

# BUSH 'WAR' ON AGAIN!



TOP: The old master — instructor Wally Strauss — shows how as he puts Paul Jackson on the mat. The spectator is Adrian Oehlmann. ABOVE: Classmates Sean Denman (left) and Matthew Drew come to grips. Pictures by SANDY BURGOYNE.

## New fears for the Koorngong

**The Battle of  
the Koorngong is  
on again!**

Despite a State Government promise, the future of 10 acres of prized Yarra River bushland is still in doubt.

Conservationists appeared to have won a long-running struggle with developers more than a year ago when Premier Hamer announced his government would buy the North Warrandyte land "if there was no other way of preserving it".

Now the owners, Choppington Pty. Ltd., have re-applied to Eltham Shire Council for a 19-lot subdivision.

The application has raised grave doubts about the future of the Koorngong.

Local State Members say the Government intends to honour its pledge.

Eltham councillors say the Government should "come good" with its election promise.

The Warrandyte Environment League says the Government should "put its money where its mouth is".

The Koorngong saga is now 10 years old. The contentious land, opposite the Jumping Creek reserve, is on the river side of the ridgeline.

On March 30 last year, Mr. Hamer pledged the Government's intention to buy it in a statement released by the Member for Evelyn, Jim Plowman, and the Member for Warrandyte, Norman Lacy.

Spokesmen for Mr. Plowman and Mr. Lacy say the Government intends to negotiate for purchase of the land.

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## MAT FINISH AT YOUTH CLUB

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**After the Greenies,**

**Brownies!**

A North Warrandyte mate of mine reckons a new breed of rabid conservationist has emerged on his side of the river.

No, not the "greenies". The "brownies" — and he's not talking about trainee girl guides either.

He reckons this new lot are fiercely dedicated to the preservation not of trees in general, but of dead trees in particular.

Such a tree had stood for years on this bloke's land — pretty close to the neighbours' lot, but definitely, indisputably on his land.

Dead as a doornail, it was. About as beneficial to the environment as a piece of string.

Imagine my mate's surprise, then, when the lady next door emerged in a terrible tizz the other day as he was felling the things for firewood.

You can't do that, she screeched — and the ensuing scene was quite heated.

It took a little while for my mate to get across the message that it was his bloody tree and if he wanted it down, then down it would come.

It did, too.

My mate says that if anyone is about to launch a Society For The Preservation Of Dead Trees And Establishment Of Petrified Forests, then he knows of a likely starter.

They're not exactly giving golf rounds away these days at the local course.

Green fees are up a dollar for 18 holes. At \$4 for the privilege now, you're paying five cents a shot if you're good enough to do the circuit in 80.

Lesser players get better value per stroke, of course. And air-shots are presumably free.

**IN RED & WHITE**



Business is booming at Ros McLean's hairdressing salon — now known as "Way Ahead" — at West End.

The chaps are almost forming a queue for a trim by Ros' new men's stylist, Debbie.

Debbie completed her apprenticeship with Terence Marini, but her credentials seem to have little to do with her popularity.

Drop in sometime and see what we mean.

There are some dead-set nitwits on the roads — and MMTB bus drivers are among them. One, at least.

The bloke driving our bus home the other night courteously pulled over to the gravel as we climbed that big hill approaching the golf club turn-off.

And who do you think tried to pass? Another

MMTB driver, that's who (or is it whom?).

He'd never have made it had our bloke not hit the skids and let him in before he hit the Great Unknown on the other side of the brow.

Ge, it was exciting.

But the preamble to the 50 per cent hike in the Warrandyte bus fare didn't include a front-row seat to Evel Kneivel.

**Hopalong mouse**

There's a slightly wooden sound about the patter of tiny feet in the Egglestone household of North Warrandyte.

The joy that accompanied the arrival of a new litter of pet mice was dampened somewhat when Father Mouse, in a fit of post-natal nastiness, bit off one of the baby's legs.

So what did the Egglestones, who are devoted to their pet mice, do?

They fitted junior with a wooden leg of miniature matchstick proportions.

And at last report, he was getting about just fine.

Who said they don't write poetry like that any more?

The following contribution comes from Sandra Hogg, a student at Warrandyte High.

It's called simply "FROG":

A big, fat, green and hairy frog,  
Who's always sitting on an ugly old log,  
He sits and looks at large plump flies,  
Staring with great big beady eyes.  
Poking out his long thin tongue,  
He swallowed it down a whole in one,  
"Ur," he said with large loud burps,  
"That was rotten, it tasted of turps."  
Then he gave a little jerk,  
Turned his head and began to perk,  
Poor old frog was as pale as can be,  
Looked like he'd taken a trip over sea.  
Suddenly got a thought in his head,  
At any moment he could be dead,  
He wobbled and swayed on the mossy log,  
Fell to the ground as dead as a dog!

