

# WARRANDYTE Diary

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## IN RED & WHITE



One of the more moving letters to have reached the Diary mailbox comes from 11-year-old Tom Cookes, of Timbertop Ridge.

Tom was pretty sad when he wrote it. "One of our sheep was killed by a dog we do not know. Can people please look after their animals," he said.

Smokey just happens to have known the victim of the dog attack.

She was a two-year-old named Josephine — and one of the cutest bundles of wool you've ever seen.

"Jo" was an orphan lamb and was raised in a dog kennel on a farm. She was quite unafraid of dogs, so would have been easy prey for the marauder.

But Jo is not the only victim of wild dog attacks in Warrandyte recently. Other fatal attacks on sheep and goats have been reported.

The advice of police and council rangers is:

If you value your sheep or goats, lock 'em up at night!

Behind every football club is a small band of super-dedicated supporters. The people who "put in".

And Warrandyte have no better behind-the-scenes workers than Geoff Letherbridge, of Cemetery Road.

Geoff puts in a marathon performance as scoreboard attendant at each home Saturday — and fronts up again for the "little league" games on Sunday.

"People like Geoff keep a football club going," says Warrandyte president Laurie Sloan.

"We're deeply indebted to him for the time and effort he puts into the club."

To which Smokey says "hear hear".

Young mum with baby in bassinets in the back seat of her car is one of the latest victims of the mad mile known as Yarra Street.

Mum braked desperately when a primary school kid charged straight off the footpath on to an unmanned school crossing one late-afternoon this month.

Car following ploughed into her vehicle, giving both mum and baby a nasty shaking.

By no means does Smokey claim this as an original thought: But why not push-button pedestrian lights at a couple of strategic points in Yarra Street?

Still, there is one ray of sunshine on the Yarra Street traffic scene:

It must be a couple of months now since that traffic island on the corner of Harris Gully Road has been wiped off.

Gee, its taken some punishment, but just keeps bouncing back. Bloodied but unbowed.

The lack of recent carnage can probably be attributed to the seasonal decline of weekend tourist traffic. But we wouldn't care to be in its shoes come summer.

—Smokey Joe

## ALL THE WAY HOME

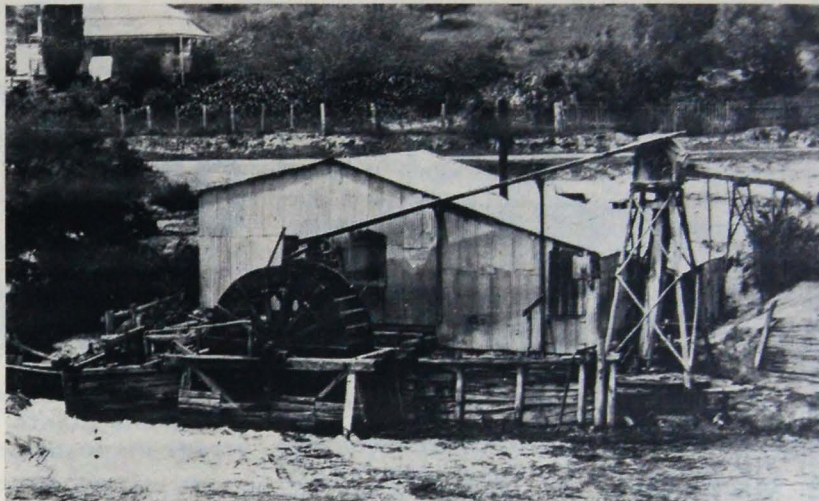
An amendment to a tramways board bus timetable will enable Warrandyte travellers to reach home much earlier on Saturday evenings.

Following representations, the board has announced that the 5.32 p.m. bus from the city will now go all the way to Warrandyte instead

of terminating at Deep Creek.

Previously, Warrandyte residents had to make private arrangements to be picked up from Deep Creek.

The change has been welcomed by Warrandyte's band of Saturday workers and football and race fans.



