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MPs hiding behind myth —councillor

Former Eltham Shire president Robert Marshall has called for urgent Federal Government action to improve the "disgraceful" condition of the shire's roads.

He is particularly concerned by the condition of roads in the North Riding, with Research-Warrandyte Road high on his priority list.

Councillor Marshall has accused local MHRs Peter Falconer and Neil Browne of "hiding behind the myth that local government is solely responsible for road maintenance".

"Main and secondary roadwork and maintenance is funded on the basis of one council dollar for every seven Country Roads Board dollars," Cr. Marshall told the Diary.

"The plain fact is that Federal Government road grants, which come to the shire via the State Government and the CRB, are hopelessly inadequate.

"They are woeful.

"Like every other municipality in Australia, Eltham shire's roads are going backwards fast. They are falling apart faster than they can be built — and this applies particularly to North Riding."

Cr. Marshall said that Federal Government road funds were declining when they should be increasing.

"It is outrageous," he said, "that Canberra is not returning "windfall" revenue from petrol taxes in the form of road funds. ...

"Instead of turning a blind eye to the shocking condition of such roads as the Warrandyte-Research horror stretch, Messrs. Falconer and Browne should be arguing in Canberra for increased funds."

"I'm sick to death of them hiding behind the myth that local government

is solely responsible for all roads."

Cr. Marshall said it was unthinkable that the shire should try to "go it alone" on main and secondary roadworks without the 7-to-1 CRB subsidy.

"Every \$30,000 the council raises above its budget increases rates by one per cent," he said.

"And we need \$5 million a year for the next five years to bring our roads up to date."

Meeting

A meeting last month between the council and State and Federal politicians did nothing to solve the roads problem.

Shire president Neil Roberts described the conference as an "exercise in futility".

Cr. Marshall said that funds spent on minor roads — for which the shire is solely responsible — were "largely wasted".

"But I anticipate a major improvement when our new shire engineer starts work this month," he said.

"It won't happen overnight. It will take months of reorganisation."



As far as dunnies go, this one is pretty unique.

Where else in outer suburbia would you find a loo sitting on its own private lot?

This one — sole and disused occupant of a grassy paddock in Yarra Street, just a dropkick west of the hotel — has attracted many a curious glance.

• Picture by SANDY BURGOYNE.

Its origins are obscure, but it seems to have been there as long as anyone can remember.

Local cynics say it's one of the few landmarks Warrandyte has left.

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Geoff — samaratin on wheels

Your columnist's
long-running battle
with the Melbourne
Metropolitan Tram-
ways Board is over.

Thanks to a bloke
named Geoff.

It is a sobering experi-
ence to lift your head
from the pages of the
Herald and learn that
what you have believed to
be the 6.32 p.m. bus
from the city to Warran-
dyte is, in fact, the 6.25
to Templestowe, terminat-
ing at Newmans Road.

At the end of the ride,
the driver, this bloke
Geoff, is full of sympathy
and won't hear of
Smokey hitch-hiking
home.

He consults the time-
table and says: Hang on
— we can intercept your
bus if we scoot around to
Anderson Creek Road."

So we scoot, see the
6.32 approaching, put on
the blinkers and do all
table and says: "Hang on

The little lady of Leber Street learned the hard way
that if he says that's HIS side of the bed, she'd
better believe it.

Territorial rights to the communal couch were
debated — calmly at first, then emotionally — before
hubby took direct action.

He picked up his stark-naked wife, deposited her out-
side the front door, switched on the external light,
locked her out and went back to bed.

The lady warded off frostbite by beating furiously
on the door.

We're not sure how long her ordeal lasted. But it
was long enough to produce a "yes dear" next time he
nominated his share of the cot.

Gee, we'd love to identify the bloke involved. But
that wouldn't be fair on Peter, who's headmaster of an
out-of-town private school.

A word of warning to those Warrandyte High School
kids who have been throwing rocks at cars using
Alexander Road:

DON'T!

