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WARRANDYTE Diary

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—Smokey Joe



You would think that running pubs in roughly the same area might have turned the Bourkes and the Cornhills into something less than good mates.

You would think that Bourkes might regard Cornhills, newly-installed mine hosts at the Pantan Hill, as some sort of interlopers.

In fact, where do you reckon Alan Cornhill went for a couple of 18s when demand exceeded supply just after they'd moved in to the PH.

Straight back to Warrandyte and Kevin Bourke, who was happy to oblige.

Publicans stick together, you know. And how do you think Alan repaid Kevin's kindness? By presenting him with a veritable shrew of a talking cockatoo that had been left on the premises.

Kevin got square, though. Spread some sort of rumour about free beer at Pantan Hill!

Next month (time) and Stiggants Reserve (place) will see a multitude of pent-up hostilities released.

The local Apex Club has included crockery-smashing and car-demolishing among the attractions at its Stiggants Reserve carnival.

It's all part of the "This Is Warrandyte" festival (see Page 2).

For Smokey, who's been known to throw a saucer in anger, and the little woman, who's been known to demolish a car purely by accident, this will be sheer therapy!

The person who furtively delivered an anonymous note to Brian Day's business address was long on typing and gobbledegook, short on fact.

It was now an illegal act and a punishable offence, the note said, for unlicensed motorcycles to be driven up or down Wyuna Road, North Warrandyte, and a further offence for the riders to be unlicensed to ride a powered motorcycle on any State Road (which Wyuna Road now was).

What's more, car driving licences did not give adults licences to ride any so-called "trail" bikes which are engine, but unlicensed by the adult rider.

All very interesting, but totally irrelevant. For one thing, neither Brian nor any of his kids rides a motorbike.

For another, the Days moved from North Warrandyte to Kangaroo Ground 18 months ago!

Does it pay to advertise in the Diary? Just ask "The Handyman".

He placed his first Diary ad. in last month's issue — and copped 36 customers in a fortnight. Say no more (except that he beat our door down to get a Page 2 spot again in this issue).

A Warrandyte petition containing 300 signatures has protested against proposals to control the felling of trees on private property.

The petition was presented to Doncaster - Templestowe Council last week.

It followed a proposal that a Board of Works planning ordinance be amended to give councils power to control tree removal and to prosecute those who fell trees without permission.

The suggested control appears to be aimed at the land development companies.

But it is unlikely that householders would be exempt.

Eltham Shire Council has already made its feelings quite clear.

It responded to a Board of Works letter seeking views on tree control by suggesting an \$800 fine for unauthorised destruction of trees and native vegetation.

The petition presented to Doncaster-Templestowe Council opposed tree control on private property on eight grounds.

It said:

- The by-law had greater and more far-reaching implications than any yet in force and many people in the area were unaware of the proposal or its implications.

- It was a direct intrusion into the chosen life style of landowners in the area.

- Once accepted, the by-law could be expanded and used to control other individuals' actions on their own property other than those which directly interfered with neighbours.

- It would take away land-owner rights to remove trees for reasons of safety to themselves and their neighbours and could have an adverse affect on removal of fire hazards with the consequent added danger to the community.

- It sought to impose one section of the community's aesthetic views and life style on the whole community.

- The area concerned was one of the most bush-fire-prone in the world; major fires in the past had destroyed large numbers of trees and would again in the future destroy the trees the landowners had surrendered their individual rights to save.

- If control was needed to prevent wholesale removal of trees from land being subdivided, agreement on the trees to be removed should be a prerequisite to the granting of the permit.

Mrs. Wilma Bence, of

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'Yeah, I signed the petition, Ock. Thought I'd get in for my chop..'

Sunday sleepy Sunday?

Warrandyte Traders Association has formed a special sub-committee to keep the town "alive" at weekends.

The association wants Warrandyte classified as a "tourist area" to avert the threat of its shops being forced to close on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Department of Labor and Industry inspectors have warned local traders — particularly the many art-craft shops — that they face weekend closure.

The Traders Association believes the solution is for the State Government to re-classify Warrandyte for tourism — as are Eltham and Sherbrooke.

