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## Dr. Cass will speak here

Highlight of the Australian Labor Party's state election campaign in Warrandyte will be the appearance at a public meeting of the Federal Minister for the Environment, Dr Moss Cass.

He will be speaking in support of candidates for the Assembly seats of Ringwood and Evelyn and the Legislative Council seat of Templestowe.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, at 8.00 p.m. in the Mechanics' Institute.

Earlier on the same day, the Warrandyte Environment League plans to present submissions to Dr Cass on local environment problems.

Speakers at the evening meeting will be Dr Bob Birrell, lecturer in sociology at Monash University, Mr Ray Donkin, A.L.P. candidate for Evelyn, Mr Fred Davis, candidate for Templestowe, and Mr Peter Fuller, candidate for Ringwood.

Mr Donkin will speak on water conservation and Labor's policy on the Yarra Brae Dam. Mr Davis' topic will be "Has Warrandyte a Future?"



● DR MOSS CASS

### SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the popular Warrandyte Social Club was held recently. About 30 members attended.

Office-bearers elected were: President: Mr. B. Hanrahan. Secretary: Mr S. Robinson. Committee: P. Buchan, N. Pearson, I. Street, P. Lovett, C. Davidson, L. Mitchell. Treasurer: Mr I. Ingersole.

## YARRA BRAE FIGURES

(Based on the 1967 Parliamentary Public Works Committee Report.)

- Concrete wall 90 ft. high.
- Maximum depth of water, 85 ft.
- Area to be submerged, 2,060 acres; to be acquired, 4,350 acres.
- Capacity, 9,500 million gallons.
- Estimated cost (1967): diversion weir, \$4,000,000; treatment works, \$6,000,000; pipeline, \$600,000.
- Total cost: \$10,600,000.

As far back as the early 60's the Government was looking at Yarra Brae as a water storage. Interest was renewed during the recent drought.

At the public meeting, speakers expressed fears that the Government might be going off "half-cocked".

Questions were raised concerning the advisability of "flushing" the river from the dam, dangers of siltation, effects upon surrounding communities, flood problems and the loss of thousands of acres of prime grazing land and irreplaceable river gorges and bushland.

Environmental planner Mr Randall Champion suggested that dams could be placed in better positions on

the river, or even on tributaries. He urged that considerably more study should be undertaken before construction begins.

Mrs J. Walliker, vice-president of the Yarra Valley Conservation League said the league was already committed to a study. She said it was important that any further investigations should be carried out in close co-operation with all groups.

The meeting decided to request the Government to make an independent environmental and sociological study of the proposed dam and to investigate alternative water resources.

The meeting was called by the Warrandyte Environment League and Mr Keith Wilson acted as independent chairman.

Commenting this week, A.L.P. candidate for Evelyn, Mr R. Donkin, said that despite the cost involved, he believed that the Government had a clear duty to property owners and others to fully review the alternatives.

"People in the Warrandyte, Christmas Hills and Kangaroo Ground areas can no longer be expected to live under the threat of one day having their properties acquired for the purpose of collecting water from catchments which will embrace unsewered towns from Warrandyte to Warburton," said Mr Donkin.

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# Rock music at Easter service

One of the highlights of Easter church services in Warrandyte will be the appearance of a folk rock group at St Johns Presbyterian Church.

The church's new minister, the Rev Stan Stewart came up with the idea.

The folk rock trio "Cloud" will appear at St John's on Sunday, April 15.

The Rev. Stewart was formerly the director of a group of young gospel singers known as "The Proclaimers".

This group staged a most successful national series on television.

The Rev. Stewart told the Diary: "Modern popular music often asks penetrating questions about life and

belief which the church needs to hear."

Another big Easter attraction at St John's will be a display of Van Gogh prints.

"I want the congregation to be surrounded and almost overwhelmed by the art of this man," said the Rev. Stewart.

"Van Gogh has long been called a secular saint, and both in his tragic life and in his painting, he reflects a Christlike approach to life."

Any person with Van Gogh prints prepared to loan them for the display should contact Mrs Stewart, 844-3476.

Members of St John's Women's Fellowship will present a Passion play on

Wednesday, April 18 at 8 p.m.

Those taking part include Helen Davidson, drama group member of the Warrandyte Arts Association, and well known Melbourne singer, Ariel Saltmarsh.

