

# THE WARRANDYTE *Diary*

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## 'Victory' fiasco UNDERMINED! -COUNCIL PROTESTS

The Doncaster-Templestowe Council has officially protested against the bulldozing of the famous Victory Mine in Whipstick Gully.

Mayor Ian Marsden told the Diary that the council had formally objected to the Mines Department, which filled in one of Warrandyte's last remaining links with its past.

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Councillor Marsden said that at no time was the council consulted.

"We have registered our objection that such an act was carried out without reference to us", he said.

"We believe that a compromise solution might well have been possible".

The destruction of the Victory Mine was exclusively reported in the November issue of the Diary.

It has produced a storm of protests from Warrandyte residents, particularly the "old-timers" who have seen so much of the district's history wiped off the map.

As one resident put it:

"My neighbours just moved out to Yarra Glen.

"I sympathise with them.

"Why live in Warrandyte when there's no Warrandyte left?

"I've asked them to look around up there for a block for us too".

The Victory Mine was the

second-richest strike in Warrandyte, Victoria's original glodfield.

Until its destruction, it had been worked — with "pocket-money" success — by a local syndicate operating on a spare-time basis.

The Victory episode might yet have a happy ending.

As this issue went to press, moves were afoot to re-open the mine.

At least two dedicated gold-seekers are believed to have applied for rights to the Mines Department.

• Bonanza! — see letters, Page 6.

### COPY CLOSING

Copy for the March issue of the Diary closes on Sunday, February 22.

### POPULAR HOBBY

It appears everyone wants to learn pottery. The Warrandyte Arts Association pottery workshop has the "house full" sign up for this year.

The workshop is a non-profit organisation. Membership of the WAA is \$3 and fees are \$25 a term. Each term lasts 12 weeks.

### NEWS!

Jot down the details and drop it in the box on the old tree opposite Riggs' Newsagency, Yarra St., Warrandyte.

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If you have an advertising query discuss it

The Diary circulates throughout Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Donvale, East Doncaster, Warranwood, Wonga Park, Kangaroo Ground and Research.

Readers intending to advertise in Diary mini ads are reminded that it costs only \$1. We would appreciate pre-payment

## IN RED & WHITE



The 7.28 bus out of Warrandyte has always been a bit of a raffle. Crowded with kids.

And Old Smokey, always the bearer of good news, has a big flash for you:

At least 50 more schoolkids are about to descend. Which means that the ride from Warrandyte to East Doncaster High is going to be no place for weakies.

Old Smokey knows of one dad who's instructed his daughter to steadfastly refuse her seat to an adult . . . believes it'll prompt immediate action from the bus people.

Like an extra bus.

Sorry, Dad . . . no kid stands up anyway these days. Not even to stub out his gag.

And the 7.28 will roll on . . .

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Halt. Who goes left, who goes right. Nobody. Where is it? Corner of Harris Gully Road and the main drag. The roundabout is certainly a winner for the tow truck boys. Tourists seem to skittle it every weekend.

But it just keeps on bouncing back.

★ ★

Local Mum was making a clean sweep of the kitchen after the Christmas-New Year ravages and had assigned young daughter to the crockery shelves.

"Put the saucers up there, dear", she said.

Daughter obliged, too.

Tomato sauce, mint sauce, hot sauce . . .

★ ★

Dusty Dan a relation of mine?

Doncaster-Templestowe Mayor Ian Marsden pops the question in a letter on Page 6 of this issue.

"Dusty", as you probably know, is the bloke who writes those whingeing letters to the Diary.

A relation of good-natured old Smokey.

No way, Your Worship. No way.

★ ★

Drinkers of the world stand by. Smokey's been lowering his standards a bit. And the gossip is GOOD NEWS. Patience is the thing. Socially speaking.

Watch this space!

—Smokey Joe

### THE WARRANDYTE DIARY

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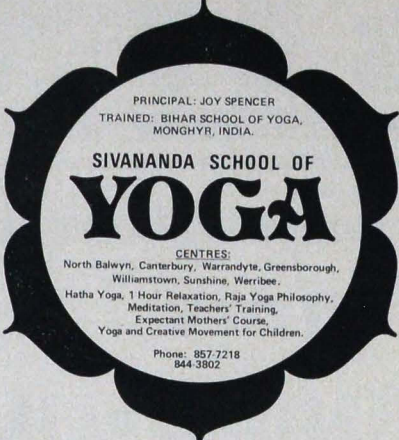
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# OOH LA LA — LA LOLLA!

