

SHOPS COMPLEX OPEN SOON

Warrandyte's new shopping complex — the West End Centre — should open in August.

Set back off the corner of Warrandyte and Melbourne Hill Roads, the centre will contain six shops.

The types of businesses to be conducted have not yet been decided.

"We are aiming at a balanced tenancy, with each complement-

ing the other," a spokesman for Dougald Wallace Pty. Ltd., agent for the owner-developer, told the *Diary*.

"We have had many inquiries. "Prospective tenants include a law-accountancy firm, a babywear-haberdashery business, arts and craft people, a giftshop and an interior decorator."

The spokesman said that West End Centre would provide easily-accessible shopping in a part of

Warrandyte where population was quickly expanding.

It would be an attractive, L-shaped complex, with landscaped surroundings and more-than-adequate self-contained parking.

The shops would single-storeyed with accommodation above.

"The scale of development is smaller than originally planned," the spokesman said.

"It is a compromise between the owner-developer, Mr. Les Hodgson, of South Warrandyte, and Doncaster-Templestowe Council.

"Strict requirements have been met.

"The area will be landscaped in keeping with Warrandyte's unique character. We think this is very important."

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The wedding of Ken Donald will be remembered by the congregation as being . . . well . . . unusual.

The good Rev. Bruce Avery of St. Stephen's had just said that bit about letting anyone who had just cause why these two shouldn't be joined together in holy matrimony speak now or forever hold his peace. The silence was deafening. It always is at this moment in the ceremony, isn't it. Moment? It seems like an eternity.

But the Rev. Avery broke the silence.

"I see Georgie Bell hasn't made it," he said.

"Perhaps he's still getting dry.

"George always vowed he'd jump off the bridge the day Ken Donald married!"

Smokey Joe, a long-time advocate of brighter weddings, gives the Rev. Bruce Avery full marks.

The Wedding (Part 2):

Ken Donald used to be known as Warrandyte's most eligible bachelor. And his change of status was irresistible to his mates at the Social Club.

Figuring that a wife was luxury enough for any man, they put his boat, golf clubs, motorbike, etc., up for sale in an "urgent" notice on the club board.

Ken took it very well. Reckons he'd never keep his head above water without a boat anyway.

When it a footpath not a footpath?

When it's like the one on the river side of Yarra Street, according to local police chief, Sergeant Cyril Moss.

He says its condition is saving local motorists from a lot of parking tickets — particularly opposite the shopping centre.

Because the footpath is not clearly defined, Sgt. Moss is unable to book drivers who park on it.

He's not too happy about it, either.

Did the footy club take advantage of the paint the council donated to spruce up the pavilion!

From the ceiling right down to the lavatory seats (yeah, they're bright red now).

All of a sudden we have a priceless work of art at the Recreation Reserve.

And you talk about your "Blue Poles"!

It's reassuring to see for yourself that our high school kids are no different from their counterparts anywhere else:

They wouldn't stand up in the bus if the driver played "God Save The Queen"!

—Smokey Joe

Action on Research Road!

VIPs TO TAKE HORROR TRIP

Some very Important People will be invited on a sightseeing trip along one of the worst roads in Victoria.

Federal and State MPs and Country Roads Board officials will be asked to inspect Research Road — that horror stretch between the Warrandyte Bridge and Eltham.

A public meeting at North Warrandyte Community Centre late last month unanimously decided to take the Research Road case to the highest authorities.

As a result, Eltham Council will approach local MHR Peter Falconer, State member Mr. Norman Lacey, State Transport Minister Mr. Joe Rafferty and CRB representatives.

An invitation to inspect Research Road will be part of the council's plea for urgent funds for reconstruction.

The 120 people who attended last month's meeting — called by the council — also voted to:

- Have ward councillors investigate the possibility of building a footpath.

- Press the CRB to reclassify Research Road as a main road.

Reclassification would expedite funds for road construction and mean much more finance for maintenance.

Former RSL chief dies

Mr. Arch Wishart, former president of the Warrandyte RSL, and the Social Club, died last month after a long illness.

Mr. Wishart, who lived in Park Orchards, is survived by his wife Joan and three sons, Ian, Andrew and Murray.

