

# Harry Hudson dies

One of the last remaining links with Warrandyte's original art colony was severed last month when Harry Hudson died suddenly, aged 65.

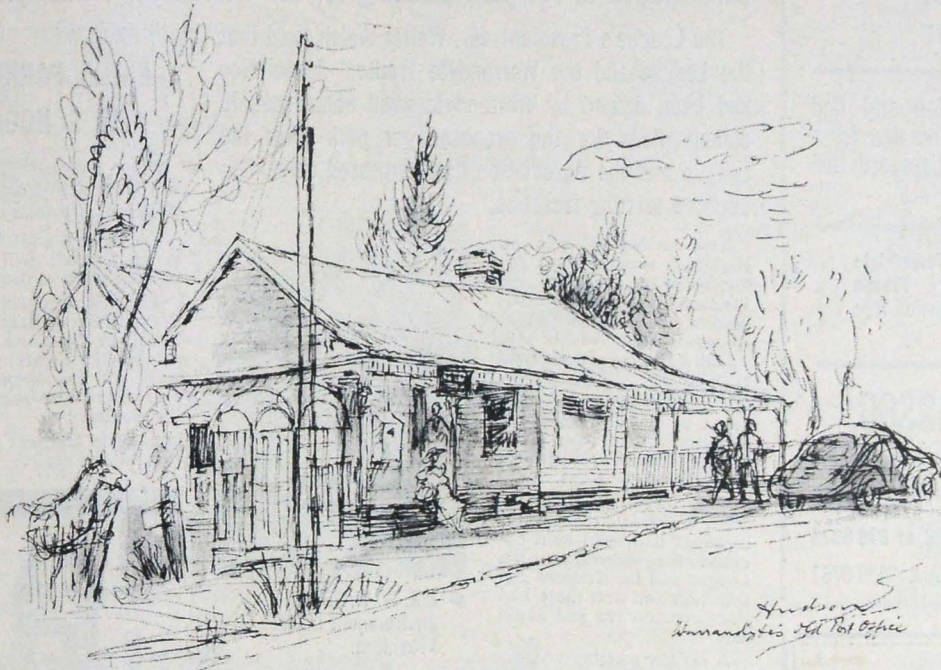
Popular throughout the district, Harry was well-known as a talented painter, a black and white artist of some distinction, and as a writer.

His evocative stories and delightful illustrations of Warrandyte's old days were a distinctive feature of the Diary from our very first issue.

Harry's last working years were spent as a teacher of English, art and stage design in several high schools and he had retired from the Education Department only a few weeks before his tragic and untimely death.

(Printed below is one of Harry's best known drawings, depicting the old post office in Yarra Street, Warrandyte.)

● Two fine men remembered — page 4.



# WARRANDYTE Diary

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## Public meeting on parking

A public meeting in Warrandyte this month will discuss shopping and parking problems in the village.

Called by the Warrandyte Environment League and the Warrandyte Traders Association, the meeting will be held in the Mechanics' Institute on Friday, February 15, at 8 p.m.

"The people of Warrandyte will have a chance to discuss the various parking proposals being advanced for the township," Mrs Val Polley, Environment League secretary, told the Diary this week.

"We plan to have representatives of the Traders' Association, Environment League and Doncaster and Templestowe Council addressing the meeting," Mrs Polley said.

"Tied in with the problem of parking is that of shopping facilities," Mrs Polley continued. "Since the fruit shop closed down it has been difficult to complete a full week's shopping for a family without going outside the district."

"We hope that everyone who lives in the district will turn up and voice their opinion," Mrs Polley concluded.

● Parking plan "Not delayed" — page 2.

# CLUBROOMS AT LAST FOR ELDERLIES

A \$60,000 elderly citizens club will be built at the Warrandyte Recreation Ground behind the White House.

A committeeman of the club told the Diary this week: "This is the best news since they first discovered gold in Warrandyte. We are all so thrilled".

He said the 40-square club would be the envy of surrounding elderly citizens' clubs.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has approved a grant of \$30,000 towards the building. The other \$30,000 is available in Government subsidies.

