



THE DIGGERS . . .

No, it's not Warrandyte Football Club's line-up for 1979.

These are the men of the Caledonian Goldmine.

The picture goes way back to the turn of the century, to the rip-roaring days of Warrandyte gold fever.

The Caledonian, opened in 1904 and sunk to 600ft., was the biggest mine in this area and these men earned as much as \$2.75 a week for working it.

It was strictly candlepower in those days. And note the man and his dog (front right) who moved at the camera's crucial moment.

• Picture courtesy Arthur and Carrie Trezise.

EDITORIAL

This stinks!

Warrandyte's riverbank is a reeking disgrace. And don't blame the tourists who flock here each weekend to get away from suburbia and enjoy the Yarra.

No. Blame a handful of selfish local residents who are regularly dumping their household garbage in the bins provided specifically for picnickers. Blame particularly the super-irresponsible ones who, finding the bins already overflowing, simply dump their garbage bags and their rotting contents on the ground.

Sure, the tourists are untidy with their litter, too . . . because the bins are already spilling over with local trash by the time they arrive.

TO PUT IT LITERALLY, IT STINKS!

Dumping by locals started when Doncaster-Templestowe Council decided, in August 1977, to cut the garbage collection from twice to once a week.

This merely put them on a par with north-of-the-river residents. And they still enjoyed the advantage of leaving out as many bins as they liked. But a few took the easy, slovenly — and illegal — way out: Dump wherever you see a bin.

The situation demands urgent attention if Warrandyte's claim to being environmentally-sensitive is not to become a sick joke.

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REPRIEVE? POST OFFICE MAY BE SAVED!

Warrandyte's old post office may yet be saved.

Despite the ravages of time and vandals, two enterprising men believe the historic building can be restored.

And they are prepared to spend \$20,000-\$30,000 to do it.

Town planner-designer Bill Klemmer, of Christmas Hills, and North Warrandyte civil engineer Dario Menara want to turn the post office — said to be about 100 years old — into a quality art-craft gallery.

They have already set wheels in motion with approaches to the Lands Department and Doncaster-Templestowe City Council.

Their proposal is that the department hands over management of the property to the council, which would

lease it to Mr. Klemmer and Mr. Menara.

The scheme to restore the post office has the blessing of Warrandyte Historical Society and the Environment League.

Mr. Klemmer, himself an artist and a member of the National Trust, told the Diary that white-ant and vandal damage to the building was not as serious as a lot of people may have thought.

"Local architect John Hipwell inspected it thoroughly for us and found the building to be surprisingly solid," he said.

"There is extensive renovating and rebuilding to be done, but if all goes well we would envisage opening the first room or two of the proposed gallery in, say, six to nine months.

"It may be two or three years before restoration is complete," Mr. Klemmer said.

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At last — Laeleigh!

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Smokey Joe starts 1979 with a very happy ending to 1978. The following birth notice tells it all:

At last, to Michael, Angela and Martyn Benson, of Dingley Dell Road — a daughter and baby sister. Laeleigh Marree was born 6-12-78. Thank you to all our friends and neigh-

bours for their help and hope during the pregnancies of the last few years.

Without such support and encouragement, Laeleigh could not have been born.

Thank you also to Drs. F. Chew and B. Bayly for always making their time available.

There is much delight at Gelantipy in East Gippsland — thanks to the Boys family, lately of Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte.

The arrival of Bob and Esme Boys and sons Timothy, Christopher and Scott to settle on a farm at nearby Wulgulmerang means that the Gelantipy school will stay open.

It had been in grave danger of closing for lack of patronage, but the enrolment of the three Boys boys has swelled its numbers to eight.

The Boys' next-door neighbours (10 km. to the north) are Viv and Dot Richardson and son Mark, the only residents of Suggan Buggan.

The Richardson family used to live in Yarra Street. Son Clive and family still do.

The fitness folk will applaud the latest exten-

sion to the Golden Gate Store — a health-food section.

Mine hostess Pat Cruickshank launched it this month.

Says she'll expand it if demand warrants.

It's not what you know but . . .

