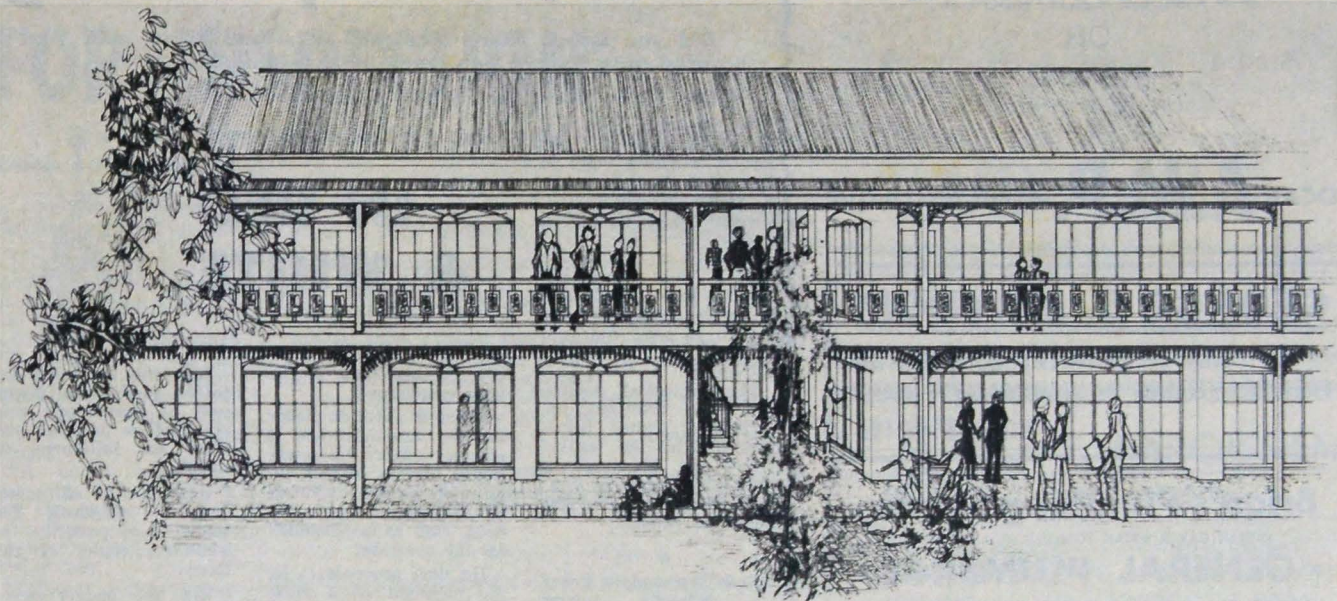


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Shops plan for bridge unveiled

This is an architect's impression of a proposed \$350,000 shops complex near the Warrandyte Bridge.

If approved, it will be open by next summer.

and the post office shopping centre. The developers, Ritter Davis (Vic.) Pty. Ltd., plan a two-storey complex of 10-12 shops between "Folkart" Principals of the firm have already had lengthy discussions with Doncaster-Templestowe City Council and the Warrandyte Environment League.

Joint managing director Geoff Ritter told the Diary: "What we propose is a folk-handcraft-cottage industry type of development in accordance with the Warrandyte Strategy Plan.

"The design puts a lot of emphasis on creating a leisurely, traditional feeling.

"The site would be extensively landscaped, with special attention to keeping the existing trees.

"The building itself would be of early-Australian style. It would be brick, with a corrugated iron roof."

Mr. Ritter said tenancy of the shops would be tourist-oriented, with emphasis on craft.

Plans included tentative provision for a restaurant on the upper level, and pedestrian arcades.

"We realise this is a prime piece of Warrandyte real estate, zoned for development and destined to be developed sooner or later.

"We believe that the development we propose is the type best suited to Warrandyte in general and this site in particular.

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COUNTDOWN

Everything's 'go' for the Warrandyte show

"This Is Warrandyte" — that once-a-year weekend when we get it all together — is only days away!

And, weather permitting, the March 31-April 1 festival will be better than either of its two highly-successful predecessors.

"It will be more compact, more relaxed this year, with more emphasis on the family," Festival co-ordinator Howard Geldard told the Diary.

"There are slightly fewer events than last year but, at the same time, more events that can be enjoyed by the entire family," Mr. Geldard said.

"We have learned from the previous festivals that activities must be concen-

trated at one main venue — Stiggant Reserve."

Mr. Geldard said the highlight of the festival would certainly be the eight-hour folk-jazz concert on the Sunday afternoon-night.

