

# WARRANDYTE Diary

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## PUB OF THE PAST

Only the real old-timers will recognise the scene below.

It's the old Warrandyte Hotel, on the corner of Mitchell Avenue and Yarra Street, where the Mechanics Institute Hall now stands.

The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1925.

Warrandyte Historical Society, which turned up this photograph, has traced the history of the hotel and the site right back to 1856.

At that time, it was Geherity's Inn — more a bush shanty than anything else, it seems.

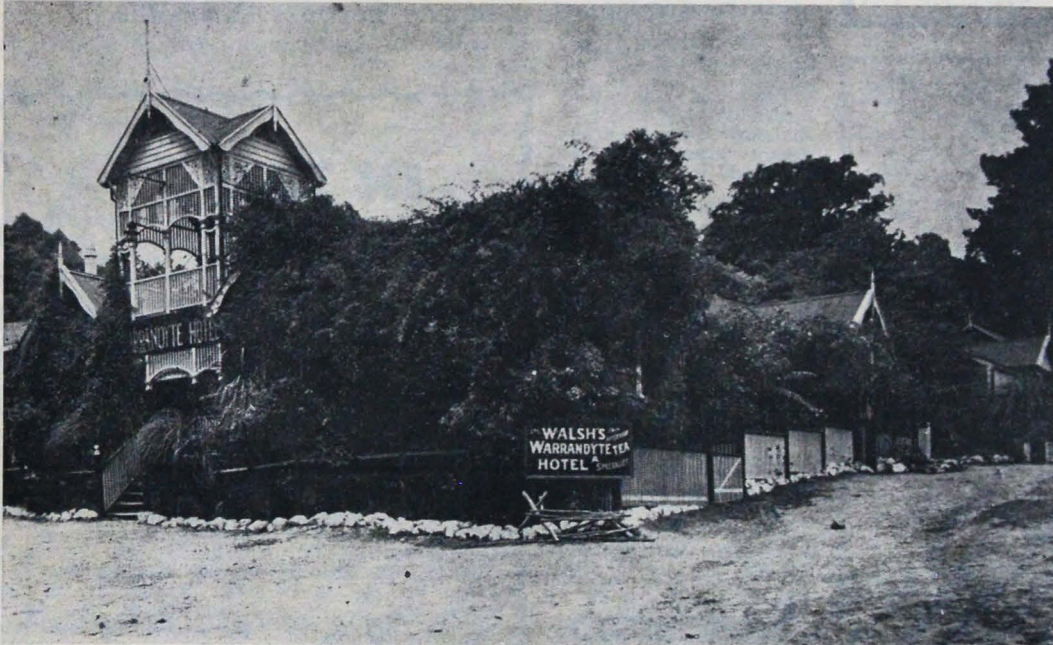
The inn gave way to

the Union Hotel which later, with modifications including the addition of a tower, became the Warrandyte Hotel.

Folklore has it that the pub was quite famous for the excellence of its Sunday lunches and that city folk would and whatever to sample the ware.

There is also a tale of a mysterious beer pipe laid under the road from the hotel across to the Yarra bank. And of a sentry in the tower to warn of approaching members of the constabulary.

Story goes that Sunday picnickers never had it so good!



### A school — but where?

Warrandyte High School interim planning committee is still undecided on a site for the new school.

The committee is currently considering several sites from a short list of alternatives.

The committee held its first meeting last month and a sub-committee was formed to look at several sites.

To park—or not to park—opposite the local?

# A THOUSAND-DOLLAR QUESTION!

The already-critical parking problem in Yarra Street is threatened with further chaos.

Bourke's Hotel and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works are on collision course over the hotel car park — the only off-street parking facility in the street.

The board, which owns the land, is demanding from the hotel a 500 per cent

increase in annual rental — from \$200 to \$1000.

And the hotel will refuse point-blank to pay it.

If the situation reaches a stalemate and the board closes the car park, the traffic problem in Yarra Street will seriously intensify.

"There is no way we are going to pay \$1000 a year — plus \$150 council rates — for that piece of land over the road," Kevin Bourke, director of the hotel nominee company, told the Diary.

"Officially, we are pay-

ing for an area extending back some 170 ft. from the kerb.