Members of the fellowship group have extended an invitation to all local residents to attend the play. Supper will be provided.

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The recent establishment of diplomatic relations and the exchange of ambassadors between the Australian government and China had led to greater interest in the Chinese.

This is the view of Mrs Sue Bottomley, of Selby Avenue, who returned recently from a trip to China with her husband, Eric.

Local residents have shown so much interest in their trip that Mrs Bottomley has arranged a film night on Thursday, April 5, in the Mechanics' Institute.

Entitled "China in 1973" the evening will begin at 7.30.

Mrs Bottomley said communes, education, health, housing and industry were some of the subjects it was hoped to discuss with the films.

## JAZZ CABARET

A jazz cabaret featuring some of Melbourne's best groups will aid campaign funds for A.L.P. candidate, Mr Fred Davis.

The Storyville Jazzmen, Limehouse and the Melbourne University Jazz Band will be performing and a BYO licence will be operating.

The cabaret will be held in the Warrandyte Hall, Saturday, April 28, at 8.30 p.m.

Details and tickets from Fred or Judith Davis, 844-2108.

## R.S.L. LEADERS

Mr Brian Hanrahan, of Kangaroo Ground Road, has been elected president of the Warrandyte branch of the R.S.L.

Other office-bearers elected were: Vice-president: Mr A. Wishart. Secretary: Mr N. Pearson.

## COPY CLOSING

Due to Easter, copy for the Warrandyte Diary will close slightly earlier than usual. All copy for the May issue must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday, April 15.

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# YOUTH CLUB SEEKS HELP FROM PARENTS

## 'Figleaf' musical reveals all!



The second-only production of a new Australian musical is playing to enthusiastic audiences in Warrandyte's Mechanics' Hall.

With words by Ray Kollé (a "Bellbird" scripter) and music by David McCallum, the musical, "Fetch Me a Figleaf" is being presented by the Drama Group of the Warrandyte Arts Association.

● In the photo by Tony Dimmock (above) are two characters from the production (left to right) Eros (Tony Alder) and Zeus (Jock Macneish).

Others in the cast are Margaret Rose, Alan Lansdowne, Leanne Gough, Sharry MacKenzie, Soni Hopkins, Scott Seymour, Jim Pleas-

ance, Carol Williams, Ron Golding, Dinah Coleman, Lorna Buelke and Janice Garside.

Production is by Bob Karl.

The play continues on Friday 6, Saturday 7, Sunday 8, Friday 13 and Saturday, April 14.

The audience will be seated at tables, cabaret-fashion. Bring your own food and drink, licensed until midnight (except on Sunday, April 8 — a licence could not be obtained for this performance).

Tickets are \$1.50 each and you can book by phoning Meg Pleasance, 844-3571.

Officials of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club have begun a concerted campaign to broaden the club's appeal to the young people of the district.

Additional activities underway, or planned for commencement in the near future include a calisthenics class for girls, model aircraft building and a junior drama group.

**But additional help from local residents is essential if the club is to effectively cater for the 90-odd youngsters turning up each week.**

"It is hoped that in the forthcoming year, the parents of our young people will be able to show more interest in the activities of their children's club," newly-elected committee president, Mr Ron Harris, told the Diary last week.

"Although the club's annual meeting, held last month, was widely publicised," Mr Harris said, "there were only three adults present who were not members of the retiring committee.

"Last year, Doncaster and Templestowe Council purchased the White House for use by the Elderly Citizens' Club and our youth club. It is now up to us to take full advantage of these facilities.

"At the moment we have four dedicated people who have been carrying the burden of youth leadership for a long time.

"Our community includes many people with a wide and diverse range of talents and interests. There is a place for anyone interested in our planned programme of expansion," Mr Harris said.

A meeting of parents and anyone else interested in helping will be held in the White House on Thursday, May 3, at 8.00 p.m. Club officials have stressed that people who may be too busy to become deeply involved with leadership activities may well be able to help on a short term or minimal basis.

Guest speakers at the evening will be Mrs Margot Rajics and Mr Jim Rawson, officials of the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs.

Pointing out the value of community involvement in young people's activities, Mrs Rajics told Warrandyte Diary:

### LUNCHEON

Warrandyte Girl Guides Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a luncheon in the Presbyterian Hall on Wednesday, May 2 at 11.30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mrs A. Bow, whose topic will be "Natural Health Foods".

