

# KILLERS ON THE PROWL

WARRANDYTE  
**Diary**  
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## Nothing's safe from dogs — vet

**The marauding dog situation in Warrandyte has reached desperate proportions.**

"It is now almost impossible to safely keep any form of livestock in this area," local veterinarian Dr. Howard Geldard told the Diary.

Latest victim of the dog packs is a pet donkey, which was savagely mauled in North Warrandyte.

The owners awoke to find blood gushing from a deep hole in the donkey's side and one ear almost torn off.

It survived only after extensive and expensive veterinary treatment.

Not so lucky was a young pet goat, also in North Warrandyte. It was mutilated by a lone dog and had to be destroyed.

"Sheep, goats, chickens, ducks — as well as kangaroos, wallabies and other native species — have all been attacked in the Warrandyte area in recent months," Dr. Geldard said.

"The local councils are becoming more aware of the problem and I believe stiffer penalties will be introduced.

"Something must certainly be done unless Warrandyte is to develop into a canine paradise of upturned rubbish bins and terrified farm animals."

Dr. Geldard said dog owners should make themselves more aware of what their pets get up to at night if they are not locked inside or chained up.

"Dogs will accept being confined every night provided it is done regularly and sensibly," he said.

"This provides protection and security for the pet as well as for other animals in the neighbourhood."

Dr. Geldard said stock owners were entitled to shoot marauding animals on their properties, but because most attacks occurred early in the morning, the culprits were rarely apprehended.



*A lazy river . . . a shady tree. This is Warrandyte in November. The Diary asked MELTON RITTER, a "patriarch" photographer with an eye for beauty, to record on film what appealed to him about Warrandyte. The Diary is delighted with the results and the above is the first of a series.*

## Fosters on the move

**The Fosters are going bush!**

Tom and Maureen Foster have sold their Yarra Street milk bar-newsagency and are off early next year to take over the post office at Mandurama, near Bathurst, NSW.

The Fosters are leaving Warrandyte, after 3½ years and with regret, for health reasons.

They have sold out to Neil Chandler of Warrandyte, and Ivan Tippett, of Watsonia.

"Maureen has not been in good health recently and the long hours of hard work involved in running this business have been largely responsible," Mr. Foster said.

"I suppose I average 15 hours work a day and Maureen about 10 hours.

"In contrast, the Mandurama post office is a nine-to-five proposition."

Mr. Foster said he and his family were leaving 3½ years earlier than they had originally planned.

"We'd counted on spending seven years in Warrandyte, then travelling around Australia before taking over a post office," he said.

"We'll still get our round-Australia trip — but we'll be doing it a bit at a time."

Mr. Foster has been an active community worker for Warrandyte. He has been closely involved with the Lions and Leos Clubs, the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade, Traders Association and the Whitehouse management committee.

Daughters Carolyn and Christine, son-in-law Steve Thomas and grand-daughter Sarah will settle at Mandurama with Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

The third daughter, Julie, who is engaged, will stay in Warrandyte.

"We love Warrandyte and its people," said Mr. Foster. "We have made a lot of friends here — and we hope many of them will be our friends for life."

## Diary seeks new editor

**The Warrandyte Diary will be eight years old next month.**

It would like to go on for another eight years. It would like to go on forever.

But its future may depend on the willingness of someone in this community to become editor of the paper.

The job — voluntary — becomes vacant from next March.

The person who takes it on will, ideally, have the community at heart and time to take charge of collecting and collating news and putting it together in

the Diary's eight pages a month.

Present editor Lee Tindale is resigning after three years for business and family reasons.

He is quite prepared to train any applicant who is interested in the job, but who feels that he or she lacks the qualifications.

The Diary's future may well depend on that type of person coming forward.

Mr. Tindale can be contacted on 844 3719.

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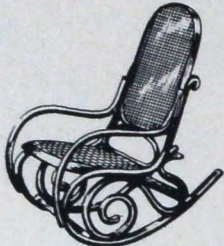
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# Whispering Smith!

Some mighty rough and summary justice was meted out at the local pub when the handicappers were prejudging the field for the big golf match between the footy club and the RSL-Social Club (see Page 8).

The handicappers themselves shall remain nameless — to protect the innocent.