"We are expecting 4000 to 5000 people to attend the concert," he said.

"It will be a great show."

Events missing this year include the carnival, rock dance, theatre and bush ballet.

"But we know that all groups cannot — for a variety of reasons — be involved every year. Mr. Geldard said.

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Before the puffbag

Did you know, then, that this town had three pubs and a licenced grog tent at one stage of its mining history?

And, at the turn of the century, a wine hall?

Warrandyte Historical Society will recall our earliest watering holes in their festival exhibition in St. Stephen's Church Hall, Stiggant Street, on March 31-April 1.

It will be fascinating stuff — and guaranteed to bring tears to the eyes of those among us stiff enough to have run foul of the random breath-test squads.

The historical society have also arranged for Carlton & United Breweries to lead the festival parade (at 11 a.m. on March 31) with their famous team of draught horses and wagon.

It is Warrandyte Primary School's annual Moomba parade and the theme is "goodies and baddies", mums having been invited to dress the littlies in gear depicting anything from fairy queen to Dracula.

And along comes this leather-jacketed lout on a motorbike.

Unshaven (the lout, not the motorbike) and looking like a dropout from Evel Knievel's School For Slow-Learners, he roars in, grabs a young mum around the waist and

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says something like "howyergoinluv".

Mum is about to holler for the marshal when it emerges that aforementioned lout is, in fact, an infinitely-pleasant young schoolteacher who has been cast as a "baddie" for the occasion.

He then proceeds to be the highlight of a great little show.

A grand old school is PS12.

And overheard at the local hotel:

"This is the only pub I know where as soon as I get here it's my shout!"

What the Diary has needed all along, of course, is a full-time secretary.

Someone to make the coffee (and irate phone calls to contributors who are long on promises and short on fulfilment of same).

But most of all, someone to religiously file away, for posterity or whatever, copies of the Diary.

But the budget never did run to a Girl Friday — so we've got a lot of gaps in our files.

We're all set for the past three or four years, but we'd like to hear from anyone who has copies going deeper into our 88-issue history. The earlier the better.

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The Shire President's Barbecue is on again at Eltham next month.

And North Riding councillor Robert Allen urges all north-of-the-Yarra ratepayers to make it a date.

"Shire president Robert Marshall really started something last year by replacing the much-restricted shire ball with a barbecue for everyone," Cr. Allen said.

"I heartily recommend the occasion."

The barbecue is on Sunday, April 8, in the park next to the shire offices.

Chops, bread etc. are provided, but it's otherwise BYO.

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W'DYTE PLAN 'OPEN FOR INSPECTION'

The 140-page Warrandyte Strategy Plan report has been published.

The plan, which Doncaster-Templestowe City Council adopted in December, is available on loan or at \$4 a copy from the Municipal Offices.

It covers welfare, community services, retailing, landscaping, road classification and design.

Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott told the Diary: "It is council's objective to support local involvement through a Warrandyte consultative council.

"A public meeting to form this council will be held late in April."

Cr. Scott said details of the meeting would be advertised locally.

"Thanks to the Warrandyte Environment League, copies of the report will also be on sale at the 'This Is Warrandyte' festival," he said.

Cr. Scott said the report was important to residents on both sides of the river.

He urged people to read and study the report and participate in its development.

New editors

Janette Vagg and Judy Macdonald are the new editors of the Warrandyte Diary.

They can be contacted on 844 2746 and 844 2195 respectively.

Festival all 'go'

From Page 1

"We also know that the future of 'This Is Warrandyte' is assured because as one group may withdraw for a year, there will be at least another to take its place."

The festival parade along Yarra Street will be bigger and more spectacular this year and new events include a canoe regatta and Yarrabank hayrides for kids.

Mr. Geldard said the committee was again indebted to the Doncaster-Templestowe "Wurundjeri" festival committee, which had been a great help to "This Is Warrandyte" in financial and other ways. The committee was also full of praise for the help of Eltham Shire Council, and the sponsorship of local traders.

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KOORNONG: NEW MOVE

Eltham Shire Council has formally asked the National Parks Service to write finish to the long-running battle for Warrandyte's Koornong Bushland.

It wants the NPS to acquire the land on the river side of the ridgeline for public open space.

The latest move follows a council deputation to the Board of Works.

Council's request to the NPS effectively puts the fate of the Koornong land — which has for years been under threat of subdivision — in the hands of the State Government.

• See "Picnic with a purpose" — Page 4.

DRIVERS WANTED

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club is looking for bus-drivers.

