

Rebecca and the Queen

Six-year-old Rebecca Hogg, of Bradley's Lane, has a very important pen-friend.

None other than Queen Elizabeth herself.

It all started when Rebecca, a first-grader at Warrandyte Primary School, saw the televised opening ceremony of the Montreal Olympic Games.

She wondered why the Queen wasn't wearing her crown.

And she took her question straight to the top.

She wrote to the Queen — and got an answer.

The exchange of letters tells the storey.

From Rebecca to the Queen (dated July 18):

Dear Queen Elizabeth:

I am Rebecca Hogg. I am six years old. I saw you on TV this morning. It was five o'clock.

I saw you speak at the Olympic Games and I thought you did a very good job of speaking French.

I thought you had a very good costume. I hoped you were going to wear your crown. Why didn't you wear it. But you look nice anyway.

Love from Rebecca

From the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting to Rebecca (Buckingham Palace, July 26):

Dear Rebecca,

I am commanded by The Queen to write and thank you for your letter.

Her Majesty was so touched by your kindness in writing to her, and I am to tell you how very pleased The Queen was to receive your letter.

Her Majesty wishes me to thank you once again for your thought for her.

Yours sincerely,
Henriette Noel Smith

WARRANDYTE Diary

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HIGH SCHOOL A 'GOER' BY 1978

Warrandyte is at last to get a high school. But the man who started it all won't see it happen.

The Rev. Stan Stewart, who formed the Warrandyte Secondary School Steering Committee, has been transferred and will leave the district within the next few weeks.

The new school — which is likely to be built at South Warrandyte — is expected to take its first students in the 1978 first term.

"I am delighted," Mr. Stewart told the Diary. "This will mean a tremendous amount to Warrandyte.

"It is up to Warrandyte now to get right behind the steering committee and other committees that will be formed to follow this important project right through."

Mr. Stewart led a long campaign for a Warrandyte secondary school.

The hardships facing local children have been obvious.

"Being split up among several schools in the eastern suburbs has meant that Warrandyte kids just can't take part in after-school activities," said steering committee president John Curry.

Parents who have actively supported the campaign have spotlighted the travel problem — "leave home at dawn, get home at dark" — and brother and sister attending different, far-flung schools.

A South Warrandyte site is likely because the school is designed to serve Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

Mr. Curry said it would be very much a "school for the community".

He said the Education Department would call a public meeting shortly to discuss all aspects of the project and to elect an interim council.

When a principal was selected, a full school council would be chosen at another public meeting, Mr. Curry said.

TRAGEDY APPEAL

Warrandyte Football Club has launched an appeal for Mr. Stan Cook and his children.

Mr. Cook, a butcher in Warrandyte for many years, lost his wife in a road smash near Wagga, NSW, last month.

"Because Mr. Cook has a big family, we regard this as a most important and worthy appeal," said WFC president Laurie Sloan.

Donations should be addressed to P.O. Box 151, Warrandyte.

Death of Pearl Bloom

A link with Warrandyte's past has been lost with the death of Mrs. Pearl Bloom.

Mrs. Bloom, who lived in the North Warrandyte road named after her family, was 75.

She was born in Warrandyte and lived here all her life.

Her family were one of the very early settlers.

Her grandfather, James Sloan, built Warrandyte State School in 1875.

THE SACKING OF SMOKEY JOE

Because of an industrial dispute, "In Red & White" does not appear as usual in this issue of the Diary.

Despite falling ratings, Smokey Joe had the cheek to ask for more space on Page 1 — and was promptly relegated to Page 2.

That'll teach him! — Ed.

A DIVISIVE ELECTION— MARSHALL

"Unnecessarily divisive — and far too expensive for a local government election."

That's how successful candidate Robert Marshall, described the four-way battle for North Riding in the Eltham Council election.

Cr. Marshall, who was returned by 244 votes in the August 28 poll, said the election was the most strongly fought in North Riding for many years — if not for all time.

Cr. Marshall said that local government was about local issues — and that is how it should remain.

"The North Riding community was involved in an election for two months at a time when its voice was most urgently and forcefully required in council," he said.

