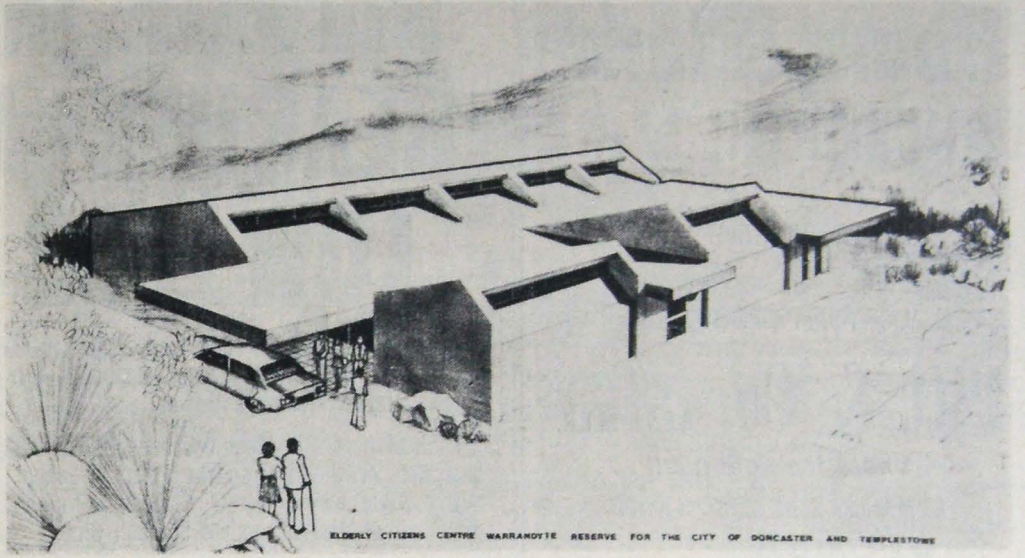


# Club takes shape

• This is how the proposed new Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Clubrooms will look. To be built by Doncaster and Templestowe Council at a cost of \$60,000, it is anticipated it will be completed by the end of the year. The clubrooms are to be erected adjacent to the Recreation Reserve in Tarooma Avenue. Mr K. Bethell is the architect.



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# CONTROVERSIAL PARKING PLAN MAY GO AHEAD

BY SEAN HANRAHAN

Three Doncaster and Templestowe City councillors promised a public meeting in Warrandyte last week that council would "take note" of suggestions by local residents about the planned Yarra Street car parking area.

Nothing more conclusive than this resulted from the meeting, held at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Thursday night. About 30 local people, residents and traders, attended.

After the meeting, Warrandyte Environment League president Mr Walter Walsh said: "I think the council will just go ahead and do what it wants".

Crs Ian Marsden, Alan Morton and John Scott called the meeting to discuss the controversial plan and "resolve any contentious details" about it. They made it clear that little, if any, further opportunity would be made for local residents to have a say in the plan before it is proceeded with.

Cr Marsden said: "I think this is the eighth or ninth meeting on this plan and

now we want to get ahead with it."

At the meeting, Doncaster deputy city engineer, Mr W. J. Carlyle, showed slides of the council plan for the parking area and discussed details. The plan calls for parking spaces for 116 cars in a levelled area on the north side of Yarra Street between the Gospel hall and Gedge's chemist shop, with a driveway 24 ft. wide and with 18 ft. wide parking slots on either side. Also planned for is an access road into the park at a point just across from the excavated area beside the hotel.

Mr Carlyle assured the meeting that about a dozen trees in the area would be preserved, including the giant old cypress tree across from Riggs newsagency and the Norfolk pines further down the riverbank. He said also that provision would be made for landscaping the area between Yarra Street and the parking area.

But throughout the meeting Mr Carlyle was vague about the extent of earth fill to be used and what sort of landscaping would be done.

Mr Walsh told the meeting that the access road, positioned as it was on the crest of the rise in Yarra Street at that point, would

create a chaotic traffic situation.

"As a policeman of 22 years standing I can say that the access road at that point would create a dangerous situation," he said.

