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# YOUTH CLUB NOT

## LIONS CLUB UNDER WAY

Newly-formed Warrandyte Lions Club is not wasting any time.

Their first community project has already won warm praise in the district.

It was the chopping and delivering of firewood to the home of 13 elderly citizens.

Warrandyte Lions Club was formed under the sponsorship of the Fairfield Lions Club. The formation and sponsorship work was carried out by Mr Owen Brown, a resident of Warrandyte.

Already the new club has formed committees for various activities and service functions. Programs for the next 12 months have been mapped out.

The club has 25 members and plans are well under way for the charter night.

The function will be held at Alfred's Homestead Restaurant on October 26.

Club office-bearers are: President: Mr L. Vizard. First vice-president: Mr K. Webb. Second vice-president: Mr J. Heaney. Third vice-president: Mr M. Brown. Executive officers: Mr P. McDougall, Mr J. Cox. Secretary: Mr I. Abell. Treasurer: Mr L. Edwards.

### Xmas cards

Harry Hudson's superb drawing of the old Warrandyte post office will feature on Christmas cards being published by the Diary this year.

Full details of how to order your supplies of this unique local card will be published next issue.

All proceeds from sale of cards will benefit the Community Youth Club.

## Lady Bracknell of Yarra St.



● Well-known local identity, Mrs Joan Blair of Yarra Street (pictured above) stars as Lady Bracknell in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest", opening tonight in the Mechanics' Hall.

Joan Blair began acting 2½ years ago with the WAA Drama Group and will be remembered for several parts she has played, particularly in "The Anniversary" and "The Killing of Sister George".

Despite her short acting experience, she has had a number of television roles in "Bellbird", "Division 4" and "Matlock".

Late last month she was involved in filming for Crawford Productions new TV series, "Ryan".

Other locals in "The Importance of Being Earnest" are Jock Macneish, Helen Davidson, Tim Sherwood, Leo Nette, Sharry McKenzie, Paul Rowe, Joan Golding and John Gooding. Production by Richard Morton.

"The Importance of Being Earnest", a comedy-farce, is Oscar Wilde's best-known play.

The season extends through September 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16; with champagne supper nights on September 9 and 16. For bookings phone 844 3534.

### Copy closing

Copy for the next issue of the Diary must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday, September 24.

# SO BAD

Officials of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club are disturbed at allegations being made about the club.

Trouble has occurred following recent dances in the Mechanics' Institute.

There have been reports of vandalism and assault. Drinking by young people has also occurred.

Unfortunately the youth club is being blamed for all the trouble.

Youth club officials stated emphatically this week that they had not received any complaints about the conduct of the club's monthly dance and that there had never been any trouble INSIDE the hall.

Every effort is made to exclude alcohol being taken into the hall, and once the young people are inside, they are not permitted to go out until 10.30.

The local police are informed prior to each dance, and they work in close co-operation with the club. The presence of a uniformed policeman and a police car at the hall acts as a deterrent to those who stay outside in an attempt to make trouble.

Club president, Mr K. McKenzie, told the Diary that it was not denied the dances attracted a certain "element". He said this was inevitable.

"These are not members of the youth club. Some are locals, some are outsiders.

"The dances are organised by the club's Keystone group — young people between the ages of 16 and 21 — with the assistance of the general committee.

"It is only natural that some youngsters will 'knock' the efforts of others of their age-group.

"But when some of the 'critics' resort to physical

violence, then I believe that the parents need to show a much keener interest in the younger set's activities."

The September dance has been cancelled. The club feels it needs time to organise more parents to help with dances.

"What a tragedy if, because of the apathy of our generation, the young were forced to terminate their activities," Mr McKenzie said. "The deciding factor will be your response to this appeal for help."

Interested parents can contact the club's secretary, Mr S. Andrew, 844 3543.

### JAZZMEN RETURN

The Storyville Jazzmen, who drew such an enthusiastic response from locals when they played here earlier in the year, are returning.