"We have lost valuable time and our efforts have been diverted from the fight for protection from continually escalating rates and from the constant attempt to erode the green wedge concept."

Cr. Marshall, an architect-planner, of St. Andrews, led Smiths Gully farmer Bert Williams by only 73 votes after the primary count, but received 280 preferences to Mr. Williams' 112.

The final tally was 1786 to 1545.

The other candidates — clerk Mick Tibby, of Hurstbridge, and accountant John Webb, of Warrandyte — polled 289 and 111 primary votes respectively.

Cr. Marshall scored best in North Warrandyte and Research (with 361 and 332 votes respectively to Mr. Williams' 111 and 229).

Mr. Williams' best result was in Hurstbridge, where he polled 368 to Cr. Marshall's 195.

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COUNCILLORS VETO SUBDIVISION

Eltham Council has rejected outright the subdivision plan for Warrandyte's Koornong bushland.

It has also decided not to consider any further subdivision applications for land from the ridgeline to the Yarra.

Council's refusal of the Koornong application can be appealed by the developers, Laurence Investments.

But if the decision stands, it will guarantee preservation of Koornong from the ridge to the river under private or public ownership.

Council has strongly recommended that the State Government buy the land as public open space.

And it has emphasised that the purchase should be a Board of Works and not a council responsibility.

An alternative proposal for a cluster subdivision would restrict building to the other side of the ridgeline.

Warrandyte Environment League is vigorously opposing to subdivision of the Koornong in any form.

Meanwhile, Eltham Council is moving to prevent access to the land from Koornong Crescent.

It favours a short-cut off Kruses Road.

Museum plan under fire

Local residents are protesting against a proposed gold mining museum in Kangaroo Ground Road, North Warrandyte.

The project would include replicas of mining settlement buildings, a pioneer homestead, barbecue facilities, toilets and parking facilities for 42 cars fronting KG Road.

A permit application has been lodged with the Board of Works by Carole Cassidy, of KG Road.

Residents opposing the venture say it would be an intrusion on the environment and on their privacy in a residential area.

They also claim that it would produce a traffic hazard and lower the value of their own properties.

The permit application was lodged on August 30.

It describes the land involved as having a 482 ft. frontage (1072 ft. deep) on the western side of KG Road, beginning 200 yards north from Floods Road.

● Copy for October issue of the Diary closes Monday, September 27.

IN RED & WHITE



The dread inflation bogeyman has reared his ugly head at Warrandyte Golf Club.

Green fees have rocketed from \$1.00 to \$1.80 for nine holes, and from \$2.00 to \$2.60 if you're fit enough to go round twice.

Smokey is full of admiration for those dedicated souls who have brought the course along so quickly to its present condition.

But it's a strain on the old sense of values to compare it with the lush, manicured expanses of, say, Yarra Bend public course — where you can play 18 for a mere \$1.50.

Fair dinkum, at \$1.80 a nine-hole throw at Warrandyte, Smokey'd want tea and bikkies served by topless waitresses after he'd putted out the last!

"Matlock Police" and "Homicide" may have gone, but Warrandyte is still mighty popular with the TV producers.

Channel 7's "Bluey" and Channel 2's "Power Without Glory" have filmed in Warrandyte and local actor Terry Gill has figured in both series.

Now, the Channel O comedy series "Bluestone Boys" has joined the procession, for scenes centred at the local police station.

Warrandyte police chief Sergeant Cyril Moss had one complaint about the "Bluestone Boys" episode.

"They put a sergeant in it who looked about 14 years old," he said.

They're a productive lot in the Warrandyte Fire Brigade — and competition last month was particularly keen.

First Lieutenant Ivan Edwards won the Baby Stakes in a photo-finish from treasurer and No. 1 fireman John Lear.

Ivan's wife Margaret produced their second daughter, Julia, on August 23.

Margaret Lear presented hubby with their first child, daughter Kristy, the very next day.

A phantom catnapper has struck in Warrandyte. He (or she) took a six-months-old male Siamese seal point from outside the "Old Bakery" in Yarra Street on the afternoon of Saturday, August 14.

The owner, Mrs. Walsh, says the cat is known to be still in the Warrandyte area.

