

TRADERS' BIG PLANS FOR WARRANDYTE

'Better, brighter town'

The Warrandyte Traders' Association is on the move — and so, it hopes, is Warrandyte itself.

A special meeting of the association has drawn up a list of projects aimed at a more attractive Warrandyte, a town providing more useful amenities and strvices.

It has appointed sub-committees to follow the plans through.

The programme, to strengthen favourable public awareness of Warrandyte, envisages:

- A rotunda in Stiggants Reserve.
- Beautification of the shopping centre.
- A river safety campaign for swimmers.
- Special events and functions.

"We want to improve the trader-customer relationship and to develop a greater awareness of the facilities and services offered by the business people to residents and visitors," WTA spokesman John Wilson told the Diary.

"One of the unique features of Warrandyte is the number of visitors attracted here at weekends," he said.

"And it is one of the aims of our programme to encourage these people to strengthen their ties with the town."

Mr. Wilson said the association proposed such events as a "back to Warrandyte" weekend (similar to the successful attraction earlier this year), a billy-cart derby and a Koomi race (on inflated motor tyres) on the Yarra.

The Stiggants Reserve rotunda, he said, would be for use by local groups for band recitals, folk-dancing, concerts and the like.

Ideas for beautification of the shopping centre included Christmas decorating, replacing iron railings with timber and enclosing the existing litter bins in stained timber.

The river safety campaign would be given particular attention, Mr.

Wilson said.

"We hope to have danger signs erected along the banks and the more treacherous areas declared out of bounds to swimmers," he said.

"We are also thinking of a river-bank patrol.

"Clearly, there is a need to warn non-residents and weekend picnic-makers of the dangers."

A special sub-committee will discuss all proposals with Doncaster - Templestowe Council.

The WTA meeting elected Mr. Lloyd Holyoak president.

It invited enterprises not represented to contact Mr. Wilson on 844-3154.

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WARRANDYTE Diary

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We'd like to claim that Cliff Green was a Diary boy who'd made good.

And the only thing that stops us is the fact that he was already recognised as one of Australia's finest script-writers when he founded this newspaper five years ago.

Cliff's a modest sort of bloke, but because he's no longer actively associated with the Diary, we feel free to go behind his back and tell you about his latest triumph.

"Picnic At Hanging Rock" it's called, an Australian production which premiered late last month at the Bercy Cinema in town.

Cliff did the screenplay.

Old Smokey is not one of your movie buffs, but he strongly recommends that you see this one.

So do the professional theatre critics who have given it glowing treatment both here and interstate.

Stand by for yet another Smokey Joe exclusive.

The column which scooped the world on such events as tomorrow's sunrise and a winter flow of water in the Yarra now offers you the following:

The Warrandyte RSL Club is going places.

Can't say too much at this stage, but the word is for brand new premises on a most strategic site.

The figure men have done their homework, I'm told, and come up with a scheme which would incorporate the RSL and the Social Club.

Name being bandied about is the Warrandyte RSL Community Services Club.

IN RED & WHITE



And some very touching.

Like the other day's.

A \$10 cheque, a donation — via the Diary — to the Youth Club from the Scout Group committee.

It's touching because when you read Page 3 of this issue, you'll agree that the scouts have problems of their own.

From us to the scout group: Thanks. Thanks a million.

For a bloke who's been long-known as the "Warrandyte Wallflower", your columnist was caught in the act of a mean hug-and-shuffle on the dance floor at Potters Restaurant last month.

The occasion was the appearance of Graeme Bell and his All-Stars, who played a four-night season.

Even Smokey knows that Graeme Bell is probably the biggest name Australian jazz has known.

They tell me brother Roger and his Pagan Pipers play up a storm at the Cottage every Wednesday night, too.

And at the risk of sounding as if I'm in love with the place, the food's great.

And to those four intrepid local who somehow survived a week on the expanses of Lake Eucumbene:

Are you sure it was only 20 dozen cans?

I know a few locals who refuse to take their cars into Yarra Street at weekends.

They reckon it's busier than Bourke Street in peak hour.

So what's the last thing we need in these chaotic traffic times?

Roadside stalls in the main drag.

Yet there they were as Smokey was dodging the Sunday tourists: A roadside art show and an itinerant florist.

What next? Merry-go-rounds and fairy-floss stalls?

The Diary letterbox has been a receptacle for a lot of things. Some of them downright amusing, some downright annoying.

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Brigades on the alert

TIME TO CLEAR FIRE HAZARDS

Firemen from Warrandyte and surrounding districts are on the alert as the summer season gets under way in the next few weeks.

Brigade chiefs say that November is the best time for residents to clean up around their properties.

