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★ A COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB PUBLICATION ★

Firm plans are being made to establish a secondary school in Warrandyte. Already, students zoned to secondary schools outside the area cannot be accommodated because quotas in existing schools are full.

Local sixth grade exit students will probably be zoned to the proposed new high school at Doncaster East. At the moment, the site for this school is an open paddock.

Recently, a meeting of Warrandyte primary school parents expressed dissatisfaction that the new school would be situated so far away.

They pointed out that there would be a lack of pupil identification and parent involvement.

About 80 parents attended the meeting to discuss the formation of a secondary school annexe in Warrandyte with Mr W. Bradshaw, principal of the Diamond Creek Community Technical School.

School committee members had earlier indicated that the Warrandyte area would need five feeder primary schools, each one as large as the existing primary school, in order to qualify for the building of a new high school.

Obviously, this figure will not be met in the foreseeable future.

However, an annexe of an existing secondary school could be established as early as February, 1974.

The meeting was told that the Diamond Creek Community Technical School would be interested in establishing an annexe in Warrandyte, staffed by teachers from Diamond Creek.

Mr Bradshaw suggested that the children could attend school in Warrandyte for three days of the week and be taken by bus to Diamond Creek to use facilities there during the remaining two days.

Mr Bradshaw indicated that the annexe, some time in the future, could be expected to "hive off" and become a school in its own right.

"Once there are 200 chil-

dren in Warrandyte receiving secondary education, the chances of getting a separate school established will be higher," said Mr Bradshaw. Questioned on the day-to-day running of his school, Mr Bradshaw pointed out that the word "community" appeared in its title because "the school hopes people in the community will use the facilities available".

This was a two-way process. The children, at times, would go out into the community to learn in work-a-day situations, and adults would come to the school to make use of its facilities.

Students from the Diamond Creek school will be able to continue studies to university level. Five students will be doing their Higher School Certificate next year.

"Subject boundaries in Forms I and II do not exist," Mr Bradshaw said. Maths, science, etc., overlap. Diamond Creek curriculum caters for sciences, arts and crafts, trades and humanities.

The annexe proposal received overwhelming support and it was decided to investigate the matter further.

A steering committee was elected to probe the possibility. The committee is Ken Sharpe, Richard Morton, Fran Hurley, Cliff Green, Irving Reid, Betty Coles, Stuart Robinson and Carol Gleeson.

They will report back to a public meeting of parents in the school library on Monday, August 6, at 8 p.m.

Ward election is hotting up

Two Warrandyte candidates are strongly contesting the vacant Warrandyte Ward seat on Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

They are Mrs Val Polley, 31, housewife of Hutchinson Avenue, and Mr John Scott, 43, industrial scientist, of Houghton Road.

At the time of going to press, no other persons had indicated their intention to stand.

Voters from both sides of the Yarra will have an opportunity to hear candidates standing for the Warrandyte Ward and the North Riding of Eltham Shire state their policies and answer questions at a "Meet the Voters" public meeting being held by the Environment League in the Warrandyte Mechanics' Hall on Friday, August 17, at 8 p.m.

Cr Viv Rush has announced he will not be seeking re-election.

Council elections will be held on Saturday, August 25. Voting is compulsory.

Mrs Polley's nomination could break new ground. It is believed there has not been a woman councillor since the early 1920's.



● MR JOHN SCOTT

She has worked as a qualified administrative officer in local government in England. During the past three years she has regularly attended council meetings on behalf of the Warrandyte Environment League, of which she is currently secretary.

However, Mrs Polley is stressing that she is not standing as an Environment League candidate.

Mrs Polley believes councils should consider integrated shopping and service areas in our communities, built to harmonise with the environment and designed to permit consumer choice and to serve the urgent needs of local tradespeople.

Her other policy points include support for desperately needed facilities for youth, the elderly, and sporting groups.

Naturally, Mrs Polley opposes inappropriate subdivisions in the ward. She became involved in the fight to stop development of "Westerfolds", is a member of the Yarra Valley Conservation League and the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society.

She has two children, 6



● MRS VAL POLLEY

and 4, and is closely involved with the local kindergarten and primary school parent bodies. Her husband, Austin, is an engineer.

