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The modern, recently built North Warrandyte Community Hall in Research Road is now available for hire.

The hall is ideal for all types of social functions.

Completion of the community centre follows many years of hard work, fund-raising and agitation by residents of North Warrandyte.

Local people interested in hiring the hall should contact Mr M. Henderson 718-2380, Mrs P. Barr 844-2166, or Mrs W. Bone 844-3236.

Pride of the complex at North Warrandyte is the new kindergarten. The registrar, Mrs Pam Retz, 844-2139, is handling enrolments. Registration fee is \$2.

Directress of the kindergarten is Mrs Manley. Her assistant is Mrs P. Gardener. Mrs Manley has high praise for the furnishings, equipment and layout of the kindergarten.

Election of office-bearers recently resulted: President: Mr P. Batrouney. Vice-presidents: Mr R. Duke and Mr O. Kuebler. Treasurer: Mr D. Barker. Secretary: Mrs C. Youl.

Also included in the complex is the infant welfare centre which is proving popular. In charge is Sister Ellemor who reports that everything is running smoothly.

Hours for the infant welfare centre are: Thursdays: 9.30 am to noon. 1 pm to 2.30 pm.

The management committee of the centre would like to hear suggestions from local residents which would help future development of the centre.

Everyone associated with the project would like to thank those residents who have combined so magnificently to enable the centre to be built.

CLYDE & OCKER



"The daughter's goin' with a bloke from North Warrandyte. Not keen on mixed marriages meself."

THE WARRANDYTE *Diary*

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MONTHLY IN WARRANDYTE, NTH. WARRANDYTE, STH. WARRANDYTE, PARK ORCHARDS, WARRANWOOD, WONGA PARK, KANGAROO GROUND, RESEARCH.



● Congested scene outside Warrandyte Primary School this week. — Picture by Tony Dimmock.

NEW SCHOOLS NEEDED BADLY

New primary and secondary schools are urgently needed in Warrandyte.

The existing primary school is overcrowded and the situation is going to become worse.

The most serious aspect is the lack of playground space at the school. There is simply not enough room for further classrooms.

As new residents move in to the sub-divisions school accommodation will have to be found for their children.

The Warrandyte Primary School will not be able to handle this influx.

Our local politicians and the Education Department must face up to their responsibilities in this area.

With only one state school serving such a big area traffic congestion each day at the school is bordering on chaos. Buses and cars jam up the only access to the school, creating serious hazards for children.

A spokesman for the school committee told the Diary: "The only possible solution is the immediate construction of a second primary school in Warrandyte."

"The committee is concerned that no decision has been made to provide another primary school in Warrandyte," said the spokesman.

"Recent residential development indicates that substantially more school accommodation will be required in the near future and the committee will take every opportunity to bring Warrandyte's requirements to the notice of the responsible authorities."

Strong pleas are also being made for consideration of a secondary school in Warrandyte.

For years local pupils have travelled far and wide for secondary education.

This year Norwood High School has limited enrolments from Warrandyte.

Maroondah High at Croydon had to unexpectedly find room for the overflow. But this was not satisfactory. For several weeks, children were being taught in a tent.

The Education Department is certain to face increasing pressure from school committees, mothers' clubs and parents to acquire land and begin planning the construction of a secondary school.

Many parents are already suggesting that a high or technical school of the stand-

ard pattern may not be the best solution to our problem.

"We have a good thing going here in Warrandyte," the school committee spokesman said.

"Our community spirit is something of which we are all very proud. A new concept in secondary schooling, designed to cater for our particular needs, could help us to retain it."

● *What do you think? Warrandyte Diary welcomes readers' letters on this topic.*

Nudes swim in Yarra!