But it must be recorded that their advisor was none other than John (Porky) Smith, jovial greensman and part-time practical joker at Warrandyte Golf Club.

Johnny has seen 'em all in action and what he did to the chances of some hopeful trophy winners in the big Healesville challenge was something shocking.

Handicaps became not just handicaps, but unbearable burdens.

Johnny Smith leaves nothing to chance.

He wasn't even moved when "Whopper" Warr did a splendid imitation of a learner-golfer and said as far as he knew a "birdie" was something that came out of an egg.

Believing that prevention is better than cure, they take no chances with would-be troublemakers at the Leos Club disco nights at the Whitehouse.

The Leos' senior partners, the Lions, are rostered for "bouncer" duty, booze is strictly taboo — and there's a highly-trained doberman dog on patrol.

So any parents dubious about letting their kids go along to these nights can rest easy.

Last month's dance was a big success. Trouble-free, and it raised \$100 for the Silent Night (Rubella) Appeal.

The next one's on Saturday, December 9, starting 8 p.m.

Some other worthy charity will benefit.

*The North Warrandyte lady had the snake (all 40 inches of it) pinned behind the head by the business end of the long-handled shovel. Too gentle a soul to*

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*actually decapitate it, but too determined to let it escape.*

*So she kept the pressure applied while teenage daughter beat the reptile to death with anything handy — tablets of stone, pick handles . . . you name it.*

*"He kept trying to get away," the Big White Huntress later told a spellbound audience.*

*Get away? He was probably trying to make it to the nearest phone to call the RSPCA!*

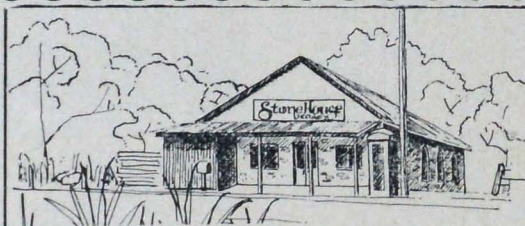
of Warrandyte's delightful people.

So he probably won't sue me for revealing that he had a rinse and blow-wave before he met the Governor-General at Potters Cottage last month.

And full marks to the beauty salon. If they can turn out a Gus McLaren looking as good as he did on the front page of last month's Diary, they can do anything!

Gus McLaren is one

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**GREEN WEDGE CONFIRMED?**

# HAMER SAYS HE'LL MAKE IT HAPPEN

The final victory for North Riding conservationists is in sight.

Premier Hamer has promised Eltham Shire Council that an amendment to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme confirming the green wedge concept for the riding will be gazetted "very shortly".

The promise was made in a letter to shire president Robert Marshall.

The amendment would restrict subdivisions from Research-Warrandyte Road all the way through to Kinglake to a minimum 20 acres.

In some cases the minimum would be 100 acres.

An amendment applying these restrictions from North Warrandyte to

Research was approved 2½ months ago.

"There has been a tremendous amount of lobbying to get these amendments through," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"The Premier's reply to my latest letter to him on the subject is the most definite and encouraging we have yet had.

"About 90 square miles of the North Riding is involved in the new amendment.

"I think the North Riding councillors will throw a party if and when the amendment goes through.

"It has been a long battle," he said.

## David's heritage

Warrandyte artist David Symes will hold an exhibition he has called "Our Pastoral Heritage" at the Yarra Glen Gallery on November 25.

Mr. Symes became involved with the subject matter he now paints during 10 years as a farmer and travelling throughout north-east Victoria, the Riverina and Tasmania.

Before that, he had studied graphic art at Prahran Technical College.

Now a full-time painter, Mr. Syme's exhibition includes everything from the shearing sheds and sheep dips to the wool barges and bullock teams.

"Our National Heritage" opens on November 25 and runs to December 8.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1.30 to 5.30 p.m. Sundays and public holidays, or by appointment with the director, Norma Jones-Roberts, 730 1759 (730 1271 A.H.).

## Raffle still going

Tickets are still available in the Lions Club raffle, proceeds of which will be used to heat the Warrandyte Primary School swimming pool.

They are available, at 50 cents each, from Forsters Milk Bar and the two primary schools.