Your Diary does not go unnoticed in the outside world.

Reliable reports have reached us of the June and July editions being eagerly read in Perth (Lee Tindale's mum?), New Zealand and . . . wait for it . . . America!

It will take quite a while for Warrandyte Primary teachers Paul Dixon and Bill Monaghan to live down their adventures at a recent school camp near Alexandra.

Bill, doing his best imitation of Tarzan, leapt from a bridge, missed his target — a path — and landed up to his neck in the river.

Paul managed to grab an electric fence as he slipped in a puddle and his reaction to this shocking experience was heard for miles around.

Just as well the kids were there to look after them!

—Smokey Joe

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## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

# WINNER 'STUNNED'

Anne Martin says she was stunned — absolutely stunned — by the results of last month's election for Doncaster-Templestowe City Council's Warrandyte Ward.

Ms. Martin (42), of Webb Street, was one of three councillors elected from a field of six.

She was elected for a one-year term. Councillors John Scott and Peter Mulcahy were returned for three and two years respectively.

On the other side of the river, Hurstbridge housewife Mary Grant (29) comfortably defeated Patrick Nuzum, of North Warrandyte, for Eltham Shire Council's

vacant North Riding seat.

It was Ms. Martin's first venture into local government and she says she was overwhelmed by the support she received during her campaign and at the polling booths.

"I am very grateful to everyone concerned," she told the Diary.

"The real work, of course, lies ahead.

"I shall depend upon the electorate to keep in touch with me (on 844 3313, or 844 3048 for messages).

"I shall need the people's continued support and assistance if I am to represent them as effectively as I would wish."

# IT'S WAR ON DOGS

Eltham Shire Council has launched a blitz on stray dogs — particularly in the North Riding.

The campaign started recently at Kinglake and as a result, many dog-owners will be rosecuted.

Council rangers are working two nights a week and at weekends in addition to week days in a big clampdown on the roaming dog menace.

They are under strict instructions to round up all dogs on the loose.

It is the latest move in a long-running council campaign to cut stock and native fauna losses inflicted by dogs in the shire.

"The Kinglake blitz was merely the forerunner of several planned in the North Riding," councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"Many dog-owners are objecting following the

## Council orders big round-up

Kinglake raid, but the dog problem has reached alarming proportions.

"Again I emphasise that the problem is not bad dogs, but bad dog-owners.

"We are not persecuting the dogs or their owners, but until people realise

their responsibilities, stock and native animal losses will continue to mount."

Cr. Marshall said that notices warning dog-owners of the blitz had been placed in newspapers and at various points throughout the shire.

## BRIGADE RUNS HOT

The North Warrandyte Fire Brigade has won a CFA Encouragement Award.

It is in recognition of the work done last summer in burn-offs, installing green markers at fire hydrants and encouraging new membership, particularly for the initiation of women's membership.

The awards have been re-introduced after a lapse of three years.

"We're very proud of the award and we'll be continuing our program this coming summer," said brigade captain Simon Gough.

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# Wanted: Parents who care YOUTH CLUB PLEA FOR HELP

Warrandyte Community Youth Club has renewed its plea for urgent community support.

And it has found an ally in newly-elected Warrandyte Ward councillor Anne Martin.

Ms. Martin has arranged a public meeting, at a date to be announced, in an attempt to rally support.

She told the Diary: "The youth club is one of the most necessary of all the groups and organisations with which Warrandyte abounds.

"Yet it is perhaps the most neglected."

Ms. Martin said the public meeting would virtually be a forum at which specialist guests would speak on such topics as activities and facilities, leadership and motivation, funding and available support schemes.

The speakers would answer questions and discuss any issues raised.

Ms. Martin said: "Warrandyte people have a repu-

tation for being active, involved, concerned and self-motivated.

"Let us see some evidence of this in the area closest to our hearts . . . for our kids."

Youth club secretary Sue Furness said lack of community support for the club was a "long-running story of apathy".

"It is a classic case of far too much being left to too few," she said.

"Too many Warrandyte parents regard the club as merely a convenient child-minding facility.

"Ideally, we would increase the size of our committee," she said, "but it is difficult enough filling the six existing positions."

## 'DISTRESSING'

Cliff Green, who founded the Warrandyte Diary as a fund-raising instrument for the youth club, has appealed for public awareness of the situation.

He said: "As a founding committee member of the youth club, it distresses me to learn that the club is failing to attract the community support it so desperately needs and deserves.

"Other local youth groups — such as scouts and guides — require a promise of parental support before children can be enrolled.