Jobs like clearing scrub, mowing lawns and clearing spoutings should be done now.

October was one of the wettest on record. Heavy rain and warm weather has caused grass to reach dangerous heights in some areas.

"When all this new turns dry it will represent a grave danger during summer," said a senior brigade spokesman.

The recent display in connection with Fire Prevention Week was a success.

A cavalcade of fire trucks passed through Warrandyte and surrounding districts on their way to the field display at the Recreation Ground.

The three local brigades are on the look-out for recruits. Training is held on

Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon.

Any person interested should contact the following brigades: Warrandyte 844-3691; South Warrandyte 723-5153; North Warrandyte 844-3394.

Office-bearers elected at the recent annual meeting of the Warrandyte brigade were: Captain, Rod Ewing. First Lieut, Ray Bellinger. Second Lieut, Stan Craker. Third Lieut, Ivan Edwards. Fourth Lieut, Jeff Manders. Fifth Lieut, Peter Renn. Apparatus, Bob Bird. Communications, Jim Mitchell. Secretary, Brian Murphy. Treasurer, John Lear. President, im Bucknall

The president of the fire fighters' social club, Mrs.

Copy for the December issue of the Diary closes on Sunday, November 23.

Robin Hodgkinson, recently presented the brigade with a cheque for \$150.

The money will be used to buy electric starting equipment for the fire unit pump.

SEVEN IN YOGA DISPLAY I

Seven girls from the Warrandyte district have been chosen to give a yoga display at Schramm's Reserve, Doncaster, on Saturday, November 8.

They are members of the Sivananda School of Yoga who have been invited to appear in conjunction with international women's year.

The girls are doing yoga with Lynette Colenso through the Warrandyte Youth Club.

They will be performing in the scout hall behind the Council offices.

The seven girls in the squad are: Melinda Wilson, Meredith Wilson, Melissa Gallagher, Amanda Lawrence, Leeanne Coe, Carolyn Foote and Jo-Ann Clark.

Nursing mums get together

The Warrandyte branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association of Australia will be meet on November 18.

Theme of the meeting will be "Speech Development". The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Janet Cousins, Lot 34, Bradley's Lane, Warrandyte.

Interested mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome to attend.

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SCOUTS CRISIS: IT MAY BE THE END

'Leaders — or we're lost!'

The days of the scout movement in Warrandyte may be numbered.

Lack of parental help could see the local group follow its Park Orchards counterpart into oblivion.

Leaders are required — and soon — at all levels of the Warrandyte group, one of the longest-running in Victoria.

Individual letters have been sent to parents of scouts and cubs and to those whose boys are on the long waiting list.

Unless the response is satisfactory, officials warn that it could well see the end of scouting in the district.

An extraordinary meeting has been called at the scout hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday,

November 25, to discuss the crisis.

It will incorporate the annual general meeting, which is normally held in April.

"All those interested in keeping scouting alive in Warrandyte are wanted there that night," a group spokesman told the Diary.

"Richard Morton does a marvellous job as venturer leader, but he can't do it all on his own and badly needs an assistant," the spokesman said.

"Sid Hendley, from Park Orchards, is scout leader and is usually asked to cope alone on Friday nights since the reluctant resignation of Ron Lane because of business commitments.

"Bob Anderson helps when he can, but more leaders are urgently needed.

"The District Association says four leaders for each cub pack — we're lucky to have two for the Monday night pack and will soon have only one for Wednesday night.

"June Hughes has resigned after many years of cub leadership, but has agreed to stay on until a new leader can be found, for which we are most grateful.

"The more leaders we have the more the work load and responsibility is spread — and we can't expect Maree Phillis, Ann Hilton and Frank Cahill to continue to carry on in the recent circumstances," he said.

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SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY?

Facilities at Warrandyte Primary School may be thrown open for use by the community.

This follows a suggestion from the State government's Youth, Sport and Recreation Department.

The school committee thinks the suggestion is worthwhile.

A committee spokesman said this week the committee was prepared to discuss the use of school

facilities with interested bodies.

The school has several facilities which could fit the guidelines outlined by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.

They include the library, swimming pool and the new art and craft room which will be open next year.

Any local community bodies which may be interested in using the school's facilities should contact the headmaster, Mr. B. Borley, 844-3537.

Some groups have already made use of the school's swimming pool.

VACANCIES ON THE DIARY

The Diary has a vacancy for an advertising manager.

Preference will be given to applicants with previous advertising experience.

It's an ideal and pleasant task for someone who perhaps is retired and has some spare time.

The job, like all others on the Diary, is done on a voluntary basis for the Warrandyte Youth Club.