And she's offering a \$50 reward for its return.

Mrs. Walsh's phone number is 844 3808.

It was money well spent when they built the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Club.

The premises are used almost every day — largely by the local elderlies returning the hospitality afforded them by other clubs when they had no rooms of their own.

Nice gesture. Shows, too, that our people are long on gratitude as well as years.

An appeal in this column last issue for a local junior soccer coach brought an immediate response.

Tony Pleasance is prepared to take over again if a volunteer (parent?) is prepared to do the little administration that may be involved.

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How about it, dads?

—Smokey Joe

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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR WARRANDYTE

Several Warrandyte projects are included in the first draft of Doncaster-Templestowe Council's new estimates.

They include:

- Contribution to the building and site works of the new fire station at the corner of Yarra Street and Harris Gully Road.
- Improvements to Harris Gully Road to assist the

fire brigade and the new primary school when building starts next year.

- A better access road to Stiggants Reserve and improvements to the barbeque, car park and drainage areas there.

- Roadworks to improve car parking in the Golden Gate area.

- Further improvements to facilities at the White House for the Youth Club.

Ward councillor John

Scott said the council was also considering sealing two access roads — Anderson Street and Brackenbury Street — to Warrandyte Primary School.

It was also hoped to seal the car park in Brackenbury Street, Cr. Scott said.

"Works near the school are being considered as the result of an investigation by our engineer and a petition from the school and nearby residents," he said.

About people

"Granny Davis" is leaving town.

Cyril Street, who has been driving that bread van longer than most can remember, and wife Anne are severing their long association with Warrandyte.

They are off to live in Queensland, where they have close family ties.

• Mr. and Mrs. T. Norberg and Mrs. L. Main have been made life members of the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club.

Mrs. Main has retired as secretary after 10 years' service.

The following office-bearers were elected at the club's annual meeting: President Mrs. J. Cooper; vice-presidents Mrs. M. Docking, Mrs. R. Norman; treasurer Mrs. M. Temple; secretary Mrs. R. Watson; social secretary Mrs. M. Holland.

• Wal and Margaret Cornhill, of KG Road, became grandparents again this month. Daughter Rhonda Templeton presented husband John and the Cornhills with Belinda Jane (all 9 lb. 2½ oz. of her).

• The Chapman family of Pigeon Bank Lane have been hosts to two members of the Papua-New Guinea national junior football team during a two-week visit to Victoria.

The boys, William Maha and Ragu Amini, are Port Moresby students.

• Warrandyte girl guides recently farewelled their district commissioner, Mrs. Norma Wagner, who has retired after a five-year term.

• Churchill Fellow Les Adams, wife Olive and daughter Kath have returned to Warrandyte after seven months overseas.

They visited North America, Britain, Scandinavia, Europe and Asia.

Squash courts plan draws WEL protest

Warrandyte Environment League has strongly opposed a plan to build squash courts in Yarra Street.

The league has lodged a formal objection with Doncaster-Templestowe Council.

The council is currently reviewing plans for the courts which, if given the go-ahead, would be built on the east side of the scout hall.

There would be nine squash courts and parking space for about 40 cars.

The WEL has protested on several grounds.

Its main objection is that the courts would not be included in the master Warrandyte town-planning scheme which council is considering.

The league also claims

that the squash courts would intrude on to the river foreshore and that the general traffic flow in Yarra Street would increase.

Another objection is to the visual nature of the building.

Ward councillor John Scott said he thought the complaints were valid but serious consideration had to be given to the need for more recreational facilities in Warrandyte.

If built, the courts would include a committee room and lounge room.

BLOODY WAR LOOMS AGAIN

After 62 years, there's to be a fresh outbreak of hostilities over the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria on June 28, 1914.

This time, however, the theatre of war will be the theatre — or more precisely, the stage of the Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall.

The Warrandyte Arts Association drama group is celebrating its 21st birthday with a production of Joan Littlewood's "Oh What a Lovely War".

It's an illustrated history — packed with the songs of the music halls and the humour of the trenches — of World War 1.

The season will run for three weekends, Thursday to Saturday, from October 14.

Seating will again be cabaret-style, and the show will be licensed to BYO.

