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DON'T WEEP FOR THE WILLOWS

Says white-water canoe enthusiast
TREVOR PINDER.

So the willows have gone from the Yarra. And good riddance!

The conservationists who have bemoaned their who have bemoaned their passing have surely not considered the lives that will be saved.

Board of Works and council workmen eliminated a death trap when they removed the willows from the river, from just upstream of the bridge to the old post office.

Twelve months ago, the willows cost an 18-year-old girl canoeist her life just downstream of the bridge.

Six months earlier, a young canoeist drowned when he tried to navigate a wall of willows at the Bend of Isles.

Willows are the greatest hazard on the Yarra for canoeists and swimmers.

A canoeist can easily survive a capsizing in the rapids.

But he must fight for his life if he becomes entangled in willows.

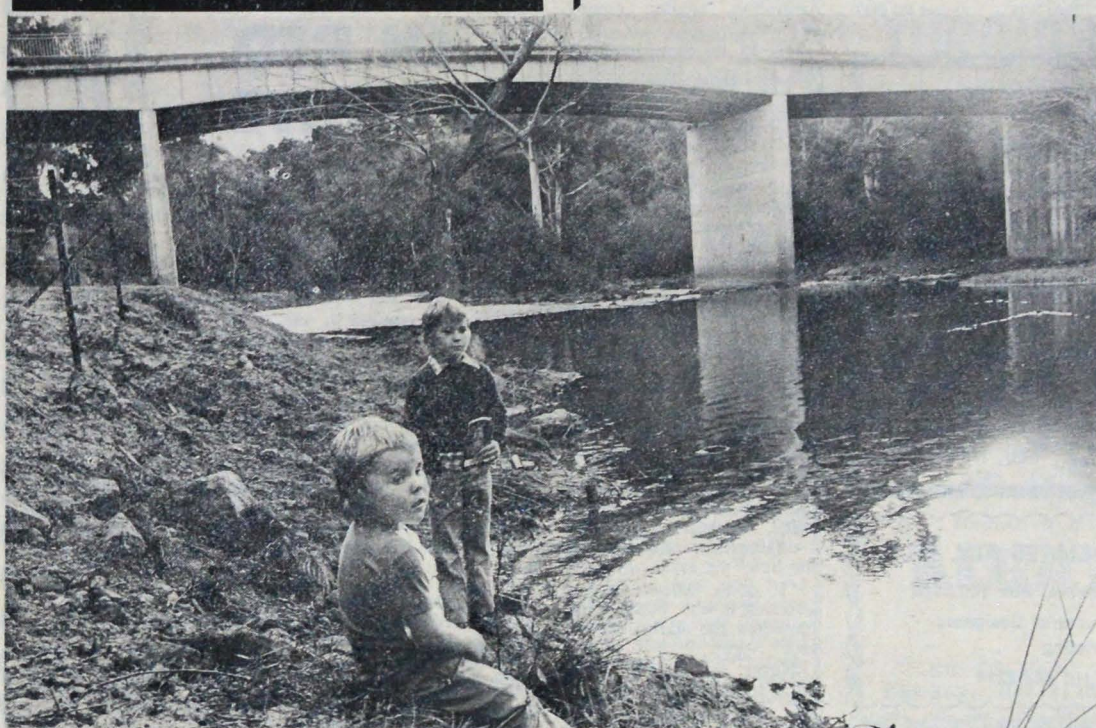
Swimmers and canoeists will always use the Yarra at Warrandyte — simply because it is there.

It should therefore be made as safe as possible for them.

From a conservation viewpoint, too, the removal of the willows should be applauded.

Their prolific growth along the river strangles native trees and plants.

• The picture shows Jarod (4) and Kane Pinder (7) on the Yarra bank where the willows used to be. Their father Trevor, a Melbourne Herald photographer, took the picture.



YARRA ST. FATE 'UP TO YOU'

Warrandyte Environment League has called for a concerted community campaign to stop the widening of Yarra Street.

This follows a public meeting called by WEL on May 31 to discuss the future of the street.

The mood of the meeting was overwhelmingly opposed to the widening proposal.

Country Roads Board engineer Trevor Phillips said the CRB had approved plans for widening the northern side of the street between Stiggant Street and the bridge to make a four-lane arterial road 40 ft. wide.

Two lanes would be for parking, two for moving traffic.

However, no timetable had been set for the project.

Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott, who chaired the meeting, said Doncaster - Templestowe

Council had no plans at this stage to widen Yarra Street.

He said the council would investigate all alternatives.