Residents of a well-known North Warrandyte road had been trying for up to 20 years to talk the PMG into delivering their mail.

No luck . . . until a high-ranking officer of that august instrumentality

became one of their neighbours.

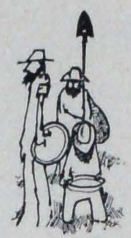
The mail promptly got through.

Graeme Bell, that ageless master of jazz, and his All-Stars return for a season at Potters Restaurant from March 6-10.

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Things are moving in other directions at Potters, as we'll explain in the next issue.



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A SWINGALONG FESTIVAL FINALE

A marathon jazz-folk concert will high-light and wind up this year's "This Is Warrandyte" festival.

The concert will start about 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1 — second day of the two-day festival — and run to about 11 p.m.

Three top groups and several individual acts have been booked.

Warrandyte Environment League, which pioneered the festival two years ago, has overcome financial difficulties to stage it this year.

"We have had a few problems, but I think they

New editors

Editorship of the Warrandyte Diary changes hands after next month's issue.

The Diary will be co-edited by Judy McDonald and Janette Vagg, both of North Warrandyte.

They will be seeking maximum participation of local groups and individuals with contributed news items.

Mrs. McDonald can be contacted on 844 2195 and Mrs. Vagg on 844 2746.

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Jazz-folk marathon

are solved now," festival co-ordinator Howard Geldard told the Diary.

"Enthusiasm is running high and we expect another highly-successful event."

The festival will again be run in conjunction with Doncaster-Templestowe's "Wurundjeri" festival.

"This Is Warrandyte" organiser Jim Ferguson said that he expected all the highlights of last year to be repeated.

"A cabaret on Friday night (March 30) will launch the weekend," Mr. Ferguson said.

"We again plan the grand

parade along Yarra Street on Saturday morning, followed by a billycart derby, bush ballet, colonial and rock dances, children's theatres and a cricket coaching clinic.

"On Sunday, we will have a carnival, market and a canoe race, a new event.

"The displays and exhibitions — historical, environmental, arts, crafts etc. — will be on throughout the weekend.

"The festival will finish with a family singalong and the jazz and folk concert," Mr. Ferguson said.

* The full festival program will be published in next month's Diary.

Apex auction to aid kids again

Warrandyte Apex Club will hold its annual auction of new and used goods on Sunday, March 4 at the Whitehouse, starting 10.30 a.m.

It will be a real family affair, with Humphrey Bear there to entertain the children and other television personalities appearing.

Proceeds from this year's auction will go towards charities involved in the International Year of the Child, including research into the cot death syndrome.

The club hopes the event will be as successful as last year's when it raised \$1385 towards the Children's Leukemia and Cancer Scheme.

This Australia-wide Apex appeal raised well over \$1 million.

All types of goods will be accepted for sale, including household, gardening, automotive, sporting and arts and crafts, on a donation or commission basis.

On-the-spot payment for all goods sold and Bankcard facilities will be available.

All goods are to be delivered to the Whitehouse all day Saturday, March 3. For further information phone 844 3069, 726 7772 or 844 2240.

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OFFICE COMPLEX PLAN FOR BRIDGE

Warrandyte may get another commercial development near the Yarra Street bridge.

A big building company, Ritter Davis of Templestowe, has applied to develop a building site east of the bridge.

The company wants to build a two-storey office complex between "Folkart" and the post office shopping centre. Ritter Davis submitted their application and plans to Doncaster-Templestowe

City Council earlier this month.

Council has told the company they would have to advertise their proposals.

Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott said: "We have told them to advertise because we want the locals to know what is happening."

The company could align their building with the existing row of shops.

Prickly problem

Blackberries may be all very well for jam, but they are a pest on the council reserve on The Boulevard, North Warrandyte.

Local residents said so at an organised on-site meeting this month with Eltham Shire president Robert Marshall.

The deputation said the reserve should be preserved in its natural state—but without the blackberries which, apart from anything else, obscured the junction of The Boulevard and Reserve Road, they said.

Residents also suggested

that nature-playground equipment be installed at the reserve.

