

# YARRA BRAE DAM IS 'NOT WORTH THE RISK'

The proposed Yarra Brae dam may never be needed for Melbourne's water supply, Mr. Mal McClure told the Diary this week.

Mr. McClure, of Kangaroo Ground, is the research officer of the Yarra Brae Action Committee.

The State Government plans to store water at Yarra Brae, 2½ miles upstream from the Warrandyte bridge.

The scheme has brought strong protests from farmers, conservationists and local residents.

Mr McClure said many people had questioned the necessity of Yarra Brae following publication by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works of their other plans for augmentation of Melbourne's water supply.

Mr McClure said: "The hasty decision by the State Government during last summer's drought totally disregarded the existence of Cardinia reservoir which was then almost completed and which has recently commenced filling.

"Cardinia reservoir has now doubled our storage capacity," Mr McClure said, "and when the Thomson reservoir is completed Melbourne will have a three-year reserve against future droughts.

"All this will be achieved without the proposed Yarra Brae and Sugarloaf dams," Mr McClure said.

Speaking in the House of Representatives, the Member for Casey, Mr Race Mathews said of Yarra Brae: "This hurried approach to the provision of additional water for Melbourne's supply involves treating the people of Melbourne, not so much as consumers, but as guinea pigs in a water purification experiment."

Mr Mathews continued: "The haste with which the business is being tackled seems to me to be most unwise.

"The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has shown that it is worried. It showed its concern in a recent report which emphasised that the Yarra Brae plant will involve the first



complete treatment of water for the metropolitan system, and as such, will be constructed without the benefit of past experience."

Earlier, Mr Mathews said: "We are faced for the first time in this country with the prospect faced already in other countries of using waste water for drinking and other domestic purposes."

Mr Mathews claimed there had been a lack of frankness with the public over the question of impurities of the water proposed for storage and treatment in the Yarra Brae scheme.

One group vitally interested in the Yarra Brae dam is the Melbourne University Conservation Society.

In a statement to the Diary, the Society said: "The Yarra Brae dam was an ill-conceived pre-election stunt perpetuated in order to give the Government the appearance of doing something about Melbourne's water supply problems.

"Only after considerable pressure did the Government agree to have any sort of investigation into the ecological effects of the dam.

"The Yarra Brae dam will flood one of the most beautiful sections of the Yarra to provide water that will not be fit for drinking unless extensively treated, and the effect of the dam will only be to increase present pollution problems in the Yarra, not decrease them."

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### RIVERBANK CAROLS

Once again the combined churches of Warrandyte are celebrating the festive season with an open-air carol service.

The service will be held beside the Yarra on Stiggart Reserve on Sunday, December 16, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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#### ● WILL HE SURVIVE?

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# TRAVELLING 'HARD' ON PUPILS

Parents of Warrandyte school children are showing growing concern at the present zoning of students to secondary schools well outside the district.

Most parents regard the zoning as "most unsatisfactory".

Under the secondary school zoning scheme, children in the Warrandyte area are forced to travel anything up to 16 miles a day to get to school by bus.

Many parents see an annexe of the Diamond Creek Technical School in Warrandyte as the answer.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. in the Warrandyte Primary School library to further discuss the annexe proposal.

In July this year a steering committee was formed. The committee has prepared a submission on the advantages of the annexe proposal and this has been presented to the Minister of Education, Mr L. Thompson, through the Minister for Social Welfare, Mr V. Houghton, MLC for Templestowe.

Copies of the submission have been forwarded to Federal and State members of parliament, local government councillors, and senior officers of the Victorian Education Department for comment.

Chairman of the steering committee, Mr R. Morton, said this week: "The committee is surprised that in spite of publicity given to the principle of community involvement in education by State and local government authorities and professional education bodies, response

to the submission has been minimal."

A deputation will be sought with the Minister of Education, Mr Thompson.

Mr Morton said this was being organised through Mr N. Lacy, MP for Ringwood. "He is the only recipient of the submission so far to show an enthusiastic response," said Mr Morton.

A limited number of copies of the proposal for an annexe of the Diamond Creek Technical School are available from Mr Morton, 844-3610.