If you haven't already broken a windscreen or two,
you undoubtedly will. Someone's going to get hurt.
Maybe even killed.

And a bit of lunch-hour "fun" is not really worth
that sort of risk, is it?

Cops are on to you, anyway.

Pssst! Wanna buy a
coupla cheap rabbit traps?

Kevin Luttick has a
pair going at bargain-
basement rates. Barely
used, either.

Kevin took the living-
off-the-land bit to its
illogical conclusion last
month during a holiday at
Merimbula, NSW, with
wife Monica, John (Porky)
and Helen Smith and the
various kids.

He drove 52 miles to
Bega to buy his traps
and, like some latterday
Daniel Boone, sallied forth
into the wilderness.

The real bunny, though,
was Kevin.

He managed to fall into
the same creek two nights
in a row. And his total
catch was one rabbit,
one cat.

They ate neither.

Like I said, wanna buy
a coupla rabbit traps?

when they want to flag
down an oncoming
colleague . . .

And are dismayed when
the 6.32 treats us with
ignore.

The air turns slightly
blue as Geoff says what
he thinks of drivers who
don't know the code. And
what does he do?

He drives Smokey back
to the Doncaster depot,
checks in, clocks out —

and runs him home to
Warrandyte in his private
car!

It is a gesture way
above and beyond the
call of duty. Specially
seeing as Geoff himself
lives at North Blackburn.

Smokey's response is to
give Geoff the inaugural
Busdriver Of The Year
award and take back every
rotten thing he has ever
said about the MMTB.

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was asked to bring a
plate. She wondered why
and assumed the hostess
must be short of crockery.

Perhaps cutlery was a
little light-on, too — so
Wendy took along an
empty plate and a knife
and fork!

No, the time-honoured
Australian tradition of
"bringing a plate" is defi-
nitely not par for the
course in the Old
Country.

If you reckon the bibli-
cal Job had patience, let
us introduce Ian Lyell,
of Glynn's Road.

Ian, who likes to roll
his own cigarettes, injured
his hand at work down
at Fishermans Bend and
spent the trip home try-
ing to manufacture a fag
with that hand while
steering the car with the
other.

He conceded defeat at
Deep Creek, stopped the
car and did the job
properly.

He says every cigarette
should taste that good.

—Smokey Joe

**Some mothers
do have 'em**

The next meeting of the
Warrandyte Nursing Moth-
ers' Association will be
held at the home of Elise
Berry, Lot 2, Hamilton
Road, at 8 p.m. on June 10.
The topic is "Breast-
feeding and Sexuality".

DEADLINE

Copy for the July
Diary closes Thurs-
day, June 19.

TRIBUNAL 'YES' TO NEW NURSERY

A local developer has successfully appealed for a permit to build a retail plant nursery in Warrandyte Road, near Tindals Road.

The developer, Mr. John Elliott, applied last December to Doncaster-Templestowe City Council for the permit, one part of a proposed subdivision of 10 one-acre lots.

Council turned down the application on three grounds. It said it would be:

- Detrimental to future residential use of the area.
- An unwarranted intrusion into the area.
- Inappropriate to traffic considerations.

The Town and Country Planning Appeals Tribunal has overturned council's decision.

The Country Roads Board disagreed with council's traffic objection

and did not oppose the application.

The rest of Mr. Elliott's subdivision application has not yet been considered by council.

Meanwhile, Mr. Les Hodgson and Mr. Peter McDougall have asked council to reconsider their application for an extension to the West End shops.

The application was rejected by council last month on the grounds that parking arrangements

would be unsatisfactory and that the development might prejudice future development of the area.

Council has recommended a meeting between the developers, council officers, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, who have objected to the proposals, and Mr. and Mrs. Van der Haar, whose properties adjoin the West End shops in Colin Avenue.

DRIVERS PLEASE

Voluntary drivers and assistants are urgently needed by the Warrandyte and District Welfare Service.

Run by local residents, the service delivers meals five days a week, with occasional extras at weekends.