# CENTRE PLAN: NOW IT'S 2

Warrandyte may get not one but TWO community centres.

Proposals for a community complex at Stiggants Reserve and a sports centre on the White House site have been discussed at meetings of interested local groups.

The Stiggants Reserve centre would be built first and White House demolished later and rebuilt as a modern sports clubhouse complex.

A meeting of local groups this month decided to draw up rough plans for the proposed Stiggants Reserve project and submit them to Doncaster-Templestowe council for preliminary consideration.

This month's meeting followed two early get-togethers at which the various clubs and organisations put forward ideas as to what features a community centre should contain.

It was decided that, ideally, two centres should be built — Stiggants Reserve to accommodate social and cultural activities and the White House site to cater mainly for sporting groups.

Both projects would be financed by a community co-operative, along the lines of the \$600,000 Ecce Centre at Eltham College.

The mayor of Doncaster-Templestowe, Cr. John Scott, has already indicated council sympathy for a community centre financed this way.

Proposals for the Stiggants complex include:

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## The golden days

It's been gone a long time now, but it was once a dominant feature of the Warrandyte landscape.

This water-powered quartz-crushing battery and dam were built in 1897.

Known as the State Battery, it crushed gold-bearing quartz for several of the mines then operating in the area.

It was the last battery on the river in Warrandyte and stood about 750 metres upstream from the bridge.

Doncaster-Templestowe has drawn attention to this segment of Warrandyte's past by erecting a commemorative plaque on the site.

The suggestion came from the Doncaster-Templestowe Historical Society.

The battery's water wheel was 15 ft. in diameter and six feet wide and powered a three-head stamper battery.

Both wheel and stamper were dismantled in the late 1920s and transferred to Queenstown.

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# IT'S THE ALICE SPECTACULAR!

It will be almost a case of "standing room only" on stage at the Mechanics Institute Hall next month.

Warrandyte Arts Association's long-awaited presentation of "Alice In Wonderland" brings together the biggest cast seen on the local stage in years.

It also brings together an interesting blend of the old and the new.

The Lewis Carroll classic, basically unaltered in its adaptation for the stage by Clemence Dene, with music by Richard Addinsell, will be presented in a "traditional" manner.

But it will have the benefit of the latest techniques in music, lighting and scenery to create the illusions for which director Judie Irving is striving.

The major innovation will be the arrangement of the musical score for electric organs and moog synthesizer by well-known musician Paul Copeland.

He will be assisted by Warwick Bone, a music student at the Victorian College of the Arts and an accomplished conductor.

The vocalists are being

## Uniting Church arrives

St. John's Presbyterian Church, in Taroona Avenue, becomes the Warrandyte Uniting Church on Wednesday, June 22.

It is an historic day for members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches throughout the country — the day the three denominations become part of the Uniting Church of Australia.

Members of the Warrandyte congregation will celebrate the occasion with their counterparts from other eastern suburbs with a special service at Box Hill Town Hall at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 26.

The Warrandyte Uniting Church meets each Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and at 10 a.m. for service.

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• • "Alice In Wonderland" will run at the Mechanics Institute Hall for three weekends — July 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16. Tickets are expected to sell at \$3.00 (\$1.50 for students) and \$5.00 for the two supper nights (July 1 and 16). For bookings, phone 844 3076.

directed by Pam Milliken, an experienced singer who is now teaching singing and piano at Eltham College.

Musicians will include Ann Arnold, who also teaches music here.

Lighting will be designed and operated by Judie's husband Denis Irving, and will be used to "paint" the set by projection of slides from Tenniel's original drawings.

The slides are being produced by photographer Ted Domeyer.

Another linking of past and present is being achieved by the participation of young and inexperienced actors alongside people whose links with WAA go back to its inception 22 years ago.

Among the "veterans" is the director who, as Judie Cameron, was directing plays for the fledgling WAA as early as 1958, when her production of "The Ring of General Marcuis" won first prize in the Victorian Drama League's One-Act Play Festival.