## NEW SCHOOL

The Education Department has informed Doncaster and Templestowe Council that the proposed new primary school in West Warrandyte is listed on the department's current building program.

However, there is no finance available at the moment and the school's priority will be reviewed next May.

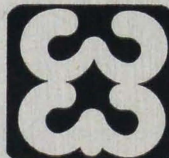
## NEW W.E.L. OFFICERS

At the recent annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Environment League new office-bearers were elected.

They are: President, Mr W. Walsh; vice-president, Mr B. Day; secretary, Mrs V. Polley; treasurer, Mrs B. Coles.

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people

Enid Murphy, formerly of Kangaroo Ground Road, returned home recently from Tasmania for a few days' visit. Friends gave her a supper night at the Warrandyte Social Club.

West End Road residents, Bob and Wendy Anderson and family, have returned from their six-month tour around Australia.

Judy and Cliff Green of Webb Street are being congratulated on the arrival of their baby son, David Michael. His three sisters — Mandy, Kathy and Fiona — are especially excited.

Holiday-makers this month are Bill and Elaine Wilson and children of Mitchell Avenue, off on a ten-day trip to Fiji.

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Civil Defence warden for Warrandyte is Mr Alan Alder, of Webb Street.

Mr Alder told the Diary that the function of the Civil Defence in a fire situation was to support the local CFA with a communications network, and with other organisations, assist with the control of "behind-the-scenes" activity.

Communications were not the only function of the Civil Defence in a fire, Mr Alder said.

He said a series of skeleton plans had been drawn up to cover the evacuation of citizens from endangered or devastated areas.

Arrangements have been made for the planned retention and release of pupils at local schools in a fire emergency.

"As part of the evacuation scheme, and with the co-operation of the Red Cross, Kindergarten Committee, Baby Health Centre and the Elderly Citizens' Club, we have a ready-made complex in the White House at the Recreation Ground which can handle a large

number of people," said Mr Alder.

In the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Civil Defence group has a mobile headquarters unit fitted out as a control and communications centre.

When sited adjacent to the CFA headquarters it forms a link with the State Civil Defence headquarters, and together with the local Civil Defence headquarters, enables effective use to be made of available sources.

"By liaising through the State Civil Defence radio network, necessary equipment, supplies and men can be brought in from distant areas not threatened by fire," said Mr Alder.

He said the local Civil Defence group was hoping to increase its efficiency and flexibility in the future with additional radio equipment.

The CFA and Civil Defence are prepared for the fire season. Are you?

## PARTY DAY FOR ELDERLY

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club will hold a Christmas party at Alfred's Homestead on Monday, December 10.

Meetings will resume after the Christmas-New Year break on Thursday, January 3.

The club held its birthday party last month at which a concert organised by Mrs D. Griffiths proved a great success. The birthday cake was made by Mrs J. Lapthorne and iced by Mrs I. Borden.

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● MRS. M. SCANLON

## FAREWELL TO TEACHING

Parents and children recently farewelled Mrs. Margaret Scanlon who is retiring from teaching at the end of this year at the Warrandyte South Primary School.

Mrs Scanlon was a popular teacher at the school for 21 years. She lives at East Ringwood.

At a farewell ceremony in the South Warrandyte Hall, Mrs Scanlon was presented with a portable TV set.

Mrs Scanlon's husband, Rupert, who died 15 years ago, was a headmaster for six years.

Mrs Scanlon has made no plans for her retirement.

