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# LET'S RALLY ROUND THE RELIC!



OLIVE SINCLAIR. Picture by SANDY BURGOYNE.

## THAT LONELY LOO FINDS A FRIEND

The mystery of the "Lonely Loo Of Yarra Street" has been solved.

Eighty-nine-year-old Olive Sinclair, of Ellesmere Street, Croydon, saw the picture of our antiquated outhouse on the front of last month's Diary and remembered it well.

She should — she was the original owner.

Miss Sinclair wrote the following:—

The lonely loo is no longer lonely. I claim acquaintance with it.

Indeed I was partly responsible for its appearance in the first place.

I was a teacher at the Warrandyte Primary School during the years 1922-30

and, when I was transferred to Aspendale, went to live with Miss Ethel Green at Mordialloc.

When Miss Green was recovering from an illness in 1936 or 1937, I suggested that she should spend a week or two in Warrandyte, with our friend the late Mrs. Hill — daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chris Blair.

She fell in love with Warrandyte and while there bought a block of land from the late Mrs. James, who said it had belonged to her family for generations.

Miss Green's idea was to build a small holiday house at the level on which the loo stands. The council would not allow a small building on that site, though it was to be a

three-roomed frontage.

After a few years of submitting plans and using persuasion, to no avail, we decided to buy a caravan.

The late Mr. J. Hutchinson, father of the present Mr. John Hutchinson — still residing in Warrandyte — erected a paling fence to enclose a portion of the allotment; the loo was put at top right-hand corner of the enclosure and at the lower right-hand corner were double gates, with a small gate inset for pedestrians.

The caravan was towed to site.

Mr. Hutchinson built a verandah on the top side, installed a tank to catch rain-water and we had our holiday home!

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Warrandyte Historical Society has called for a community effort to save the old post office.

Society secretary Jo Laurence has volunteered to help co-ordinate any attempts to preserve the Yarra Street relic.

Her offer follows a letter published in last month's Diary — and signed "Concerned Warrandyters" — we possibly can" to restore offering to do "anything the historical building.

The letter suggested that the people of Warrandyte raise the money for repairs.

Mrs. Laurence pointed out that the Historical Society had tried without much success to arouse interest in the post office's preservation.

"There seem to be quite a few 'concerned Warrandyters' around," she said.

"But the only tangible evidence of them has been the Historical Society's attempts to interest the community in this and other relics of Warrandyte's past, and the Lions Club, who spent a Saturday morning repairing the verandah."

Mrs. Laurence said the society had received one voluntary donation of \$50 towards a post office preservation fund, but this was eventually returned because it "got lonely".

## POST OFFICE MOVE GROWS

She said: "The people of Warrandyte live in a unique and charming township made that way by a fascinating and colourful past which is in danger of disappearing under the encroachment of suburbia.

"I urge all 'concerned Warrandyters' to get involved if they are interested in saving the post office.

"First, I urge them to phone me so I can assess just how much interest there is in the future of this landmark."

Mrs. Laurence can be contacted on 844 3694.

## Indeed, save the PO!

May I add my five cents' worth to "Concerned Warrandyters" (June Diary) re the old post office.

I too am concerned that a very important part of Warrandyte is in such a state.

The old post office is Warrandyte. Many friendships have been made via the old building.

The front verandah itself could tell many a tale. I am one resident of the village who is prepared to make a donation to help save the old building and would like to get in touch with "Concerned Warrandyters".

"Concerned South Warrandyter".

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# Psst! Wanna buy a filthy picture?

We've been swamped by responses to the picture of the Yarra Street loo, on the front of last month's Diary.

Old-timers "Codge" Warr and Bill McCulloch (the former mounted postie) remember it well. Codge recalls that two women and a "big, big dog" lived on the block.

The origins of this now-famous loo are explained elsewhere in this issue.

