

LAND GRAB FEARS

THE WARRANDYTE *diary*

NUMBER 29

JULY 1, 1973

FREE

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



PUBLISHED BY THE WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

EDITORS: CLIFF GREEN (844 2096)

PETER LOVETT (844 3794)

EDITORIAL & BUSINESS ADDRESS: WEBB ST., WARRANDYTE, VIC. 3113



WITH THE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE OF THE LIONS CLUB OF WARRANDYTE

Park Orchards residents set for show-down

Park Orchards residents are preparing for a bitter fight over the possibility of sub-division of 110 acres of land abutting Domeney Reserve in Knees Road, Park Orchards.

Strong pressures to resist the move are being made on the State Government and Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

The land in question has been zoned "reserved living" under the proposed Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works plan for the area and is said to be in the process of being purchased by a well-known building company.

The Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association believes the proposed zoning will lead to a high density development which will destroy much of the rural aspect of Park Orchards.

The association says it will place a serious burden on schools, kindergartens and community facilities.

Already, more than 400 local residents have signed objections to the plan.

In a signed statement of objections on the proposed rezoning it was pointed out that if Park Orchards is to be surrounded by an area of high-density living there will be inevitable pressure to make Park Orchards an area of high-density living also.

The statement says the cost of providing some of the required facilities and services for possible high-density living will be relatively high.

Mr Kevin Smyth, secretary of the ratepayers' association, told the Diary this week: "The land in question is broadly representative of the original vegetation of the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

"It is the second largest semi-natural bush block of its size nearest to Melbourne, and as such, it has a value to Melbourne as a whole as well as to the local community.

"It would be a great tragedy to see the intrusion of close density living into an area like this," said Mr Smyth.

Already officials of the ratepayers' association have inspected the area with Mr V. Houghton, MLC, and Mr N. Lacy, MLA, and ward councillor, Mr I. Marsden.

This move followed an approach by residents to have the entire site declared a State park.

Mr Houghton has promised to place the matter before State Government.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has lodged objections with the MMBW and has authorised the three ward councillors to act on behalf of the council in inspections of the area.

BROWNIE, GUIDES PRESIDENT

Mrs Shelagh Morton was elected president of the Warrandyte Brownie and Girl Guides' Association at the recent annual meeting.

Other office-bearers elected were: Secretary, June Vizard. Treasurer, Heather Sprott.

The District Commissioner, Norma Wagner, told the annual meeting it had been a good year for both the Brownie pack and Guide company.

The ladies' auxiliary had a successful year financially. Money raised will be used to buy equipment for the Guides.

FIRE AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The women's auxiliary of the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade will hold a soup n' sandwich lunch at the North Warrandyte Community Hall in Research Road on Wednesday, July 25.

The auxiliary issues a warm welcome to all women of the district to attend and meet neighbors and newcomers. Starting time is 12.30 p.m.

Margaret Humphreys (844-3731) and Beth Gallagher (844-3518) are handling arrangements.

Acting ability runs in the family

The man who is playing the central character in the WAA Drama Group production this month comes from a family of fine actors.

He is Tim Sherwood, of Albert Road, pictured right (photo by Tony Dimmock).

Tim is portraying the character Goodhope in the play that won the WAA playwrights' competition last year — "From the Hollow Shield" by Alan Poolman.

His father is Peter Sherwood, an English dramatic actor who has appeared in a wide range of BBC television productions, including "Softly Softly", "Z Cars" and "Henry VIII".

Tim's brother, Jonathan, is also a professional actor and has toured widely in repertory in the UK, appeared in the TV serial, "Dr Who", and is currently on a two-year contract with one of the best known theatrical companies in Nairobi.

He was short-listed for the title role in the film, "Young Winston".

Tim Sherwood came to Australia 5½ years ago, and in 1971 he settled in Warrandyte with his wife, Lyn.

Although he had never acted before coming to Warrandyte, Tim's family penchant for the theatre soon showed through and he created impressive roles in "The Real Inspector Hound", "You Can't Take It With You" and "Antigone", all WAA Drama Group productions.

Also taking part in "From the Hollow Shield" are John, Gillian and David Verrall, Brendan Cassidy, John Marriot, John Vomero



and Norm McGowan.

Production is by Harold Baigent.

Gala premiere is on Saturday, July 14, and continues on Fridays

and Saturdays until the end of the month, with one Sunday performance on the 22nd.

Phone 844-3571 for bookings.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL!

● WONGA PARK (PAYNTER RD.)

Delightful 2 bedroom country-style cottage. Extensive views, rural setting. Light and water. Zoned Reserved Living. To be sold by auction Sat. July 21, 2 p.m.

Peter McDougall
AND ASSOCIATES (WARRANDYTE) PTY. LTD. R.E.S.I.

AUCTIONEERS & ESTATE AGENTS
844 3085, 844 3751. A.H.: 437 1913

WARRANDYTE DRIVING SCHOOL

- Manual & Automatic
- Heavy Vehicle Endorsements

Note correct phone: 844 2282
(after 6.00 p.m. please)

GEORGE S. MAYDOM

"A" GRADE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
FREE TRAVELLING IN WARRANDYTE AREA
PHONE 844 2185

SOLD

BY PITT & CO.

Local residents will have noticed quite a lot of these signs in the area . . .

If you have a home or block of land to sell, you will want to see this sign again . . .

FOR FAST PROFESSIONAL SERVICE,
AND — MORE IMPORTANT — FOR
RESULTS, RING FOR A FREE,
NO-OBLIGATION VALUATION!!

Pitt & Co.

R.E.S.I.