Mr John Scott told the Diary this week, "I currently have no active involvement with local pressure groups and consider this an advantage, in that I will be able to represent all sections of the ward from an equally unbiased viewpoint."

Mr Scott has lived in Warrandyte for 19 years. He has been involved in various local activities, including the kindergarten, tennis club and scouts.

"Members of my wife's family have been resident in Warrandyte for more than 100 years," said Mr Scott.

He said his wife's grandfather was ward councillor from 1878 to 1887 and her uncle, J. B. Hutchinson, was shire president during his term on council, from 1948 to 1954.

Mr Scott considers the important issues are environment protection, social welfare, the provision of recreational facilities, and satisfactory retail commercialisation.

"I am standing on a policy which includes ensuring open and complete communication between both representative and residents, whether they are groups or individuals, and the strengthening of co-operation between ward councillors," said Mr Scott.

● Eltham Shire candidates, page 3.

MEETING ON PARKING

Further improvements in parking facilities may be made outside the Warrandyte Primary School.

This follows talks at the school between representatives of the school committee, ward councillors, and the Doncaster - Templestowe Council's City Engineer, Mr F. G. Andrew.

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BUILDING PERMITS HELD UP

The Environment Protection Authority has been called in to investigate protests that sullage and sewerage from the new housing sub-divisions along Anderson's Creek will seriously pollute the Yarra River.

Doncaster - Templestowe Council has written to the Authority asking if it has the powers to permanently ban new development until sewerage services are available.

At a recent council meeting it was decided that building permits for the estates be "frozen" for three weeks until the Authority's report is available.

The council's chief health inspector, Mr D. J. Hawkins, has reported that sullage from 250 new homes to be built along the creek could boost the pollution level to more than 100 times the maximum recommended by the Environment Protection Authority.

Two of the estates affected by council's order are Merinda, on Pound Road, which is being developed by Hooker Rex, and Gold Country estate on Harris Gully Road. Merinda was sold to Hooker Rex last year by the chairman of the Board of Works, Mr A. Croxford.

Cr I. Marsden moved in council the motion banning development.

He said: "It has been suggested that such action will penalise the people who have already purchased land. I strongly refute this.

"Our own chief health inspector has foreshadowed the use of all-purpose septic

tanks in the area of the Merinda Estate, and the estimated cost of each such system is minimally \$2,000.

"If we were to allow all-purpose tanks, and at a later date the Environment Protection Authority orders a treatment plant, the unfortunate owners would then be up for a similar amount for reticulation and connection to such an installation. Better a delay now than a high financial encumbrance of this nature.

"The State Government has created the Environment Protection Authority to handle Victoria's pollution problems and I believe it to be only proper that we seek their guidance to solve the problems in Warrandyte," said Cr Marsden.

Council's action in temporarily banning building of houses on the estates has won the support of local conservationists and environmental groups.

Cr Marsden told the Diary this week: "The decisions made by council will have a tremendous impact on the future of Warrandyte.

"Firstly, I believe that it will mean the end of illogical, high density subdivisions

"If residents are really genuine in their desire to protect the unique character of Warrandyte, if they really want to see the Yarra again flow as a clear and picturesque stream instead of a polluted health hazard, then they will welcome these recent events.

About people

Alf and Jean Ralph, of Dingley Dell (and the Clay Pot), are celebrating the arrival of their baby son, Bryce.

Long-standing residents of Warrandyte, Kit and Bob Sergeant, of Yarra Street, are pulling up anchors and moving to Buninyong. Kit came from the Buninyong district originally, and she has lots of friends and relatives there.

Other baby news this month includes the arrival of Michael Ian, son for Vicki and Ian Mallett of Webb Street, and brother for Caroline.

Geoff and Betty Coles, formerly of Wonga Park, are settling into their new house on Melbourne Hill. Geoff has family associations with Warrandyte going back over a number of years.

CONCERT

The Acacia Singers and the Kareela Consort will give a musical concert this Friday (August 3) in The Avenue Church, Blackburn, at 8.15 p.m.

"A Mingled 'treasure' is the title which has been given to this year's concert which will present music both grave and gay, choral and instrumental, religious and secular.

