

# 'One Warrandyte' call

## WARRANDYTE Diary

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Eltham Shire Council has called for a unified Warrandyte.

It wants to see the split town come into the one municipality.

And it would prefer that municipality to be the Shire of Eltham.

North Riding representative Robert Marshall put the shire's view last month to a three-man committee of inquiry into municipal boundaries.

"I told the inquiry council held the strong view that Warrandyte should be in one municipality — not split, as it is,

between Eltham shire and Doncaster-Templestowe city," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"Just which municipality that should be is a matter which would have to be closely studied," he said.

"But we would like to see it come to Eltham shire because we believe Warrandyte shares Eltham's philosophy."

Recommendations put to the committee of inquiry will go to the Minister for Local Government.

## SINK AND ALL

Everything — including the kitchen sink — went under the hammer at the Whitehouse this month.

Estate agent Neville Emmerson and his man didn't stop for breath in a five-hour session of auctioneering for Warrandyte Apex Club.

More than 300 items were auctioned and bidding soared to \$500 for one antique chaise lounge which was passed in on a reserve of \$800.

Boats and cars were offered to eager bidders, but smaller household items made the quickest

The Apex Club had turnover, received many donations from companies.

No specific charity is to benefit this year.

The profits from the auction will be distributed among several that have Apex support.



Is it a bird . . . is it a plane . . . ? No, simply brisk business being done at the Apex Club auction at the Whitehouse. Picture by SANDY BURGOYNE.

# TROUBLE AT THE BEND

The Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works and conservationists are in conflict over the sale of 40 bush blocks at the Bend of Isles, Kangaroo Ground.

The first nine blocks were offered at auction recently, but only three were sold.

The board originally bought the land for construction of the Yarra Brae dam, which has since been shelved.

The Bend of Isles is the

major part of an environmental Living Zone, a pilot scheme set up by the board in conjunction with the Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Conservation.

A suggested use for such zones is "buffer" areas between national parks and residential or developed areas.

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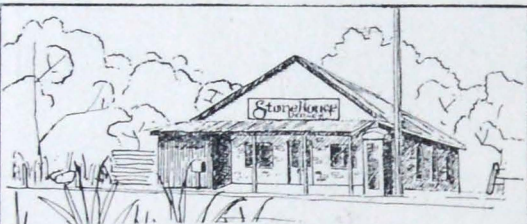
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**Cast thy rod,  
catch a willow**

When a couple of characters like Johnny Knox and John "Porky" Smith go fishing together, you can bet there'll be some comedy.

There was, too, when our heroes, accompanied by respective sons, tried a spot of night angling in the Yarra at the foot of Alexander Road.

Knoxie fancies himself as a caster of line and rod — "It's all the wrists, you know" — gives it the old heave-ho into the darkness and sits back to await the big one.

He's not disappointed either because the rod starts dancing almost immediately.

"Got one — and a good one, too," he shouts.

"Hang on, think I've got a snag."

"No, there it goes again."

The drama continues for a good half-hour before he realises he has cast clear across the river and hooked into the willows on the other side.

The bait is dangling a couple of metres above the water and every time the breeze has moved the branch, Knoxie has been getting a cheap thrill.

Porky, a fun-loving bloke, enjoys the performance enormously and reckons Knoxie has proved that there are no flying-fish in that part of the Yarra.

*Beware the phantom cockynapper!*

Research Road, North Warrandyte, family have been advertising in the "lost and found" for a white cockatoo.

*Stolen, no less.*

*Some people'd pinch anything!*

Old Smokey has — on a green-fee basis — been treading the fairways of Warrandyte golf course ever since they opened the gate.

And, having always regarded it as hallowed turf akin to Royal and Ancient St. Andrews, he has dutifully replaced his divots, raked the bunkers and repaired pug-marks. In short, he has done his bit towards preservation.

Surprise, then, to be confronted on the 12th tee by a somewhat short man with a Scottish

accent who, having ascertained that Smokey and his partner are not members, insists, with a pained expression, that in future we hit off the blue markers — the ones for the "paying public".