62 MITCHAM RD., MITCHAM NORTH
● 874 7744
● A/H Ray Harris 844 3986

Coffee Bean Restaurant

● FINE FOOD

OPEN TUESDAY TO SUNDAY 12 NOON-10 P.M.
B.Y.O. 844 3674

Riverview Motors

- * TOWING
- * PANEL BEATING
- * SMASH REPAIRS
- * INSURANCE WORK
- * RE-DUCOING

Ford

SALES & SERVICE

YARRA STREET, WARRANDYTE
PHONE: 844 3288 844 2033

CHIEF SECRETARY TOLD:

WARRANDYTE NEEDS EXTRA POLICE

Warrandyte Police Station was manned only about one third of the time, Cr I. Marsden said recently.

He said this was because of shifts, court work, and the disabilities encountered by the shortage of staff.

Cr Marsden was speaking as a member of a six-man Doncaster and Templestowe Council deputation which met the Chief Secretary, Mr Rossiter, on ways of improving police protection and service within the municipality.

Speaking on the policing of Warrandyte, Cr Marsden said it was a matter for serious concern.

"Staffed as only a two-man station, it serves an area of 21 square miles, and covers areas as diverse as Kangaroo Ground, Park Orchards, Warrandyte and South Warrandyte, and parts of Donvale and North Ringwood," said Cr Marsden.

He said the estimated population of these areas was 14,000.

"Because of its popularity as a tourist spot, and with its many secluded areas, Warrandyte attracts many young larrikins and louts from neighbouring areas," said Cr Marsden.

"They congregate regularly, especially at weekends, in the many parks and reserves on the river foreshore and in the area which is being reserved as a State park. "Their drinking, bad language and general misbehaviour has caused many sleepless nights among the residents, particularly the elderly.

"Recent complaints received include reports of vandalism, indiscriminate shooting, drunken brawls, and the loud revving of motor bike engines in the early hours. There have also been several sex attacks in the area.

"Calls at night, when so many offences occur, have to be policed by the crime car squad at Heidelberg which is ten miles away. When urgency is at a premium, there have been occasions when it has taken in excess of one hour for a car to arrive.

"The two resident policemen have little chance of breaking up these gatherings when they are alone, and assistance is so far away. Much of their time is taken up in routine duties — files, warrants, licence tests, motor registrations, and the collection of revenue and its attendant bookwork.

"Thus the important job of actually policing the area must of necessity be neglected," said Cr Marsden.

He said the area has been a two-man station for at least the past ten years when the population was but half its present size.

"With the population growing steadily and further large sub-divisions about to commence, council feels it is imperative that the Warrandyte police station be upgraded, and at least two more men be rostered there for duty," said Cr Marsden.

After hearing the deputation, the Chief Secretary said: "If the number of police and the facilities are not in accord with, and in proportion to the growth of population in Doncaster and Templestowe, the government has a responsibility to ensure the safety of the residents and will do something to remedy the situation."

Village calendar

JULY

- 4—WAA Painting. Youth Club.
- 5—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 6—Youth Club.
- 7—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 9—Secondary School Meeting.
- 11—WAA Painting. Youth Club.
- 12—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 13—Youth Club.
- 14—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WAA Play.
- 15—WAA Outdoor Art Show.
- 18—WAA Painting. WPS Mothers' Club. Youth Club.
- 19—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens. Mechanics' Institute Meeting.
- 20—Youth Club. WAA Play.
- 21—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WAA Play.
- 22—WAA Play. Diary copy closes.
- 25—WAA Painting. Nth. Fire Brigade Ladies' Lunch. Youth Club.
- 26—WAA Pottery. Elderly Citizens.
- 27—Youth Club. WAA Play.
- 28—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. Youth Club Dance. WAA Play.

COPY CLOSING

All copy for the August issue of the Diary must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday, July 22.

JOHN RYAN

LICENSED PLUMBER

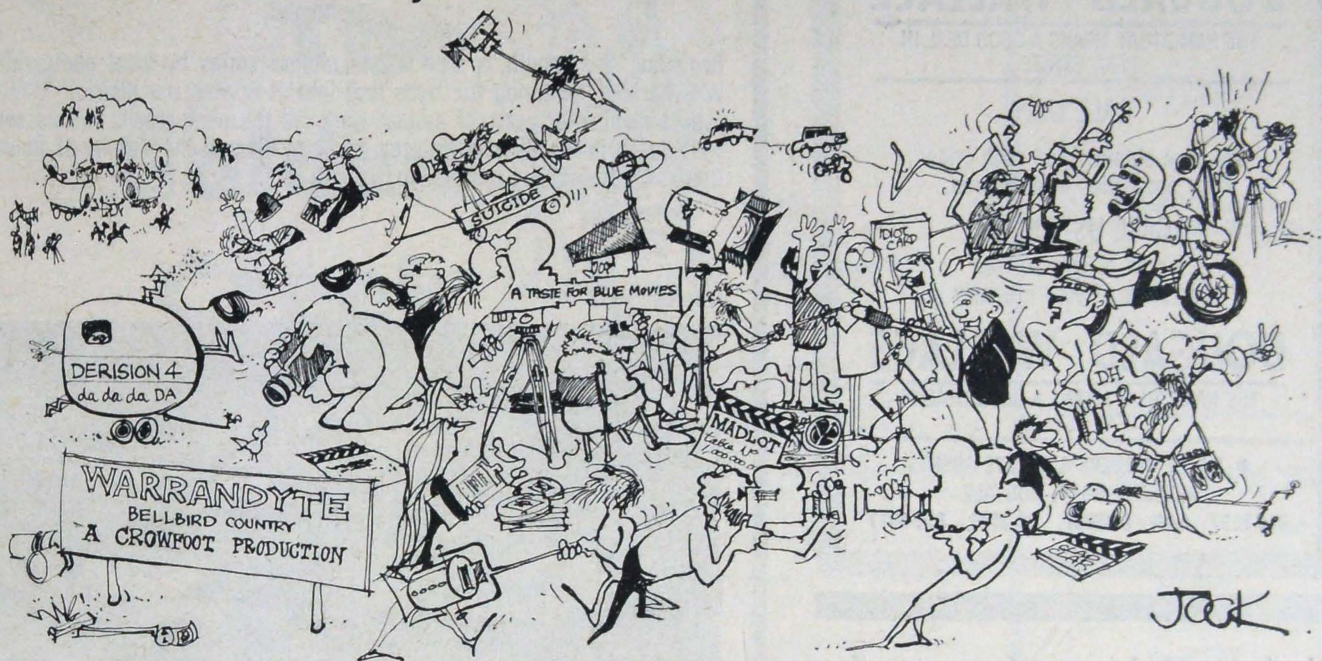
ALL GENERAL PLUMBING
INC. ROOFING, SPOUTING, H.W.S.
MODIFICATIONS & MAINTENANCE
DAVID ROAD ● 844 3087