The club now has the use each Thursday of an 11-seater mini-bus, owned by their counterparts at Bulleen-Templestowe, to ferry members to and from the clubrooms for the regular

social afternoon.

It also has three volunteer drivers, but would like to hear from anyone prepared to volunteer his or her services behind the wheel occasionally.

The contact is Bob Watson (844 3680).

SHOPS PLAN UNVEILED

From Page 1

"I live at Kangaroo Ground — like Warrandyte, an environmentally-sensitive area. If I did not believe this development suited the Warrandyte environment, I would not be involved in it."

Meanwhile, Doncaster-Templestowe Council is reviewing future development east of the bridge.

Council wants a complementary development of the shopping area, the river bank and the craft shops.

Discussions are being held between Ritter Davis, local traders, the Country Roads Board and the National Parks Service.

"This was a particularly environmentally-sensitive area," said Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott.

"It is hoped a mini-plan, providing amenities for local shoppers, satisfactory car parking for shoppers and tourists and appropriate landscaping will be formulated," he said.

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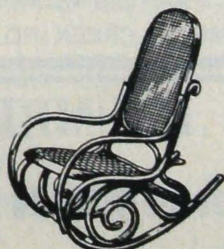
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Apex auction a best-seller

All this and Humphrey too

Everything including the kitchen sink — in fact several kitchen sinks — went under the hammer at the Whitehouse this month.

Warrandyte Apex proved again what teamwork can achieve by making their second annual auction an even greater success than the first.

Proceeds had not been finalised when this edition of the Diary went to press.

More than 270 items were offered for auction. Caravans, commodes and coins vied with speed boats, snow skis and sides of lamb for popularity.

Many items were donated.

Apart from the vans and boats which held very high reserves, only two items were unsold. These were donated to the Opportunity Shop.

Bidding soared to \$1100 for a seven-piece, Chipendale-style dining setting, making the auctioneers — Neville Emmerson and col-

leagues, who donated their services — really work at their patter.

Their only break for the day was for the half hour that Humphrey B. Bear stole the show — and the kids' hearts — by running down the Whitehouse stairs and performing hilariously on the back of a truck.

Funds from auction will go to charities involved with the International Year of the Child, largely towards research into the 'cot death' syndrome.

Warrandyte Apex have suffered major membership losses recently because of interstate and overseas moves and "geriatrics" turning 40.

They would welcome new members with open arms — or full tankards — whichever is preferred.

The contact is Richard Forde (844 2240).

The other side...

A film showing the work of a missionary organisation behind the Iron Curtain will be shown at a Warrandyte Uniting Church youth service on March 25.

The film is "Beyond The Cross"; the organisation is Underground Evangelism, a world-wide and interdenominational group operating in all communist countries.

The service starts at 6.45 p.m.

Evangelism — this time on the local front — will also be the subject of a

meeting at the church at 8 p.m. on March 19.

Representatives of other Warrandyte churches will attend this meeting, to be addressed by visiting speaker Dr. A. Blanksby.

A congregational meeting will be held on March 25 at which the annual reports of the various church groups will be presented.

The Uniting Church's Easter services will be at 10 a.m. on Good Friday and Sunday.

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Picnic with a purpose

Warrandyte Environment League will take the "Save the Koornong" campaign direct to the people during the festival weekend.

WEL has again written to Premier Hamer seeking State Government acquisition and preservation of the Koornong bushland.

To gather further support for its action, the league will hold a bushland picnic at the end of Koornong Crescent on festival Saturday (March 31) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Koornong land, subject of intense environmental debate over the past eight years, is still under threat of subdivision.

It has become a landmark within the conservation movement.

The picnic will be a family affair on the banks of the Yarra at the start of the historic dray track which runs along one boundary of the disputed land.

Well-known environmentalists Neil Douglas, Alistair Knox and Robert Marshall will address the gathering, and folk singers will entertain.

Picnickers will then be invited on a walking tour of the bushland.

Pictures and historical maps of the Koornong will be on view at the league's environmental display in Stiggart Street throughout the festival weekend.

A petition will also be available for signing and the league hopes to better the 2500 signatures obtained on a similar document two years ago.

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And of course, the ladies all brought plates of

The old hug and shuffle

cream puffs, lamingtons, scones or sandwiches, for an all-in "super supper".

Warrandyte Historical Society and the Arts Association have put together many of these bygone features for their "Colonial Old Time Dance" in the Mechanics Institute Hall on Festival Saturday, March 31.

It starts at 8.30 p.m.

Local group "Paradiddle" will provide the dance music, interspersed with songs from their new album, to be released that night.