## MANY THANKS

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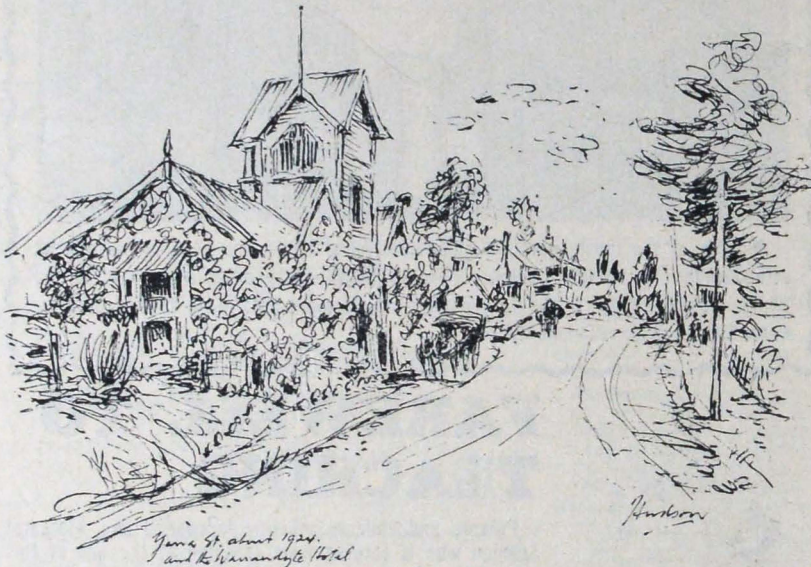
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## \* Readers' letters

### Desecration ...

I am in full agreement with R. Chrisfield in protesting against the extensions to the cemetery in Blair Street.

Certainly people are always dying and extensions were probably necessary, but I feel that some of the larger trees could have been left. I believe that most people would prefer to be buried among large trees, which encourage bird life and offer shade to visitors in the summer.

Let's hope that other groups and individuals, when making extensions, will consider minimum destruction of trees, before Warrandyte loses its unique character and becomes just another suburb of Melbourne.

**JOHN HANSON,  
Webb Street.**

### Overtaken ...

One morning recently was the seventh consecutive morning of being overtaken while driving at a safe speed through the village and at the school crossing.

While the flying fathers hold the record as anxious overtakers, this particular morning it was a mum, heading for the primary school as I was, who **OVERTOOK** me on the school crossing.

**DRIVING MOTHER,  
Warrandyte.**

### Badly shaken ...

I readily agree with "badly shaken" that it's time for Harris Gully Road to be surfaced. I also traverse this road daily and have become an expert at dodging potholes, but feel uneasy at driving on the wrong side of the road on the uphill stretch where the corrugations are really rough on the left-hand side.

I wrote to one of our local representatives, Cr Marsden, to ask for some action on this horror stretch and was advised that this road was originally opened

for fire access and not for general through traffic.

Possibly the Doncaster-Templestowe Council could erect a sign on Harris Gully Road, "For Fire Engines Only — Not Ratepayers".

**A. J. THOMAS,  
Yarra Street.**

### Irritation ...

I am disappointed to see letters in the Diary from people who are afraid to put their names to them.

The one by "Dusty Dan", in last month's Diary, criticised Councillor Alan Morton, who is not afraid to sign his name to any statement he makes.

"Dusty Dan" snipes away at the much discussed "rubbish tip" in Stintons Road vicinity.

It would be ideal to have garbage vanish away, but as this is not possible our municipality is becoming more and more desperate for rubbish disposal and some solution must be found quickly.

The council must pursue the destructor method with as much recycling of materials as possible, and fulfil a promise to have this in operation by the time Stintons Tip is filled.

I, for one, having carefully studied the site, which is not "Natural Bush", but very cleared farmland, would not object to this proposal.

The EPA controls all drainage so there will be no pollution to our creeks and river.

I would be pleased to see in five years, much needed sports grounds gained from this site. My only regret would be the loss of four or five eucalyptus viminalis in the bottom of the gully.

Our three Warrandyte councillors would, I am sure, agree to plant thick bands of native trees including many large types of eucalypts for future shade, all around the perimeter of this area.

In five years' time they would be a background to beautiful playing fields.

**JOY HENKE,  
Melbourne Hill Road.**

### ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for beginners at Warrandyte Primary School are coming in too slowly, the principal, Mr L. Mares, reports.

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# Local lovelies lollop

A "night of scintillating entertainment" will be the WAA Drama Group's last presentation for the year.

Entitled "Let's Revue Again", the program will run in the Warrandyte Hall for a five-night season, commencing Wednesday, December 12.

A drama group spokesman told the Diary that the revue, "wholesome entertainment for the whole family", is being produced by Jerry Cole, Tim Sherwood and Simon Gough.