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Village calendar

JUNE

- 1—Youth Club.
- 2—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 6—WAA Painting.
- 7—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 8—Youth Club.
- 9—WAA Junior Painting Drama and Dance.
- 10—WAA Outdoor Art Show.
- 11—WAA Craft, Natural Dyeing.
- 13—WAA Painting.
- 14—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 15—Youth Club. Youth Club Camp.
- 16—WAA Junior Painting Drama and Dance. Youth Club Camp.
- 17—Youth Club Camp. Football Club Car Trial.
- 20—WPC Mothers' Club Meeting. WAA Painting. Youth Club.
- 21—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 22—WAA Potters' Dinner. Youth Club.
- 23—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 24—Diary copy closes.
- 27—WAA Painting. Youth Club.
- 28—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 29—Youth Club.
- 30—Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. Youth Club Dance.

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* Readers' letters

OPEN COUNCIL SUPPORT

if any adult would be willing to help start up a club here. It could be brought up as an activity in the youth club.
JOHN PHILLIPS Warrandyte.

● Thanks for your letter John. The Warrandyte Youth Club is following up suggestion.—(Editor).

PRIZE PLAY

The world premiere of the play "From the Hollow Shield" by Alan Poolman will be the WAA Drama Group's next production.

Winner of the WAA play writing contest held last year, "From the Hollow Shield" will open in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday, July 14.

Production is by Harold Baigent, director of drama for the Council of Adult Education.

COPY CLOSING

All copy for the July issue of the Diary must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday, June 24.

Editorial and advertising copy can be placed in the mail box on the old tree opposite Riggs' newsagency in Yarra Street.

All responsible ratepayers in this city who are interested in the discussions and deliberations that precede the decision making functions of their council, must be disappointed in the rejection of Cr. Marsden's motion to open the meetings of the standing and whole council committees to the public.

At the moment, ratepayers are permitted to be present only at the regular open council meetings, where they see matters vitally important to the economic and environmental welfare of their surroundings apparently summarily dealt with.

Surely it must be in the best interests of the efficient and dedicated men who serve the community to have their constituents aware of the forcefulness and adeptness of their presentations on all items of council business.

It is obvious that the speed of decision making could be retarded if councillors considered it necessary to be excessively rhetorical to impress their gallery, but surely a three months trial period is a sound way of determining the validity of this dubious objection.

With regard to the council's decision "to send the matter back to the committee for further discussion", it can only be hoped that our representatives will seek the desires of their ratepayers before making a final recommendation to council on this matter.

J. C. SCOTT
Houghton Rd.
Warrandyte.

haphazard development. Cut down a few more trees and give us some footpaths to walk on. For the sake of safety let's turn a little suburban.

"OLD TIMER"
Webb St.
(Name and address supplied)

Pledged...

I am delighted to have been elected to represent the Ringwood electorate for the next three years.

I am aware of the area's concern for the issues of conservation, education and youth projects, and I will do my utmost to properly place the views of the electorate before parliament.

NORMAN LACY
Ringwood.

Canoes...

I have been wondering why there is not a canoe club in Warrandyte.

I know quite a few people who would like a canoe club. Could you print this in the Diary and ask

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Footpaths...

I am in favor of more sub-divisions in Warrandyte. At least they bring some decent roads and footpaths into the place. Most of our side roads are narrow without footpaths. On some roads there is hardly room for two cars to pass. If you are walking it's too bad. Head for the scrub or get hit. Webb Street between Brackenbury and Tunnel Road is a classic example. Drivers.

And what is it going to be like when the visitors want to go sight-seeing at the National Park at the top end of Webb Street?