Two of the actresses who performed in this play, Lady Dorothy Reid (at that time Dorothy Rutledge) and Yvonne Reid are also in "Alice in Wonderland".

Yvonne, who has been teaching dance and drama for the WAA since its earliest days, is also choreographing the show.

Other original association members involved are Ron Golding and Enid Bird (the original Drama Group president and secretary), Joan Golding (foundation WAA secretary), Denis Irving and Ted Domeyer (both past WAA chairmen) and Ann Arnold (an original member of the music group).

Well-known names from past productions also appear — including Irving Reid, Tim Sherwood and Jock Macneish, to name a few.

New faces include local artist Walter Magilton, St. Stephen's minister Bruce Avery and the two Alices — Rosie Casey and Angela Hennel, from Eltham.

## Now, two centres?

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House centre would cater mainly for the football, cricket, tennis and netball-basketball clubs.

It would contain a main hall for basketball and other indoor sports, sauna, showers, changing rooms, gymnasium, clubrooms, lounge, kitchen and spectator balcony.

A spokesman for the Warrandyte Traders Association, which is firmly behind the project, told the Diary:

"We realise these are ambitious plans and that they are not yet at even the drawing board stage.

"But the support has been tremendous and, community willing, there is no reason why it cannot happen.

"The more groups, the more people, who become involved in this, the better."

It is hoped to have a preliminary sketch and proposals before council early next month.

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# CHESS ACE MOVES TO WARRANDYTE

**Michael Woodhams, one of the wizards of Australian chess, has moved to Warrandyte.**

Michael, 28, Australia's highest-rating international player, recently shifted from Hawthorn to Leber Street.

His name is synonymous with the game in this country.

He figured in a three-way tie for first place in the Australian open championship in January this year, sharing the top prize-money, but missing the title on a countback.

Michael represented Australia at the world chess Olympiad in Palestine last year.

He won the Victorian championship in 1975 and numbers, among other achievements, an equal second in the Australian correspondence chess championship, which started in 1972 and finished in 1974.

The national open final early this year was one of the tensest matches of his career.

Michael was too nervous to watch his opponent's moves and wandered about the room to ease the tension.

He likened the atmosphere to a gambling room where the stakes were high.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Warrandyte Historical Society is anxious to close a missing link in its pictorial records of the district's past.

It is seeking photographs of Grant's Battery, which operated on the river almost opposite the spot where Bourkes' Hotel now stands.

The battery was built in 1868 and was still going in the 1890s.

If you can help, Ted Rotherham (844 2438), Jo Laurence (844 3694) or Wendy Cookes (844 2200) would like to hear from you.

**OUR NEW FACES**

This is the chance you local bathroom baritones have been waiting for . . .

The chance to get out of the bathroom and into the public eye.

Warrandyte Community Youth Club is inviting entries for a talent quest to be run in September. Entries close on August 1.

The quest promises great fun — and prizes.

The club will hold a dance at the White House on Friday, June 24, starting 8 p.m.

It also reminds all ladies that every Monday is keep fit night. Classes, conducted by Dot Durran, start at 9 p.m. and cost only 60 cents a head.

**PIPELINE POSES NEW THREAT**

Eltham Shire Council has sought urgent discussions with the Gas and Fuel Corporation on the threat of another scar on the environment.

It is concerned about the effects of a proposed gas pipeline from Gippsland to Walert.

Construction of the pipeline would cut a 100 ft. wide path through the bushland, running just south of Kinglake National Park.

Because the pipeline would carry high-pressure gas, it must be routed away from residential areas.

The Gas and Fuel Corporation has readily agreed to discuss the matter.

As reported in last month's Diary, Eltham Council has also sought discussions with the Board of Works on the effects on the bushland of a proposed water pipeline from Sugarloaf Dam to the Research aqueduct.

