

► **'I am surprised'**

► **'Full support'**

► **'I was distressed'**

STATE MEMBER BACKS SCHEME FOR SCHOOL

State member for Ringwood, Mr. Norman Lacy, has offered strong support for the establishment of a secondary school annexe in Warrandyte.

For some months parents of Warrandyte children have been investigating the possibilities of establishing a Warrandyte annexe to the Diamond Creek Community Technical School.

They have become concerned that students leaving primary school are forced to travel far and wide to reach secondary schools, some of them already overcrowded.

A Warrandyte Secondary School Project Steering Committee was formed at a public meeting, and has prepared a detailed submission to the Government.

This submission proposes the establishment of a Warrandyte annexe to the Diamond Creek Community Technical School, starting February 1974.

One of the first to reply to the submission was Mr Norman Lacy, M.P. for Ringwood.

He said he had noticed there was considerable fragmentation of the local school population at post-primary level.

"I am surprised to learn from the statistics present in the report, that in fact 241 children from Warrandyte are currently attending secondary schools as far away as 8.1 miles at Blackburn Technical School, the nearest being at Norwood which is still 5.4 miles away," Mr Lacy said.

"I was also distressed to learn that only 60 children will be moving into Form I level secondary education during 1974 because this means you have only half the rather arbitrarily determined 120 stipulated by the

Education Department, the figure needed before another secondary school will be provided.

"I am in total agreement with every major point made in your report and wish to offer my support of the project it outlines.

"I believe that the facility you are seeking to provide in Warrandyte would eliminate problems of distance, lack of community involvement and breakdown of pupil/peer identification," Mr Lacy said.

He said he was happy to offer his services to become involved in the project and to represent the steering committee to the Education or any other State Government department.

A spokesman for the steering committee told the Diary that interest in the Diamond Creek proposal has spread beyond Warrandyte and parents in Park Orchards, South Warrandyte and Wonga Park are pledging their support.

Mrs Pauline Brooke of the Park Orchards School



● MR. NORMAN LACY

Committee has joined the steering committee.

The annexe submission proposes that the children, probably initially in forms one and two, could attend school in Warrandyte for three days of the week and be taken by bus to the Diamond Creek Technical School to use facilities there during the remaining two days.

MOOMBA INVITE

The Warrandyte Arts Association drama group has been invited to perform at next year's Moomba drama festival.

The group has accepted but has not decided what play they will be staging.

The Moomba board of management has decided to include the drama festival after a break of four years.

Gordon Picton-Devine, who has produced for Warrandyte, notably, "Goodnight Mrs Puffin" is directing the Moomba drama festival next year. Joan Blair is secretary.

The annual meeting of the WAA will be held on Thursday, November 15, in the Mechanics' Institute.



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Editorial

Crossing the bridge . . .

Are we two communities?

Do those of us who live on the south side of the Yarra think differently from those of us who live on the north?

Do we have different community interests, different community needs and different hopes and aspirations for our children?

On this page we are underscoring the very real efforts being made by people from both sides of the river to abolish the fragmentation of our secondary school population.

People from both sides of the river are working together to protect our environment, to provide facilities for our young people, to improve our social welfare.

People from both sides of the river play sport together, worship together, create art together, go to school together, shop together, drink together.

Yet Warrandyte is divided. A municipal boundary flows between us. North and south, we pay rates to two local government bodies. We elect two separate sets of council representatives. We have two building standards. Our voice, like our secondary school population, is fragmented.

What are we going to do about this? The solution will not be an easy one. Do we need a separate municipality? Should north join south? Should south join north? Or is there yet another alternative?

All of us — the people of Warrandyte — will have to decide.

It is our community.

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The special offer Warrandyte Diary Christmas cards are selling extremely well.

The first batch of orders — about 1,500 cards in all — have gone out in time for overseas mail and the remainder of the initial printing of 4,000 are going quickly.

The cards, featuring Harry Hudson's evocative drawing of Yarra Street about 50 years ago, cost ten cents each and are available in lots of ten.

Special attention has been paid to the combined weight of card and envelope this year, to ensure they qualify for the basic seven cents postage rate.

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● Full details — and an order form — for the Diary Christmas cards are printed on page 4.

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WATCH THOSE FIRE RULES THIS SUMMER

Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade could experience a busy summer if precautions are not observed, the brigade secretary, Mr. J. Bucknall, told the Diary this week.

Fire restrictions are usually in force from December until April.