WAA Drama Group presents a new Australian play by Alan Poolman

'from the hollow shield'

WARRANDYTE HALL ■ GALA PREMIERE SAT. JULY 14 ■ ALSO FRI. 20,
SAT. 21, SUN. 22, FRI. 27 ■ SUPPER NIGHT SAT. 28 ■ BOOK: 844 3571

Jock's Warrandyte



WOMAN SEEKS COUNCIL SEAT

At least two Warrandyte people have indicated they will stand against retiring Cr Viv Rush at the Doncaster and Templestowe Council elections on August 25.

Urgent help offer

A community emergency service, offering urgent help when needed, has been opened in Warrandyte.

Operated by the Women's Fellowship of St John's Presbyterian Church as part of its "Local Concern" program, the emergency service is especially designed to assist mothers in times of crisis.

Fellowship spokeswoman, Mrs Helen Cox, told the Diary this week that the project is not a baby-sitting service.

"But we are prepared to look after children when a sudden need arises, such as when mother has to visit father in hospital, or maybe go to the doctor herself," she said.

The service can be contacted through Mrs Ella Sharpe (844-3720) or Mrs Heather Ingram (844-3447).

The Fellowship has also produced a booklet called "About Warrandyte", especially for newcomers to the district.

"It is crammed full of information about the district," Mrs Cox said, and includes such things as emergency phone numbers, locations of rubbish tips and public phones and even a street directory.

They are Mrs Val Polley, housewife, of Hutchinson Avenue and Mr John Scott, industrial chemist, of Houghton Road.

It is believed that veteran councillor, Mr Viv Rush, will stand again.

Other names have been mentioned and it could turn into a "Melbourne Cup Field". It is believed that at least two others are considering nominating.

Mr John Scott is receiving strong support from at least one ward councillor and a former councillor. Backing for Mr Scott is expected to be strong in Park Orchards.

Mrs Val Polley's nomination is of interest because few women take on the "big boys" in their field.

This week in Warrandyte, older residents could not recall readily when a woman last stood for Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

Among her local interests, Mrs Polley is secretary of the Warrandyte Environment League.

She told the Diary: "I want to make it clear right from the start that I am not being officially endorsed by the Environment League, but the conservation issue will be a major plank in my platform."

Mr Scott has lived in Warrandyte for 20 years. He was actively involved in several community bodies during the early part of his residence here.

Now that his family has grown up and business pressures have eased somewhat, he says he is looking forward to contesting a council seat.

This election, like recent council contests, is certain to

create widespread interest, and it could be close.

With an all-Warrandyte field, the key to the election could be the amount of support that can be rallied for any of these candidates in Park Orchards.

Land subdivision policy, conservation, improved community and sporting facilities and road-making to suit the environment are important issues that will be facing both the candidates and the electors.

"ELDERLIES" NEED MORE MEMBERS

Several new members have recently joined the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club.

According to the club's press officer, Dolly Clifton, the club would like to hear from more elderly people in the area.

The club meets regularly at the White House at the Recreation Ground. Early this month the club will hold their annual meeting.

Recent outings included trips to the clubs at Mount Evelyn and Lilydale.

Members were most impressed with the new clubrooms at Lilydale.

Mr and Mrs R. Watson are leaving soon on a trip around Australia. All members wish them a most enjoyable holiday.

GOLDEN GATE STORE

★ MILK BAR ★ MIXED BUSINESS
(GWEN & PETER CAHILL, PROPRIETORS)
844 3432

ALL GROCERY LINES
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
PIES, SANDWICHES & ROLLS

• Agents for portable gas.

RON C. DAY

844 3329 (all hours)

- * GARDEN SOILS
- * EXCAVATIONS
- * BUILDING SANDS

All Quarry Products for
Drives & Paths

Buying or Selling Real Estate?

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL

R.E.S.I. AGENTS
OF MANY YEARS' STANDING
FOR PROMPT, COURTEOUS &
EFFICIENT SERVICE

Peter McDougall
AND ASSOCIATES (WARRANTYTE) R.E.S.I.

YARRA STREET, WARRANTYTE (OPP. HALL)

Other offices at TEMPLESTOWE, ELTHAM & HURSTBRIDGE
844-3085 844-3751 A/H: Peter McDougall — 844-3620

DOUGALD WALLACE

THE NAME THAT MEANS A GOOD DEAL IN
REAL ESTATE

CALL US!

We have obtained top cash prices
for properties in your area.

CALL US TODAY

for an obligation free
appraisal of your property.