Members of the Acacia Singers and the Kareela Consort are mainly residents of Doncaster and Nunawading.

CITY OF DONCASTER & TEMPLESTOWE COUNCIL ELECTIONS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25



VOTE **1** SCOTT, J.C.

John Scott, 43 years of age, an Industrial Scientist, is married and has 4 children, all of whom were born and educated in Warrandyte. During his 20 years residence in Warrandyte, he has taken an active interest in community affairs and has been an office bearer on various committees.

He is particularly interested in the extension of community facilities in the area to meet the needs of the youth, the aged, and the special requirements of sporting and cultural groups. He is determined that the environmental and historic character of the unique surroundings in which we have chosen to live will be retained by strong and united representation at Council level.

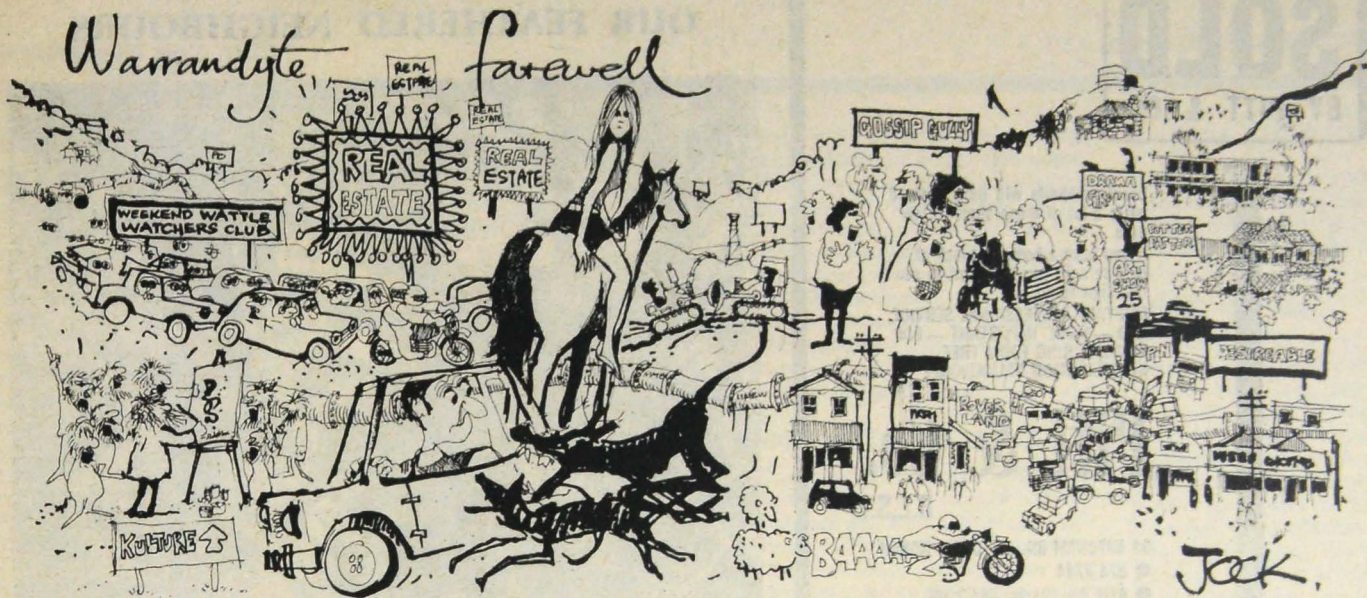
As John Scott is a man who is known to us to have the interest, capacity, and ability to represent us as one of our Councillors we have no hesitation in recommending that you vote for him.

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Landmark hall is not for sale

One of Warrandyte's landmarks, the Mechanics' Institute Hall, is not for sale.

At the recent annual general meeting of the institute, it was decided that the hall must be preserved as both a community facility and as part of Warrandyte's unique environment.

The meeting was told that a local businessman had enquired about the possibility of purchasing the hall site.

The meeting unanimously rejected any suggestion that the hall was for sale.

Institute secretary, Mrs J. Blair, said that because of the past apathy of the community, the committee had found it difficult to maintain the hall in its present condition, and carry out repairs demanded by the health department.