Admittance is 50 cents. Proceeds will help purchase camping equipment for the Guides.

"In Denmark last year, a professional youth worker told me, 'The thing that concerns me most is the complete and utter disregard of the parents of all that their children do here at the centre'.

"And this in a country where the children have wonderful centres and full-time leaders trained for three years — all provided by the State!

"How much more important parental interest is to us," Mrs Rajics continued, "because ours is a

community-based voluntary system. But although we are always complaining that not enough parents care, it is obvious that some must, otherwise we would have no youth clubs at all."

Just how many Warrandyte parents do care will be evident from the attendance at the meeting on May 3.

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# PLANTING YOUR ROCK GARDEN

● By BEVERLEY HANSON

Many people think a rock garden is a "rockery" —  
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A rockery is an artificial looking cluster of rocks,  
usually uniform in size, planted with almost anything.

A rock garden consists of  
naturally placed boulders  
which make cradles for  
small plants and set off  
larger shrubs and trees.

The rocks or boulders can  
also be interspersed with  
railway sleeper steps and  
seats for additional effect.

Of all the home environ-  
ment improvement available  
to the Warrandyte resident,  
I consider the natural rock  
garden, with native plants  
and small ground-cover  
plants, to be the most suit-  
able.

Some of these ground-  
cover plants are little known  
to the ordinary gardener,  
but several nurseries around  
Melbourne, which deal ex-  
clusively in native plants  
and alpinists, do have these  
smaller "gems" on sale.

They will also give ad-  
vice on the size to which  
they grow.

Before planting out a rock  
garden it is imperative to  
have good soil. In the War-  
randyte area the topsoil is  
very thin. "Skeletal" is the  
technical word, and it's very  
descriptive.

A good topsoil of sandy  
loam is needed. Mountain  
soil mixture is suitable. To  
this can be added a fertilizer  
such as blood and bone.

Any well-rotted leaf mould  
or other organic matter (but  
not animal manures) helps  
retain moisture over dry  
months and provide plant  
food.

When planting out, give  
thought to where the plants

### NORTH W'DYTE MEETING

The annual meeting of  
the North Warrandyte Pre-  
School Centre will be held  
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to size and habit. Some may  
do best in shade, while it  
may be better to plant  
others, growing one to two  
feet in height, behind a  
rock rather than in front,  
where it will obscure it.

An area between rocks  
and paving or gravel paths  
is best planted with a flat  
mat plant, such as acaena or  
thyme. There are some gre-  
villeas and Kunzia species  
which make excellent ground  
covers.

Stiff, reed-type plants such  
as native flags or kangaroo  
paw are best placed beside a  
rock. The occasional tufty  
plant, such as blue grass  
(*Festuca glauca*) can be  
planted in crevices. When  
a backdrop or camouflage  
is required, larger shrubs  
could be planted well back  
from rocks so they do not  
encroach.

When planting out from  
pots make sure the same  
level is maintained around  
the base, so that roots are  
not exposed or the stems are  
not covered.

Water plants immediately  
after planting out. A saucer  
shaped depression should be  
made so that water seeps  
well around the new root  
zone, and settles the roots in  
close contact with the new  
soil.

Autumn is an ideal time  
for planting out because  
plants and shrubs have the  
best chance of establishing  
themselves before the next  
summer.

During the establishing  
period, it is very important  
to remove weeds before they  
seed, or are spread by run-  
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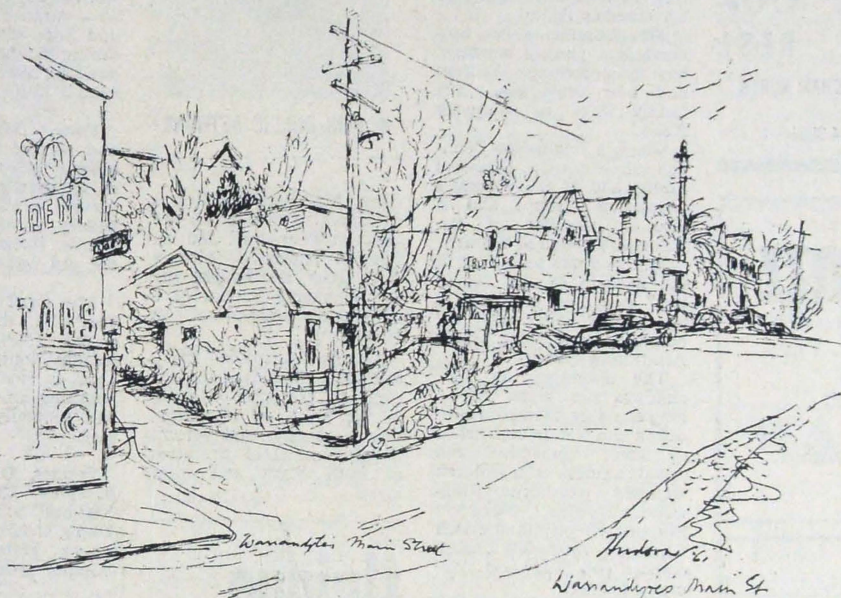
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# The Oracle