The siting of the elderly citizens' club at the Recreation Ground means that all community facilities will be self-contained in the one area.

Much of the credit for clinching "the deal" goes to local ward councillors, particularly Crs I. Marsden and A. Morton.

For some years the Elderly Citizens have been looking for a suitable site for a permanent "home".

Crs Morton and Marsden have discussed the building plan with the Elderly Citizens and apart from a couple of minor amend-

ments they have "expressed their delight".

The plans will now go before the next meeting of council for approval and then arrangements for tenders will be made.

It is expected that the building will be completed this year.

Cr Marsden said the building would be a single-storey structure and emphasised that its design would be suitable for the setting in which it will be placed. It would

not be a "brick monstrosity".

The clubrooms will include a card room, an office, small library, a kitchen and a committee meeting room. The main area, in which carpet bowls will be played, will be large enough to seat approximately 120 people.

Extensive drainage work on the main sporting oval has been completed and this should help eliminate the quagmire conditions for football during the winter.

## HONORS GO TO OUR FIREMEN

Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade won first place in the restricted section of Region 15 annual fire brigade demonstration at Bayswater recently.

Last year the brigade won the trophy for the most improved competitor.

In the Bayswater competitions, the senior team of R. Durran, J. Hartman, P. Renn, T. Adams and R. Austin were winners in the four-man truck event. They also took second place in the four-man low down pump event.

Another member, Eric Hogg, finished third in the junior knapsack event.

Other junior members who competed were Mark Bence, Kevin Jones, and Dick Termourshuizen.

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## ● COUNCIL TILT 'UNFAIR'

# PARKING PLAN 'NOT DELAYED'

The Warrandyte Environment League believes that it is being criticised unfairly by Doncaster and Templestowe city councillors for its participation in car park planning for the Warrandyte township.

The League's President, Mr. Walter Walsh, said that the League and the Warrandyte Traders' Association had been invited by Warrandyte ward councillors to submit plans for the proposed car park after the League and the Association had requested council to improve existing facilities.

Two architects and an engineer, members of the Environment League and Traders' Association committees, had drawn up a suggested plan which was submitted to council on June 1, 1973.

An alternative plan prepared by the city engineer's department had been given to the Warrandyte groups for discussion some three months later.

Mr Walsh said that several meetings had been held between the councillors, the League and the Traders' Association and that these had been constructive and amicable.

A further meeting was being planned at the suggestion of Cr Ian Marsden and it was hoped that some points of difference could be resolved.

Mr Bruce Day, a road construction engineer and the Environment League's vice-president said the cost difference between the two proposals was due to the suggestion in the Warrandyte plan that a high quality paving material be used.

"This material would be more durable and aesthetically pleasing," Mr Day said.

"However, it is not vital to the concept of our scheme and if the cheaper gravel was used as specified in the council plan, costs would be about the same."

Mr Day went on to say that two main factors had been considered when preparing the Warrandyte plan.

Firstly to cause minimum disturbance to existing terrain and vegetation, particularly a number of mature trees which would have to be removed in the council's proposal, and wherever possible to use existing levels so that visual aspects of the river from the main road and shopping centre could be preserved.

The second consideration



● MR. W. WALSH, Environment League President.

was that the parking area should serve a dual purpose; as commercial access to the shops and as recreational access to the river.

## APEX CLUB UNDER WAY

The inaugural meeting of the Warrandyte Apex Club was held last month in the Coffee Bean Restaurant.

The president, Mr M. Kerley introduced seventeen members of the new group to guests and visiting Apexians.

Guests included the Mayor of Doncaster and Templestowe, Cr R. White; local ward councillor, Mr J. Scott; and leading Apex officials.

The new club has already become involved in service work in the Warrandyte area and a full programme of activities is being planned by the initial board of directors which comprises Alan Fluck, Spence Herd, Kevin Kotsiakos, Ray Spargo and Ken Venn.

Mr Robert Anderson is secretary of the new club which is part of the Yarra Valley District of Apex clubs.