Mr Bucknall said that during this period no fire can be lit in the open, except in a properly constructed fire-place, or an approved incinerator with a properly fitted lid.

In these circumstances, everything must be cleared at ground level for a radius of 10 feet and 25 feet above ground level.

Mr Bucknall said that on total fire ban days, no fire of any kind, including cooking appliances, may be lit in the open.

Any elderly or invalid person requiring help should there be an evacuation, should send their name and address to the brigade, Box 95, Warrandyte Post Office. The information will be passed on to the Civil Defence Service.

Residents are reminded that the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade areas are — North: Yarra River. West: Fitzsimmons Lane, Porter Street, Church Road. South: Serpells Road, Tuckers Road, King Street, Woodhouse Road, Garden Road. East: Jumping Creek Road, Harris

Gully Road, Beauty Gully Road.

The Lower Yarra group annual rural fire brigade demonstration will be held on Sunday, November 18, at Kangaroo Ground at 12.30 p.m.

Brigades interested in competing should contact Mr Max Small, c/- Post Office, Christmas Hills.

North Warrandyte brigade staged a well-attended film night recently at their headquarters.

North Warrandyte members are building a second fire-fighting unit. It is a four-wheel drive vehicle with a water tank capacity of 200 gallons. Their other unit has a capacity of 500 gallons.

At the annual meeting of the North Warrandyte brigade, the following officers were elected: Captain, J. Stringer; 1st Lieut., B. Day; 2nd Lieut., R. Gardner; 3rd Lieut., P. Hook; 4th Lieut., R. Redfern; 5th Lieut., G. Lawrence; Communications Officer, S. Robinson; Apparatus Officer, M. Zezula; Secretary, S. Robinson.

The North brigade meets on the first Monday in the month at the fire station in Glynns Road.

FOUR POPULAR CITIZENS DIE

Warrandyte has been saddened by the death of four of its well-known residents in recent weeks.

Mr F. J. P. (Ferdie) Hornidge of Yarra Street, died aged 78 years.

Well-known as the proprietor of the former Warrandyte Waxworks, Mr Hornidge first came to the district in 1925.

Born in Sale, Mr Hornidge was interested in music and pottery. He was a member of the Melbourne Royal Philharmonic Choir for 35 years and was the third generation of Hornidges to be involved with the choir, his grandparents being among the founders of the Philharmonic Society.

Mr Hornidge established the waxworks near the police station in Yarra Street about 15 years ago in partnership with Mr Hugh Tussaud, a great great grandson of Madame Tussaud of London.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs Briarly Martin of David Road, and by a daughter and three grandsons.

Mr Dirk (Dick) Termorshuizen of North Warrandyte died suddenly, aged 45.

He was actively involved in district affairs, including the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade, North Warrandyte

Community Centre Committee and the Boy Scout Movement.

Mr Termorshuizen migrated from Holland as a lad. He married Margaret Betton, a member of one of Warrandyte's pioneering families.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Mr John Marston of Koornong, popular host at Potters Restaurant, died suddenly last week, aged 42.

A partner in the restaurant and a leading and long-standing member of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Mr Marston also had a wide interest in light car clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy, and two young children.

One of Warrandyte's oldest citizens, Mr Henry Joseph McLean, died last month. He was 89.

Mr McLean lived in Pound Bend Road. He died in Macleod Repatriation Hospital.

Representatives of the Warrandyte RSL and Warrandyte Football Club attended the funeral at the Warrandyte Cemetery.

Village calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 2—WYC Seniors.
- 3—WAA Exhibition.
- 4—WAA Exhibition.
- 6—Tennis Tournament.
- 7—WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 8—Elderly Citizens' Anniversary. WYC Calisthenics. WAA Art Group Annual Meeting.
- 9—WYC Seniors.
- 10—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 13—WYC Canoe Group. ALP Meeting.
- 14—WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 15—WAA Annual Meeting. WFC Annual Meeting. WYC Calisthenics. Elderly Citizens.
- 16—WYC Seniors.
- 17—WAA Junior, Painting, Drama and Dance.
- 18—Fire Brigade Demo.
- 20—WPS Mothers' Club. WYC Canoe Group.
- 21—WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 22—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 23—WYC Seniors.
- 24—WAA Junior Painting, Drama and Dance. WYC Dance.
- 25—Diary copy closes.
- 27—WYC Canoe Group.
- 28—WAA Painting and Pottery. WYC Juniors.
- 29—Elderly Citizens. WYC Calisthenics.
- 30—WYC Seniors.

