

WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS

The Warrandyte Diary is back. And with the support of the community it serves, it will stay that way.

This is the first issue since last December. Public response assures us that it has been missed.

The Diary had to be shelved when two of the five people responsible for its production and distribution were unable to continue because of other commitments.

Appeals for assistance towards the end of last year produced little or no response.

The resurrection of the Diary began on March 25 at a public meeting called by Warrandyte Community Youth Club president Ken West.

The meeting was unanimous in at least one viewpoint: The Diary must not be allowed to die.

A sub-committee was appointed to conduct a feasibility study. When this issue went to press, the sub-committee had met

And may Smokey merely add his voice to what's written above:

Just get that news rolling in, you local groups, clubs, organisations and individuals — and keep it coming, eh?

If you have something to say, say it to the Diary.

It is, after all, your local newspaper, folks!

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And what better way to get the dust off the typewriter than with a good old gripe. One of Smokey's favourite gripes, in fact — the bus service.

If you've ridden on one of those rattling, bone-bending relics of the horse-and-buggy age that are now gracing the Warrandyte run, you may wonder what it's all about.

Well, they're phasing them out of service, see.

And it was decided that,

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several times and was well advanced towards a workable plan to ensure the Diary's future.

Since this newspaper is produced as a service to the local community, the final form of this plan will depend on the comments and support received from all sections of that community.

The success of the Diary depends on a continuous supply of news volunteered by clubs, groups, councils and individuals in the Warrandyte area.

Guarantee

The sub-committee is

therefore considering in detail what type of publishing organisation would be able to guarantee that support on a regular basis.

The Youth Club, as the registered publisher of the Diary, is of course anxious to maintain its interest.

Although the Diary was originally conceived as a publicity and fund-raising enterprise for the Youth Club, the economic realities of publishing are such that profit, if any, is likely to be very small even with all voluntary labour.

The aims of the Diary have always included the importance of a service to

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FREE

Cookes, Timbertop Ridge (844 2200).

Hans is convener of the sub-committee and Tony is a vice-president of the Youth Club and a member of the sub-committee.

Any comments or suggestions from groups or individuals are, of course, most welcome.

Everybody who lamented the absence of the Diary earlier this year now has an opportunity to ensure that this special issue is the first in a new era.

the Warrandyte community.

The sub-committee therefore intends to contact as many local organisations as can be identified and provide details of its plan for continued publication.

To ensure that every group is on the mailing list, club secretaries are invited to contact either Hans van Gemert, 10 Lorraine Avenue (844 2098), or Tony

RATES WAR WARMS UP

Protests are gathering strength against rate increases in Eltham Shire's North Riding, of which the Warrandyte area is an important section.

Critics of the increases say that the result of the recent poll on the shire's loan proposals has done nothing to dampen opposition.

North Riding voted 4-1 against the proposals, which still seem certain to go through.

Anti-increase campaigners say the poll was not a direct vote on the rating system.

They say that if any indirect conclusions can be formed, the poll produced unmistakable evidence of the strength of their opposition and the widespread support for it.

A move by the North Riding Rating Defence Association on behalf of 17 ratepayers to test the validity of the shire's rating decision is awaiting listing in the County Court. Writs

have been issued.

Mrs. Caris Pelling, a former shire president and a member of the NRRDA, told the Diary that support for the association's legal action had been "tremendous and is continuing".

"The striking of the present rate has been irresponsible. There are genuine cases where rates have been increased up to 184 per cent", Mrs. Pelling said.

"The injustices apply to all types of holdings, to farmers as well as small landholders."

A separate rate protest is a petition circulating in the Warrandyte area of the North Riding.

This petition says that the high rates are jeopardising the ability of residents to continue to live in the area.

IN RED & WHITE



in their condition, they'd be better off on the straighter, outer-suburban services than grunting, and wheezing and groaning their way about the trickier nearer-city runs.

Personally, the sooner the motor museums get hold of 'em, the better!

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Remember the days when an ice cream was an ice cream? Before the days of such masterpieces as Shazams (What?), Wackets, Barney Bananas, Splits and Swirls?

Well, it's a newie on me, but a little old lady walked into the Wonga Park store and asked the shopgirl for a "Cheeky".

A Cheeky?

Might be all right for little old ladies, but I don't fancy us chaps getting away with it!

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Here's one for the attic-fossickers:

The Youth Club is appealing for old settees.

Don't ask me why. But Tony Cookes will tell you about it if you phone him with your offering on 844 2200.

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If it hadn't been for a bit of slick work at Warrandyte Golf Club, they'd be put-

ting out there now on bare dirt.

A nasty little fellow commonly known as the Argentine weevil (probably some distant relation to the ant of the same nationality) was about to take over.

He started on the 15th green, ate that out thoroughly and would have carved a swathe of destruction through the course had the club not had the pest quickly identified and sprayed into oblivion.