But the funniest response came from a Brackenbury Street bloke who reckoned the picture was . . . wait for it . . . **OBSCENE!**

I guess it's a case of whatever turns you on. But only when the call of nature has been extreme has Smokey ever been excited by the sight of a dunny.

They have a superb sense of timing at the SEC. Particularly during power strikes.

We know a local lady who took an hour to devise a way to boil her kettle during the recent blackouts, and an hour to actually boil it — over the fondue flame.

And of course the power came back on just as the kettle boiled, didn't it . . .

Whistling, according to Warrandyte Primary teacher Annia Ryan, is strictly for the birds.

She makes that quite clear to her class and keeps a bag of birdseed on

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hand to distribute to any kid who breaks the rule!

escape when along comes local policeman Jim Archbold.

"Having some trouble?" asks Jim.

"Yeah," say the kids, "No petrol."

"Hmm," says Jim, "bad luck about the broken axle and the flat tyres, too."

Surrender is spontaneous.

Having pinched a car at Nunawading, these two kids run out of gas on Ringwood Road and spot an old Volkswagen that has been abandoned there a couple of weeks earlier.

They are trying to start the thing to make their

The question is, will fame spoil John (Porky) Smith? More importantly, will he forget those who made him famous?

The answer to both is, probably.

Having been discovered and promoted to folk-hero status by the Warrandyte Diary, Porky has now bobbed up in the mass-circulation Melbourne Sun.

I quote from the Sun's classified advertisement columns last month:

"SMITH — John F. Here's some news for the Warrandyte Diary. Porky Smith is 40 today. But a bit of bad luck goes with it, my dear, 'cause you'll be down at the Grand shouting free beers. Lots of love. — Wife Helen and children Julie, Sharon and Dean."

The Diary, the Sun . . . what next, Porky? The Times of London?

—Smokey Joe

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## Home death

Mrs. Judith Bolden (28), of Ringwood Road, died in a home accident last month.

Mrs. Bolden was the mother of three children and was expecting her fourth child.

A coroner's inquest will be held.

## Baby talk

The next meeting of the Warrandyte Nursing Mothers Association will be at Ringwood Library, Warrandyte Road, on Monday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

It will be a film night featuring "The Amazing Newborn" and "Breastfeeding — What A Beautiful Thing To Do".

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# ROAD TO THE FUTURE

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee has prepared an action plan for future road design in Warrandyte.

The WAC proposes that:

- Road pavement width should be flexible with a hierarchy of grades ranging from 4 to 6.4 metres, depending on traffic volume.

- Road contour, design, colour and materials particularly kerbing should be "softened" to blend in with the environmental character of Warrandyte.

- Where possible, foot-paths should be gravel and flexibly located to enhance landscaping and conserve natural vegetation.

A landscape planting list

of suitable local species has been prepared to restore the native bush character of the area.

WAC chairman Dick Davies said that a detailed plan, which had been discussed in draft form with the engineers from both Eltham and Doncaster and Templestowe councils, will be presented to the councils.

"It is essential that both the community and developers realise that alternatives are available, particularly to the rigid design standards applied south of the river," Mr. Davies said.

"The alternative suggestions are not only

environmentally more harmonious, enhancing the attraction of the area and the value of the property in the roads, but would also be cheaper for developers.

"Eltham Shire Council has already successfully completed alternative design standards in some roads on an individual project basis.

"An important imminent development is the large-scale subdivision in West Warrandyte.

"It would be a shame if these developments proceeded using conventional, conservative, over-design standards when more harmonious alternatives are available," Mr. Davies said.

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## Council studies Getson site

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council has set up a project team to investigate financial feasibility of a community development on the Getson Motors site in Yarra Street.

The site, one of Warrandyte's prime pieces of real estate, was passed in at auction several weeks ago.

Warrandyte Environment League conceived and promoted the proposal that the site be purchased and developed for the whole community.

Its move was prompted by suggestions of commercial developments which, it said, would be quite out of character with Warrandyte.

The league has now officially put future dealings on the project in the hands of the Warrandyte Advisory Council.