Only mildly irritated by this display of off-the-cuff snobbery, we bat on and are walking off the 18th when the same man, looking no taller than before, fronts us and demands to know have we, in fact, paid for our round.

We do not know this fellow from a bar of

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You know the saying "spend a penny"?

Well, if a Nunawading lad had done so recently — instead of urinating on the Warrandyte police car — he would have saved himself a \$50 fine — and the job of washing the car for the boys in blue!

Another foolish fellow was caught shooting a bell-bird with an air rifle in Yarra Street.

Should have known better in this town.

**BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT-DEPARTMENT:** Jimmy Harris and Lyn Mitchell, two well-known lager-lovers of this town, went along to a golden jubilee function and drank lemon squash all night!

Of course, it WAS a Salvation Army show.

*It's probably quite a feat to be run over by your own car. But according to a North Warrandyte woman who achieved it recently, it's no fun.*

*Having stalled in a neighbour's drive, she released the handbrake and put the car in neutral to roll it back on to the road.*

*When it didn't budge, she got out and gave it a push on the staunchion.*

*That certainly did the trick — but unfortunately the little woman was pinned beneath the door as the errant vehicle rolled across the road, over an embankment and into a tree!*

*She was trapped under the car for some time until neighbours were able to free her.*

*Still nursing the bruises, she swears she'll never push a car again and advises others to learn from her mistake.*

Rexona, but we suspect he is some sort of self-styled Matt Dillon with a little Mary Whitehouse thrown in.

His manner so moves us that we forget to ask him if he is the owner of five golf balls we have picked up on various fairways and greens as we have followed him over the last few holes.

We suspect they fell out of his bag. But now I suppose we'll never know.

—Smokey Joe

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# FESTIVAL AIMING HIGH: BEST YET!

Despite significant budget cuts, next month's "This Is Warrandyte" promises to be resounding success.

"With the usual support of local traders, this year's event promises to be as good as its outstandingly successful forerunners," festival committee member Tim Ferguson told the Diary.

"It may even be better." Warrandyte will buzz with activity on the festival weekend, April 19-20.

All the highlights of the previous festivals will be on again, and there will be new attractions.

The grand parade on Saturday will again be a feature and the Sunday afternoon-evening folk concert will be bigger and better than ever.

Country music groups will play a bigger part in the concert than in previous years.

The tented area at Stiggant Reserve will include many displays of local talent and history.

This year, canoeing events will be run on the

Yarra between the bridge and Stiggant Reserve.

For the young, there will be a special disco at the Whitehouse on Saturday night. For the not so young — a lively concert by the Elderly Citizens at their clubrooms on Sunday night.

After the Saturday parade there will be further entertainment at Stiggant Reserve.

State Park rangers will conduct the popular bush walks again, and the Uniting Church will repeat its goldmine tours of the Tower Hill area.

The festival committee would like to hear from any club or group which has not yet replied to its invitation to participate in the festival.

The program for festival events closed on February 29, but maximum participation is still being sought.

For further information, contact Ann Riley (844 3515).

## No go yet for horror road

Eltham Shire Council has moved to hasten the start of work on Research Road, North Warrandyte, between Bradleys Lane and Banning Road.

The stretch has been described by Royal Auto magazine as one of the worst roads in the State.

However, because of shortage of Country Roads Board funds, it is unlikely that reconstruction will start before the middle of next year.

"Research Road and Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road are top priority in the North Riding," councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"The CRB usually subsidises council funds for road works on a 7-1 basis," he said, "but the CRB funds are simply not there.

"We now propose to use council loan money for land acquisition needed for reconstruction of the Research Road stretch and start work immediately CRB funds become available.

"But even then it's unlikely work could start before mid-1981.

"It's unsatisfactory, but our hands are tied," he said.

## BUGGED! LOCAL HALL OVERRUN

Over the summer months, the Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute Hall in Yarra Street has become infested with ants, beetles, moths and butterflies.