Anyone able to assist is asked to contact president Keith Wilson (844 3522) or secretary Dorothy Rush (844 3438).

EMPTIES

Warrandyte Scout Group will hold a bottle drive on Sunday, June 22.

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Tindals Road land

The April issue of the Diary, in a Page 8 story on Tindals Road land proposals, reported that a rezoning application two years ago by three property owners had been successfully opposed by Doncaster-Templestowe City Council.

The story did not explain that, at that time, the land was zoned Rural and reclassification to Landscape Interest was pending.

It was also reported that council would oppose a new application. In fact, council had not, at time of publication, made a recommendation.

The report said that if the new application were successful, the land would be rezoned Residential D. It did not clarify that this was under existing provisions.

The Diary regrets any embarrassment or inconvenience last month's report may have caused the land-owners or the council.

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THE (NEW) SHOW GOES ON

After dealing most successfully with "Insects" at the local festival, the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group has launched itself into a new production.

The play is "The Beaux Stragem" by George Farquhar and it is scheduled for October.

Auditions will be held at 2 p.m. on June 21 and 22 in the Mechanics Institute Hall.

The Drama Group would welcome any new faces at these auditions. There are parts for eight men and seven women.

The group's next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18, in the hall at 8 p.m.

A one act play — "The Committee", by Jock McNeish — will be presented.

All interested people are welcome to enjoy the evening.

Admission is \$1 (students free).

Further enquiries: Tim Sherwood (844 3443).

SWINGING SENIORS

They're a swinging lot at the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club.

Their Concert Club would, in fact, like to buy a pair of wooden clubs — suitable for an adult to swing.

No, not golf clubs — gymnastic ones.

Anyone able to help should contact Mrs. Holland (844 3845).

POTS, PANS AND PETER

Eminent gastronome Peter Russell-Clarke will be cooking with gas for the Warrandyte Lions on Tuesday, June 24.

Mr. Russell-Clarke and Jo Griffiths will be at the Vermont Theatre, 200 Rooks Road, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Apart from humour and cooking skills, the night will include a guest speaker on the subject of liqueurs.

The Lions Club look forward to strong support from local epicureans. Groups and clubs are welcome.

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WEL's Sunday drive lifted about 70 rusted wrecks from the Warrandyte bushland.

The clean-up was frustrated when Jaws — prom-

ised by Simsmetal to complete the clean-up — broke down.

But while the car bodies are now gone, WEL's battle is still not won.

The league has asked Doncaster-Templestowe City Council to tow a giant trailer on to the site to pick up the household garbage that has been dumped there.

One for the young

A Youth Service will be held at the Uniting Church, Tarooma Avenue, on Sunday June 25.

All young people are welcome to the service, which starts at 6.45 p.m.

Further information on the church's youth activities can be obtained from John Hanson (844 3906).

The Fellowship group will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

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Death of Bill Finnis

Former district identity Bill Finnis died recently.

Mr. Finnis was a former Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch president, member of the Recreation Reserve Committee and was closely associated with local football.

Although they lived at Park Orchards until shifting to Rosebud in 1964, the Finnis family were very much part of the Warrandyte community.

Mr. Finnis leaves wife Eve, daughter Jill (Sporton), sons Ernest and Robert and seven grandchildren.

On behalf of the community, the Warrandyte RSL Sub-Branch extends sincere condolences to the family.

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Maree and Len Philips have done it again!

They are celebrating the safe arrival of another bonny girl, Sussanah.

That makes it four sons, four daughters.

Maree is well known in this district for her work with cub and scout groups. She has been actively involved in the movement since she was 17.

Seems she and Len want their own "pack".



Warrandyte Arts Association has made Joan Golding a life member after 25 years of active service.

Joan was foundation general secretary.

Retiring general secretary Ann Dickson was also awarded a life membership for her many years of service.

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Fran Batrouney, of Weerona Way, has her head in the oven again.

No, she's not suicidal.

She's preparing for the onslaught of bread-lovers who will attend her bread-baking classes which begin on June 10.