When Warrandyte Apexians have a ball, there are no half-measures.

And they've really excelled themselves this time.

The local Apex Club is holding a ball at the Royale Ballroom next month — and Gina Lollabrigida will be there!

That's right, chaps, La Lolla herself.

Appearing with the voluptuous film star will be television personality Chris Kirby.

Tickets are available from the club's ticket secretary, Box 36, Warrandyte. Cost is \$32 a double — all

inclusive.

Proceeds will aid the fight against multiple sclerosis.

The paper drive in December was a success. Proceeds, together with other funds raised, will assist the youth club to buy more equipment.

Another blood bank visit is planned in April. The December visit was attended by 124 people of which 100 were passed to

donate blood.

The club had a magnificent response at short notice for clothing for Darwin cyclone evacuees.

Two full truck loads were collected from the area and most of it was being worn within 24 hours of collection.

Organisers of the clothing appeal wish to apologise for any clothing not collected. Rain and approaching darkness help up activities.

## Eltham college catches on

Eltham College has begun its second year with 400 students and all primary classes filled.

The rapid development of the college placed considerable strain on the administration.

To help overcome this,



Warrandyte Football Club secretary and key footballer, Vin Thornton, recently married Jenny Kokavec of St. Albans. The couple spent their honeymoon on the south coast of NSW.

Kerry, second eldest daughter of Shirley and John Holland, of Mitchell Avenue, Warrandyte, left last month to visit the United States. Kerry recently obtained her mothercraft nursing certificate at the Berry Street Babies Home and Hospital, East Melbourne.

Jacqueline Barker, of Mitchell Avenue, Warrandyte, and Graham Upton, of Greensborough, were married last month at St. Stephen's Church of England, Warrandyte.

Mr. A. W. Kirkright, recently bursar of Hamilton College, has been appointed bursar-manager.

The college principal, Mr. D. D. Davey, told the Diary that the Stage One building of the junior school was now occupied by students in forms I, II and III. This building cost \$200,000.

It provides every modern facility including a library resources centre, general science laboratory, home economics unit, special art and craft room as well as regular classrooms.

A tuckshop, administration block and toilet and shower facilities are also included.

Mr. Davey said the third new building to be occupied was the early learning centre. A double unit, it has facilities for two half-day sessions as well as a full-day session for four-year-olds.

This building is landscaped into an outstanding setting on the Mount Pleasant road frontage.

A start is expected to be made soon on a music hall.

A bus service is now operating for College students living in Warrandyte.

The bus leaves Pigeon Bank Lane each morning

at 8.20 and travels to the Golden Gate milk bar in Warrandyte, arriving there at 8.35. At 8.40 it picks up at Webb Street, then at Bradley's Lane (8.40), Blooms Road, The Boulevard and Weerona Way, arriving at the college at 8.50.

### OUTRIGHT

The Warrandyte Cricket Club's under-12 side scored an outright win against Blackburn.

Scores Warrandyte 4/87 dec. (D. McCartin 16 not out), Blackburn 27 (L. Craker 5/17, J. Woolcock 3/5) and 30 (J. Woolcock 7/7, L. Craker 3/15).

### Lions in the swim

Swimming classes put on last month by the Warrandyte Lions may well become an annual event.

About 90 children aged from three upwards attended the classes, at Warrandyte State School pool, and the roll-up would have been even bigger but for bad weather.

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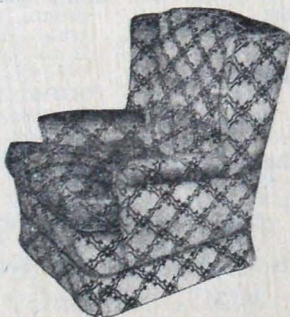
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**BABY SITTERS:** Nth. Warrandyte Baby Sitting Group: Pam Egglestone, 844 2128. (See also, from time to time, Diary "Mini Ads".)

## BANKS:

**State Savings Bank,** Yarra Street, Warrandyte; 844 3154.

**ANZ,** 161 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood; Agency—Four Square Store, Yarra Street, Warrandyte.