Mr Walsh also attacked the plan on the basis that it included only the area up to Webb Street, and was not part of what should be an overall car parking and river access plan for the area.

Other residents objected to the plan's demand that the old post office be removed to allow for widening of the road.

Mr Carlyle said this decision was in the hands of the M.M.B.W., and he "could not see the board allowing the post office to stay".

## KINDERGARTEN AUCTION NIGHT

Have you any unwanted treasures? If you have the Warrandyte Pre-School committee will be pleased to hear from you.

They require items for their Dutch auction to be held in conjunction with the casserole and claret dinner at the kindergarten, Tarooma Avenue, at 8 p.m. on May 4.

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## Lower rates for pensioners

Many eligible Warrandyte residents have not yet taken advantage of Doncaster and Templestowe Council's rates reduction for pensioners.

Mr H. Mears, Acting Town Clerk, told the Diary this week that council has decided to grant a remission of part of the rates payable by full pensioners — requiring them to pay only \$20 of the rates assessed on their properties.

"To be eligible for this offer applicants must be in receipt of a full pension and hold a pensioner medical service entitlement card. Application forms for the purpose are obtainable at the Rate Office, Municipal Offices, Doncaster," Mr Mears said.

## YARRA BRAE BACK-DOWN?

• see page 3

## New Diary manager

A new business and advertising manager has been appointed for the Diary.

She is Mrs Elaine Spong of Webb Street.

Mrs Spong has had 20 years experience in all facets of advertising, working for such organisations as Readers' Digest, Woman's Day, the Victorian Broadcasting Network and Pink Pages.

Like all Diary staff members, Mrs Spong is freely donating both her time and her professional knowledge.

Elaine Spong is handling all aspects of Diary accounts and advertising. She can be contacted at 844 2051.

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# PARENT INTEREST REACHES A LOW EBB

Leaders of several community groups in the Warrandyte district this week appealed for more parent interest in their activities.

Lack of parent interest has been criticised by the chairman of the Warrandyte Primary School Committee, Warrandyte Youth Club leaders, and the president of the Warrandyte Football Club.

Mr L. Vizard, chairman of the school committee has issued a circular which he says is not intended to be either rude or to springboard an attack on the school committee.

"But the circular is certainly intended to ask parents to be positively interested in the school and the teachers who are training them, and in the education they are receiving," said Mr Vizard.

Mr Vizard said he was not making a plea for monetary help or attendance at working bees. "It is a plea to realise your responsibility to yourself and your children," said Mr Vizard.

The Warrandyte Youth Club has an excellent bunch of leaders and a strong committee but sadly lacks parental interest.

This was revealed at the recent annual meeting. Parents who can help in any way with activities are asked

to contact the president, Mr John Hansen (844-3906).

The president of the Warrandyte Football Club, Mr L. Sloan, said the club was in need of more parents to help with the newly formed under-13 side.

Mr Sloan said the club had gone to a great deal of expense to field the side and encourage lads to play football.

"We will provide transport for their games but we must have a few more parents helping out," said Mr Sloan.

## Appeal for Viet kids

An appeal has been opened in Warrandyte to help children in Vietnam orphanages.

Interest in the appeal has increased since Mrs Yvonne Reid adopted a boy from the Dieu Quang orphanage.

As part of the scheme to help these youngsters, basic medical kits are being formed and sent direct to the orphanages.

Any person wishing to donate items towards these kits can leave them in the box provided at Mr K. Gedge's chemist shop.

A form of "sponsorship" is also being sought to help the Dieu Quang orphanage.

Run on a community basis, donors will undertake to contribute a certain sum each month.

Donors will be told of the progress children are making and given a record of what their donations are achieving.

If any person is interested in the sponsorship scheme they should contact Yvonne Reid (844-3796).

## FACELIFT BY DRAMA GROUP

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" will be given a facelift over the next few months in a series of workshops the W.A.A. drama group is holding under the direction of Bob Karl.

The workshops will begin on Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. in the Mechanics' Institute, and continue on a weekly basis until the end of August, when "Comedy of Errors" will open as the drama group's major production for September.