## EXTRA PARKING AT SCHOOL

More car parking space will be available outside the Warrandyte Primary School.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council will undertake the work in stages.

The first stage will include the widening of Brackenbury Street on the north side to provide more parking. This work will be completed before school re-opens after the holidays.

Later in the year this section will be sealed.



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# New job for Jock . . .

Former Warrandyte Diary artist, Jock McNeish, has landed the top job as cartoonist on the Papua New Guinea Post-Courier.

Well-known for his community activities in Warrandyte, Jock was posted to New Guinea as an architect with the new administration some months ago.

Working on a spare-time basis, he is contributing a weekly cartoon round-up of news events—titled “Jock’s Week”—for the Port Moresby daily.

Announcing Jock’s appointment, the “Post-Courier” columnist said, “We were sitting wringing our hands about the departure of our cartoonist when I walked this chap Jock.”

In a recent letter to the Diary, Jock said: “We have been here five months now, and I was thinking of all the things which we’ve grown used to, but surprised, amused or fascinated us when we had just arrived.

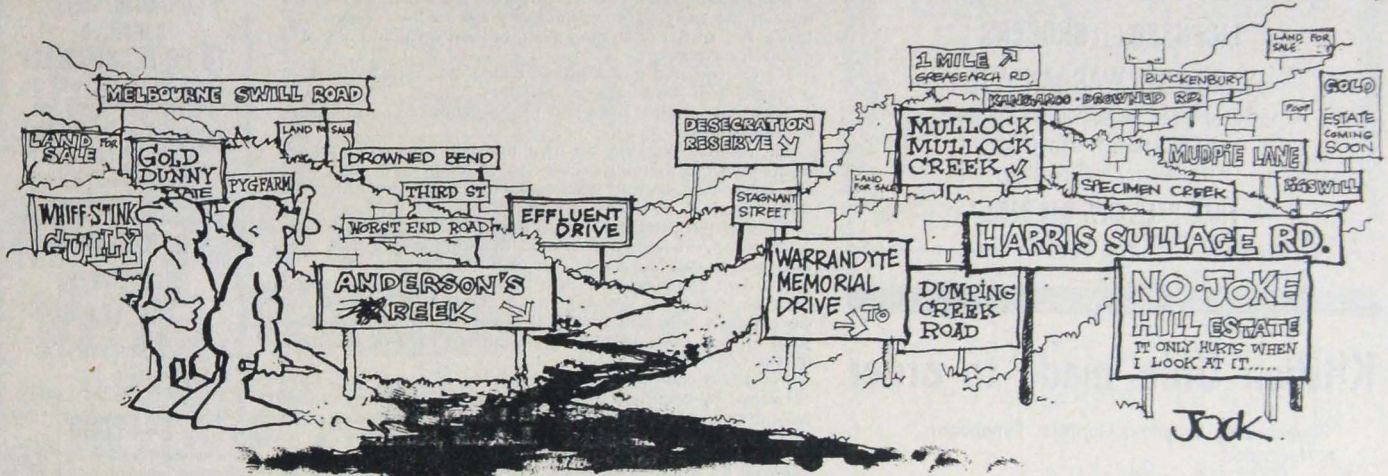
“Like pink band-aids on brown skin, the peculiar shapes of white men’s legs, blonde negroes with bright red teeth (from the betel nut), shaking salt over the tablecloth so the wind from the fan will blow it across on to the plate of food, dogs that get out of the way of

traffic, and the way locals display affection for you by patting the sides of your thighs with both hands.

“Half the traffic seems to be heavy earth-moving equipment (not unlike Warrandyte).

“Another thing you get used to are the long silences on the radio. They are not great ad libbers up here and the ‘keep talking’ solution is not used when things go wrong.

“When unsure of what to do next, they just sit there and do nothing. One becomes so used to a radio being a thing that makes noise, that when you first hear the great silences you become quite distracted. Goes on for minutes sometimes.”



• A TYPICAL “Jock’s Warrandyte” by the Diary’s former cartoonist Jock McNeish, now working in New Guinea. Reprinted from our November, 1972 issue, it is typical of his fine draughtsmanship and socially-conscious wit. Now a wider, if distant audience is appreciating his talents.