DOUGALD WALLACE

THE NAME THAT MEANS A GOOD DEAL IN
REAL ESTATE

● R.E.S.I. VALUERS & ESTATE AGENTS
MITCHAM ROAD, DONVALE

874-7677 A/H: 82-5907, 89-4486, 850-3917

Kitchen Units made to order

Suppliers of Laminex, Corinite, Pyneboard
& Hardwood.

We are Leaders in Kitchen Design.

BILL-TINN CUPBOARDS

TED LYG, HANS NOWATKA ● 844 3529, 844 3536

Come and see

our large and varied selection
of super quality plants.

Just follow the signs along
Jumping Creek Road,
Wonga Park, to . . .

KOOMBAHLA NURSERY

(ESTABLISHED 13 YEARS)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Saturdays ● Public Holidays
- Sunday Afternoons

Closed on Weekdays.

PHONE 722-1271

Danny McLoone's

GRAND HOTEL

WARRANDYTE

Sensibly priced

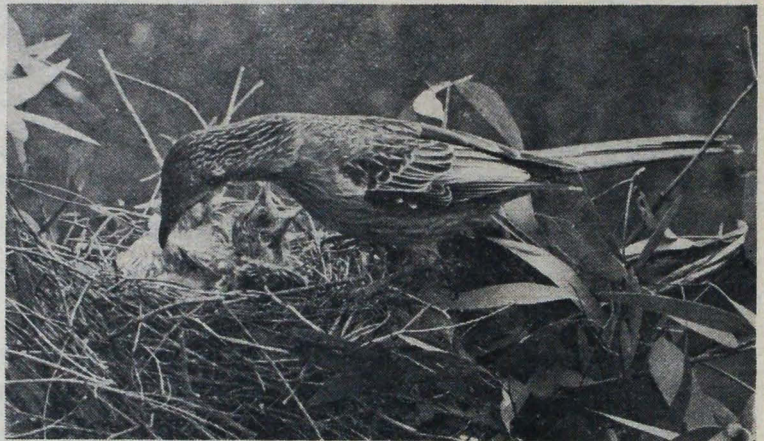
COUNTER LUNCH DAILY
CABARET EVERY SATURDAY

Our beer is best
North, South, East and West.

To quote Mae:
"Come up and see me sometime."

OUR FEATHERED NEIGHBOURS

Beginning this month, a new nature picture series by local photographer Wim Kerkhof, featuring the birds that inhabit or visit our district. Built up over a number of years of patient work, all the photographs in this series were taken in the Warrandyte area, many of them in the vicinity of Jumping Creek. Long may they continue to live with us . . .



I | Red Wattle Bird

Hanging clumsily in the foliage of the trees they are ransacking, the Red Wattle-Bird (*Anthochaera carunculata*) can be seen moving about the district during autumn and winter, following the flowering of the eucalypts, banksia and grevillea.

The largest mainland honeyeater, the Red Wattle-bird, is a long-tailed, swift, assertive, acrobatic bird, streaked brown and grey, with yellow abdomen and red wattles. The sexes are alike.

Their call is a loud, raucous "Kwock! kwock!"

and their flight is direct, strong and undulating.

They feed on insects and the nectar and soft fruit of introduced and native plants. They build a rough, saucer-shaped nest of twigs lined with bark, etc., in trees, and lay two or three pinkish-buff eggs, spotted red-brown or purplish-grey,

during the months July to December.

Moving in pairs or flocks, they are still quite common and are distributed throughout the Victorian ranges.

They respond well — even greedily — to garden feeding tables and a honey-and-water bottle formula.

PHOTO SERIES BY WIM KERKHOF

POTTERS COTTAGE ★ WARRANDYTE

Pots for collectors, pots for everyday use.
Open Tuesdays to Sundays, 12.30 to 5 p.m.

Phone: 844-3078



K. S. SERGEANT : PLUMBER

Septic Tanks, Plumbing Supplies

all Plumbing Maintenance

YARRA STREET : 844 3324

The Golden Creek



HARRY HUDSON'S WARRANDYTE STORY

The Warrandyte story begins on May 26, 1851, with an almost obscure paragraph in the Melbourne Daily News.

Gold had been discovered at Bathurst, New South Wales.

Within a week, Melbourne's whole future was threatened as people left their jobs and deserted the city in a mass. The gold rush was on. Edward Hargreaves, later recognised as the first discoverer of gold in Australia, had unearthed a few specks at Bathurst on February 12 of that year.

With Melbourne almost paralysed by the mass desertion to New South Wales, the Mayor, Alderman William Nicholson, acted fast. He formed a Gold Discovery Committee of leading citizens, offering £200 reward for gold discovered within 100 miles of the capital.

Almost immediately after the Committee's announcement, two parties set out to search the area around Upper Yarra and the Plenty Ranges.

One party, led by Henry Frencham, a reporter from the Melbourne Times, caused excitement when the Argus, on June 13, 1851, with more enthusiasm than fact, announced gold in the Plenty Ranges. Unfortunately, the assays were negative. In fairness to Frencham, however, the well-known historian, Isaac Selby, in his *Pioneers' Memorial History of Melbourne*, makes the point that his "find" was made on the exact spot later occupied by the Caledonian Mine at Warrandyte.

The second party, led by Louis Michel, proprietor of the Rainbow Hotel, Swanston Street, Melbourne, was more fortunate. With a companion, William Habberlin, Michel made camp at a spot where the main road now crosses Anderson's Creek, on June 29, 1851.

Next morning, working their way a short distance up the creek, they saw a rock formation with a vein of quartz running through it. In great excitement they began digging and soon bottomed. Scraping earth into a dish they panned off — one can imagine with what frantic care — and revealed specks of gold. The first gold discovered in Victoria!