The Diary is also seeking two people who can help write, prepare and lay out the paper once a month.

If there are any budding journalists around here's your chance.

Applications for both positions can be lodged in writing in the box on the tree opposite Foster's newsagency and milk bar. Further details can be obtained from 844-3794 or 844-2051.

A Group For Young Wives

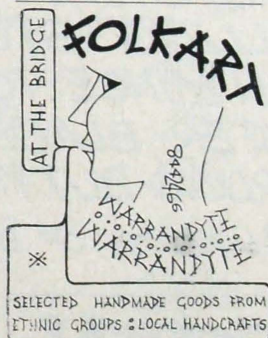
One of the many popular groups around the district is the Park Orchards Young Wives' Association.

It is a pleasure to hear from them as the Diary is rarely supplied with any Park Orchards news.

The young wives meet on the first, third and fifth Monday of each month at the Domeney Reserve Hall, Knees Road. Times are 1.15 to 3 p.m.

A creche is available for the young ones and interesting speakers have been engaged for forthcoming meetings.

Any young wives in the area interested in joining should contact Priscilla Kopp 876-1750.



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HERE COME THE REDSKINS!

The Mechanics Institute Hall comes under heavy attack from November 28.

Not from bulldozers or white-ants, but from the terrors of the television sets — INDIANS!!

It's the WAA drama group's end-of-year production of "Wind in the Sassafras Trees," a wild and woolly send-up of life in the Old West.

The play was written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, of "Steptoe and Son" fame.

Set in the Kentucky backwoods, it tells the tall tale of John Emery Rockefeller, his wife Caroline, ne'er-do-well son Tom, beautiful daughter Pamela and permantly-plastered partner Dr. William Butler as they face the savage onslaughts of wild injuns and renegade whitemen.

Of course, there's a tall dark stranger in a white hat who saves Pamela from a fate worse than death. . .

Dodging the arrows on stage will be many familiar Warrandyte faces, including

Harold Baigent, Dorothy Black, Vicky Broome, Mark Leehy, John Zigmantis and John Verrall.

The play is directed by Bob Karl.

Seating is cabaret style (BYO licence).

Bookings can be made on 844-3205 and private performances for organisations arranged by phoning 844-3742.

The drama group's annual general meeting is on Thursday, November 13, at 8 p.m. in the WMI Hall.

Next year is the group's 21st anniversary and a strong, active committee is required to plan the year's events.

So if you're interested in the theatre (whether you're a member or not, phone 844-3742.

Bull and a bottler

Waterside Workers Federation secretary, Ted Bull, will be the first of a series of guest speakers at monthly meetings of the Warrandyte ALP branch.

Mr. Bull will address the November 13 meeting, at 8 p.m. at North Warrandyte Community Centre, on the idealistic differences between the Labor and Communist Parties.

Speakers in the series have been chosen with the aim of bringing out different viewpoints.

The branch's annual wine bottling will be held on November 23 at Betty and Gus McLaren's home in Bradley's Lane.

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HAPPY END TO ROAD TALKS

Harris Gully Road, one of Warrandyte's older "little tracks" is to undergo some changes.

And everyone is happy — residents and councillors. Originally the residents were not pleased with Doncaster and Templestowe Council plans to widen the road.

Recently residents met the three ward councillors and the council's assistant engineer.

As a result they reached a compromise.

One Harris Gully resident

told the Diary: "We were distressed with the council's first plan, now we are delighted."

The road will be widened with minimum damage to trees worth preserving.

Residents said Harris Gully Road was a "pretty" road and it was unfortunate it had to be touched.

But they said it was taking increasing traffic loads and something had to be done.

Several accidents had occurred on the narrow section. One weekend two cars side-swiped each other within 10 minutes.

Residents said that they

felt that further district road widening plans by council should be referred to ratepayers.

The big traffic problem in Warrandyte is still Yarra Street.

The Warrandyte Environment League, which has again become a force, is not pressing for the widening of Yarra Street.

A league spokesman said this week: "The league is concerned about any extensive road widening which will result in increased speed of traffic and loss of character to the town."

GIFT OF TREES

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has given the Warrandyte Environment League 100 small trees to plant around the town.

Guest speaker at the league's annual meeting was Mr. P. Clayton, an officer of the National Parks Service.

He spoke on developments in the Warrandyte National Park area and proposals for the future.

Six new committee members have been added to

the league's committee.

The committee is: B. Winters, K. Ragg, S. Stewart, Mr. Jamison, P. Nuzum, B. Hanson, Y. Reid, C. Lush, P. Hipwell, T. Rotherham, Mrs. Bellingham.

About 50 people attended the annual meeting.