WAC has already formed a sub-committee to prepare a submission to the council at the same time as the feasibility study.

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This committee comprises professionals in the social planning, architectural, landscape, financial, welfare and engineering fields as well as community and WEL representatives.

"We believe that commercial development of the Getson site would be inconsistent with both the TRACT retail plan and the Loder and Bayly strategy plan for the Warrandyte township," WAC chairman Dick Davies told the Diary.

"The WAC already has a sub-committee considering the long-term recreational needs of Warrandyte and the Getson proposal will have to be discussed in relation to the overall recreational requirements," he said.

The Getson sub-committee is convened by Peter Harkin, who wants suggestions and opinions from individuals and groups as soon as possible. He is available on 844 2663 or 859 6565.

## JEANS GALORE!

Warrandyte Primary School Association will hold a jeans sale on July 15 in the school's Multi-Purpose Room, starting at 11.30 a.m.

Jeans sizes for all the family will be available. Prices are from \$8.

## That lonely loo...

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We bought a table from the late Mrs. B. Robertson for the verandah and had deck chairs and Mr. Hutchinson made us an outside stove (kerosine tin inserted in ground with chimney to draw) so we had our outdoor living facilities as well.

We, our relatives and friends spent many happy times there.

Later, during the early 1950s I think, we sold it just as it was. I cannot remember the name of the people, but it was all done through the Agency of the late Mr. J. Moore, and they were happy to buy it.

In the late 60s or early 70s, I had a letter from the owner, asking me the name of the solicitor who had dealt with the transfer of title.

She said in her letter that they had had many happy times there during her ownership, but they felt that Warrandyte had, by that time, outgrown that type of holiday.

I suppose that the fence went for kindling, though the white ants were doing a good job even before we left.

When Mrs. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Lee called last month and brought the Diary we had a good laugh, but it roused many nostalgic memories of the Warrandyte, the people and the then children I knew and so greatly loved.

Some of those "children" now bring their grandchildren to see me.

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**Flats  
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Doncaster - Temple - stowe City Council seems certain to oppose an application to build seven two-storey flats east of the Mechanics Institute Hall in Yarra Street.

The site is zoned "restricted business" but all previous applications for shop development have been refused, mainly because access to Yarra Street would not be permissible.

Warrandyte Ward councillor John Scott told the Diary that the Planning Committee was making three recommendations to council on the matter.

These were that:

- Permission be refused because the proposal would have an adverse effect on the amenity of the area;
- The density of the proposal was excessive and constituted an over-development of the site;
- The proposal constituted a visual intrusion into an environmentally-sensitive area.

The committee would recommend that the applicant be advised that a lesser development could be considered.

This could possibly be five single-storey units, including adequate noise buffer techniques between the units and the hall, and the retention of the major stands and existing trees on the land.

Access would have to be through Mitchell Avenue or Brackenbury Street.

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It starts at 8 p.m. and maximum attendance is urged.

Voting will take place for independent representation on the committee, one of the three positions falling vacant according to the constitution.

Nominations will be received from the floor of the meeting.

Group representatives on the committee will be chosen beforehand by individual group meetings.

Four representatives are due for re-election. They are education, health and welfare, commercial and retail, and sport and recreation.

WAC chairman Dick Davies said that there had

been a few changes to the WAC since the last elections.

Independent John Curry had resigned because of pressure of work and the WAC had invited Peter Harkin to replace him.

Traders representative Peter Getson had been replaced by Neil Chandler, and service groups representative Jon Heaney by Don Macdonald.

"The WAC will report to the community on its activities to date with particular attention to the road standards sub-committee, recreational sub-committee, health and welfare, and the Getson Motors site sub-committee reports," Mr. Davies said.

**BROTHERHOOD MEETING**

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence community educator, Joan Benjamin, will give a talk and show a film on the poverty education program at the Warrandyte auxiliary meeting on July 23.