Bookings for the first three performances can be made now with Heather Day (844 3310).

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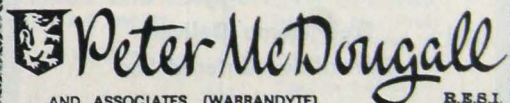
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MEMORIES OF

When an old bloke is asked for his memories, a comparison with the "good old times" is always expected. I have memories of old times that are not so good — but that was before I came to Warrandyte.

Ken Gedge looks

We opened the chemist shop here in December 1951. We were country folk and loved the life. But we had to move closer to the city and its educational facilities.

The manager of a big pharmaceutical firm wondered about Warrandyte — a pretty spot on the Yarra, not far out. No chemist had opened there. Should be worth a look.

So down we came for a "sticky-beak". Dinner at the Lavender Tea Rooms. Two charming people served us a wonderful meal — and the history of Warrandyte.

We had a peep at the school (no pre-fabs in those days), counted the desks to calculate the population . . . and decided "yes".

Warrandyte had a butcher, general store, baker (who made real bread, too), post office, garage and pub.

What more could we want in such a beautiful setting? And only 18 miles from the GPO.

We had no residence when we opened our shop. You could not borrow easily in those days and nobody would invest in Warrandyte because it was a "fire risk".

How right they were! The "old times" in Warrandyte were wonderful. Our business "went off" from the start. The new chemist was accepted and before many weeks had passed, the junior doctor from a Ringwood team wanted a room behind the shop.

'Too many parents regard the scout group as a child-minding organisation'

A loan was scrounged, the building enlarged — and Warrandyte had a visiting doctor twice a week.

My boys were growing up and I was thinking again of the scouting movement. The Ringwood groups had waiting lists a mile long, but an old friend, the Chief Commissioner, told me how easy it would be to start our own.

I had already founded a group at Buronga, across the Murray from Mildura, and it wasn't long before a lantern and flag were hanging from the trees at the bottom of Webb Street every Friday night.

And we had the best bunch of kids in the whole district. They had no hall, no refinements — but they won competitions everywhere. They were real scouts. They could fight a bushfire as well as they could light a campfire.

Sure we had our troubles, just as our scouts have today. Too many parents regard the scout group as a child-minding organisation. If only they knew the pleasure and reward they were missing by refusing to become involved.

You cannot look back on Warrandyte without vividly remembering the old wooden, single-track bridge across the river. The weekend tourists would come to it, stop — and decide they want-

PUBLIC MEETING ON NEW SCHOOL

A public meeting important to the future of education in Warrandyte will be held on Tuesday, September 21, in the primary school library.

It has been called to elect an interim committee of West Warrandyte Primary School, to be built in Harris Gully Road.

The meeting will be chaired by the Education Department's district inspector, Mr. W. Timms.

The department's regional director, Mr. F. Lindholm, and a department architect, are also expected to attend.

It will be a particularly useful occasion for parents whose children will attend West Warrandyte.

The meeting will give them the opportunity to ask questions about planning and zoning for the new school.

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The battle for the Kangaroo Ground rubbish tip has ended in a scoreless draw.

Diamond Valley Mini Motorcycle Club and KG Pony Club had both applied for land there.

But Eltham Shire Council has decided that the tip will be used for tipping, though completed sections will be put to use as they become available.

In the meantime, the council is looking for suitable land for both clubs.

Morsley new leader

West Riding councillor Alan Morsley is the new Eltham Shire President.

Mr. Morsley, who has been on council for four years, succeeds Don Maling.

It is a 12-month term.

Cr. Robert Marshall, who retained his North Riding seat at last month's election, has been elected to a three-year term as a Board of Works commissioner.

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AN OLD BLOKE

● KEN GEDGE has retired after a quarter of a century as Warrandyte's chemist. Here, he recalls those years in his own words (and under a heading he also wrote himself).

back on 25 years in Warrandyte

ed to go somewhere else.

The New Year parties would finish at the bridge and some over-enthusiastic merrymaker would try to burn it down. But the local cop knew his job and would arrive with the fire brigade.