"We blame the Warrandyte Arts Association," a spokesman for the WMI told the Diary.

"This would never have happened if they had left the Drama Group in mothballs."

However, a WAA spokesman said: "We have placed the problem in the hands of Mr. Irving Reid, who has had experience in these matters."

When contacted, Mr. Reid confidently predicted that the problem would disappear immediately after the Drama Group's production of Josef and Karel Capek's "The Insect Comedy (and so ad infinitum)" which he is directing as part of WAA's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

"Meanwhile," he said, "don't bug me."

The play opens on Friday, March 21, and bookings can be made with Jo Laurence on 844 3694.

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# A life term for Delcie

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens really let Delcie Griffiths know what they thought of her recently.

They made her a life member of the club!

A spokeswoman for the elderly told the Diary that Delcie, of Kangaroo Ground Road, brought a lot of joy to a lot of people.

"She does a tremendous job organising the yearly concert," she said.

"And she turns up un-faillingly every Monday to lead the sing-along that so many elderly look forward to."

Keith and Norma Webb, of Tills Drive, are moving to warmer climes.

It wasn't enough for Keith to once run the licensed grocery in Warrandyte... he wants to be nearer to the grape.

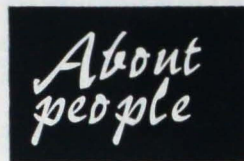
David Taylor, of Somers Road, has returned from a three-months study tour of major cities and art galleries throughout England, Europe and USA.

The grant was awarded to David by Camberwell

Rotary and hosts from Rotary around the world made it easier for him to observe lifestyles and cultures of many countries.

A highlight of David's was making arrangements to exhibit his work in a major London gallery.

David is currently working on material for the Camberwell Rotary Art Show in April, The Victorian Artists' Society and Wiregrass Gallery.



Mrs. Jan Vagg, of The Boulevard, thanks all those who expressed concern and offered good wishes after her recent car accident. It was much appreciated and very cheering, she says.

Richard Forde of Valias Street received some odd birthday gifts at his party the other night

Can't be more explicit

or we'd compete with the Sunday dreadfuls.

At least now that that's over with, Richard and Janet won't prove an instant embarrassment to their new neighbours.

The Forde's are moving to Park Orchards in May.

On second thoughts, if Richard wears one of his presents there, they may rapidly be moving back.

Warrandyte Primary School teacher Mrs. Lila Lord, of Everard Drive, has been appointed District Commissioner for Guiding in Warrandyte.

Mrs. Lord takes over from Norma Webb, who served for three years.

Guides welcomed her at a "Thinking Day" campfire and tea held in conjunction with East Doncaster and Park Orchards at Zerbes Reserve.

Les and Dee Ansell welcomed the arrival of No. 3 daughter, Natalie Jane, recently. And Pam and Jim Howman were tickled "blue" with young Robert's arrival.

# ROAD REPORT: COUNCIL HAPPY

The Board of Works has completed a study on an alternative northern bypass route for traffic currently going through Warrandyte from the Croydon-Lilydale area.

The report, which supports the State Government's 1976 recommendation contained in the Eastern Corridor Study, suggests an upgrading of Reynolds Road, Falconer Road through to Croydon and the Maroondah Highway.

Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott told the Diary: "The report is in hand and we are quite happy with the proposals.

"There is only one old

house in this area that will have to be demolished if the proposal goes ahead."

Cr. Scott said that at this stage there was no indication when work would commence. It could possibly be done in stages.

## DEADLINE

Copy for the April Diary closes Sunday, March 16.

# Help!

Hey, you people sitting out there mumbling about the youth of today:

Perhaps it's you they need!

Warrandyte Youth Club have tried almost everything to encourage adults to come and give them a hand.

The club are desperate for leaders. You don't have to be talented — just some free time and a pound or two of patience is enough.

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# BUSHFIRE DEATH DANGER IGNORED

Civil defence and emergency service officers are staggered by the apparent apathy and complacency of the Warrandyte community.