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SEPTEMBER

- 1—WAA Play. Football Club Presentation Night. Yoga Class.
- 2—WAA Play.
- 3—WAA Play, K.G. Art and Craft Exhibition, and Craft Exhibition. Ecumenical Church Service.
- 4—Inter-Church Meeting, Park Orchards.
- 6—WAA Pottery and Painting Classes.
- 7—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
- 8—WAA Play. Yoga Class. ALP Meeting.
- 9—WAA Play. WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.
- 12—WPS Library Official Opening. Inter-Church Meeting, Warrandyte.
- 13—WAA Pottery and Painting Classes.
- 14—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
- 15—WAA Play. Basketball Club Presentation Night. Yoga Class.
- 16—WAA Play. WPS Working Bee. WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.
- 20—WAA Pottery and Painting Classes. WPS Mothers' Club.
- 21—Elderly Citizens. Brownies. Warrandyte Scouts and Cubs Ladies' Auxiliary.
- 22—Yoga Class.
- 23—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.
- 24—Diary Copy Closing.
- 25—WAA Craft Group Macrame Session.
- 27—WAA Pottery and Painting Classes.
- 28—Elderly Citizens. Brownies.
- 29—Yoga Class.
- 30—WAA Junior Painting and Dance Classes.

# CO-OP WILL HELP THE LIBRARY

The Warrandyte Primary School committee has formed a co-operative to borrow \$3,000 towards books for the new school library.

The co-operative has been registered and parent assistance is being sought to take up shares.

Mr J. W. Manson, MLA, will officially open the library on Tuesday, September 12 at 2.30 pm.

Another working bee will be held on the natural playground on Saturday, September 16. Ralph McAuley is building a bluestone barbecue in the playground area.

A sale of jeans organised by Mr Lance Vizard and his wife, June, raised \$101 towards school funds.

So far this year the canteen and mothers' club have raised more than \$1,800 which has helped purchase

sporting equipment, carpet for TV viewing, library books and other items.

Fifty-nine Grade 4 pupils and teachers recently spent five days at Ocean Grange Homestead on the Gippsland Lakes.

The camp was arranged to enable both children and teachers to get to know each other better.

The teachers who accompanied the children were Miss D. Bellham, Miss M. Ryan, Miss L. McConchie, and Mr G. Hooper.

This month it is the turn of the boys and girls in Grades 5 and 6 to go away. They are leaving on a four-day camp at Ocean Grove.

## NEW CENTRE

Work is expected to begin soon on the \$300,000 centre at Eltham for the Araluen Day Training Centre for retarded children.

The establishment of the centre on five acres of land on the Old Eltham Road is a triumph for Araluen supporters. A tender has been accepted for the project.

At Eltham, a sheltered workshop and residential unit will be constructed.

Araluen's main activities are at Naroo Road, Balwyn, where this year 70 boys and girls, ranging from nursery to adult, are enrolled.

Because of the need for expansion it was decided to push ahead with the Eltham centre.

Warrandyte people have shown a keen interest in the activities of Araluen.

One of them is Mrs A. Edwards, of Yarra Street. On September 29 and 30 Mrs Edwards and her helpers will be selling raffle tickets in the main street.

Major prizes are a portable TV set and a car radio. Total value of all prizes will be close to \$400.

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# BIG DAY AT THE 'KANGA' GROUND

Fathers' Day, Sunday, September 3, will be a big day at Kangaroo Ground.

An exhibition of paintings by Neil Douglas at Setel Downs Farm on the Yarra Glen Road, will provide an ideal family excursion for Fathers' Day.

Also on display will be gemstones and jewellery, spinning and weaving, and wood carving and turning exhibits.

Admission will be by donation of 50 cents. Children under five will be admitted free.

Proceeds will assist the Kangaroo Ground Rural Fire Brigade.

Another interesting place to see on the same day will be the historic Kangaroo Ground church which will be open for inspection.

## NEW ROVER

Keen interest is being shown in the new Range Rover on sale at Lloyd Holyoak Motors, Warrandyte.

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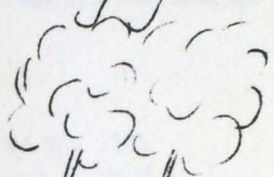
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# A painter's studio in 'Snake Gully'

It was the year 1939. The holocaust of World War II had begun.

In Warrandyte, another holocaust was sweeping through the countryside, voraciously devouring all before it—bushfire.

There was no Country Fire Authority to call on at that time, just volunteers who rallied to battle against overwhelming odds.

I was overseas at the time, but my father sent me newspapers containing photographs of the devastation.