**CBA,** 225 Whitehorse Road, Ringwood.

**CBC of Sydney,** 128 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

**Commonwealth,** 137 Whitehorse Road, Ringwood.

**National,** 94 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood; 902 Doncaster Road, East Doncaster.

**Bank of NSW,** 904 Whitehorse Road, Ringwood; 1027 Doncaster Road, East Doncaster.

**BREAD DELIVERY:** Granny Davis, 459 3111; Tip Top Bakers, 38 5101. Bread also available from all Warrandyte stores and milk bars.

## BUS SERVICES:

Transport Information Centre, 653 3611; Doncaster Tramways Depot, 848 1179; School buses — Hurstbridge Busline, 718 2246; Invicta, 735 1004.

## CHURCHES:

**Anglican,** St. Stephen's C of E, Stiggant Street. Rev. Bruce Avery, 844 3473. Services — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Sunday, 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**Catholic,** St. Gerard's and St. Ann's, cnr Mitchell Avenue and Brackenbury Street. Father Bailey, 870 0509. Mass — Saturday, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.

**Gospel Hall,** Yarra Street. 844 2062, 712 0233. Services — Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sunday School, 10.00 a.m.

**Presbyterian,** St. John's, Tarooona Avenue. Rev. Stan Stewart, 844 3476. Services — Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 9 a.m.

**DOCTOR:** Dr. Rob Allen, Yarra Street (entrance rear chemist), 844 3044. Hours — Mornings: (Monday to Saturday): 9 a.m. to Noon; Afternoons: (Monday to Friday) 2 to 5 p.m.; Evenings: (Monday to Thursday, by appointment) 6 to 7.30 p.m.

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**DRY CLEANING:** Penguin Dry Cleaners, pick-up and delivery service, 439 6047.

## ELDERLY CITIZENS CLUB:

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## GARBAGE DISPOSAL:

**Collection** — Warrandyte, Monday and Thursday mornings; Nth Warrandyte, Tuesday morning.

**Cans** — (clean, without paper) may be left at Safeway Stores, cnr Manningham Road and High Street, Templestowe; Norwood Primary School, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood.

**Glass** — (clean without labels) at the Mobil Service Station, cnr Blackburn and Doncaster Roads, East Doncaster.

**Bottle Depots** — adjacent Bill-Tinn Cupboards, Yarra Street; adjacent Scout Hall, Yarra Street; adjacent Warrandyte Kindergarten, Tarooona Avenue; adjacent Nth Warrandyte Kindergarten, Research Road; cnr Floods Road and Kangaroo Ground Road, Nth Warrandyte.

**Newspapers** (neatly bundled) Warrandyte Primary School, Forbes Street.

**Coloured Magazines** — (for use at Kew Cottages) Mrs. Ruth Padgham, c/- St. John's Church, Tarooona Avenue (may be left at the door).

**Garbage Tips** — Nth Warrandyte end of Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground (8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily); Ringwood — Wonga Road, (8 a.m. — 4 p.m. weekdays 8 a.m.—3 p.m. weekends).

## HEALTH CENTRES:

**Warrandyte** — Tarooona Avenue, next to kindergarten — Tuesdays 9—12, 1.15—4; Thursdays 9—12; 844 3297.

**Nth Warrandyte** — Research Road — Thursdays.

## HOSPITALS:

**Austin,** Studley Road, Heidelberg; 45 0411.

**Box Hill,** Nelson Road, Box Hill; 89 0211.

**Donvale** (private), 119 Doncaster Road, Donvale; 842 3766.

**Mitcham** (private), 27 Doncaster East Road, Mitcham; 874 2222.

## KINDERGARTENS:

**Warrandyte,** Tarooona Avenue, 844 3363; Miss Baynes, directress.

**Nth Warrandyte,** Research Road, 844 2066; Mrs. Manley, directress; Mrs. Youl, secretary, 844 3924.

**LIBRARY SERVICE:** Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library, mobile library service.

## Locations:

Golden Gate corner, West Warrandyte — Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon.

Next to Gospel Hall, Yarra Street — Tuesday, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Outside Primary School, Sth Warrandyte — Tuesday, 1.30 p.m. — 2.30 p.m.