## NEXT W.A.A. DRAMA PRODUCTION

# Breakdown of a Bentley

You probably know someone just like poor Bentley.

The middle classes of Australia produced thousands of Bentleys over the secure years of the fifties, all raised in tight family units on an unquestioned diet of consumerism and technology and rigid male and female role patterns.

And divorce and alcoholism statistics show that the trendy dream worlds of those such as Bentley very often come crashing down around their unsuspecting heads.

Bentley is just a name, of course, one that playwright Alex Buzo chose for the lead character in his brilliant and biting play, “Rooted”. The WAA will stage “Rooted” at the Warrandyte Hall late in March.

“Rooted” will be one of the most ambitious productions yet for the WAA. This play is a very highly acclaimed piece of contemporary theatre by a young man who—along with David Williamson, Barry Oakley and Jack Hibberd—is helping forge a new tradition in Australian drama. The works of these fine young writers deal with Australians and Australia, and all our problems and joys, and the popularity of these plays, and the new Australian films, shows that at last Australian people want to see interpretations of

their own culture instead of irrelevant soap operas from overseas.

What is more, the WAA production of “Rooted” promises to be a fine one. The director/producer is Bruce Kerr, a top professional with a background in theatre, television and radio, and according to Bruce the local cast is capable of putting on a show at least as

good as any previous performance of “Rooted”.

The cast for WAA’s “Rooted” is: Roger Featherstone as Bentley; Nanette Hills as Bentley’s wife, Sandy; Laurie Davis as Bentley’s old mate, Richard; Jane Cody as Richard’s girl friend, Diane; and Jerry Cole as a dissolute called Gary. All except Jane are from Warrandyte.

## Road section “on the list”

The unmade section of Harris Gully Road has been placed on the priority list and it is planned to be attended to in conjunction with the Country Roads Board allocations for 1974-75.

Cr I. Marsden revealed this in a statement to the Diary. He was replying to complaints on the condition of Harris Gully Road.

In the December Diary, a reader said she had written to Cr Marsden seeking some action. She claimed she was told that the road was originally opened for fire access and not for general through traffic.

Cr. Marsden said he felt this was misleading when taken out of context.

In his original letter to the reader, Cr Marsden said: “The City Engineer advises me that the portion of Harris Gully Road to which you refer was opened up as a fire access road, and not with the intention of carrying by-pass traffic.

“However, the summer dust problem caused considerable damage to the crops of nearby orchardists, and the seal from Tindalls Road was put down to prevent further financial losses to them.”

Cr Marsden also pointed out in his letter that the estimates and road priorities for road construction in the Warrandyte ward were prepared before his election to council in October, 1972.

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
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# Two fine men remembered . . .

## JACK DAY

Late last year, friends and relatives gathered from many parts of the State to say farewell to one of Warrandyte's beloved old residents, Jack Day, who died aged 68.

Coming here as a young child early in the century, Jack spent his first few years in a wattle and daub cottage built by his father down by Stoney Creek.

In 1912 the family moved to the more substantial house further up the hill where his widow now lives and where their three sons grew up.

Reminiscing just a few weeks before his death, he recalled how in the early days his mother grew all their vegetables, made her own bread and most of her own and the five children's clothes.

He remembered that a grocer called in a spring cart once a month with provisions.

Jack was milking cows and feeding chooks almost before he could talk.

He recalled walking the two miles to and from school each day; the marathon hikes to Heidelberg or Box Hill for something special when someone else was using the only horse.

"Things were tough in those days," he said. "But by the same token, we kids appreciated the little things that were only occasional, like a new pair of boots, for instance."

His own grandchildren have been lucky enough to spend their earliest years growing in an atmosphere of love and close family life, and they will always remember the easy pace of that life and their grandfather's love of the town that is their birthplace.

For his friends there is the memory of many gatherings enlivened by countless stories of the early days, told in that easy drawl and spiked with the humour and colorful slang that was so characteristic of Jack Day.

