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That sinking feeling (1)

Ever had the feeling that the bottom was dropping out of your world?

Siggy Link, of Research Road, North Warrandyte, did.

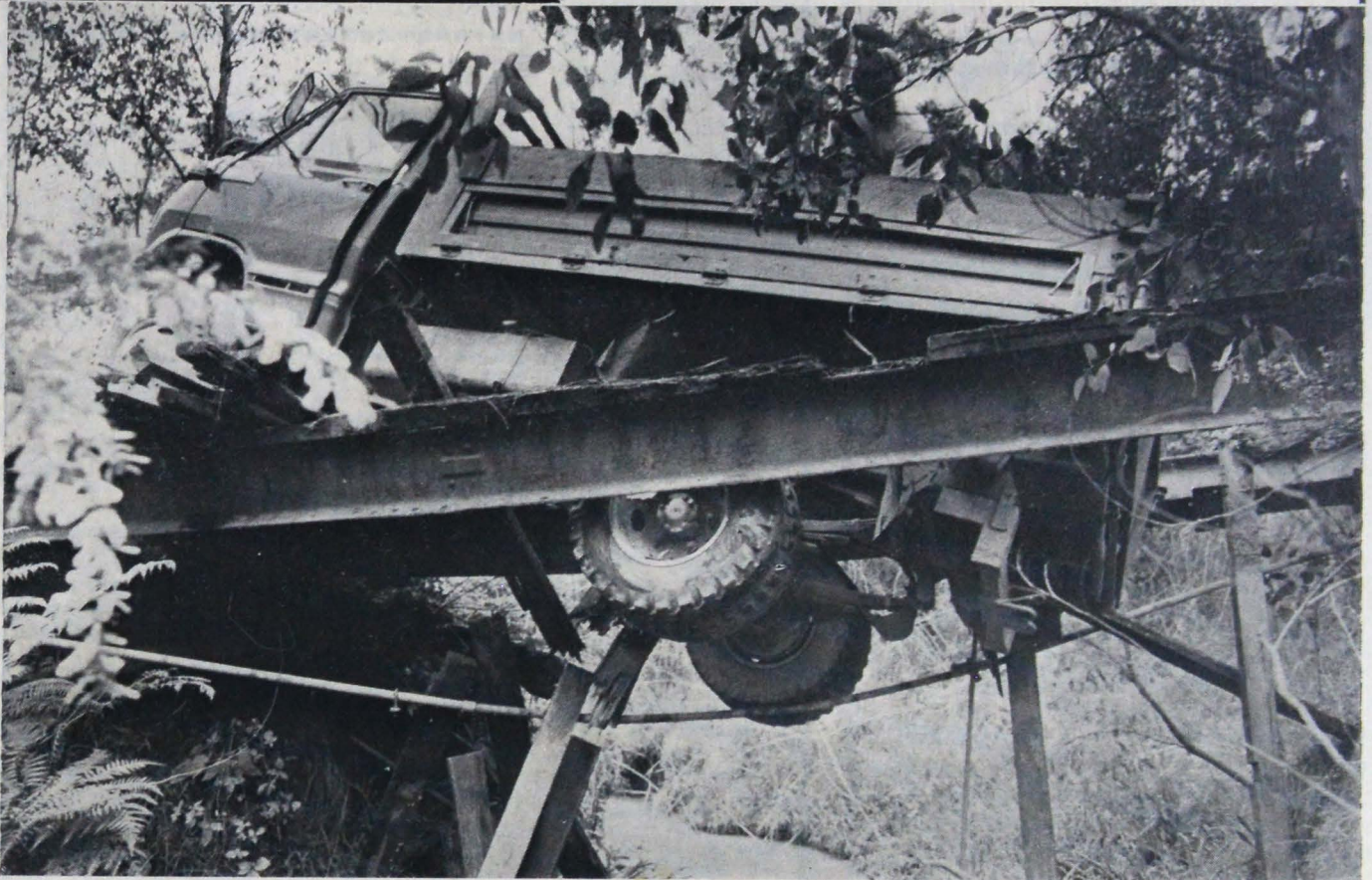
Siggy was delivering a load of sand to his mate's block, off Stony Creek Road, when the creaking timber on the old bridge groaned for the last time and

called it a day.

The truck was left high and dry — thanks to a couple of resilient bridge components and a lot of luck.

Siggy (that's he up on the tray) says the \$100 it cost him to have his truck hauled out by crane should be described as bridging finance.

Picture: SANDY BURGOYNE



That sinking feeling (2)

NEW RATES UPROAR!

North hit again

Getson site: It's 'no'

The Getson Motors site in Yarra Street goes up for auction again on October 21.

But Doncaster-Templestowe City Council will not be among the bidders.

Council has rejected a proposal that it buy the land for community use — possibly as the site for a community centre.