If ever there was a character in this town who was loved by some and disliked by many, it was "The Oracle".

"The Oracle" had a large following on radio. He reigned for over ten years on the A.B.C., and was finally replaced, for reasons unknown, by a personality of particular religious persuasion who disliked communists in particular and anyone "to the left" in general.

"The Oracle" was anything but a conformist.

For a time he was engaged by "The Age" and later the Adelaide "Advertiser", but his answers on paper were not as successful as on radio, where his personality, reflected through a voice of calm, clear authority, captured his audience and held them to the end.

The end came in 1965, during a long assignment for

the S.E.C. on 3DB. Some of his programmes were repeated after his death as a tribute to the popularity of "The Oracle".

For a long time people in Warrandyte did not realise that a sardonic, sarcastic, occasionally friendly and always scruffy person named Frank Rowan, who walked to the Local each day, was "The Oracle".

When answering questions on the radio he avoided such contentious subjects as law and religion, concentrating on topics based on the sciences, music or literature.

Occasionally he would undertake to answer questions on art, having first consulted me to check his facts.

He would say, "Mine is only a glorified quiz session." Nonetheless he had an enormous following, especially among students, and he enjoyed every moment of it.

Many people were helped by his answers; so lucid with detailed references.

I knew Frank well and enjoyed his company, which was never dull. In fact I was very fond of both him and his wife. But there were times when Frank's bitter and often sarcastic humour would cause embarrassment. But one must try to understand people who do not suffer fools gladly.

I referred to Frank as a "scruffy person". But this must not be misunderstood. When dressed for his radio sessions, the theatre, ballet or symphony concerts, Rowan cut a completely different figure. Perhaps the old clothes, with a science paperback tucked ostentatiously into the belt of his pants, was something of a pose. But aren't we all inclined to show-off at times?

There is so much I could tell you about "The Oracle". But there was a facet of this complex personality that was little known. He could be very kind, particularly with children. Some of you, reading this profile, may remember him — "The Oracle".



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# Neighbourly help led to politics

A Ringwood woman, Mrs Dulcie Bethune, is standing as an Australia Party candidate in the forthcoming State elections.

Mrs Bethune has been endorsed for the Legislative Assembly seat of Ringwood, which includes sections of Warrandyte.

A resident of Ringwood for the past nine years, her interest in politics began five years ago when a neighbour and her three children suffered injustice through the lack of adequate legislation for citizen's rights.

Mrs Bethune, whose husband is a plastics engineer, has three teen-age children and one adult son. The family lives in Glenvale Road.

She is a foundation member of Women's Electoral Lobby and of the Women's Liberation Groups and is also a member of the National Council of Women.

Mrs Bethune took part in the hearing of the "equal pay" case last year and is at present attending the National Wage Case at the Arbitration Court.

The upbringing of four children has given her a long-standing interest in education and a wide experience of State, independent and private schools. Her children attended Greythorne, Ringwood Heights, Norwood Primary schools, Camberwell Grammar, Methodist Ladies' College and Ringwood Education Centre.

As a family woman, she is also anxious to see that good housekeeping principles are applied to the environment.

A secretary before marriage, Mrs Bethune took a chiro-pody course when her children were small and became a registered chiro-podist. Later, she bought and was managing-director of a wholesale bakehouse in Hawthorn.



● MRS DULCIE BETHUNE

As the Australia Party candidate, Mrs Bethune expects to campaign strongly in the areas of education, citizen's rights, and reform of Governmental processes at both State and local levels.

## Unique sports double

Two Warrandyte sisters have taken off an unusual basketball double.