His final illness, which robbed him of a hoped-for retirement on his small farm in Research Road, was attributed to his service for his country in World War II.

"Lest We Forget."

## HARRY HUDSON

The village is mourning Harry Hudson, the man who captured Warrandyte in words and ink and oils.

Born in Carlton, Harry Elgin Hudson, a barber's son, left school at 12 and worked as a grocer's boy for some years.

Studying at night he completed his education and was able to achieve a cherished ambition, enrolling at the National Gallery Art School. It was here Harry met his first wife, Marie, and together they discovered Warrandyte, ultimately coming here to live.

Display manager at George's of Collins Street for a number of years, Harry established a distinctive style of fine design in all the firm's advertising.

Harry was a writer of talent, contributing to the magazine "Walkabout" in its heyday and compiling a monograph on the district's history—"The Warrandyte Story".

The untimely death of his wife, Marie, some years ago was a severe blow from which Harry never fully recovered. He is survived by his second wife, Anne, and step-son, Frederic.

Joining the Education Department in 1958, he taught at Ringwood, Boronia and Pembroke High Schools. He planned to spend his retirement painting and writing; but that was not to be.

"His like we will never see again," Harry wrote of a local character. Those words will serve as fitting epitaph to Harry Hudson himself, beloved friend and recorder of Warrandyte in word and picture.

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"It's not the dogs I'm crooked on, it's the blokes yellin' at 'em all night."

The Diary has received more complaints about roaming dogs in Warrandyte's Webb Street.

"It is not easy to sit down and write a complaint about the people we share this neighbourhood with. But after the events of the past twelve months we feel it is time that something was said about the behaviour of these people — knowing that all of us are far from perfect.

Residents have complained that dogs have killed their pet animals and damaged trees and shrubs.

Probably the worst family hit is the Harpers. Paul and Denise Harper are animal lovers.

In a letter to the Diary they say:

"As animal lovers we have kept a number of animals on our property at various times and so far this is what has happened to them:

- Our pet lamb was attacked by a dog, with the result that it now has three legs and no ears.
- Just before Christmas 1972 a young prime duck mysteriously disappeared from an enclosed dog and fox-proof pen.
- Seven guinea-pigs disappeared from a similarly constructed pen.
- A six-week old playful kitten was SHOT and killed in our drive.
- Ten chickens, two roosters, one hen and two ducks were attacked and killed by dogs. All these animals were in enclosed pens."

Another Webb Street resident said that apart from the noise the dogs made it was not uncommon to find a pack of five to six dogs running around her property most mornings.

## TOP JAZZMAN AT POTTERS

Graeme Bell, one of Australia's top jazz pianists and a leading world exponent of dixieland music, will be guest artist at Potters Restaurant in March.

Now based in Sydney, Graeme Bell has been recognised as a leading jazz musician ever since his first European tour in 1947-48.

On Wednesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 7, Graeme Bell will play with his brother, Roger, and the Pagan Pipers, at Potters Restaurant, Warrandyte.

Host John James is working hard to develop his restaurant as a jazz centre, and Graeme Bell's visit will mark the opening of extensions at the popular eating place.

## NO TECH. SCHOOL HERE: OFFICIAL

Plans for a secondary school in Warrandyte suffered a set-back last month when organisers received a letter of refusal from the Acting Minister of Education, Mr. J. A. Rafferty.

Referring to a local submission calling for the establishment of a Warrandyte annexe to the Diamond Creek Technical School, Mr Rafferty said:

"At present, there are insufficient exit students from primary schools in the area to justify the establishment of a post primary school.

"At the same time the Diamond Creek Technical School has accommodation available to students seeking technical education.

"In the circumstances, I am afraid there is no justification for extending technical school facilities into the Warrandyte area at this stage."

Commenting on the minister's statement, the chair-

man of the local committee, Mr R. Morton, told the Diary that this contrasted strangely with a letter the committee had received from the Education Department's Curriculum and Research Branch, indicating that the proposal was still under consideration.

Parents in Warrandyte and surrounding areas have been concerned for some time that pupils have had to leave the district and travel long distances for secondary schooling.