A motion that council negotiate the purchase — at a price based on the City Valuer's assessment — was defeated by eight votes to four.

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North - of - the- river residents are facing another huge rates increase.

If Eltham Shire Council ratifies the new rates proposals, bills in the green wedge areas of the North Riding will be up 30 to 40 per cent.

The new scale follows the latest four-yearly revaluation. North Riding was also hit savagely in the last revaluation.

The riding's projected increase compares with a general, recommended rise of 18 per cent.

A stark illustration of the council's "rich relation" attitude towards North Riding is that in the two urban ridings, the

average increase will be only about 10 per cent.

If the new rates go through, it will spark bitter anti-council feeling among ratepayers in the north — and an internal row in the council itself.

"We have a 5-4 situation," angry North Riding councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"Five councillors favour the general 18 per cent increase — four of us believe 18 per cent is far too high.

"And of course it is too high. It imposes a grossly unfair hardship upon North Riding ratepayers."

Cr. Marshall said there was a ready solution to the latest rates problem.

"Council's purchase of Lenister Farm, 12 acres in Central Riding, accounts for seven per cent of the proposed rates increase," he said.

"It accounts for \$160,000 in this year's estimates as the final payment.

"Council should sell this property to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works. There is no doubt that the board would buy it and the farm's future as part of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park would be guaranteed.

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When dead can be beautiful

Got a letter from Howard Geldard, one of this town's most notable conservationists.

And literary merit aside, it is well worth reproducing for the wealth of information it contains about the inestimable value to this world of dead trees.

Howard — a very nice fellow who, among other things, pioneered the annual "This Is Warrandyte" festival — is not too pleased with Smokey Joe.

He writes:

Usually your column is halfway between harmlessly inaccurate reporting and appalling bad taste.

Sometimes, however, you seem to overstep the mark, as in your story (September Diary) on the Dead Tree Saga.

Apart from showing your slip on the question of the usefulness of dead trees in the environment, you unwittingly, perhaps, highlighted the aggressive arrogance that some residents exhibit when it is pointed out to them that they are not the only people living in Warrandyte.

Strangely, your mate's point of view is not necessarily the only correct one.

It is to be hoped that he doesn't carry his quest for firewood into the surrounding bush.

Dead trees play a very significant role in the ecological balance, providing food for insects, and thus birds, shelter for larger animals and eventually humus for the soil.

For your additional information, string can also be quite useful as a nesting material for several species of birds — quite apart from the obvious advantage it has of stringing up troublesome journalists!

*Yours greenily,
Howard Geldard.*

IN RED & WHITE



Wendy Cookes, of Timbertop Ridge, was given a delightful cookery book for her birthday recently.

In it was a recipe for bread.

The first mix called for 240lb. (pre-conversion) of flour, 15 gallons of water and — wait for it — 2½ lb. of yeast. But that's not all!

Several other sacks of flour were to be added later.

Husband Tony is thinking about mixing it in the swimming pool.

Now we know how three loaves and those little fishes fed the multitude!

NEXT STOP: The Stone Age . . .

Mate of mine was on a Greyhound bus bound for Los Angeles when a couple of old dears asked was he from New York.

"No," he said, "I'm

flying home to Australia tomorrow."

"Oh, are you a missionary?" they asked.

Yes, it's that time again.

The first reported local snake kill of the season was made on September 29 on the eighth tee at Warrandyte Golf Club.

A big, fat tiger snake succumbed to several well-aimed blows delivered by a greenkeeper with the flagpin.

So watch your step from now on, eh?

A joyride with a difference took place one night last month in Research Road, North Warrandyte.

Someone went for a spin on one of the heavy earthmoving machines being used on the gas-main installation project.

The owners are very grateful that the thief chose to park the machine neatly at the roadside after he'd had his fun — rather than run it over the edge.

The machine is, after all, worth \$50,000.

Smokey's Thumbs-Down-Award-Of-The-Year (with Raspberry Cluster) is not handed out lightly. It takes an act of absolute odium to qualify.

But it is without hesitation that we bestow it upon the unidentified people who let down all those tyres outside the Coffee Bean restaurant last month.

The 90-odd folk attending a combined churches dinner inside were not exactly amused, though. Only a couple of cars escaped.

We make the award to "people" rather than "person" because it was far too much work for one.

—Smokey Joe

A million shots at Healesville

The boys of the Million Dollar Club took on the golfing might of Warrandyte Social Club at Healesville last month.

And at the end of the 18 holes they were wishing they hadn't.

It was a whitewash — a whopping 7-0 win for the social club, which boasts some particularly wily exponents of the game among its numbers.

The Million Dollar fellers lived up to their name by producing a million excuses — including the sodden state of the Healesville Country Club course and the early (7.30 a.m.) hit-off time.

The day started particularly badly for MDC man Jeff Riddle, whose wife said there was no way she was getting up at 6 a.m. to iron his shirt. Had a few wrinkles in his game, too.