POOL FILTER FROM LIONS

The Warrandyte Primary school has a new filter and pump for their swimming pool.

It was provided at a cost of \$1000 by the Warrandyte Lions Club.

The manufacturer and local plumber Ken Sergeant gave their services free to install the equipment.

Following last year's popular swimming lessons given by the Lions during the Christmas holidays, another series of lessons will be given by qualified teachers at the school pool this Christmas.

The Warrandyte Boy Scouts will take over tenure of the Lions opportunity shop for two weeks to help raise funds. The scouts are the first local organisation to use the shop.

The club will sponsor two groups of 10 children for a holiday at the Lions Licola holiday camp during summer.

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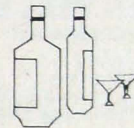
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(2nds) of the Eastern Dis-
tricts Football Association.

Some club officials claim
he may have been unlucky
not to have won it.

In the last game of the
season he was promoted to
the firsts and missed any
chance of polling votes.

Craig polled the best in
the competition among
Warrandyte senior players.

**BIRTHDAY FOR
ELDERLIES**

The Warrandyte Elderly
Citizens Club will hold their
13th anniversary on Thurs-
day, November 13, at the
White House.

A concert will be a high-
light of the function. After-
noon tea will be served.

Everyone in the district
is welcome to attend the
celebrations.

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A PLEA FROM 2 YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS: Let's keep it clean!

Sir — Some of the last natural bush left in Warrandyte grows in the reserve on the corner of Tindals Road and Warrandyte Road.

THE LAST WORD

May I buy into the mini-bike controversy (which has dominated the letters pages of the last two Diaries) with the following:

The allocation of land for the specific use of these riders would, as correspondent Don Baker maintains, be a misuse of ratepayers' money.

It would also open the sluice-gates.

Suppose, for example, I were to become addicted to sky-diving? Would I expect the authorities to throw open land for my happy landings?

Suppose I took it upon myself to raise elephants in Warrandyte?

Could I expect a land grant?

Mini-bikes, please for the wide open spaces.

The parents who so vehemently defend their use in this area are simply not considering their fellow-residents.

K.D.G.,

Research Road

● You have bought in K.D.G. And the Diary must make this the last letter on this super-charged subject. — Editor.

Pale - everlastings, sun-dews, bluebells, harden-bergia, greenhood orchids, sun orchids, native violets, running postman, early nancies, and yam daisies are some of the wildflowers that we like to see there.

We are very sad to see this place being destroyed by dumped rubbish and cars which drive around the barrier and do wheelies.

We have spent a lot of time clearing rubbish.

One afternoon we cleared about three miles of stolen cassette tape which had been wrapped around the trees.

But it is too much for us to handle.

Could you help us to clear it up?

Perhaps we could have a clean-up day.

Peter Hawkins,
Martin Coles (aged 9),
Leber Street

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.

Yes, but why..?

Re the proposed building of shops opposite the bridge (October Diary):

My feminine curiosity makes me wonder why one has to pay extra rates for shop sites when one cannot get a permit to build them.

Since this land is zoned "commercial", what can one erect on it?

Quite valid queries, I think.

Hilma Stewart

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I am puzzled.

Explain, if you would, why when Warrandyte folk are crying out for shopping facilities (September Diary) a campaign is launched to short-circuit same (October issue).

I sometimes wonder if the environment people aren't a little trigger-happy.

L.I.S. (Like I Said) Puzzled,
Everard Drive

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SAY HELLO TO ...

The bravest Hawk of all

Peter Crimmins, the footballer whose name is synonymous with courage, will be "meeting the locals" on Saturday, November 15.

He will be the star attraction at a wine promotion at Michael's Tuckerbag licensed supermarket, North Ringwood shopping centre, Warrandyte Road.

Crimmins, the 27-year-old Hawthorn captain and veteran of 176 league games, was treated for cancer last season.

He confounded those who had written off his playing career by bouncing back, resuming with the reserves and declaring himself fit and available for the senior grand final.

He narrowly missed selection.

Crimmins, who lives at Croydon, will renew acquaintances with an old



PETER CRIMMINS

friend at the November 15 promotion.

The supermarket is owned by Ray McVilly — himself a former Hawthorn star.

Maiden Voyage

The competition was tough — but the experience was great.

That's how Warrandyte Basketball Club summed up its first carnival tour, to Mildura.

The standard of play was higher than had been expected, but the two Warrandyte teams performed very well.

It is hoped that the Mildura trip will be the first of many such tours.

The club is fielding 11 teams this season — two girls', three boys', two women's and four men's.

It has appealed to parents for assistance in running the junior teams.

New players are welcome and those interested should phone Sue Grummisch on 842-1590.

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