They are alarmed at the lack of response to their attempt to update the evacuation register for this area.

Fear of a terrible death toll among those unable to help themselves in the event of a bushfire prompted an appeal in last month's Diary for enrolment on the register.

The appeal — by the Municipal Civil Defence and the State Emergency Service — was accompanied by a registration coupon.

It produced only a couple of responses.

"To say we are disappointed is a classic understatement," a spokesman told the Diary.

"Warrandyte has one of the highest bushfire dangers in the world and today, with the big influx of newcomers unaware of the peril, the area faces a horrifying potential for loss of life.

"The whole purpose of the evacuation register is to let the authorities how many isolated, elderly and disabled people there are in the area — and where they are.

"Their lives could well depend on the register."

Mr. Allan Griffiths, who is co-ordinating the updating of the register, said

Name.....  
 Address.....  
 Phone Number..... Date of Birth.....  
 Next of Kin..... Phone number.....  
 Any disabilities—(detail).....  
 Required special medical treatment.....  
 Other necessary information.....

there were probably more than 70 elderly or disabled residents of the area unable, or unwilling, to take part in community affairs.

"Many live with relatives who are absent at work during the day. Many are unknown to the authorities," he said.

Mr. Griffiths urged relatives or neighbours to accept responsibility for the welfare of these people by encouraging them to enrol on the register.

"If an elderly person has not been prepared psychologically for urgent evacuation, he or she may, under

stress of the emergency, endanger the lives of others," he said.

He urged all elderly residents to participate in the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club or at least register with the club in case of emergency.

The evacuation register enrolment coupon is reprinted above.

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Guest speaker will be Mr. John Ashton, from Preston Institute of Technology, who will talk on the "physical growth and development of your child 0-2 years".

A library on all aspects of breast feeding and child care is available to members.

There is also a "frozen casserole bank" for the use of members in need of assistance.

Group leader Jan Fisher (844 3240) is available to answer all enquiries regarding the group and offer a counselling service.

## Dulcie's on

Local potter Dulcie Herd will hold an exhibition in Gallery One at Potters Cottage, starting March 27.

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# A rush for riches

Gold fever has returned to Warrandyte.

Have you taken a look at Anderson's Creek lately?

Though it's nice to retain some of the flavour of the past, this is ridiculous.

Anderson would turn in his grave if he could see the army of little people, metal detectors at the ready, looking for all the world as if they are vacuuming the bush!

It's quite a strain to hear the bellbirds there now.

What with the intermittent click of the detector, interspersed with the intermittent sigh of the prospector as yet another "Welcome Stranger" turns out to be a ring-pull tab.

Nowhere to be seen is the traditional begrimed face and felt-brimmed hat of the old Warrandyte miner.

No — quite a suave lot they are these days. You can actually match your towelling hat to your detector now, you know.

Of course, not everyone is doing it in style — picking up nuggets and filling a sack.

The creek banks bear witness — actually, so

## BUT WHAT WOULD OUR PIONEERS HAVE THOUGHT?

does the creek! So many holes have been dug both in and out of it that it's not sure where to run any more.

So it doesn't. It just lies there going green.

It's a different scene down at the Yarra, though.

Up near Stone House, you have to push between the panners to get a swim.

Here, you can hardly hear the ripple of the stream, so to speak, over the scrape, rattle and swish of speculators washing dirt — interspersed with breathtaking silences while the spoil is examined.

Maybe that's what a speculator is. Someone who carries around a peanut butter jar of specks.

Back at the bridge, the scene is a bit different. It looks more like Surfer's Paradise than Sovereign Hill.

But even there you can spot the odd hopeful.

One bloke walked through the other day, sporting all the "latest" gear.

Correct little shovel, correct little pick, correct little gleam in his eye.

Behind, struggled the wife, bearing car fridge, chairs, rugs, trannie and the Aeroguard. Brave little pioneer woman!