Those wishing to join the kneedy can contact Fran on 844 3528.

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Talented local lady Johanna Francis features

her pottery and weaving in Gallery One at Potters Cottage this month.

The exhibition opens on June 5 at 7 p.m. and runs to June 22.

Maree Philips will hold a glaze workshop again this year on five consecutive Monday nights, from June 23rd.

The fee is \$25 and enrolments can be made at the Potters School.

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Psychologist Chris Nogan will hold two meetings at the North Warrandyte Community Centre this month to discuss "Stress and the Child."


The first meeting is on June 11 at 1.30 p.m. Child-minding will be available at the adjoining kindergarten at the building.

The second will be at 7.30 p.m. on June 18.

Any interested people are welcome.

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Mary Henderson, of Melbourne Hill Road, is following the Road to the Isles and returning to Scotland for a holiday.



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The new, \$150,000 Panton Hill community hall has at last been given the green light.

After almost 18 months of negotiations with the Board of Works, Eltham Shire Council will start work on the project this month.

The hall was destroyed by fire in January 1979.

A Board of Works permit for the construction of the new building was delayed by the fact that the site is in the catchment area for the Watson Creek dam.

Eventually, the problem was solved by resiting the drainage system across the main road.

The new hall should be opened next March.

ROCKIN' ROAST

Warrandyte Community Youth Club will hold a "rock 'n' roll spitroast" at the Whitehouse on July 19, starting 7.30 p.m.

It is \$16 double, BYO (for over-18s) and Gumboot will provide the music.

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If there is anything already planned for the Post Office we would like to know about it because nothing appears to have been done.

Concerned Warrandyters.

Zoning a worry - WEL

The Warrandyte Environment League has been very concerned for a long time that the "landscape interest" areas around Warrandyte are not eroded through rezoning to more intensive forms of urban development.

Warrandyte lies in the Yarra Valley on the edge of the urban sprawl, and in a "green wedge" between two growth corridors.

The landscape interest zone, referred to in the March 1980 issue of the Diary, provides an essential buffer to suburbia.

If this land is re-zoned, the urban sprawl will quickly envelop Warrandyte and move beyond it, adversely affecting the environment and character of Warrandyte.

There is presently an application by three owners of land in Tindals Road to subdivide it. However, there is no zoning between Landscape Interest (minimum 20 acres) and Residential D (minimum one acre).

If the zoning is changed to Res. D and the land is subdivided into smaller lots, later owners could again subdivide these lots into one-acre lots.

An alternative way of subdividing is revocation of the land from the Planning Scheme for the duration of the subdivision.

This would set a precedent and make a total mockery of the Metropolitan Planning Scheme.

The value of this land is that it cannot be subdivided to less than 20 acres. Anything less would destroy this buffer to suburbia, lead to erosion of the "green wedge concept" and create a planning blight.

Janice McDonald, Rosemary Tovey, Co-presidents, WEL.

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● Fran Batrouney starts evening breadmaking classes June 10. Enquiries 844-3528.

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● Bottles collected. Phone 844-3972.

Rather late in this election year my sympathetic feelings for those receiving the unemployment benefit has brought me to try my inexperienced hand at breaking into print.

The so-called beneficiaries are only permitted to earn \$6.00 p.w. before losing dollar for dollar every dollar earned above that sum.

Is the purpose of this ruling to encourage such beneficiaries to seriously try to earn honestly?

Every recipient of any social service or other pension may earn up to \$20.00 p.w. before losing any benefit to which they may be entitled.

This I understand to be fact.

It would be very interesting to understand the reason for this discrimination.

The period in which the Budget is being prepared — in this election year —

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By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte suffered their third senior football defeat of the season with a woeful effort against Mt. Evelyn.

Playing away in very heavy conditions, the Bloods started well with four goals in the first quarter — but managed only two more for the match.

Final score was 10.16 (76) to 6.4 (40).

It was Warrandyte's worst showing this season.

They have won five games and are currently sixth on the EDFL third-division ladder.