About people

Pat and Barry McConnell have arrived from Springvale to take over the Golden Gate Store. Over the past few years, the store has been most capably run by Gwen and Peter Cahill.

Lee and Jan Tindale of North Warrandyte are celebrating the arrival of their daughter, Lisa.

Well-known youth and sporting group worker, Ken McKenzie, of David Road, is a regular lecturer in child psychology at the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs' camp at Kinglake.

Vicky Broome of Cook's Crescent is flying to Fiji this month for a holiday at Plantation Village, an island off the coast of Fiji.

COPY CLOSING

Copy for the December issue of the Warrandyte Diary must be in the hands of the editors no later than Sunday, November 25.

'THINK AGAIN ON OUR CAR PARK'

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"Some of my best friends live over the river..."

Help your hall

One of Warrandyte's most historic landmarks, the Mechanics Institute Hall may fall into disrepair unless more financial support is obtained.

Repair work on the hall has been estimated at \$8,500. The hall restoration fund is about \$85.

In an effort to help funds, the hall committee has been forced to raise hiring fees.

Hire of the hall on Fridays and Saturdays will now cost \$20. In addition there will be a charge of \$5 for use of the stage and \$5 for the piano. Hire of the hall includes the supper room.

From Sunday to Thursday hall hire will be \$15. Charges for the stage and piano will still be \$5.

A spokesman for the hall committee told the Diary this week: "Things are really grim financially. We can't let this landmark fall to bits. We are appealing to all local residents to donate."

Donations can be sent to the hall committee secretary, Mrs J. Blair, Yarra Street, Warrandyte (844-3281).

The hall committee plans to obtain permission from the Attorney-General to raffle a motor car. Proceeds will help the restoration fund.

It is hoped to raffle a late model Torana with tickets at \$5 each.

One of Warrandyte's oldest residents this week appealed to any former residents living outside the area to contribute to the restoration fund.

"We all remember the great functions we have attended in the hall and hope that it will remain well preserved for future generations," he said.

"Personally, I think it could be used even more by local community organisations," he said.

The controversy over the provision of car parking space in Yarra Street could have wider implications than most residents realise.

This is the opinion of Mr. Richard Morton, president of the Warrandyte Environment League.

"The basic right of community groups to involve themselves in planning for their own facilities and surroundings could be at stake here", he said.

The Environment League, in conjunction with the Warrandyte Traders' Association, have formulated a proposal for off-street parking, following an approach by Doncaster and Templestowe Council some months ago for a joint investigation of the problem.

The Traders' and Environment League plan drawn up by professional architects and engineers, suggests that a landscaped parking area with walkways be provided below road level.

A tree-planted "green buffer zone" between the car park and the main street is a vital part of their concept.

A counter proposal, designed by the council's engineering staff 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.

The WEL, in a statement to the Diary this week points out that any car park proposal should be part of an overall plan for the village and that a total assessment of needs is urgently required.

"It is essential that we preserve — and even restore — as much of the traditional village main street as possible," Mr Morton said.

"But without the provision of adequate off-street parking, conditions will become more and more chaotic, leaving the way open for the building of a shopping complex under monopoly control elsewhere in the area.

"Thus the 'consumer choice' character of shopping in Warrandyte could be lost, and the small traders, who have a very real interest

in our community could be forced out," Mr Morton said.

"There need be no collision of interests between those wanting parking and those working to preserve the environment. A properly designed car park appropriate to the surroundings, will permit our main street to survive the pressures already being applied and still retain its character.

"The council plan, on the other hand, makes provision for cars but threatens to destroy the visual appeal of the street.

"We also believe that week-end visitors should be catered for with parking off the riverbank, but in close proximity to it. Our plan allows for this," Mr Morton said.

"Councillors have asserted that our plan is more expensive," he continued. "This could be so but only because of the extremely high quality paving material specified. This could be modified without destroying the concept of the plan.

"However, council's plan could not be fully undertaken without acquiring several properties north of Yarra Street. The Traders' and WEL plan allows for the siting of the car park behind these properties."

FEDERAL MP TO OPEN SHOW

The Federal Member for Casey, Mr Race Matthews, will open the 18th annual exhibition of the Warrandyte Arts Association on Saturday, November 3, at 11 a.m.

The exhibition will be held in the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute.

Following the opening, refreshments will be served at the home of Mr and Mrs Henry Beecham, Castle Road, Warrandyte.