Yes, it's nice to see a bit of the past return to Warrandyte — as long as they leave a few nuggets for the rest of us.

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## TROUBLE AT THE BEND

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Bend of Isles resident and well-known conservationist-artist Neil Douglas told the Diary:

"We do not oppose the sale of the land, only the sale of a handful of smaller blocks.

"Some are extremely steep and where the land is either difficult or too small, the blocks should be consolidated to avoid siltage problems and minimise the loss of bush when clearing for houses, driveways and fire-breaks is done.

"This bush is still in the Melbourne metropolitan area and the exercise is to save it. We need management."

Mr. Douglas said that interested local residents had been very pleased with the MMBW's handling of

the recent auction and with the choice of auctioneer.

"However, we were disappointed that a big planning body like the board did not give an effective lead to planning.

"We will oppose the sale of some blocks yet to come up for sale," he said.

The Bend of Isles Residents' Association has the support of Healesville, Lillydale and Eltham Shires, the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority and the Soil Conservation Department.

A spokesman for the MMBW, Mr. Len Apple, told the Diary that the board was looking very

closely at the residents' claims and would co-operate closely in an attempt to meet the requirements of the environmental living zone.

"Where it is definitely shown that there is a need to consolidate blocks in order to adequately provide for treatment of sewage, the board will consider offering such lots together in one parcel at any proposed auction, or we may consider re-subdivision," he said.

When the Healesville Shire had not issued, or had refused, residential use permits, the board took the matter to the Appeals Tribunal, which granted residential use permits on the blocks now available for purchase.

The Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority strongly opposed the hearing. Healesville Shire was also represented at the tribunal.

Mr. Apple said the board had waited six years to sell the land, but as it was outside the board's area of responsibility for town planning, sewage and water supply, there was no option but to sell.

He said that if, after all avenues to gain residential use permits on the blocks failed, the public would be notified of such information.

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## A FAR CRY

"A Far Cry", written by Abbie Heathcote, recalls many yarns told to her by artist-conservationist Neil Douglas.

It tells of his life as a struggling artist during the depression and through the years until they built their mud-brick home at Kangaroo Ground.

It is an interesting collection of stories, witty, sad, poignant and informative.

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## Step on the gas, say KG Road folk

Residents of Kangaroo Ground Road, North Warrandyte, aim to be cooking with gas as soon as anyone else on that side of the bridge.

There is concern in this section of North Warrandyte that a gas main following Research Road would never offer them supply.

Mr. Jack Huxtable, a spokesman for the area concerned, told the Diary: "Our needs are as great as anyone's, particularly in view of the savage increase in the price of LPG."

The Member for Evelyn,

Mr. Jim Plowman, agreed that the request for gas to go up Kangaroo Ground Road at the same time as Research Road was "quite reasonable".

He said that if a petition was raised he would take it to the State Government.

The petition is being strongly supported.

Enquiries should be directed to Mr. Huxtable (844 3539).

## THAT'S SHOW BUSINESS!

There are busy weeks ahead for the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens' Club concert performers.

• Monday, March 24, is afternoon concert day. Afternoon tea will be served.

• Sunday, April 20, is their big show as part of the "This Is Warrandyte" festival. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

## A BOOST FOR THE BUS

Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club has really weighed in for a 16-seat mini-bus to be made available for the frail, aged and handicapped of this area.

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**READERS' LETTERS**

# Homer's home — thanks, Doc

May I take a little of your space to express sincere thanks to local veterinary surgeon Dr. Derek Fairley for kindness above and beyond the call of duty.

Homer, our eightmonths-old golden labrador, strayed from home recently and somehow found his way to the recreation reserve, losing his collar in the process.

From their surgery-residence across the road, Dr. Fairley and his wife saw him have a couple of near-misses in the traffic — and took him into protective custody.

They learned from the Eltham ranger

that a golden lab. had been reported lost, and promptly phoned us.

Anyone who has ever lost a much-loved pet will appreciate our feelings.