One short!

Warrandyte Police Station is currently undermanned.

One local officer is helping out at Doncaster station, which is seriously understaffed.

CLYDE & OCKER



"Once lost a good mate on Research Road, Ock. Drove into a pot-hole and hasn't been seen since!"

Cr. Robert Marshall told the meeting that a definite \$60,000 had been allocated for reconstruction of sections of the road and a further \$85,000 to \$100,000 was expected to become available.

Work costing \$25,000 would start in the first half of July on the section between Stony Creek and

the community centre, Cr. Marshall said.

The next stage would be the Brenda Road corner, at a cost of \$35,000.

Extra funds would then go to the section between the community centre and Bradleys Lane, but finance would run out before the sharp corner above Bradleys Lane was reached.

Cr. Marshall told the *Diary* that the three ward councillors had made Research Road their top priority for road construction.

"We asked the CRB for \$80,750 — they gave us \$750," he said.

Ratepayers at the meeting expressed particular concern for the safety of pedestrians using Research Road.

They pointed out that in some sections there were no "escape routes" at all by which pedestrians could dodge the traffic.

- The small section near Warrandyte Bridge which was left untouched in earlier reconstruction will be completed soon.

The council had been awaiting the removal of a PMG junction box before proceeding.

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RATES BATTLE : BE IN IT, SAYS COUNCILLOR

Briefly

Back in Warrandyte
renewing old acquaintances
are Bob and Joan Edwards,
formerly of Hodsons Road.

Bob, Joan and children
Douglas and Joanne are
down on holiday from
Tenant Creek, in the
Northern Territory.

Bob was posted there
early last year as a recruit
to the police force.

Roslyn McGlashen, of
Fossickers Way, has just
given Philip, of the same
address, a brand new baby
daughter, Emma Jayne.

Ken Gedge, your friendly
neighbourhood chemist, will
be back on deck early next
month.

Ken has been confined to
sick bay since Easter with
a broken leg.

Graham Lawrence and
his bride are home after a
Barrier Reef honeymoon.

They are making their
home in Research Road,
North Warrandyte.

Ada Macdonald is hold-
ing a special display of
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Ward councillor Robert Marshall has called
for total ratepayer involvement in the North
Warrandyte rates war.

Cr. Marshall, a vigorous advocate of rates
reform in Eltham Shire's North Riding, has cir-
cularised ratepayers appealing for their ideas.

"Ideally, every ratepayer
should make a written sub-
mission to me or my two
ward colleagues for
presentation to council," he
told the Diary.

"This is the most effective
form of protest."

At the same time, Cr.
Marshall rejected claims by
the North Riding Rate-
payers Defence Association
that rates would rise by at
least 100 per cent this year.

"These are scare tactics,"
he said.

"Sure, a few rates may
go up 100 per cent, but it's
impossible to predict what
the new rates will be.

"They won't be struck
for almost four months."

More than half the
1975-76 rates in North Rid-
ing went up 50 per cent. In
some cases it was 160 per
cent.

And according to Cr.
Marshall, the new rates may
in some cases be 50 per cent
more in North Riding than
in East and West.

The whole rates issue
may hinge on two develop-
ments next month:

• A council deputation
to Premier Hamer seeking

State assistance in the rat-
ing problem.

• The hearing of a
NRRDA court challenge to
the current rates.

The association has
advised those who have not
yet paid their 1975-76 rates
to withhold payment pend-
ing outcome of the court
case.

It has also appealed for
financial assistance to fight
the rates battle.

Cr. Marshall said there
had been a lot of muddled
thinking among ratepayers
about the relevance of the
council's loan-raising to the
rates increases.

"We have calculated that
a "no" verdict in the loans
poll would have meant a
saving of only 60 cents for
every \$100 paid in rates,"
he said.

"In other words, a resi-
dent with a \$250 rates bill
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SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES?

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The Youth Club is seriously considering extending its own film nights for the benefit of the Warrandyte public.

Under a new activities program, the club has bought a 16mm. cine-sound projector and will hold regular Friday film nights for its members.

It will hire films on a weekend basis and may rescreen them at the White House on Saturday nights for the public.