Mrs Blair said, "Promises of assistance were received from everyone present and it was decided to carry on as long as possible."

Mr W. Walsh of Yarra

Street has volunteered to make the grounds look more attractive and the Warrandyte Arts Association painting group has donated \$50 towards the cost of shrubs.

A long list of necessary repairs and desirable improvements was compiled and the committee is now estimating the cost.

In an appeal to the community, it was suggested that if every resident donated 50 cents to a special fund to assist in a restoration plan, the committee could raise the finance required.

Donations can be sent by mail to Mrs J. Blair, Yarra Street, Warrandyte, or left in the Diary box on the tree

opposite Riggs. Local estate agent, Peter McDougall, will accept donations at his office.

Election of institute office-bearers resulted: Chairman, Mrs E. Bird; vice-president, Mr E. Demeyer; secretary, Mrs J. Blair; treasurer, Mr A. Burgess; committee: Mrs A. Dickson, Mr T. Sherwood, Mr D. Dickson, Mrs. P. Walsh and Mr H. Beecham.

ARTIST FOR NEW GUINEA

Diary cartoonist, Jock Macneish, and his family are off to New Guinea for two years.

Jock, an architect with the ABC, has been seconded to the Papua and New Guinea government. They will live in Port Moresby, although Jock expects to be working in various parts of the country.

Jock began professionally cartooning for "Newsday" and has been a regular and popular feature of the Diary since our first issue.

As well as his voluntary Diary work, Jock has been closely associated with the WAA Drama Group, both as office-bearer and as one of their leading actors.

He has been a member of the committee of the Warrandyte Environment League since its inception.

Jock's wife, Di, has been an active worker for Meals on Wheels and for the Warrandyte kindergarten.

ELTHAM ELECTIONS

Three to stand

Three candidates have nominated for the north riding vacancy on the Eltham Shire Council.

They are Mr John Serle, landscape painter of St Andrews, Mr David Kingham, printer of Hurstbridge, and Mr N. R. Weekes, farmer, also of Hurstbridge.

Mr Serle says he is committed to as much preservation of the landscape as is possible. His aim is to see that both existing and future development does not destroy the riding in its present form.

An ex-council grader and farmer, he claims he has an intimate knowledge of the

area. He has lived in the north riding since 1936.

Mr Kingham, an endorsed Labor Party candidate, said "Eltham Council is a conservative group and needs fresh ideas and opinions."

He and his wife have been active in the Hurstbridge Development and Conservation Society and on pre-school and primary school committees.

Mr Kingham is chairman of the Hurstbridge branch of the A.L.P. and has lived in the area for eight years.

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A small, active, friendly bird with a long upright tail, the Blue Wren is an insect eater.

The beautiful blue of the adult breeding male is attained after the first year, although the blue tail of the non-breeding male can be observed six or more months after hatching.

The female remains a dull brown throughout life.

Common in all the forest and heath areas of the Victorian hill country, research suggests that ants and shield bugs form a major part of their diet.

The nest is dome-shaped with a side entrance, made of grasses, bark and cobwebs lined with feathers, wool and other fine material. It is usually found in low bush or clumps of fern and grass.

Three or four reddish-white, brown-spotted eggs are laid, several clutches

being commonly laid in the one season, often in the same nest, sometimes in a nest built nearby.

Wrens' nests are heavily parasitised by cuckoos. Fantailed, Horsfield Bronze and Golden Bronze Cuckoos have all been recorded as frequently using Blue Wrens as foster-parents for their young.

Their voice can be readily distinguished as a loud, animated reeling chatter, of surprising volume for such a small bird.

Flying in short, feeble bursts, Blue Wrens congregate in pairs or small family groups, frequently in the lower levels of scrub, or on the ground.

A breeding pair will aggressively defend its nest. Feeding areas may also be defended against other wrens with "song battles", followed, if necessary, by a chase.

A brood hatched early

in the season will assist in raising the young of succeeding broods.

Male plumage varies with season and age. Moulting to non-breeding brown plumage occurs about six weeks after the laying of the last egg. The bright blue breeding plumage returns one to six months later, older birds taking a shorter time than younger individuals.