"There will be beautiful dancing girls," the spokesman said, "including Vicki Broome, Sharri MacKenzie and Jenni Aldor, to name but a few of our local lovelies. Their steps will be guided by the versatile Yvonne Reid.

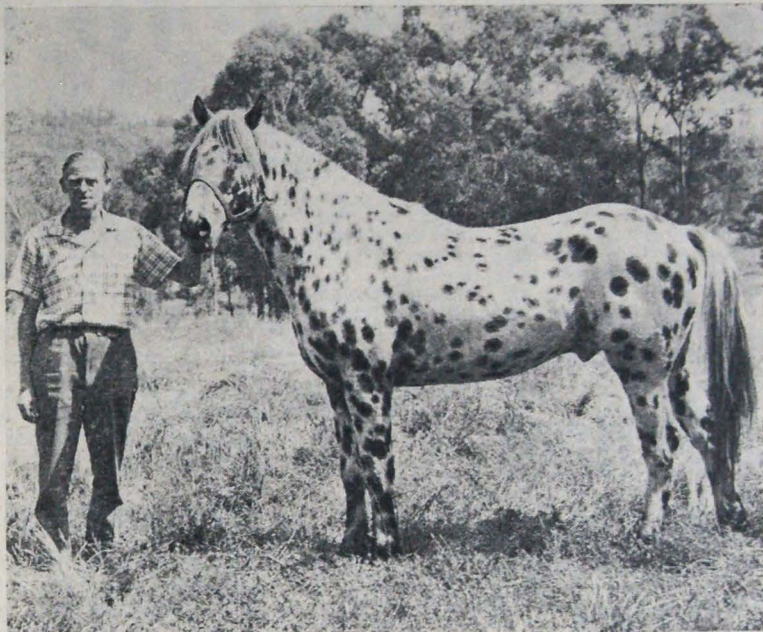
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# Spotting a winner!



● With the recent arrival of this rare Leopard Spotted stallion, imported by Mr. Reg Wooster of South Warrandyte, residents really do have spots before their eyes. (Photo by Tony Dimmock.)

Mr Wooster is only the second person in Australia to import this ancient breed of horse, whose history goes back more than 20,000 years.

Renowned for their good nature and placid disposition, they are also highly intelligent and are sought after in Europe as circus horses.

The new arrival's name is Marco Polo, and like his famous namesake he has travelled around the world.

Marco Polo was purchased recently in Leicester, England, was transhipped from Tilbury to Sydney in an air-conditioned container and thence by road, travelling in luxury with thoroughbreds for the Melbourne Cup.

The final total cost of horse and transport is well into five figures.

Mr Wooster reports that Marco Polo is settling down with his new family of mares and foals.

The stallion may be available for stud purposes later in the season to a few approved mares, after Mr Wooster's own specially-selected mares are in foal to this unique horse.

## DESIGNING A NATURAL GARDEN

By BEVERLEY HANSON

# Ready for summer

Summer holidays for many people mean "packing up and getting away from it all", but associated with this comes the problem of keeping the garden alive during this usually hot dry period.

Neighbours are often called upon to apply the necessary water, but during a dry spell this can become a time-consuming and burdensome chore.

With the promise of no more water restrictions, a sprinkling system is prob-

ably the most satisfactory method of watering.

Deep watering every few days is to be preferred. Daily hand sprinklings encourage shallow roots which dry out easily, and could cause plants to die. New lawns, of course, have to be kept damp.

Some people fill tins or bottles with water and insert these in the ground near trees and shrubs.

Cultivating the soil allows water to soak in, and also prevents loss of water through capillary action. Be careful, though, not to dig around surface-rooting plants such as lemons, camelias, rhododendrons and

azaleas. The resulting damage does more harm than good.

The application of compost or mulch — such as dead leaves, well-rotted manure, grass, etc. — can give added food to plants and prevent loss of soil moisture.

Weed control is important. Every weed should be looked upon as a pump, continually robbing the soil of moisture.

