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Yarra Street hazards

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Warrandyte residents appear certain to oppose the Doncaster and Templestowe Council proposal for car parking space in Yarra Street.

A random survey by the Diary among shoppers in the town this week indicated they were in favour of a joint plan for parking submitted by the Warrandyte Traders' Association and the Warrandyte Environment League.

For many months a joint committee from the Traders' Association and the Environment League has been exploring the possibility of providing adequate off-street parking in the village.

Their plan now appears to have more favour than the council's counter proposal.

Traffic hazards in Yarra Street have become a major problem. Elderly people are complaining about the dangers of crossing the road to shop.

School children are also in danger from heavy vehicles speeding through the town. There are strong feelings from locals for an overpass or a subway.

The Traders' Association and Environment League plan suggests that a landscaped parking area with walkways be provided from the rear of the Gospel Hall to a point opposite Mitchell Avenue. Their plan has been drawn up by experienced engineers, architects and town planners who live in the area.

They suggest that the parking area should be sited well below Yarra Street road level, with landscaped slopes from 30 to 70 feet wide, planted with trees and shrubs, dividing the street from the parking area. The

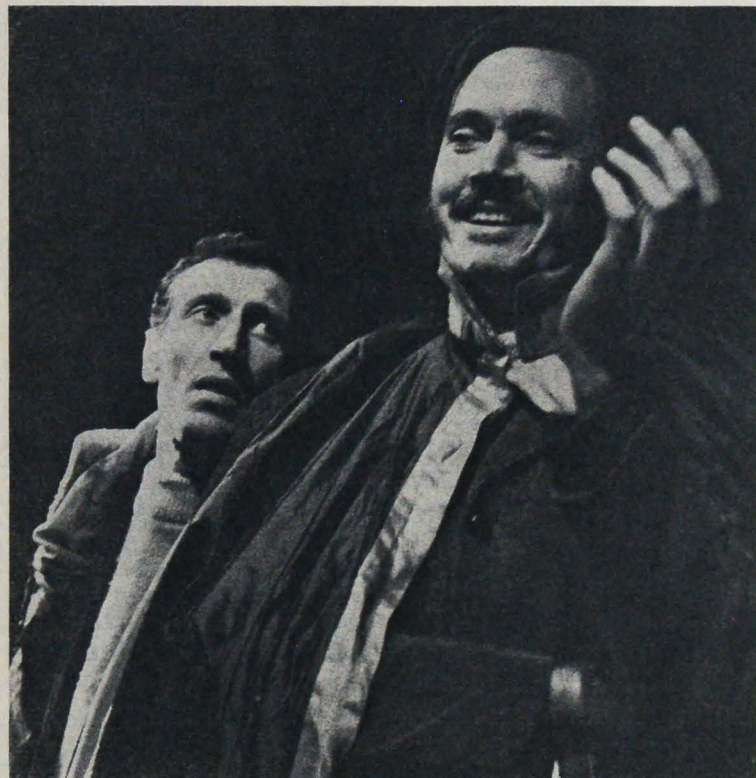
car park would serve both the shops and the river foreshore.

Council's alternative plan provides for the widening of Yarra Street at the existing road level by the extensive use of earth fill up to a width of 80 feet.

Residents feel that inadequate provision has been made for suitable beautification and landscaping and that there is no "green buffer zone" between the parking area and the main street.

A Diary survey this week indicated strong opposition to the council alternative. Many people think that there should be a public meeting where both plans can be displayed and discussed.

It is obvious the council plan does not suit many Warrandyte residents who feel that a better alternative has already been suggested.



•TIM SHERWOOD (left) and IRVING REID, both looking very much alive, have the title roles in the next WAA Drama Group production, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead". Opening this Saturday, October 6, the play will run each Friday and Saturday night through October. Leading Australian actor Charles Tingwell of "Homicide" is directing the production Bookings 844 3571. (Tony Dimmock photo.)

HUNGER DOOR KNOCK

The annual Freedom From Hunger door knock appeal will be conducted in Park Orchards and Warrandyte on Sunday afternoon, October 7.

