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• CR. IAN MARSDEN . . . asking questions.

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'We face massive sullage problems'

Hundreds of prospective young home buyers in Warrandyte will unintentionally be contributing to a huge sullage problem in the area.

This view was expressed at a recent meeting of Doncaster and Templestowe City Council by Warrandyte Ward representative, Cr. Ian Marsden.

Cr. Marsden directed four questions concerning pollution to the Town Clerk.



He claimed that 37,000 gallons of sullage would flow daily into Anderson's Creek when the two big Warrandyte subdivisions were fully developed.

Anderson's Creek flows directly into the Yarra.

The biggest subdivision will comprise 170 homes, with 74 on the smaller estate.

Cr Marsden said, "On one subdivision, sullage will be discharged into the creek at a point about 1,200 yards from the Yarra. The other will discharge into the creek 200 yards from the Yarra.

"The Chief Health Inspector estimates the average home discharges 150 gallons of domestic sullage daily.

"Using this figure as a basis, it means that Anderson's Creek will receive 37,000 gallons of sullage daily from the two subdivisions."

Protection needed

Cr Marsden said he had studied the problem in great depth. The City of Nunawading and the Dandenong Valley Authority had both taken strong action to protect their environment.

"I believe we are obligated to do the same. I personally give notice that I intend to oppose vigorously any measure which will serve to turn the Yarra or any of its tributaries into an open drain."

Cr Marsden said that sullage was not just a Warrandyte Ward problem, nor a City of Doncaster & Templestowe problem.

"Every resident of Melbourne with any concern at all about pollution or the environment, will be looking at the manner in which we tackle this problem."

The four questions Cr. Marsden asked of the Town Clerk were:

- What effect will this massive discharge of sullage have on Anderson's Creek and the Yarra at the point where the two meet?
- Would the introduction of all-purpose septic tanks and sand filters reduce the pollutant material from subdivisions into Anderson's Creek?
- Is it feasible for Council to provide these areas with common drain reticulation and treatment under Sections 852 to 861 of the Local Government Act?
- Should Council ultimately decide to adopt one of the alternatives in questions 2 or 3, what avenues are open to us to publicize such decision so that potential land purchasers will be aware of the considerable financial obligations that may be incurred by them?

In a bid to gather first-hand information on pollution levels in Warrandyte, Council has acquired their own equipment to conduct sample tests of the Yarra and its tributaries. Regular checks of the streams will be made by the Chief Health Inspector, Mr D. Hawkins.

• LATE NEWS . . .

Strong local opposition is likely to follow the State Government's announcement to build the Yarra Brae Reservoir on the Yarra River near Warrandyte.

Plans already revealed show that the reservoir will be constructed 2½ miles upstream from the Warrandyte Bridge. Maximum level will be 205 feet and capacity 9,500 million gallons.

Some Councillors and farmers fear pollution, flooding problems and the loss of thousands of acres of top grazing land. Protest meetings are likely to be held.

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Big day at North

The North Warrandyte Community Centre will be officially opened this month.

A management committee for the centre has been formed. Office-bearers are: President: M. Henderson

(844-3920), Treasurer: P. Batrouney, Secretary: W. Bone (844-3236).

The community centre's fete held in Warrandyte just before Christmas raised \$520. Rain forced proceedings to close early.

The final committee meeting of the North Warrandyte kindergarten was held in the new centre and everyone is pleased with the new building.

Mrs Kath James, of Bradleys Lane, organised a farewell for Sister Stubbs of the Baby Health Centre. After working in temporary quarters it was unfortunate that Sister Stubbs could spend only a week in the new centre.

Sales of the "I Like Warrandyte" T shirts continue to be a "best seller". Mrs D. Trowbridge (844-2008) is handling sales.

CAMPING TRIP FOR PONY CLUB

A party of more than 30 adults and children attended the Wyuna Pony Club's camp at the Dalyston show-ground.

Two trucks took 24 horses to the camp. Riders took their horses on several trips.

One of the most enjoyable trips was to the mouth of the Powlett River where horses and riders had a swim in the surf.

