

# WARRANDYTE Diary

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FREE

# SO THIS WAS WARRANDYTE

## Noah's Nark?

And didn't it rain, children?

The Historical Society's "Folk Festival" was undoubtedly the highlight of "This Is Warrandyte" — and Bill McAuley's picture captures the atmosphere very nicely, I think.

But a curse upon the Rain God who sent a veritable deluge down amid the Society's "Warrandyte Story" and 'twixt appearances of "The Colonials", a very fine group.

Smokey's mind flashed back to last year's Fest, when it also rained on his B-B-Q.

— SMOKEY JOE.



Little Eva McAuley gets into the spirit of the "This Is Warrandyte" folk festival by dancing to the music at Stiggants Reserve.

## FREEWAY WIPES OUT VILLAGE

The Alexander Road retirement village for 800 people has been scrapped.

It has been abandoned because the proposed outer ring-road would run through the village site.

The Warrandyte Church of England Trust planned to build the village on 50 acres.

But it has now told Doncaster-Templetove City Council that it will withdraw its option on the land.

The church is concerned that the ring-road would pass too close to the village.

Warrandyte Ward Councillor, John Scott said the church's decision was "a bit disappointing".

"It's easy to understand their concern", he said. "The ring-road would almost cut the village in half".

Cr. Scott said the land was zoned "D", which means it could be sub-divided into acre blocks.

"But who wants to buy land when there is a good chance a freeway will run through it in a few years?" he said.

THE LONG LONG ROAD  
TO OLD WARRANDYTE

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## Spectacular festival must be here to stay

*"This Is Warrandyte" is here to stay. And it will get bigger, better, more exciting annually.*

This month's festival — the second of its kind — was a bigger hit than even the most optimistic organiser had dared anticipate.

And there is no doubt that when the people who put it together have had a "breather", they will start planning the next.

"This month's show exceeded everybody's expectations and, yes, it will almost certainly be on again next year . . . and thereafter," festival program co-ordinator Howard Geldard told the Diary.

"We are still learning," he said.

"Next year, we will probably try to concentrate activities at Stiggants Reserve.

"We thought the Recreation Ground — with its buildings and its flat terrain — may have been the ideal focal point.

"But the people go to Stiggants — and that looks like being it," he said.

"For instance, the fire brigades display moved to Stiggants when there was no audience at the sports-ground.

"And their display was probably one of the highlights of the entire festival.

"So when we're discussing next year, it looks as if the reserve will be very much the focal point of the festival.

"We're truly delighted with the overall festival result.

"The crowds came — I doubt I've ever seen so

many cars in Warrandyte.

"And the weather?"

"Well, the electrical storm was a spectacular end to the Stiggants Reserve concert.

"It was most unfortunate.

"The concert had gone from 3 p.m. and a lot of people were waiting to see it all.

"The weather, however, had been very kind to us."

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# GOOD LORD — IT'S DAD'S ARMY!

It is being hailed as the greatest comeback since Muhammad Ali!

A couple of wrinklies fighting for a place in Warrandyte Football Club's senior side.

Lawrence (Whopper) Warr and Tom (Teevee) Kerkhof got themselves so fired up with enthusiasm about the Bloods' chances this season that they pulled the jocks and socks out of mothballs and hit the training track.

It's been so long since Warrandyte won the flag that nobody seems quite sure if it was 1967 or 1968.

But whichever it was, Whopper and Teevee were in that side in the moment of glory.

Maybe that's an omen for 1978.

Whopper's comeback campaign has been somewhat hampered by a broken finger — legacy of flying for a mark at training.

But he swears he's going on with it.

The Doncaster Bus Depot has done a lot of terrible things to Smokey Joe.

We have had boiling buses, broken buses, bewildered bus drivers, buses which haven't arrived, buses which haven't left.

But this was the first that ever ran out of gas!

It did this deed, the 2.44 from town, right outside the late lamented Doncaster - Templestowe council offices.

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The depot (bless 'em for trying) apparently held a long summit conference and sent out a

## IN RED & WHITE



mechanic in a bus, empty apart from a can of fuel.

And this is where the story really starts . . .