Council and the CRB would also investigate ways of diverting through traffic from Yarra Street, Cr. Scott said.

Mr. Phillips said there had been a 74 per cent growth in traffic along Kangaroo Ground Road in the past four years; on the Ringwood side of the bridge, traffic had increased 57 per cent and on the western side 32 per cent.

He admitted there would be complications at the bridge if the widening of Yarra Street went ahead.

An environment league spokeswoman told the Diary that it was up to local residents to lobby State authorities and their local representatives to ensure that the street was not widened.

"The car park which has been proposed for several years on the northern side

of the street must go ahead to relieve the chaotic traffic situation," she said.

"And obviously we must have pedestrian lights at the shopping centre."

Last month's meeting expressed grave concern at the implications for Warrandyte of the proposed outer ring-road.

"The ring-road constitutes the greatest threat to the future of this town — particularly if it is to include a Warrandyte interchange," the WEL spokeswoman said.

The most ominous warning about the ring-road came at the meeting from Warrandyte Ward councillor Ian Marsden.

"Don't dismiss this proposal," Cr. Marsden said.

"It is more than possible that the ring-road will pass a mile from Warrandyte, and through the back of Park Orchards on its way through to Ringwood.

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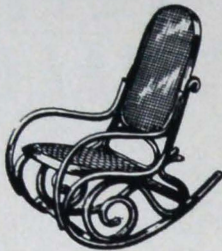
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His 15 lb. (how much is that in kgs?) trout caught at Lake Pedder, Tasmania, in October last year has at last been recognised as a national record for a 6 lb. line.

Alf is member of the Diamond Valley Sports Fishing Club, who meet every second Wednesday at the North Warrandyte Community Centre, welcome newcomers and will fish for just about anything, anywhere.

The club motto is "More fishing, less talk".

And has Alf got a hard luck story . . . the one that got away?

Well, yes . . .

"I played a big marlin for 3½ hours off Bermagui, NSW, in March this year — before the propeller cut the line," he says.

"I don't know exactly how big it was, but I could have had the marlin record, too."

Never mind, Alf. Little 15lb. trout are sweet!

A host of interesting suggestions came out at the public meeting which sparred and grappled with the future of Yarra Street before the whole thing was declared a scoreless draw.

Not the least was the proposal from back of the hall that a bridge be built over the Yarra at Pound Bend to ease traffic pressure at the existing bridge.

"You have just lost

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There are certainly no flies on a certain well-known resident of KG Road.

This bloke was busily applying the spray-on deodorant after a shower the other day and holding a conversation with his wife at the same time.

Yeah, you guessed it.

The deodorant was, in fact, fly spray!

There is a sign (on your right) as you approach Hurstbridge that says: "Lower Road, To Upper Road." It is very hard to argue with logic like that.

If you've travelled through Kew lately you may have noticed a new shop opposite the Harp Of Erin pub.

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And I kid you knot!

every resident of Pound Road," said Councillor John Scott, who chaired the meeting.

Cr. Scott's colleague, Ian Marsden, probably understated the situation when he said Warrandyte was not the easiest ward in the world to represent on council.

The subject had got around to Yarra Street parking and its contribution to the overall traffic hazard.

"Four years ago, when there was a suggestion for a parking area opposite the hotel up to the chemist shop, there were suggestions that I should

be run out of town," Cr. Marsden said.

He said that if cars were parked off the road, there would be less danger of accident.

Which made a good deal of sense to Smokey Joe.

—Smokey Joe

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FIRST SHOT FIRED IN COUNCIL POLL

North Warrandyte schoolteacher Robert Allen is an early runner for the North Riding seat at the August 12 Eltham Shire Council elections.

Mr. Allen (28), of Bradleys Lane, was the only known candidate when this edition of the Diary went to press.

However, North Riding elections have a recent history of being contested keenly — and, at times, bitterly.

Mr. Allen has lived in the North Riding for the past seven years and moved to North Warrandyte about 2½ years ago.

He told the Diary that he strongly supported the "green wedge" concept and, if elected, would apply himself vigorously to the problems that threatened it.

"I live here because I like the area," he said.

Mr. Allen said he was also very concerned about council harmony.

"The thing I have noticed about Eltham Council is that debate often centres not on issues but on personalities," he said.

"This is clearly not in the interests of ratepayers.

"I think I have the ability to put myself above personality clashes, judge the issues entirely on their merits, and work with the other councillors in the interests of the shire."

Mr. Allen said he had been actively involved with Kangaroo Ground Tennis Club for several years and was interested in assisting the development and maintenance of all community sporting programs.