Several members of the party visited the Woolamai picnic races and later attended a barbecue and dance.

About people

Anne Martin of Webb St was just returned from a trip to England where she visited her parents. At Rome Airport she met John, Anne and Mandy Buey, of Brett St, Warrandyte. The Bueys have been touring Europe and England and are expected home soon. In England, Anne met several former Warrandyte residents, including Marie and Lonar Barker, Atex and John Rodda and Joan and Tony Hurdle.

Holiday news: John and Margaret James of Blooms Rd drove to Adelaide; Bill and Elaine Wilson of Mitchell Ave went to Sorrento; Shelagh and Richard Morton of Kangaroo Ground Rd are in Metung. Gary Broome of Cook's Crescent attended a gliding camp at Birchip, and his brother, Ian, flew to Perth to visit friends. The Coleman family of Bradley's Lane also holidayed in Adelaide.

Muffy and Koh Ehrenburg's niece, Mary Hanna, from Chicago, USA, is staying in Warrandyte on an extended visit. She spent several weeks with Muffy and Koh in Blooms Rd, and is currently staying with her cousin, Cathy Egan, and her husband, Stan, who live in Valais St.

The "Melbourne Hill Performers" turned out in full force to see in the New Year with a "theatrical concert". Members of the cast were Kay and Brian O'Connor, Jenni and Emil Aldor, Pat and Jim Ross, Joan, Sue and Bill Church, Lee Tasker, and Gisa and Austin Jedick.

Mrs Marie Coleman has resigned as president of the Warrandyte and District Welfare Service. New president is Mr Keith Wilson. Mr Ralph Cole has replaced Mr Danny McLoone as treasurer, Mrs Ruby Arnaud is the new vice-president and Miss Ruth Baker has joined the committee.

Pars about people can be phoned through to Beth Gallagher (844-3518). All other news items should be written down (just give us the details) and dropped in our box on the old tree in Yarra St, opposite Riggs' news-agency.

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Enclosed in this issue is the Newsletter of the Warrandyte Environment League.

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Yarra Street parking plans

Plans for the widening of Yarra Street, between Whipstick Gully and Webb St, are now well advanced.

This was revealed at a recent meeting between ward councillors Alan Morton and Ian Marsden and representatives from the Environment League and the Traders' Association, called to discuss the parking problems in Warrandyte's main street.

Councillors indicated that alternative plans for the area will be submitted to a further meeting, later this month.

Traders' Association members also complained about the inadequacy of rubbish bins in the shopping centre. Within 48 hours, Council had erected eight more bins along the street, and the contractor advised that they must be emptied daily.

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WE WILL NEED NEW SCHOOLS

Warrandyte could be approaching an educational crisis, some local parents believe.

The single primary school cannot be further extended, yet the population of the district is growing year by year.

Overcrowding at the school has been narrowly averted this year by the provision of a portable classroom, but there is not room on the site for any more permanent buildings.

"Playground space is already severely over-taxed," a school committee spokesman told the Diary last week. "The difficult terrain gives the staff enough problems, without any more classrooms being built to further restrict playing areas."

It has been obvious to the committee for some time that Warrandyte is in need of a second primary school.

The Education Department has been considering the possibility of building a school in North Warrandyte for some years, but has been unable to obtain a suitable site.

It is believed the department has now turned its attention to the west — in the vicinity of the Golden Gate — and there is a strong possibility that a second school will be established somewhere in this area.

As the primary school population continues to grow, the need for a secondary school becomes increasingly more apparent.

Parents of primary exit pupils had a few worrying days towards the end of last year when it was learned that Norwood High School was overcrowded and would only be able to admit a few Warrandyte children.

Norwood has been Warrandyte's main high school for some years now. The situation was relieved when it was announced that most of the children would be able to attend Maroondah High School in West Croydon.

It was announced last month that a new high school will open in Doncaster East next year. It is possible that Warrandyte children will be able to attend this school.

However, many parents feel that the only final solution will be the building of a state secondary school in Warrandyte.

CARDS POPULAR

The Warrandyte Diary Christmas cards, featuring Harry Hudson's drawing of the old post office were extremely popular.