My family and I say thanks a lot to the Fairleys. And if Homer were capable of speech he would no doubt say the same.

L. R. Tindale,  
Research Road.

*• Incidentally, Homer was not named after the great epic poet, but after the nickname of a great fullback who played for West Perth.*

## In for the toss

I'm surprised that Macdonalds or Pizza Hut haven't put in an application for our dear old post office.

I was horrified to read that application has been made to council for it to be opened as a Pancake Parlour.

It just doesn't seem to tie in . . . the quaint old building was supposed to be too far gone for restoration and/or relocation proposed by several interested organisations, yet may be found fit to operate as an eating place.

I bet all its old party lines would be running hot with horror if it knew.

'Flat as a Pancake',  
Brackenbury Street.

## A whale of a sale

Our warmest thanks to all who contributed to our annual auction this month.

It was the most successful we have had and was made that way by great community support.

Special thanks to auctioneer Neville Emerson and his assistants.

Warrandyte Apex Club.

## THANKS, SAY KIDS

The Warrandyte Primary School children would like to thank the local tradespeople who so generously donated items for our Christmas stocking.

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# LOCAL SCOUTS GO WEST

## School on show

Parents and friends of Warrandyte High School are invited to a "Get-to-know-you" barbecue at the school on Friday, March 14.

It will be an opportunity for all to see the continuing development of the school, which recently became the proud owner of audio-visual equipment, a colour television and video recorder, and a new portable for art and craft classes.

Also there for inspection is the cricket pitch built by Warrandyte Apex Club.

The barbecue is a BYO meat and drink affair.

## Toilet block approved

Eltham Shire Council has approved the allocation of funds for the construction of a toilet block in the Research shopping centre.

It should be built by December.

The area between the block and the fire station will then be landscaped.

## PLEASE, NO FIRES

"Don't let this happen to our bush!" writes Emma-Jane Cheate, aged 11.

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Warrandyte was well represented at the 12th Australian, 4th Asian-Pacific Scout Jamboree in Perth.

Thirteen scouts under the watchful eye of Lionel Burgess, joined three additional leaders and 21 boys from 3rd Wendoree, 5th East Doncaster and 2nd Templestowe to form Jamboree Troup 222.

Mr. Burgess said the camp site at Perry Lakes comprised beautiful grass flats surrounding two small lakes.

"However, this quickly became a tent city of 10,000 tents serviced by Q-stores and a shopping mall, including a scout shop, Banks and fast foods," he said.

"Activities were fast and furious, but constant temperatures of 30-42 degrees affected many of the boys."

After the jamboree, the boys enjoyed a further 10 days of home hospitality.

Many joined parents visiting Perth, but most went to Cunderin, 80km east of Perth, where they were billeted out to farming families.

Mr. Burgess said: "The WA Scout Association is to be congratulated and our thanks go to the many warm-hearted West Australian people who entertained us."

"As their slogans kept telling us," he said, "we really were in their 'State of Excitement'."

## Fifty and over

"When you're on a good thing stick to it!" seems to be the motto of Mrs. Sylvia Hussey, of Yarra Street, and Mrs. Rene Smith, of Osborne Road.

Both Mrs. Hussey and Mrs. Smith were foundation members for the Warrandyte Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary which will celebrate 50 years of service at the annual general meeting on Tuesday, April 15.

Apart from these ladies (gold medal holders for over 40 years service) the auxiliary boasts 10 members with 20-year service medals.

President Mrs. Peake, of Harris Gully Road, told the Diary that their youngest member was over 60.

Mrs. Dorothy Black, who also served for a long time with the group, recently died in England just before her 100th birthday.

The annual meeting is at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. G. Docking, 81 Yarra Street.

All old and any new members are especially welcome.

For further information, contact Alice O'Leary (844 3453).

## History retold

Local identity John Hutchinson will address the March 25 meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society.

Mr. Hutchinson has donated many of the photographs in the society's collection.