The picture shows at Eltham were always a highlight. Sure, we had pictures in Warrandyte two or three times a week and matinees for the kids, but the shows at Eltham were always better.

There was a bus service then along the Research track (I said nothing about "road") and the driver would sell you an all-inclusive ticket — return trip, theatre night and a bun and coffee for supper. What a night!

The Country Women's Association raised funds by organising local talent into plays and extravaganzas about four times a year and putting

on a wow of a dance on Cup Eve.

All went well until some central committee people came along to one of those dances. Seems that strong drink was not among the CWA's ideals.

'Seems that strong drink was not among the CWA's ideals ...'

The Warrandyte Arts Association was formed to carry on the drama talent and our plays and stage shows were soon supplemented by potters, artists and folk craft. Wonder what happened to the camera club?

We'd swim in the river on those hot summer nights until darkness drove us out.

Helen Couche taught most of the Warrandyte

kids to swim at The Willows at the bridge. And there was a pool below the pub — diving board and all.

Believe it or not, the river was drinkable in those days!

Our telephone exchange was one in a million. Never mind about numbers — "who do you want, luv?"

Who could ever forget the bushfires? A constant stream of exhausted fire-fighters through the makeshift first-aid centre in the pharmacy basement.

And that night, with Sloans Hill and Bradleys Hill burning, when fire chief Jack Cahill said: "Come outside, Ken — I've got something to show you."

What he showed me was rain ... glorious rain.

Yes, Warrandyte is full of memories. Today we have an efficient fire brigade, automatic phones, water supply, good roads. There are a lot of things we still do not have.

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Archbishop blesses new Catholic church

The new St. Gerard's Church, Warrandyte, was officially opened and blessed late last month by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr. Little.

About 250 people attended the ceremony at the new building, which is set back in spacious grounds at the corner of Cemetery Road and Brackenbury Street.

The old church, at the other end of Brackenbury Street, is to be retained for Sunday School and youth activities.

St. Gerard's has quite a history.

It was originally built in 1907, destroyed in the 1939 bushfires and rebuilt in 1941 by the late Dick Casey.

The new church is very much a part of Warrandyte.

Parts of the external walls are faced in Warrandyte stone and the chalice and communion bowl are of locally-made pottery.

The building was designed to tone in with the character of the Warrandyte environment.

Interior structure features natural woodwork and exposed beams.

Some 200 native trees were planted in the church grounds the day before the blessing.

IT'S ON AT THE CREEK

Diamond Creek Technical School is holding a colonial dance at the school on October 16.

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— READERS' LETTERS —

'Conservationists' — or just plain lazy?

In the Warrandyte area, we have several categories of conservationists.

One group attempts to protect all the natural environment.

Their work is usually unappreciated, but they have the immense personal satisfaction of seeing some of the beauty of the area kept intact, or in the regrowth of native plants and trees and the rectification of some of the damage wrought over the years.

Another group label themselves "conservationists" but what they really mean is that they are too lazy to clear the foreign growth, noxious weeds etc. that are now despoiling much of the original natural growth.

Eventually this group will cause the destruction of many beautiful trees and bushes because of the accumulation of unnecessary fuel for bushfires.

This fuel is mainly the blackberry, honeysuckle and grasses that are covering so much of the native growth, and have now grown so thick and high in many places that even a small roadside grassfire could quickly become an uncontrollable brown fire, disastrous not only for the bush, but also for the people whose houses would be engulfed.

Many of the people who would suffer most are the older residents who are now either handicapped by age, or physically, but whose love of the natural bush, birds and animals that surround them compensate for their disabilities.

**Joan Ragg,
Warrandyte Road,
South Warrandyte.**

A BIG COVER-UP?

A suggestion for the useful employment of Doncaster-Epinglestone council's tireless energies towards a neat, suburban Warrandyte which would enhance our village:

Underground drains!
The present drains which border the main street, although fascinating to small boys, rats and countless varieties of germs, could not even enhance a hydrangea!

C. May,
KG Road

Thanks, says councillor

I am very grateful to the people in the North Riding who voted me back into council.

Especially, I am grateful for the hundred or so people who spent so many hours actively campaigning for me.

Without this community effort, my task would have been impossible.