*Here we are then. The mechanic is apparently under orders not to expose diesel fumes to the public. So we all get into the bus he has driven from the depot . . . and the driver tells us we have no handbrake.*

*We get to the depot and the driver isn't joking. Twice he gets halfway out of the seat. Twice the bus starts rolling.*

*So the good driver turns the front wheels into the kerb to stop us rolling out into Doncaster Road and off he goes again.*

*This time he comes back with an orange bus.*

*"This is a bloody great organisation," says he as he leaps into the saddle.*

*"This bus was brought in here as defective!"*

*So we limp, wheeze and groan into town in this incredible conveyance, so late that even the dogs don't bark.*

*Yes, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board works in strange and wondrous ways.*

In last month's Diary, the postmistress in Warrandyte in 1917 was incorrectly identified as Miss Aggie Moore.

It was, in fact, her aunt, Miss Anna Moore.

Aggie Moore was a child at the time.

On behalf of the editor, Smokey apologises sincerely.

Who ever heard of an Anzac Day ceremony without a flagpole?

That's how the situation was shaping until Georgie Bell and a couple of helpers salvaged the situation.

The old RSL Club pole was wonky to say the least and probably would not have survived the next puff of wind.

But it's good as new now (new base and all) and I'll see you there on the 25th.

When it actually happens, just remember that Old Smokey told you first . . .

A hotel in this part of the world is planning a nine-hole par-three golf course in its backyard.

And that's all we can say at this stage.

—Smokey Joe

## Church on emergency call

Warrandyte Uniting Church is providing a community emergency service.

Examples of services already performed are the provision of meals for families in a crisis and transport to hospitals or doctors.

The service is organised by Lorraine Gangell (844 2342).

Plans for extensions to the Uniting Church buildings will be discussed at a congregational meeting on April 30.

The meeting will also hear annual reports on various facets of church life.

Sunday school activities are in full swing again this year and a camp at Launching Place at the end of this month promises to be a big success.

Sunday school is held in the church and in the White House at 9 a.m. Details are available from Fred Jungwirth (844 3843).

The year has started successfully for both church youth groups.

The junior group meets on alternate Friday nights at the home of John Hanson (844 3906) and the seniors every Friday at Mr. Jungwirth's.

## We give \$528

Warrandyte residents gave \$528 to the recent Red Cross appeal.

Despite a drop in the number of volunteer collectors, local organiser Mrs. Chris Scott said it was "a remarkable effort".

"Last year 23 collectors raised over \$700. This year we had only 13 volunteers," Mrs. Scott said.

## COUNCIL WARNS LAND BUYERS

# DON'T FALL INTO THE SLUDGE TRAP

### North Warrandyte land buyers beware !

The warning comes from Eltham Shire President Robert Marshall.

Cr. Marshall has urged prospective land buyers — particularly those interested in small allotments — to contact the shire offices before they sign along the dotted line.

The reason: Tighter council policies on effluent disposal requirements.

"Council has adopted a tough line on waste disposal," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"There is no way we will ever clean up the Yarra River without first cleaning up household waste and the stinking mess in the gutters," he said.

"We recently refused a building permit to a man who had bought a block in North Warrandyte because the allotment was too small to cope with our waste disposal requirements.

"It was regrettable, but we had no choice.

"We do not want to see it happen again."

"Land buyers should beware," he said. "They should contact us first."

Cr. Marshall said council was preparing a brochure detailing its waste disposal requirements.

It would be circulated among estate agents and builders and would be available to ratepayers from the shire offices.

## Back to nature

Native plants and animals have found an active protector — Eltham Shire Council.

The council has voted to form an advisory committee for the preservation of flora and fauna.

It will be made up of councillors and residents.

Applications for prospective committee members will be called shortly.

## Our very own sewer body?

Eltham Shire Council wants a sewerage authority set up in North Warrandyte.

The body — similar to one already operating at Hurstbridge — would plan for the eventual sewerage of the area, which will be among the last in Eltham Shire to be connected.

Shire president Robert Marshall told the Diary that the Board of Works seemed certain to adopt a \$6

million program which would sewer almost all built-up areas in the shire except North Riding.

It was hoped to have Research township linked to a sewer extension running from Sugarloaf Dam.

"North Warrandyte is going to be a particularly difficult area to sewer because of its geography and sparse population," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"We are extremely conscious of the waste disposal problems in North Warrandyte and we'd like to see a sewerage authority operating there.

"I'm sure the Board of Works would co-operate."

## NEW VET ON THE HOP . . .

There is no mistaking the occupation of Derek Fairley, Warrandyte's new veterinary surgeon.

He has three dogs, four cats and a kangaroo!

The kangaroo is a patient and Dr. Fairley has special permission to keep it until it is fit enough to go to an animal sanctuary.