How he "struck it rich", is best told in Louis Michel's own words:

In company with Mr Habberlin, I left my hotel about 4 a.m. in order to elude any prospectors who had inclination to follow. We made direct to the Ranges by way of Barkers Road (now Whitehorse Road or Maroondah Highway). After trying the creeks and gullies for several days, our stock of supplies was running low. There being no chance of replenishing them, we were forced to face about for town.

Not knowing exactly our position, we determined to follow some creek down to the Yarra, and in doing so, a particular bend, under a steep bank, led me to think that the creek had not always run on its present course. If gold were to be found it seemed a likely place. Taking a spade and pick, I crossed the creek into the bend. Habberlin, in the meantime lit a fire, and slung the billy. I proceeded to remove the surface for about four square feet, having got into the second spit. I called to Habberlin to bring the dish and gave him strict instructions to wash the earth carefully away until the last few grains were left in the dish.

"Do you see anything, Bill?" said I.

After once or twice saying "No", he suddenly exclaimed, "Your worship, here's the clickety!"

Eagerly examining the residue we found it contained ten small grains of gold.

Michel reported to the Gold Discovery Committee on July 16, who had three chemists make separate tests. Each testified to its being gold. Two days later Michel advertised in the Argus and the Herald for a person interested in exploiting the newly-found goldfield.

On August 6, a Wednesday, Michel and the Commissioner of Crown Lands, M. A. Fenwick, with 40 prospectors, set off for Anderson's Creek. Although the hole dug by Michel was full of water, all were satisfied by tests that the area was auriferous, so the

creek was dammed and within the first three hours, despite insufficient equipment, more than 40 pieces of gold — some as large as peas — were found.

By Friday more than 150 miners were at work, over an area of three miles from Jumping Creek to Harris Gully, with Michel camped a short distance down-creek from the present memorial cairn. The State's first goldfield was called "Victoria", after the newly-named colony, which became independent of N.S.W. on July 1, 1851.

That same day, a "black-bearded and bewhiskered demon" by the name of Mr Ginger, became Victoria's first goldfield storekeeper.

This woodcutter, whose appearance belied his name, was apparently a most enterprising individual. He opened a store, served hot and cold joints with home-made bread at an open-air cafe and erected commodious huts for horses. A much surer way of acquiring gold than digging for it.

Ginger had met Michel's party a month earlier. Mistaking them for run-away sailors, he had advised them to make for Brighton where a certain market-gardener would give them employment.

At a meeting that night, it was agreed to allot ten yards of creek to each man as his claim, so that all should have an equal chance of success. Australia's first Miner's Rights were thus established at Anderson's Creek.

When Commissioner Fenwick returned to the field on August 14, licences were issued at 30/- each. Although Michel, after consultation with the diggers suggested 10/-, Fenwick was adamant in his demand for 30/-. There was nothing else for it but to pay up or get out.

Rain interfered with work on the field during this period, causing the prospectors to lose heart. The weather picture has not changed much, as we who live here know.

So it was not surprising that the flooded goldfield should be all but abandoned before the end of the year. Even the enterprising Mr Ginger cleared off to Mount Alexander. However, two men and three gold commissioners stayed on, which was fair proof that *someone* had faith in the field.

In all, 386 miners visited the field between August and December.

The spiritual side was not forgotten during the scramble for gold. The Rev J. H. Gregory and Rev Cheyne held divine services in the tents of Michel and Habberlin. So in many ways Warrandyte got off to a good start.

Although Michel received the reward of £200 and later, in 1854, £1,000 from the Legislative Council, he gleaned very little on the actual goldfield, and had his tent and belongings destroyed by fire.

Louis J. Michel, the father of Warrandyte, was of French descent, his ancestors having migrated to Surrey, England, some time prior to the French Revolution.

In 1839, in company with his uncle, he landed in Melbourne at the age of 14 years, where he began life in the colony as an assistant to a Collins street grocer.

He must have lived rather frugally and saved his money, for, on October 21, 1844, he married a Miss Alicia Ball in old St. James' Cathedral, and shortly afterwards became proprietor of the Rainbow Hotel, Swanston Street. Later he took over the Ship Inn, Williamstown — one of Victoria's earliest hotels.

Retiring from the hotel business in 1881, he became Rates Collector for the Melbourne City Council.

Towards the end of the century Michel was a wealthy property owner in and around Melbourne — a "solid citizen". He lost heavily in the Land Boom during the eighties, but managed to live comfortably at Lygon Street, Carlton, until his death on September 21, 1904.

So passed Louis Michel, the founder of Victoria's first goldfield at Anderson's Creek — later to be known as Warrandyte.

● CONTINUED

J. MATHEWS
QUALITY
BUTCHER

Fresh Poultry,
Rabbits, Smallgoods

844 3271

TOM KERKHOFF

TV Sales & Service

MITCHELL AVENUE

844 3970

INSURANCE

STAN ANDREW

LIFE, FIRE & GENERAL

844 3543

CLAY POT
CRAFTS, etc.
REFECTORY
FURNITURE.
TUES. to SUN.
from 1.30
(opposite bridge)
Original POTTERY.
Also PAINTING.

LANDSCAPE
DESIGNER

- Natural gardens planned
- Advice given

BEV HANSON

(Dip. Horticulture)

'DYTE
ELECTRICAL
SERVICES

(ARTHUR DANN)

All types of
electrical work.

Quotes given
freely.

LORRAINE AVENUE

844-3450

BRIAN WHITE
SIGNWRITER

8 MELBOURNE HILL RD.

844-3927

Roslyn McLean

Salon

Ladies' Hair Stylist

CNR. YARRA ST.