Residents are asked to place their contributions in the official envelopes they will receive by mail prior to that date and to give them to the "Hunger Fighter" who calls during the appeal.

Team leader for the two districts, Mr John Cox, would be pleased to hear from any volunteers who would assist on October 7. Offers of help may be phoned to him (844-2331).

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ROAD WORK

Council has approved plans for the construction of Beauty Gully Road, from Harris Gully Road to Falconer Road, and is waiting on C.R.B. approval. Councillors are hopeful work will begin on the project early next year.

WARD FORUM

Ward councillors will hold a forum soon in Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

Councillors say the forum will give ratepayers the opportunity of learning first hand progress being made by council on various projects, and to discuss and make suggestions on present and future community needs.

HALL NEEDS DONATIONS

An estimate running into several thousand dollars has been prepared for work needed on the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute.

So far the restoration fund stands at \$86. More donations are urgently needed. They can be sent to the hall committee secretary, Mrs J. Blair (844-3281).

It is intended to request the Federal Government for an annual grant to help maintain and improve the hall, or to obtain a grant to cover the cost of the repairs.

About 20 people attended the working bee last month to help plant the trees and shrubs supplied by council. A further working bee will be arranged when sleepers and boulders have been obtained.

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NEW HOMES ARE IN DOUBT

Many prospective new home owners in the Warrandyte area will almost certainly be unable to build on their blocks in the foreseeable future.

This follows the designation of Doncaster and Templestowe Council as protection agency for the Anderson's Creek catchment area.

Guidelines issued to council by the Environment Protection Authority will make it difficult for any further home building to take place on residential "C" zoned land (under one acre) until the entire catchment area is sewered.

Not only will blocks on the controversial Merinda and Gold Country estates be affected, but also all smaller allotments in the entire Anderson's Creek catchment area.

Prospective homeowners who had been given approval in principle before the issue of building permits was stopped by the E.P.A. will be permitted to continue, but in all other cases the following guidelines will apply.

● Allotments of less than one-half acre in area:

Systems for treatment of wastes from individual premises will not meet the water quality requirements of the Environment Protection Authority. The only satisfactory way of treating waste discharges is by means of a sewage treatment plant.

● Allotments one-half acre, or larger, in area:

The property owner should ascertain from council's chief health inspector whether or not a particular treatment system is satisfactory in treating ALL the waste discharges from the premises, and retaining the treated wastes within the curtilage of the property.

The authority requires that the approved waste treatment systems are properly operated, and maintained, to ensure that the maximum possible efficiency of the system is achieved.

Where an application is received for the erection of a building, or additions to a building, which does not incorporate any fittings or equipment producing waste discharges, then the council may issue a building permit forthwith.

- Full particulars of the guidelines are obtainable from the city offices, Doncaster.

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THOUGHTS AWAY FROM HOME

Though far removed from Warrandyte I know,
I wonder how the town will change and grow,
How far ahead the rates of change will race,
And will it really be the same old place?
Will W.E.L. still want the Warrandyte that was,
With all its problems still to find a cause?
Will all the land in them-thar-hills be sold?
Or yet our little Peter Pan the gold?
Will Moss still gather up the rolling stoned?
And how much land will then have been re-zoned
To let the local councils dump their tips?
Will Yarra Street by then have had its chips?
Or will the Melbourne Board of Works instead
Have dammed the flow, and sealed the river bed?
Will Potters' Cottage pie be seasoned still
With spicy tales about our Jack and Jill?
And will I still enjoy the quiet knock
Of ball and cricket bat and Clyde and Ock?
And will the pre-owned cars be o'er the hill?
Will Les be smiling there behind the till?
Will then the faithful post-it-in-the-tree
And moving finger write the Diary?
And many other Will's that springs to mind;
So please let these few lines serve to remind
That we wanna copy of the Diary!
(Like you promised.)

— JOCK, Boroko, P.N.G.