Dr. Fairley, who has set up practice at the corner of

Melbourne Hill and Haughton Roads, was born and raised on a dairy farm at Cobram, in the Murray Valley.

He studied in Melbourne and came to Warrandyte from Templestowe.

Dr. Fairley (32) has been married 2½ months and his wife is a veterinary nurse.

## Local landscapes on show

It will be a real hometown show at the Warrandyte Palette next month.

Resident artist for the month is Helen Olston, who will display her Warrandyte landscapes.

On show for the first time at the Palette will also be the pewter ware of Barry Corneleus.

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## Council still in control

Eltham Shire Council has reaffirmed its support for planning control over the clearing of native bush.

It has been recommended that, pending the introduction of appropriate controls under the Melbourne and Metropolitan Planning scheme, council continue to control clearing and the removal of significant individual trees.

Control can be exercised by means of the council's North Riding Interim Development Order.

Meanwhile, council has acted to have the Watts River Aqueduct, Research, preserved as a riding trail and "passive recreation" area.

It has told the Department of Crown Land and Survey that it strongly opposes the disposal of the aqueduct land for any other purpose.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

Warrandyte Community Youth Club is seeking more family involvement in its activities.

The club already caters for adults three nights a week, with "keep fit" on Mondays, table-tennis on Tuesdays and judo on Thursdays.

Now it is opening a "coffee-and-chat" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays for the mothers.

"We are really a family club," a spokesman told the Diary, "and we invite women of all ages to spend an informal hour or so chatting and perhaps having a game of pool or table-tennis or enjoying some other activity."

Enquiries should be directed to Robyn (844 3641) or Carol (844 3661).

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# THE LONG, OLD

The other day I heard somebody complaining of the difficulties — the traffic, the lights the incompetent drivers — in making the trip from Warrandyte to Melbourne.

It caused me to throw my mind back to the various modes of travel my parents, my sisters and I enjoyed (or suffered) to reach that then refuge on the Yarra.

My late father bought the property "Lowestoft" in 1903, not long after he arrived from England to take up an appointment at the University of Melbourne.

How they found "Lowestoft" or paid for it I will never know.

The previous owner was an interesting character called "Professor" Lowe. He was a "professor" of dancing and fencing in Melbourne and if you were of any social standing in the city at the time, it was imperative that your daughters learned dancing and fencing from him.

He was an eccentric with grandiose ideas but little practical application.

He erected a flagpole from which the Union Jack flew long before he built even the most rudimentary dunny.

I appeared on the scene in 1908. One sister preceded me and two more were to follow.

So much for the house and the circumstances. How did we get there from the university to spend the long vacations?

The first method was to order Mr. Lane's cab at the crack of dawn to travel from Carlton to Victoria Park railway station where the family and all the impedimenta were loaded on to the steam tram for Heidelberg.

Father was always excessively over-punctual and mother was excessively the other way — so the first stage of the journey until the tram was caught was always under some strain and Mr. Lane's poor horse was encouraged to travel faster than he was capable.

Assuming the train was caught, we then puffed our way to Heidelberg, where everything was transferred to the Weekes' horse coach for Warrandyte.

This was pulled by two or four horses and with a bit of luck my sister and I got a ride in the box seat with Mr. Weekes.

He was pulling back hard on the wheel yelling "whoa, whoa" ...

Some years later, Mr. Weekes put a coach body on a motor truck chassis and made the journey in about half the time.

The story goes that on the first trip by motor coach it gathered speed alarmingly on the steep Melbourne Hill with Mr. Weekes pulling back hard on the wheel yelling "whoa . . . whoa".

Eventually we arrived at Warrandyte bridge and began the two-mile walk to "Lowestoft" with all the gear.

Later Father employed the McCullochs to cart most of the gear from Carlton to "Lowestoft", which eased the last stage of the journey.

After a while, Mother

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# LONG ROAD TO WARRANDYTE

Freeways open, cars get faster. In theory at least, the trip from Melbourne to Warrandyte gets shorter and quicker. Long-time Warrandyte identity GERARD OSBORNE was making that same trip not long after the turn of the century and a couple of years ago he produced — for posterity and his daughter Ann — an account of the adventure. On these pages, the Diary reproduces that account.

decided she had had enough of this mode of travel. Mother had all the ideas. Father regarded them as impossible, as many were. But a lot worked out.

So mother bought a pony called "Prince" and a governess cart with suitable harness and father bought a fixed-engine Triumph motorcycle.