They are Denise and Robyn Lim, daughters of Mr and Mrs E. Lim. Mr Lim is proprietor of River-view Motors of Yarra Street.

At the recent Ballarat open age championships, Denise won the best and fairest award in "B" grade against strong interstate and country opposition.

Denise, 16, is a matriculation student at Our Lady of Sion Sisters College, Box Hill.

Robyn has been chosen in the final squad of 15 for the under-16 side to represent Victoria in Sydney.

Robyn, 14, is a form three student at Aquinas College, Ringwood.

Both girls have been members of the Vermont basketball club for three years.

Responsibility for election comment in this issue is accepted by P. R. Lovett, Webb St., Warrandyte.

## About people

Former Warrandytians, Gloria and Bert Harding, stayed a few days in the village last month with Mollie Logan and visited many of their friends, completed their holiday in Tasmania, then returned home to Queensland.

Warrandyte friends farewelled Judy and Russell Ellis at a surprise party at Beth and Tony Gallagher's home during the month. The Ellis' flew to New Zealand on March 25th.

Potter Marj Eyesbertse and painter Eira Dodd are among artists contributing to the newly-opened Manu Gallery in Yarra Street. The gallery is situated on Mr Ferdie Hornidge's land, in the old waxworks building.

Mr Cyril Street, "mine host" at the Warrandyte Social Club, is on five months' long service leave. Cyril is enjoying his break pottering around his garden and generally taking things easy.

Painter Dale Marsh of Research Road staged a "sell-out" exhibition at the Young Originals gallery last month. Dale is the WAA painting group's new tutor.

Many Warrandyte parents and students attended the farewell recently of Mr R. K. Cording, who retired as principal of Norwood High School. He was given a testimonial dinner at Union House, Melbourne University.

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**Village calendar**

**APRIL**

- 4—WAA Painting.
- 5—Evening on China. Elderly Citizens.
- 6—"Fetch Me a Figleaf." Youth Club.
- 7—"Fetch Me a Figleaf." WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 8—"Fetch Me a Figleaf."
- 11—Football Club Ladies' Committee. Nth. Warrandyte Pre-School Annual Meeting. WAA Painting.
- 12—Elderly Citizens.
- 13—"Fetch Me a Figleaf." Youth Club.
- 14—"Fetch Me a Figleaf." WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 15—St John's Rock Music Service. Diary copy closes.
- 16—WAA Screen Printing Demonstration.
- 18—WPS Mothers' Club. WAA Painting. St John's Passion Play.
- 19—Elderly Citizens.
- 20—Youth Club.
- 21—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 25—WAA Painting.
- 26—Elderly Citizens. ALP Election Meeting.
- 28—Youth Club Dance. WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance, ALP Jazz Cabaret.

**MEMBERS PLEA**

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club is seeking more members.

The club meets each Thursday at 1.00 p.m. at the White House, Warrandyte Recreation Ground.

Recently the club bought two sets of indoor bowling mats and equipment worth \$400.

At the weekly meetings members have been actively engaged playing bowls, scrabble, cards, etc.

Dolly Clifton is the club's press correspondent and would be pleased to hear from members with any news items.

# A town plan is what we need

Your correspondent, George James (Warrandyte Diary March) in highlighting the deficiencies of accommodation at the Warrandyte Primary School perpetuates the habit of attempting to cure the disease by treating the symptoms and not the causes.

His advocacy of indignant appeals to press and politicians may be successful in temporarily alleviating pres-

ures in this particular area. Indeed such action in the past has ensured that Warrandyte Primary School is only slightly inadequate and not as grossly deficient as some schools in other areas. But such action can be only a temporary expedient whilst unplanned development is allowed to continue in Warrandyte.

The present school has reached or passed the optimum enrolment for its site.

No suitable site has been reserved for a second school.

The situation with secondary education is even worse with no school, no site reserved (or apparently even thought of) and Warrandyte children unwillingly enrolled in areas with their own appalling growth problems.

The pressure is not only on schooling; the whole range of civic amenities and services from drainage and sporting facilities to car parking are either inadequate for the number of residential allotments in the area or are being provided on an ad hoc basis with little consideration of site suitability or the eventual needs of the community.

This situation is not helped by the division of the area by a municipal boundary with no planning co-operation between the two councils, which has led to the expensive duplication of some amenities and the complete lack of others.