There were also some snide remarks about the "leniency" of WSC handicapper Jimmy Harris. Somebody was uncharitable enough to suggest that the handicapping and Jimmy's dominance of the trophy-winners' list might be something other than pure coincidence.

Jimmy merely pocketed the small mountain of golf balls he'd just won and assured the gathering that compared with his good self, George Washington was something of a fibber.

The day was a big success and a return joust is already on the drawing board.

This time, though, MDC president Kevin Lutttick will insist on intensive pre-match training for his boys. And a strict 8.30 curfew the night before.

Details of the inaugural tournament are on Page 11.

COUNCIL OPTS OUT

Eltham's popular Living and Learning Centre is to be hit by council cutbacks.

Live, learn centre hit by cutbacks

The activities centre, which operates at Eltham and Panton Hill, has an enrolment of about 1100.

But Eltham Shire Council has decided that it will no longer pay the running costs.

It has also decided to cut down on the centre's salaries bill.

The decision has brought a hostile response from North Riding councillor and former shire president Robert Marshall.

He described it as a "political payback".

"It is a political payback from the conservatives who now have the numbers on council," he said.

"The Living and Learning Centre is an extremely

worthwhile attribute to this community.

"The numbers of people using and enjoying it leave no doubts about its popularity.

"Yet council sees fit to withdraw its support.

"It is the only activity of council that is being cut back."

Cr. Marshall described the \$12,000-a-year involved as "peanuts in a council budget of \$6.1 million".

"But it is far from peanuts to the centre, which must now find that money itself," he said.

An enrolment meeting has been called to discuss the impact of council's deci-

sion on the future of the centre.



Cr. MARSHALL

EDITORIAL

End the Koornong doubts

What's it to be for the Koornong? Sydney or the bush?

What's to become of these 10 unique acres of unspoiled North Warrandyte river frontage? Does it go to the developers or to the people?

The Warrandyte Diary unashamedly admits bias. It wants the Koornong preserved.

The Diary has been a most interested spectator of the Koornong's 10-year battle for survival. It has applauded the efforts of those who have fought for it.

It applauded, too, when Premier Hamer announced 18 months ago that the State Government would buy the land "if there is no other way of preserving it".

Alas, the wheels of government turn at something less than breakneck speed.

Nobody really expected Mr. Hamer to fulfil his election promise with the speed with which it was made. But 18 months...

Despite recent publicity in this newspaper and others about the grave uncertainty of the Koornong's future, nothing has happened.

That the land still appears to be up for grabs is an indictment of the State Government's inertia in the matter.

It's time the Koornong was put out of its misery.

Supermarts: Yes and no

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council has refused an application by Davmark Nominees to build a supermarket on the timber yard site at West End.

The application was refused on the grounds that the supermarket would:

- Be prejudicial to the proper future planning of the area.
- Constitute an overdevelopment of the site.
- Be inappropriate having regard to traffic considerations and would be detrimental to the amenity of the area.

It is believed that the applicants will appeal against council's decision.

It is the second application for a supermarket at West End to be rejected.

The first application, on the site behind the existing West End shopping complex, was recently rejected and an appeal has been lodged with the Town and

Country Planning Appeals Tribunal.

The developers, PISAG Investments, have submitted a second application to council for a smaller development.

A decision on this application was deferred until the Warrandyte Advisory Council had made a detailed report to council, with recommendations.

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NEW SCHEMES TO BENEFIT YOUTH

Proposals to benefit youth in the Warrandyte district were put forward at a public meeting last month.

The meeting was convened by Warrandyte Community Youth Club in association with Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils.

It was called to encourage more community support to enable the youth club to develop its activities and enlarge its scope with additional helpers.

Only 26 people attended — but youth club officials described it as a success.

"It must be considered a success," a club spokeswoman told the Diary, "because of the number of new

and innovative approaches it produced to benefit local youth.

"The 26 people who did attend were an enthusiastic and very interested group.

"The approaches put forward will be positively supported in future by both councils and our new representative, Cr. Anne Martin," the spokeswoman said.

"Plans for future activities in conjunction with church groups and the Leos Club are being formulated."

Represented at last month's meeting were the councils, local police, the Lions Club, CYSS, VAYC and TRY.

FAST FOOD

They're a fit lot at the Warrandyte Uniting Church Youth Club.

They combine feasting with footrunning.

Their progressive dinner, on October 31, starts at Mansers in Bradleys Lane and finishes at the Melvilles in Hamilton Road.

Proceeds will go to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign.

The Senior Youth Club (Form 2 upwards) meets each Friday night at Bruce and Lorraine Gaggells, 44 Bradleys Lane (844 2342).

The Uniting Church women held a sewing demonstration last month when "Knit And Stretch", of Doncaster, showed their techniques.