Village calendar

OCTOBER

- 4—Cricket Club Meeting. Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 5—WYC Seniors.
- 6—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. Cricket Season Opens. WAA Play.
- 7—Freedom From Hunger Door Knock.
- 9—WYC Canoe Group.
- 10—WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 11—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 12—WYC Seniors. WAA Play.
- 13—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WAA Play.
- 16—WYC Canoe Group.
- 17—WPS Mothers' Club. WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 18—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 19—WYC Seniors.
- 20—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WAA Play.
- 21—Diary copy closes.
- 23—WYC Canoe Group.
- 24—Apex Club Public Meeting. WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 25—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 26—WYC Seniors. WAA Play.
- 27—St John's Fair. WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WYC Dance. WAA Play.
- 30—WYC Canoe Group. WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 31—Guide Luncheon.

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MORE PROTESTS ON DAM SITE

Renewed pleas for the State Government to abandon the Yarra Brae Dam proposal were made at a packed meeting recently in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute.

The issue is one of the most lively topics in Warrandyte and surrounding districts.

Long before the meeting began the hall was filled. People stood in aisles and overflowed into the foyer.

Organisers said the meeting was a "tremendous" success. It was convened by Mr Race Mathews, Federal member for Casey, in whose electorate the proposed dam would be situated.

The organisers claimed they had invited local members of State Parliament, Mr N. Lacy and Mr S. Plowman, to sit with them on the platform, but both declined.

The meeting was chaired by Dr G. Block. Background information was given by Messrs M. McClure, C. O'Shea, R. McLennan and N. Douglas.

Written statements were read out and many came from the floor. These included Prof. F. Ledger, Dr I. Bayly, Dr J. Auty, Mr R. Champion and Mr G. Taylor.

Four motions passed by the meeting indicated a keen awareness of the issues involved.

An action committee was

formed and donations of \$166 were received. Car stickers were also sold.

The following motions were passed:

● This meeting deplores the destruction of the Yarra River, which would result from the construction of the Yarra Brae Dam, its associated works, and calls upon the Victorian Government to abandon this programme.

● That this meeting authorises the organisers to form an action committee to speak on behalf of those present and to report back to the next meeting, and that the other side of the story be put to the people of Melbourne.

● While fully opposing the construction of the Yarra Brae Dam and associated works, we recognise this opposition loses much

value, if it retains its parochialism. The main reason why this controversy exists is due to acceptance by the people and Governments of Victoria of virtually unlimited growth of Melbourne. We must pressure State and Federal Governments to adopt measures which actively discourage growth. This growth accompanied by our consumerism, industrial development and selfishness as citizens of our earth is leading us into a serious environmental situation, which we and our children must face.

● This meeting calls upon the State Government to clarify the term "Environmental Impact Statement" and to adopt the principle that such statements should be made only by bodies independent of political pressure.

Henry Moore dies at 65

A member of one of Warrandyte's pioneering families, Mr Henry (Harry) Moore died recently. He was 65.

Mr Moore, who had been ill for some time, died in the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg.

He served in the 2/26th Infantry Battalion during the Second World War and was taken prisoner of war. He spent several years in Changi and worked on the Burma railway.

Mr Moore had three brothers, John, Charles and Henry, and a sister, Miss A. C. Moore, of Yarra Street. Miss Moore is the only surviving member of the family.

The Moore family came to Warrandyte in 1919 from the Wood's Point district. That year, their father, John Charles, bought a store in Warrandyte which he and his sons conducted.

Known as J. J. Moore and Sons, Warrandyte General Stores, the wooden building was a familiar landmark almost opposite the hotel in Yarra Street.

The Moore family ran the store until it was destroyed in a fire in 1961. Later the family conducted a store where the antique shop is at the corner of Mitchell and Yarra Streets.

Miss Moore was a well known and popular businesswoman in the town. For

many years she conducted the Central Tea Rooms in what is now the fruit shop, between Mitchell Avenue and Webb Street.

Henry Moore, a tall, quiet man, took a keen interest in gardening after his army days.

Until a few years ago he was a familiar figure working on his vegetable plot behind the fruit shop and Holyoak Motors. His vegetables were the envy of the district.

Miss Moore told the Diary that Henry never spoke much of his prisoner of war days. "But he did tell me once he had to pawn his watch to get a banana," she said.

Mr Moore was buried at Warrandyte Cemetery following a private funeral service.