Blue Wrens usually remain in the vicinity of their hatching territory all their lives, although some groups may become nomadic between breeding seasons, and may settle in a more favourable locality. It has been noted that this occurs typically in areas dominated by introduced plants.

Apart from the usual natural enemies, the destruction of native bush and the domestic cat are the principal hazards facing this delightful little bird.

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YARRA BRAE DAM

Following two controversial public meetings during February and March, the Environment League lodged an objection to the proposed Yarra Brae Dam with the Premier, Mr Hamer. An acknowledgement of this objection has been received.

The M.M.B.W. has given an assurance that an Environment Impact Study would be carried out before commencing work on the Dam and the Department of Conservation is understood to be carrying out such a study. However, this study may be of little real value unless it is made objectively and not as justification for a political decision which has been made already.

VAL POLLEY FOR COUNCIL

The League's Secretary, Mrs Val Polley, is a candidate for the Warrandyte Ward of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe in the forthcoming council elections.

As well as being an energetic and capable member of the League, Val is a member of the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society, the Yarra Valley Conservation League and the Pound Bend Reserve Committee. A Warrandyte resident with two young children, Val is closely involved in community affairs and is standing for council on a strong environment platform aimed at preserving the special identity of the area.

Val Polley has the unanimous backing of the League committee and you are urged to show your support on election day, Saturday 25th August.

RIVER POLLUTION

Since its inception the League has opposed high density residential development in unsewered areas. Analyses of the effluent from Anderson's Creek carried out early in 1972 by the M.M.B.W. at the League's request showed very high bacteriological contamination.

In its petition to the Premier objecting to the Hooker-Rex subdivision, the League proposed the installation of a Package Sewerage Treatment Plant. Cr. Ian Marsden is to be congratulated for his successful motion in Doncaster and Templestowe Council to defer building permits on new estates adjoining Anderson's Creek.

COMMUNICATION

The committee has resolved that the League become a corporate member of the National Parks Association, The Yarra Valley Conservation League and the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society. The League welcomes co-operation and exchanges of information with other residents action groups in the area.

STATE PARK

Prior to the State Elections in May, the Premier announced that the proposal for the establishment of a State Park in Warrandyte had been adopted. Congratulations to Warrandyte residents Mrs Joy Henke and Mrs Joy Walliker and other members of their Committee in initiating this plan which will be a great asset to Warrandyte.

We look forward to the enactment of this scheme so that the Park may become a reality.

ONE MUNICIPALITY

The League's Research Sub-Committee has been investigating the feasibility of bringing both parts of Warrandyte, North and South of the river, within the boundaries of one Municipality. The division of Warrandyte between two Municipalities is seen as the biggest single barrier to effective community planning. A report on the Sub-Committee investigations will be given at the Annual General Meeting in October.

DIVISION OF ELTHAM'S NORTH RIDING

Investigations of the possibility of dividing the North Riding are being made by Eltham Shire Council. The North Riding is a vast area stretching from Warrandyte in the South to the Kinglake National Park in the North and presents many administrative and servicing problems.

One result of such a division would be an increase in the number of Eltham Shire Councillors from 9 to 12, and possibly, better representation for North Warrandyte.

TIP

The League has opposed the establishment of a land fill garbage disposal site in Stintons Road. Following a hearing of objections by the League and affected residents, the Health Department and the M.M.B.W. have imposed stringent controls on the operation of the tip. Whilst these controls may lessen the pollution hazard, the League continues its opposition to land fill as a solution to the garbage disposal problem and urges re-examination of the proposal for a destructor unit to be shared with other municipalities.

CAR PARKING - YARRA STREET

Doncaster and Templestowe Council invited co-operation in planning improved car parking in the village. Members of the League Committee and Warrandyte Traders Association combined to prepare plans which have been submitted to the City Engineer's Department for consideration.

NATIVE FLOWER SHOW

The Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society and the Blackburn and District Tree Preservation Society will hold their native flower show in Blackburn High School Hall on 15 and 16 September. The League will have a stand at the show featuring aspects of conservation in Warrandyte.