For next month, they have organised a jewellery demonstration at which rings, brooches and the like will be cleaned and valued by a professional.

Arts Centre in top gear

Activities for Term III are in full swing at Donvale Community Arts Centre, at 281 Springvale Road.

The centre has been in operation since September last year, but has had a full-time co-ordinator, Helen McMahon, only since March.

A full program of activities for children in the May and September holidays has taken place, as well as the Term II program, an Open Day, and Sunday Focus — two informal concerts.

The centre offers a variety of activities for adults and children during the day, after school and the evenings.

Courses being offered in Term III include patchwork and applique, crochet, creative weaving, pattern draughting, upholstery, yoga, French cookery, yeast cookery, woodwork and picture framing.

More activities are being planned for 1980, particularly in the areas of cookery, textiles, woodcraft and music.

The co-ordinator would be pleased to hear from people who have ideas for activities next year, or

classes they would be interested in having take place.

As well, skilled tutors are being sought to take some of these classes, and anybody who is interested in this is asked to contact the co-ordinator on 842 5575.

WEAR IT'S HAPPENING

You don't have to travel far from home to see fashion these days.

The local Lions Club women are holding a fashion parade at the Warrandyte Primary School on Tuesday, October 28, at 7.30 p.m. ...Fashions on show will be from Mike's Creations of Boronia.

The \$4.00 admission includes supper. All welcome.

TOGETHERNESS . . .

Warrandyte's churches got together last month.

Members of the various congregations met for dinner at the Coffee Bean restaurant and another function will be held on October 26 — Friendship Sunday.

This time it will be a barbecue at St. Anne's Roman Catholic, Park Orchards.

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AT HOME IN A CHURCH

Warrandyte's old Catholic Church, in Brackenbury Street, is being brought to life again with plenty of hard work and tender loving care.

Its young owners Karen and Gerry Pearce are turning it into their home.

Mrs. Pearce told the Diary that she and her husband used to drive past the church a lot to visit friends but never dreamed of living in it until they saw it advertised for sale.

The external appearance has been preserved except for the careful addition of bigger windows.

Inside, Oregon beams complement the soaring ceiling.

Gerry, a carpenter by

trade, intends to add a mezzanine floor eventually.

The Pearces see the job as a long, painstaking labour of love.

The original front door has been stripped and makes an impressive entrance.

Outside a new picket fence gives the "cottage" a real air of antiquity.

The present building was erected after the early church was destroyed in the 1939 bushfires.



Mavis Tindale has made so many trips from Perth to Warrandyte that she almost qualifies here as being a "local".

She was back in town last month visiting son Lee, daughter-in-law Jan and family.

Olive Sinclair, pictured in the July Diary, wrote to say she's still smiling at the headline which appeared over her photo.

"Let's Rally Round The Relic," it said.

It referred, of course, to the old post office and not Miss S, of whom we've become more than just a little fond.

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Sister Jeanne, from the Little Sisters of Jesus in Collingwood, will speak at the Warrandyte Uniting Church service on Sunday, October 5.

The service starts at 10 a.m. Camberwell social worker Terry Fraser will address the church's youth service at 6.45 p.m. on October 26.

Friends and fans will be glad to know "The Dukes" are back in town.

Robin and Maralyn Duke and children flew back in to Melbourne last month and have been staying with the Graffs, of The Boulevard, until settled.

It was a toss-up between buying a country pub in England or returning to Warrandyte.

Nostalgia won.

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Warrandyte Golf Club associates captain Pam Taylor has been forced to quit — on doctor's orders.

The good news is that she will continue as a player. The captaincy goes to popular pennant player Myrtle Patterson, who has understudied Pam for the past 18 months.

SWEET MUSIC

One relationship that was bound to take off on the right note is that of Jenni Aldor and John Bell.

Jenni, who moved to Brisbane after gaining her Bachelor of Arts degree in music, recently became engaged to John, son of well known jazz musician Roger Bell.

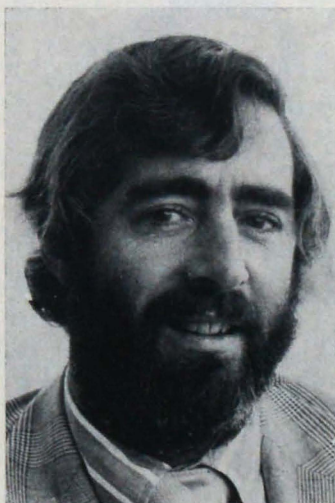
Jenni hopes to join the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra later this year.

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Alan Hughes, of Bradleys Lane, is a man of note in Telecom these days.

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THOSE MOVING From one stone

Having moved house more times than a hermit crab, I speak with some authority on the subject.

I can happily leave behind me walls which have witnessed the drama of our family life and, without a pang, turn my back on shrubs and trees lovingly nurtured.