"While this situation is probably ideal, the original committee recognised a responsibility to children whose parents were unable — or not prepared — to help.

"This makes the club doubly dependent upon the community. Please help if you can."

## Noisy scenes at 'super' meeting

Noisy scenes erupted last month at a public meeting called to discuss proposed supermarket developments in Warrandyte.

At one point, \$100 bets were being offered on the relative cheapness of Warrandyte shopping.

Thirty-five people attended the meeting, which was chaired by Peter Harkin and Anne Martin.

The meeting was unanimously against any supermarket development until it was pointed out that some development was inevitable.

Two motions were then put regarding supermarket sites. The Colin Avenue proposal was defeated 16-17 and the timber yard site defeated 15-16.

A third motion was later passed 19-10 that a supermarket only be built on the

Colin Avenue site.

Robyn Hodgkinson, convener of the meeting for a Warrandyte Advisory Council sub-committee, told the Diary that she was "disappointed at the small attendance at the meeting and at the lack of interest in general in the questionnaires circulated beforehand".

"Considering the number of people who have since wanted to have a say, it is a shame that more people did not put themselves out to attend," she said.

A petition was presented to the meeting by Neil Chandler on behalf of the Warrandyte Traders Association.

Containing 500 signatures, it opposed the suggested development of the timber yard site.

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## IN THE RUNNING

A "fun run" will become a regular feature of the annual "This Is Warrandyte" festivals.

This follows the success of Warrandyte Football Club's inaugural run last month.

The six-kilometre event attracted a big field and was won by Gavin Whitmore from Chris Hanger and Gavin Allen.

First prize was \$100 and a shield.

## SPEEDS SWITCH

The Road Safety and Traffic Authority has approved changes to the speed limit on Jumping Creek Road to Wonga Park.

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# Dr. Bill Osborne dies in America

Dr. William Alexander Osborne, who spent all his young life in Warrandyte, died in the United States recently.

Dr. Osborne, MB, BS, FRACP, was the son of Beryl and Gerard Osborne, of Osborne Road, North Warrandyte.

He died suddenly in Evanston Hospital, outside Chicago, on July 28.

The doctor was educated at Warrandyte State

School, Scotch College and Melbourne University, from which he graduated in 1964.

He was resident and registrar at the Alfred Hospital and was appointed physician to the Officer Brown Cardiac Unit there.

Dr. Osborne was elected a fellow of the Royal

Australian College of Physicians in 1973.

The same year he was appointed a medical director of the Pfizer Company and served in Hong Kong, Kenya and New York.

In 1979, he was appointed medical director for Asia and the Pacific of Abbot Laboratories and lived in Kobe, Japan.

Although he lived overseas for the seven years preceding his death, he always loved Warrandyte and managed to spend two weeks here each year.

## MEET THE VICAR

The Anglican community of Warrandyte and Park Orchards have welcomed their new vicar.

The Reverend Jeff Berger, wife Karen and children Simon (4) and Amelia (3) have come from the Ferntree Gully Parish.

Rev. Berger is now vicar of St. Stephen's, Warrandyte, and Emmanuel, Park Orchards.

He has done Chaplaincy work at Pentridge Prison, in the remand and psychiatric divisions, and at Royal Park Psychiatric Hospital.

Before entering the Ministry he was personnel and industrial relations manager of a big public company based in Melbourne.

He enjoys football and has already seen the local team in action a couple of times.

Mr. Berger's aim is to continue the steady growth

of the Anglican Church in Warrandyte and Park Orchards, to become involved in outreach work with the other churches in the area, and to become actively involved in the life of the community.

### CLYDE & OCKER



"A footy fan, eh? I reckon the Bloods could use a bit of celestial assistance, Ock!"

Jean and Ben Jones, of Yarra Street, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

Most of their family of five daughters, two sons and three grandchildren shared the occasion with them in an evening at the Eltham Barrel.

Daughter Judy, who now lives in Western Australia, was unable to be with them, but visited recently with her two small children.

Jean is a member of the Chapman family, of local cricket fame.

Ben, who was made a life member of the Warrandyte Football Club in 1969, has continued his valuable work with the seconds team and is now in his 28th year with the club.

He has been timekeeper for the past eight seasons.

He is also a keen supporter of the women's cricket team and member of the RSL.

The new faces at the West End pizza parlour belong to Mike and Emy Mitropoulos.

Mike and Emy come to Warrandyte from Coburg and are no strangers to the business. They ran a restaurant at Meadow West before moving here.

They plan to make the West End establishment a bigger and better restaurant with a bigger and better menu.

It will be open seven days a week, with extended trading hours. And it's BYO.

Being right over the road from the Recreation Reserve, Mike is already a staunch Warrandyte football fan.