Cr. Marshall suggested that the reserve could go on the shire's parks and gardens list, which would mean regular mowing and maintenance.

He said the blackberries could be removed "fairly soon", but funds for playground equipment would not be available before September.

The playground proposal is likely to be opposed by those residents who want the reserve retained for horse-riding.

Service on wheels

Warrandyte elderly citizens are seeking "new faces" — and are prepared to help them get along to the club and home again.

"We are prepared to help any person who would like to come along, but who has difficulty getting there because of lack of transport," a club spokesman said.

"Any person in such a position should contact Bob Watson on 844 3680."

The club is open every day except Sunday.

Activities are:

- Monday — 1 p.m., singalong and concert practice.
- Tuesday — 1 p.m., bowls.
- Wednesday — 10 a.m., craft class; 7 p.m., bowls.
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THE WEDGE IS IN!

Conservationists have won final victory in the environmentally-sensitive North Riding.

State Government approval of an amendment to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme means future subdivisions from Warrandyte-Research Road through to Kinglake will be restricted to a minimum 20 acres.

In some cases, the minimum will be 100 acres.

An earlier amendment had imposed similar restrictions from North Warrandyte to Research.

Plan on the go

The wheels are in motion for the future development of Warrandyte.

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council has adopted the 38 principles of the Warrandyte Strategy Plan and have made 200 copies of the plan available for residents.

A public meeting will be called soon to form a steering committee.

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Strict new rules for subdivisions

The new rules effectively implement the green wedge concept.

Their acceptance by the government ends years of individual and group lobbying.

"It is marvellous that this had finally happened," Eltham Shire president Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"Speaking both as president of the shire and as an individual, I regard it as an enormous relief.

"Quite apart from anything else, it means that a lot of argument over sub-

divisions in the riding has ended."

The green wedge scheme was produced publicly in 1971.

Eltham Council at first opposed it, but reversed its policy in 1975.

Cr. Marshall said that despite the amendments, rezonings could still be done "here and there".

"Specific areas could be rezoned on application to the Board of Works and the council," he said.

"But there can be no wholesale subdividing as we have known it in the past," he said.

SCHOOL'S IN — SO IS CHURCH

Warrandyte Uniting Church activities are back in full swing following the holiday break.

Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. followed by "coffee time", which the church regards as valuable for people to get to know each other.

Other activities are:

- Sunday School — each Sunday at 9 a.m. for pre-school, primary and secondary school levels (contact Fred Jungwith, 844 3843).
- Youth clubs — senior and junior, providing a varied program from Grade

5 to Form 2 and upwards. The groups meet in private homes about fortnightly. (John Hanton, 844 3906, juniors; Jan King, 844 3622, seniors.)

- Adult bible studies, most Monday nights (Bob Winters, 844 2574).

- Youth services — last Sunday of each month at 6.45 p.m. A lively service followed by supper. First of the year will be on February 25 (Jill Curry, 844 3723).

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Tribute to Jim Ross

Towards the end of December, Warrandyte mourned the loss of one of its well-loved sons.

Jim Ross was a man of many parts: an untiring worker on behalf of Alcoholic Anonymous, a member of the Warrandyte Tennis Club, ex-serviceman and — above all — a fine friend and neighbour, helpful in many ways and ever ready to give comfort in word and deed.

He applied himself to his tasks with great dedication, yet was never lacking in a wonderful sense of humour.

That ever ready twinkle in his eyes made all his friends the more watchful, lest they be caught unawares by some teasing remark or other.

He will long be remembered by those who were privileged to know him.

To Pat Ross and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

Austin Jedick,
Melbourne Hill.

LETTERS

SEEING THE LIGHTS

The news (December Diary) that traffic lights are to be installed at the Golden Gate is very welcome.

For too long, a lot of drivers have used the winding downhill Melbourne Hill run as a sort of thrill stretch, to see how much their cars, their tyres and their own nerves can take.

The lights should stop a lot of that.

At last, the many children who use the excellent and varied facilities at the recreation reserve will be allowed to cross the main road in safety.