I agree wholeheartedly with George James on the vital necessity of community action and the need to remind Federal and State members of parliament of their responsibilities.

But the community should take more positive action to determine its own needs; we cannot rely on the over-worked paternalism of parliament or council.

The urgent need is for a town plan for Warrandyte initiated by its residents.

An independent professional planner should be commissioned to co-ordinate activities of community groups, school and pre-school committees, traders' associations, arts association, elderly citizens, sporting and youth clubs, in collecting evidence.

Only when such aspects as the future population of the township, its rate of growth, predicted increase in school enrolment and demand for social, commercial and recreational facilities are assessed can needs be determined, priorities ordered and suitable sites suggested.

Then positive pressure can

be brought on local, State and Federal Government to secure these requirements.

The alternative is the continued haphazard development of the area with ever-increasing pressure on existing amenities, the squandering of the dwindling natural environment and the destruction of our unique social community.

Let us hope that there is still time.

—RICHARD MORTON,  
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# Okay for new sports

## Costly lapses in cricket

Poor batting and dropped catches cost Warrandyte Second eleven any chance in the D1 semi-final of the Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association.

Warrandyte went into the final with some good batting performances behind them, but in the vital game the recognised batsmen failed badly.

Only batsman to show any enterprise was Lindsay Bellinger, who had played most of the season with the firsts.

As the wickets tumbled around him Bellinger calmly went about steadying the position.

Doncaster Footballers had ripped through the main Warrandyte batsmen cheaply, but Bellinger proved a stumbling block.

It was disappointing to see some of the Warrandyte players who had batted in the first during the season put up such a miserable performance.

Doncaster Footballers, with the help of some dropped catches, comfortably passed Warrandyte's first innings total.

In the A2 section, Warrandyte turned on their best performance of the season to defeat Templestowe Footballers and knock them out of the four in the last home-and-home game.

But Warrandyte must find some more batsmen if they hope to match some of the scores knocked up in this section.

D1 section, first semi-final details: Doncaster Foot-

ballers 151 (L. Bellinger 3/36, K. Stanfield 3/18), Warrandyte 94 (L. Bellinger 58). Warrandyte, second innings 8/156 dec (J. Pridmore 54, L. Bellinger 40), Doncaster Footballers 6/52 (Stanfield 3/13, A. Bellinger 2/12).

## FOOTY CLUB NEEDS MEN

Warrandyte Football Club is urgently seeking new players as several of last year's regulars have retired.

Club officials are anxious to hear from any footballers who may have moved into the area recently.

All players, senior and junior are reminded that training is held every Tuesday and Thursday night.

Locals have rallied to support the finish of the brickwork at the pavilion. The club is now waiting for council to complete the remainder of the extensions.

The club is most grateful to Mr George Bell who did most of the brickwork. He was ably assisted by Kevin Luttick, Laurie Warr and John Ryan.

## facilities

Warrandyte sporting clubs and the Warrandyte Environment League have all approved Doncaster and Templestowe Council's second plan for the new sporting complex at the Recreation Ground.

Representatives from the sporting clubs and the League recently met ward councillors.

Council's original plan was not acceptable to some sporting bodies and the Environment League and changes were sought.

The meeting gave council the "green light", but Environment League representatives expressed concern that too much filling was required for the tennis courts.

They claimed this could bring about drainage problems. They were also concerned with the felling of trees at the back of the tennis court site.

The meeting pointed out to council that by discarding a path in the centre of the courts, and a dividing fence, an extra 10 feet could be saved.

This was agreed to. Mr K. Wilson, on behalf of the Warrandyte Tennis Club, said his club was not happy with the original plan which showed a diversion of Anderson's Creek.

"However, we are happy with what council has come up with in the second plan," he said.

A compromise was reached that filling for the tennis courts not exceed 5 feet.

Ground works on the

sporting complex will cost \$45,000. This does not include any buildings to be erected on the site.

## Sport at heart

A unique sporting double has been won by Mr Laurie Sloan of Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

Last football season he won the best clubman award with the Warrandyte Football Club.

In summer he turned his attentions to actively supporting the Warrandyte Cricket Club and won their award as best clubman.

Laurie is a staunch supporter of sporting groups in Warrandyte and thoroughly deserves the dual award.

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A meeting is being held at the White House, Tarroona Avenue, Thursday May 3, 8.00 p.m.

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