Emy and Mike have two children, Jenny (3) and Theo (18 months).

## Flare for fashion

Warrandyte Fire Brigade Ladies' Auxiliary members are determined to stay ahead of the fashion field this year.

They are holding a fashion parade on Wednesday, September 17, at 8 p.m. in the Warrandyte Primary School's multi-purpose room.

Fashions will be from Shalabazaar in the Eltham Mall, and will include all sizes.

Canewear and wall hangings will be included in the display.

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## For Hire

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To Keith and Jenny Shields, a son. Born at Lilydale BNH on July 24.

Another police recruit for 1998.

Third time lucky.

John Chapman, a member of one of Warrandyte's most illustrious cricketing families, has achieved new heights.

At 31, John becomes Warrandyte Cricket Club's youngest-ever life member. The honour was conferred at the club's annual general meeting last month.

John is carrying on a family tradition — his father Alan is also a life member.

Also on the honours list is Steve Pascoe, who has been made a life member of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association.

Steve, a stalwart both on and off the field, was a tireless worker for cricket in the Ringwood district before joining Warrandyte a few seasons ago.

If anything, he has found new energy since moving here.

The Warrandyte Community Youth Club expresses thanks to Bill Church for the work he has done over the past several months as Diary accountant.

Mr. Church has now handed over to Don and Judy Macdonald (844 2195).

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# KOORNONG: IT'S NOT OVER YET

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WEL recently received a copy of a letter to Mr. Lacy from the Minister for Planning, Lou Lieberman. It said in part:

"... the Ministry for Conservation recently made a submission to Cabinet seeking approval to compulsorily acquire the land and that Cabinet direct the Ministry to obtain Treasury approval for the expenditure of the funds involved."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Conservation told the Diary that the submission to Cabinet to compulsorily acquire the land had been rejected.

"Purchase will be by negotiation," he said.

The spokesman, and a representative of the Valuer General's Department, said no formal valuation of the Koornong land had yet been carried out. A team of engineering consultants had been appointed to advise the VGD and were considering the valuation from five bases.

When the valuation was completed, and when agreement was reached, the matter would be submitted to Treasury and the Department of Property and Services.

Choppington's new subdivision application includes provision for a sewage treatment plant to be maintained and operated by a corporate body of residents.

The Town and Country Planning Appeals Tribunal rejected a previous claim by the developers on the grounds of inadequate provision for effluent disposal.

North Riding councillor Robert Allen told the Diary:

## New move for subdivision

"I don't think the current planning application will mean an end to the eventual retention of the land in public ownership, but it depends on the State Government sticking to its promise.

"In the meantime, the matter is drawn out even longer.

"I am opposed to the new subdivision application. It would be a tall order to expect a body corporate of future residents to satisfactorily operate and maintain a sewage plant and it would be discharging its treated effluent directly into the Yarra, right next to a State Park.

"Maintaining an effluent quality of a sufficiently high standard would be a continual problem."

Cr. Robert Marshall said: "We are deeply concerned that despite earlier promises, the Koornong land is still not in public ownership.

"The Eltham Shire Council wants to see this matter expedited.

"It is time the Government came good with its election promise."

Rosemary Tovey, co-president of WEL, said:

"Although we have received repeated assurances over the last 17 months that the Government commitment to buy the land is still 'live', we have become increasingly concerned at the lack of decisive action.

"Surely it's time the Government put its money where its mouth is."

## Council reaches out

Eltham Shire Council may employ a full-time outreach worker to help solve the problems of young people in the shire.

The proposal has attracted a lot of interest among councillors and the public.

"We would be looking for a person to 'talk the kids' language' — a person to be involved outside the structured community youth work area," North Riding councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"Experience has taught us that problem kids tend to shy away from structured youth programs," he said.

"So if they won't come to us, we should go to them."

Outreach workers are used extensively overseas, particularly in the United States.

## Tropical topics

A breath of the South Pacific will be brought to the next Warrandyte Uniting Church Youth Service.

At the service, on September 28 at 6.45 p.m., the speaker will be Mr. Len Whalley from the Wycliffe Bible Institute at Kangaroo Ground.

Mr. Whalley, his wife and family have recently returned from working with Wycliffe in Papua-New Guinea and the Philippines.

They now live in Bradley's Lane.

On September 20, the Uniting Church is joining with other churches of Warrandyte for a dinner at the Coffee Bean Restaurant.

Principal of Eltham College, Mr. Des Davie, will be the speaker.

The church hopes that the community will support the Share Community Appeal, for which envelopes are currently available.

This appeal is aimed at raising \$1 million to supplement the Uniting Church of Australia's existing services and new projects.