"But that's rubbish. It is far less than that."

Mr. Bourke said that quite apart from his general observations, he was well aware of Yarra Street's parking problems.

"My daughter Leanne visited us one night about a month ago, parked right outside the hotel — and had her car written off," he said.

"Surely there is scope here for off-street parking without interfering with the river bank.

Why not an extension of the hotel car park, by filling back to the depth which the Board of Works would like to charge us so much for, or along towards the chemist shop?"

The Warrandyte Traders Association regards the Bourke's Hotel case as an anomaly.

"Many people use the area purely to park while

they shop," a WTA spokesman said.

"It is not policed to reserve it strictly for hotel patrons.

"It seems most unfair that one trader should be providing free off-street parking for the public at large while the council, which should be providing free and adequate facilities, is providing none."

### CLYDE & OCKER



"Tell you what, Ock, the wowsers'll getta big kick outa this front page!"

### \$8000 FOR STATION

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council has approved an \$8000 grant for the new fire station in Harris Gully Road.

Warrandyte Ward coun-

cillor and the city's mayor, Cr. John Scott, announced the grant this month.

Cr. Scott said it was in addition to funds for site works already carried out.

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# \$40,000 COUNCIL WORKS PROGRAM

**Works totalling almost \$40,000 will be carried out by Doncaster-Templestowe City Council in the Warrandyte-Park Orchards area over the next 12 months.**

The biggest project will be further improvements, costing \$25,000, to Harris Gully Road.

Two access roads to Warrandyte Primary School — Anderson Street and Brackenbury Street — will be improved at a cost of \$8,000.

Both these projects will be carried out next year.


About \$2,000 has been allocated for improvements to Stiggant's Reserve, including levelling and filling the area and planting more trees.

Council has also reached agreement with the Lands Department to fence the wildflower reserve in Tindals Road.

The project, which is designed to protect the wildflowers, will cost \$3100.

Drainage work totalling \$1000 will be carried out in the Park Orchards shopping centre.

**IN RED & WHITE**



**If governments can't solve our enormous unemployment problem, what chance has the Warrandyte Diary?**

But we're sure going to do our bit.  
 The local ALP branch has suggested that we might make space available for those local people out of work to make their would-be occupations known.  
 We find it a singularly worthwhile idea.  
 So from now on the Diary will be running a "situations wanted" column in each issue.  
 No charge.  
 But we'd appreciate wordage kept to a minimum.

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*Lloyd Holyoak is getting sick of telling people that it simply is not true.*  
*Despite what you may have read or heard, Lloyd and family are NOT leaving Warrandyte.*  
*Sure, he's sold the car business which bears his name and he's not sure at this stage just what his business future will be.*  
*But he has assured Smokey Joe that any plans he has do not include quitting the town which has been his home for the past 13 years.*

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We're more than a little concerned about that giant cypress opposite the self-service in Yarra Street.  
 A most imposing tree this one, and rumour had it that it might have to come down to accommodate those roadworks.  
 But no, said the authorities, it would not be felled.  
 No guarantee however, they said, that the bulldozing etc. at the foot of the tree might not damage the roots and shorten its life span.  
 Stand by for an outcry if said tree does not survive.  
 Quite apart from anything else, the Diary would have to find a new site for its letterbox.

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Russell Bourke, mine host at the local, has left town. He'll be back, but he's not quite sure when.  
 Russell left this month on a working holiday to England and the Continent.  
 He's been known to have a beer, has Russell, and we're wondering how he'll take to that lukewarm Pommy stuff.

—Smokey Joe

## Scout group meeting

The 1st Warrandyte Scout Group will hold its annual meeting in the Scout Hall on Wednesday, November 24, at 8.30 p.m.

The group is constantly seeking support from parents and the public and invites all interested residents to attend.

With more than 50 cubs and 27 scouts, Warrandyte is one of the biggest groups in its district.

It has been an eventful year, highlighted (as far as the cubs are concerned) by a trip to the snow and participation in the "Sixty Years of Scouting" march through the city in September.

## LEAGUERS LIVE IT UP

Warrandyte Environment League will hold a barbecue-social for members and friends at the community centre on Sunday, December 5, starting at 5 p.m.