It is heartening that nearly 1000 more people voted this time than in the previous election — not because of a population increase, but because of greater community interest in Eltham Council and in the issues for which I am, at the moment, acting as spokesman in the council.

But we can certainly not rest. The problems facing us are enormous. If we do not solve the social and financial implications of the physical land use planning for the area, the green

wedges will not survive more than a decade.

It is important that community involvement remains high; it is more important that such involvement be constructive criticism or information-giving, rather than divisive attack.

It is obvious that all people in the North Riding want an end to the enormous rate increases.

I hope now that we can, as a community, get back to doing something about it.

Whether we are farmer, conservationist or town-dweller, we are all here because we enjoy the character of the North Riding.

It would be heartening if we realised our common interest.

**Cr. Robert Marshall,
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FAMILY AFFAIR

Warrandyte Community Youth Club is inviting parent participation in its Friday night activities at the Whitehouse.

The Friday programme was introduced recently for teenagers up to 16.

Activities include table tennis, billiards and other games, crafts and music.

Informality is the keynote.

The club is keen to have parents accompany their children and share the facilities with them.

Parents are also welcome to join in Wednesday night

activities — craft, games, films, guest appearances — for the youngsters (Grades 3 to 6).

The club is also active on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Monday is "Fitness Night", with calisthenics for children to Grade 2 from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., for Grade 3 upwards (7.30 to 8.30) and for the ladies (8.30 to 9.30).

Dot Durran (844 2219) is in charge.

On Tuesday afternoons it is yoga for children Grade 3 and above. Interested parents should contact L. Colenso (844 3802).

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Brigade warns: Wrong number can be disastrous

MUDDY GOOD SHOW

Last month's Austin 7 Car Club-Warrandyte Fire Brigade mud trial at Smiths Gully was a big success.

Many spectators went home wearing samples of the mud.

Response to the brigade's art show was so good that another has been arranged for October 8-9 at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

This show will feature original framed oil paintings by Jim Crofts.

Paintings will be on sale and can be taken at the time of purchase. Prices will range from \$5 to \$75.

Commission from sales will go to the brigade's building fund.

Warrandyte Fire Brigade has appealed to residents to call the correct telephone numbers in case of fire.

The brigade has installed comprehensive warning systems and regularly left instruction leaflets door to door.

However, it says, many Warrandyte people continue to ring 000 when an emergency arises.

A call in this direction can have disastrous results.

It is transferred to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, which knows that Warrandyte is not under its control.

A call is then placed to divisional headquarters at Dandenong, then to the local brigade number.

Such delays have inevitable consequences.

The local brigade numbers are: Warrandyte

844 3798; South Warrandyte 844 2174; North Warrandyte 844 3683.

The Warrandyte brigade has attended several fires recently, one of which was caused by an electric blanket.

It is not the first such incident here and brigade captain R. Bellinger has issued this warning:

"Use your electric blanket to pre-heat the bed — not as a sauna bath."

Blankets should be off while the user is sleeping and, of course, when the house is left unoccupied," Captain Bellinger said.

Environment pair local ALP guests

Two of Victoria's best-known conservationists were guest speakers at last month's ALP Branch meeting.

They are Dr. Geoff Mosley, director of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and Warrandyte artist Neil Douglas.

Dr. Mosley dealt with the Dandenong Ranges and Upper Yarra Bill which the State Government plans to be the prototype for both new and existing planning authorities.

While he welcomed many aspects of the bill, he felt that the Regional Planning Authority which would administer it would lack power to afford any real environmental protection to the Dandenongs.

Dr. Mosley said the authority would only be able to rule on aspects of the environment referred to it, and, in effect, would have only the power of veto.

Mr. Douglas said he could envisage the day when, like America, Australia's East Coast had a metropolis stretching from Geelong to Newcastle as a result of the policy of "development at all costs".

There was much concern in the Warrandyte community, he said, about the small amount of bushland left, particularly in North Warrandyte.

FINAL FOUR

Success has come fourfold this season for Warrandyte Basketball Club.

Four sides made the finals and when this edition of the Diary went to press, the two surviving teams were regarded as real premiership chances.