& CEMETERY RD.

844-3312

Leisure living out-of-doors

By BEVERLEY HANSON

"Melbourne — the place where you have four seasons in the one day!" How often have you heard this said as a joke, particularly by interstate friends?

However, the changeability of our weather should be seriously considered when you are planning for outdoor living.

The popularity of outdoor eating has led many homeowners to plan, in consultation with a landscaper, special areas for entertainment which really add another "room" to the house — the "outdoors room".

If possible, such an area should be reasonably close to the kitchen, for ease of transportation of food and the essentials for cooking and eating.

Thought should be given to providing shade for summer and maximum sunlight in winter. A deciduous tree on the northerly aspect can help in this regard.

A point to remember is that cold winds, mostly from the west or south, can spoil an otherwise pleasant meal outdoors.

Protection can be provided to your "outdoor room" by

locating it on the north or east side of the house.

Wing-walls, log or ti-tree fences, creepers and shrubs can all add to wind protection, as well as providing privacy.

Any area likely to have a concentration of people should be paved with brick, slate or cement slabs, or put down to gravel.

Outdoor furniture used in the "outdoor room" should be low-slung to heighten the relaxed nature of the area and to blend in with the garden.

One idea that appeals to many people is a 20-inch high table made from railway sleepers.

It can also serve as a seat, as can railway sleepers used on a retaining wall.

Don't neglect the barbecue design, however. A poorly thought-out barbecue can spoil the whole appearance of an outdoor eating and entertaining area.

A barbecue with a maximum height of 18 inches can fit in very well if suitable materials are chosen — say, bluestone blocks. If bricks are used, make sure they are the same type and colour as the house (unless the contrast is tasteful).

Don't forget the kids, either. A sweeping lawn can draw the visiting children away from the adult entertainment (hopefully, anyhow) by providing them with somewhere to play and frolic. It can also be a good place for solitary sunbathing.

The pleasant presence of birds can be attracted by the provision of simple bird-baths, trees for their nesting. Banksias, grevillias, correas and other flowering natives attract honey-eaters.

Now, the lights. Attractive, weatherproof lights can be purchased to enable garden living to be extended all through the night (your conscience about the neighbours permitting).

Try for subdued lighting which gives atmosphere, and locate it in such a way that it doesn't shine too harshly into your neighbour's bedroom window.

Finally, give more than a passing thought to the future, when you may be able to locate a swimming pool next to your "outdoor room". This may help save the "hotch potch" effect I wrote about earlier — and the ripping up of attractive trees and shrubs.

● Next month — Modern Garden Materials.

INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute will be held on Thursday, July 19, commencing at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the institute's hall in Yarra Street. Business will include the election of officer-bearers and committee members for the coming year and the receipt and adoption of a report and statement of accounts for the preceding year.

All residents living within a two-mile radius of the Warrandyte post office are automatically members of the institute and as such are entitled to attend the meeting and vote.

Following the annual general meeting, a special meeting of the institute will be held.

The purpose of this special meeting is to consider a proposal to alter the financial year of the institute and the date of future annual general meetings.

HOT DOGS AT THE SCHOOL

Mothers . . . not too sure what to pack in the school lunches each Wednesday?

Well, don't worry. Each Wednesday at the Warrandyte Primary School hot dogs and orange drinks are available.

The canteen women request that each child bring a bag with name, grade and lunch order clearly marked.

The mothers' club points out that the Wednesday hot dog hassle is on trial for several weeks only.

Brian's Plumbing Service

(BRIAN DAY & BRIAN TOMLINSON, Lic. MMBW)

GENERAL PLUMBING

:: MECHANICAL DIGGING :: SEPTIC TANKS
844 3147 — 870 0378

Poodle Clipping Service

SHAMPOO & STRIPPING
TOY & MINIATURE

844 3774

Stonehouse

CRAFT

TUESDAY TO SUNDAY
12 noon to 5 p.m.

RINGWOOD RD., WARRANDYTE
(¼ mile beyond bridge)

844 3629

RUBBISH REMOVED

● Railway Sleepers
For Sale

844 2282

PIERRE & CECELIA SPOOR

Men's & Ladies'

Hairdressers

SHOPPING CENTRE
RESEARCH: 437 1980

Ossie Kuebler

A.M.P. INSURANCE

● 844-3273

BRUCE MCAULEY MECHANIC

For Guaranteed Repairs

- FRONT END ALIGN
- ENGINE TUNE
- WHEEL BALANCE
- LUBE SERVICE
- BRAKES

PHONE 844 3704



POTTERS RESTAURANT JUMPING CREEK ROAD

Good food, aged beefsteak, relaxed friendly atmosphere. Modest piano with dinner becomes joyous later. BYO till midnight. Friday and Saturday. An economical riot. Advisable to book: 844-3078.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS WARRANDYTE WARD AUGUST 25, 1973

I wish to advise Ward residents that I will be nominating for election to the Council as their representative, and would welcome discussion with ratepayers on issues they consider of local importance.

JOHN C. SCOTT
(844 3725)

CHIROPODIST

Mr W. T. Thorp, M.A., Ch.A., regrets that unforeseen events will prevent him resuming practice until July 17 when appointments may be made by phone.