The barbecue will be a B-Y-O-everything affair and each family will be asked to contribute \$2 towards the cost of engaging a folk group.

Inquiries should be directed to Bev Hanson (844-3906).

## JESS AND JOAN ON SHOW

Much-travelled artist Jess Sawkins, of Balwyn, is holding an exhibition of landscapes and floral studies at the Warrandyte Palette throughout this month.

Ms. Sawkins has been painting for about 10 years, has worked in Mexico and has made several painting safaris to the Australian outback.

Sharing the billing at the Palette is Kew artist Joan Evans, who is showing hand-painted china.

Eira Dodd will be resident artist next month, when hand-made toys will also be featured.

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# \$200,000 PLEA ON

The State Government has been asked to buy 12 acres of the disputed **Koornong bushland** — at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Middle Yarra Advisory Council, which has made the request, wants the land — from the ridgeline to the Yarra — included in the Warrandyte State Park.

The Board of Works has already turned down a request that it buy the entire 24-acre Koornong area in question. The cost here would have been about \$500,000.

The Koornong has been the subject of a long-running battle between conservationists and the developers, Laurence Investments.

The MYAC supports the concept of no more than eight homes behind the ridgeline; Laurence Investments had envisaged 20 homes.

Alternatively, the MYAC would support a 12-unit subdivision with common ownership on the river side under strict preservation controls.

Laurence Investments has appealed against Eltham Council's refusal of a permit for 12 two-acre subdivisions of the Koornong.

## The body beautiful

Want to get in trim for the summer, ladies?

The YMCA runs a fun 'n' fitness course from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. each Tuesday at St. Stephen's Church hall.

It is followed by a 90-minute play group for the children.

The fee for each activity is 80 cents and newcomers are welcome.

For further information, contact Sue Davidson, Doncaster-Templestowe YMCA in Doncaster Road (Court Arcade, opposite the City Offices).

The phone number (9.30 a.m. to 12.30) is 848-7430.

# KOORNONG BUSHLAND

Meanwhile, another North Warrandyte subdivision conflict is being waged in the valley between Lawrence Court and Hawkes Road.

The developers, Baleigh Homes, had applied to subdivide into 16 acre-plus lots, but Eltham Council rejected this and a later proposal for 15 sites.

The Environment Protec-

tion Authority had expressed concern about sillage and sewerage effluent and council's policy is that all effluent must be disposed of within site boundaries.

Council has given Baleigh Homes the choice of 10 lots with sand filters, or 15 lots with a package sewerage plant to which other homes in the area would be connected.

## Farm benefit slaughtered

Almost 650 North Riding property-owners have been ruled ineligible for the farm rate concession this year.

The Eltham Shire valuer has recommended that only 57 of the 700 ratepayers who received the concession (75 per cent of the general rate) last year be eligible this year.

He ruled that the remaining properties were being used for residential rather than farming purposes.

Council has adopted the recommendation and will send application forms to all those who have missed out.

Each application will be dealt with "on its merit".

North Riding councillor Robert Marshall has reacted angrily to the development.

"The council administration should have told us about this before we debated the Riding finance issue," he said.

"We were not told the facts then and were not told the facts about the farm rate in time to do anything about it.

"We should have been told."

"There are now two distinct possibilities," Cr. Marshall said.

"Council will get into a terrible schemozzle trying to trim up to \$300,000 from estimates if applications for restoration of the farm rate succeed.

"Or, few applications will be successful."

The Council's farm rate ruling is open to appeal.

● For the 57 "certainties", there is good news: The farm rate this year could be considerably more generous. Unofficial estimates at this stage range from 40 to 60 per cent of the general rate.

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# When little Hilda came to town way

When my mother, Hilda Mitchell, first came to Warrandyte in 1922, it was to stay with her grandparents, the Draegers, on Pound Bend.

Since she was only seven, Grandpa had gone to Port Melbourne to collect her.

"We travelled by train to Heidelberg and then Mr. Weeks, with a long white beard that made him look like Father Christmas, drove us in his hansom cab to Pound Bend," she recalls.

"It was just before Christmas and quite hot, and I can remember the first house I went into in Warrandyte was May Hutchinson's at The Tunnel. She gave me a cool glass of milk.

"The Bend was virtually all virgin bush in those days.