As at April 1980, the church assists a minimum of 8560 people a week.

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## KIDS AT WORK

Warrandyte Arts Association is continuing its Children's Workshops.

They are held on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11.30.

The weaving class begins on November 8 and runs until December 13.

Conducted by Joan Golding, it will be held in the Mechanics Institute Hall.

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# The way the ball bounces

Good news and bad news has been the order of things for Warrandyte's old bridge-side tennis courts.

It was bad news when they lapsed into a state of chronic decay and good news when the local Lions Club decided to make them operational again.

Good news when the Lions got the go-ahead; bad news when somebody made off with firewood — intended for elderly citizens — from a tree felled on the site.

Now it's good news again.

Things are really moving.

Bricklayer Eddie Oldham, of North Warrandyte, donated his services — even the sand — to give the dilapidated old clubhouse a facelift.

The Lions are continuing to rapidly restore the courts and plan an adjacent Lions Park picnic area, linked to the car-park by a foot track around the river side of the courts.

A spokesman for Lions told the Diary the club hoped to hire out one of the two courts on a daily basis for group functions.

The other would be available for casual hire, by locals or visitors.

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council are completing the car park and access track, which will be financed from the original \$2000 grant.

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A twice-a-day bus service may soon be running in the North Riding.

Eltham Shire Council is considering such a service and, if adopted, it would be operating within the next couple of months.

The service was recommended by the council's community services committee, which envisages a daily morning run from Hurstbridge-St. Andrews-Kangaroo Ground-Eltham and a return trip in the afternoon.

The recommendation was prompted largely by consideration of transport needs of the North Riding's youth.

"By that we mean methods of transport other than hitch-hiking," councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"Hitch-hiking is a most unsatisfactory way to travel," he said.

"Another major consideration is the elderly people of the area.

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• See "Buses — get on 'em"; Page 10.

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The problem is hypoglycemia — a low blood-sugar condition.

Mrs. Lainey Horkings, of Webb Street, was one of these seemingly isolated people.

In her case she was dealing with the condition in her pre-schooler son.

Lainey and her husband Robin had spent an exhausting couple of years of broken sleep and continual running after the incredibly active child.

The day after he started school, the child was diagnosed as hypoglycemic and the battle continued for Lainey and Robin.

However, after a moving article in a church paper, circulated Australia-wide, Lainey began receiving calls from people suffering in the same way, either having the condition themselves or coping with it in the family.

Lainey has now joined with other local people, including adults recently diagnosed as suffering from hypoglycemia, to form the Hypoglycemic Association — the first of its kind in Australia.

## Hypoglycemia group formed

Ann Shaw, an adult sufferer, told the Diary: "The association hopes to help others with adjusting to the stringent no-sugar diet which is the prescribed treatment.

"We also hope to make the public aware of the condition and how isolated it makes the sufferers," she said.

"For example, you can't have alcohol or coffee and it's necessary to eat every couple of hours.

"You can imagine what that does to your social life."

The symptoms of a child with the low blood sugar condition are similar to what is known as the hyperactivity — periods of extreme tiredness, constant hunger and nightly sweats and nightmares.

If the child does not eat frequently, his or her behaviour becomes erratic, sometimes uncontrollable.

Limited public awareness

of the condition then causes much heartache and embarrassment to the parents.

The belief is that hypoglycemia, left untreated, will become diabetes.

Adult sufferers also have to eat frequently.

They suffer alternating bouts of extreme energy and lethargy, headaches and insomnia.


They are also prone to infections, having little immunity, and share with the children the sweating and nightmares.

Lainey and Ann invite people to contact them with questions about the association or requests for help.

The newly-formed group will be meeting on the third Wednesday of every month in the evening.

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For further information, contact Lainey (844 3956) or Ann (844 3343).



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# Rainy-day people

It's always nice to meet nice people and I thought your readers might be interested to hear of our encounter with two such folk.

My wife and I were sheltering from the rain in a hayshed recently during our first-ever round on the Warrandyte golf course.

We were joined by two members of the greenkeeping staff who introduced themselves as Greg and Peter.

Not only did they make us feel very much at home,

but Greg, the taller of the two, went so far as to remove the seat from his tractor, cover it with a blanket and offer it to my wife so that she might more comfortably sit out the storm.

A small gesture, you might say, but not so small in these days when rudeness rather than courtesy seems

to be par for the course just about everywhere.

Greg and Peter told us a good deal about your golf club which, I must say, seems to have everything going for it.

My wife and I will certainly be back to take advantage of the hospitality.

C. Davies,  
Croydon.

## Laurie's eight years

As reported in the August issue of the Diary, I shall be retiring as president of the Warrandyte Football Club at the end of this season.