This would allow weekend trading in "locally-made" goods.

The association hopes the matter will be resolved in the spring session of State Parliament.

Weekend trading will be discussed again at the association's general meeting on Monday, April 4.

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A particularly plaintive missive comes this month from "Toilet-trained":
"What is it about the Warrandyte Bridge that has such a laxative effect on the local horse population?"
"I doubt that I've ever crossed the bridge on foot without picking my way between their droppings."
"Now don't get me wrong—I've nothing whatsoever against horses. But it might be a nice gesture if those whose animals relieve themselves on the bridge were to clean up."
"I don't mean what I'm fresh and I certainly don't suggest they further pollute the Yarra by merely dropping the droppings over the edge. But maybe they could come back and do something about it later."
"If I had the time, I'd shovel it into bags myself and go into business. I'm told there's money in manure."
Well, there was until the bottom fell out of the market.

— From 'Pinkney Place', *The Age*, February 26.

Parents —it's up to you!

Warrandyte Community Youth Club faces a crucial annual general meeting on Wednesday, March 23.

Several committee members are unable to stand for re-election and the club has appealed particularly to parents to fill the vacancies.

"We urgently call on all parents and others interested to attend this meeting," a club spokesman told the Diary.

"We need support to fill these committee posts and we remind interested people that it is a chance to hold a stimulating and satisfying position for 12 months."

The meeting, at the White House, starts at 8 p.m.

The club is back in full swing following the Christmas-New Year break and invites new members to join in its many and varied activities.

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CORRECTION

In the February issue of the Diary, the name of the ALP candidate for Casey at the next Federal election was mis-spelt.

He is Mr. Rob Robotham (41), of Mitcham.

Mr. Robotham, a well-known conservationist, is a radiation protection officer at Melbourne University.

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AT LAST, THERE'S GOOD NEWS

Council's about-face restores the farm rate

The north-of-the-Yarra rates situation has at last taken a turn for the better — as far as farmers are concerned, anyway.

In a dramatic about-face, Eltham Shire Council has largely restored the farm concession which it had stripped from some 650 North Riding ratepayers.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, the concession — now 50 per cent of the general rate — had already been restored to about 320 landowners who had been ruled ineligible for it.

About 80 applications were awaiting a hearing, a few more had been deferred and more were arriving daily at the shire offices.

To that stage, council had refused 76 applications.

The farm rate controversy blew up late last year when the shire valuer recommended that only 57 of 700 ratepayers who received the concession be eligible for it this year.

It was left to those ruled ineligible for the farm rate to formally apply for its restoration.

The valuer has since added 150 to his original list of 57 and council has approved 170 applications.

"This has been a decision of critical importance to the North Riding," councillor Robert Marshall — a vigorous rates reformer — told the Diary.

"Full-time farmers were finding their rates an unrealistic burden and were in danger of losing their way of life," he said.

"Hundreds of other landowners were finding rates an ever-increasing burden.

"The whole riding was in danger of becoming elitist — a place where only the rich could afford to live.

"The pressure to subdivide to survive was increasing and the green wedge concept would have been threatened in three to five years," Cr. Marshall said.

RESPIRE FOR OTHERS, TOO

While the farm rate question may be resolved, the North Riding general rate remains a most contentious issue.

"The general rate is still a big problem because valuations in the North are increasing much faster than in the other two ridings," said Cr. Robert Marshall.

But for those ratepayers who have suffered savage increases in their last two rates bills, there is respite ahead.

The new valuation will not come into effect until 1980 — so any increases in the meantime will be very much smaller.

They will also be uniform throughout the three ridings.

"If, for example, council decides it must increase its income by 10 per cent next year, all rates in the shire will rise 10 per cent," said Cr. Marshall.

"But as I've said so often before, the answer to North Riding's rates problem is a return from shire finance to riding finance."

Club at the pub

Bourke's Hotel now has its own social club.

Formed at a meeting late last month, the club aims to bring hotel patrons and their children together at such functions as organised sporting events, socials, picnics and barbecues.

Special emphasis will be placed on outings and activities for the kids.

Membership fee is 50 cents per week per family.