"The four families on soldier settlements were growing mostly vegetables — the orchards hadn't begun. Grandpa had built himself a four-roomed cottage on Uncle Charlie's settlement.

"On summer evenings he would take his wind-up gramophone out on to the front verandah and we would be told to sit still and listen while the strains of Mozart and Verdi operas wafted across the hills and river.

"Sometimes, in a lighter mood, he would treat us to Gilbert and Sullivan, and very often Mr. Huntingford, who lived way up in North Warrandyte on the corner of the track that is now Glynn's Road, would come by to tell

Grandpa how much he had enjoyed the evening's concert.

"My cousin Lorraine (Harris) and I used the earth bank at the back of the house for the concerts we arranged for the amusement of our relatives. They would all sit on the back verandah and applaud while we performed. Just us two — it must have been frightful for them!

"Later, when the Wagner's took over the Houghton house, the two families would get together on Saturday evenings around Grandma's piano and Popsy Wagner would sing beautifully to her father's accompaniment.

"There were long summer days spent in the river at their favourite 'beach' — a sandy ti-treed flat opposite where the Boulevard is now.

"There'd be lemon syrup and Boston cream to drink and when that ran out we would just go under the water and drink — it was so beautifully clear and fresh.

"Another summer highlight was the long

picnic walk from the Bend. Across the swing bridge which crossed from the tunnel to Kylie's property, along the high ridge track (Glynn's Road) past Huntingfords and down glittering Stoney Creek.

"The return to the town would be by way of Eltham Road and the Bridge, up the track (now Webb Street) for a quick walk through Fourth Hill tunnel and home by a path somewhere near where Everard Drive now runs.

"A pleasant nine-mile stroll which never seemed excessive to the grandparents!

"Grandpa, well into his sixties, had tremendous energy. Before he chiselled out eight-foot water holes in three corners of his block, he used to water his garden by tramping up and down to the river with two buckets on a yoke across his shoulders.

"His strawberries were famous — Myers and Coles used to serve them in their cafeterias, and grandma used to give us plates piled high and covered with milk and sugar.

"It wasn't only the kids who made the most of those holidays on the Bend. Our Aunt Martha, in her seventies, joined with riotous enthusiasm in anything that looked like fun, whether it was kids or adults that were doing it.

"She once rode the carriage of an old pram at great speed downhill over ploughed ground to be upended in a shallow mine shaft at the bottom."

My mother's visits to Warrandyte continued and in the early 1930s she brought my father

## Mayor to lead deputation

The Mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe, Cr. John Scott, will lead a deputation to Premier Hamer this month.

He will be seeking funds for the purchase of 100 acres in Domney Reserve, Park Orchards.

Cr. Scott will be accompanied on his mission by fellow councillors, Board of Works officials and Park Orchards Ratepayers Association representatives.

Cr. Scott has also agreed to accompany members of

the Warrandyte Traders Association on a "fact-finding" walk along Yarra Street.

He will be shown items which the association believes should be improved, cleaned up, repaired or replaced to keep the business area clean, tidy and attractive to shoppers and tourists.

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They had been in business at Wonga Park for a year and were quick to realise the potential of a greengrocery in Warrandyte.

At "West End Fruit & Flowers", they intend to supply top quality fruit and vegetables at reasonable prices.

Cut flowers will also be a specialty. They will also be considering organically-grown vegetables if there is sufficient demand and would like to hear from interested people.

The Spongs have lived in Warrandyte for almost seven years and have two children, Trevor (2½) and baby Julia (four months).

Charles, a member of the local Lions Club, is an agriculturist who has specialised in growing vegetables for the quick-frozen industry.

Elaine was advertising and business manager of the Warrandyte Diary for two years.

A feature of "West End Fruit & Flowers" will be supplies of herbs and spices.

## The craft shop

They cater for all ages at "Cottonwood Weave", the new crafts supply centre at West End.

Bev McNally and Jan Hook offer a complete range of supplies for pottery, spinning, weaving, macrame, leatherwork, candlemaking, glasswork, art and toymaking.

For the kids, there are crayons, plasticene, elementary weaving and sewing kits and art sets.

"Cottonwood Weave" also offers a picture-framing service and spinning wheels and looms are available for hire.