At this stage, the club film nights are monthly but will become more frequent.

If the first offering is any indication, movie-goers are in for a treat.

The club launched its film activities this month with the highly-rated "Day of the Jackal".

Doncaster - Templestowe Council is extensively renovating the club's White House headquarters.

The work includes a new kitchen, new stairway, new doors and windows and sanding and sealing of the floor.

\$31,000 FOR CENTRE

Improvements costing \$31,000 are to be made to the North Warrandyte Community Centre in Research Road.

The size of the existing hall is to be doubled in renovations already underway.

These extensions will cost \$25,000.

Tenders have been called for the construction of a \$6000 netball court.

Work will start as soon as possible.

School's in!

A wide range of day and evening classes for the community have started at Eltham College.

They include weaving, spinning and dyeing, pottery, macrame, dressmaking, fashion design and drawing and creative embroidery, etc.

The college hopes their facilities will be widely used by the general community.

If this year's classes are successful, the college plans to enlarge the program next year to include languages, woodwork, painting, printing, breadmaking, batik, silkscreen printing, Chinese cooking and nutrition.

The success of last year's activities day — held in conjunction with the Eltham Festival — has prompted the college to repeat the event, on August 7.

The school will be open to all interested people to participate in, or watch, the activities.

CHURCH FOR LITTLES

St. Stephens Church of England is now running junior church in its adjoining hall in Stiggant Street.

It's on every Sunday at 9 a.m. and all children — including infants and pre-

school age — are welcome. Inquiries should be directed to 844 3571.

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Long drought keeps brigade busy

There has been no rest this year for Warrandyte Fire Brigade — thanks to the unseasonably dry conditions.

The brigade has attended about 40 fires since January — many of them since April 16 when restrictions were lifted.

It also attended four car accidents in which cutting gear was called for.

Some of the 20-odd grass fires dealt with were attributed to children with matches, others to inadequately - designed incinerators.

Three household appliance fires were also attended and in one case a shed and motor cycle were destroyed.

The brigade also covered the big Kinglake National Park and Donvale fires. Both required all-night effort by all brigades.

The Donvale fire burnt out 65 acres and threatened 20 homes.

Firefighting training is under way again and the brigade has appealed to Warrandyte's "able-bodied" residents.

It meets twice a week — 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays and

9.30 a.m. on Sundays — and welcomes new members. "Remember, the more you know about fire behaviour and firefighting, the safer our Warrandyte and our families will be" said a brigade spokesman.

IS IT WHEELS OR WHINNIES?

How much horsepower for the Kangaroo Ground rubbish tip?

Space at the tip is up for grabs.

The Diamond Valley Mini Motorcycle Club wants it; so does the KG Pony Club.

Which group occupies the first part of what will eventually be an 80-acre sports-recreation complex is controversial indeed.

Eltham Council didn't help much when, on the same night, one committee said "bikes" and another said "horses".

Next round in the tussle for the tip will be a meeting (date to be decided) of the two claimants, residents and councillors.

Other clubs need not yet apply. It will be a conservative 15 years before the tip is covered.

A TALE OF TWO ROADWORKS

Doncaster - Templestowe Council has eliminated a death trap by resurfacing Hall Road, South Warrandyte.

Sergeant Cyril Moss had appealed for action following the death of a teenage girl in a collision there late last year.

He said that water and mud that washed over it made the road "indescribably bad".

Besides resurfacing, the council has widened the road and put in a spoon drain.

Residents and Warrandyte Environment Leaguers have inspected and approved a compromise plan for the reconstruction of Harris Gully Road.

Doncaster - Templestowe Council invited the inspection and the amended plan will avoid the destruction

of many native trees.

The council has also agreed to replant trees which must make way for the roadwork.

The \$22,000 allocated for this financial year will be spent on the section between the acute bend and Beauty Gully Road.

ANYTHING TO SAY?

Your Diary is hungry — for news!

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The camera has come to Warrandyte Primary School — and things are developing.

Some grades are already involved in photography and two teachers — Sandra Hegge and Paul Dixon — are very keen to see it used as another form of expression.