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
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THE DIARY has received the following letter from Cr A. Morton. In view of the opinions expressed and the fact that we only publish once a month, the Diary felt the Environment League should be given an opportunity to reply in the same issue.

Councillor lashes out

Having watched the performance of the Warrandyte Environment League since its inception, I find myself continually faced by the following question. Is the Warrandyte Environment League performing the function for which it was created? Sadly, the answer to this question is in the negative.

As a ward councillor, one who is vitally interested in the protection of our environment, and who is prepared to contribute in both time and effort to achieve this end, it appals me to watch the way in which the League's committee has handled the very important role entrusted to it by its members and the community generally.

The League has, within itself, the ability to assist and guide, both local council and State Government in its development of the Warrandyte area. However, like so many groups formed in our society, it obviously considers its only role is to disagree with, and object to, proposals put forth by any authority.

It is those groups that seek to be constructive ori-

ginators that succeed. The League's committee has not displayed the required attributes of originality and constructiveness and it is indeed doubtful that they do possess them.

The League was conceived amidst the roar of bulldozers and the groan of falling trees, it was borne out of the scarred landscape and denuded bushland. Its members demanded action, yet to this stage it has done little more than complain about the events which led to its birth.

It has raised its voice in protest against council using a useless gully as a short term sanitary landfill project, and long term recreational area. It has suggested expensive alternatives to council's proposed parking area scheme and it has become political and critical, but never constructive.

How about reversing the tables? May I suggest that the committee gives consideration to its past activities and the role which it should play in the future, and in doing so it may ask itself the following:

Where was the League's support to control pollution

of Anderson's Creek and the Yarra River?

What part did it play in council's efforts to have a State Park established in Warrandyte?

Where is the League's support in council's present endeavours to have 100 acres of bushland in Park Orchards annexed to the State Park?

Warrandyte Environment League is standing idly by making incoherent noises about minor issues, whilst the same ingredients for disaster are being blended as those that led to its very formation. The further destruction of our precious environment, the denuding of further acres of virgin bushland and the creating of extensive undesirable residential "C" areas.

It's time the committee awoke to its responsibilities and undertook responsible and constructive projects of value to our community instead of hindering a council which has already demonstrated its awareness of its responsibilities in the field of environmental control.

Cr ALAN MORTON,
Euston Avenue,
Park Orchards.

'Check the facts'

I am surprised that Cr Alan Morton has made such a petulant, illogical and inaccurate attack on the Warrandyte Environment League. He obviously has not "watched the performance of the League since its inception", as he patronisingly suggests, or indeed read his own correspondence from the League.

One of the first actions of the League was to write to the M.M.B.W. (8/11/71) expressing concern at the level of pollution in the Yarra River. The Board carried out several samplings during March 1972 which indicated high levels of chemical and bacteriological pollution. These findings were published in the Warrandyte Diary of July 1972. A letter (28/8/72) of which Cr Morton received a copy, was written to council who at that stage did not appear to be aware of the problem and had not determined to take regular readings.

To alleviate the problem of sillage pollution from new subdivisions in the Anderson's Creek catchment, the League prepared submissions (13/12/71, 15/2/72 and 1/3/72) to council and the M.M.B.W. advocating the re-zoning of land in this area from residential "C" to residential "D" (minimum one acre blocks).

It is interesting to note that the E.P.A. in its guidelines for the Anderson's Creek catchment (3/9/73) advocates larger block sizes

so that treated wastes may be "retained within the curtilage of the property" and that council in its reply to the League's submission "failed to see any merit in such a suggestion".

Cr Morton's condemnation of the League's stand on land fill garbage disposal indicates an extraordinary double standard. Whilst advocating support to control pollution of Anderson's Creek, part of the catchment of this stream becomes a "useless gully" and therefore suitable for pollution by solid wastes. This attitude makes a mockery of the E.P.A. guidelines and M.M.B.W. "Conservation" zoning of the area.

The League and the Warrandyte Traders' Association were invited by council to participate in preparing plans for car parking in Yarra Street. Using the services of engineer and architect members of the League's and the Traders' committees, a suggested plan was submitted to council.