He said he believed his wide range of working experience — from advertising, to taxi-driving, to teaching, among others — would be valuable on council.

"I have worked — and got along — with all kinds of people," said Mr. Allen, who has been a teacher at Diamond Creek for the past five years.

Wanted: A ride to hospital

A petition has been launched to acquire public transport for Warrandyte out-patients to the Austin and Heidelberg Repatriation hospitals.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, about 200 signatures had been collected and many more were expected.

The petition will be presented personally to State Transport Minister Rafferty by its organiser, Mrs. Ruth Norman.

"At the moment, Warrandyte outpatients to these hospitals — and there are many of them — face a three or four-hour bus trip either way," Mrs. Norman told the Diary.

"Many of these people are elderly. But we are thinking also of mothers with young children.

"It involves a complicated and inadequate system of connecting buses to get there and to get home again.

"Even those who drive cars face hardships.

"It is usually impossible to park within half a mile of the Austin Hospital and one must cross two major roads — without the assistance of traffic lights.

"We were told last year that public transport to and from these hospitals would probably be available by March this year.

"But nothing has happened."

Mrs. Norman said the petitions were available for signature at Fosters Milk Bar, Warrandyte Hardware and West End Butcher.

Vandals beat the gun

Vandals are not waiting for progress to destroy Warrandyte's historic old post office in Yarra Street.

They are doing the job themselves.

Vandals have done an enormous amount of internal damage to the post office recently.

Among other things, they have smashed windows and wrecked fireplaces.

"They may well have destroyed whatever possibility was left to preserve the building," said a spokesman for Warrandyte Lions Club, which has been keenly interested in its restoration.

The spokesman said the vandalism had been reported to police, who were watching the building.

ENCORE!

Warrandyte Community Youth Club will hold another "disco dance" at the White House on Saturday, June 24.

The repeat performance has been prompted by the success of the dance held as part of the "This Is Warrandyte" festival in April.

It will again be well policed.

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MAKE IT A DATE!

Another attempt is being made to resurrect the "Diary Calendar" — a monthly list of coming events in Warrandyte.

The first attempt, last year, worked very well . . . for a few months.

Then many of the various clubs, groups and organisations which had used the service forgot about it.

The calendar served two purposes:

- It told readers what was on, when and where.

- And it minimised the risk of a clash of interests — that is, it gave contributors the opportunity to time their events so that they did not clash with others.

The Warrandyte Environment League pioneered last year's effort and is keen to see it going again.

So is the Diary.

Anne Martin has volunteered her services as calendar co-ordinator.

But it is out of the question for her to phone each group each month. It is entirely up to the group which wants its event publicised to contact Ms. Martin with the details.

Her phone number is 844 3313.

WEL and the Diary believe the calendar is worthwhile.

We strongly suggest you make use of it. — Ed.

A FRIENDLY INVASION . . .

An estimated 1000 people will "invade" Warrandyte in September. But it will be a peaceful exercise indeed.

The occasion will be a presbytery rally to celebrate the first birthday (this month) of the Uniting Church of Australia.

Congregations from churches in all eastern suburbs are expected to take part.

A big day is being arranged, with singing and drama presentations, a barbecue lunch and "new

games" for the younger people.

Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold a congregational meeting on June 18 to elect office-bearers and discuss church extensions.

The Rev. Stuart Calder and his wife Barbara left on four weeks holiday late last month and during their absence, enquiries about the church can be made to John Hanson (844 3906) or John Curry (844 3723).

The church youth groups continue to meet regularly

and anyone from Grade 5 through to all secondary school ages is welcome. John Hanson has the details.

Wendy Jungwirth, of Osborne Road, was confirmed and welcomed into church membership during a service late last month.

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REFERENDUM GETS THE CHOP

WHERE IS WEL GOING?

Warrandyte Environment League will hold a special meeting in the North Warrandyte Community Centre on Thursday, June 22, starting at 8 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future direction of the league, its objectives, and the need for greater participation by league members.

All members are urged to attend.

WHAT'S ON AT THE PALETTE

The works of two prominent local women artists will be featured at the Warrandyte Palette next month.

Pauline Grayling and Eira Dodd, both well-known Warrandyte Arts Association members, will show a variety of pen and wash drawings, watercolours and oil paintings.

Resident craftswoman for the month is Margaret McKenzie, who will show patchwork bedspreads, cot sets, cushions and soft toys.

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Eltham council's shock switch

Eltham Shire Council has scrapped plans for a referendum on its proposed million-dollar, multi-purpose leisure centre.

The referendum was to have been held in conjunction with the council elections on August 12.