844 3639

For all types of

- ★ PAINTING
- ★ STAINING
- ★ WALLPAPERING

ring

JACK DICKSON

844 3786

Ken Gedge

YOUR CHEMIST

invites you to start a new Tax Card and use the handy Pharmacy File

A. D. EDWARDS

- ★ Prefabricated Buildings
- ★ Garages ★ Bungalows

Cnr. Harris Gully Rd. & Yarra St. 844 3277

GLASS REPAIRS

ALL GLASS REQUIREMENTS

hakea glass

"ST CLAIR", RINGWOOD RD., WARRANDYTE
TELEPHONE 844 3186 ANYTIME

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB'S
GREAT GAS GALAH DANCE



WHITE HOUSE, SAT. JULY 28, 8 p.m. \$1

FOOTPATH IS NEEDED

CLYDE & OCKER



"I've just increased me accident insurance. We're movin' inter Webb Street."

About people

A portrait of Prof. E. W. Gault by Warrandyte artist, Irving Reid, was unveiled recently at the Deepdene Presbyterian Church. Prof. Gault was professor of pathology for 25 years at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India.

Two of Warrandyte Football Club's hard-working officials, George Bell (goal umpire) and Ben Jones (time-keeper) recently celebrated their birthdays on the same day.

The ladies' guild of St Stephen's, Warrandyte, entertained Sir George Reid and his fiancée, Mrs. Dorothy Rutledge, at morning tea after the church service on June 24. The couple were presented with a pottery coffee set made by local potter, John Voller.

Briarly Martin and Bert Watson of David Road are off to Cairns, the Barrier Reef and points north. They expect to be away for several weeks.

Help solve pollution
With a cheap
solution;
Grease traps
cleaned,
Quite supreme . . .

by
LES McDONALD
844-3832

**WARRANDYTE
INSURANCE
OFFICE**

844 3222

**Domestic & Business
Insurance/Assurance**

JOHN E. WINDEBANK
A.L.U.A., Dip. A.I.I.

I was horrified to read in last month's "Diary", a letter from "Old Timer" favouring suburban-like footpaths in Webb Street.

As a regular driver in Webb Street, I agree that there is a problem with narrowness, and people being forced to walk on the road.

An inexpensive solution and one not out of character with the area, would be the creation of a narrow gravelled footpath which would meander in and out of the trees between the road and private property.

Also there is a rumor that the intended road improvement to Yarra Street will include a dual carriageway. Let's hope that it's only rumor, as places like Eltham and Diamond Creek have been ruined aesthetically by such divided roadways.

I feel that most newcomers to Warrandyte have decided to live here because of the non-suburban look, and that most of us are doing our best to keep it that way.

BEVERLEY HANSON,
Webb Street.

Pedestrians in danger

Congratulations to "Old Timer" who complained in the "Diary" about nowhere to walk except on the road in Webb Street.

I have witnessed many close shaves between cars and pedestrians in the narrow road strip between Brackenbury and the cutting in Webb Street.

Twice I have seen elderly people fall in the culverts on the side of the road as they duck for cover to avoid being hit by passing cars.

With so much building and development in Webb Street many drivers, and strangers to the area, think they are travelling on a suburban road. Sunday drivers are another hazard.

I know that being forced to walk on the road is worrying parents of schoolchildren in the area.

P. R. LOVETT,
Webb Street.

Canoe interest

Both my husband and I are very interested in joining a canoe club. We know nothing about canoes, but would like to help any proposed club for the area.

**JOHN & ANGELA
FITZGERALD,**
Valias Street.

Accident corner

I would like to bring to the notice of readers the growing number of accidents at the intersection of Bradley's Lane and Research Road.

At present they average one accident a week and the rate is steadily increasing.

With only an odd exception they could have all been avoided by either STOP or SLOW DOWN signs being placed at the exit to Bradley's Lane.

On reporting the matter to our local councillor and Shire Engineer, I was told that a report has been sent to the Traffic Commission. On enquiry there I was told that I couldn't do anything to hasten an inspection of the problem at the corner.

I appeal to readers to contact the council or traffic commission and perhaps the weight of public pressure may achieve some positive results, before one of us is involved in the next accident, which could prove fatal.

JUNE McINTYRE,
Cr. Research Road and
Bradley's Lane.

Community school?

Warrandyte has a unique community spirit, and School No. 12 is a monument to the efforts of parents over many years. It is appropriate that their attention should now be turned towards the provision of a secondary school in Warrandyte.

It is the parents' right to demand the kind of school that they wish their children to attend, and the residents of our district should make their voice heard.

The most significant recent development in Victoria has been the community schools at Swinburne, Huntingdale and Diamond Creek, and it may be in the interests of our children to have a close look at these schools, which aim to meet the needs of their particular communities.

LES ADAMS,
Main Road.

• We understand that the Warrandyte Primary School Committee is closely looking at the possibility of a community school being established in the district. Mr W. Bradshaw, principal of the Diamond Creek Community Technical School, is addressing parents and anyone else interested in the Warrandyte school library on Monday, July 9, at 8 p.m.—Editors.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN
Cnr Taroona Ave & Warrandyte Rd

We aim to be a uniting Church

ALL WELCOME

Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Minister: Rev. Stan Stewart, 844 3476

Session Clerk: Keith Wilson, 844 3522

Webb's

FOUR SQUARE LICENSED
FOOD STORE

* Delicatessen

* Frozen foods

* Full range wines, spirits & ales

* Watch THE SUN
every Thursday for our
FOUR SQUARE SPECIALS

* Free delivery

844 3282
WARRANDYTE

WANTED TO BUY

ANTIQUE & PERIOD FURNITURE,
BRIC-A-BRAC, AUSTRALIANA

Warrandyte Antiques

YARRA STREET : 844 2170 : A.H. 435 3592

jazz : trad : jazz



ROGER BELL & HIS PAGAN PIPERS
AT POTTERS RESTAURANT
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
starring Jeff Bland, Graham Bennett
and Ade Monsbrough
You must book on 844 3078
Tremendous food and relaxed atmosphere.
B.Y.O. \$6.00
Jumping Creek Rd., Warrandyte

AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

The People's Choice
The People's Party

Join the WARRANDYTE Branch now.