Exhibition hours are: Saturday, November 3: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, November 4: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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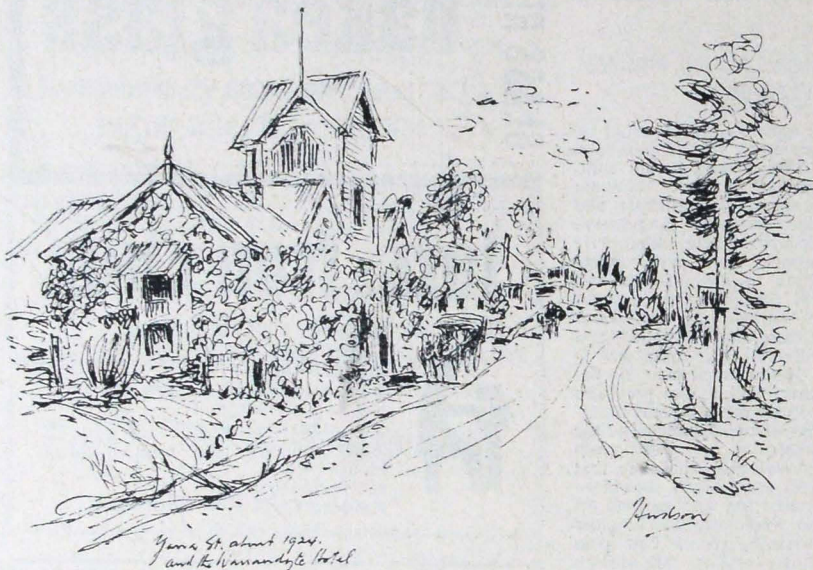
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'Hamlet'— inside out

A play that gave a new dimension to Shakespeare's "Hamlet" was successfully staged in Warrandyte last month.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Tom Stoppard was presented by the WAA Drama Group under the direction of noted actor, Charles Tingwell.

It took a little while for Stoppard's hilariously original viewpoint to become fully apparent to his audience, but when it did everyone sat back and enjoyed a most diverting and stimulating evening.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor "plot machinery" characters in "Hamlet", wander around behind the scenes of this Shakespearian tragedy, but

in front of a modern audience, puzzled by the seemingly crazy events taking place, questioning their own parts, wondering which one of them is which and even doubting the fact of their own existence.

Two dimensional men given three dimensional consciences.

Tim Sherwood and Irving Reid were Rosencrantz and/or Guildenstern, and apart from Richard Morton's broad and vulgarly appropriate Player, gave the only performances of any real depth and substance.

Not that this really mattered. The stilted playing of the other parts could have almost been intentional in this play within a play that kicked many a classical holy cow to death.

But a kind word should be said for Richard Morton's accompanying band of players, enacted by Scott Seymour, Simon Gough, Martin Golding, Jim Pleasance, Alan Landsdowne, and — especially — Tony Alder. They supported their ham-voiced master most adequately.

Others in the cast were Jane Cody, David Verrall, Bob Schroeder, Helen Davidson, Ron Golding, Jenni Aldor, Dinah Coleman, Caroline Coleman, Pauline Mason and Jerry Cole.

Bob Karl assisted the director.

An excellent play, well worth doing, with three superb lead players.—C.G.

LABOR SPEAKER

Well-known TV actor Terry Norris will speak on future government action on the promotion of the arts in Australia at the Warrandyte Labor Party meeting on Tuesday, November 13.

A party official said Norris was a popular, entertaining and hard-hitting speaker.

He will speak at 9 p.m. in St Stephen's Church Hall, Stiggant Street, Warrandyte. Organisers have issued an invitation to all interested members of the Warrandyte area to attend.

Norris is well-known for his TV performances, particularly "Bellbird".

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Fears over park

Local conservationists are concerned that the proposed Warrandyte State Park may not be as "secure" as they had thought.

This follows reports that Doncaster and Templestowe Council intends asking for all land in the proposed park area to be placed under Forests Commission control, with a committee of management comprising representatives from the commission, council and local residents.

"We have always thought that the park would be under the control of the National Parks Service," Mrs Val Polley, Warrandyte Environment League secretary told the Diary this week.

"The National Parks Service wrote to us in August, informing us that the State Park will be managed by the service, and that management policies will be similar to those used for national parks elsewhere in the State," Mrs Polley said.