In an about-face at a meeting this month, council voted 5-3 in favour of a rescinding motion by Central Riding councillor Arthur Traynor.

At a previous meeting a motion to hold the referendum had been carried on the casting vote of shire president and North Riding councillor Robert Marshall.

Ratepayers were to have been asked at the August poll whether the leisure centre should be built now or after council had paid off its deficit.

"I'm very disappointed by the council's decision to call off the referendum," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"I can't see any harm in asking the ratepayers their opinion on important projects like the leisure centre.

"In fact, I think it's something we should do more often," he said.

"I agree that we badly need this leisure centre.

"But I have said before that, as a North Riding councillor, I believe it should not be built until the council's deficit has been paid off and until North Riding is given a better rates deal."

North Riding councillor, Bert Hale, has given notice of a rescission move against council's decision to run a petition to the State Government in conjunction with the council elections.

The petition would call on the government to formalise the green wedge as a planning concept.

At the moment, the green wedge has no legal status.

Hopefully, in hot water

The kids will be swimming all year round at the Warrandyte Primary School pool — if the local Lions Club has its way.

The club is organising a raffle to provide heating for the pool, which is used by both the Warrandyte and Andersons Creek primary schools.

The Lions have donated \$900 to St. John Ambulance Association to outfit an ambulance to service Warrandyte. The ambulance will be based at Ringwood.

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ALP probes environment

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The inquiry is in the scope of a State ALP committee set up to recommend ways to clean up the environment.

The two candidates urged residents to make submissions on important local issues.

"Warrandyte is in danger of being written off the environmental map as far as the State Government is concerned," Mr. Davies told the Diary.

"The disastrous omission of Warrandyte from the areas covered by either the Middle Yarra Advisory Council or the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority has already had adverse consequences," he said.

"It has been an uphill battle for local residents to preserve bushland on the river."

Mr. Thomas said that the continuing battle to preserve the ridgeline and river frontage on Warrandyte's Koornong land was a direct result of this lack of foresight.

Issues raised in local submissions will be discussed with the shadow minister for the environment, Ian Cathie, who will visit Warrandyte as part of the inquiry.

The results will be presented at public sittings to be held in Parliament House.

Further details can be obtained from Mr. Davies (844 3508) or Mr. Thomas (49 6725) or from the ALP, Warrandyte Electorate, PO Box 19, Croydon 3136.

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IT'S THE BATTLE OF THE BIRDS!

One of the most spectacular events on the Warrandyte sporting calendar takes place on Sunday, June 18, at the Recreation Reserve.

It's the battle of the birds — Warrandyte Football Club ladies' committee versus their counterparts from Koonung-East Kew.

Hostilities start at 1 p.m.

The local girls have been training hard for this one.

One report has it that each girl has written a 1,000-word essay for Ron Barassi on why she wants to represent Warrandyte.

The report could not be confirmed when this edition of the Diary went to Press.

It is known, however, that Warrandyte are very confident of success.

Refreshments — hot dogs, pies and pasties — will be on sale and a barbecue, with all welcome, will follow the game.

In conjunction with the game will be a handicraft stall. Macrame, other craft work and pot plants will be on sale.

Other fund-raising events on the ladies' committee calendar include:

- A liqueur-tasting at the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, July 18 (starting 11.30 a.m.).

- A snow trip on Sunday, July 23. It will be \$6.50 a head for adults and \$4.50 for children 6-14. Barbecues will be available.

- A dinner dance at the North Warrandyte hall on Saturday, August 5. \$16 a double. BYO.

For tickets or further details on any of these events, contact Chris Scott (844 3725, after 6 p.m.) or Margaret Nightingall (844 3239).

Elderlies in form

Warrandyte Elderly citizens scooped the pool this season in their bowls competition with Bulleen-Templestowe.

The competition, which ended late last month, saw Warrandyte take out both perpetual trophies — one presented by Rod Dodson, the other by the State Savings Bank.

Last season, the score was one-all.

Kath Belzer won the Warrandyte Club championship, with George Leslie runner-up.

Trophies were presented by Anne Fulcher, social services co-ordinator of the Warrandyte and Districts Elderly Citizens.

How? It's on the screen

"How Should We Then Live?"

This is the title of a 10-part documentary spectacular to be screened at the Warrandyte Gospel Chapel from July 2, starting 6.45 p.m.

The documentary covers the rise and decline of Western thought and culture.

The chapel invites all interested residents to attend.

Further details will be announced later.

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THE MILK AND HONEY CO-OP

A health food co-operative is being set up in Warrandyte.