The school committee is converting a small room into a fully-equipped dark room and is buying a movie camera and projector to supplement a still camera, enlarger and accessories acquired by principal Ron

DEVELOPING A SUBJECT

Barkas.

Several parents have offered to help set up equipment and demonstrate processing and print-making.

• Doug Hinchliffe, another teacher at the school, has been awarded a \$1200 grant by the Australian Schools Commission.

The grant is for audio-

visual aids, an integral part of the reading experience program he is developing at the school.

The program's short-term aim concentrates on remedial needs; the long-term objective is to improve the reading efficiency of all children by stimulating a desire to read.

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Traders seek your ideas

Warrandyte Traders' Association is seeking public participation in its campaign for a "better community".

"We invite ideas — and the presence at our monthly meetings — of any resident who feels he or she has something to offer," an association spokesman told the Diary.

"By that, we mean suggestions for the preservation of Warrandyte's unique character and/or to make Warrandyte a better place to live and shop," he said.

The association meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss the advancement and general well-being of Warrandyte's business centre, residential

and recreation areas.

It aims largely at getting council help to initiate such projects as street cleaning and general tidiness, improved parking facilities and provision of street seating.

Also on the association's project list is an approach to the MMTB to provide bus shelters and timetables on public display.

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I suggest there is a need for some form of community transport system within the Warrandyte area and to its principle surrounding districts.

One specific need was recently identified by both the Warrandyte Primary School Committee and School Association for the transport of children to and from school.

Parents' reports have shown that about 50 children from 35 families would welcome the idea at a reasonable cost. (There is no need to remind any parent that taking children to and from school is at best very frustrating and at worst potentially lethal due to the parking problems.)

The cost of obtaining a service from the few bus companies that were in any way interested was prohibitive — about a dollar a day per child.

I was promptly stimulated into considering methods of cost reduction — one of which was to increase the number of users by extending the services over longer time periods and distances, thus lowering the "passenger-mile costs".

But an assumption has been made (without enquiry at this time) that if these were the only problems associated with cost reduction in providing an effective service economically, then why aren't the existing bus companies making a "fast buck" from the locals already?

Further stimulus brought further response (to this small but brilliant brain):

'Hang-ups'

Why not form a non profit-making, co-operative type community bus service?

It is just possible that this may overcome the many hang-ups and costs caused by excessive insurance, high wages, a multiplicity of rules and regulations, etc., that are imposed on public service vehicle operators by our democratically-elected government bodies for our safety and good health. Warrandyte is almost devoid of any hazards or health problems associated with "maniac" public service vehicles: unless of course you were to hit Yarra Street at those rare times allotted by the MMTB.

The co-op theory would essentially mean that the service could only be used by its financial members since no charges would be permitted for any particular trip without crossing back into public service vehicle operator problems.

Furthermore, all costs of operating the system would have to be borne by the same members — unless there is some form of assistance grant that can be made to communities who are prevented from suffer-

ing a few more hazards from buses even though they may be willing to do so.

I am prepared to make appropriate enquiries and surveys if this small brain were again to be triggered off by a response from YOU, the people of Warrandyte.

Your response has to take the following form:

- Your name and address.
- Your destination requirements — place and time(s)-of-day and days of

the week required.

- How many financial members in your family?

- What do you think would be a reasonable annual membership fee (maximum and minimum if you prefer?)

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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.

Rubbishing those tips

Is it not a quaint situation which forces ratepayers to pay admission to their local rubbish tips — and produce identification to prove they are entitled to be there anyway?

Particularly when the council concerned is so keen on acquiring your trash for filling?

I refer to the tip in Stinsons Road. A dollar to get in (but never on Sundays, because it's closed) and then the bit about local ratepayers only being eligible.

Rubbish tips have assumed enormous importance, haven't they?

There used to be a time when they were free, unfenced and open to all and sundry.

Now you've got to be a spendthrift with good credentials before they'll accept you.

With council rates excessive anyway, will local dumps price themselves out of the market?

N.W.,
 BG Road.

A wall of our own?

If they're going to have a graffiti wall in the City Square, why not something of the same for Warrandyte?

The freedom-of-expression people say graffiti-writing is great therapy — and our lavatory walls and bus shelters could do with a rest.