The album features their song "Warrandyte Morning", first sung at last year's festival.

There will be prizes, too — including one for the lady with the loveliest legs.

It's a BYO licence and tickets are limited. So book early for a great night by phoning Jo Laurence (844 3694) or Marj Beecham (844 3206).

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Opening of Eltham College Community Association's fifth annual Art and Craft Exhibition promises to become a night of the grand gesture.

Besides the champagne and entertainment by the Don Hobbs Trio, there will be an auction of works by selected artists and craftsmen — Matchum Skipper (sculptured jewellery), David Fincher (ceramics) and a limited edition of signed, numbered Nolan prints.

Last year, more than 700 people attended the opening night, so it is advisable to get tickets early.

Tickets for opening night, Friday, April 6, starting 8.30, are \$3.

Apart from the works of a long list of well-known artists, Metz Webb Prints, distributors for Christies Contemporary Art, London, have agreed to a display for sale of limited-edition,

numbered and signed prints.

The exhibition continues on Saturday, April 7 — Eltham College Fair Day — and Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Peter and Jan Hook will
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visit to Warrandyte since
Peter was transferred to
Sydney last November.

This time it will be for
the wedding of Peter's sis-
ter Kathy to Malcolm
Smith, of Doncaster.

The wedding is at St.
Stephen's Church of
England, Stiggant Street,
on March 24 at 5 p.m.

Warrandyte Elderly Citi-
zens Club had a day at the
Yarra Glen races last
month . . . thanks to Peter
McDougall.

ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Peter, a keen racegoer
and racing owner, arranged
transport for the ECs to the
Glen and home again.

It will be a case of "here
comes the bride . . . and
here she comes again" in
the next couple of months
for Peter and Pat Lovett,
formerly of Webb Street.

Elder son Michael mar-
ries Anne Carison, of
Thornbury, on March 31.

Then in May, daughter
Jenny ties the knot with
Harold Southall, of Kilsyth.
Michael and Anne will

be married at Kew and the
reception is at 9 Darling
Street, South Yarra.

It's much closer to home
for Jenny and Harold. Their
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the reception right here at
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While Margaret and Tony
Graf, of The Boulevard,
were enduring a frighten-
ing trip home from Perth
in 55 C heat, a tape was
awaiting their return.

It was from their old
neighbours, Robin and
Maralyn Duke, who have
returned to England to the
coldest Winter for 15
years.

Still, Robin is keeping a
stiff British upper lip . . .
frozen stiff!

New faces, new notes

There's a new sound at Potters Restaurant.

A trio featuring Bob Sedergreen at the keyboard are now
providing the music on Friday nights.

Bob is part of the Brian Brown Quartet, just back from
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Oval gets the nod

Eltham Shire Council is negotiating to buy land in Research for a recreation reserve.

It has already had discussions with private landowners in the area.

The move follows an invitation from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation to apply for development funds.

Council made Research top priority because the district has only one oval — a small, inadequate reserve in Research Park.

CRICKET DETAILS

A-GRADE
Warrandyte 6/230 (F. Jungwirth 85, R. Bowen 44, S. Pascoe 31) d. Croydon Hockeyers 222 (G. Edwards 4/69, F. Jungwirth 4/69).

A-RESERVES
Warrandyte 8/164 (S. Peake 46, I. Davies 41, R. Orme 27, J. McCartin 17) and 0/14 d. Croydon Hockeyers 71 (S. Davis 9/24) and 103 (S. Davis 4/53).
Warrandyte 86 (D. Haywood 15, I. World 18) and 4/99 (S. Peake rel. 39, I. Davies 18) lost to North Ringwood 237 (S. Davis 4/96, I. Davies 3/55).

F-GRADE
Warrandyte d. Boronia United on forfeit.
Semi-final: Warrandyte 230 (J. Peters 50, L. Bellinger 35, G. Day 28, B. Summers 28) lost to East Ringwood 231 (W. Blair 3/31, G. Bellinger 2/74).

H-GRADE
Semi-final: Warrandyte 271 (G. Taylor 80, R. Leguier 48, I. Vojlay 41; G. Lawrence 25) d. North Ringwood 107 (W. Moore 5/30).

WOMEN'S PENNANT RESERVE
Warrandyte 79 (J. Chapman 36, J. McLaws 23) lost to Moorabbin 212 dec. (J. Chapman 3/60).