All subsequent meetings of WHS will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Stephen's Church Hall, Stiggant St., starting at 8 p.m.

At the April meeting, Mrs. Audrey Cahn, daughter of the late Professor Osborne, will take the floor.

For further information about the society, contact Jo Laurence (secretary) 844 3694, or Ted Rotherham (president) 844 2438.

## \$1000 for reserve

Eltham Shire Council has allocated \$1000 for improvements to the reserve in The Boulevard, North Warrandyte.

The money will be used for playground equipment and landscaping.

Council has sprayed the blackberries which have taken over much of the reserve and will remove them when the growth has died.

It hopes to form a committee of local residents to manage the reserve.

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**SCHOOL'S OUT; FUN'S IN**

The 1980 Eltham College Autumn Art and Fun Fair will be held on the March 28-30 weekend.

As in past years, the events start on Friday evening with the grand opening, at 8.30 p.m., of the art and craft exhibition which features some of Victoria's leading artists and craftspeople. An additional attraction during the evening will be local musicians

Steve Warner (steel string guitar) and Charlie Dowley (flute).

Tickets for the opening night are available from Yvonne Burnell (712 0368).

Saturday is Fair Day with fun and amusements for all from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Humphrey B. Bear will be there to entertain the children at 11.30 and special features will be the disco, pancake parlour,

pot 'n' pickle stall, cakes, barbecue, lucky envelopes, devonshire teas, a dog obedience demonstration, plants and many more.

A superb display of vintage and classic cars will be a highlight of the fair and will delight those with an eye for elegance and craftsmanship.

This, like the art and craft exhibition, will be open on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Deputation on  
Wards plan**

**Proposals for resubdivision of Doncaster-Templestowe City Council wards were discussed at a top-level meeting this month.**

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. Digby Crozier, met a council deputation comprising the mayor, town clerk, chief executive officer and Warrandyte Ward councillors John Scott and Ian Marsden.

If the subdivision proposal is adopted, Park Orchards and Warrandyte will be "tacked on" to East Doncaster and Templestowe Wards respectively, effectively splitting the area.

The council argued that if five wards could not be maintained, the only other acceptable alternative was for Warrandyte and Park Orchards to be retained in one ward under a four-ward subdivision.

Warrandyte Environment League has already voiced its opposition to the resubdivision recommendation.

A 19-year-old youth has been charged with lighting a fire in Warrandyte on a total fire-ban day last month.

He was charged after investigations by Sergeant Noel Perry, of Warrandyte police, into a fire near the

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**The Wurrundjerri Cub Pack should become sea scouts!**

They haven't been out of the water since cubbing resumed this year.

For Founder's Day they picnicked at Blairgowrie.

A week later they were all in up to their ears again — trying for their swimmer badges in the Primary School pool

Nicholas Robertshaw was awarded his Link Badge recently and Forbes Hawkins and Geoffrey King their Silver Boomerang.

Bronze Boomerangs were awarded to Raymond Albert, Brett Cahill, David Cox, John Slabon, Danny Burgess, Scott Macdonald, Peter Hanson, Rhys James and Paul Hughes

A special welcome was given to new cub Philip Cock.

**Youth on  
fire  
charge**

chemist shop in Yarra Street.

The youth, from Box Hill, will appear in court this month.

**POT  
POURRI  
OF POT  
HOLES**

**Doncaster - Templestowe City Council was prompt to answer a plea for help from a local trader recently.**

Cheryl Randle, from Pot Pourri, in Yarra Street, was distressed by the number of accidents and near misses caused by the deteriorated road surface at the bridge.

She contacted local police, who also expressed concern over the frequency of accidents which they attended there.

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# DYTES SLUMP IN ONE THAT COUNTS

Warrandyte Basketball Club's C-grade men's team went down by five points in the grand final of the summer midweek competition.

The club's only senior team to make the finals, they qualified on top of the list and easily beat Bulleen in a semi-final.

They led the smaller, younger Vikings by two points at half-time in the grand final, but slumped after the interval, losing Adrian Perry with five fouls.