Seems the drought had brought him out.

Meanwhile, the devastated 15th is closed, but recovering very nicely.

—Smokey Joe

APEXIANS WANTED

Warrandyte Apex Club is seeking new members between the ages of 18 and 40.

Inquiries should be directed to membership director Robin Duke, on 844 3816.

Events on the club's May calendar include the Red Cross mobile blood bank at the White House pavilion on Wednesday, May 26, from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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SCHOOL'S PLEA ON TRAFFIC CRISIS

'Several near-misses'

The Warrandyte Primary School has sought urgent action to relieve the traffic crisis in Brackenbury Street.

School committee president Jon Heaney and principal Ron Barkas have again approached the Road Safety and Traffic Authority for top-priority consideration of a modified plan for parking in the street.

A school association has also requested Doncaster-Templestowe Council and ROSTA to take urgent measures.

With an enrolment of more than 550, morning and afternoon traffic at the school had reached crisis proportion, a school spokesman said.

There had been several near-accidents recently.

Councillor John Scott, who presented the association's petition, successfully

moved that the city engineer prepare an estimate for widening and regarding part of Brackenbury Street.

Meanwhile, the school committee is preparing for necessary landscaping around the new Brackenbury Street entrance to the school grounds.

THE UGLY EVIDENCE

Warrandyte Environment Leaguers saw first-hand evidence of vandalism during an organised walk last month from Jumping Creek reserve along the river to Black's Flat.

They were appalled by the damage which had been done the previous night to toilet blocks at the reserve.

About 40 people took part in the walk.

BIG FACELIFT FOR THE BEND

Warrandyte Environment League has applauded the decision to give Pound Bend reserve a \$100,000 facelift.

The National Parks Association has announced plans to thoroughly upgrade the reserve.

The area is to be landscaped, parking for 100 vehicles provided and a toilet block, canoe ramps and barbecues built.

"It is very welcome news," a WEL spokesman told the Diary.

"At present, the reserve is in a most run-down condition, criss-crossed with vehicle tracks and badly eroded in parts.

"The landscaping is to be in keeping with the existing bush character."

A special feature of the new-look reserve will be a display of the history of the area.

TRAVEL . . . AND ALL THAT JAZZ

The travel bug has struck at Potters Restaurant.

• Mine host John James and wife Margaret are going to the United States and Europe for seven weeks.

• And resident Wednesday jazzman Roger Bell left last month for six months in Europe.

Dick Tattum will be deputising with Roger's band in his absence.



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OUR PAST REBORN

A public meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church on May 20 to form a Warrandyte Historical Society.

The society was mooted following last year's highly-successful Back-to-Warrandyte celebrations.

Two meetings have

already been held.

The first was to ascertain the interest in such a society; the second formed a working committee to draw up a constitution for presentation to a public meeting.

The Rev. Stan Stewart has made the Presbyterian

Church available to the proposed society until it finds a permanent meeting place.

This month's meeting will start at 7.45 p.m.

All interested residents are welcome and further details can be obtained from secretary Wendy Cookes on 844 2200.

Something new at the Youth Club...

Warrandyte Community Youth Club is to introduce a new programme for 12 to 18-year-olds on Friday nights, starting after the May school holidays.

The club envisages such activities as film nights, the appearance of guest speakers, discussions and dances at its White House headquarters, which are to be extensively renovated by Doncaster-Templestowe Council.

To supplement its existing equipment, the club will buy a juke box, cafe bar and a TV games machine before the new programme gets under way.

It will give the youth club an almost full book of activities with Thursday the only week night unoccupied.

Monday is calisthenics for all ages (and that includes mums) with Dot Durran (844 2199); Tuesday is yoga night with Lyn Colenso; and on Wednesday, president Ken West hosts the eight to 12-year-olds.

The club is constantly seeking new participants.

The following office-bearers were elected at the annual general meeting:

President, Ken West (844 3188); vice-presidents, Tony Cookes (844 2200) and Carol Bird; treasurer, Peter Moran (878 1142); secretary, Robin Hodgkinson (844 3641).

ENCORE!

Award-winning local actor Mark Leehy "played it again" for Warrandyte audiences this month.

Mark starred at the Mechanics Institute Hall in "Play It Again Sam" — the role which won him the best actor award at the Moomba Festival of Theatre.

The WAA drama group hosted a special three-night season of Heidelberg Repertory Company's production of the zany comedy, which was also runner-up at Moomba for best production and best actress.

DIARY MINI-ADS

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For the kids, by the kids

Two children's plays will be performed by the Magic Mushroom Mime Troupe in the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall on Thursday, May 20.

At 1 p.m., pre-school children will be entertained by "Murgatroyd the Hippopotamus".

At 3 p.m., "The Old Vagabond Tales" will be performed for primary school children.

Participation by the children and their parents will be encouraged.