It is amazing that Cr Morton should attack the League for taking the opportunity to participate in a joint planning venture as this would appear to be what he is advocating.

The proposal for a Warrandyte State Park was not initiated by council but by a conservation minded group of local residents in 1969. The League has expressed its support to the Interim State Park Committee

(10/12/72) and members of the League have been actively involved in policing areas included in the proposal pending the proclamation of the park, which we were advised by the National Parks Service (13/8/73) may not be until 1974.

Letters have been written to the Forests Commission (9/8/72), the Chief Secretary (9/8/72), council (10/12/72) and the Police Department (10/9/73) advocating control of mini and trail bikes in the area, and to council (1/3/73) requesting measures to prevent rubbish dumping and littering.

The League objected under the provisions of the M.M.B.W. Planning Scheme in June 1972 to the "Reserved Living" zoning of the area of 100 acres of bushland in Park Orchards to which Cr Morton refers. League support has been offered to the Park Orchards Ratepayers' Association in their endeavours to protect this area.

Other action which the League has initiated includes a road-making policy designed to cause minimum interference with the environment (15/2/72) and a suggested tree preservation ordinance (24/10/72); positive and constructive suggestions to council for the preservation of the natural environment.

RICHARD MORTON,
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Warrandyte Environment League is now two years old and its second Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to review its progress.

The Committee of the League, through these broadsheets and publicity in the Warrandyte Diary, has endeavoured to keep members informed of the League activities. Inevitably with a part time executive limited by the lack of time and money, there has been some communication gap. However, all the committee's activities have been summarised in past issues of the Broadsheet and an indication given of the vast range of items it has found necessary to discuss and act upon under the concept of "environment".

These have ranged from everyday problems of rubbish dumping, pollution and the destruction of native vegetation to the importance of community involvement in planning to preserve the social amenity of the area. Research sub-committees have been formed to investigate problems of liquid and solid waste disposal and to examine the local government administrative structure.

It is not the intention of this report to detail all the activities of the committee during the past year but to attempt an appraisal of the broader aims of the League and whether they have been or can be achieved.

The League has been unfairly criticised by Warrandyte Ward councillors for its lack of achievement in areas in the jurisdiction of local or state government. The League is not a local government administrative body and has no powers to ban sub-divisions, enforce E.P.A. guidelines or dictate planning policies; it can only publicise the problems as it sees them and suggest alternatives. That councillors have become sensitive to the League's

activities gives some indication of our success in achieving this aim. The League should not be intimidated by the opposition of local government representatives who may be nominated by expediency rather than principle.

The role of the League must change from a pre-occupation with individual instances of environmental vandalism, although these will always be important matters for its concern, to the formulation of broader planning policies. In this the League will not have a monopoly and every effort should be made to involve all interested groups and individuals in identifying the aspects of both the physical and social environment which make Warrandyte a desirable place to live.

The League is co-operating with the Warrandyte Traders Association on planning proposals for the township area and with the Presbyterian Church on what is hoped will become the basis of a broader strategy plan. That the Church should involve itself in town planning, an area outside its traditional pastoral role, is just one indication of the vitality of the Warrandyte community.

If town planning is the first priority, the division of Warrandyte between two municipalities is seen as the greatest single obstacle to its achievement. Useful co-operation between the two councils on planning for Warrandyte seems unlikely and investigations of alternative municipal boundaries are being carried out by one of the League's sub-committees.

The future of Warrandyte is very much in the hands of the community and individual awareness of the problems involved is essential for the harmonious development of the area.

RICHARD MORTON

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ELECTIONS

The present members have indicated their willingness to serve another year on the committee. Anyone else wishing to nominate for election to the

committee, please fill out the form below and sent it to W.E.L., PO. Box 126, Warrandyte 3113 by October 26th at the latest. This will greatly facilitate voting at the A.G.M. Only financial members are eligible to fill in the form.