May I offer the following as a pipe-opener:

"Apathy is a big problem — but who cares?"

"Sneaky Scribbler",
 KG Road

Bouquets for the Board

The Board of Works is to be applauded for its decision to preserve about 450 hectares of privately-owned bushland at Kangaroo Ground.

A regulation introduced by the board last month will strictly control the area, comprising about 140 blocks.

The land-owners will be able to live on the blocks and manage them, but clearing and animal life will be tightly restricted.

Dogs, cats and horses will probably be barred and there will also be restrictions on the type of vegetation that can be planted.

To those of us vitally concerned with conservation, this is an important decision.

Some may regard it as taking conservation to extremes at the expense of land-owners' liberties.

But issues as important as our environment call for bold and imaginative decisions.

Well-known artist-conservationist Mr. Neil Douglas, who is affected by the new regulation, summed the situation up well.

He said the area, while only an hour's drive from Melbourne, was still really 100 years old.

Let's keep it that way.
 E.H.,
 Kangaroo Ground

It's up to you

It's nice to be wanted — and the Diary wants YOU.

It wants YOUR contribution to the news columns.

It wants to know what YOU are doing, what YOUR club, group or association is doing.

It wants YOU and YOURS to figure in the "About People" column.

It wants YOUR community group to tell Warrandyte what's on, where and when.

It's simply a matter of putting it to paper and dropping into the Diary mailbox under that well-known tree in Yarra Street. It's post-free!

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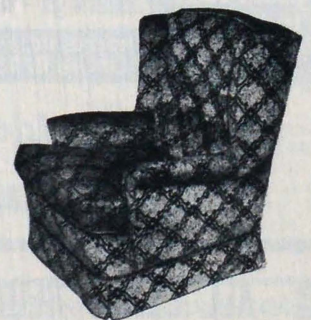
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A WALK-IN START!

Warrandyte Historical Society is a going concern.

The society — which grew out of last year's back-to-Warrandyte celebrations — got off the ground at its inaugural meeting late last month.

Office - bearers were elected and the society's first activity will, appropriately, be an historical walkabout through the area which put Warrandyte on the map — the goldmines.

President Ted Rotherham will lead the walk, through Blacks Flats national park reserve, on Sunday, June 27, starting at 2 p.m.

The society is seeking members and the rates are

Local Historical Society on the go

modest: \$5 for families, \$3 single and 50 cents for children.

It would also like to hear from anyone with particular knowledge or experience of Warrandyte's history or with relics of the district's past.

Next meeting of the society will be in the primary school library on Tuesday, June 29, starting 7.45 p.m.

Those interested in joining the society should phone

secretary Wendy Cookes on 844 2200.

Other office-bearers are Jo Laurence (treasurer) and Adrian Bendeler (publicity officer).

Tennis club seek home

Warrandyte Tennis Club have applied to the Lands and Survey Department for permission to build a clubhouse.

Terry Booth is in charge of the building committee and Lyn Macquire has been elected to head the fund-raising committee.

Fees are now due. They are: single adult \$10; family \$20; student (16 and over) \$6; junior \$4.

Club office - bearers are — President, B. Little (844 2336); vice-president, G. Jenkins (844 3549); treasurer, A. Alder (844 3237); secretary, H. Briggs (844 3303).

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TERMITES FOR THE FLAG?

White ants are making gluttons of themselves in the Warrandyte Recreation Ground pavilion.

Worst-hit areas are around doors, windows and partition panels.

Big sections of plywood have been attacked.

Recently, the door to the visitors' room fell off — the framework had been eaten out.

And a cupboard in the kitchen fell off the wall.

Doncaster-Templestowe Council and the football club committee have carried out some repairs, but the white ants are still in front.

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INGRID STARS IN NET RESULT

Local star Ingrid Krnjuceb is certainly doing her bit to put Warrandyte on the netball map.

Ingrid (16) was selected in the Melbourne East team contesting the Southern Eastern Zones

combined under-18 tourna-plays for the Open B side. ment.

And they have won their another successful season for way through to the Warrandyte Netball Club. preliminary final.

Ingrid was chosen from — Under-12 B Reserves, an area fielding 134 teams. Under-14 Bs and Open B Reserves — are in the four.