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**Golden Gate,** West Warrandyte (Weekdays—3.30, 6.30 p.m. Saturdays—9.30 a.m. Sundays—6.30 p.m.).

**Outside Stone House Craft,** Ringwood - Warrandyte Road (Weekdays — 3.30, 6.30 p.m. Saturdays—10 a.m. Sundays 6.30 p.m.).

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**Nth Warrandyte** — Shire of Eltham, 895 Main Road, Eltham; 439 1133.

**Warrandyte** — City of Doncaster & Templestowe, 695 Doncaster Road, Doncaster; 848 1611.

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## PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

Golden Gate, West Warrandyte. Cnr Webb and Yarra Streets. Outside Stone House Craft, Ringwood - Warrandyte Road. Cnr Bradley's Lane and Research Road, Nth Warrandyte. Near Stoney Creek Road and Research Road, Nth Warrandyte.

## SCHOOLS:

Warrandyte Primary — Forbes Street; 844 3537.

Sth Warrandyte Primary — Hall Road, 844 3304.

Doncaster East High — George Street, Doncaster East, 842 5985.

Norwood High — Byron Street, Nth Ringwood; 870 5399.

Maroondah High — Maroondah Highway, West Croydon; 870 4551.

Mitcham Technical — 49 Dunlavin Road; 874 1888.

Diamond Creek Technical — Hurstbridge Road; 438 1411.

Luther College—Plymouth Road, Croydon; 723 0335.

Tintern C.E.G.S. — Victoria Street, Ringwood East; 870 7715. Whitefriars College—Park Road, Donvale; 874 4422.

Yarra Valley C. of E. — Kalinda Road, Ringwood; 879 1366.

Eltham College — cnr Mount Pleasant and Main Roads, Research; 437 1421.

**STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION:** 139 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood; 870 2022, 792 0141 (after hours).

**TAXIS:** (Alwyn) 874 1544.

**WATER SUPPLY:** (M.&M.B.W.) 61 3611.

**WARRANDYTE ARTS ASSOCIATION:** Adult painting and pottery classes, craft, drama and music groups. Children's painting, drama and dance. Secretary, Mrs. A. Dixon, 844 3076.

**WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE:** A program conducted by members of the Women's Fellowship, St. John's Presbyterian Church. Designed to give practical help to those in need in times of crisis and until more permanent arrangements for the family's assistance can be made. Convenor—Mrs. E. Sharpe, 844 3720. If no answer, Mrs. H. Ingram, 844 3447.

## YOUTH GROUPS:

Community Youth Club: 844 2219.

Girl Guides; 844 3410.

Scouts — 1st Warrandyte; 844 3362; 2nd Warrandyte; 844 3896.

Wyena Pony Club; c/- Miss E. Randall, "Yuonga", Linwood Road, Seville.

# EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

**AMBULANCE:** 662 2533.

**DOCTOR:** 844 3044.

**POLICE:** D24, 662 0911; Warrandyte, Cnr. Forbes and Yarra Streets, 844 3231.

**POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE:** 347 5522.

## FIRE BRIGADES:

Warrandyte, 844-3798.

Nth. Warrandyte, 844-3683.

Sth. Warrandyte, 844-2174.

## ENVIRONMENT ALERT!

If workmen are cutting or lopping trees indiscriminately, or are otherwise interfering with the environment, try discussing the matter with the foreman, or phone the authority

concerned (see elsewhere on this page) or contact the Warrandyte Environment League, 844 3086. Prompt action on your part can often be most effective in helping to protect our unique surroundings.



# Readers' letters

THE Warrandyte Diary is a forum for readers' opinions on issues of local interest. Pen names may be used, but we must have the sender's name and address as a sign of good faith.

## DUSTY DAN 'WAY OUT'

Poor old "Dusty Dan" (is he any relation to Smokey Joe?) really has his wires crossed.

When the farm rate goes brother, you will really see Warrandyte become a concrete jungle.

The only thing that saves the farmland and the orchard from the subdivider is that we allow the farmer a concession rate. After all, does it cost more to supply services to a family on 20 acres than it does to another on a quarter-acre lot?

As to it being secret, it has applied for as long as I can remember and has been the subject of at least four articles in the local papers during the last three months.