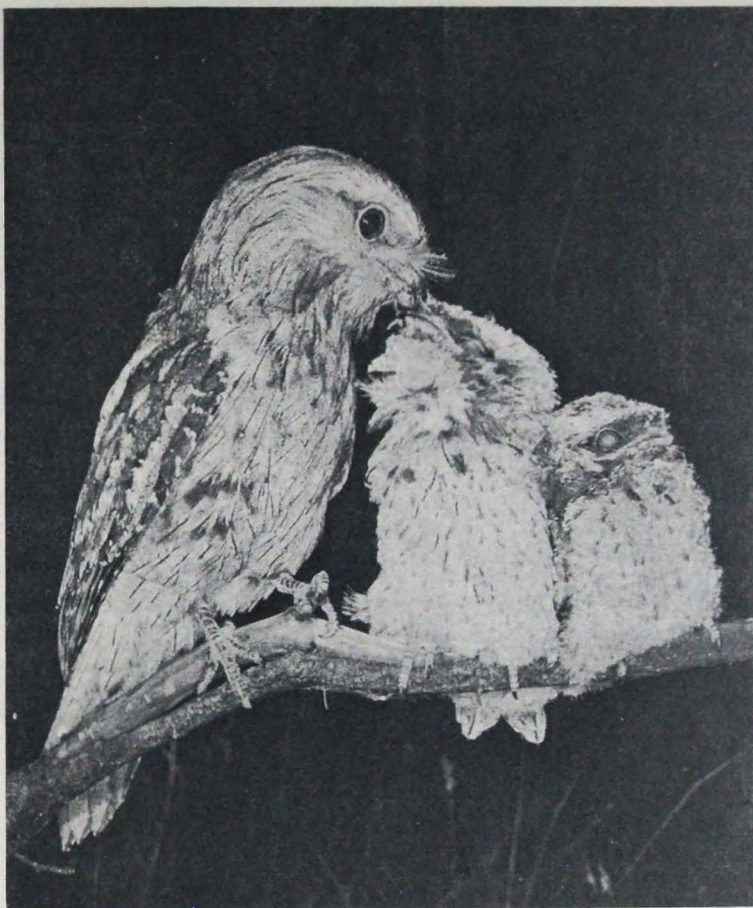
The league considers that only under National Parks control could the Warrandyte park be considered "involute forever".

"With all the goodwill in the world, things can happen," Mrs Polley said.

Mrs Joy Henke, secretary of the Interim Committee for a Warrandyte State Park, told the Diary that she has contacted Mr V. Houghton, local State member, on the matter.

"Mr Houghton has assured me that the Warrandyte State Park will be under the control of the National Parks Service, and further suggested that legislation proclaiming the park could be brought down during the autumn session of parliament," Mrs Henke said.

OUR FEATHERED NEIGHBORS



Tawny Frogmouth

Moderately common throughout the Victorian ranges, the Tawny Frogmouth (*Podargus strigoides*) can be heard booming its "oom, oom, oom" call late into the night.

It is a large, grey nocturnal bird with darker grey upperparts mottled white and brown, and lighter streaked underparts. Both sexes are alike.

It flies silently with a slow, strong steady

motion, preying on large insects, small birds, mice and other small animals caught mainly on the ground.

Laying two or three eggs on a loose, frail platform of sticks, sometimes lined with leaves and placed in a fork or on a flattened branch, it

builds nests between August and September.

The Tawny Frogmouth is often seen sitting in an upright immovable position, giving it the appearance of a tree branch. If disturbed at its nest the Frogmouth adopts a bluff display opening its mouth and emitting a loud hiss.

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DESIGNING A NATURAL GARDEN

By BEVERLEY HANSON

Planting a lawn

A lawn should be regarded as an integral part of any garden; carpeting the site and providing an area for reclining, playing and generally enjoying the outdoors.

Its size and shape will be governed by local conditions but wherever possible, straight lines and square corners should be avoided.

If the lawn is large there may be room in it for some trees or shrubs, but in a small area the sweep of grass, which is the lawn's greatest attraction should be left unbroken.

Traditionally, lawns have been planted by means of seeds or runners. However, a relatively new idea called

"instant lawn" is becoming more popular. Rolls of turf costing about \$1.00 a square yard, are delivered to the site and can be quickly rolled on to the prepared surface. The resulting lawn is the equivalent of 9 to 12 months' growth.

Before preparing the soil for a lawn, remove all debris such as bricks, stones, boards, etc. Otherwise the lawn will develop shallow roots causing it to die in summer. Avoid terraces that may be difficult to maintain, and if the subsoil is poorly drained, instal drains.