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# MAJOR CHANGE WITH YARRA BRAE

## — Group forecasts

Highlight of the opening night of the extensions at Potters Restaurant last month, was an emotional reunion between international jazz star, Graeme Bell, and local resident, Emil Lim, of Yarra Street.

One night 26 years ago, youthful Emil had walked 20 miles from his native Czechoslovakian village to hear the Bell band play his favourite dixieland music. The Australian band was on its first overseas tour.

Lynne Sherwood and daughter, Peta, are visiting friends in Switzerland and England. Husband Tim stayed home to play bridge and look after Walpa Cottage, Albert Road, Warrandyte.

Kevin and Gwen Wilson with sons, Matthew and Ross, and new daughter, Johannah, have returned to live in Warrandyte after almost six years in Noosa, Queensland, where they had a business venture.

### MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Warrandyte Primary School Mothers' Club will be held in the school canteen on Wednesday, April 17, at 1.30 p.m.

Main business will be the presentation of reports and the election of office-bearers.

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The Victorian State Government may be considering a major back-down on the issue of the controversial Yarra Brae dam, planned for construction 2½ miles upstream from the Warrandyte bridge.

This is the opinion of local "dam busters", who told the Diary this week they believe the Board of Works is about to recommend the construction of a much smaller pumping weir on the Yarra, some miles upstream of the original proposed site.

The proposed dam has been a hot topic of debate in the district since it was first proposed by the government, at the height of the 1973 summer drought.

A spokesman for the Yarra Brae Action Committee said that the environmental study being conducted by the Board of Works is now almost complete, and they expect the study team's final report and recommendations will go up

### CRAFT TALK

The Warrandyte Arts Association craft group will hear of weaving in South America at a meeting on Monday, April 8.

Miss E. Phillips will speak of her recent Council for Adult Education trip to South America.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Van der Loo in Maggie Lane. Starting time is 8 p.m.

### FASHION DAY

A luncheon and fashion parade will be held at "Kimberley", 305 Maroondah Highway, Croydon, on Tuesday, May 7, in aid of the Victorian Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Tickets are \$3.50 each. Judy Bucknall (844-3604) and Dorothy Trigg (870-9056) are in charge of ticket arrangements.

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for cabinet approval later this month.

"An indication of the extent of the study can be gained by comparing the original scheduled time of three months with the ten months which it actually took," the spokesman said.

"There is no doubt that the report will be a thick volume and will cover in great detail the anticipated environmental impact on Yarra Brae, Sugarloaf Creek and the other areas under consideration.

"Three alternative lower Yarra proposals to the original Yarra Brae scheme will be considered in the report plus a fourth proposal outside the lower Yarra area. Our crystal ball tells us that the Board will recommend a much smaller pumping weir on the Yarra some miles upstream of the original site."

The Action Committee is keen to know the reaction of people, particularly those living in close proximity to the dam, to the proposed changes that may eventuate if the strong recommendations of the environmental study are heeded by government.

"Many of the original objections will still remain but many will have been overcome," the spokesman said.

"Should we compromise and accept a smaller scheme on the Yarra or should we

dig in our heels and demand that the government give Melbourne a fairer share of alternative water sources which have not been considered at all in this Board of Works study?"

The Action Committee is calling a meeting to "thrash out the matter". It will be held in the St John's Hall, 1 Burgundy Street, Heidelberg, on Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m.

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# League to plant out 500 trees

The Warrandyte Environment League will hold a tree planting day in Warrandyte on Saturday, April 20.

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has donated 500 trees for the project.

The league is seeking volunteers to help plant the trees. Any person interested should report to the Mechanics' Institute at 10.30 a.m. on April 20.

Helpers should bring a mattock, or spade, a bucket and a hammer.

A league spokesman said this week that many parts of Warrandyte have an abundance of trees which makes the area unique com-

pared with other suburbs in Melbourne.

"However, there is still room for extra planting, particularly along roadsides to counter the effects of progress," said the spokesman.

The league considers that areas where planting is necessary include the main road between Riverview Motors and the hotel, basketball courts and the Golden Gate store.

If you know of any other areas which could benefit with planting please ring Bev Hansen on 844-3906.