Admission is \$1.00 for children and 50 cents for adults.

The Warrandyte Arts Association children's drama group, Theatrekids, will re-present their highly-successful "A Tale of Gliders Spirits", plus several new, small plays, in a workshop production later this year.

All the plays are being written and designed by the children. At this stage, 30 Theatrekids are involved.

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BRAND NEW BALL GAME

Warrandyte Basketball Club have bounced up from almost nothing.

Eighteen months ago, they had two teams. Today they have 12.

The club now field six senior mens teams, three womens and three juniors.

Part of the fixtures are played at the new Diamond Valley stadium.

Three Warrandyte teams made the finals of the district competition — and honours were largely with the ladies.

• This special and abridged issue of the Diary was produced at short notice. Those advertisers not represented will be catered for in the June issue. Prospective advertisers should phone Tony Hookes on 844 2200.

The women's A-reserve finished in the four, their C-grade ran third and the men's E-grade team were fourth.

Warrandyte have 10 of the 134 teams in the Eastern Metropolitan Netball Association competition and early results point to a successful season.

The club believes that the installation of floodlights at the local courts by Doncaster-Templestowe Council will do much to boost the future of the sport in this area.

The courts are now used at night by the netball, basketball and youth clubs.

• Warrandyte have six teams in the Knox Married Women's Netball Association.

They are represented in the A1, A2, B1, B3, B5 and C1 grades at the new and lavish Regional Netball Complex at Ferntree Gully.

Pat King, on 870 4939, is the one to contact if you'd like to join up.

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Diary
SPORTS NEWS

Far too many footy flops

By "BLOODHOUND"

Warrandyte's senior footballers have shown improved form this season — but too many players are leaving it to too few!

It's my opinion, and it's been hammered home in recent games.

Against top side Mount Evelyn, Warrandyte had too many players out of touch.

Statistics show that one Warrandyte player gathered only one kick for the game. Another managed two.

Warrandyte allowed Mount Evelyn to dictate play from the start and the opposition rattled on 8.4 to 2.5.

From then on Warrandyte found it hard to get back into the game, although their second and third quarters produced better football.

This was due to the centreline which was Warrandyte's best avenue.

Blair was outstanding in the centre and Merbis, on the wing, gave his opponent a torrid time.

But it was not good enough. Other key position players were not playing their part.

In the last quarter, Mount Evelyn sewed up the game by kicking nine goals.

Geoff Beatt, playing his first game for the season after an injury in a practice game, showed out well.

Ruckman Colin Bawden has returned to the club after several seasons with Tooronga-Malvern.

Bawden was injured in the Mount Evelyn game and his opportunities were restricted.

The second 18, although defeated by four goals, put up their best showing of the year against Mount Evelyn.

Seconds captain David Mitchell said the team were settling down well and developing a style of play similar to that set by seniors' coach Brian Tomlinson.

DETAILS

FIRSTS

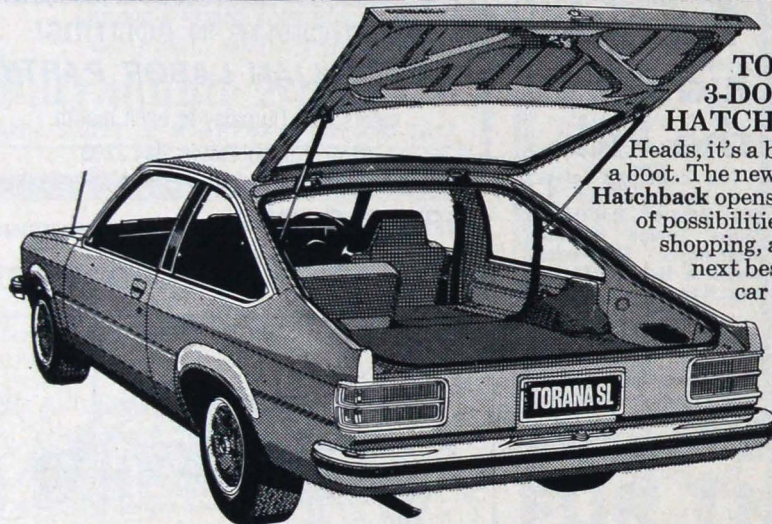
Mt. Evelyn 25.15 (165) d. Warrandyte 11.16 (82). BEST: Ferguson, Blair, Williams, Merbis, Beatt, Hutchinson. GOALS: Ferguson 5, Hutchinson, Curtis 2.

SECONDS

Mt. Evelyn 12.12 (84) d. Warrandyte 8.7 (55). BEST: Robert Gilbert, P. Cracker, Lucas, Bensch, Jordan.

UNDER-15

Mt. Evelyn 9.12 (66) d. Warrandyte 7.14 (56) BEST: Garrick, Holyoak, Sharpe, Moran, Wilson.



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