Social club president is Gary (Slab) McDonough.

HELP!

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PARENTS TO VOTE NEW COUNCIL IN

A Warrandyte Primary School council — to replace the existing school committee — will be elected this month.

A meeting of parents has been called at the school at 8 p.m. on March 30 to elect council members.

The council will be more broadly based than the committee.

It will comprise three teachers, a municipal representative and 12 parents.

Its duties, as set out in the Education (School Councils) Act 1975, are to:

- Advise the principal and staff on general educational policy.

- Generally oversee the school buildings and grounds and ensure that they are kept in good condition.

- Recommend any necessary replacement of buildings, or extensions or alterations to them.

- Provide for the necessary cleaning and sanitary services.

- Ensure that all money coming into the council is properly spent.

- Try to arrange suitable accommodation for teachers appointed to the school.

- Carry out other prescribed duties.

- Generally stimulate interest in the school.

Nominations (in writing) for membership of the council close with principal Ron Barkas at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23.

A list of candidates will be displayed at the school as soon as possible after nominations close.

All parents are urged to attend the March 30 meeting.

IT'S THE VOGEL SHOW!

Award-winning artist Ernest Vogel is holding an exhibition this month at the Warrandyte Palette.

Mr. Vogel has been painting for many years and annual exhibitions of his work have been held at the Kozninsky and Dean Galleries.

The Palette's craft feature this month is leatherwork by local girl Barbara Thomas, a trained arts and crafts teacher.

COOL IT!

Speeding drivers beware — there is a new 60 kph zone in Warrandyte.

The Road Safety and Traffic Authority recently approved 60 kph signs to be erected on Pound Bend Road, just north of Everard Drive.

Trying before buying

Doncaster-Templestowe councillors ate a meal with a difference at a meeting this month.

They cast their culinary vote on food cooked in a microwave reconstituted frozen food system as a pre-purchase test for the Doncaster and Warrandyte elderly citizens' centres.

The system would be a great boost to the meals-on-wheels services in both Doncaster and Warrandyte.

A bigger, better Eltham show

The success of last year's Eltham College Autumn Art Fair has prompted a repeat of the venture next month.

And organisers say it will be bigger and better.

Victorian Lawn Tennis Association president Mr. J. P. Young, OBE, will officially open the exhibition

on Friday night, April 15.

It will continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, in conjunction with the annual school fair, and close at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Exhibits will include the works of many well-known artists and a wide range of pottery, jewellery, weav-

ing, enamelling and leatherwork.

The show will be held in the new wing of the college, in Main Road, Research.

It will be a wine-and-cheese opening, with tickets (\$2.50 a head) available at the door.

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So move over, Moomba Here comes Warrandyte

Next month's "This is Warrandyte" festival will probably become an annual event.

The tremendous response to the Anzac weekend festival already has the organisers — the Warrandyte Environment League — thinking in terms of next year, the year after and the year after that . . .

At least 25 local groups will be involved in the inaugural event.

"The response has been unbelievable," organiser Howard Geldard told the Diary.

"We can't see this festival being anything but a big success — and that, of course, will mean that it will become a fixture."

Mr. Geldard paid particular tribute to the generosity of the local traders.

"They've been enormous," he said.

"They've even commissioned the printing of our official program."

"This is Warrandyte" has grown from a suggestion put forward at a WEL committee meeting.

One of its many highlights will be the Apex carnival on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday at Stiggants Reserve (see Smokey Joe on Page 1).

Another will be a family colonial folk dancing night on the Sunday, hosted by the Presbyterian Church.

While a round-robin tennis tournament (open to anyone who can wield a racquet) is on at the new tennis courts, a combined art and pottery show will be in progress at the old courts under the bridge.

There'll be pipe bands, a children's bush ballet . . . you name it.

Next month's Diary will be a "Festival Special" issue and will carry, among other things, the full program.

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KINDER PLANS COMPLETED

Warrandyte's third kindergarten is still awaiting the green light from the State Health Department.

But behind the scenes, it is all systems "go".

An architect has completed plans for extensions to North Warrandyte Community Centre to accommodate the proposed Warrandyte Community Kindergarten.