We've lost our "village" image with all the recent

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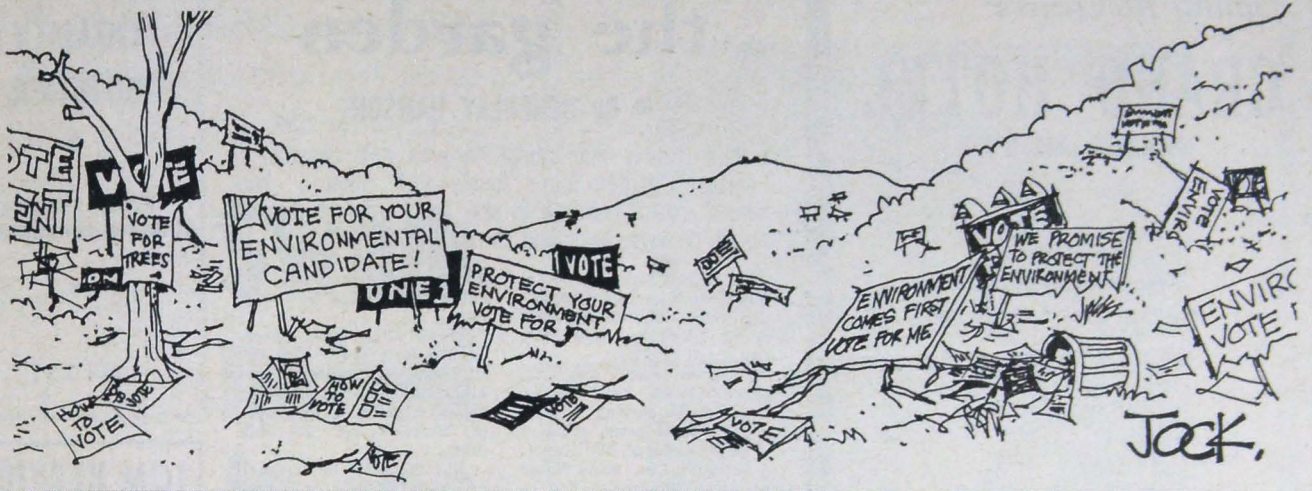
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NEW YOUTH CLUB AGE GROUP

About people

Joy and Herb Henke of Melbourne Hill Road recently announced the engagement of their daughter Caroline to Peter, son of Mr and Mrs John Monk of Mt. Eliza.

Hannie and Max Clarke have sold their house in Bradley's Lane and gone to live at Arcadia, out of Sydney. The Clarke family road train (car and caravan, Land Rover and boat) made the trek during the May holidays.

Betty and Gus McLaren of Bradley's Lane drove to Merimbula these last holidays. There they met Bobbie and Keith Wilson of Magpie Lane, also holidaying in Merimbula.

Miss Dorothy Ruttledge and the Hon. Sir George Reid, Q.C., recently announced their engagement. The two families have been friends for many years. The wedding will take place at St Stephens, Warrandyte, on July 3, and they will tour overseas for three months, returning to live in Alexander Road.

George and Vicky Broome of Cook's Crescent, accompanied by sons Gary and Ian flew to Fiji and journeyed by schooner to Plantation Village, one of the islands in the Malolo Lai Lai group for a week during the May holidays.

A new group for children aged from 8 to 12 is being planned by the Warrandyte Community Youth Club.

The group will hold their first meeting at the White House on Wednesday, June 20.

The group will meet each Wednesday evening. Parents have been requested to attend the opening meeting so that they can meet group leaders.

Cost of membership will be \$1 in addition to 20 cents each Wednesday night.

Senior members of the club organised two dances and a record night during May.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has supplied the club with paint and members will be busy in the next few weeks painting the interior of the White House.

Main activity for the seniors this month will be the camp from June 15 to June 17.

Youth club leaders are keen to hear from any local residents who may like to address the club or assist with activities. The club feels there are many people

with an interest which would be helpful to members.

Anyone interested should contact one of the club leaders at the White House on any Friday night.

Recently 16 members and four adults camped at The Basin. All who went on the camp wish to thank the few parents who offered help.

Two popular members are leaving the scene. "Pepp" is going to live at Portarlington and Toni is moving to South Warrandyte.

ART BARGAINS IN THE OPEN

Monthly outdoor art shows below the bridge are proving a popular feature of life in Warrandyte.

Staged by the painting group of the Warrandyte Arts Association, the shows give locals and visitors a chance to purchase original paintings at bargain prices.

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Children in the garden

• By BEVERLEY HANSON

It is totally impractical to plan and develop a "perfect" garden for a family with children. You cannot expect children to stay away from flowers or not to damage lawns and shrubs.