The raffle (first prize a three-in-one stereo) will be drawn at the Lions' Christmas break-up at Mitcham Lodge on Friday, December 8.

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## ● ABOUT PEOPLE

# THE LATEST OF A LONG LOCAL LINE

Andrew Henry Taylor strengthened a four-generation association with Warrandyte late last month — simply by being born.

Andrew was born to Sally and Philip Taylor, of Osborne Road.

He is the grandson of long-time Warrandyte folk Marjorie and Pel Beecham, of Castle Road.

The Taylors, whose daughter Emily turned two the day before Andrew arrived, live on part of Cambar Farm, an estate bought by Pel Beecham's father about 60 years ago.

Lovett and family, of Webb Street.

Two days before they shifted house — after 19 years in Warrandyte — they celebrated the engagement of daughter Jenny to Harold Southall, of Kilsyth, at a party at North Warrandyte Community Centre.

Jenny and Harold plan to marry next year.

The Lovetts are to settle at Portarlington.

Helen Cox, of Webb Street, has been accepted as a candidate for the ministry in the Uniting Church.

It will involve four years study at Ormond College.

Mr. Ian Garrett, who lived in Warrandyte for 25 years, died recently at Southport, Queensland.

A journalist, Mr. Garrett lived in Pigeon Bank Lane, North Warrandyte.

A memorial service was held this month at St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

It was quite a hectic departure for Peter and Pat

## RUTHERGLEN RED

By JOAN GOLDING, who took the trip

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*Off to the north-east and pastures green,  
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*The champagne flowed freely from here to the Murray,  
The seven-hour journey passed by in no hurry.  
The civic reception at Rutherglen station,  
Complete with brass band, caused some consternation;*

*For by this time of day, some of the party  
Were starting to wilt and felt not too hearty.  
A tour of three wineries — was that white or red:  
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*More wine on the Sunday, a barbecued steak,  
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## Don't be complacent!

That's the warning from Warrandyte's three fire brigades as summer — and the annual bushfire hazard — approaches.

"Because we have not had a serious bushfire here for several years, people tend to underestimate the danger," Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade captain Ray Bellinger told the Diary.

"But the danger is very real and very big every summer.

"We were fortunate that weather conditions last summer were so mild, but we cannot count on always being so lucky," Capt. Bellinger said.

To minimise the fire risk, the brigades urge residents who have not already cleaned up their properties to do so NOW.

### Their advice:

- Get rid of all rubbish, dead grass and leaves, paper and the like from around the property.
- Make sure your garden hoses are in good condition — that you have enough of them to reach all parts of the buildings

and that all hoses fit all taps.

- Keep all spoutings, roof valleys and downpipes clear of dead leaves.
- Cover all ventilators and open eaves with fine wire mesh.
- Keep shrubs and trees well clear of walls.
- Keep the area around the house mown for a distance of at least 20 ft. and keep the grass green if possible.

• Fill all available receptacles with water and place them around the house.

• Connect the garden hose ready for use.

• Block the downpipes with sandbags or other heavy objects.

• Wet down around the

house and buildings. Soaked bags are quite useful for putting out grass fires.

- Keep the ladder handy for possible use later.
- Block chimneys and any openings under the house.
- Turn off electricity and bottled gas.
- Clothe everyone adequately for protection against radiated heat.

On the approach of the fire:

• Close all doors and windows tightly and stay inside the house near the door giving access on to the ground or concrete steps or patio.

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• As soon as the fire has passed, go out and check for any fire, sparks or embers. If clear outside check inside the roof.

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Volunteer doorknockers on the main collection day of the week-long appeal found that many householders had taken advantage of the warm weather to go out for the day.

In addition, because of the far-flung nature of

Warrandyte, it was impossible for collectors to cover all homes.

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Warrandyte team leader John Hanson told the Diary he wished to personally thank the collectors and contributors.

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**Warrandyte Environment League will strongly oppose any move to build another Yarra River crossing in this area.**

It will also object to any proposal which would increase traffic density in the town.

Opposition to either move was clear at a WEL meeting this month.

The meeting followed discussions the previous night with representatives of the Joint Road Planning Group.