A good lawn can be grown on almost any topsoil, provided it is correctly prepared for sowing. Gypsum will help improve heavy clay soils. The soil, whether native or introduced should be

cultivated to a depth of three to four inches, then raked and levelled. Before the final raking, apply a "lawn starter" to promote rapid growth of the young grass.

Creeping bents and fescues are best adapted for top quality lawns in temperate regions. Grass containing rye forms a hard-wearing turf. Couch, buffalo and kikuya are rigorous and drought resistant, but should not be used where the lawn merges into a garden area.

"Instant lawn", mentioned previously, is available in both hardy and fine turf.

All lawn grasses require adequate watering during dry periods to keep them green and vigorous. Heavy watering every few days, soaking

the ground to a reasonable depth, is better than daily light waterings. New grass must be kept damp. Sometimes several waterings a day may be necessary.

Infrequent and severe mowing is damaging to any lawn. Frequent mowing at a constant height is best. During the hotter months leave the grass a little longer and allow the clippings to fall as they form a mulch keeping the ground moist and providing a certain amount of plant food.

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DIARY 'FACTUAL AND OBJECTIVE'

May I congratulate the Diary on the factual and objective report of the Yarra Brae dam protest on September 14.

Throughout your October issue I found a most creditable sense of realism and responsibility that seems to be characteristic of Warrandyte.

Ten years ago the first protest meeting sought clarification of the issues involved in the same manner as the September meeting directed the organisers to report on both sides of the story.

The misconceptions and confusion concerning the clearly stated recommendations of the 1967 final report have been remarkable. Nevertheless, it is very encouraging to witness once again the basic good sense of the general public in seeking the facts.

E. M. JACKSON,
Kangaroo Ground.

Walking . . .

Regarding the car park proposal in Yarra Street in which local residents are backing a plan in opposition to the council's plan.

It would be timely for us to recall that we are born with legs which are good for carrying us reasonable distances. We have hands that can carry shopping bags and baskets, and we prove a very effective flexible, medium range transporter. Shopping jeeps, bicycles, horses and roller skates can also increase our range and reduce the time involved.

If we increasingly get back to elementary transportation within the village we would become more human, more considerate, less polluting and more agreeable. We could leave the river banks undisturbed. You cannot preserve the natural environment by disturbing it.

JOHN E. WINDEBANK,
Kangaroo Ground Road.

Defending . . .

It would appear that Cr A. Morton's attack on the Warrandyte Environment League (Diary, October) is part of a concerted plan.

Our councillors should remember that there are MANY people in Warrandyte who are not members of the league but agree with most things they are trying to do.

For instance it would be interesting to see what a poll revealed on the rubbish tip issue.

The Warrandyte Traders' Association and the Environment League have come up with a scheme in opposition to council's for car parking space in Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

In view of Cr Morton's attitude to the Environment League he should disqualify

himself from further discussions on the car park issue.

Keep up the good work, Environment League. Don't let the "knockers" deter you. They have just about run out of ideas to sink you.

Meanwhile, let's get OUR message across about what WE want for a car park.

"DUSTY DAN",
Warrandyte
(Name and address supplied).

Denying . . .

I would like to put the record straight concerning council election propaganda in the football pavilion clubrooms.

So far as I am aware, none of my election material was so used. In fact, apart from car stickers and a limited number of press advertisement reprints in shop windows, I displayed no posters or hoardings in support of my candidature.

VAL POLLEY,
Hutchinson Ave.

I wish to reply to two of your readers, "Wake Up" and "No More" who complained that propaganda for a council candidate was displayed in the clubrooms of the football club.

I would like to make it clear that at no time in the last council election did the football club support a candidate. Stickers were put on the notice board for Mr J. Scott. The other candidate, Mrs V. Polley, could have done the same also. In fact, "Vote for Val" badges were handed out during a game and afterwards in the rooms.

If some members of the football club want to support a candidate that is their right. I certainly have after seeing council neglect the Warrandyte ground over the past few years.

I became involved personally when I could see that council were doing nothing for the club. The new councillors have shown an interest in providing new facilities at the ground. There is still more to be done. I am making it my personal objective to see that the extra facilities are obtained.

L. SLOAN,
WFC President,
Yarra Street.

Protesting . . .