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Warrandyte Historical Society is conducting a private opinion poll.

The purpose is to collect opinions of the average person living in 1980 so that future generations may know what we thought about some questions which came under public debate.

The Society believes that history should be gathered "from the bottom up" — as it happens rather than culled from isolated

reports 100 years later.

The society points out that most of the questions in this and future polls will deal with political issues.

This is because the decisions made on these issues affect our lives and our history.

It in no way means that the society is "going political".

## A \$1000 thank-you

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Warrandyte Lions Club for their prompt and generous gift of \$1000, which they gave to help myself and five children get started after our home was totally destroyed by fire on Friday, June 13.

Stan Cook.

## Year of the Child

Saturday morning Childrens workshops are to continue through the year as part of Warrandyte Arts Association's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Pottery will commence on September 13 at Potter's Cottage and run until October 18.

The spinning workshop will begin at WMI hall on November 8 and run to December 13.

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## INSIDE STORY

Doncaster Police Station will be "invaded" on Wednesday, July 30.

A group from the Warrandyte Uniting Youth Club will visit to learn how a police station operates.

The Uniting Church Sunday School welcomes all children, from kindergarten age upwards. Its anniversary will be held on August 17.

Ellen Smedley was recently elected to the Council of Elders at the church and Fred Jungwirth and Bob Winters were returned as members.

For information on the Sunday School: Fred Jungwirth (844 3843), P a m Eggleston (844 2714).

## Heady brew

The owners of the licensed grocers in Yarra Street have applied for a permit for an internal, illuminated sign above the verandah of the shop.

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Mrs. Gilberthorpe won the Victorian division in February.

She has had no training but cooks "just for the love of it".

After a visit to France when she was 18, cooking became a passion with her.

Her husband Norman and daughter Kate (5) agree that she's "just great".



the Perth Swimming Pool Convention.

The award for excellence in design is for an inground pool, which he imports from Canada.

He also won an award for best commercial display.

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Dianne Johnson, of Allan Place, and her sister Debra are opening the Village Brew Coffee Shop in the new Yarra Street shops.

They hope to open on July 26.

Dianne says quality cakes and jaffles will also be available.

Ben Van Der Haar, of Orchard Grove has brought watery fame to Warrandyte with his award-winning Albatross Pools.

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Meanwhile, council has set aside \$3500 in its estimates, to be considered in September-October, for improvements to the road from the Golden Gate to the West End shops.

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## Home — with a pennant!

Have teams, will travel . . . that could well be the motto of Warrandyte Basketball Club.

They sent two teams all the way to Portland last month for the South West Classic Tournament — and were rewarded with a pennant.

The men's team had more success as a cheer squad than in their on-court appearances, but the girl's team, coached by John McCartin, won all of their games including the C-grade grand final.

Sophie Kent was named best and fairest player in this section.

The girls are hoping to follow up with a premiership win in the coming domestic finals.

Ninety-six teams competed in the Portland tournament, which a Warrandyte official described as a great sporting and social weekend.

Warrandyte also fielded two teams at Bulleen against local sides and visiting teams from the Adelaide Church competition.

The men's over-30s lapsed from their usual good form to win only one of their three matches.

They scraped into the grant final but, weakened by the absence of two of their top players, were soundly defeated by South Australian Old Boys.

The girls' team, playing in Section 4, lost all their matches.

The club have three teams in the finals of the Bulleen Sunday competition. The men's over-30s qualified on top, the women's A team second and the women's C team third.

## Grave concern

Local residents are concerned by a proposal to extend Anderson's Creek Cemetery.

They cite the proposal as another example of the "misuse of Warrandyte".

The Health Commission regards an extension as necessary because, it says, other cemeteries in the north-east sector of Melbourne are filling up.

As a Warrandyte Environment League spokesman put it: "Are we to provide burial sites for the entire north-east?"

The league is seeking the support of local MLA Norman Lacey for relocation of any extension.