Among the many properties lost was the studio of the late artist, Penleigh Boyd, father of the late Robin Boyd, world-famous architect, and TAA test pilot, known as "Pappy" Boyd.

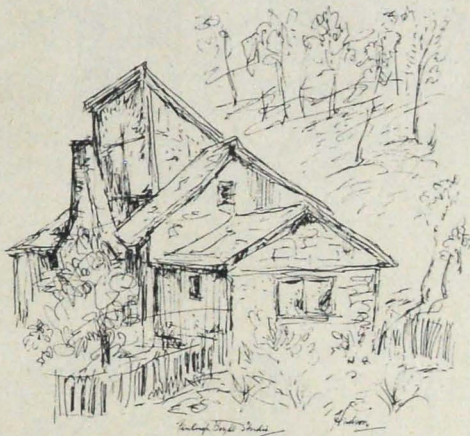
For some time, a group of National Gallery art students, of which I was one, had the pleasure of leasing and inhabiting the studio for long weekends and holidays, but this was some years prior to that ghastly bushfire.

Set in a declivity off Kangaroo Ground Road known as "Snake Gully", the studio was designed and built by Penleigh from wattle and daub, lined inside with hessian — in which possums made their homes.

Penleigh Boyd was an artist of world renown.

Although young, he was most advanced in thought and on several occasions brought exhibitions of modern art to this country, which he exhibited at great personal financial loss. Australia was not yet ready for such "rubbish"!

During the periods he lived here, Penleigh did some remarkably fine paintings, on of which — "Breath of



Spring" — resides in the new Melbourne Arts Centre. This is a very large painting of wattle in bloom near the old Warrandyte bridge.

How much Boyd would have ultimately contributed to Australia's art heritage will never be known, for his life was cut short when his car hit a cow, at night, on the Hume Highway. Penleigh was on one of his frequent visits to Sydney.

I think he was only 36 or 37 years of age at the time of his death.

The studio was large enough to have housed a large cart and several horses, if need be, with plenty of room to spare.

This was necessary because Penleigh always "thought big" and painted very large canvases.

There was a wonderful "top light" and other facilities only appreciated by artists or art students.

The fire-place was about

six feet across by four feet high, so that great logs could be fed into its huge orifice.

There were only two small windows at the north end, near a sink and tap. Therefore, all painting light came from above.

By favour of one of those freak winds that occur during bushfires, the small cottage in which the Boyds lived, and a magnificent magnolia tree standing nearby, were untouched. The cottage was only 30 yards from the studio.

As students we enjoyed the use of PB's studio through the courtesy of Mrs Boyd, and we gained a great deal of inspiration from its atmosphere.

I wonder where the sketches and paintings, which we so happily made there, are today?

But, of course, this was, as my step-son says, "in the olden days".

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# CRICKETERS START TO WARM UP

## Footy award winner

Defender Reg Edwards has won the Warrandyte Diary best and fairest award.

In a tight finish, Edwards defeated centre man Vin Thornton by a vote.

Votes were awarded at each game by independent observers.

Edwards received his award at the club's presentation night supper-dance at Domeny Reserve, Park Orchards, on Friday, September 1.

Final points: R. Edwards 16, V. Thornton 15, P. Read 14, B. Read 11, G. Beatt 8, K. Luttick 6, F. Schubert, G. Pulford 5, R. Albert, K. Geruldsen 4, M. Hewlitt, K. Merbis 3, L. Warr, K. Rochow, M. Davis, K. Sargeant, L. Smith, R. Johnson, A. Cornhill 2.

# TO WARM UP

## —Four sides

Practice has begun for all four Warrandyte Cricket Club teams.

Practice for all sides began in earnest on Sunday, September 3 at the Recreation Ground.

New players are being sought for the senior elevens.

Warrandyte Cricket Club was in the soundest position for many years, the club secretary, Mr G. Martin, said at the club's recent annual meeting.

The club finished last season on a strong financial note and with three teams in the finals.

In the coming season Warrandyte will field four sides, two senior and two junior.

Interest is keen among parents and school teachers in the formation of the under-12 side.

In his annual report, Mr

Martin paid a tribute to the work done for the committee by Alan Chapman, Alan Woolcock and Darrel Valente.

Tributes were also paid to Mr Ken McKenzie and his helpers in managing the under-16 side, and to the women who provided the afternoon teas and suppers.