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FEES

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due on the 1st October. The annual fee has been \$1.00 since the League's formation over two years ago. However the committee is aware of the problems in communications with

members which is partly due to lack of funds. If there are to be more frequent newsletters and meetings, then fees will have to be raised. It is proposed to move a motion at the A.G.M. to raise the fees to an amount to be agreed on.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mechanics Hall - Tuesday 30th of October - 8pm

'THE RE-CYCLING HOAX'

Speaker:

GABRIEL LAFITTE

Presidents and Treasurers Reports

Election of Committee

General Business

The speaker at the A.G.M. will be Gabriel Lafitte whose subject will be 'The Steel Can Re-cycling Hoax'. B.H.P. in conjunction with canmaking companies set up a scheme called 'The Steel Can Plan for the Environment' or 'The Steel Can People' for short. Mr Lafitte was engaged by Image

Australia as a P.R. consultant handling the Steel Can People account. Since leaving he has made some startling disclosures about the whole can recycling scheme. He is now taking a Master of Environment Sciences course at Monash University.

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Water in the garden

By BEVERLEY HANSON

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However, the size of the pool should be in proportion to the area. A large pool, taking up most of a garden, can spoil the look of the entire area and leave no scope for the garden which is to be designed around it.

There are many considerations when siting an informal ornamental pool.

It should be constructed at a low level, as it would be in nature. The edge should be at ground level and disguised as much as possible with overhanging flat rocks or small creeping plants, such as thyme. The rocks should look natural; never laid in a row or a ring around the edge and should be sited mainly on the side where there is a fall in the land.

Fish can be protected from birds by placing a flat rock in the pool under which they can shelter.

There are numerous aquatic plants available, as well as many plants that look right growing beside a pool, for example, papyrus grass, bamboo grass, tree ferns, etc. Always keep planting in proportion to the size of the pool. Recently I saw an attractive small pool spoiled by a pampas grass which had all but engulfed it.

Trickling water or a small fountain can add to the interest in a garden, but again

it should be in proportion to the size of the area. A large volume of water only suits a park or a large garden.

Private swimming pools are becoming part of the Australian scene. Most are a formal rectangular shape which does not blend easily into an informal garden. Free form or kidney-shaped pools seem to look better in such settings. Above ground pools should be screened from sight if possible.

Rather than edging your pool with a uniform concrete strip, break it up with an area of lawn and spill the paved area out to form a wide expanse incorporating seats and a barbecue.

When planting shrubs and trees avoid those that drop leaves all through the year.

● **Next Month — Making and Maintaining a Lawn.**

ART OPENING

Marge and Dirk Eysertse of Koornung are inviting all their many friends to the opening of their All Eastern Art Gallery at their shop in 1019 High Street, Malvern.

Featuring an exciting first showing of contemporary Batik art, Indian miniatures and water colours, the gallery will be opened at 6 p.m. this Wednesday, October 3, by Mr Race Matthews.

Diary Christmas card offer



The Warrandyte Diary is once more pleased to offer a beautifully printed Christmas card of special local interest. Featuring Harry Hudson's drawing of the main street as it was fifty years ago, it is printed in black ink on a high quality buff tinted stock 7 in. x 4 in. The message inside simply reads "Season's Greetings".

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There's a burgeoning bough on every tree?
And a burgeoning waistline —
On me!

It's Spring in Warrandyte. Can't you tell,
By the hole into which your car just fell?
And mud all over the kids —
As well.

It's Spring in Warrandyte. Can't you guess?
The floor is constantly in a mess.
So is the dog, more —
Or less.

It's Spring in Warrandyte. Can't forget,
That Spring is supposed to be this wet.
We're not flooded out. At least —
Not yet!

It's Spring in Warrandyte. Can't complain.
It's wonderful to see the rain.
In Summer we'll use it —
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Apex club for W'dyte

An Apex Club is to be formed in Warrandyte.

The club will get off the ground at a meeting in the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday, October 24, at 8 p.m.

The club is open to all men between the ages of 18 and 40.

The new club will be sponsored by Templestowe but will conduct its own programme.

Templestowe Apex Club membership director, Mr David Mateer, believes the Warrandyte community has a real need for such a club.

He said the first meeting on October 24 would be a "get-together only" and there would be no election of office-bearers.