The men's B-reserve team were confident of success against Coburg in the grand final and the C-graders strengthened local premiership hopes with a 28-12 win over Templestowe in their elimination final.

The women's B-grade side, who came from nowhere to make the finals, were beaten in their elimination match.

Warrandyte's other finalists, the men's F-grade, were beaten 28-22 in the preliminary final.

6 teams in local cricket

Warrandyte Cricket Club will field six teams in the coming season, which starts on October 2.

There will be two senior men's sides, one senior women's and under-12, under-14 and under-16 boys'.

New players are invited to attend training at 1 p.m. on Sundays at the Recreation Reserve.

The following office-bearers were elected at the club's annual general meeting last month:

President, Brian Cleaves; vice-presidents, Graham Lawrence and Maria McGhie; secretary, Ian World; social secretary, John Chapman; treasurer, Alan Woolcock; committee members, Tony Hulme and Sandra Jeffs.

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Anyone for Under 19?

Warrandyte Football Club may form an Under-19 side.

This follows a suggestion from the Eastern Districts Football League in a letter to all affiliated clubs.

The letter pointed out that after finishing in the Under-17 competition, many boys found the rise to their club first or second eighteen was too big a step.

As a result, some gave up football or went to

By BLOODHOUND

other clubs that could give them a game.

A recent Warrandyte committee meeting was told this had happened to several players from Warrandyte Under-17s.

One committee man said the formation of an Under-19 side would work two ways in Warrandyte's favour.

He said Warrandyte would hold boys who

were inclined to drift out of football after their Under-17 days, and it would help attract boys from surrounding areas who were looking for a game but were not up to the senior class of their own club.

If the league's scheme is supported, the competition would be played on Sundays.

The Warrandyte committee will conduct a survey to determine if there are enough players

to form such a side.

On Friday, October 1, a dinner for players, officials and supporters will be held at the Coffee Bean. The night kicks off at 7.30 and a top Melbourne entertainer has been engaged.

The recent present players versus past players match was an outstanding success.

The present players won 11.14 to 5.9 Best were Bawdin, Blair, McCartin, Merbis, Wil-

liams and Hutchinson, and for the "oldies" Harris, Bruce McAuley, World and Beruldsen.

Club president Laurie Sloan thanks local business people, who were again so generous in their financial support in the 1976 season.

"The names are too numerous to mention, but on behalf of the club I wish to say a sincere 'thank you' to them all," said Mr. Sloan.



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Ingrid tops the lot!

Outstanding young local sportswoman Ingrid Krnjucex has really entered the "superstar" class this year.

Ingrid has won the open B-grade best and fairest award for the entire Metropolitan Eastern Netball Association AND her team's trophy in the under-17 basketball.

The team trophy in her netball division has not yet been announced.

Ingrid is one of two Warrandyte players to take an association trophy this season.

Samantha Greenwood was judged best of the under-12 B-reserves.

Junior netball and basketball trophies were awarded at a joint presentation night this month at the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

The winners:

NETBALL

UNDER-16

B-GRADE: Team 1 — Donna Greenwood 1; Samantha Gallagher 2. Team 2 — Cathy Sharpe 1; Elizabeth Phillips 2.

UNDER-14

A-GRADE: Robyn Van Gemert 1; Leanne Webb 2.
B-GRADE: Jill Holyoak 1; Jenny Tindale 2.

C-GRADE: Tania Price 1; Amanda Harriss 2.

UNDER-12

B-GRADE: Megan Delahenty 1; Samantha Cheatle 2.

B-RESERVE: Samantha Greenwood 1; Carol Van Poppel 2.

UNDER-10

B-GRADE: Kylie Gangel 1; Natalie Paton 2.

BASKETBALL

UNDER-17

GIRLS: Ingrid Krnjucex 1; Abby Day 2.

BOYS: Ian Broom 1; Brian Summers 2.

UNDER-15

BOYS: Brian Chapman 1; Jeff Wollcock 2.

ENTERTAINMENT

Lively Thursday nights at the Warrandyte pub, with Keitho singing and playing guitar. Fellow music-makers welcome to jam along too. It's warm and friendly. See you there!