To the uninitiated, fixed engine meant that there was no clutch or gearbox and a rubber belt connected the engine with the back wheel.

To start the machine, the optimistic operator pushed it a full running speed down the road until it fired and then, if fortunate, sprang on to the saddle.

To ride the Triumph, Father found it necessary to wear a heavy gabardine suit over all his clothes, complete with helmet, goggles and gauntlet, which all made him appear like a modern moonwalker.

Mother, the family and Maggie Ross the housekeeper, would set off in the governess cart

with all the gear. The trip to Warrandyte took about five hours.

Father, who could do the journey in under three hours, gave us an hour's start.

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*'He would march off down the road to disassociate himself with the sordid proceedings.'*

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Somewhere around Templestowe, Prince would hear the Triumph approaching, would stop, and we would all pile out, wait for Father to appear, have lunch and give Prince a nose-bag.

After lunch, Father would get back into his astronaut suit and go through the pre-described motions of starting the machine — watched by Mother with some concern and by the children with delight.

When we arrived at "Lowestoft", Father would have the stove fire going, the kerosene

lamps filled and a few reasonable whiskeys to soothe his nerves.

We lived all the time at "Lowestoft" for a couple of years around 1912-13.

During this period, Father would walk the nine miles to Ringwood railway station to catch the train to work and at the end of the day walk the nine miles back.

He rightly considered this method more reliable than the Triumph.

In 1915, Father was seconded to the British War Office and in 1916 Mother, a staunch Englishwoman, packed the rest of the family off to England, convinced that England would not survive the German onslaught without her help.

On our return to Australia in 1919, Mother bought a T-model Ford, which simplified our transport to Warrandyte.

We averaged four or five punctures a trip and as this was before spare rims or wheels, a puncture meant taking off the tyre, removing the punctured tube, inserting a new or repaired tube and then pumping it up to 70lb. pressure.

Father thought all this most undignified, so when we got a flat he would march off down the road to disassociate himself with the sordid proceedings.

When we got going again we would pick up Father down the road and he would stay with us until the next puncture.

Notwithstanding the punctures, the repeated unloading and reloading, we would make the trip in about 2½ hours from door to door.

I should think of all this now when a traffic snarl prevents me from getting to Melbourne in 40 minutes or so.

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# THAT FESTIVAL: A GREAT SHOW

**SIR — Congratulations to all those people who made the "This Is Warrandyte" festival possible.**

I have heard some local groups and organisations criticised in the past for not "getting together".

But they certainly got together on the festival weekend and made it a truly community occasion. Special congratulations are due the Warrandyte Environment League, which pioneered the festival last year and put so much effort again into this year's.

A community like Warrandyte, with one half in one shire, the other half in another, needs something like "This Is Warrandyte".

I personally renewed acquaintances at the festival with people I hadn't seen for quite some time.

All in all, a great show and I'm already looking forward to next year's.

**"Well Done",  
KG Road.**

## A SAD FAREWELL

**SIR — Like many other long-time Warrandyte residents, I was saddened to read (March Diary) that our old post office has to go.**

It is a great shame because, as it has been pointed out, the post office is one of the few historical landmarks we have left.

Yarra Street will certainly not be the same without it. If it has to go — and that seems inevitable — would not somebody (perhaps the council) see fit to erect a commemorative plaque on the site?

**P.W.,  
Webb Street.**

## Back to the wall!

**SIR, — I know that complaining about the Yarra Street traffic situation is about as rewarding as bashing one's head against a brick wall.**

But here goes anyway:

When, oh when, is somebody going to do something about the extreme danger caused by cars parked too close to various corners in Yarra Street?

I refer mainly to the Webb Street corner.

The driver takes his life in his hands every time he tries to do a right turn out of Webb Street — thanks to cars parked right up against the corner.

It is usually impossible to see oncoming traffic and the situation has developed into a real game of Russian roulette.

A right turn out of the hotel drive-in bottle department is another fascinating experience (if you like to live dangerously).

All it needs is for the authorities to ban parking in a couple of appropriate locations.

Oh well, back to the brick wall!

**"Nervy",  
Yarra Street.**

## DEADLINE

Advertising and editorial copy for the May Diary closes Sunday, April 30.

Advertisers and contributors are urged to be punctual.

## How dare he!

**SIR — Who is this supreme chauvinist "Fore", author of the letter "Ladies, you're way out of bounds" (March Diary)?**

Is he so preoccupied watching women on the golf course that he quite overlooks the foibles and frailties of the men?