Although the proposed outer ring-road from Diamond Creek to Ringwood has been abandoned, WEL believes the JRPNG may still advise the State Government

to build another Yarra River crossing as an extension of Reynolds Road, Eltham-Research.

The Middle Yarra Advisory Council has already expressed its opposition to such a move.

Howard Geldard, the man behind the two highly-successful "This Is Warrandyte" festivals, was elected president of WEL at a well-attended annual general meeting late last month.

Other office-bearers are: John Fisher (vice-president),

Claire Dawson (secretary), Jan McDonald (minutes secretary), Arthur Vincent (treasurer).

Other committee members are Patrick Nuzum (the outgoing president), Tony Moran, Paul Gleeson, Anne Martin, Clive Bullen and Tim Ferguson.

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It has taken the step because of the "delicate" nature of the bushland — particularly the big variety of wildflowers which grow there.

Council recently bought more than an acre of the hill and will extend its holding to more than three acres of public open space with the compulsory acquisition of adjoining subdivision land.

Professor's Hill adjoins Stony Creek Reserve.

Shire president Robert Marshall said the management committee, when selected, would advise council on the preservation of the public open space, particularly its flora.

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# DIARY CALENDAR

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## NOVEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 22:** Brotherhood of St. Laurence Warrandyte Auxiliary ANNUAL MEETING, St. Stephen's Church Hall, 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker Mrs. Thelma Tuxan, organiser of all Brotherhood auxiliaries.  
**TUESDAY 28:** Historical Society's VISIT to Old Trades Museum, Blackburn. Inquiries 844 3694.  
**SUNDAY 10:** Environment League's CHRISTMAS BARBECUE, 3 p.m. BYO. Inquiries 844 2375, 844 3676.

## DECEMBER

**FRIDAY 8:** Lions Club Christmas BREAK-UP, Mitcham Lodge. Drawing of raffle to heat Warrandyte Primary School swimming pool.  
**SATURDAY 9:** Leo Club's DISCO NIGHT, Whitehouse, 8 p.m. Well-supervised. Proceeds to community services.  
**SUNDAY 17:** "A CHILD IS BORN" — annual Christmas carol singing presented by combined churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards. Mechanics Institute Hall, 7.30 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

...To Christmas, to summer, so safe holidays — and NO BUSHFIRES.

## WHITEHOUSE EVENTS

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# YOUTH SERVICE BIG SUCCESS

Sunday youth services seem certain to become a regular activity for Warrandyte Uniting Church.

The initial service, late last month, attracted a churchful of young people from Warrandyte, Eltham and Croydon.

It was such a success that more are already being planned.

Barry Porch and a group of teenagers from Croydon led the service.

The singing was accompanied by John Hanson on piano accordion and Grant Holley on piano.

The Rev. Stuart Calder and his wife will host a family luncheon for church members and friends at their home on Sunday, December 3.

On December 10, the Sunday School will present a special Christmas programme.

Extensions to the church, allowing seating for an additional 50 people, have been completed.

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## ALL-GIRL SHOW

Blackburn artist Helen Olston will be featured at the Warrandyte Palette next month.

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# MEET THE A.L.P. TEAM IN NEXT YEAR'S STATE ELECTION



# DYTES IN MEAN MOOD!

**Warrandyte's A-grade cricketers bounced back from their only defeat so far this season for a big win over Ainslie Park.**

Chasing the Park's 190, the Dytes had a field day, losing only two wickets for 231.

The run spree was led by John Chapman, who hit up 83, Richard Bowen (68 not out) and Peter James (56).

Geoff Edwards had starred with the ball for Warrandyte, finishing with 5/43.

The win was Warrandyte's third in four games this season and was an

## First defeat — then it's runs galore

important comeback from the defeat by Ringwood in the previous match.

The A-Reserve team have also made a good start to the season. They have won two games, drawn one and lost one.

And the F-Grade and H-Grade sides are undefeated.

The women's team have taken a few weeks to acclimatise to the much tougher competition in the

pennant Reserves this season.

They were dismissed for 14 in their first innings against Glenroy, but showed the benefit of their experience in the "big league" by easily beating Collingwood in their next match.

It was their first win of the season.