It would be most remiss of me to bow out without saying some very heart-felt "thank-yous".

Firstly to the local business people, whose generous financial support has so often seen the club through difficult times.

And to the supporters themselves. They've shared a lot of disappointments with us, but they've never stopped supporting.

And to the many committeemen and women who have worked so tirelessly.

I thank them all for their efforts and for making my eight years as president so personally memorable.

Laurie Sloan.

## Old post office: The mail is good

The support for the old Warrandyte post office building has been terrific.

People have been contacting me almost every day to express their concern that it be somehow saved and retained as part of the character of our unique township.

There are now over 80 people willing to lend support in the form of labour, advice or money to any scheme to save it.

I would be interested to hear ideas of what it could be used for, as the next step towards restoration or conversion to some sort of feasible community use.

The National Trust have expressed interest in it and have asked for a submission to be sent to them regarding its history, state of repair, ownership etc.

If you are sitting on the fence over this, please hop off and get in touch with me.

The only hope of its retention is to show that lots and lots of people want it.

Jo Laurence,  
Secretary, Warrandyte  
Historical Society,  
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## BUSES: Get on 'em

In the past issues of the Diary there have been letters bemoaning the lack of buses in North Warrandyte.

True, we have no buses for night-time and middle of the day commuters yet, but we do have school buses run by Hurstbridge Bus Company which cater for students at Eltham College, Warrandyte Primary, Diamond Creek Tech. and Kangaroo Ground Primary.

However, I have been told by the bus company that the run from Warrandyte to Diamond Creek via Kangaroo Ground School is in danger of being discontinued because it is not economical to run.

As one of the parents whose children have used this service since it started six years ago, I think it would be a great shame if it discontinued through lack of sufficient patronage.

In these days of rising fuel costs it never ceases to amaze me that so many parents who actually live on the bus route do not take advantage of this bus service.

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## DEADLINE

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## What next? asks WEL

Although the new squash courts in Warrandyte undoubtedly meet a popular recreational need, their location and appearance have upset many residents.

In 1976, when the plans were first displayed, the Warrandyte Environment League (and residents and council) held extensive and cordial discussions with the developer, resulting in a more environmentally acceptable plan.

If the complex had been more appropriately sited, the beauty and harmony of the riverbank reserve could have been retained and the traffic hazard minimised.

However, the location of the building was not negotiable and the alternative option for this land was three "spec" houses.

What we are particularly unhappy about is that the external appearance of the present structure bears little resemblance to the plans WEL agreed to in the compromise solution.

As it stands it is harsh, ugly and completely out of character with Warrandyte.

While it is obviously desirable for both residents and developers to reach an amicable compromise without recourse to litigation when controversial developments are proposed, in this case the residents' wishes seem to have been disregarded and changes to the plans, incompatible with the environment, have been allowed.

It is symbolic of what is happening to Warrandyte.

We are about to be swamped by unnecessary and unwanted commercial developments.

There are at present several other developments either under way or proposed.

The Ritter Davis development, next to

Folkart and comprising nine shops, is about to start; two supermarkets, with three and 11 shops respectively are proposed for the West End.

We have three new shops next to the hotel and the Getson and Brook's sites are potential developments—and so on.

Few of these developments meet any particular community need and many residents don't want them at all.

How can all these ventures be viable?

Not only will they jeopardize the current traders, increase the traffic hazard — it appears that developers are not even bound to observe their original (agreed to) plans.

There is much concern for the future of Warrandyte's retail areas.

What guarantee does the community have that public opinion will be heard in these cases?

Are our opinions to be elbowed out by commercial interests?

It is time that the community, not a few developers, decides what is wanted and needed for our township.

Rosemary Tovey,  
Jan McDonald,  
Presidents, WEL.

• See Squash A Smash Hit — Page 11.

## • Thank-you Corner

The 1st Warrandyte Scout Committee wishes to thank all of those people who supported the Snowtime Fair last month.

Thanks also to the boys and parents who worked so hard to make the day a success.

However, no matter how hard the boys work, it is Leaders who are essential to keep the organisation going.

More Leaders are needed at all levels of scouting in Warrandyte.

We would welcome help from anyone in this area.

Interested volunteers should contact George Vlek (844 2248).

The Committee.

The president and committee members of "Meals on Wheels" would like to thank Warrandyte residents for their support in the collection on August 9.

An amount of \$190.63 was collected by the many volunteers at three polling booths.

The committee appreciates their efforts, especially girls from the Warrandyte Guide Company.

Norma Webb.

I wish to thank all those kind and generous friends and neighbours who helped to make my recent spell in hospital more bearable.

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# Four of the best!