The C-graders salvaged something from the season when Stan Slabon again won the association's fairest and best award and was top points-scorer in the division.

Four local junior teams — under-18 boys and girls and under-16 and under-12C boys — made the finals, which are still in progress.

Five Warrandyte High School teams are joining the club, making a total of 15 teams in the winter

competition, starting on March 29.

Coaches are still needed for the under-11 boys and girls, under-13 girls and the under-16D boys.

Anyone willing to assist should contact Bev Day on 712 0324.

The club's December car trial and barbecue were poorly supported, but those who did attend enjoyed a very pleasant day.

The hamper raffle was won by Mrs. Gail Butera, formerly of GB's Pizzas. Second prize went to Mr. Metsicas, of Comalco, and third prize to George Vlek, of Valias St.

Club tee-shirts, printed in red on white shirts, are on sale in sizes ranging from children's 6 to men's 18.

Priced from \$3.50 to \$4.50, they are available from Bev Day.

## Netball's new faces

Warrandyte Netball Club have a new committee for the 1980 season.

Office-bearers are Ross King (president), Kathy Sharpe (secretary), Ruby Arno (assistant secretary) and Sandra Gangell (treasurer).

The club are seeking players, coaches and umpires to ensure another successful season.

Anyone interested should contact the president (844 3624) or secretary (844 3720).

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## Tennis gets the nod

Tennis should boom in Kangaroo Ground, Pantom Hill and Research — thanks to Eltham Shire Council.

Council has allocated:

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# DEVASTATING DYTES IN

Warrandyte raced into the A-grade finals of the Ringwood district cricket competition with a huge win over Glen Park.

## RUN RIOT

The Dytes went on a run rampage to score 8/526.

### 8/526 may be club record

Officials believe it is the highest score in the 125-year history of the club.

The run orgy was led by Bruce Kline, who retired after a dashing 101.

Geoff Taylor compounded Glen Park's misery with an unbeaten 91, Fred Jungwirth hit up 85 and Steve Pascoe 77.

Led by leg-spinner Bob McDonald, Warrandyte had bundled Glen Park out for 112. McDonald finished with 5/32.

The win sent the Dytes into the finals full of confidence.

They qualified on top of the ladder and are logical favourites for the pennant.

Warrandyte also have excellent prospects of premierships in other grades.

The depth of talent in the club right down to the Under-12s is demonstrated by the fact that seven of the 10 teams are in the finals.

Only the women's team, the I-Grade and the Under-16s missed out.

The anniversary gala day at the recreation reserve last month was a big success socially, but fell short of the fund-raising target.

Warrandyte were narrowly beaten by Melbourne Cricket Club in the limited-over game.

### C'tee seeks support

Warrandyte Football Club's social committee will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, March 19.

And it's a case of "the more the better".

The club is seeking maximum community involvement in its fund-raising activities and welcomes new members — men and women.

This month's meeting is at the home of Ann Whitmore, 450 Warrandyte Road, South Warrandyte. It starts at 8 p.m.

Inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Whitmore (844 3411, after hours).

Batting first, Melbourne made 8/202 and dismissed Warrandyte for 185 after the locals had made a fine start.

Pascoe top-scored for the Dytes with 46. Mark Davis contributed 33 and Richard Bowen and John McCartin 27 apiece.

McDonald was the most successful bowler, taking 4/52.

### CRICKET WIND-UP

Warrandyte Cricket Club will hold their presentation night at the Mullum Social Club rooms on March 29.

Inquiries should be directed to Geoff Day (844 2423) or Steve Pascoe (876 2454).

### SQUASH: JULY TARGET

Warrandyte Squash Courts, being built in Yarra Street, may be open in July.

Owner Mr. Barry Jackson told the Diary: "There's a great deal of work to be done, but July is our aim."

A sign would appear on the courts in April letting people know where they could make bookings.

The centre will comprise seven glass backed courts, to enable spectator viewing.

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