Match details:

**A-GRADE**  
Warrandyte 107 (S. Pascoe 44 n.o., P. James 21) lost to Ringwood 226 (M. Summers 7/47).

Warrandyte 2/231 (J. Chapman 83, R. Bowen 68 n.o., P. James 56) d. Ainslie Park 190 (G. Edwards 5/43).

**A-RESERVES**  
Warrandyte 5/183 dec. (G. Skinner 67 n.o., R. Orme 33, J. Pianta 19 n.o.) d. Ringwood 8/118 (I. Davies 3/35).

Warrandyte 2/90 (R. Dunnelt 37 n.o., S. Peake 25 n.o.) drew with Ainslie Park 136 (S. Peake 6/23, D. Johnson 2/39).

**F-GRADE**  
Warrandyte 164 (G. Day 40, W. Blair 33, H. Geldard 32) d. Lilydale 126 (L. Bellinger 5/27, A. Bellinger 2/18).

Warrandyte 181 (W. Blair 41, B. Summers 36, W. Moore 29) drew with Boronia 4/125 (W. Blair 2/18, B. Summers 2/56).

**H-GRADE**  
Warrandyte 8/224 dec. (G.

Lawrence 103 n.o., I. Broome 37, W. Moore 36) d. St. Andrews 214 (W. Moore 4/65, G. Taylor 3/70, I. Broome 3/60) and 1/73.

Warrandyte 9/210 (G. Taylor 131, G. Lawrence 31) d. Knoxfield 200 (G. Taylor 5/79, G. Broome 4/77).

**WOMEN**

Warrandyte 14 and 108 (J. Chapman 49 n.o., J. McLaws 25) lost to Glenroy 5/191 dec. (J. Chapman 3/82).

Warrandyte 139 (J. Chapman 45, J. McLaws 35) and 8/73 dec. d. Collingwood 69 (J. Chapman 7/35, M. McGhee 2/23) and 1/20.

**UNDER-16**

Warrandyte 7/166 dec. (J. Forster 53 n.o., B. Chapman 24, E. Nieder 20, D. Hilton 11 n.o.) d. Croydon Hockeys 36 (P. James 3/16, B. Chapman 2/15) and 62 (N. Davis 4/16, P. James 3/18).

**UNDER-14**

Warrandyte 100 (A. Manser 36, C. Dorning 28) and 57 (G. Walshe 22) lost to Norwood 276 (J. Humphreys 361, A. Manser 2/38).

Warrandyte 178 (G. Walshe 61, A. Manser 61) d. Knoxfield 163 (G. Walshe 5/55).

**UNDER-12A**

Warrandyte 48 (T. Sturesteps 19) and 0/69 (L. Barr 16, T. Sturesteps 17) lost to Ainslie Park 112 (T. Sturesteps 7/16).

Warrandyte 4/141 dec. (S. White 30, L. Barr 28) and 2/21 d. Croydon 111 (T. Sturesteps 7/14).

**UNDER-12B**

Warrandyte 43 and 5/55 (R. Kline 20) lost to Wantirna 58 (J. Hansen 3/6, G. McCartney 2/4, W. Peters 2/7).

Warrandyte 30 and 41 lost to Southwood 155.

## Barely a team

Players and parents stayed away in droves from Warrandyte Netball Club's annual meeting late last month.

In what was almost a repetition of last year's performance, only 12 people turned up.

"It was a terribly disappointing response, considering we have 70 players," a club official told the Diary.

Despite the poor attendance a committee was elected.

Office-bearers are: Pam Jacobson (president), Jill Cheatel (vice-president), Jan Schulze (secretary), Eunice Preston (treasurer).

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## EXTRA STICK, BUT 'MOUSE' MAKES IT

**David (Mouse) Mitchell won top marks for courage at a social golf day at Healesville Country Club this month.**

The occasion was a challenge match between Warrandyte Football Club and the RSL-Social Club.


David went round the 18 holes with the aid of a walking stick — legacy of a recent operation for a football injury.

Despite his gutsy display, the footballers were well beaten.

Thirty golfers — ranging from good to awful — took part.

Social Club president Jimmy Harris returned the best net score.

Other main trophy winners were Bob Durran, Geoff Pulford, Tom Kerkhof and Phil Craker.



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