And projects to finance the venture are well under way.

The kindergarten — designed for three-year-olds, and four-year-olds unable to be accommodated elsewhere — must meet such Health Department requirements as lighting, ventilation, fencing and outside storage.

It would occupy the community hall adjoining the North Warrandyte Infant Welfare and Pre-School Association centre.

Doncaster - Templestowe Council has given \$2000 towards the cost of equipment for the kindergarten.

The community kindergarten is a unique project because the Council has combined with Eltham

Shire Council to provide funds for it.

The Mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe, Cr. John Scott, said the \$2000 grant was significant in that it set a precedent of council's willingness to expand funds in a neighbouring municipality.

Cr. Scott said the grant supported the agreement with Eltham Shire that the councils would jointly contribute to complementary development in Warrandyte.

The new kindergarten's interim committee has organised a fund-raising jazz night on April 1 at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

It will also conduct a raffle, opening April 10. First prize will be a freezer-ful of food, second a \$110 rug and third a dried flower arrangement.

For further information on the new kindergarten, contact Gwenda Ennis (844 2099).

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Joe on his literary gem
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recent wedding.

There is no denying
that the local scouting
movement's bottle heap
did benefit.

But I would like it to
go on record that
EVERY empty was left
stacked neatly on the
pile.

That's more than I
can say for those who
ignore the sign and
dump their boxes and
bottles on the footpath.

P. Lovett,
Webb Street.

Skidmarks and broken glass. They seem to be a familiar sight in Warrandyte's main shopping centre these days.

And no wonder. Have you tried making a right-hand turn from Mitchell Avenue or Webb St. into Yarra Street?

Another nightmare is trying to get out of the hotel's drive-in bottle shop. Frequently the view to the right is blocked by a vehicle parked on the edge of the concrete apron.

At the end of Webb St. a driver making a right hand turn is forced to creep well past the stop sign to see around cars parked slap-bang on the left corner.

Making a right-hand turn out fo Mitchell Avenue is a real dice-with-death affair. The cluster of trees outside the Mechan-

bend does not give drivers either way much of a chance.

Heavy vehicle traffic in Warrandyte has increased road hazards. One has only to see the big trucks from mountain timber areas. They are obviously coming through Warrandyte to avoid the Maroondah Highway.

Surely it's time the various bodies — CRB, Board of Works, Council, TRB and police authorities etc. — got together before the next stage is the coroner's court.

Now might be the time to form a ratepayers' association in Warrandyte.

"Concerned",
Yarra St.
(Name supplied)

STEAMING BACK INTO HISTORY

Warrandyte Historical Society was taken back into the fascinating world of steam at its meeting last month.

Guest speaker was Mr. Jim Cahill, who was born in Bealiba in 1901.

Mr. Cahill told of his apprenticeship at the age of 13 when he left home to join "Murphy", the local steam traction driver, for a five-mile-a-day return trip to Ballarat to pick up a load of wool.

After getting his "ticket" at 18, he went out driving Ballarat Council's eight horsepower Fowler steam traction engine crushing rocks for roads in the district.

From there it was on to the Geelong cementworks, where he operated an imported steam shovel which had just finished digging the Panama Canal.

Mr. Cahill went on to build his own successful business, eventually excavating sites for Melbourne city buildings such as the Manchester Unity.

He was also involved in the construction of the

Myer Music Bowl.

Guest speaker at the Society's next meeting — at 8 p.m. on March 22 at the primary school — will be Mrs. Joyce Bellingham, who will talk on Warrandyte's past as she remembers it.

The Society's next major project is an historical display for the "This is Warrandyte" festival on Anzac weekend.

It would like to hear from anyone with relics they are prepared to lend for the display and invites inquiries to Ted Rotherham (844 2438), Wendy Cookes (844 2200) or Jo Laurence (844 3694).

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LABOR'S MAN FOR EVELYN

Warren Thomas has been re-endorsed as the ALP candidate for Evelyn at the next State elections, due in mid-1979.

Mr. Thomas (30) is a curriculum production officer at the Audio-Visual Education Centre, part of the Special Services Division of the Education Department in Carlton.