Organisers hope to have the project off the ground by the end of this month.

The co-op would operate on a membership-only basis.

Such products as fruit, vegetables, herbs, eggs, honey and goat's milk would be purchased from wholesalers and local producers and distributed to members from a central Warrandyte depot.

It is not intended to compete in any way with existing local traders.

Joining fee is \$10 per

family.

"A need has been expressed for health foods to be available locally," Anne Martin, one of the co-op's three-member committee of management, told the Diary.

"We see an opportunity, through the co-op, for local people to exchange or market a wide variety of home-made produce."

Enquiries should be directed to Ms. Martin (844 3313), Emil Aldor (844 3615) or Ruth Smith (844 3048).

OOPS!

SIR — A report in the May Diary on the Warrandyte Netball Club said the Under-12 and Under-14 teams had started the season badly.

This is not so.

The Under-14C team are, at the date of writing, unbeaten and several games have been won with high scores.

We are very proud of this team and the effort these girls put into their training and games.

Coralie Foster, Pound Road.

One for the women

A Warrandyte Woman's Group has been formed by the local Anglican Church.

The group, aimed largely at young newcomers to the area, meets fortnightly at St. Stephen's Church hall in Stiggant Street for morning tea and a chat.

It is planned to expand to such activities as handicrafts and guest speakers.

Jenny Wilmot (844 3174) has all the details.

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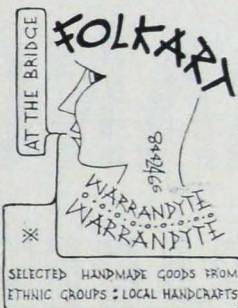
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BEATEN, BUT BLOODS ARE STILL IN IT!

A 22-point defeat by top side Forest Hill has temporarily dented Warrandyte's finals hope.

However, the seniors have a reasonably good draw for the run home against down-the-list sides and should make the finals.

The return of injured players John McCartin and Rob Dunnett should bolster the side.

Also, coach Brian Dougherty is due back on July 1, after a tribunal suspension.

A heartening aspect of the seniors this season has been their determination to fight back. In previous years they were inclined to "give it away" when the going was a bit tough.

This season players like Geoff Everitt, Nigel Vince, Ray Dawson, Bob Howard, Phyl Taylor and Colin Bawdin are playing a big part in Warrandyte's revival.

Rowville, second on the ladder, were lucky to scrape home by three points against

By "BLOODHOUND"

Warrandyte. A late score by Rowville which looked a point was signalled a goal.

Warrandyte officials intend to protest but it is doubtful if the decision will be reversed.

The seconds were unlucky to go down by a point against Forest Hill. Wayne Moore, playing his first game, was outstanding.

On the forward line, Warrandyte had a clear winner in Glen Magann who kicked three goals.

Best players were Vaughan, Pearce, lowers, Moore, Nince, G. Magann.

The seconds are in sixth place and if they can maintain their present form they

should figure in the finals.

Club president Laurie Sloan said this week he would like to thank all club donors this season.

Social functions coming up: July 1: Country and Western Night in the clu-rooms. July 23: Ladies' trip to the snow. July 30: Ladies' footy match against GTV-9 at Warrandyte.

THANKS, SAYS APEX CHIEF

In three little words: Thanks a million!

That is Warrandyte Apex Club's reaction to the great local support for its recent fund-raising activities.

As a result of that support, the club has:

- Donated \$1360 to the Children's Leukemia and Cancer Foundation.
- Supported a foster child in South America.
- Assisted a couple whose home was destroyed by fire last year.
- Provided playground equipment for the Ander-

Sport on move in Research — oval a goer

Eltham Shire Council is investigating sites for a new ground to be shared by Research football and cricket clubs.

The existing football ground is too small. Research Cricket Club have no ground of their own and are forced to make South Eltham their headquarters.

Meanwhile, the council has approved a \$10,000 loan to Research Tennis Club for a pavilion.

It is also negotiating with the Country Fire Authority for Kangaroo Ground Tennis Club to use the old KG fire station as their pavilion.

The KG brigade will soon move into new quarters.

sons Creek Primary School. any needy person or organisation."

"I'd like to thank all the people who supported our paper drive, our part in the Warrandyte festival and our public auction," said Club president Denis Parker.

The club is looking for new members, aged between 18 and 40 and of "reasonably sound mind and body".

Mr. Parker (844 2133) or Alan Fluck (844 3069) would like to hear from interested men.

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New blood for the Lions

Warrandyte Lions Club will hold their committee changeover night at the Room At The Top restaurant, Shoppingtown, on June 22.

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