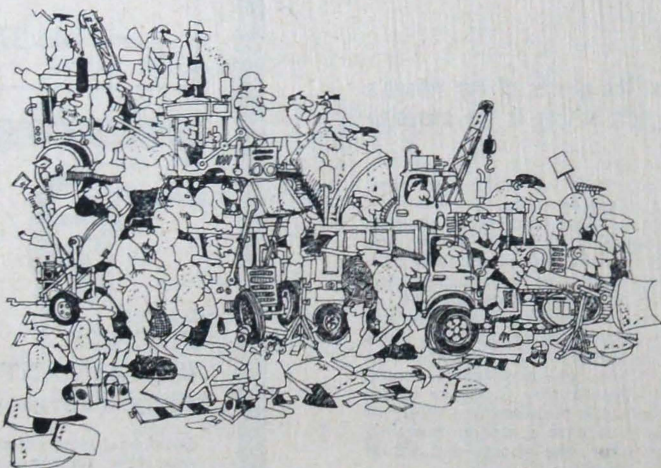
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# HIGH CRICKET HONORS TO LOCALS

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## About people

Stewart and Louise Joy will be returning to Warrandyte from England in July.

Congratulations to Jim and Megan Pleasance on the birth of a daughter Jasmine.

Bill ('Buster') Couche and wife Jan of David Rd., are leaving soon to live in Western Australia where Bill will take up an appointment as superintendent of the Parkerville Children's Home.

John and Mareille Golding are proud parents of a brand-new baby daughter.

Brian Laurence is holidaying by car in NSW and Queensland.

Warrandyte Youth Club leaders George and Rosalie Vlek are celebrating the arrival of their first child, Leah, a bouncing baby daughter.

Nursing sister Enid Murphy has returned from long service leave holidays in Tasmania.

From London comes the news that John and Alex Rodda (Kostezky) have a baby daughter. Tatiana is the name they have chosen.

Lothar and Mairi Barkei have arrived in London where Lothar is working for a large building consultant. They are planning to stay in London awhile.

John and Roslyn McLean are the proud parents of a new baby boy. John was recently elected president of the Warrandyte Pre-School centre.

An accountant, a milkman, and a store manager have achieved what is believed to be cricketing history in Warrandyte.

The three have each won competition averages in the Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association.

Veteran followers of cricket in the district cannot recall a similar performance.

The three players are Alan Woolcock, Lindsay ('Butch') Bellinger and Adrian Newell.

Woolcock headed the bowling averages in the B2 grade. Bellinger took the bowling average in D2 and Newell won the batting average in the same grade. The awards climaxed one of the best seasons in the history of the Warrandyte Cricket Club.

The players live in Warrandyte. Woolcock is an accountant with the Commonwealth Bank, Bellinger is one of the district's milkmen at the Maple Oak Dairy and Newell is manager of Webb's grocery store. Woolcock, a first-class spin bowler, was formerly captain of the Warrandyte First Eleven.

Bellinger comes from a cricketing family. His father Ray was formerly captain of Warrandyte. Brother Alan is club president, and younger brother, Geoff, is developing into a handy bowler with the under-16 side.

Newell is married to Sue Chapman who comes from a well known North Warrandyte cricketing family. Sue's brother John is vice-captain of the first eleven. Their father, Alan is a member of the first eleven.

## CHANCE FOR WRITERS

Local playwrights are being given a chance to see their work produced by the drama group of the Warrandyte Arts Association.

The group, in association with the Council for Adult Education, is conducting a play-writing competition.

The plays must be full-length, original and never before produced. Judges are Mr Harold Baigent, CAE drama director, Mrs Jo Barnes, theatre critic and Mr Cliff Green, TV dramatist.

The winner entry will be produced in Warrandyte by a professional director and will be published by CAE. Entries close on August 10.

Manuscripts and queries to Mrs Helen Davidson, Melbourne Hill Rd., 844-3960.

## Discussion on socialist left

A discussion on the socialist left movement in the labor party will be a feature of the next meeting of the Warrandyte branch of the ALP.

The meeting will be held on Friday, April 14, in the Church of England Hall, Stiggant St., commencing at 8.00 pm.

This is a public meeting and all those interested are invited to attend.

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# Wanted: More footballers



Warrandyte Football Club opening game for the season is only days away but the club is still in need of more players.

In the opening game on Saturday, April 8 Warrandyte will be at home against Heathmont.

Appealing for more players this week, president Mr Jack Templeton said the club was particularly short of under-17 players.

More players were needed to fill the two senior teams, said Mr Templeton.

Now that the cricket finals are over more players will be available. About 12 footballers have been playing cricket.

Mr Templeton said any former footballers who may have moved into the district and plan a comeback would be welcome.

The club's pre-season training program was severely interrupted because no satisfactory arrangements could be

made to train on the Recreation Ground.

Training sessions had to be shifted to Coleman Park, South Warrandyte.

The club was told that it could not begin training on the Recreation Ground until April 1—a week before the opening game.

Club officials consider this most unsatisfactory and intend complaining to the council.

Players were even prevented from running around the Recreation Ground in barefeet or in sandals.

New coach Brian Backhouse is concentrating on developing a fast, play-on game with emphasis on teamwork.

Practice games have been played against Mount Evelyn and Ivanhoe.

The women's auxiliary, a strong source of income for the club, is seeking more helpers.

## CRICKET:

# Flag just missed

Warrandyte second eleven missed out on winning a premiership by one wicket.

With an ounce of luck the game could have gone Warrandyte's way.

Warrandyte's other two teams also made the finals. The first eleven were defeated by Forest Hill in the semi-final and the under-16 side were easily defeated by Blackburn in the grand final.

The first eleven provided stubborn opposition for Forest Hill and almost caused the upset of the season.

This game was marred by some puzzling umpiring

decisions. One Warrandyte player was reported and suspended for three games.

Of the three teams, the second eleven were considered to have the best chance of winning a flag.

In their semi-final they defeated Heatherdale who had been on top all season and scored a record 80 points.

The grand final turned out to be a thriller. Warrandyte were in a strong position after the first two days.

On the final day, Templestowe Footballers needed 151 to win.

Warrandyte looked to be in a winning position when they had Templestowe 6/72. But dropped catches did not help their chances, and at tea Templestowe were only about 30 runs short of their target.

A couple of quick wickets after tea and Templestowe were in trouble. However, their tail-enders plugged away, and with their last pair at the wicket they needed four runs to win.

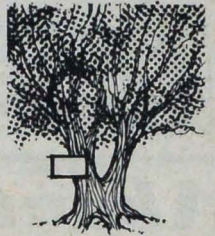
The game developed into a tense struggle as either side sensed victory. A Templestowe batsman swung

hard at a no-ball and it went for four runs to give them the premiership.

In the under-16 grand final, poor batting robbed the side of any chance after some fine bowling spells by Linton Smith and Geoff Bellinger.

The side was also robbed of some strength on the final day when Chris Young and Graham Smith could not play.

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