So if you insist on everything being perfect in a garden where children play, you could finish up with very frustrated children.

Children enjoy climbing, playing with sand, water and mud, playing "make believe" and being creative with all kinds of odd things.

Keep this in mind when planning a garden. Try to make the immediate outdoors interesting enough to compete with television — and so that their friends across the road or next door will want to visit them.

When landscaping your garden, plan a section for the children. Some place where they can climb (safely), hide, create their fantasy worlds and be generally happy.

Sand pits are easily constructed. Log surrounds for these are relatively easy to come by in the Warrandyte area (perhaps from a tree that has had to be removed to build your home).

Shallow pools are good too, if children are old enough. These can be made from concrete or plastic.

Summer shade can be provided by a deciduous tree on

the northern aspect. This will allow winter sun to penetrate.

Think about tree houses or log huts containing old furniture, old clothing and other odds and ends. They can be a never-ending source of "make-believe" for children.

The area can be screened off with shrubs or ti-tree fences to allow children to "create" freely, and to eliminate what adults may call an environmental eyesore.

Fixed equipment which has proved popular includes stepping logs, log fences, climbing ropes and frames, swings, slides, see-saws and a flying fox. These can be purchased progressively or made from fairly inexpensive materials.

Flat, compacted areas are preferable for riding bikes, trikes and scooters. Mounds or slopes can provide inspiration for other games.

Personal interest and respect for the garden could be fostered among your children by allowing them to help you plant out shrubs and trees. It may be a nuisance at the time, but a small child who has planted a shrub or tree is more likely to keep his or her friends away from it.

"That's the tree I planted,"

will be the possessive cry.

What more could you want?
• Next Month: Planning for outdoor living.

YOUTH CLUB DANCE

Warrandyte Community Youth Club's next monthly dance will be held in the White House, Tarroona Avenue, Saturday, June 30, commencing 8.00 p.m.

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YVONNE REID writes this month of one of our oldest and most colourful residents, Alexa Goyder, and of those far-off halcyon days when they . . .

Swam naked in the Yarra

Alexa Gordon-Cumming first came to Warrandyte in 1919 in Bill Hussey's coach.

She'd caught the train to Ringwood, then came on with Bill, who hitched up two horses or four, depending on the number of passengers and the state of the road.

Alexa was with her friend Ida Pitt, daughter of poetess Marie Pitt, and they'd come to spend the weekend in a little cottage lent them by William Mitchell. He was an advertising consultant for whom they both worked, Alexa as journalist and Ida as secretary.

"Warrandyte in those days was not only a popular place for artists to live," Mrs Goyder recalls.

"Many of the writers and painters, mostly impoverished who frequented Fiesoli's in Lonsdale Street would come here at weekends to relax in the bush, listen to the warble of magpies and eat alfresco meals grilled over smoky open fires.

"They usually also managed to take a few after-hours drinks at either of the village's two pubs."

Among the painters she remembers living in Warrandyte were Frank Crozier, Jo Sweatman, Adrian Lawler and, in the very early times, Clara Sothern Flynn, whose landscapes were even then hanging in the National Gallery.

"Clara was a very imposing woman who always wore floor length gowns in the Victorian mode and had an air of graciousness which many people found intimidating.

"I remember when an exhibition of the works of local painters was being arranged by Mrs Flynn and Miss Sweatman there were some female nudes submitted. These were summarily rejected by the committee for the protection of the lady in charge of the ex-

hibition. They feared for her safety if some of the male spectators should be stirred to passion by such dangerous improprieties."

When Alexa married Guy Goyder in 1925 they continued to visit Warrandyte, staying in one of the several cottages owned by William Mitchell and eventually bought a half acre of land in Yarra Street.

During the Depression when Guy, an accountant, had the choice of a reduction by half of his salary or the sack, they gave up their South Yarra flat and rented a cottage from Dora Sothern, Clara's sister.