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STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS!

It promises to be the footy match of the year — the Warrandyte Wenchies versus the Panton Hills Pussies at the Recreation Ground on Sunday, June 27.

The Warrandyte Wenchies have a good winning record and intend to keep it that way.

Any Warrandyte female, married or single, is eligible to take the field.

Coach Jock Blair says the girls are training well. "They're really going in hard for the pill (that's what us blokes call the ball)," he says.

It's a great day out for the family. The canteen will be open and a barbecue will follow.

YOU BEAUTY! **WARRANDYTE Diary** SPORTS NEWS

BLOODS TURN IT ON

Warrandyte moved from the football base-ment with a five-point victory over South Wantirna.

It was a well-deserved reward for several improved performances recently.

By "BLOODHOUND"

And it was all the more meritorious because two good players — Colin Baw-

din and Case Merbis — were missing.

Bawdin is serving a four-week suspension and Merbis was injured.

Warrandyte forced the ball often enough into their forward line but wasted opportunities. It is obvious that they need a reliable centre half-forward.

Ferguson and Curtis are kicking goals (six and five respectively against South Wantirna) but they are the only active forwards.

Warwick Blair, switched from the centre to ruck-rolling, was best player for Warrandyte.

The Bloods won the ruck duels, with John Hutchinson outstanding.

When the defence was under pressure, back-pocket player Les Shaw stood firm.

The last quarter was a hectic affair as both sides struggled desperately for the vital break. The Warrandyte defence refused to give in.

The seconds were disappointing.

They were a few points in front at three-quarter time but folded up in the last quarter and allowed South Wantirna to win comfortably.

Highlight of the junior games was the performance of the under-15 side. With only 16 players, they failed by only a goal.

The under-17s scored their first points for the season with a walkover from South Wantirna.

Warrandyte's under-13 side kept within sight of the finals with an easy win.

DETAILS

FIRST
Warrandyte 12.3 d. South Wantirna 11.14. **BEST:** Blair, Hutchinson, Shaw, Ferguson.

SECONDS
South Wantirna 10.12 d. Warrandyte 6.15. **BEST:** G. McGann, Jackson, Bryar, B. Onkin, Grimmer.

UNDER-17
Walkover from South Wantirna.

UNDER-15
South Wantirna 7.6 d. Warrandyte 6.6. **BEST:** Holyoak, Lahey, Garrick, Wilson, Champiin.

UNDER-13
Warrandyte 20.6 d. Coldstream 4.8. **BEST:** Sherriff, Rochow, Smith.

UNDER - 15 WANTED

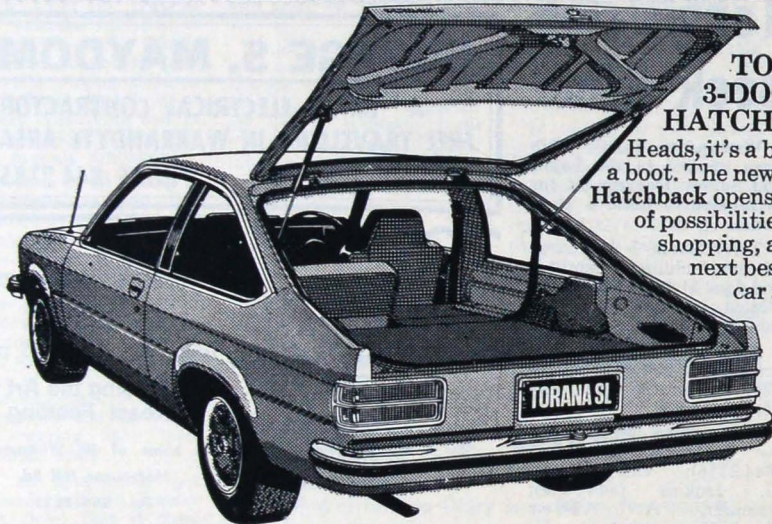
Warrandyte Football Club are desperate for players to fill the Under 15 side.

If enough players cannot be mustered, the club could be fined by the Eastern Districts Football League.

The boys play on Saturday mornings.

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