FOOTY CLUB GETS TOUGH ON TRAINING

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte Football Club officials have adopted a "hard line" policy on players not attending regular training nights.

President Laurie Sloan said this week the club's search for recruits had been successful.

At least four new experienced players looked like joining the club.

"Gone are the days when players can miss training then turn up at the last minute and expect to play in the opening games," said Mr. Sloan.

He said seniors coach Brian Tomlinson was pleased with the attendances at training. So far, about 60 players had turned up.

Mr. Sloan said that next

season the Eastern Districts League would be fielding four divisions.

This season Warrandyte will again play in third division. Next year, the last four teams in third division will help form the fourth division.

"We are determined Warrandyte won't be one of those teams," said Mr. Sloan.

He said the club had gone out of its way to recruit players this season.

It was also evident that players were much fitter at this stage than they were last year.

Selectors will be closely watching the form of re-

cruits in the three practice games.

On March 19, Warrandyte will be at home to Monbulk.

On March 27, Warrandyte will go to Seville and another game has been arranged at home for April 3.

Warrandyte, always keen to foster junior football, will score a "first" this season. The Eastern Districts League will sponsor a competition for the first time for under 9 and under-11 teams.

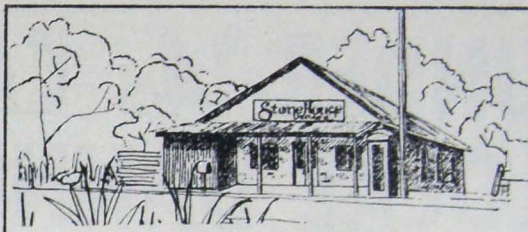
Warrandyte is among the 10 clubs to nominate teams.

Club officials have no fears about filling these sides. However, they are worried by the shortage of players for the under-15 and under-17 sides.

Any players eligible for these sides should attend training at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday nights.

Mr. Sloan said the club would again display advertising banners around the ground.

"We hope the loyal local business people will again give us the solid support of last year," he said.



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WOODEN IT!

Termites are eating out the woodwork in the pavilion at the Warrandyte Recreation Ground.

The Warrandyte Football club, particularly, is concerned about the damage.

The club, which had previously complained about the state of the pavilion, now intends to mount a strong campaign with local ward councillors to have the damage repaired.

Doorways, cupboards and wood trims have been eaten out.

Football club officials are concerned that people could be injured if the timberwork gives away.

"The pavilion is a personal and security hazard at the moment," one committeeman told the Diary.

A five-foot brown snake was making haste across the recreation ground towards the scoreboard the other afternoon . . .

Just as our footballers were doing their lapwork.

Veteran training-watchers swear that the Bloods have never shown such dash . . . running backwards.

Good to see them saving their heroics for the start of the season!

OWZAT!

Suzanne Chapman, a member of Warrandyte's most illustrious cricketing family, was married this month.

Suzanne, of Pigeon Bank Lane, married Glenn Martin, of Kilsyth.

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UMPS ARE URGENT

Warrandyte Netball Club urgently needs umpires for the home games of the winter season.

Badged umpires will be paid for their services. Enquiries should be directed to Pat Price (844 2067).

The club will have 11 teams in this season's competition.

Office bearers are: President, Pat Price; vice-president, Bev Day; secretary, Margaret Greenwood; treasurer, Gwen Szabo; minutes secretary, Nettie Hoekveen.

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Football Shorts

The Under-17 side still does not have a coach for the coming season.

Anybody interested in the position should contact club president Laurie Sloan on 89 9329.

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Colin Bawdin, one of Warrandyte's big men, will not be in action until after Easter. Colin is bringing a couple of good players to Warrandyte with him.

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Vin Brennan, of North Warrandyte, has presented Warrandyte Football Club with a 1955 copy of the Footy Record.

The club has passed it on to the Eastern Districts Football League where it is mounted in a glass case.

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UNDER-14s CARRY THE LOCAL BANNER

The season ended to early for most of Warrandyte's cricketers — but the future is in very good hands.