Four new pennants adorn the Warrandyte Tennis Club walls following the EMRLTA winter finals.

Five of the club's nine Saturday senior teams reached the finals and men's Section 4 and 7 teams brought home premierships.

The Section 4 team (Rob White, Tony Wedd, Bruce Little and Keith Wilson) defeated Ringwood Uniting 36-23.

Wilson came into the team as emergency when Neil Dusting was unavailable.

In Section 7, Warrandyte won the final in a tie-breaker. The team is Greg Lawrence, Grant Holley, Dale Farmer and Kevin Fiddes (who came in as emergency when Bert Holley was unavailable).

Four of the eight Warrandyte teams in the mid-week women's competition reached the finals and again the result was two premierships.

The Section C7s (Debbie Dedman, Helen King, Carol Pavia, Bev Hollinger and Lyn Macguire) beat North Ringwood in a tie-breaker.

It was a much easier final for the Section D3 girls — Fay Close, Jill Howell, Maureen Farrer, Rhonda Brown and Carol Stott. They defeated St. Christopher's 48-13.

Warrandyte will be heavily represented in the summer competition, which starts on September 23. They will have 17 senior and seven junior teams.

The club will run a round-robin tournament on September 21, to be followed by a social. For further information, contact Greg Lawrence (844 2498).

## KIDS LAND THE BIG TROPHIES

The winter season ended for Warrandyte Basketball Club juniors with two premierships and four association best and fairest awards.

There were also two near-misses among the eight local teams to make the finals.

In the first round of semi-finals the four teams which finished in fourth place were eliminated, two teams went straight into grand finals and two played off in preliminary finals to win their way into the grand finals.

The Under-11D match against Heidelberg was very close throughout with scores level at the end of time.

In the extra three minutes played, Warrandyte took a narrow lead and held on to win 29-27.

The Under-13D girls met Eltham in another closely-fought match.

Eltham gained a lead early in the match and although Warrandyte battled hard they were unable to bridge the gap and were defeated 17-20.

Under-15D grade saw an all-Warrandyte grand final with John Harding's high school team (Warrandyte 1) playing Warrandyte 2, coached by Frank Harper and sponsored by Peter McDougall and Associates.

The game was close and exciting from the first jump-ball with both teams showing determination and

playing good basketball.

Unfortunately there could be only one winner, with the honours finally going to Warrandyte 2 by four points, 23-19.

Association award winners are Chris Maguire (Under-17 boys), Paul Hay (Under-11D), Meegan Delahenty (Under-15) and Gayle Dalli (Under-13).

Club trophies will be presented in the football clubrooms on Sunday, September 14, after a barbecue starting at 4 p.m.

The recent junior basketball clinics drew a good response with more than 60 beginners attending.

Additional sides have been entered in the coming summer season, making a total of 26 teams involving about 165 children aged from six to 17.

In their first season in the Eltham Mens Basketball Association competition, the Warrandyte mens C-grade team finished second after winning all but four games.

The exciting semi-final saw Warrandyte defeat a young Eltham side by four points, to go into the grand final against the same side.

Missing top shooter Stan Slabon, the Dytes battled hard but went down by 21 points.

## Annual general what?

Warrandyte Basketball Club's recent annual general meeting followed the usual format for such events in this town.

Senior players and parents stayed away in droves.

Almost the entire retiring committee was re-elected.

Treasurer Fiona Barr has retired after five years' dedicated work for the club and is replaced by Margaret James.

Francene McCartin and Judy Harper are welcome additions to the committee.

President Jan Van Kuyk, in his annual report, outlined the growth of the club over the past year and bright outlook for the future.

Support and enthusiasm of more players and parents will be needed if plans are to eventuate.

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## SQUASH A SMASH HIT ..

Geoff and Junette Winterton call their new business in Yarra Street the Warrandyte Family Squash Centre — and already it is living up to its name.

Junior squash mornings began a few Saturdays ago with 12 children. The next Saturday there were 32.

The coaching mornings are for children from six to 14. The under-9's are on from 10.30 to 12.30 and 10

to 14s from 8.30 to 10.30.

The morning costs \$2, including equipment.

The ladies around town are also enjoying the centre's facilities.

Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. is ladies' morning and baby-sitting is included in the \$2.50 charge.

An attraction of the new centre is its glass walls through which spectators

can watch the game from the same level.

This has proved an unexpected boon to parents of young children as it eliminates the worry of what to do with them.

Ladies' fitness classes begin shortly.

The centre, next to the scout hall, is open from 9 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, 8.30 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 8.30 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

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# BLOODS TAKE THE BIG ONE!

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte Reserves made history on September 6 by winning their first-ever Eastern Districts Football League premierships.