WATCHING BRIEF

To keep informed of local government proposals which may affect the area, League committee members regularly attend council meetings of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe and the Shire of Eltham as observers.

STIGGANTS RESERVE

The League has noted with concern proposals by Doncaster and Templestowe council to develop Stiggants

Reserve for an adventure playground and/or Elderly Citizens clubrooms. The League committee is actively committed to improvements in community amenities but regrets that the one easily accessible open recreation area in the township should be alienated. This type of conflict underlines the need for a Warrandyte Town Plan to evaluate existing facilities and to make provisions for the future.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

Since the last newsletter, resignations have been received from Mrs Marie Coleman and Messrs. D. McManus and J. McNeish. Mrs Y. Reid and Messrs. G. Dance and J. Hurley have been co-opted to fill these casual vacancies until the Annual General Meeting in October.

RECREATION RESERVE

Plans prepared last year by the League and interested sporting bodies for improvements to the Recreation Reserve are still being considered by council.

POST OFFICE

Concern has been expressed by many residents that one of Warrandyte's historic buildings, the old Post Office in Yarra Street, may be threatened with demolition. Members of the Doncaster and Templestowe Historical Society, the Warrandyte Traders Association, and the Environment League, met to discuss the future of the old building. The Warrandyte Lions Club are studying the feasibility of saving the Post Office as a possible Historical Museum or Art Gallery.

PUBLIC MEETING

Mechanics Hall-Friday 17 August 8PM

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VAL POLLEY IS INVOLVED



Val Polley is involved. She is involved in the future of Warrandyte Ward. Val believes that the three communities in Warrandyte Ward — Warrandyte, Park Orchards and South Warrandyte — are

unique, and can only be nurtured and protected through vigilance, foresight and enlightened planning. The first, and perhaps the most important level at which these plans can be effected, is local council.

Val Polley is totally opposed to municipal rubbish tipping on a conservation zone. She will fight the establishment of any further sanitary land-fill tips in the ward and will work for the building of a regional garbage destruction system.

Councils should look at the provision of integrated shopping and service industry areas in our communities, built to harmonise with the environment and designed to permit consumer choice and to serve the urgent needs of local tradespeople.



Long-needed facilities for youth and the elderly, for sporting and cultural groups and for passive recreation may be close to reality. Val Polley believes these should be provided as soon as possible and their development integrated as part of an overall plan for the community.



Recent destructive subdivisions are contributing to the pollution of our creeks. Park Orchards people now face destruction of a large area of bushland adjoining Domeney Reserve. Val Polley will vigorously oppose inappropriate developments before they eventuate.



All sections of the Warrandyte Ward are in urgent need of service facilities: roads, paths, drainage, sewerage. Intelligent and sensitive planning can provide all these amenities with minimal interference with the environment.

Val Polley's involvement with the community has led her to the point where she has decided to stand for the Warrandyte Ward of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

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DESIGNING A NATURAL GARDEN

Materials that blend naturally

By BEVERLEY HANSON

There's been quite a revolution in garden materials in the last 10 years — and a good thing too.

More people have realised the potential of many materials not previously considered for the garden and have broken away from the uninteresting monotony of a front lawn, concrete paths and plants or trees better suited to the northern hemisphere.

It has also made garden care less of a chore at week-ends — an important consideration for active people who like using their increased leisure time for just that, rather than spending all their week-ends in the garden.

Rocks are probably the most popular of the "newer" garden materials in use today. They are being featured in attractive "out-crops", in retaining walls, in steps and for other uses. They break the monotony of an expanse of lawn very well, or highlight small shrubbery.

Railway sleepers have become extremely popular also. When supported by large rocks or uprights, railway sleepers can make very attractive retaining walls.

Sleepers can also be used for paving flat areas (where the sleepers are in good condition) and, cut in half, can even make an interesting path. Garden tables can also be made from railway sleepers.

Attractive paths can also be Lilydale toppings, which are probably the cheapest material to use on this side of Melbourne. The possibility of weeds coming up through the toppings can be overcome by laying plastic sheets on paths and drives first.

After the toppings are laid and levelled on the plastic they should be "watered in" so that the fine particles bind together, leaving a thin, gravel surface.