It was left to the Under-14s to keep the local flag aloft after the women's team were beaten by Parkside in their semi-final.

But it obviously wasn't going to be easy for the local boys.

Knoxfield were 218 at the end of the first day's play against the Warrandyte Under-14s in their semi-final at Mullum Oval, Ringwood.

Warrandyte's best bowlers were Dale McCartin, who took 6/68, and Brian Chapman, who bowled a marathon 19 overs and conceded only 37 runs for his two wickets.

They faced a long run chase, but their performances this season suggested that it might not be beyond them.

The senior men's team finished their season on a high note with some fine batting performances.

They finished fifth on

the ladder, only three points out of the four.

The match against Bayswater Park was particularly exciting. Warrandyte had 2½ hours in which to hit up 181 and recovered from 6/77 to do it with a wicket to spare.

Warrandyte followed up with a win over Boronia.

The women's team were beaten outright by Parkside in their semi-final.

Warrandyte made only 39 in reply to Parkside's 74 in the first innings and 88 to 105 in the second.

Suzanne Chapman was again Warrandyte's star with the bat and ball.

Her match figures were 9/46 and 53 runs — including a carry-the-bat 41 in the second innings.

Details:

SENIORS
Warrandyte 9/190 (J. Chapman 35, T. Hulme 68 n.o., G. Skinner 20, I. Broome 16) d. Bayswater Park 180 (Broome 3/71, M. Summers 2/32, A. Woolcock 5/48).
Warrandyte 7/193 dec. (R. n.o.) d. Boronia 9/183 dec. (I. Bowen 19, J. McCartin 22, T. Hulme 84 n.o., A. Woolcock 24

Broome 2/49, F. James 2/27) and 4/29 (McCartin 2/5).

SECONDS

Warrandyte 62 and 3/52 dec. (I. World 30) d. Knoxfield 44 (T. Perry 6/19) and 9/92 (Perry 7/21).

Lilydale 217 (A. Bellinger 3/35) d. Warrandyte 154 (J. Peters 39, G. Lawrence 35, A. Bellinger 24).

UNDER-16

Bayswater Park 41 (M. Scott 3/26, W. McCutchan 2/19) d. Warrandyte 28.

UNDER-14

Warrandyte 47 (P. McGrath 14, B. Chapman 28) d. Kilsyth 41 (B. Chapman 5/16, T. McDougall 4/17).

Warrandyte 34 (B. Chapman 10) and 7/40 (B. Chapman 19) d. Heathmont 53 (T. McDougall 7/25) and 5/19 dec. (B. Chapman 4/7).

Semi-final: Knoxfield 218 (D. McCartin 6/68, B. Chapman 2/37, T. McDougall 2/98) v. Warrandyte.

UNDER-12

Heathmont Uniting 194 (M. Farrington 5/34) d. Warrandyte 38 and 4/26.

WOMEN

St. Andrews 7/255 dec. (J. Chapman 5/84).

Semi-final: Parkside 74 (J. Chapman 7/24, S. Chapman 2/21) and 105 (S. Chapman 7/25, J. Chapman 2/28) d. Warrandyte 39 (S. Chapman 11, P. Dakin 10) and 88 (S. Chapman 42 n.o., J. McLaws 20).

Dad's Army devastating

The umpire blew the whistle very early this season on Warrandyte's F-grade basketball men.

"Come on, fellers," he said. "You've gotta be joking!"

Actually, they were for real. They'd got together to play in the Bulleen summer competition and even if they weren't the best basketballers in the world, they had claim to being among the oldest.

Brian Day, for example, had to keep being reminded that basketball was a no-contact sport. Bit different from the old footy!

But you're never too old — only too lazy. And how the old dogs of the F-grade have learned new tricks.

They're in the finals! And far from being overawed, they're talking in terms of a premiership.

It will be one of the more remarkable "past-their-prime-to-a-pennant" stories in Warrandyte sporting history if they can do it.

The team is Brian Day, Ian (Haggis) Harris, Jeff Pulford, Ian Hodgson, Stan Flabon, Alan Woolcock and Theo Grummisch.

Average age is uncertain — but they've all been voting for a long time.

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