Celebrations ran long into the night and resumed next day after the Bloods' resounding victory over Rowville in the grand final at Coldstream.

Elated Warrandyte Football Club president Laurie Sloan paid tribute to a dedicated team of footballers and their coach, David Mitchell.

"This premierships — the first since a Reserves team was formed here in 1952 — proved that you don't need flashy stars to win a flag," Mr. Sloan said.

"It was won by dedicated, determined players expertly handled by David Mitchell.

"We all knew that David is a dedicated clubman. We know now that he is also a top coach."

Warrandyte earned a tilt at the flag with big wins in the lead-up finals.

They beat Norwood by 14 goals in the first semi and Forest Hill by 42 points in the preliminary final.

They met Rowville — who qualified on top — with the score at one-all in the season's previous encounters.

Rowville had lost only one match for the season —

## Reserves win historic premierships

to Warrandyte by eight goals. They retaliated with a 10-goal win in the mud in the return match.

But the Bloods went into the grand final confident and fit.

Warrandyte had first use of the breeze and their 26-point lead at quarter-time would have been greater but for goalfrost inaccuracy.

Ruckman Uwe Morzinek was in great form for the Bloods and rover Mal Cooper consistently capitalised on his good work.

Warrandyte consolidated by goaling in the first minute of the second quarter, but Rowville fought back.

Morzinek, Gary Laddiges, Alan Lorenzini and Glen Maggan kept them at bay with some fine marking in the backline, but the Bloods were far from safe when

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they led by only 13 points at the interval.

The third quarter was all Warrandyte.

Playing as a team and throwing themselves in regardless of personal risk, the Bloods raced away to a 33-point lead.

If there was any doubt about the outcome, Ken Ford dispelled it as soon as the ball was bounced in the last quarter.

He kicked a great running goal to increase the margin to 39 points — and it was all over.

There was still 39 points in it at the final siren — 15.16 (106) to 9.13 (67).

It was a great team effort by Warrandyte, who had no better players than Morzinek, Gary Patterson, Lance Williams, Laddiges and Lorenzini.

Mr. Sloan thanked all players in all grades for their efforts this season, the last of his eight years as president.

Stan Davis is the man in Warrandyte Cricket Club's hot-seat.

Davis, captain of last season's premier A-grade team, has not surprisingly been re-appointed skipper for the coming season, when the Dytes enter the "big league".

Warrandyte have been automatically promoted to the Chandler Shield, top competition in the Ringwood District Cricket Association.

And the club can't wait to accept the challenge.

The 1980-81 season starts on October 4 and Warrandyte will be represented by a record number of 12 teams.

"We have certainly not become complacent about our unprecedented success last season," a club official told the Diary.

"We have recruited well and enthusiasm is running at probably an all-time high."

The second XI have been promoted to the Chandler Reserve competition on the strength of last season's pennant and the thirds move up two

## Stan takes block again

divisions to C-grade.

John McCartin and Ian World have been re-appointed captains of those teams.

Newcomers to captaincy are Barry Johnson (F-grade) and Alan Bellingler (H-grade).

Ivan Vojlay will again lead the I-grade team.

There will be five junior teams this season and, of course, the women's side.

New players are still very welcome.

Indoor training has been underway for some time and outdoor work began at the Recreation Reserve on Sunday, September 7.

## Big football night

Warrandyte Football Club will hold its presentation ball at Alfred's Homestead Restaurant on September 24.

Tickets — at an all-inclusive \$40 a double — are available from Anne Whitmore (844 3411).

A four-course, sit-down dinner will be served.

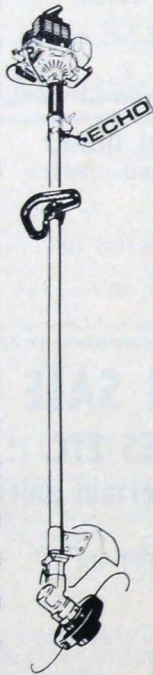
## Colin Bawden quits

Warrandyte Football Club seniors coach Colin Bawden has resigned.

Bawden, captain-coach for the past two seasons, told the committee he was disappointed with the results achieved by the seniors in that time.

It is not known at this stage whether or not Bawden, a strong ruckman, will continue as a player next season.

The club will advertise the coaching job.



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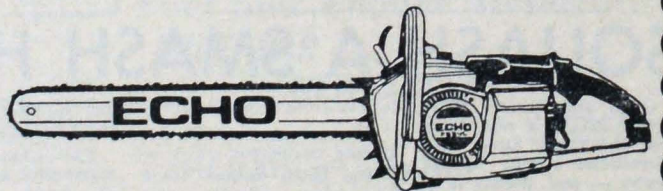
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