As a resident of Blair Street and a lover of Warrandyte's natural beauty, I wish to make a strong protest that the extensions to the Anderson's Creek cemetery involved the complete destruction of every tree. This included a row of 100 feet of pine trees which stood within five feet of the south fence.

Perhaps with a little foresight and planning this area could have retained some of its beauty instead of becoming a barren waste.

I would like to know if there are any plans for the re-beautification of this area such as planting more native trees. Is there some way that our natural environment may be saved?

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"Assuming for the sake of argument that it would be a mistake not to build the Yarra Brae dam, the mistake could be remedied by building it later . . . Assuming on the other hand that it could be a mistake to build the dam, the mistake would be irreversible. The damage would be done, and through eternity, could never be undone."

These sober words of warning are from a submission to the Yarra Brae environmental study, prepared by the Bend of Islands Conservation Association, Kangaroo Ground. We are printing extracts from their arguments. They should prove of interest to Diary readers.

"Those who wish to see 16 miles of the Yarra Valley bulldozed for utilitarian purposes have attempted to bolster their case by depicting the local community (the people who live on or near the dam site—Ed.) as a small group of people objecting

25 YEARS OLD

The Warrandyte Gospel Chapel recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

The small wooden chapel building in Yarra Street is fast becoming one of the few old landmarks left in Warrandyte.

The anniversary was well attended by visitors and parents. The superintendent of the Sunday school gave the welcome address.

A chapel spokesman said this week that sales of the book "The Late Great Planet Earth" were selling well and had awakened renewed interest in the Bible.

solely in their own interests.

"This is a familiar argument which has been used without fail whenever a large conglomerate wishes to extend its activities further afield. Of course it is the small local community which must spearhead the defence of its area. Who else could be expected to?"

"Nevertheless, it only takes a moment of thought to realise that the forces of progress, like the deadly tentacles of an octopus, have taken over and destroyed most areas of natural beauty within easy reach of Melbourne. This was not done in one fell swoop but by the very much more insidious process of devouring one small piece at a time.

"In the case of Yarra Brae, the Board of Works has pursued this course with particular effectiveness, having purchased many properties over the past few years thus diminishing the number of people directly affected by the scheme. The Board can therefore, quite justifiably in its view, make out a case that only a few people are affected by the project.

"This whole approach is short-sighted and is the product of a past age. The Yarra Valley should not be looked at as the property of

a few people now, and therefore fair game for acquisition and destruction, but as an essential source of refreshment for a city of 5 million or more people in the future. Many of these people will not be able to cope with the tremendously increased pressure of living which can be expected by the year 2000.

"It is essential that, not only the 16 miles of river proposed for inundation in the Yarra Brae scheme, but the whole of the Yarra Valley be made the subject of a master plan in the near future with the aim of conserving the river environment in its natural state for the benefit of future generations."

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Canoes on way

The Warrandyte Community Youth Club has established a canoe group.

After some delays in obtaining materials, members have begun building four canoes. More will be tackled when these have been completed.

The club is still interested in enrolling girls for the calisthenics group. The group meets each Thursday evening. Mrs. R. Durran (844-2219) can supply further information.

The junior group which meets on Wednesday nights is booked out with more than 40 children.

This group is urgently in need of sturdy tables, tools, wool and material. If you can help please ring P. Moran (878-1142), or C. Young (844-3153).

The juniors enjoy a wide range of activities which include creative work.

Parents are reminded that Wednesday night club time is from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Parents are requested to come into the Whitehouse and collect their children.

Senior group leader Cathy Young recently celebrated her birthday. November activities for the seniors include the monthly dance, a trip to Luna Park and a barbecue.

The club could do with more help from people interested in youth work. Training can be provided. If you are interested ring 878-1142 or 844-3153.

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CALISTHENIC GIRLS TOPS

Three Warrandyte girls had outstanding success at the recent calisthenic competitions at South Street, Ballarat.

They are Michelle Harig 9, Leigh Cruickshank 10, and Kerry Unsworth 11.

The girls are members of the Templestowe Calisthenic Club. They competed in the sub-junior and junior novice sections at Ballarat.

One of the judges summed up their performance in these terms: "Bright, precise work of an extremely high standard for such young girls."

Competing in big sections, with sometimes as many as 30 teams, Michelle's group received a second prize for song with actions, and two honorable mentions in the rod exercises with folk dancing.

The junior first team in which Kerry and Leigh were members, won a first prize, a second prize, and an honorable mention.

These prizes won the club the junior novice reserve aggregate.