Bev, married with three children, has lived in Warrandyte for 21 years and has been deeply interested in arts and craft since her days as an art teacher.

She assisted in the formation and development of the Warrandyte Arts Association crafts group and is well-known for her displays and demonstrations in the district.

Jan, who has lived in Glynn's Road for the past 10 years, was secretary of the WAA crafts group last year and is particularly interested in spinning, weaving, patchwork and macrame.

She is married to North Warrandyte Fire Brigade captain Peter Hook and they have two children.

## The saddlery

There is no doubting the qualifications of Frank Kristof and Vincent Schultz, owners of "Grand Prix Saddlery".

Frank, from North Balwyn, and Vincent, of Lower Templestowe, have for years been actively involved in pony club activities.

They are currently on the committee of Lower Plenty Pony Club.

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# Warrandyte back in '22

YVONNE REID continues her series on old Warrandyte. This month she talks with someone she knows very well — her mother.

up to stay on the Bend.

One New Year's Day, returning with friends from the annual swimming carnival in the river down behind the pub, Dad saw what looked like a car in mid-air above The Tunnel.

Indeed, a car had slipped sideways over the edge above the high side, and in it sat a family of five, very straight, very still and very white. One small sapling between them and the plunge down the sheer rock face to the entrance of The Tunnel.

Chain-hoists, ropes and passers-by edged the family to safety.

That sapling is now eighteen inches in diameter, but it's always "that sapling" to my father.

During the war, my mother brought us children to Warrandyte every weekend. Since we all hated going home to the suburbs, she took an offer of a small weekender to rent in 1943, little guessing that a few buy it and live in it until it was burnt in 1962.

"It took a bit of getting used to at first, having to keep the supply of wood up for the stove and having only kerosene lamps," mother recalls.

"In winter it was too cold to bath the children in the bathroom, so we used a tub in front of the fire.

"Although I was alone with two little girls, I

never felt nervous. It was so peaceful and I loved the bush because I had been so close to it for so long."

When my father was stationed briefly in Melbourne and could spend one weekend a month at home, my mother used to walk along the cliff track to the main road with a hurricane lamp to say goodbye. Then she'd stand out on the cliff seat and wait to signal him when she saw the lights of the bus go up Melbourne Hill.

"The best thing about those days," she says, "was the friendship.

"War pension days when we sat in the pub with the sandwiches we'd brought, some of us drinking tea and talking to our friends the Trezises, who ran the pub, leaving our kids in the river to be minded by old Mr. Condon.

"Going to the pictures on a Friday night — you could let a seven and eight-year-old pair of kids go down with a hurricane lamp by themselves — and the supper at Auntie Ag's in the intervals.

"And those people I made friends with when I first came. Although many of the adults are gone now they were friends until they died.

"And the children are still my friends and will be as long as we're all here."

## Kinder plan for 3-Y-0's

A kindergarten group for three-year-olds is likely to be operating in Warrandyte next year.

Response to a recent petition has indicated much interest in such a move.

At this stage, two sessions a week are envisaged.

It is estimated that four-year-olds will fill all vacancies in the three groups at each of Warrandyte's two kindergartens next year.

A meeting has been called this month to discuss the proposed group for three-year-olds.

Interested parents should contact Louise Joy on 844-3600.

## ALP DINNER

ACTU advocate Rob Jolley will be guest speaker at ALP Casey electorate dinner at Village Motel Reception, Maroondah Highway, Croydon, on November 20.

For further information, contact S. Russell, 762-4061.

## THE WARRANDYTE DIARY

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## ANYTHING TO SAY?

Your Diary is hungry — for news!

If you district people connected with community groups, organisations and what-have-you want publicity, it's only a phone call

or a sheet of notepaper away.

So give Lee Tindale (844-3719) a call (Sundays and evenings preferred) or drop your material into the Diary mail-box.

● Last copy for December Diary closes Sunday, November 28.