### PRINTING

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## Fair go

Warrandyte Scout Group has started preparations for its annual Snowtime Fair.

The fair will be held at Stiggant Reserve and in the scout hall on Sunday, August 10.

Planning of the day is under the command of the scouts themselves, with assistance from the committee and parents.

They particularly would like to hear from artists and craftspeople who would like to sell their goods on a commission basis.

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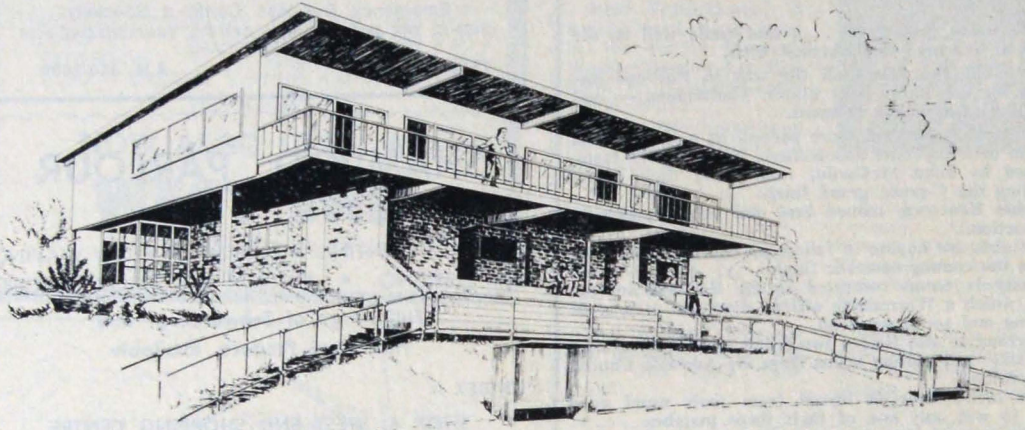
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# Big project unveiled



## \$140,000 club plan

This is an artist's impression of the Warrandyte Community Sports and Social Club proposed for the Recreation Reserve.

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council received estimates on the building costs late in May and its considering its position.

The project will cost about \$140,000 and the council has been asked to approve its maximum grant of \$20,000 plus low-interest or interest-free loans.

The balance of funds will be sought from the Warrandyte community.

Debentures will be available shortly and in view of the need for such a centre, it is hoped that demand for them will be heavy.

Information is available from the club directors — Wally Cornhill, George Sturesteps, Geoff Day, Bill Luttick, Brian Tomlinson and Joe Scieluna.

Further information on the project — perhaps the most exciting and expensive tackled by any club in the community — will be in next month's Diary.

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### WARRANDYTE **Diary** SPORTS NEWS

## BLOODS KICKING ON

Warrandyte have recovered from a mid-season slump and have their sights set on the Eastern Districts Football League finals.

By BLOODHOUND

second on the ladder and seem certainties for a finals berth.

winning mood.

Captain-coach Colin Bawden has them fired up for the run home to the finals and we're confident we can make it."

After two consecutive wins, Warrandyte had the bye in the last round of last month — and were glad of it.

The round was played in shocking weather conditions, with the injury risk high.

The seconds are lying

When this edition went to press, the Bloods were lying fifth, only a game out of the four, with six matches to go.

Club officials attributed their improvement after two consecutive losses to renewed desperation and dedication.

"We have also had experienced players like Denis O'Brien and Nigel Vince coming back after injury and this has lifted the team," a club official told the Diary.

"We have tough games ahead, but the boys are in

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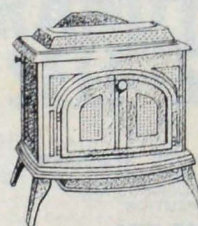
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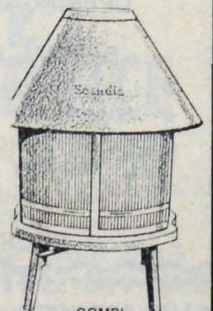
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