Last season the B2 side finished fourth and were defeated in the semi-final. The D2 side were defeated by a wicket in the grand final and the under-16 side was also defeated in the grand final.

He said the club was always on the lookout for people keen to play cricket, whether young or old. Any new players interested should contact Mr Martin at 844-3535 or the president, Mr P. Lovett, 844-3794.

Captains have not been elected yet, but last year's senior captain, Robert White, must again have a strong chance of retaining the job.

White scored most runs of any cricketer in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association last season.

Alan Woolcock and Lindsay Bellinger won the competition bowling averages in their sections, and Adrian Newell won the batting average in his section.

Office-bearers elected at

the annual meeting were: President: Mr P. Lovett. Vice-presidents: Mr J. Chapman, Mr J. Pridmore. Secretary: Mr G. Martin. Treasurer: Mr A. Woolcock. Social Secretary: D. Valente.

## BASKETBALL TROPHY WIN

Abby Day has won the best and fairest award in the A grade under-12 section of the Melbourne East Netball Association.

Abby, of Research Road, North Warrandyte, is captain of the Warrandyte under-12 side. Her father is well-known plumber and footballer, Brian Day.

The Warrandyte under-16 girls were defeated by Nunawading 34-17 in the grand final. Mr Bob Gardiner of the Boulevard, Warrandyte, coached the girls.

The club's annual presentation night supper dance will be held in the Church of England Hall, Stiggart Street, on Friday, September 15.

Club officials wish to thank Webbs' Four-Square Grocery and Lloyd Holyoak Motors for donating trophies.

## JUNIORS FAIL IN THE FINALS

Warrandyte Football Club's under-15 side were easily defeated by Boronia in the preliminary final in the Eastern District League.

The side played good football all the season, but against Boronia it was not just their day.

In the second semi-final, Warrandyte went down narrowly to Lilydale. With an ounce of luck it could have gone Warrandyte's way.

Club officials are delighted with the success of the under-15 side as many of these players will help bolster the under-17 side next season.

The Mechanics Institute was packed for the presentation night supper-dance for the club's two junior sides.

The evening was a big success and tributes were paid to the women who cooked and provided the supper.

Presentations were made by the club president, Mr J. Templeton, and Mr George Bell, representing the Warrandyte RSL.

Mr Templeton said everyone in Warrandyte was proud of the success of the under-15 side.

Awards were: Under-17: Best and fairest: L. Smith.

## 'STIRRER'

The boys of the under-15 Warrandyte Football Club made an unusual presentation at their big night recently in the Mechanics Institute.

They presented Mr Ken McKenzie with a king-sized pot-stirring stick suitably inscribed. A card with the gift said he was voted best umpire stirrer by the players.

## ● BRIARLY BACK!

Briarly Martin is back from her travels. Read about her trip around Australia in the Diary next month.

Runner-up: R. Austin. Third best and fairest: M. Bensch. Under-15: Best and fairest: J. McCartin. Runner-up: W. Blair. Third best and fairest shared by G. Broome and M. Ellis. Most consistent: R. McKenzie. Most Improved: C. Walker. Best in finals: G. Broome.

### FINALS DETAILS

Lilydale 9.8, Warrandyte 7.6. Best: Ellis, Broome, Day, Street.

Boronia 14.15, Warrandyte 4.9. Best: S. Maguire, Broome, Ellis, McCartin.

## SENIORS MISS BY SIX POINTS

Warrandyte went down by six points against Norwood in the final game of the season for the senior side.

Warrandyte led by three points at three-quarter time.

Rover Bernie Read and Geoff Beatt were giving Warrandyte plenty of opportunities on the forward line.

At one stage in the final term the scores were level and it looked like finishing a draw.

But some loose play on the Warrandyte back line let a Norwood player in for a mark and a goal to clinch the game.

The senior side did well considering some pre-season setbacks, but it is obvious the club will need to recruit more keenly next season.

Several money-raising functions to help club funds are planned during the summer season.

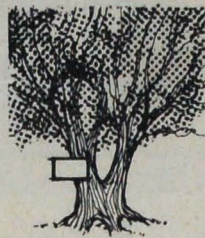
The second 18 were easily defeated by Norwood. Best players were Mark Bensch, Ricky Lyng and John Chapman.

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