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# Doing it in style

They don't beat about the bush at the Echo, a weekly newspaper that circulates on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Last month, the Echo took its contributors back to school for a refresher course on making the sub-editor's lot a happier one.

It published a "notice to contributors" pointing out "dos" and "don'ts" which make for streamlined production and a more satisfactory result all round.

In the hope that its own contributors might get the message, the Diary reproduces the pertinent points of the Echo's piece:

Sports and news copy submitted for publication should be presented neatly and conform to style.

Many contributors in the past have not been doing this, and consequently have not been doing their clubs justice.

If there are any doubts about style, especially for sports results, check with similar material already published.

The Echo prefers copy to be typed with triple spacing. But if this is not possible, use a blue biro and print all names used in the copy.

Material presented on small pieces of paper is difficult to handle and sometimes can get lost. Use quarto size paper for preference.

Here is a basic style guide:

- Leave 1½ inch margin on the left side of the page and a 1½ inch space at the

By Smokey Joe

top to allow the sub editor to mark the type sizes.

- Write on one side of the page only.
- Do not run sentences on to another page. They must be completed on the same page.
- Use proper sentences — not abbreviated, shorthand type of sentences.
- Number all pages in the top right-hand corner.

• The most important aspect of a story should be placed in the first sentence. Do not leave it near the bottom of the story.

• Try to avoid slang expressions or abbreviating words.

• If players or club members "are required (requested) to attend . . ." use "should attend", or "players will meet at . . ."

Do not use the expression "players are reminded . . ." Start the sentence with whatever they are being reminded to do.

• Do not use "our" club. Use "the club", or name the club.

• When starting a sentence with a number, spell it out.

• Otherwise, numbers below 10 normally are spelt out; for 10 and above, use numerals.

• Use "start" or "begin", instead of "commence".

## A very special riding class

A branch of the world-wide organisation Riding for the Disabled and Handicapped has been operating virtually unnoticed in Warrandyte for the past 4½ years.

The local group, one of about eight in Victoria, is based at "Cheyne House", the Alexander Road property of Mr. and Mrs. D. Belcher.

A spokeswoman told the diary that the purpose of giving riding instruction to the handicapped was twofold:

- It provided an outdoor sport for those who could not participate in normal activities.

- It was one of the few means available to them for physical exercise.

"There is no doubt that horse-riding increases the self-confidence of our people — particularly the children — and often leads to a new sense of motivation," the spokeswoman said.

"The children do actual physical exercise on horseback designed to exercise and stretch muscles and increase, wherever possible, their mobility."

The Warrandyte group has several physiotherapists working in close liaison with its instructors.

Royal Children's Hospital personnel and occupational therapists have expressed great interest in, and approval of, the activity.

Children in the Warrandyte group are from the Yooralla Special School in Balwyn.

The branch urgently needs more helpers and invites inquiries through Lorraine McLean (844 3917).

## Touch of travel

Well-known local artist Pauline Grayling has brought a touch of overseas to the Warrandyte Palette this month.

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**READERS' LETTERS**

**TREE CONTROL: 'LET  
 THE HOUSEHOLDER BE'**

Whatever can be said in favour of empowering councils to control the felling of trees on private property, one thing remains indisputable in arguments against the proposal:

• That any such move would be yet another infringement on the basic rights of the private citizen.  
 Are we not yet sufficiently shackled in this land of the free by laws, by-laws and by-laws upon the by-laws?

Do we need a council to tell us whether we may or may not remove a tree from property which we have paid for, and for which we pay ever-spiralling rates to live upon?

I say no!  
 I heartily endorse the thoughts of the Warran-

dyte Environment League which said, in the May Diary:

"We feel that Warrandyte residents are sensitive to the environment and generally exercise a deep sense of responsibility in this (tree removal) regard."

Certainly, there is a need to control the havoc so thoughtlessly wrought by the developers' bulldozers upon their subdivisions.

But let the private land-owner be!

"Enough!"  
 KG Road.