The emotional toll comes from attempts to impose my classifications of junk (must be thrown out) or treasure (must be kept) on the possessions of the family.

I have several pet hates among the children's paraphernalia, and whenever another move is imminent I get a nice warm glow from looking at these excrescences and thinking to myself, "I'll be able to chuck those out soon."

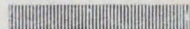
For instance, they both have vast collections of stones.

To any ordinary mortal, most of these stones would represent the very essence, the very epitome, of stoneness, but with eyes that look beyond the essence, the children see in them resemblance to other objects, such as animals, birds, cups, boots, etc. and treasure them accordingly.

It wouldn't be so bad if these stones were kept

in a box, but they are always being pressed into service as money in shop games, food for dolly's dinner parties, props and backrests for dolls, and just scattered around generally.

Then there was an ancient down-covered musical ducky which survived three extermination campaigns. Concealed somewhere in his entrails was a music box, and when you drew out his umbilical cord he used to sing a little song, until one day he was silenced by a hernia.



At last I got him undetected to the Op-Shop where he was placed in the window and immediately seen by my outraged daughter. But it was too late: by then the iron had entered my soul, as they used to say.

The other day my daughter expressed reluctance to accept an invitation to play with a friend on the grounds that "I don't like their house very much".

I replied, "But it's a much nicer house than this one."

"Yes, I know," she said, "but it's too bare, there's not enough stuff in it."

In other words, she had noticed a sad lack of headless dolls, walnut shells, plastic lids, cereal boxes, bits of cardboard tied with string to other bits of cardboard and, of course, stones.

I think it was one of the modern philosophers who made a proposition to the effect that chaos is the essential breeding ground of creativity, in which case our household should spawn enough Nobel Laureates to fill a removal van.

Talking of filling a removals van reminds me of another phenomenon. Have you ever noticed that when you come to pack there's always much more stuff in the cupboard than you ever actually put in it? Even pre-packed and stored boxes have the magical ability to reproduce themselves by a cloning process beyond the wildest dreams of the genetic engineers.

And then, there's the mystery of the self-stocking top shelf. You clear out the cupboards completely; you can see there's

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nothing left. Then your husband comes out laden with bits and pieces: "I found these on the top shelf."

Removal vans are of course driven by removal men. It wasn't until our most recent move that we met a cheerful removal man and even his good humour had a sardonic quality.

After listening patiently to my pleas for care in handling our heavy, old and, in some cases, rickety furniture, he said: "Yes, I can see you've got some interesting pieces; yes, some very interesting pieces." Then he had a good laugh.

Our first movers were two fairly old, thin little men with bad backs which was presumably why they had chosen removals as a career.

My husband had made an extremely large and solid couch which I proudly pointed out to them. After a struggle they managed to load it.

He had also made a large solid bed, and in a fit of engineering overkill had braced it in so many directions that it weighed a ton. Panting and groaning, they dragged it out to the van. One turned to me and said: "Tell 'im — don't make no more beds."

We struck our next removal man during his Clint Eastwood phase. Dressed in U.S. Army disposals gear, with a cheroot clenched in his teeth, he strode from room to room, his keen eyes raking the furniture for hidden gun emplacements.

He then issued curt or-

ders to his two lieutenants to load up.

Clint offered fervent assurances about his ability to deal with delicate old furniture and outlined past triumphs in that field.

What he didn't explain was that his technique owed more to karate class than the removalists academy.

After hurtling towards Warrandyte at high speed in order to outstrip the pursuing Panzer Division, he plummeted down the drive and leapt out.

He swaggered into the house with various bits of the dining table and announced: "That'll be easy enough to fix up."

So now we're packing up for yet another move, and the ritual begins again. Perhaps I'll start with the stones . . .

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Last year's event was the best yet — but the club is promising something even better on October 26.

A spokesman for Apex told the Diary that everything from parking facilities up would be improved.

The barbecue is to be held at the Pet Park, corner of Blackburn and Warrandyte Roads, East Doncaster.

Entertainment includes non-stop country music from Jean Bradley Fiske, Gunslinger, Eureka Smith and Welcome Stranger.

Children's entertainment includes free admission to the Pet Park.

Admission ticket of \$8 per head includes food and drink.

It's a dollar for children from 5-14.

Tickets are selling fast but are still available from the ticket secretary (844 3864).

Aquacubs!

Cubs of the 1st Warrandyte Group took part in the Doncaster district swimming sports last month with great success.

Berak pack took first place overall and Wurrunjari pack were fourth in a field of 100.

Events included such novelties as donning wet pyjamas before swimming a lap, and a leaders' raft race.

The scout committee recently cut a new access path and steps at the scout hall to eliminate the need for negotiating traffic at the adjacent squash centre.

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council assisted with the cost.

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RATES TO ROCKET

From Page 1

"Sale of the farm would bring the proposed general rates increase down from 18 to 11 per cent.