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UNDER-16
Warrandyte 9/121 (B. Chapman 32, B. Kline 19) d. Heathmont 9/115 c.c. (B. Chapman 5/63).
Warrandyte 161 (D. Hilton 63, B. Chapman 23) d. Johnson Park 105 (I. Douglas 3/9, P. James 3/52).

UNDER-14
Warrandyte 71 (G. Walshe 22) lost to Bayswater Park 107.
Warrandyte 55 (A. Manser 22) and 58 (A. Manser 36) lost to Mooroolbark 139.

UNDER-12A
Warrandyte 93 (T. Sturesteps 23, J. Voce 20) and 8/91 d. Boronia United 69 (C. Dorning 3/15, P. Sharpe 2/5).

Semi-final: Warrandyte 113 (S. White 38, P. Sharpe 24) and /89 d. Bayswater Park 86 (T. Sturesteps 6/35, P. Sharpe 3/11).

UNDER-12B
Warrandyte 136 (G. Wilson 29, J. Hansen, W. Peters 20) d. Ringwood Soccer 78 (J. Hansen 4/19).

Warrandyte 112 (J. Hansen 33) lost to Bayswater Park 115 (W. Peters 4/12, D. Bainbridge 3/17).

**GRAEME IN
CUP SQUAD**

Young local tennis star Graeme Harris (17) has been selected in the 1979 Linton Cup squad.

Graeme, of Harris Gully Road, recently returned from New Zealand, where he was runner-up in the national junior hardcourt championships.



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TWO CHANCES FOR GLORY!

Bloods await the bounce

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte Football Club are hungry for action.

They are awaiting the start of the 1979 season (on April 7) with rarely-equalled enthusiasm.

They believe they can go one better on last season by making the finals.

The Bloods have been training with plenty of vigour under new coach Colin Bawden, winner of Warrandyte's senior best and fairest award for the past two seasons. "I cannot recall a more determined Warrandyte senior team," club president Laurie Sloan told the Diary.

"Colin is a one-pace footballer — and that's top pace. He is demanding the same sort of approach from his players, and they are responding excellently.

"The pre-season work has been very good.

"The players really know what hard work means. We had Sunday training in near-century heat this month — and there wasn't a quitter."

Bawden was appointed coach when Brian Doherty, who led the team last year, found that his work in the police force would make it impossible for him to regularly supervise training.

The club are urgently seeking players for the under-13s under-15 and under-15 side. Under-15s and Under-17s train on Thursdays, the under 13s on Wednesdays.

The Bloods' ladies committee has been replaced this year by a finance committee (both sexes). New members are being sought and anyone interested should contact Dorothy Perks (844 3930).

The club will hold a box-supper dance at the Whitehouse on Saturday, April 7. Tickets, at \$6 a double, are available from Mrs. Perks.

Warrandyte Cricket Club have two teams in the Ringwood District finals . . .

And the hardest-luck story of the season!

Warrandyte's pennant hopes rest with the H-Grade and the Under-12A teams, who convincingly won their semi-finals

The hard-luck story was written by the F-Grade side, who lost their semi by a solitary run to East Ringwood.

Warrandyte took the final wicket one over too late, after East Ringwood had scored the winning run.

The A-Reserves, the other local team to make the semi-finals, were out-classed by North Ringwood.

It was again a disappointing season for the A-Grade side, who had to win their last two matches to make the finals.

They lost their second-last match, but finished the season on a bright note with an eight-run win over Croydon Hockeyers.

The H-Grade earned a crack at the premiership

... and the nearest of near-misses

with a big win over North Ringwood.

Warrandyte hit up 271, Geoff Taylor setting the pace with a stylish 90 and Robert Leguier and Ian Vojlay contributing 48 and 41 respectively.

North Ringwood could manage only 107 in reply.

Their destroyer was Wayne Moore, who took 5/30.

Warrandyte's opponents in the final, at Cheong Park, South Croydon, are South Ringwood.

The Under 12As beat Bayswater Park by 27 runs in their semi-final.

Stephen White top scored with 38 in the Dytes' total of 113, to which Bayswater could muster only 86 in reply.

Tony Sturesteps wrecked the Bayswater innings, taking 6/35.

Peter Sharpe turned in a fine double for Warrandyte — 24 runs and 3/11.

The Under-12s play Ainslie Park at Heathmont Reserve for the pennant.

The women's team finished a most disappointing season in the strong Pennant Reserve competition with a poor performance against Moorabbin.

However, they have gained valuable experience in the "big-time".

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THE GIRLS GET TOGETHER

Warrandyte Tennis Club will hold a "get-to-meet-each-other" social day for women members at the courts on Tuesday, March 27, starting 10 a.m.

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