## BIRTH FROM THE 'BUSH'

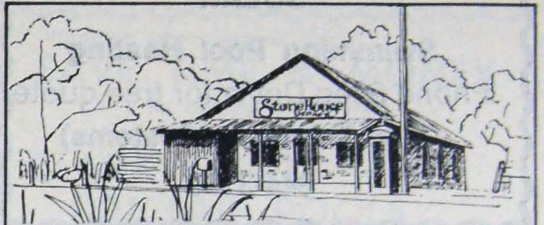
Well-known former Warrandyte couple David and Christine Blackie are proud parents of new arrival Nichole Jane, born at Shepparton.

All — including father and grandparents — are reported to be very well.

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**READERS' LETTERS**  
**TO THAT 'OLD  
 BLOKE': THANKS**  
 Further to "Memories Of An Old Bloke" (September  
 Diary):

Ken and Dulcie Gedge started their pharmacy in 1951 and through the years have become very much part of the "village".

Not only for the major role they played in local voluntary activities — boy scouts, WAA, CWA, etc. — but for the wonderful sense of security they gave us.

When the odd ailment developed into something more serious and, without transport (remember one or no-car families?), we sought medical attention, we knew Ken would be there to make up the prescription.

How easily we slip into acceptance of community service; and how quickly we forget when we are feeling fit and well.

Yes Ken, we remember it all well, and I thank you on

behalf of all Warrandytians for your dedicated service to us all.

● PS: Take heart. Although Ken has retired, our new pharmacist came to Warrandyte at the early age of 12 months and attended kindergarten and first-year primary school before her parents took her abroad for some of her formative years.

Now married with two children, it makes three generations living in Warrandyte.

If the name "Jones Pharmacy" throws you, she doesn't mind you asking, "Are you Betty and Peter Lavender's daughter?"

S.M.J.,  
 Yarra Street

**SMOKED  
 OUT!**

My topic is smoking (ugh!). Unfortunately, even at this early stage, I am unable to disguise my bias.

I would like to register my strong protest against smoking at public meetings, particularly at those held in a confined area.

At a recent public meeting in Warrandyte, I was forced to miss some of the proceedings in a quest for fresh air.

My being, usually of sturdy nature, protested so that my retreat amidst a haze of blue smoke was very necessary.

Surely this curious breed, "the smoker", can refrain from causing such discomfort when their attention should be wholly on the business at hand.

Peter Moran,  
 Brackenbury Street.

**Creek's the thing**

Re suggestions for a name for Warrandyte's new primary school (October Diary):

Because it will be in the Andersons Creek area, I think an appropriate name would be Andersons Creek Primary School.

James Anderson was the first known white settler in the area.

He took up a selection on the banks of the creek east

of the Yarra in 1839, spent £10 on a squatter's licence and unwittingly became the founder of Warrandyte.

The cemetery in this area still retains the name Andersons Creek Cemetery.

Ethel C. Adams,  
 Main Road.

**You break 'em, you pick 'em up!**

Prior to last Christmas I rang a member of the Warrandyte Environment League about a problem that exists in the area bounded by Masonic Avenue, Harding Road and Webb Street.

From time to time people discard various bottles along the tracks, then some time later children come along and seem to delight in breaking any bottles lying around.

Over the years I gathered up seven lots of broken glass, cutting my fingers on a few occasions.

I suggested that perhaps the league could round up children from the Warrandyte and Warrandyte South schools (the culprits must be among them) and have a day cleaning up this menace.

It was suggested that as the holidays had just started it would be better for me to once more gather up the broken glass!

Actually I fail to see that it is my responsibility as I have no children to either break the glass or be cut by it, and think it would be

better for some of the children concerned to cut their fingers.

Then, perhaps, they will get the message.

Since the last school holidays the situation has worsened, with great jagged pieces of glass in numerous heaps, and with the grass once more starting to grow this will be a further haz-

ard for unsuspecting children.

If your organisation could get some action in this matter I would willingly show your representatives where the glass is.

It would have to be picked up and taken away — not thrown into the bush.

(Miss) M. Merlin,  
 PO Box 22.

**Water scheme on 'go**

The Park Orchards reticulated water scheme has been prepared by Doncaster-Templestowe City Council and work should start soon.

Council's engineering department has completed the plans and the scheme will be advertised at the end of this month.

Park Orchards residents petitioned council in July to improve the water supply.

The new scheme will benefit about 170 residents.

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# Rev. Stan bows out — WITH REGRET

The Rev. Stan Stewart has resigned as minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Warrandyte, to become Associate Minister at the Collins Street Independent Church.