Native trees and shrubs, which have survived droughts for many generations, are generally most suitable for local conditions. Eucalypts, acacias, callistemons, casuarinas, banksias,

cassias, grevilleas, hakeas and melaleucas are all examples of these.

Exotic plants that tend to be drought-resistant include iris, geranium, Easter daisy, shasta daisy, pig-face, gazania, miniature sunflower, black-eyed Susan and agapanthus.

Autumn is usually the best time to plant these, as they will have become fairly well established by the time next summer comes. However, they will still need to be nursed through the dry period.

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● This series is now concluded.



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# LOCAL CLERGYMAN OFF TO THE U.S.

The Minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Warrandyte, Rev. Stan Stewart, will visit the United States next month.

He has been granted leave of absence to take part in a 12-week study course on the development of personal creativity in the church.

The course will be held at the Chicago Theological Seminary and will be attended by 17 ministers from various denominations and countries.

They will concentrate on

the use of creativity in worship and communication.

Mr Stewart's interest in the use of various forms of expression goes back to 1968 when he played a big part in establishing the gospel rock choir, The Proclaimers, a popular series on the ABC television network.

He managed the choir for two years and during this

time began to experiment with the use of rock music and various dramatic forms in worship.

Mr Stewart has had several plays for children and young people published.

One of his documentary plays on the experiences of a psychiatrist in a concentration camp may be presented in Warrandyte next year.

Mr Stewart will produce a rock opera, "Eve of Destruction", at the Camberwell Civic Centre on December 13. He wrote the opera. Tickets are available by phoning 844-3476.

Mr Stewart's wife, Lois, teaches at the Warrandyte Primary School. They have three children, Michelle, James and Cathy, who attend the local school.

## Eltham College 1974 Student Enrolments

**Eltham College is a non-denominational co-educational school established in the Eltham district.**

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### STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Desmond Davey, currently Deputy Principal of Geelong College, has been appointed Principal and he and the School Council are at present making staff appointments for 1974.

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### FEES

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### ENROLMENTS

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# Eltham College



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# CLUB DENIES VANDALISM

Mr. John Cox, secretary of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club, has emphatically denied that club members have been involved in acts of vandalism at the White House.

Mr. Cox said the club executive wished to publicly support the work and efforts of club leaders.

"The executive sees no cause to express any concern for the behaviour of members of the Warrandyte Community Youth Club," said Mr Cox.

Defending the club, Mr Cox said, "The statement reported to have been made by Cr A. Morton that 'vandalism had been traced to a few boys who had, in fact, been encouraged to join the club in the hope that they would be helped,' is categorically denied," said Mr Cox.

"The inference that any members of the club are there in the hope that they

can be 'helped' is a grave reflection upon our youth and, more particularly, to their family environment. I wish to point out that the executive of the club sees no members falling into such a classification.

"However, the club is certainly there to help members meet together and we trust that some contribution is made in some small way to their later development as useful citizens of our community who we shall be proud to recognise.

"No denial is made that walls had been written on. However, the full facts are that club members had undertaken to paint upstairs rooms of the building and, for this purpose, the paint referred to in the press re-

ports had been provided and delivered by council, and assumedly still remains its property.

"Prior to delivery of the paint, members collectively 'decorated' these rooms using water color paint. At the time that a council officer inspected the building following a request from the club concerning suggested maintenance needed, one room had still to be repainted. In fact, this room has been repainted for some time.

"Except for one window which had been accidentally broken by a club member, all other 'vandalism' reported was existing deterioration in the old building and had been present at the time the building was made available to the youth club. **NO CLUB MEMBER HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH VANDALISM.**"

## LIONS' CAMP

The Warrandyte Lions' Club has reserved accommodation at their country settlement, Licola, for ten children.

The camp will be held from January 10 to January 19 and is available for five boys and five girls aged from 8 to 12 years.

Announcing the scheme, local Lions Club Licola chairman, Mr John Cox, said all requests for vacancies must be lodged by December 9. Further information may be obtained by phoning 844-2331.

Mr. Cox said the accommodation was available to children in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards areas.

He said preference would be given to children whose parents for various reasons were not able to give their family a holiday. Each application would be considered on its merit.