Brick and bluestone pavers can also make attractive drives and paved areas. They can be bedded into a mixture of sand and cement, which can also be used as grouting in the joints.

But it is important, before attempting to lay pavers, that the filling underneath is properly consolidated. If this is not done low patches which hold water could form after a while.

Pavers can also be used for retaining walls and barbecues.

Slate is a good material for interesting paved areas, while concrete stepping stones of

irregular shape can be made in a mould.

Pebbles, if used with taste and discretion, can add greatly to the appearance of gardens. They also have the advantage of low maintenance.

But be careful of white pebbles. They can be stark and glaring, whereas brown pebbles have a softer reflection that blends in better with their surroundings.

Bark chips and tan bark can be particularly good in a garden of native trees and shrubs. They keep weeding to a minimum.

● Next month — Plants in the Garden.

TIP GETS THE ALL-CLEAR

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has approved a garbage tip on Stintons Road, Park Orchards.

The site of the tip was opposed by the Warrandyte Environment League and supported by the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association.

In approving the tip, the Board of Works has imposed certain conditions.

They are that at all times the tip be operated in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act; that refuse be covered at the end of each day with a layer of earth, and dust and fumes must be suppressed by water or other effective means.

OUTDOOR ART

The next Warrandyte Arts Association outdoor art show will be held by the Warrandyte bridge on Sunday, August 12 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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COUNCILLORS SEEK VIEWS

The budget of expenditure for the financial year 1973-74 is soon to be considered by Council, and as elected representatives, we have found that many of the requests made by ratepayers have to be considered at this time, and in the light of the overall funds available.

Therefore this is the time when priorities must be established and we now invite suggestions from ratepayers or groups on works which they believe should be considered with the Council Estimates.

Having regard to the fact that funds are limited, we would ask that ideas be restricted to those that will assist substantial sections of the community. For instance, the following items have already been listed for consideration:—

- Improved parking for Warrandyte Primary School.
- Year round, twice-weekly garbage collection.
- Sealing of unmade section of Harris Gully Road.
- Construction of Beauty Gully Road.
- Construction of gravel footpath on west side of Webb Street.
- Spectator terrace and improvements to drainage at Recreation Reserve.
- Provision of lighting for netball courts and provision of scoreboard at Dorney Reserve.
- Purchase of land for dual carriageway in Park Road.

It would assist us both if any ideas forthcoming could be made in writing, and forwarded to us at the addresses listed below.

Cr A. P. MORTON,
26 Euston Avenue,
Park Orchards.
Cr I. R. MARSDEN,
29 Brympton Avenue,
Park Orchards.

New schools needed

In view of the urgent need for new primary and secondary schools in Warrandyte (reported in the June issue of the Diary) I note with interest a letter from our new member for Ringwood, Mr Norman Lacy (published in the same issue) stating that he is "delighted to have been elected to represent the Ringwood electorate" and further states that he will do his utmost to "properly place" the views of the electorate before Parliament.

The need for new schools in Warrandyte has been known and discussed at length for some time.

Now that Mr Lacy is a representative of the Liberal Government which has brought about this most serious situation (which by no means concerns this area alone) it would seem that the electorate's needs and aspirations have in the past been grossly "misplaced".

I await with great interest Mr Lacy "properly placing the views of the electorate before Parliament".

VALERIE S. TATTAM,
Masonic Avenue.

Webb Street — again!

I wholeheartedly agree with the views expressed by Beverley Hanson in July's Diary in reply to "Old Timer" regarding "the suburban type footpaths in Webb Street".

Our family has come to Warrandyte for the same reasons as Beverley stated, "to get away from suburbia" and most of the ugly aspects that accompany such suburbs.

Having lived for six years in Diamond Creek and witnessed the many changes including road-making, footpaths, etc., which have resulted in the removal of beautiful native trees, we felt that the aesthetic qualities it had possessed were now gone.

It was then that we de-

ecided to come and live in Warrandyte.

I feel that "Old Timer" is being a little selfish here, as he has experienced all the benefits and pleasures from living in a natural setting and now wishes to deprive newcomers to this beautiful place of the very things that have attracted them to it.