Captain-coach Colin Bawden kicked three of the Bloods' first four goals, but Warrandyte folded badly when Mt. Evelyn applied the pressure.

An encouraging aspect

SQUASH ON IN JULY

The Warrandyte Squash Centre, in Yarra Street, will open on July 15.

The courts will be open for men, women and junior players from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Inquiries should be directed to Geoff Winterton, on 842 4026.

Evelyn deal us big blow

of an otherwise gloomy day was the debut of utility player Ian Scobie.

Recruited from East Ringwood, Scobie put in a tireless display and was among Warrandyte's best.

Half-backs Bruce Onken and Phil Taylor battled valiantly all day, but lacked support.

Rover Shane Garrick was also a consistent contributor.

The match added to Warrandyte's injury worries.

Full-back Bob Haward and centre half-back Simon Rodgerson were both casualties and join other key players Dennis O'Brien and

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John Major on the injured list.

The Mt. Evelyn result was a considerable blow to Warrandyte's prospects of making the finals but club officials foresee big improvement when the team are back to full strength.

The Reserves continue to kick big winning scores.

Following their 35.30 to 1.3 against South Wantirna, they booted 25.24 to thrash Mt. Evelyn (7.9) by 123 points.

Best of a very good bunch were T. Williams, B. Day, G. Ladiges and K. Bush.

The Reserves seem firmly entrenched in the four.

Warrandyte Football Club will play a women's match against Norwood at home on July 13, starting at 2.30 p.m.

A barbecue will follow. Previous women's matches have been big successes.

The club will hold a masked fancy-dress dance at the Whitehouse on July 12.

Tickets are available from Anne Whitmore (844 3411 A/H) and Chris Scott (844 3725).

Basket babies come of age

May 24 was quite a day for the "babies" of Warrandyte Basketball Club.

It was the day they learned what winning was like.

It is the first season for the under-9 boys and girls teams — and May 24 was their first win.

The kids, many of them seven-year-olds, did it well.

The girls beat Heidelberg 11—8 and the boys didn't concede SHMAC a point as they scored 12 of their own.

At this stage of the season at least eight junior teams seem likely to contest the finals.

And at the other end of the age scale, the men's over-30 team are setting a blistering pace in the Sunday senior competition, which has only a

few weeks to run before the finals.

Strengthened by the inclusion of Adrian Perry, the "oldies" are clear leaders and hope to win promotion to the open grade for next season.

The women's A and C-grade teams are also playing well and are likely finals contenders.

The club will hold a party night-dinner dance at the Eltham Barrel on Friday, July 4.

Tickets (\$13 single) cover a four-course meal and drinks.

They are available from Brian Day (712 0324), John McCartin (844 2057) or Fiona Barr.

WHEN WORST IS BEST

Warrandyte Tennis Club will hold a "Dress In Bad Taste" dinner dance in the Anderson Creek Primary School Multi-Purpose Room on Saturday, July 19.

There will be prizes for the worst outfits.

Tickets (\$20 a double, all-inclusive) are available from Greg Lawrence (844 2498) or Pauline Darby (844 2596).

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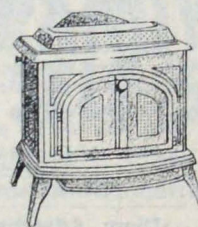
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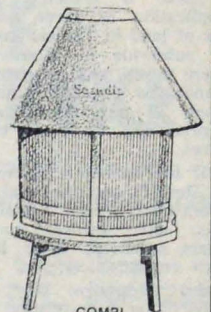
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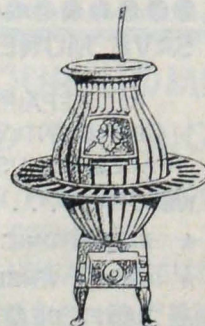
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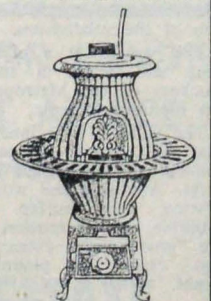
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