A total of 5,500 cards were sold, and a profit of approximately \$300 has been handed on to the Warrandyte Community Youth Club.

TENNIS CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Warrandyte Tennis Club will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 8.00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

President of the club, Mr Keith Wilson, has appealed to all members to attend.

"Parents who wish their children to be coached this year should come to the meeting, as arrangements must be made as early as possible," Mr Wilson said.

GARBAGE PICK-UP WELCOMED

Warrandyte householders south of the Yarra are relling in the luxury of twice-weekly garbage collections this summer.

The extra pick-up — on Saturday mornings — began on December 12 and will continue until March 17.

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(The Warrandyte Diary first suggested twice weekly garbage collected in June, 1971.)

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Gardens: Hotch-potching or doing it properly . . .

• By BEVERLEY HANSON

If you are happy with a hotch-potch garden, don't read any further; what I want to write about is not for you.

But if you want an attractive — but not necessarily expensive — garden read on.

Diary readers can be assumed to be home owners already, so any landscaping to be done now will be to a committed house plan.

Perhaps you have said to yourself, "Let's get the house finished, the garden will come later."

I believe this is the wrong way to tackle landscaping, but you are stuck with it now.

In the Warrandyte area it's odds on you've had a bulldozer in to level a building site.

From the first rip of the dozer blade, many hours of work later can be saved if the garden is planned. Parts can be excavated, mounds can be formed on otherwise uninteresting flat areas, and much thought given to retaining existing trees.

The end result is landscaped house surrounds which look attractive almost from the first day. This is why I strongly advise having an overall plan before the first sod is turned.

In many cases a garden just "happens". Aunt Gloria donates a hydrangea, Uncle Dick suggests a few rocks, and a swimming pool is bought. Very soon you've got a hotch-potch.

You design and build your house properly. Why not give it a chance to look its best by putting a matching effort into the landscaping around it.

If you have a little talent in this direction, exploit it to the utmost. If not, get in an expert. You'd be surprised at the inexpensive nature of this advice—particularly in the long run. A saving in money, effort and headache tablets.

It is very important, how-

ever, to view samples of the designer's work beforehand, for, as with house designers, individual ideas vary greatly, and you could finish up disappointed if you consult the wrong person.

Modern gardens are taking on a more natural look. There is a greater use of rocks, old railway sleepers, Lilydale toppings, bricks, slate and bluestone. Concrete is avoided as much as possible.

Flat areas at different levels can flow into each other by use of naturally placed rocks on slopes; or by using short retaining walls and letting the lawn flow from one level to the next. Straight terracing can look terribly stiff and formal.

Some feel that when a garden has been set up, it will still be terribly time-consuming. I hope to convince you in future articles that once the initial work has been done, and the plants nursed through their first summer, lawn mowing and watering will be the only necessary jobs.

• Next month — "Rocks in the Garden".

SCHOOL LIBRARY

A co-operative has been formed to help raise funds for a library and canteen at the Park Orchards State School.

More than 80 people attended a meeting to launch the proposal. The meeting was addressed by the school principal, Mr Hunt, and Mr Savage from the Education Department.

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How the Duke laid the corner stone

His Grace The Duke, arriving on the 9.30 bus from Melbourne, was met by a representative group of citizens, headed by the local president of the Federated Suso Workers' Association, who, in the absence of Dr Ethel Osborne (away on a visit to the Duchess of York) was called upon to do the honors.

Mr Tresize of the Grand Hotel, had, owing to his fluency of speech, being often called to the Bar, been unanimously elected to convey a hearty welcome.

The news of the Duke's arrival, spreading like soup on a clean tablecloth, soon attracted a huge and cheering crowd to the historic spot, and several, owing to their close proximity to the Pub, fainted in the hope of getting a revive. Nothing however, was forthcoming.

Mounting the stand, which consisted mainly of beer barrels, Mr Tresize delivered a masterly oration.

The Duke, rising to respond and forgetting his elevated position and the instability of barrels in general, succeeded in upsetting the stand and prostrating everyone on the ground.