Life at St. John's has been seldom dull and occasionally exciting during his four-year ministry.

Mr Stewart has also been actively involved in community affairs.

He has been vice-president and president of the Warrandyte Environment League and in this capacity did much to facilitate the league's historic exhibition at St. John's in August last year.

Mr. Stewart was also the initiator and first chairman of the secondary school committee.

He actively canvassed support for a high school and led a number of deputations to the Education Department.

His resignation as chairman came shortly before the official announcement that a high school would open in Warrandyte in 1978.

In his new position, Mr. Stewart will work alongside Dr. Francis Macnab and seek to establish educational and service programmes in relation to the ministry of the Independent Church.

"The job is fairly wide open and seems to offer

plenty of scope for innovation and experimentation," he said.

The Collins Street Independent Church was a uniting church, as was St. John's, so this move was not across denominational boundaries but a transfer within, he said.

Mr. Stewart and his family are leaving Warrandyte with much regret, as they respect both the church and the community.

They will not move far — their new home will be at North Ringwood, about a mile from South Warrandyte school.

## HISTORICAL JIGSAW FALLING INTO PLACE

From small beginnings, the Warrandyte Historical Society is growing steadily.

And in the process, it is piecing together the scattered remnants of our district's past.

Since it was formed in May this year, the society has unearthed a wealth of historical photographs, documents and literature.

From the photographs — some lovingly reproduced from faded newspapers of the time, some donated by long-time residents — emerges an overall picture of the gold diggings which put Warrandyte on the map.

They show the miners' canvas villages, whole hill-sides stripped of timber to burn in the boilers, and the poppet-heads of the Caledonian, Black Swan, Victory and other famous mines.

Later photographs relive such events as the great floods of 1934 and the Black Friday bushfires of

1939.

There is no lack of the written word, either.

Dusty files hidden away in libraries and government stores have brought to light mining licences, leases and title deeds dating back to the early 1800s.

There are many records still to be sifted and evaluated and the society would like to hear from anyone

interested in such activity.

Secretary Wendy Cookes (844-2200) will answer any inquiry and attendance is welcomed at the society's regular meetings, at 8 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the primary school.

The next meeting will be on November 23, with Mr. Merv Naughton guest speaker.

## Federal concern on conservation

State and local authorities will be invited to contribute to a register of Australia's historical, cultural and natural assets.

Announcing this, the Member of Casev. Peter Falconer, said the register would enable the Federal Government to take a national view of priorities in conservation.

The register will be compiled by the Australian Heritage Commission.

"It will provide channels for improved communication between Federal, State and local governments and conservation organisations," Mr. Falconer said.

"In years past we have not been sufficiently aware of the need to balance the commercial development of agricultural and natural resources with the protection of assets of national signi-

ficance. "However, given the rate at which industry is developing on all fronts, there is a real need to ensure that industrial growth is compatible with the preservation of what is of national value from our history and culture," he said.

Mr. Falconer said that the commitment of the Federal Government to this principle, expressed through the heritage commission, could be expected to increase public awareness of the need for environmental protection.

"Future programs prepared by the commission will be related to the register," he said.

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## BANK ON THE MOVE

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# MACCA'S MIGHTY HAT-TRICK

A hat-trick to Bob McDonald highlighted Warrandyte's win over North Ringwood in the B-grade cricket competition.

McDonald's rare feat enabled Warrandyte to bundle out North Ringwood for 89 in their first innings and set the stage for an easy victory.

He finished the innings with 5/28 and was again in devastating form when North batted again.

## —but the women still set pace

McDonald took 7/89, to give him the extraordinary match figures of 12/117.

At their only visit to the crease, Warrandyte declared at 8/163.

It was the second win in four matches this season for the B-grade side, who are again getting great service

from John Chapman (50 not out and 36 in his last two innings).

The women's team, however, continue to set the pace for Warrandyte.

They are undefeated in three matches so far and lead their competition ladder.

The local girls turned on some great individual performances to beat Melbourne by 10 wickets.

Melbourne could scrape together only 34 in their first innings, with Jenny Chapman playing her familiar role of wrecker.

Jenny finished with 6/13 and received great support from Maria McGhie (3/14).