**THANKS  
 FOR THE  
 RIDE**

On behalf of the Warrandyte Football Club committee, I sincerely thank the sponsors who made our wheelbarrow race such a success (see Page 8).

The traders and individual supporters who gave \$20 each to sponsor a barrow assured the financial success of the venture.

They also ensured that it will be on again — on a bigger scale — next year.

The committee's thanks go to:

- Getson Holden; George Bell (bricklayer); Bruce McAuley (mechanic); Peter McDougall (estate agent); Warana Pool Services; Foster's Milk Bar; Lloyd's Milk Bar (South Warrandyte); Ralph McAuley (stonemason); Jack Williams; Alec Edwards; West End Shopping Centre; Barden Motors (South Warrandyte); Hakea Glass; Bourke's Hotel; Panton Hill Hotel; Anna-Marie Catering; Ian Harris (plumber).

Bill McAuley,  
 for WFC committee.

**'Hear hear' indeed**

May I add a belated "hear hear" to the chorus of praise for the "This Is Warrandyte" festival.

The local environment league showed a lot of nous in masterminding the festival and did a great job getting it off the ground.

A particular word, I think, is due the Warrandyte Historical Society for the excellence of their exhibition.

The society is doing a tremendous job keeping Warrandyte in touch with its colourful past.

Grateful,  
 Webb Street.

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 by the community,  
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**'Supersnap'  
 in business**

Award-winning newspaper photographer Bill McAuley has set up shop in Warrandyte, his birthplace.

Bill has given away the power of the Press in favour of commercial photography and is operating from home in Kangaroo Ground Road.

He started his career on the Age, then moved to Sydney to work for the Daily Telegraph and was judged Australian Press Photographer of the Year in 1972.

Bill worked on the major London dailies in Fleet Street during a 16-country overseas trip in 1973-74.

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Local birds on the ball

# NETBALL POLICY A CLEAR WINNER

**Warrandyte Netball Club are headed for their most successful season ever.**

If the teams hold the form they have shown in the first half of the season, Warrandyte will play a strong hand in the Melbourne Eastern Netball Association finals.

Eight of the club's 11 teams are in the top four of their respective divisions.

And the other three are within goal-shooting distance of a place in the finals.

Club president Pat Price, is delighted with results so far.

"It is far too early yet," she said, "to be talking about premierships.

"But with so many teams playing so well, we are in a very happy position.

"There's no doubt that the club's policy of promoting netball at very junior

levels is paying dividends," Mrs. Price said.

"We have some outstanding young players who have come up through the learner ranks and the future of netball in Warrandyte is assured.

"For this we thank the coaches and team mothers. They are wonderful."

Best-performed Warrandyte team this season have been the Under-14 C Reserves, who are on top of their list.

The Open B grade second side are lying second in their division and the two other senior teams are in fourth spot.

There is strength all the way down to the Under-10s, who are in the four.

## Nine teams in tennis

Warrandyte Tennis Club have nine teams this year in the winter competition.

Winners in the "This Is Warrandyte" tournament were Kevin Fiddes, Terry Both, Ron Harris and Val McIntosh.

Office-bearers this year are: president, Keith Wilson; secretary, Heather Briggs; assist. secretary, Lin McQuire; treasurer, Judy McHugh; committee, Peter Barton, Dianne Oreander, Kevin Fiddes, Greg Lawrence, Alby Cleaves and Wendy Anderson.

Fees this season are: family unit, \$35 a year; senior-single, \$20; student (full-time, 17-21) \$8; junior (16 and under) \$4.

Next big social event is the progressive dinner on July 23.

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## PLENTY OF ACTION

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The centre is booked each Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for dancing with Rene Martini, then it's yoga with Lynette Colenso at 10 p.m.

Cheryl Randall is in charge of the play group from 9 a.m. to noon each Thursday and yoga is on again for an hour from 7 p.m.

Friday is classical ballet, with Rene Martini, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The adult film club meets at the centre at 8.15 p.m. on the last Friday of each month and the children's club 2 p.m. on the last Saturday.