# LOCAL PLAY IS BRAVE ATTEMPT

Warrandyte Drama Group has at last plucked up the courage to present a play by one of the new wave of Australian dramatists.

The play is Alexander Buzo's "Rooted", a study of the disintegration of an individual under the pressures of conformist society.

Unfortunately the inexperienced cast were prodded into a production style that was often beyond their capabilities.

The reality of Australian conformity is not the myth of anglo-saxon purity, it is the morality of crass consumerism and mindless vulgarity, of sleeping around and personal betrayal on the altar of ambition.

"Rooted" lays bare this conformity, and despite the croakings of Festival of Lighters, is a highly moral play.

Bentley the anti-hero is squashed flat under this perversion of mateship and the Australian way and although the theme is negative, the audiences' reactions, ultimately, should be positive.

These new plays tell us how it is, not how it should be, and credit audiences

with the intelligence to work things out for themselves.

Conceived in the vernacular, they work best when sensitively underplayed. But director Bruce Kerr may have been wise to accept that this Warrandyte cast was limited, and perhaps should have played it the other way; broadly, outrageously working for laughs. Roger Featherston's delicately portrayed Bentley would then have contrasted sharply with the rollicking ockers all around, his predicament fully exposed in all its hopeless loneliness.

(I am reliably informed that this effect was achieved, at least to some degree, in other performances, and that the night we attended was not typical.)

The failure of the production on the night was typified by the opening. In the script we are presented with the stale fag-end of a desperate party. On stage the only concession to this was a few empty beer cans. No mess, no drunkenness. The unit was "immaculate", the characters scrubbed squeaky clean and stone cold sober. This feeling that everything was a touch off centre continued throughout, though credibility improved after interval.

The physical appearance of the cast was excellent, as were the sets. They battled valiantly with their inexperience, but apart from Roger Featherston and Laurie Davis as Richard, seemed unequal to the production style imposed upon them.

Changing Sydney place names, and references, to Melbourne threw the colloquial balance and was inexcusable.—C.G.



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# SCRUTINY ON AREA NEEDS

A survey is being conducted in the Warrandyte area in April and May on town planning needs for the district.

The survey is being conducted by a committee comprising members of local service clubs and churches, members of the Warrandyte Environment League and other interested bodies.

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The organisers point out that because local government districts divide the community into separate areas and existing riding or ward boundaries extend to include ratepayers who would not consider themselves as residents of the Warrandyte community, a "Warrandyte Community Area" has been defined.

This includes both Warrandyte and North Warrandyte residential areas that could be considered as "geographically" Warrandyte. During the next few weeks interviewers will call on 120 residents and their findings will be available to councillors and interested organisations.

Residents approached are asked to co-operate with interviewers as it is believed the information gained will be of benefit to both community members and local government authorities.

The organisers also believe the survey will provide guidelines for future planning and development in the Warrandyte area.

## HOSPITAL HELP

The annual meeting of the Warrandyte auxiliary of the Royal Women's Hospital will be held on April 23 at St Stephen's Church of England hall, Warrandyte.

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## Busy with paint

Warrandyte Youth Club members have been busy painting the inside of the White House.

Stan Andrews, Chris Burke and Jane Wilson have been renovating the upstairs rooms.

The club plans to keep this area for activity work and a Keystone room.

It is hoped that the local Lions Club will help paint the downstairs section.

The club is in need of small lounge-type chairs for the Keystone room and cupboards in which to store materials.

Leaders in charge of activity work are seeking pieces of vinyl, cotton reels, cardboard and other items suitable for handcraft work.

Office-bearers elected at the recent annual meeting were: President, John Hansen; vice-presidents, Barbara Lloyd, Jan Garrick. Secretary, Dot Durran. Committee: Gwen Szabo, Bruce McIntyre, John Scott, Pat Barr.

Program directors are Peter Moran and Kathy Young.

Mr Ron Harris has resigned after a long association with the club. He was thanked for his great services.

Mr George Vlek has resigned as a youth leader but will still help out where possible.

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SPORTS NEWS

## Bowler grabs 72 wickets

Young bowler Max Summers captured 72 wickets playing with Warrandyte Cricket Club in the season just ended.