## Groups look at town planning

Berwick's approach to town planning could help influence the future of Warrandyte's shopping centre.

Recently, committee members of the Warrandyte Environment League and Warrandyte Traders' Association, visited Berwick, beyond Dandenong, to see at first hand how that town has successfully tackled its planning and parking problems.

This follows concern in Warrandyte at a lack of overall planning for the village.

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.

A Traders' spokesman told the Diary this week, "It was at the suggestion of ward councillors that representatives of the Traders' Association and the Environment League have been meeting together in an endeavour to prepare a scheme which would be practical, financially viable, and which would have the least impact on the appearance of the area.

"Councillors and council staff have offered us every courtesy in these discussions in an obvious effort to encourage community involvement, and it has been continually emphasised that no plan will be put before council for approval until such time as mutual agreement has been reached.

"Thus the implication that council is trying to force its will on the ratepayers is unfair to those who have spent a great deal of time in trying to make a difficult idea become a reality.

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# TOP VFA MAN NEW COACH

A well known Victorian Football Association player has been appointed playing coach of Warrandyte Football Club for next season.

He is John Tuckwell, 24, 6ft. 3, and 14 stone who played 48 games with last season's premiers Prahran.

Warrandyte won a battle against several more senior clubs to secure Tuckwell's services.

## PLAYS FOR CHILDREN

The Anglican, Catholic and Presbyterian churches of Warrandyte combined late last month to present two original plays and a fable to children at the Warrandyte Primary School.

The plays were concerned with "What is Beauty?" and "Who is Needed?" and the fable summed up the two plays by showing the children that the most valuable of the world's treasures are people.

Officials regard his playing ability so highly that they are drawing up a contract.

"I've been told some of your players don't begin training until a week or two before the first game. That's just not good enough and that's why the club is in third division," said Tuckwell.

He said he had a responsible job to lift the side and was appealing to all players to begin training early.

Tuckwell's fee has not been disclosed but it is believed to be one of the highest ever paid in Warrandyte.

Many local football followers have expressed their whole-hearted support in

selecting a "name" player as coach.

"We had to do something to try and lift interest," club president Mr L. Sloan said this week.

He said that if all players got behind Tuckwell the club would be in a strong position to return to second division.

Mr. Sloan said players must show more interest in turning up to training.

When questioned about why he was leaving Prahran at such an early age, Tuckwell said it had always been his ambition to coach and he did not want to take it on when he was 27 or 28.

He said he was looking forward to coaching at Warrandyte. "If we can get the players to train early I'll guarantee Warrandyte will be in business as a football power," he said.

Before joining Prahran, Tuckwell played with Essendon Reserves. At Prahran he played most of his games in defence or at centre half-forward.

## Cricket eat-up

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold a barbecue at the Recreation Ground at 6.15 on Saturday, December 15.

Club officials would like to see as many players, officials and juniors and their parents attend the function as possible.

Secretary, Mr J. Chapman, said this week it was hoped the turf wicket at the ground would be ready to play on for the 1975-76 season.

**● DETAILS**  
**A1 Grade:** St. Mary's 7/107 (Peake 5/57) and 7/69 (White 4/23) def. Warrandyte 78 and 9/97 dec. (Peake 22 n.o.).

**B1 Grade:** Nunawading 3/113 dec. def. Warrandyte 9/73 dec. (T. Craker 17 n.o.) and 29.

**D1 Grade:** St. Luke's 4/124 dec. def. Warrandyte 38 (M. Summers 22) and 74 (R. Anderson 28).

**Under-16:** Warrandyte 127 (M. Summers 51, N. Craker 24) def. Bulleen-Templestowe 69 (N. Day 7/35) and 5/45 (G. Bellinger 3/17).

**Under-14:** E. Bees 1/107 dec. def. Warrandyte 45 (I. Broome 23) and 44.

**Under-12:** Warrandyte 5/130 cc (B. Chapman 75 n.o., Rigoni 21) def. East Box Hill 35 (Moran 6/15, G. Wollcock 3/13) and 7/25 (Moran 6/13).

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