"Relieved",
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NEW RATES

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BACK FROM ABROAD

Walter and Alison Majilton and children Matthew and Jenny, are back in Warrandyte after a year in England.

The Majiltons, of Albert Road, lived in Essex, but had little time for touring.

Walter and Alison held several art-craft exhibitions and also completed courses.

The children went to school in Essex.



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'No' again

Eltham Shire Council has rejected yet another subdivision proposal for Warrandyte's Koornong bushland.

In the latest of many applications, Choppington Pty. Ltd. had proposed a 19-home development.

The council insisted on a maximum 12 homes, none of which could be built on the river side of the ridge-line.

It also insisted that Koornong ... Crescent through to Kruses Road be closed to public traffic.

The Koornong land has been the subject of a long, running battle between the developers and conservationists.

The council — supported by Warrandyte Environment League — wants the Board of Works or the State Government to buy the land fronting on to the river for public open space.

SUDDENLY— A LIBRARY

Students at South Warrandyte Primary School got a pleasant surprise when they returned from holidays this month.

A new library has been built in their absence.

The State Member for Warrandyte, Mr. Norman Lacy, said it was the Government's policy to provide such facilities where a school's student population exceeded 225.

South Warrandyte's population had been growing

steadily, he said.

"Tenders have now been let for the site works and the connection of electricity to the library, totalling \$6172," Mr. Lacy said.

"The building is a five module relocatable construction and will be connected to the school with a covered walking path."

NETBALL 'NURSERY'

Warrandyte Netball Club are about to implement a get - them - while - they're - young" policy.

The club plan a non-competitive under-8 squad in the coming season.

The idea is to coach the youngsters in the fundamentals of the sport in preparation for their first taste of competition as under-10s.

Club president Pam Jacobsen told the Diary that in past seasons, the under-10s had begun as real

novices, with little or no knowledge of the game.

"This year, however, we will be giving Under-8s specialised tuition as part of a coaching clinic for all junior players.

REPRIEVE?

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"Dario and I believe it is a very worthwhile project.

"Apart from providing a new gallery — largely for local artists — it would preserve one of Warrandyte's few remaining historical buildings.

Mr. Klemmer said he was not unduly concerned by suggestions that a future widening of Yarra Street might "wipe out" the old post office.

"If the street is widened — and there is certainly no guarantee of that — it could be done quite adequately without interfering with the building," he said.

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IT'S DO OR DIE FOR DYTES

Warrandyte A-grade cricketers cannot afford a false move in a desperate run home towards the finals.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, the Dytes were in a sudden-death situation.

They were sixth on the ladder and had to win their two remaining games to make the finals.

However, form indicated that they had every chance of doing just that.

They were unbeaten in four matches since Christmas, the results including some fine individual and team performances.

John Chapman, Fred Jungwirth and Mark and Stan Davis have been consistent contributors.

Chapman hit up 101 in a

NIGHTS TO REMEMBER

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold a disco night at the Whitehouse on Saturday, March 10.

Admission is \$5 a family or \$2 a head.

The club's presentation night will be at Mullum Social Rooms, North Ringwood, on March 31. Tickets are \$12 a head.

Tickets for both nights are available from Maria McGhee (876 1347).

rain-affected draw against Heathmont Uniting.

The game was made even more memorable for the Dytes by captain-coach Steve Pascoe taking a hat-trick.

The three other men's teams are assured of finals berths.

The A-Reserves are second on the ladder and the F and H-grade sides lead their respective competitions.

It is a different story with the women's team, who have struggled this season since their promotion to the pennant reserve grade.

The Under-16s and Under-12As have a great chance of contesting the junior finals.

They are lying fourth, but must hold their form to guarantee themselves a shot at the pennants.

DETAILS

A-GRADE
Warrandyte 8/162 (J. Chapman 35, F. Jungwirth 32, B. Johnson 31 n.o., M. Davis 22, S. Davis 18 n.o.) d. South Croydon 54 (S. Pascoe 3/8, S. Davis 4/5)

Locals can't afford loss

and 9/41 (S. Davis 7/19, F. Jungwirth 2/22).