"I have urged the council to sell it.

"If the Central Riding wants to keep it, then let them pay for it.

"But why should North Riding residents be forced to pay outrageous rates over a remote property from which they derive no benefit at all?"

Cr. Marshall predicted that the new rates, if applied, would regenerate a campaign for a return to the former system under which each riding handled its own finances.

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Apex seeks out the disabled

Warrandyte Apex Club is looking for work
in the homes of permanently or temporarily
disabled people.

This work is in line with
the 1979-80 Zone 13 Service
Scheme "to aid mobility
for the disabled".

Peter Pritchard, of War-
randyte Apex, told the
Diary that the club wanted
to hear from disabled
people seeking assistance.

"We envisage such jobs
as wheelchair ramps, bath-
room handrails and the
provision of safe access or
facilities in public areas
for people with mobility
restrictions," he said.

"The Apex movement
realises that many areas
of public and private use
are denied a disabled per-
son by inaccessibility."

A disabled person may
have mobility difficulties
varying from a broken leg
to quadriplegia.

Warrandyte Apex would
like people to contact them
if they can help with sug-
gestions for this service
work.

They would like to effec-
tively survey the area for
accessibility to public and
private buildings.

Mr. Pritchard said: "This
scheme will benefit not
only permanently disabled
people, but also the elderly,
mothers with prams, those
with temporary mobility
problems and many others
with individual problems in
our community."

For further information,
contact Mr. Pritchard on
844 2144.

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metre!

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grateful recipients of an
exercise bicycle, courtesy
of the Million Dollar
Club.

The cycle — use of
which is controlled to pre-
vent the elderly "over-
doing it" — is part of a
club keep-fit program
which began this month.

Arranged by Doncaster-
Templestowe City Council
recreation officer Ron
Smith, the program also
includes swimming in a

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cleaned-up after the Snow-
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hopes for strong local sup-
port for the raffle, which
is to raise funds for hall
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Second prize is two pairs
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ber 12 and the raffle is
drawn on November 19.

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ROCKING ON . . .

Break out those blue
suede shoes and luminous
socks — rock and roll is
back in town.

The Leos Club is hold-
ing a rock and roll night
at the Whitehouse on
October 25, from 8 p.m.
to midnight.

The night is to raise
money for community
activities in conjunction
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BALL IN WAC'S COURT

Warrandyte Basketball Club have approached the Warrandyte Advisory Committee about availability of land for an indoor basketball centre.

The appeal was tabled at the WAC meeting on September 18, where it was pointed out that the basketball club had expanded from eight junior teams to 26 in 12 months.

They also field nine senior teams and have 60 non-playing members.

The new WAC representative for sport and recreation is Vic Casey, of 4 Fossickers Way (844 2435).

WAC also supported, by a submission to the Education Department, a joint application by the four local schools for an education officer.

Doncaster - Templestowe

City Council has directed its Engineers Department to review the WAC sub-committee road report, advocating less rigid roadmaking policy, and report to council on it.

WAC also supported the Warrandyte Festival Committee's representation to council for funds and a festival date that differed from the Wurrundjerri Festival.

Hanging about . . .

Local artists are being invited to hang their works in the exhibition area at Doncaster Civic Centre.

Exhibiting time is usually six weeks.

The exhibition centre, which literally covers the walls of the building and incorporates a glass display cabinet for craft, flanks the walkways between departments which ensures constant display for the artist.

Helen Gray, Director of Community Arts at Doncaster, told the Diary that the aim was to encourage the public to become more aware of local art groups and artists.

Warrandyte Arts Association has a big display in the centre at the moment.

No sales are made from the exhibition centre, but contact numbers for artists are displayed.

Interested local artists can contact Ms. Gray on 848 1611 (Ext. 230).

The three Warrandyte Ward councillors, John Scott, Peter Mulcahy and Anne Martin supported the motion. They were joined by Barry James, of Doncaster Ward.

Council has, however, authorised negotiations with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works on the possibility of rezoning the land.

A figure of \$250,000 has been mentioned as the possible value of the Getson site.

A campaign to have the land purchased for the community was launched earlier this year by the Warrandyte Environment League and put into the hands of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

Eltham Shire Council expressed interest in sharing the cost of developing the site — but only if Doncaster-Templestowe City Council bought the land.

However, Doncaster-

Council 'No' on Getson site

• From Page 1

Templestowe's town planning sub-committee recommended that council should not bid for the site and that negotiations should be a Board of Works matter.

"Council estimates do not allow a sufficient degree of latitude for popping in massive projects like this," a disappointed Cr. Martin told the Diary.

"It is a great pity because Warrandyte has been looking for a community centre for the past decade."

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READERS' LETTERS

We've got to be in it!

Residents interested in their community could be excused for feeling disillusionment at the apparent futility of their participation in community consideration of local issues.