The local ALP branch uses the centre at 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

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# WOEFUL WARRANDYTE SQUAT IN RELEGATION HOT-SEAT

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte's senior footballers face relegation unless they sharply improve their performances in the second half of the season.

Relegation is the last thing club officials want and they are trying desperately to whip up player interest.

The Bloods have many players with undoubted ability but they never seem to click together on the one day.

If they could all fire as a team they would take some stopping.

The standard in third division Eastern Districts League this season is the best for years.

Clubs like Boronia can afford to lure top players from VFA club Waverley.

Warrandyte are not in such a fortunate position.

If they are to lift the standard of their play in the remaining games some of the incentive players will need to hit their straps.

Olinda wore down Warrandyte in a strong final term to win by 26 points in wet and greasy conditions.

There was not much between the two sides for three quarters.

Warrandyte began well, but from five shots in the first quarter managed only 2.3.

Olinda were more direct

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with 4.1.

In the second term, both sides fought desperately for a grip on the game. The Warrandyte defence was under a lot of pressure but was not giving in easily.

Lance Williams, playing his first game for the season after a knee operation, was continually under notice with his strong play on the half-back line.

Alan Ferguson, ruck-roving, was giving Warrandyte

drive, but at half-time Olinda still held the edge with a three-goal lead.

In the third quarter Warrandyte showed a lot more desire and Olinda's hold on the game began to slip.

Ferguson and Darrel Valentine, who was ruck-roving and changing on the forward line, were playing inspiring football for the Bloods.

At three-quarter time Warrandyte had crept to within 15 points and looked a real chance.

Ian World, a clear winner on the wing, was giving his opponent a torrid time.

In the last quarter, Olinda threw everything they had into the game and Warrandyte wilted slightly.

Olinda kicked 4.5 in this term to sew up the game. The Bloods could manage only 2.4.

A remarkable feature of the wins by the under-15 and under-17 sides was that they could each muster only 15 players. Olinda had full sides.

David Mitchell and Brian Day, coaches of the respective local sides, have been struggling to get a full team each week.

But recent improved form should attract more players.

Players, officials and supporters are reminded of the beef-and-bread night at the White House on June 25.

It is being organised by parents of the junior players.

Proceedings will begin at 7.30 p.m. and it is \$12 double, B-Y-O.

Details:

**FIRSTS**  
Olinda 13.17 d. Warrandyte 10.9. Best: Ferguson, World, Williams. Goals: Ferguson 4, Valentine 2.

**SECONDS**  
Olinda 14.11 d. Warrandyte 4.7. Best: B. Onkin, P. Craker, Jordan, Mitchell.

**UNDER-17**  
Warrandyte 9.7 d. Olinda 7.15. Best: S. Garrick, Bell, Brown, Peglus.

**UNDER-15**  
Warrandyte 5.8 d. Olinda 4.6. Best: Holyoak, Brad Day, C. Sherriff.

## Barrows will roll again

Warrandyte Football Club's inaugural wheelbarrow race last month will be the forerunner of bigger and better events.

Already, the organisers are planning next year's race to coincide with the "This is Warrandyte" festival.

Eighteen sponsored barrows contested last month's event over a tortuous 1.1-mile course starting and finishing at the Recreation Ground.

It was won by Peter Bell and Gary Broome in a barrow sponsored by local mechanic Bruce McAuley.

Teams for each vehicle were drawn from a hat.

Second placegetters were the long and short of local football — Colin Bawdin, Warrandyte's biggest player, and Jason Tomlinson, eight-year-old son of seniors coach Brian.

Their performance was particularly commendable because Colin obviously had to push their barrow all the way. The other teams alternated in the pusher-passenger roles.

Third place went to seniors captain Warwick Blair and Brod Taylor.

The success of the event has prompted the organisers to plan a bigger version for next year.

## DIARY MINI-ADS

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