He took the wickets playing in A grade, D grade and the under-16 teams.

Max's outstanding effort was praised at the club's recent presentation night at Potters' Restaurant.

## Warranwood swim stars

Mark and Kerrie Reid of Warranwood recently completed a successful swimming season.

Kerrie, 11, won a gold medal for the 50-metre free-style and bronze medals for the 50-metre backstroke and 50-metre butterfly at the Victorian all-junior swimming championships.

Kerrie is a pupil at Norwood High where she broke two records at the school sports and is the under-13 champion.

Mark, 16, broke the breaststroke record and is open champion at Norwood.

Kerrie is a member of the Croydon Swimming Club.

Several of the younger players who have come up through the junior ranks won awards for their displays in the seniors.

Trophy winners were: Batting, A Grade: R. White. B Grade: V. Thornton. D Grade: E. Corbett. Bowling, A Grade: A. Woolcock. B Grade: K. Stanfield. D Grade: M. Summers. Fielding: A Grade: J. McCartin. B Grade: I. World. D Grade: G. Lawrence.

The club awarded two additional trophies. Most improved award was won by M. Lovett and I. World won the best clubman award.

Under-16 awards were: Batting, M. Craker. Bowling, M. Summers. Fielding: B. Summers.

Robert White was presented with a bat for scoring a century during the season.

About 80 people attended the function. Guests included members of the visiting Papuan-New Guinea Australian rules football team, several of whom were staying in Warrandyte.

With the start of the local football scene only a few weeks away, Warrandyte is in need of more senior and junior players.

The opening round begins on April 20 with the seniors playing The Basin at home.

The club has sent out more than 150 letters to both senior and junior players advising of practice games and training schedules.

Club president, Mr L. Sloan, said the club was keen to hear from any new players to help fill the two senior sides.

Former Prahran star, John Tuckwell, is coaching the seniors this season. His solid training sessions have found several senior players "short of a gallop".

The women's committee and the general committee are expected to meet within the next few days to exchange ideas and methods of financial support for the club.

A gatekeeper is urgently sought for home matches at the Recreation Ground. Officials say this would be an ideal job for an elderly person interested in sport.

Vandals recently damaged grilles on some of the pavilion windows.

Two committeemen, Messrs L. Warr and P. Gray, volunteered to repair the damage and bolt the grilles.

The scoring box has been broken into and numbers are missing from the scoreboard.

Club secretary, Mr B. Harriss, this week appealed for more under-13 players. He said he was dismayed at the response the club had received.

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## Junior cricket awards

More than 100 parents and friends attended the barbecue and presentation night for the under-12 and under-14 players of the Warrandyte Cricket Club.

Two outstanding bowling performances were recorded during the season.

Digby Moran, a member of the under-12 side, won a club trophy for capturing 50 wickets for the season.

Jeffrey Woolcock, another member of the under-12 side, received a trophy for taking more than seven wickets in an innings.

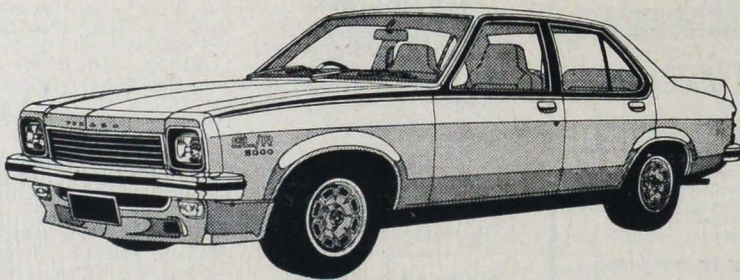
The under-12 side were defeated in the first semi-final by St David's. Scores were: St David's 106 and 118; Warrandyte 58 and 1/58.

Trophy winners were: Under-12 — Batting, Brian Chapman; Bowling, Digby Moran; Fielding, Steven Andrew. Under-14 — Batting, Simon Dodd; Bowling, Ian Broome; Fielding, Robert Dunnett.

Each member of the under-12 side who played in the semi-final received a medallion with his name inscribed on it.

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