Seeing His Grace was in no mood at that time to acknowledge the welcome, Mr Tresize, with rare cunning, implored His Grace to enter the Pub, where a banquet had been prepared in his honor.

Headed by the Town Fiddler playing the Hymn of Hate, His Grace stepped upon the royal carpet (specially removed from the Pub staircase for the occasion) and staggered dazed into the Bar.

Not knowing exactly the method employed when offering Royalty a drink, Mr Tresize, acting reluctantly upon the advice of Mr Jack Crookes, a former prominent member of English Society, placed before His Grace a foaming pot of Foster's.

Plainly intrigued, the Duke, determined not to be outdone in rural courtesy, raised his pot to bid everyone a drink, but found they had already done so.

Mr Topping then rose and, clearing his throat with his usual preliminary cough, asked His Grace to accept, as a token of his personal esteem and regard, a small bunch of out-of-season chrysanthemums and dahlias.

The Duke, in response, made complimentary references to Mr Topping's ability as an "orticulturalist", which he knew was of world-wide fame, and in



turning to expectorate with true democratic ability, he knocked his pot from the counter, whether accidentally or as a hint has not been ascertained.

This mishap called for another round of drinks, and doubtless under the influence of the second pot, Mr Vernon Thomas, the patent medicine manufacturer, rose to say a few words.

At the conclusion of his remarks, which the Duke never heard, Mr Thomas handed His Grace a small bottle of Boreth as a souvenir of his visit to Warrandyte. He impressed upon His Grace the wonderful properties of the Boreth, which would relieve Body Odour, Bunkum and Boredom.

His Grace then engaged in a heated debate with Mr Alf Higgins. Owing to the congestion, Mr Higgins was unable to play the last semi-final right through for His Grace's entertainment, but managed to get in the last quarter, breaking three pots and knocking a bottle of whisky off the shelf during the demonstrations.

The smell of the whisky, mingled with the fumes of Boreth, which the Duke had thrown at the umpire in the excitement of the game, seemed to fill everyone present with a desire to impress His Grace with their

love and loyalty to Old England.

Strains of "God Save the King", mingled with "The Red Flag" (which was finally traced by Mr Blarney Mannigan, house detective, to a corner occupied by Bobby Clark and Lurr Sloan) floated out through the door on the spilt liquor, and assured everyone who was unable to force their way in that His Grace was thoroughly enjoying himself.

Mr Duter, as a representative of the French Republic, was called upon to express his sentiments, but was in no condition to express anything except a desire for more beer, and, under the impression he was being asked to sing, favoured the company with "The Marseillaise".

As it was nearing closing time and Constable Thomas was discerned by the house detective to be lurking in the ofing, yearning for the chance to pinch Royalty for being on licensed premises after hours, it was decided to send His Grace back to town on the next bus, much to his dissatisfaction.

Great consternation was displayed when it was discovered that the Duke had lost his return ticket, but as Mr Hugh Robinson discovered a sustenance concession ticket in his pocket, His Grace was able to proceed.

His Grace managed, with assistance, to climb aboard the bus, but was emotionally unable to make a farewell speech. Probably remembering, as the bus moved off, the object of his visit to Warrandyte, he thrust his head through a window and shouted (for the first time all day), "I declare this town well and truly laid!"

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BASKETBALL

"MARRIED" TEAM TOPS

Seven married women have brought sporting fame to Warrandyte.

They are all members of the Warrandyte team which won the grand final in their grade of the Heidelberg women's basketball association.

The team defeated Blue Check 19 to 17.

Warrandyte basketballers have enjoyed great success in recent years and officials are anxiously awaiting the start on new courts in the sporting complex at the Recreation Reserve. For many years Warrandyte basketballers have had to use the courts at the local primary school.

The premiership team was formed only two years ago and plays in the night competition.

Members of the team were: C. Woolcock (capt), G. Cahill (vice-capt), M. World, L. Phillips, P. Backhouse, H. Corbett, S. Duckworth, C. Bird.

Following their win the team has been promoted to "J" grade next season.