Though there is an encouraging trend amongst entrepreneurs and government bodies to offer proposals for serious review by the affected public, the process seems (in retrospect) to be merely a public relations exercise.

The squash complex and Koornong Estate developments — current frustrations of WEL — both involve understandings detrimented by poor supervision-follow up action.

Without consistent implementation (pos-

sibly involving progress reviews), without sincere intention and clear presentation of proposals, the participating public is virtually wasting its time.

The residents have to live with any adverse consequences and harbour unnecessary migivings about the people they deal with as a community as a result.

We must continue to participate, with developing expertise, or risk losing the privilege and chance of the odd win.

Our interest cultivates our reputation as a serious and concerned community with all the associated intangible benefits of that image.

D. A. Seymour,
North Warrandyte.

In defence of the dog-catcher

Today I saw a dear little dog knocked down and killed by a car.

It wasn't the driver's fault, he couldn't do a thing. It wasn't the dog's fault — he didn't know about cars. He trotted right in front of the car.

It was his owner's responsibility to see that he couldn't get out and wander on to the road unattended.

It made me think, if he had been picked up by the dog-catcher he might be alive now.

When you condemn the dog-catcher, just stop to hope that when your dog gets out on to the road he is picked up before he suffers the same fate as that little dog.
Sad Bystander.

Post Office action

Dear Friends of the Old Warrandyte Post Office: We are having a meeting at the old Post Office to enable everyone to present their thoughts on what can be done to save it.

This will be on Saturday, October 18, at 3 p.m.

This will really show whether or not it can survive.

Jo Laurence,
844 3694.

A JOB HALF DONE

While it is very nice to see that the stonework on the south side of Yarra Street, west of the War Memorial, has been restored, what a pity it is that "they" did not restore the stonework on the side of the street east of the War Memorial near "Folkart".

Anon. Observer.

... AND ONE WELL DONE

I would like to congratulate the Lions Club for the excellent job they have done in their restoration of the old bridge tennis court and the provision of such a harmonious car park and public facilities.

So often the words "car park" conjure up the vision of a barren concrete jungle with painted lines and, possibly, parking meters.

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Guides — no promise needed

In your interesting appeal to the community to help the Warrandyte Youth Club, there was an error which I feel needs correction.

It was stated that before a child joins brownies or guides, a promise is required from the parents to say that they will assist.

There is no such promise. Girls are accepted into brownies, guides or rangers according to their age and number on the waiting list.

We, too, like to have parents to help, but we do not refuse any girl entry

because of financial hardship or lack of parental help.

We wish the Youth Club much success in their effort to gain community support.

Warrandyte needs a great variety of activities for all ages to keep it an interesting community.

Lila Lord,
District Commissioner.

EDITORS' NOTE: Cliff Green, a founding Youth Club commiteeman, was quoted in the September Diary as saying that other local youth groups — such as scouts and guides — required a promise of parental support before a child could be enrolled.

NEW SPONSORS JOIN THE CLUB

Warrandyte Basketball Club have "recruited" three new sponsors.

Warranglen Nurseries, Alfred's Homestead Restaurant and Comcalco have become sponsors and their singlets will soon be seen on the courts.

"Obviously we are delighted to have their support," a club official told the Diary.

"It can only strengthen the game in this town.

"The club are also indebted to the local traders who again have contributed so generously for trophies," he said.

Junior trophies were presented at a special function last month. Best and fairest awards went to:

BOYS

Under-17A: Chris Maguire 1, Jeff Woolcock 2; Under-17D: Ross Tanner, Paul Bainbridge; Under-15D (1): Tim James, Jon Ley; Under-15D (2): Scott Young, Robert Mascitti; Under-13C: Darren Peters and David Termorshuizen equal 1, Lindsay Barr 2; Under-13D: John Timmins, Darren Rowlings; Under-11D: Paul Hay 1, John Slabon and Warren Spargo; Under 9C: Damian Thwaites, Cameron McFarlane.

GIRLS

Under-17B: Michelle Van Kuyk, Anne-Marie Reid; Under-15D (A): Genevieve Hassall, Rosi Joy; Under-15DB (1): Lisa Price, Suzi Kung; Under-15DB (2): Meeagan Delahenty, Bernadette Bridgeman; Under-13DM (1): Gayle Dalli, Alison McLean; Under-

13DM (2): Heather Cook, Fiona Curry; Under-13DA: Veronica Brighton 1, Lesley Harding and Tamara Jones; Under-11D: Michelle Woolcock, Jane Anderson; Under-9B: Kathryn Hay, Michelle Manson.

Medallions were presented to members of the two girls' premiership teams, the Under-11D and Under-15DB.

Club growth is continuing, with two new teams entered in the Eltham Men's Basketball Association's Wednesday night competition.

Eltham are considering an open women's competition on Thursday nights at the Eccacentre.