Warrandyte 258 (J. Chapman 101, Mark Davis 68) drew with Heathmont Uniting 4/163 (S. Pascoe 3/31, including hat-trick).

Warrandyte 9/201 (F. Jungwirth 65, B. Johnson 37) d. Wantirna 182 (F. Jungwirth 4/47, S. Davis 4/76).

Warrandyte 3/186 (J. Chapman 76 n.o., P. James 59) d. Johnson Park 77 (F. Jungwirth 5/12, Stan Davis 4/19) and 3/98.

A-RESERVES

Warrandyte 198 (S. Peake 96, I. World 35) d. South Croydon 54 (W. Blair 4/14, I. World 2/32, W. Moore 2/2) and 3/47 (S. Peake 3/14).

Warrandyte 184 (S. Peake 37, B. Kline 34 n.o., L. Bellinger 20, D. Haywood 20) drew with Heathmont Uniting 4/107 (L. Bellinger 3/9).

Warrandyte 73 (I. Davies 26, W. Blair 22) and 5/64 lost to Wantirna 9/171 (S. Peake 3/40, I. World 2/45, W. Blair 2/39).

Warrandyte 150 (B. Kline 40 n.o., I. Davies 29, J. McGrath 25, R. McKenzie 24) d. Johnson Park 106 (S. Peake 63/4, I. Davies 2/25).

F GRADE

Warrandyte 136 (B. Summers 66, B. Kline 10) and 7/48 d. Johnson Park 74 (L. Bellinger 2/26, B. Chapman 2/8, G. Bellinger 2/10, B. Summers 4/10) and 108 (A. Bellinger 63/3).

Warrandyte 4/119 (G. Bellinger 32 n.o., J. Peters 33, B. Chapman 19) and 2/13 d. Wantirna

58 (G. Bellinger 7/24) and 69 (M. Summers 3/30, B. Chapman 2/7).

Warrandyte 244 (G. Taylor 156 n.o., G. Lawrence 20) d. Mooroolbark 160 (G. Taylor 3/30, R. LeGuier 3/34, W. Moore 4/60).

H-GRADE

Warrandyte 120 (G. Lawrence 29, T. Foster 21) and 4/52 d. Bayswater Park 108 (W. Moore 5/37, G. Broome 4/20).

WOMEN'S PENNANT RESERVE

Warrandyte 4/100 (J. Lenferna 32, J. Chapman 24, S. Jeffs 20) d. Hampton 98 (J. Chapman 6/40).

Warrandyte 59 (S. Jeffs 35) drew with Glenroy 2/57 (J. Chapman 2/13).

UNDER-16

Warrandyte 143 (I. Douglas 71, J. Forster 27) d. South Croydon 127 (B. Chapman 6/45, P. James 3/32).

Warrandyte 4/95 (B. Kline 33, B. Chapman 25 n.o., I. Douglas 22) drew with Norwood.

UNDER-14

Warrandyte 50 (C. Townsend 11) and 50 (B. Scicluna 14) lost to Boronia 1/80 dec.

UNDER-12A

Warrandyte 135 (P. Sharpe 50 retired, T. Sturesteps 34 n.o.) d. Croydon 15 (T. Sturesteps 4/7, White 4/3) and 40 (C. Dornig 3/3, R. Kline 2/6, N. Morris 2/1).

UNDER-12B

Warrandyte 94 (B. Wilson 29, G. McCartin 23) lost to Mooroolbark 113 (M. Day 3/16, J. Hansen 2/18, G. McCartin 1/12).

A serve of success

Warrandyte whiz-kid Graeme Harris brought home a first and a near-miss from the Victorian tennis championships at Kooyong in December.

Graeme (16), of Harris Gully Road, and Darren Christie, of Beaumaris, won the State under-19 doubles title.

He also reached the quarter-finals of the singles, going down to eventual winner and 1979 Linton Cup captain Paul Doherty (18), of Geelong.

LATEST!

Champion ruckman Colin Bawden has been appointed senior captain - coach of Warrandyte Football Club for the 1979 season.

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