DIARY SPORTS REPORTS

COUNCIL MOVES ON PAVILION WORK

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has stepped in to try and speed up completion of extensions to the pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

In the last issue the Diary reported that Warrandyte Football Club supporters had been battling for several months to finish the extensions.

Extra space is urgently needed inside the pavilion for the cricket and football clubs.

Recently the Deputy City Engineer, the Building Surveyor, ward councillor Ian Marsden and football club president, Mr L. Sloan, held on-site talks.

Cr Marsden said later that no official action had been taken "because of some disagreement between members of the football club."

Following the on-site talks the following points emerged:

- The football club should complete the brickwork from the grant already provided.

- Council may be able to help complete remaining work with day labour staff in the fields of electrical, carpentry and plumbing.

- A rough estimate of cost to complete from present stage is \$2,500.

Cr Marsden pointed out that difficulty in completion of the project was because estimates had been approved and it was impossible to add an expense of this magnitude in the middle of a financial year.

Draft plans for the new sporting complex at the Recreation Ground are in the process of being shown to the various sporting clubs.

The Warrandyte Cricket Club and the Warrandyte Basketball Club have ap-

proved the modified plan. The secretary of the Warrandyte Environment League, Mrs V. Polley, has a copy to submit to the League.

Early in February the signatories to a letter objecting to council's original plan will be invited to meet ward councillors.

The modified plan is similar to that proposed by the Warrandyte Environment League.

Under the new plan, council has tried to make the second cricket ground a little larger. Problems associated with flood levels had to be taken into account.

If all groups associated with the venture approve the new plan, it is hoped construction work will begin almost immediately.

FOOTBALL

COACH IS KEEN

New coach of Warrandyte Football Club this season is Bernie Wall.

Wall, a 6ft 3in ruckman and forward has had coaching experience in the Milderura district. Last season he played with Heidelberg in the Diamond Valley League.

Wall has visited the district and met several of the players. As well as a top player he is expected to bring with him, several new players who have moved into the area are likely to turn out with the 'Dytes. Wall is strict on discipline and team training and is anxious to get going as soon as possible.

Team managers appointed for the season are: First 18: K. Shields. Second 18: B. Jones and R. Stewart. Under-17: J. McCartin. Under-15: R. Davidson.

Coaches have yet to be appointed for the second 18 and the two junior sides.

DISCUSSION ON DRUGS

A drug education night for parents is being planned for March 5.

Sponsored by the Department of Health Drug Information Service, the night is being arranged by the Warrandyte and District Welfare Service, in co-operation with the Lions Club, the Community Youth Club and the Church of England Youth Group.

Aimed at making local parents aware of drug problems and early symptoms, the evening will include a speaker, films and discussion.

Parents seeking further information can phone Mrs Dorothy Rush, 844-3438.

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Wrecking job helps cricket

Warrandyte Cricket Club will be embarking on an unusual money-making venture in March.

Ted Corbett, a playing member of the club, has offered the club a fee to demolish his house in Hodsons Road, Warrandyte.

Proceeds from the sale of timber and other odds and ends salvaged from the house will go to the cricket club.

Ted is going to build a new home on the site. It is planned to wreck his existing home in two week-ends. Enquiries for timber, etc, can be made with Ted on 844-3841.

The venture will provide local handymen with an ideal opportunity to gain some bargain building materials.

The club is enjoying reasonable success, but found itself short of top-grade players after Christmas.

Recently the club's top side, A1, defeated third side, Doncaster Footballers. At one stage Warrandyte looked to be in trouble at 4/49, but

a fighting stand by Linton Smith (55) and Adrian Newell (39) helped steer the side to a convincing win.

The D1 side were undermanned and went down to Blackburn North. Highlight of this game was the steady bowling of captain Alan Chapman who captured 4/20 and a fighting 37 by newcomer Graham Betley.

FIRE ESCAPE AT WHITE HOUSE

Doncaster and Templestowe Council plans spending \$400 on a new fire escape at the White House.

The White House, in Tarroona Ave, is being used as clubrooms by the Elderly Citizens' Club and the Community Youth Club.

The fire escape will be erected early in the new year, and will link the upstairs passage with the ground.