Mr Mateer said Apex was an organisation for young men who were prepared to work for the good of their own community and to enjoy the fellowship of others.

He said Apex was not merely a dinner club for good fellowship.

"The meetings engender enduring friendships and good fellowship, but this is not an end in itself, but rather a means of encouraging community service and leadership opportunities," said Mr Mateer.

For further information on Apex activities Mr Mateer (850-2207) will be pleased to hear from anyone interested.

* Readers' letters

Infiltrate ...

I read recently (not in the Diary) that a councillor was concerned that the Warrandyte Environment League was controlled by "outsiders". I presume he means those "foreigners" over the river in North Warrandyte.

May I point out that many of our community leaders in Warrandyte live in North Warrandyte. Mr D. Hanrahan is president of the Warrandyte RSL, Mr J. Chapman is secretary of the Warrandyte Cricket Club, Mr R. Morton, president of the Warrandyte Environment League, Mrs E. Bird, president, Warrandyte Arts Association. One could name many more.

Most, if not all North Warrandyte residents send their kids to school in Warrandyte, shop in Warrandyte, go to church in Warrandyte, and play sport in Warrandyte.

"BREAKAWAY",
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Nth. Warrandyte.

Control ...

Traffic lights or extra police are urgently needed near the Warrandyte bridge to control speedsters who either don't know or could not care less about pedestrians.

ADA E. BRANSTON,
Warrandyte.

Surface ...

When will Harris Gully Road be surfaced? As a resident of Warrandyte I traverse this lousy road daily.

It seems ludicrous for the council to leave unmade a fiddling three-quarter mile section in the centre of this stretch of road.

Granted the surface is graded periodically, but because of the steep grade the slightest shower can quickly undo the efforts of the coun-

cil to maintain a temporary surface.

I wonder how many of your readers are similarly affected and are concerned about the effect of this road on their vehicles?

Could not some pressure be brought to bear on the Doncaster-Templestowe Council to expend the necessary funds to complete the surfacing of Harris Gully Road?

"BADLY SHAKEN",
Warrandyte.

Congratulate ...

Congratulations to "Wake Up" South Warrandyte, who complained about the council-owned pavilion at Warrandyte being used to promote a council election candidate.

This never happened in the days of Ken Buxton, Keith Wilson, Viv Rush or Alan Croxford.

I, too, am a local football follower. I run a business. Can I put up a free ad in the pavilion? Like "Wake Up" my donation will be going elsewhere next season.

"NO MORE",
Warrandyte.

TENNIS PAVILION

The new Park Orchards Tennis Club pavilion was opened recently by the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr B. Dixon.

During his two-hour visit, Mr Dixon played tennis, planted a tree, and had afternoon tea.

MOVES FOR A PARK

Doncaster and Templestowe Council will approach the Forests Commission to have land surrounding Warrandyte declared a State Forest Park.

"The Premier promised action on this land during the State elections, and the time has come to keep him to his promise."

It is expected that once the land has been placed under the control of the Forests Commission, a committee of management will be set up comprising representatives from the commission itself, from council, and from residents of the Warrandyte area.

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SECOND FOOTY WIN FOR VIN



Vin Thornton has won the Warrandyte Football Club's best and fairest award for the second year in succession.

He also won the Coffee Bean Restaurant Award of \$50.

Alf Valentine was runner-up to Thornton. Third was Greg Laurence. He also won the best first-year player. The most improved player award was won by Geoff Beatt. Most consistent player was Joe Read.

Kevin Luttick won the best and fairest award in the second eighteen. He also won the best clubman award. Ricky Lyng and Ray Johnson tied for second in the second eighteen best and fairest. Peter Ness was third. Ness also won the best first-year award in the second eighteen.

A trophy for the most improved player in the second eighteen went to L. Nightingall. A former outstanding player and coach, Keith Rochow, received a special trophy in appreciation of his services during the season.

Mr T. Warr was presented with a life membership badge. Among the first to congratulate him was Mr Eddie Houghton, 67, of Forest Hills. Mr Houghton was one of the first life members of Warrandyte and was club president in 1936.