Several well-attended public meetings have been held and more than 1,200 parents signed a petition calling for the establishment of the Warrandyte annexe to the Diamond Creek Technical School.

"We are certainly not accepting the minister's statement as final," Mr Morton told the Diary this week.

"We are at present moving in several directions to have the decision reversed and will continue campaigning towards our ultimate goal, the establishment of a secondary school in Warrandyte."

## About people

Rogan Bayard celebrated his 21st birthday recently, entertaining 60 friends at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs John Bayard, of Melbourne Hill.

Bernadette and Ray Harris, formerly of Everard Drive, now of Euston Ave., Park Orchards, are being congratulated on the birth of their son, Caleb Leslie.

Mail contractors, Alf and Allan, have asked us to pass on thanks to the many locals who remembered them during the festive season.

Marion and Ian Bishop, who departed from Kangaroo Ground Road six months ago, couldn't stay away from Warrandyte and are back with us once more. They are living temporarily in Webb Street, pending the building of a new house somewhere in the district.

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# CRICKET SIDE OUT OF FINALS

Despite some good performances against top sides Warrandyte's first eleven will not make the finals.

## Football training begins

A top coach, renewed enthusiasm and an active committee have helped revive interest in football in Warrandyte.

New coach, former Prahran and Essendon Reserves Player, John Tuckwell, comes to Warrandyte with an outstanding record as a player.

The appointment of such a top VFA player is bound to help lift Warrandyte out of third division.

Warrandyte beat several other more senior clubs for Tuckwell's services.

Training for all senior players will begin on Tuesday, February 5. Several former players are training already. Their return should boost the side.

The club is anxious to hear from supporters who would like to help with the newly-formed under-13 side.

The opening game of the season will be played at home on April 20 against The Basin.

This season was the first for several years that the club fielded three senior elevens.

There is keen interest in cricket in the area but in several games some of the senior sides were short of players.

But in the junior sections the position was the reverse. The three junior sides have enough players.

The under-12 side could finish in the finals. With an ounce of luck the under-16 side could figure in the finals.

The newly-formed under-14 side did not have the best of luck, but will provide a low-on of players for the under-16 side.

Ian Broome and Simon Dodd have been among the best players each week with the under-14 side.

In the recent seniors' match, Steve Wilson, Robert White and Michael Lovett helped produce a sizeable score after other batsmen had failed.

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East Box Hill were in trouble early, but fought their way back into the game on the final day.

John Chapman, who was married on the first day of the game was available on the second day and helped steer Warrandyte to a respectable score.

But it was not good enough. Robert White turned in one of his best bowling performances by capturing 7/41.

The under-16 side has several potential senior players in Neville Craker, Max Summers and Nicky Day.

The D2 side captained by Ted Corbett has been struggling to keep up numbers. In the first game after the holidays the side were two players short.

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## WEDDING BELLS FOR SKIPPER

Members of two well-known Warrandyte families were linked with the recent marriage of Maxine Adams and John Chapman.

Maxine is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Adams of Main Road, Warrandyte. John is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Chapman of Pigeonbank Lane, North Warrandyte.

John is a well-known sportsman in the district. He is captain of the Warrandyte senior cricket side and club secretary. He is also a playing member of the Warrandyte Football Club.

The couple were married in St Stephen's Church of England, Warrandyte. The wedding reception was held at the Yarra Valley Country Club, Bulleen.

Bridesmaids were Margaret Armstrong and Sue Hutchinson. Best man was Brian Cleaves and Richard

Emmett was groomsman.

After a motoring honeymoon in northern Victoria and NSW, Maxine and John will live in a flat at Croydon. Later they will build at North Warrandyte.

**... sister in  
state side**

Jenny Chapman, 18, of North Warrandyte, played for the Victorian under-21 women's cricket team at the recent interstate carnival in Adelaide.

Jenny played in the same team last year when Victoria won the shield.

An all-rounder, she plays "A" grade with the Mitcham women's cricket club.

Jenny's sister, Sue, has also twice represented Victoria in the same team.

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