All I can say about "Dusty" is that he appears to have chosen a very apt pseudonym.  
Cr. Ian Marsden,  
Park Orchards.

[\*In the December issue "Dusty Dan" complained about the 34 per cent rate increase and queried the farm rate for farmers and orchardists].

The interest shown in response to my note (Old Mine Echo — Warrandyte Diary) of December 1974 was gratifying. However, local history is not easy to come by, especially gold mining history, and this seems strange when it is borne in mind that Warrandyte owes its existence to the discovery of gold and the subsequent mining of it.

A further bit of information, gleaned from a report to the Victorian Department of Mines in 1896 (i.e. nearly half a century after the first discovery of gold here), indicates that "the First Hill workings — presumably the North Victory Mine located along Brackenbury Street — were very rich, yielding 20 oz. of gold for each ton of ore crushed. At today's price of

gold, this is nearly \$4000 per ton.

One ton of specially selected ore yielded 200 oz. — today worth \$40,000!

Incidentally, Warrandyte (although the first locality to be discovered) is only one link in a chain of goldfields in Melbourne's nearby hills reaching from Ringwood, Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, Greensborough, Wattle Glen, Hurstbridge, Kinglake, and so on.  
Sydney J. Watson,  
Hogan Ave.,  
Warrandyte.

## HISTORY SOUGHT

The Warrandyte Environment League and local residents are planning a display of historical items in conjunction with the Doncaster and Templestowe Council centenary.

No date has been set yet for the display which should arouse a great deal of interest.

If any one can help by lending old photographs, items of interest, or knows anyone who has left the district with such items they should contact Bev Hanson 844-3906.

Bev has assured the Diary that utmost care will be given to any items loaned. Photo-stat copies will be taken if anyone feels they are too precious to be handled by the public.

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# FINALS LOOMING FOR CRICKETERS

Three Warrandyte Cricket Club sides have a chance of playing off in the finals.

Most fancied side to win a premiership is the B grade.

On Sunday, February 16, cricket followers will see a double wicket competition with a difference at the Recreation Ground. Each player will have a female partner.

The club's annual presentation night will be held on Thursday, April 3.

Recent results: A grade: Warrandyte 175 (P. Brown 51, Cooper 31) d. Templestowe 127 (A. Woolcock 8/44 and 2/3, D. Valentine 2/3). B grade: Warrandyte 3/192 (Robotham 105 n.o., S. Wilson 30, N. Craker 29) d Blackburn 5/160 (Robotham 4/30). D Grade: Warrandyte 144 (L. Bellinger 48, G. Bellinger 20) d East Box Hill 8/108 (L. Bellinger 4/20).

## SISTERS

Two Warrandyte sisters have been in the cricket spotlight.

They are Suzanne and Jenny Chapman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman of Pigeonbank Lane, North Warrandyte.

Jenny was selected in the Victorian junior women's cricket team (under 12) that played in an interstate series in Perth at Christmas.

The Victorians lost the shield which they had held for the past two years, but Jenny had successful bowling figures.

Suzanne has left for

India as a member of the Australian women's under-25 test team. Suzanne is one of nine Victorians in the squad.

The team will play three tests against India during their four-week tour.

Suzanne has twice represented Victoria in the under-21 team but this is her first appearance in an Australian team.

## GOOD GUIDE

The Warrandyte and district business directory compiled by the Warrandyte Cricket Club is now available.

If you have not received the directory contact Mrs. Jean Chapman 844-3326. The directories are FREE.

## FOOTBALL

New coach of the Warrandyte Football Club's under-17 side this season is former outstanding Pantom Hills League player John Lear.

He succeeds Noel

Smith. Noel will undergo an operation during the year and cannot spare the time.

During his eight years with Research Lear played more than 100 games and won several club trophies.

Confirming Lear's appointment, club president, Mr. L. Sloan said the club was sorry to lose the services of Noel Smith.

"We are, however, most fortunate to obtain such an experienced player as John Lear to replace Noel", said Mr. Sloan.

During his playing career, Lear represented the Pantom Hills League in three inter-league games. He played most of his football on the half-back line and wing.

He plans to begin the under-17 training on February 18.

In private life, Lear is a men's clothing manufacturer trading under the name of Tres Bon at Brunswick.

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