I'm a woman and I've been golfing — and enjoying it — for many years.

I'll admit that there is room for improvement in the way some women move between their shots. Certainly, they could speed it up a little.

But has "Fore" ever bothered to watch some of the men in action?

Has he seen a man arrive at the course with all the equipment — expensive, brand-new clubs and all the rest of the gear — stand on the first tee looking like Jack Nicklaus, take what seems an eternity to play his shot . . . and trickle the ball a few yards?

Has he watched a man take so long over a putt that you'd swear he'd gone to sleep?

I have, on any number of occasions.

Fair go, "Fore".

Women are no more second-class citizens on the golf course than they are in the polling booths. "Over The Fence", South Warrandyte.

## Signs of the times

**SIR — Smokey Joe's item about the "Free Chooky Poo" sign at Hurstbridge (March Diary) brought to mind the handiwork several years ago of a chap from Harris Gully Road.**

This chap, a good Catholic, was trying to sell a crop of tomatoes that had been pretty severely pock-marked by hail.

So he put out the sign: "Holey tomatoes — blessed by the Pope!"

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# BASKETBALL CLUB ON THE ROCKS

## Warrandyte Basketball Club are broke.

"We are in debt largely because of lack of support from senior players", club secretary, Fiona Barr told the Diary.

"To put it bluntly, people are simply not paying their subscriptions," she said.

"The situation is so bad that the club cannot afford to hold a presentation night for its seniors.

"It is a particularly sad state of affairs because there is so much talent within the club," she said.

The under-14 girls side won the premiership in their division this year and each player received a medallion.

And in the boys' division

Jeff Woolcock won the association best and fairest award.

Club best and fairest trophy winners:

**GIRLS:** Under 16, Elisa Day; runner-up Sue Knight. Under-14, Jenny Harper; Under-10, Gail Dalli.

**BOYS:** Under-16, Jeff Woolcock; runner-up, Anthony Esplin. Under 12, Peter Sloan. Under-10 C(A): Lindsay Barr. Under-10 C(B): Darren Peters.

## Clubhouse on the go

Warrandyte Tennis Club hope to build a clubhouse this year.

They have appointed Terry Booth building officer and have given the project top priority.

Jim McHugh has been appointed court maintenance officer.

Office bearers elected at the club's annual meeting are: President, Keith Wilson; vice-president, Alby Cleaves; secretary, Wendy Anderson; assistant secretary, Dianne Oriander; treasurer, Judy McHugh; committee: Val McIntosh, Lyn Nichols, Penny Kerkhof, Greg Lawrence, Ric Casey, Ian Rice, Sue Wood.

## Premier to open mudbrick centre

Eltham's new mudbrick Community Centre opens this month with a week-end of festivities

Premier Hamer will officially open the centre — on the corner of Main Road and Pitt Street — at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22.

Among the attractions — all of which are free — will be big-band music, pantomime, folk singing and a youth dance on Saturday night.

There will also be a series of displays and exhibitions from Friday through to Sunday.

Eltham Shire president Robert Marshall has urged all ratepayers to attend the opening at some stage of the weekend.

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## GROUP O' TEN TO SHOW THEIR STYLE

Group o' Ten will open an exhibition at Potters Cottage on May 20.

The group comprises 10 craftswomen who met several years ago at the Beaumaris Art Group.

They are Shirley Clare, Pat Hunt, Noeleen Leek, Betty Jennings, Joan Macrae, June Sowry, Margaret Martin, Daphne Owen-Smith, Veronica Meldrum and Pauline Reynolds.

Most are members of the Ceramic Group, the Craft Association and Crafts Society and are involved in committee work at Beaumaris.

Joan Macrae is president of the Beaumaris group

and teaches pottery at the studio with Betty and Noeline.

Betty and Pat attended the Potters School for a year soon after it opened.

## Our Anzac parade

Ex-servicemen and women will gather again in Warrandyte on Tuesday, April 25, to commemorate Anzac Day.

The march will begin from the scout hall at 10 a.m.

After the ceremony at the RSL memorial grounds, refreshments will be served in the hall. Women are requested to bring a plate.

## Ken is RSL chief again

Ken Mitchell was re-elected president of the Warrandyte RSL at the annual meeting last month.

George Bell, secretary for the past three years, was elected vice-president.

Lyn Mitchell is the new secretary, Wally Cornhill is again treasurer.

The annual meeting was one of the best attended for several years.