The football club is seeking a coach for next season. Club officials say they will be offering a top salary. They intend to advertise widely in order to obtain a first-class player.

Club president, Mr L. Sloan, this week paid a tribute to this season's coach, Robert White, who took over at the last minute to help the club out of a spot when the previous coach left.

Football club officials and supporters praised the work done on the grounds during the season by Mr A. Barrow.

The club's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15. Mr L. Sloan said the club was most grate-

ful to the women's committee for helping so much towards club funds. Committee members were Julie Ryan, Penny Kerkhof, Margaret Pulford, Mrs Warr, Dorothy Perks, Carol Corcoran, Rosemary Jackson. Mr. Sloan said thanks were also due to all the other women helpers.

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CHIEF SEC. AT TROUBLE SPOTS

The Chief Secretary, Mr Rossiter, visited Warrandyte one night recently.

His visit followed complaints from residents concerning the difficulty in obtaining police services in the area at night, and reports of vandalism, indiscriminate shooting, and wild parties on the river banks.

Mr Rossiter was told that although the number of residents had doubled there had been no increase in police coverage of the area.

FOUR TEAMS IN GRAND FINALS

The four teams from the Warranwood married women's netball club recently played off in the grand finals of the Knox Married Women's Netball Association.

This is an outstanding achievement because the club was formed only in 1969 with one team.

Most successful team in the grand finals was the "B" grade side which won the premiership. The "A" and the two "C" grade sides were beaten but not disgraced.

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THREE BEST AT PARK ORCHARDS

John Whitelaw has won the under-13 section best and fairest award in the Park Orchards Junior Football Club.

Other best and fairest winners were: Under-11 Reserves — Darren Downie. Under-11 — Terry Clark.

Deklan Hyde, Jim Dio Guardi and Steven Marsden have been presented with certificates and medallions in honour of each playing 50 games with the club.

Two members who have been with the club since its foundation have resigned. They are Geoff O'Halloran and Bob Deuchar. Rod Imer is president, Ern Woolmer secretary and Mal Heatley treasurer.

Warrandyte Cricket Club is in urgent need of cricketers to help fill the three senior sides this season.

If you have played cricket years ago, or just taking on the game, club secretary, Mr John Chapman (844-3326) will be pleased to hear from you.

The club also offers an open invitation to any experienced players who may have moved into the area recently.

Pre-season practice attendances were reported to be poor a few weeks ago.

Opening match is on October 6.

Practice sessions are held at the Recreation Ground, Warrandyte, on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

A special general meeting will be held at the pavilion on Thursday (October 4) at 7 p.m. to consider amendments to the club's constitution. All members are requested to attend.

TURF WICKET?

A turf wicket may be in use at the Warrandyte Recreation Ground for season 1974-75.

Warrandyte Cricket Club has approved in principle of the formation of such a wicket.

A turf wicket will allow the club to move into a higher grade of cricket. There are only two other turf wickets in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

Netball girls win a flag

The Warrandyte (2) night team playing in the Heidelberg women's netball association were premiers in J grade this year.

They have been awarded the Pepworth Cup in recognition of their performances.

A big crowd of parents and officials attended the Warrandyte Netball Club's annual presentation night in the White House.

Club awards were made to Sandra Jones for her "tremendous" enthusiasm during the season. The senior club award was won by Dianne Ashton for her assistance in coaching and caring for equipment.

Other awards were: **Most Improved Players.**— Under 10, Team 1, "A" Grade: Cathy Andrew;

Under 10, Team 2, "B" Grade: Amanda Harriss; Under 12, Team 1, "C" Grade: Kathy Green; Under 12, Team 2, "C" Grade: Heather Robinson; Under 14, "B" Grade: Sharon Price; Under 16, "A" Grade: Anne Hooke.

Best and Fairest Players.— Under 10, Team 1, "A" Grade: Elisa Day; Under 10, Team 2, "B" Grade: Jenny Tindale; Under 12, Team 1, "C" Grade: Elizabeth Phillips; Under 12, Team 2, "C" Grade: Samantha Gallagher; Under 14, "B" Grade: Abbie Day; Under 16, "A" Grade: Ruth Hillbrick.

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