Prospective players should contact Bev Day on 712 0324.

Win some, lose some

Warrandyte Tennis Club have started the EMRLTA summer season with mixed fortunes.

In the Saturday afternoon senior competition, the mixed Section 14 team, captained by Leonie Thomas, and Greg Lawrence's mens Section 4 team are undefeated.

However, Sections 2, 3 and 6 had yet to open their winning accounts when this edition went to press.

The midweek women's teams started the season well, with C5, captained by Bev Hollinger, successful in the first two rounds.

The juniors won five and lost six, with two byes, in their first two rounds.

Nice going, Nettie

Nettie Hartley overcame the wind and rain to win Warrandyte Golf Club's associates September Medal.

Playing off 26, Nettie carded a nett 63.

She made it a double by winning the putting trophy on a countback from Joyce Rye. They each took 28 putts.

Joyce made amends by winning the day trophy with 82-14-68.

The August Medal, delayed by the Sunday group standing down for the men's club championships, went to Jeanette Wright.

The day trophy was won by Lucy Rasing (95-22-73).

The battle of Healesville

Details of last month's golf tournament between Warrandyte Social Club and the Million Dollar Club:

WSC d. MCD 7-0.

Four-ball, best-ball aggregate: Three-way tie (44 points) between Don Turner-Laurie Warr, Jim Girvan-Stewart Robinson, Bruce Lyons-Jim Harris.

Nett aggregate: Glen Pearson-Rob McKinder (40) on countback from B. Lyons-J. Harris.

Best front nine: L. Warr (22).

Best back nine: J. Harris (19) on countback from R. McKinder.

Nearest pin: J. Harris (4th and 10th); S. Robinson (13th); D. Turner (17th).

SPRINKLE OF SUCCESS

Automatic sprinklers have been installed at the Warrandyte tennis courts.

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FOOTY AWARDS: TICH IS TOPS!

John (Tich) McCartin has won Warrandyte Football Club's best and fairest award for 1980.

McCartin, a courageous rover, won from his captain-coach Colin Bawden, a previous winner.

John Majoors was third. Trophies were presented at the season's wind-up at Alfred's Homestead last month.

McCartin's win was particularly meritorious because he missed the last few games of the season with injury.

Phil Taylor won the most consistent award and Bob Haward the Daryl Valentine Memorial Trophy for most determined.

Back-pocket player Trevor Williams was judged best and fairest for the premier Reserves team.

Williams improved out of sight this season and seems certain to force his way into the senior team next year.

He scored from Pat Curtis and Geoff Ladiges.

Alan Lorenzi was judged the most consistent in the reserves and Lance Williams

McCartin is Bloods' best

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Laurie Sloan had special words of thanks to local traders for their generous support throughout the season and for their trophy donations.

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took the Geoff Darby Memorial Trophy for most determined.

Nick Day won the award for best player in the finals series.

Max Summers was the most improved player of the reserves' season and Mick Hassell was best first-year player.

The best clubman award went to Anthony Giles-Peters and committeeman Ian Harris won the special appreciation award.

Retiring club president

Premiership pennants come home

Warrandyte Cricket Club's 1979-80 premiership pennants will be unfurled at a special function this month.

The ceremony will be performed by a Ringwood District Cricket Association official at a barbecue at the Recreation Reserve on Sunday, October 19.

The day starts at noon and club officials urge as many local residents as possible to be in it.

Warrandyte won five pennants — including the A-grade — last season in a record-breaking 125th anniversary year.

The promotions earned by those premierships will make the new season particularly challenging, but confidence within the club is running high.

The first XI is in the Chandler Shield — top competition in the RDCA — this season.

"We are well aware of the toughness of the competition, but we're sure we will measure up," a club official told the Diary.

"Training has been particularly good and everyone is itching to get on with the job."

Warrandyte are fielding a record 12 teams this season and, with the exception of the Under-16s, have good numbers in all grades.

Any boy eligible for the Under-16s and keen to play cricket is urged to attend training at the reserve.



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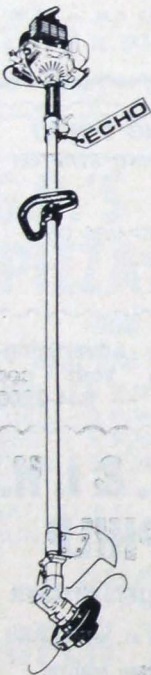
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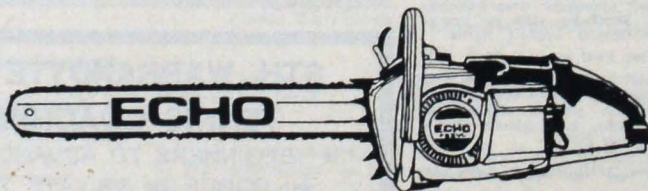
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