Ring S. Hopkins, 844 2089.

North Ringwood Produce

Your Local Fuel and Produce Merchants

- ★ BRIQUETTES
- ★ WOOD
- ★ CHAFF
- ★ HAY & GRAINS
- ★ FERTILIZERS
- ★ DOG FOOD
- ★ STOCK MEDICINES
- ★ BIRD & PASTURE SEEDS
- ★ POULTRY FEED & ACCESSORIES

Cnr. Oban and Warrandyte Roads. 870 3215

WARRANDYTE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute will be held in the Institute Hall at 8.00 p.m., on Thursday, 19th July, 1973.

Business: Receipt and adoption of a report and statement of accounts for the preceding year. The election of office-bearers and members of committee for the ensuing year.

A special meeting of the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute to be held in the Institute Hall immediately after the closing of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 19th July, 1973.

Business: Proposal to alter the financial year of the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute to 1st September until 31st August and the date of the annual general meeting to third Thursday of November.

VFL CLUB OFFERS FOOTY CLINIC

Score board

All four Warrandyte teams went down to Norwood in another disappointing round of matches.

FIRSTS: Norwood 13.14, Warrandyte 9.12. Best: Thornton, Lawrence, Tomlinson, Taylor, Edwards.

SECONDS: Norwood 18.27, Warrandyte 3.4. Best: G. Broom, Ellis, Simpson, Lyng, Johnson, Riddle.

UNDER-17: Norwood 14.12, Warrandyte 4.7. Best: G. Broom, Ellis, McCartin, T. Craker.

UNDER-15: Norwood 6.8, Warrandyte 4.8. Best: G. Dunnett, Walker, McGann.

Fitzroy Football Club has offered to conduct a football clinic in Warrandyte for local players, following a letter written by Warrandyte club secretary, Mr Brian Harriss to Fitzroy seeking help with the training of players.

It is anticipated that the date and full details of the football clinic will be announced soon.

Despite the lack of success by the seniors, support for the club at social functions has not dwindled.

Club officials have asked the Diary to thank all who helped make the car trial and barbecue so successful.

Mr Harriss is working on the idea of a sportsmen's night at which leading sportsmen will speak. Club officials see this as a valuable money-raising function, but point out that everyone connected with the club must get behind the idea if it is to get off the ground.

Other junior clubs have found these nights successful ventures.

Mr Eric Houghton, proprietor of the Coffee Bean Restaurant, has offered his premises free to the club for an evening for under-15 and under-17 players.

Manager of the under-17 side, Mr J. McCartin (844-2057) is keen to hear from parents who would like to assist in providing a night out for the boys.

Seniors' coach, Robert White, is trying everything he can to lift the form of the seniors. He is concentrating on a play-on, handball style of football.

In the recent match against Norwood, the seniors were 11 points down at half-time, but could not go on with the job.

Vin Thornton turned in one of his best games for the season and Brian Tomlinson showed the benefit of his experience by handling the greasy conditions well.

Edwards and Lawrence worked hard in defence, but their good work was let down by players further up the field.

The seconds went down in a dull game. Peter Ness was in fine form all day.

The under-17 side disappointed after their fine showing against top side North Ringwood the previous week. Numbers have risen in the under-17 ranks and selectors have more than the usual 18 or so players to choose from.

SCHEME NEEDS HELP

Extra emergency drivers and more assistance is required to help the meals-on-wheels program.

Winter is proving a busy time for the organisers, Warrandyte and District Welfare Service.

Meals-on-wheels are now provided five days a week

Any person interested in helping should contact Mrs M. McLaughlin (844-3746) or Mrs J. Cole (844-3431).

WE WANT YOUR NEWS

The Warrandyte Diary is published by the Warrandyte Community Youth Club as a community service project.

We will publish news of your organisation's activities free of charge.

Jot down all the details on a slip of paper and drop it in the mail box on the old tree opposite Riggs' newsagency in Yarra Street.

POST IT IN THE TREE!



DIARY news and advertising copy can be posted in the box on the old tree in Yarra Street, opposite Riggs' newsagency.

Diary Mini-Ads

• **FOR SALE**
AUSTIN Cambridge. Unregistered. New clutch plate, good tyres. Needs some work. Tow away for \$20. A. Flowers, off Webb St.

• **T-SHIRTS**
AVAILABLE NOW—"I Love Warrandyte" T-shirts. Ring Tricia, 844 3855.

• **BABY SITTING**
GIRL high school student, 16, seeks baby sitting weekends. Experienced. 844 3794.

• **HOUSES & LAND**
URGENTLY required for sale in Warrandyte, Park Orchards, etc. No obligation appraisal promptly given. Contact Pitt & Co. 874 7744 or A.H. Ray Harris 844 3986.

• **WANTED**
DONATIONS of good used furniture wanted for the White House-Youth Club & Elderly Citizens' clubrooms. Phone Mrs. A. Watson, 844 3241.

• **ADVERTISING**
WANT something known? Try a Diary Mini-Ad. Minimum four lines for \$1, prepaid. Drop it in the box on the old tree in Yarra Street.

Mechanics' Institute

HALL

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

844 3281



The original world shrinker, conqueror of the world's bad lands . . .

LAND ROVER!



The most versatile motor car in the world . . .

RANGE ROVER!



Australia's Number 1 Motor Car . . .
HOLDEN!

LLOYD HOLYOAK MOTORS PTY LTD
Yarra Street Warrandyte 3113 Telephone 844 3003

HOLDEN SUZUKI LAND ROVER