### WARRANDYTE Diary SPORTS NEWS

Polished innings by Sandra Jeffs, who made 80, and recent appendicitis case Sandra Burton (41) enabled Warrandyte to declare at 3/100.

Melbourne improved to make 123 in their second innings, with Jenny Chapman again in superb touch with 5/11.

Warrandyte scored the necessary runs for outright victory without loss.

The under-14 boys' team have started the season on a high note and also head their division.

With captain Brian Chapman starring with the bat, they have won their last two matches in good style.

## One for stan

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a fund-raising barbecue on Sunday, November 21, in aid of former local identity Stan Cook.

Mr. Cook, a butcher in Warrandyte for many years, lost his wife in a road smash in NSW earlier this year.

Mr. Cook and two of his nine children were injured in the smash.

The barbecue will be held at the home of football coach Brian Tomlinson, in Bryson Road, Warrandyte.

The football club's annual general meeting, which was to have been held last month, was postponed because of the illness of president Mr. Laurie Sloan.

It will now be held on Tuesday, November 23, at the Coffee Bean Restaurant.

Mr. Sloan has recovered from an operation.

<p><b>SENIORS B-GRADE</b></p> <p>South Croydon 4/118 d. Warrandyte 87 (John Chapman 50 n.o.).</p> <p>Warrandyte 8/163 dec. (Brian Cleaves 36, John Chapman 36, Richard Bowen 29, Ian Broome 27) d. North Ringwood 89 (Bob McDonald 5/28, Ian Broome 2/29) and 164 (Bob McDonald 7/89).</p> <p><b>F-GRADE</b></p> <p>Eastfield 8/240 dec. (Tony Perry 3/67, Ian Word 3/54) d. Warrandyte 57 and 56.</p> <p>North Ringwood 9/100 (Tony Perry 4/50) d. Warrandyte 9/62.</p> <p><b>JUNIORS UNDER-16</b></p> <p>Wonga Park 3/88 (Warren McCutcheon 1/22, McGregor Scott 1/22, Stuart Knight 1/23) d. Warrandyte 26.</p> <p>Boronia United 3/159 (Robert Webb 2/29, Stuart Knight 1/15) d. Warrandyte 27 and 9.</p> <p><b>UNDER-14</b></p> <p>Warrandyte 5/72 (Brian Chapman 28, Jeff Woolcock 12) d. Mooroolbark 7/52 (Brian Chapman 5/18, Jeff</p>	<p>Woolcock 2/24).</p> <p>Warrandyte 65 (Brian Chapman 26) and 2/14 d. Knoxfield 49 (Jeffrey Woolcock 7/15, Tony McDougall 2/29, Dale McCartin 1/0) and 5/80 (Tony McDougall 3/10, Tim Lawrence 1/6, Jeff Woolcock 1/28).</p> <p><b>UNDER-12</b></p> <p>Croydon North 5/62 (David McDonald 3/13) d. Warrandyte 22.</p> <p>Knoxfield 108 (David McDonald 4/18, Adrian Manser 3/24) d. Warrandyte 84 (David McDonald 50 retired).</p> <p><b>WOMEN</b></p> <p>Warrandyte 8/80 (c.c.) (Sandy Jeffs 23, Jenny Chapman 36 n.o.) d. Mitcham 6/69 (Jenny Chapman 1/17, Maria McGhie 4/28).</p> <p>Warrandyte 3/140 dec. (Sandy Jeffs 80, Sandra Burton 41, Maria McGhie 12) and 0/18 d. Melbourne 34 (Jenny Chapman 6/13, Maria McGhie, Dianne Simmons 1/1) and 123 (Jenny Chapman 5/11, Dianna Simmons 2/39, Maria McGhie 1/16, Jenny McLanes 1/34).</p>
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## 2 PRONG ATTACK

After a successful winter, Warrandyte Tennis Club have teams in two summer competitions.

Games are played on Saturdays and on Monday nights.

The women's organised midweek social play continues on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

Anyone interested in playing tennis—either competitively or socially—is invited to contact Heather Briggs on 844-3303.

Warrandyte finished the winter season on a high note with a pennant for the Section 12 mixed team and the junior boys reaching the finals.

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