This cottage is the famous Hipwell one in Research Road, which was the first Potter's cottage. They rented it in 1929 for fifteen shillings a week, while they built a stone house in Yarra Street, which Lex designed. The house was of random rubble construction incorporating local sandstone quarried from Victory Gully, and the Goyders engaged stonemason Kevin Sloan, known for his work on various stone buildings in the area—including the war memorial to help them.

It was during this building time that Lex planted at the foot of her block a tiny oak which she'd grown from an acorn in the window box of the South Yarra flat. Forty-five years later it spreads its branches wide across the roof of the garage below the stone path up to the house.

One day while Lex and Guy were busy mixing cement mortar for the house Lex became aware of a whizzing and buzzing about her ears. "Look out for those wasps," she said to Guy.

"Wasps nothing" said Guy, a veteran of the Great War, "those are bullets!"

It appeared that someone on the other side of the river was taking pot shots at Paddy Whelan's pigs which, having escaped from their pen at the top of the hill, were dashing to freedom down the boundary of Goyder's block.

"The hill in those days was pretty bare" says Lex. "It had been cleared of scrub and had not yet grown much in the way of tea-tree. Brackenbury Street, of course, didn't exist.

Paddy Whelan was an old Irish friend of Clara Sothern's. He had a large property on top of the hill where he ran chickens, ducks, pigs and a couple of cows.

His policeman son had bought him a quiet old hack. He never had a saddle, but always rode on a sheepskin with a couple of stirrups somehow attached.

The Whelan cows were in the habit of falling down mine holes near the river bank and were usually pulled out by a concerted community effort. Various members of the Sloan and Hawkes families would combine with ropes and pulleys and drag the uninjured but complaining animal to safety.

Another Paddy Alexa remembers was a big grey gelding owned by Charlie Jones' brother. The brother was employed by the council to keep the roads in order, and Paddy the horse took his municipal appointment very seriously.

Every morning he would come up and back into the shafts of the council cart and stand there, waiting to be harnessed. It is debatable whether this enthusiasm was due to a sense of civic responsibility or to the expectation of the full nosebag which always accompanied the harnessing up.

Warrandyte, it appears, has always had a lively

social scene. There was the riotous party Lex heard about (she swears she wasn't at it) which took place up in a cottage in Castle Road.

It was a Sunday, a celebration of some magnitude, and the wine flowed freely. As the sun rose higher and the celebrators' spirits likewise, someone decided that a swim was imperative. So down the party slipped, slithered and stumbled and fell about in the cool water by the bridge, each one naked and carefree as the day they were born.

It was only gradually that the realisation dawned upon them that the rest of the world did not share their jollity. One by one they looked up to see a row of solemn shocked faces lined up along the rails of the bridge.

The old wooden bridge was the occasion of a scandal of a different kind, some years later, during the 1939-45 war, Lex recalls.

"A pile of dried horse manure and leaves in a niche in the bridge timbers collected a lighted cigarette butt and, as is the custom with such aggregations of rubbish, set up a column of smoke. It didn't burn the bridge, but as it coincided with the evolution of a pocket of small town busybodies into superheated anti-German patriots, it was seen as indisputable evidence of secret enemy conspiracies in the village, intent on destroying communications throughout Australia, including our bridge."

During her fifty years and more association with War-

randyte, Lex Goyder has seen the famous floods and fires.

She remembers scorpions crawling along the bridge rails as the water drove them out of their homes in the bridge timbers during the 1934 flood.

The 1939 fire burnt the entire upper storey of her house and she built again.

The many stone-based houses she has designed and built are a tribute to her practical imagination and a valuable contribution to the uniqueness of the area.

At 81 she is as alert and mentally active as ever, though arthritis and failing sight frustrate her in her writing work.