At the club's annual display at the Heidelberg Town Hall on Thursday, November 1, the girls received their trophies and medals for their year's work.

DETAILS:

MASONIC BRETHREN

... interested in forming club in Warrandyte and surrounding areas. Meeting at Nth. Warrandyte Community Centre, Sunday, November 11, 10 a.m.

Phone 844 2166 (Jack Barr) or 844 3722 (Colin Foote) for further information.

JUNIOR GRABS 7 WICKETS

Geoff Woolcock of Warrandyte Cricket Club finished with the remarkable bowling figures of 7/0 in the recent under-12 match against Mitcham.

In the first innings he took 5/0 and in the second innings 2/0.

Geoff, a pupil at Warrandyte Primary School, comes from a sporting family. His father, Alan, is a leading wicket-taker for Warrandyte in the Box Hill Reporter Cricket Association.

Mrs Carol Woolcock is a well-known basketball player with the Warrandyte club.

Another outstanding effort against Mitcham was Brian Chapman's 77. He never looked like being dismissed and finally retired.

Players are still being urgently sought for the senior sides. In one recent B1 grade game Warrandyte could muster only eight players.

Club secretary, John Chapman (844-3326) is anxious to hear from anyone interested in playing. Several of last season's players have retired and others have left the district.

DETAILS

● A1 Grade: Warrandyte 80 (Peake 24 not out) and 8/129 dec. (Wilson 49, White 43) d. Doncaster

Church of Christ 87 (Woolcock 6/30, W. Blair 2/13) and 95 (Woolcock 4/24, Blair 3/26). Nuna-wading 9/112 (Woolcock 3/36, White 3/23) def. (Warrandyte 93, Wilson 25).

● B1 Grade: Hartwell 7/230 dec. (Perry 3/35) def. Warrandyte 35 and 75 (Thornton 23, Lovett 18). Blackburn South High School 94 (Stanfield 6/25) def. Warrandyte 54 (Valentine 16).

● D1 Grade: E. Bees 79 (G. Broom 3/24, M. Summers 3/21) and 1/58 def. Warrandyte 61 (Corbett 12) and 73 (N. Craker 32 n.o.). Blackburn North 8/75 c.c. (G. Broom 4/22, Corbett 3/13) v. Warrandyte 8/60 (Corbett 16). Match abandoned, bad weather.

● Under-16: East Box Hill 65 (G. Bellinger 4/32, M. Summers 5/13) def. Warrandyte 54 (N. Craker 25) and 2/29. Yarraleen 81 (M. Summers 5/10, N. Craker 3/14) Warrandyte 1/17. Match abandoned, bad weather.

● Under-14: Warrandyte 7/129 dec. (I. Broom 34, Dodd 31) def. East Box Hill 46 (I. Broom 7/23) and 6/48 (Foster 2/6,

Marsden 2/9). East Burwood 2/62 (Dodd 2/13) v. Warrandyte 33. Match abandoned, bad weather.

● Under-12: Warrandyte 2/217 dec. (B. Chapman 77 ret., Moran 46) def. Mitcham 4 (Woolcock 5/0, Moran 2/3) and 5 (Moran 3/0, Woolcock 2/0, McDougall 2/2, Warrandyte 8/71 (Chapman 18) v. Yarraleen. Match abandoned, bad weather.

TENNIS COURTS REPAIRED

Warrandyte Tennis Club has spent \$200 on urgently needed repairs to their courts in Yarra Street.

The club is holding a tournament on Cup Day, Tuesday, November 6. Anyone is welcome to compete. Heather Briggs (844-3303) can supply further details.

A club official said they were hoping this would be the last heavy expenditure they would have on the old courts, as they eventually hope to be moving to the new sporting complex at the Recreation Reserve.

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ANOTHER JUNIOR FOOTY TEAM?

Warrandyte Football Club may expand to five teams next season.

Plans to form an under-13 side are expected to be announced at the club's annual meeting at the Coffee Bean Restaurant on Thursday, November 15.

All juniors and their parents are invited to at-

tend the meeting. Supper will be served.

Already the club runs two junior sides — under 15 and under 17.

The club barbecue at Dennis Street's home in aid of Mr John McCartin was a financial success and the president, Mr Sloan, wishes to thank all club followers for their support.

At present the club is seeking a playing coach for next season and is offering top money for an experienced player. Any player interested should contact 844-2178.

All players and officials recently attended a farewell to John Ryan and his family. He has moved to Queensland in a new business venture.

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