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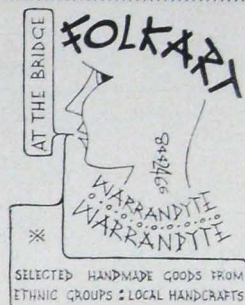
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# DYTES GO DOWN FIGHTING

By "BLOODHOUND"

## Narrow defeat in season's opener

**Warrandyte were far from disgraced in their 11-point loss to Montrose in the opening game of the football season this month**

The Bloods had several chances to take the points but Montrose steadied each time Warrandyte looked threatening.

Montrose, a battling third division team in previous years, have recruited well and are loaded with experienced players.

It was their experience that eventually wore down Warrandyte.

The game was of a high standard and played at a blistering pace from start to finish.

At the end of the first quarter Warrandyte were six points in front. However, they lapsed in the second quarter and allowed Montrose to dictate the play.

But for fine play on the backline by Greg Dunnett and Barry Magann, Warrandyte would have been in all sorts of trouble.

At three-quarter time Warrandyte were four goals

down and their prospects looked grim.

Coach Brian Doherty called on players for an all-out effort, and for the first few minutes Warrandyte gave everything. But Montrose answered the challenge.

Each time Montrose moved forward and looked a threat, Dunnett and Magann drove them out. Ken Ford was giving an inspiring exhibition of roving, but was not getting much help from his ruckmen.

Late in the quarter Warrandyte came back with a strong burst and looked as though they might pull off the game. But time beat them.

The seconds showed they are going to be a threat to the top sides by easily defeating Montrose in a great team effort.

This how the seniors lined up at Montrose:

Backs: M. McKay, B. Magann, J. Hutchinson.

Half-backs: R. Dunnett, P. Taylor, L. Williams.  
Centres: W. Blair, K. Ford, R. Dawson.

Half-forwards: I. World, B. Doherty, G. Everett.  
Forwards: N. Day, R. Haward, R. Kentish.

Followers: C. Bawden, S. Rogerson.  
Rover: J. McMartin.

19th: B. Onken. 20th: S. Clark.

Details:  
FIRSTS  
Montrose 19.8 d. Warrandyte 17.9. Best: G. Dunnett, K. Ford, N. Day, W. Blair, B. Magann. Goals: Ford 6.

RESERVES  
Warrandyte 16.14 d. Montrose 11.6. Best: P. Curtis (eight goals), G. Pearce, M. Cooper, S. Malone, D. O'Brien, U. Morzinek.

UNDER-13  
Coldstream 18.14 d. Warrandyte 1.0. Best: C. Townsend, M. Rochow, N. Watkins, R. Dall, S. Froud.

UNDER-15  
Montrose 24.16 d. Warrandyte 2.6. Best: C. Sherriff, B. Rochow, P. McGrath, G. Bainbridge.

UNDER-17  
Montrose 21.11 d. Warrandyte 2.4. Best: S. Garrick, Brad Day, R. Van Kuyck.

## Where are all the juniors?

Warrandyte Football Club are desperately short of junior players.

The club have spent \$300 advertising for players to will the junior sides. But there has been little result.

"The lack of response is difficult to understand," said club president Laurie Sloan.

"There is so much enthusiasm in the senior ranks — yet so little among the juniors."

The Under-17 and Under-15 sides are worst affected. The Under-17s are coached by Noel Smith, who has had success with previous junior sides.

Other junior coaches are Bill Luttick (Under-15), Keith Rochow (Under-13), Geoff Day (Under-11) and Brian Williams and Ian Hurley (Under-9).

While the juniors are battling to fill their sides, the seniors may find themselves embarrassed by having too many players.

One of the biggest crowds for years saw the practice match at home against Seville, a top side in the Mountain District League.

The recruiting of four top players, encouraging sales of members tickets and strong support from local traders have sparked off the revival which club officials hope will carry the Bloods into the finals.

The four players of whom big things are expected this season are coach Brian Doughty, assistant coach Phil Taylor, Ray Dawson and Bob Howard. All are experienced footballers.

Some players who were automatic selections each week last season could be battling to hold their places in the firsts.

"I think the people of Warrandyte will see a big lift in our form this season," said Mr. Sloan.



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## The social whirl . . .

Warrandyte Social Club have several functions planned during the next few months.

Among them are a night at the show "Chorus Girl" at Her Majesty's (bookings Peter Lovett, 844 3794) and a bus trip to a dinner-dance at a Dixons Creek winery.

The club have a BYO licence at the RSL hall five nights a week, with a late licence on Friday night.

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