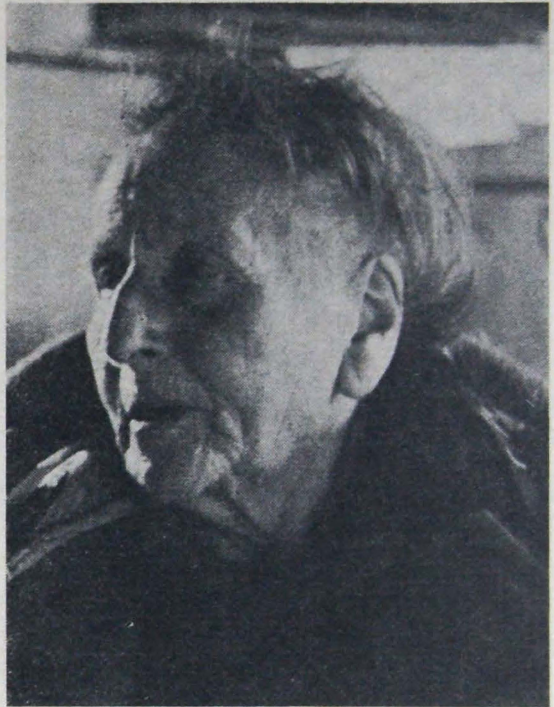
After publishing many short stories and serialised novels (mostly "unmitigated tripe", she says) she is now working on a novel.

She maintains a solidly left wing political interest and attitude, originating, she says from an incident shortly after she arrived in this country from New Zealand at the end of the First War.

She watched a child die because its parents were too poor to give it adequate attention and her own doctor from South Yarra refused to come because they were "lodge" patients.

She has a devoted family of cats and entertains her numerous friends over a quiet sherry and a chat in the charming livingroom of the stone house she built so long ago.

Alexa Goyder's memories span the years, the like of which we will never see again.



—Picture by Tony Dimmock

Latest details

Although defeated Warrandyte firsts showed a bit more heart and enthusiasm than in recent games.

Firsts: Mulgrave 15.22 Warrandyte 7.12. Best: Rattray, World, Thornton, Taylor, Valentine, Edwards, Adams, Goals: World 3, Valentine 2.

Seconds: Mulgrave 12.12 Warrandyte 6.4. Best: Allardice, Garlepp, Zigmantis, Ness, Nightingale. Goals: Zigmantis 3.

Under-17: Mulgrave 9.9 Warrandyte 5.5. Best: Bell, R. Smith, McCartin, Blair, Lovett.

Under-15: Warrandyte 5.11 Mulgrave 4.9. Best: Walker, G. Dunnett, R. Dunnett, Wilson, Murrell, Williams.

NEW FOOTBALL COACH NAMED

Former Carlton Reserves player Robert White is the new captain-coach of Warrandyte Football Club.

He replaces Bernie Wall.

White began his football career with Doncaster. Later he joined Fitzroy.

But it was not until he transferred to Carlton that he made a name for himself.

In his first year he was one of the few players to be added to Carlton's final list. However, he played most of his games with the Reserves where he polled well in the best player awards.

After a season of umpir-

ing in the Doncaster and District Junior League he decided to take up football again and was persuaded to join Warrandyte.

White's appointment completes an unusual local sporting double. He is also captain of the Warrandyte first eleven.

During the past few years he has been an outstanding slow bowler and batsman with Warrandyte.

He has won several batting and bowling prizes in the Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association.

Local football followers will be looking to White to help revive interest in local football. White realises he has a tough job in front of him, but already the side is beginning to show more spark.

White, who is in his early 20's, is a journalist with The Australian.

On Sunday, June 17 supporters, officials and players will compete in a car trial organised by Bruce McCauley and Dennis Street. A barbecue will follow the trial.

The club is still short of under-17 players. Any players eligible for this team are requested to attend training on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.

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GOLF CLUB IS MOVING HERE

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According to one report first stage of a new clubhouse costing \$30,000 is expected to be open by Christmas.

The new course is in Alexander Road and will be conducted by the Wattle Park Golf Club. They will probably be known as Wattle Park Country Club.

There are membership vacancies for men, women and juniors. The first year will cost men \$100 nomination fee and \$61 annual subscription, women (\$25-\$25), and juniors (\$10-\$11).

During the first 12 months it has been announced that only nine holes will be available and clubhouse facilities will be temporary.

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