I would like to say to those people in authority, "Please don't turn Warrandyte into just another suburban-style complex".

MARGARET MURRELL,
Osborne Road.

It's about time someone started complaining about traffic in Webb Street and lack of footpaths. Webb Street is a race track.

In some places the road is 20 feet wide, gutters 18 inches deep and 16 inches wide. In the darkness with cars, one up and one down it's difficult to know which way to jump.

Try getting off the road in winter when it's wet! If you don't get wet feet you will get broken limbs; or death.

M. GILBERT,
Webb Street.

- The first letter on this page, and a report elsewhere in this issue refer to "the construction of a gravel footpath on the west side of Webb Street". We have discussed this with councillors and feel confident that the planned path will harmonise with the natural surroundings. —Editors.

NETBALL GIRLS TAKE HONOURS

One of the four Warrandyte teams registered in the night competition of the East Ivanhoe Ladies' Basketball Competition took off the premiership for "J" grade.

It is the second premiership for this team. In two seasons they have only been defeated three times.

Captain of the team is Gwen Cahill; vice-captain, Carol Woolcock. Team members are: Carol Bird, Lee Phillips, Dianne Ashton, Helen Corbett, Sue Grummisch, and Margaret World.

For the second time, Margaret has been awarded the best and fairest player for the grade.

The Warrandyte 3 team this competition played in the semi-finals, but were defeated.

Of the two under 12 teams, one under 14 and one under 16 team, it appears as though the under 12 team 2 and the under 14 team will be playing in the semi-finals on August 11.

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Warrandyte Cricket Club faces the possibility of being able to field six teams in the coming season, including three senior sides.

This is in addition to three junior teams, under 12, under 14 and under 16.

Plans for the season will be outlined at the club's annual meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, in the Church of England Hall, Stiggart Street.

Club officials are looking forward to a successful season. They have promising juniors from last season's under-16 side and several new players to add to the senior teams.

Last season the club fielded two senior sides. The firsts missed the four by four points and the second eleven played in the finals.

Club captain, John Chapman (844-3326), is keen to hear from any players senior or junior, who may have

moved into the area and are looking for a game.

John Chapman said that socially the season was a great success and the club finished with a "very healthy" bank balance.

He said all players, junior and senior, and parents, would be welcome at the annual meeting.

Last season the Club was donated a house to wreck and sell various building items. Most of it has been sold, but a few windows, doors, corrugated iron sheets and a 60-gallon hot water service are still available.

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FOOTBALL

Night out for the juniors

About 50 players from the under-15 and under-17 teams attended the meal and film night at the Coffee Bean Restaurant recently.

Coffee Bean proprietor, Mr Eric Houghton, made his premises available free of charge and local shopkeepers donated food and soft drink for the evening.

Mr John McCartin, team manager of the under-17 side, paid a tribute to all who helped make the evening such a success.

Club president, Mr Laurie Sloan, said that it was heartening to see the under-15 side going so well.

Although the club's other teams had not enjoyed much success there was a high note of happiness within the club.

"Unlike some other clubs our committee is a happy lot. I don't think any of our players have fronted the tribunal this season which also speaks volumes for the good

conduct of the club," said Mr Sloan.

Mr McCartin said the next big club function for juniors would be the presentation night. He asked for ideas on what form the night should take.

It appears certain that each junior side will have a separate presentation night.

Tributes were paid to the time and efforts given by the two coaches, Robert Gilbert (under-15) and Noel Smith (under-17).

TOP ACTOR TO DIRECT

Leading Australian actor, Charles Tingwell, recently returned from London and now a permanent member of the cast of "Homicide", is to direct the next WAA Drama Group production.

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CLUB ELECTIONS

Annual election of office-bearers to the Warrandyte Firefighters' Social Club will be held in the fire station, Warrandyte, on August 13, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Supporters of all three Warrandyte fire brigades are invited to attend.

FOOTPATH SOON?

Plans for a gravel path on the west side of Webb Street are expected to be discussed soon by Doncaster-Templestowe Council.

This follows several letters of complaint from Webb Street residents on the dangers to pedestrians walking on the road.

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