

# IT'S ALL 'GO' FOR GETSONS!

**A public meeting will be held early in the new year to discuss community development of the Getson Motors site in Yarra Street.**

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council bought the prized property last month for \$200,000.

It was substantially below the price the City Valuer had put on the site, which had twice been passed in at auction.

Council had earlier rejected a proposal to negotiate a purchase at the City Valuer's figure.

Moves to acquire the property for community use were instigated by the Warrandyte Environment League and adopted by the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

A special WAC sub-committee which had been formed to promote the project, will be recalled to arrange the public meeting.

Eltham Shire Council has already agreed to meet half the cost of an approved development of the site. The offer was conditional on Doncaster-Templestowe City Council buying the site.

Final say on the nature of the development will, logically, rest with the two councils.

It is thought that ultimately the existing building will be removed.

Doncaster council has already examined a plan submitted by Warrandyte Historical Society plan which includes a museum, annex buildings, outdoor exhibition space, landscaping and car-parking.

It has also been suggested that the complex include a community office to be shared by all interested groups.

## DEATH OF TIGER FLOWERS

Albert "Tiger" Flowers, one of Warrandyte's real characters, died last month.

Mr. Flowers, of Tunnel Road, had lived in Warrandyte for many years.

A true outdoorsman, he was a keen fisherman and, as one old friend recalls, "could set a rabbit trap faster than anyone else in these parts".

Mr. Flowers will be sadly missed by his very many friends in this town.

## KOORNONG VICTORY — STORY, PICTURE P.3

Because of the holiday season, the Warrandyte Diary will not be published next month.

Publication will resume in February.

The Diary takes this opportunity to convey to readers and advertisers sincere best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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## NAUGHTY XMAS EDITION



## The bloomer birds

The Christmas spirit arrived a little earlier than usual this year at the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club.

The elderlies turned on a concert last month to celebrate their club's anniversary — and Maisie Temple and Madge Gauntlet really wowed 'em.

Maisie (left), of Harris Gully Road, and Madge, of Jumping Creek Road, were the stars of the show with their rendition of Maisie's composition "It's Unique To Be Antique".

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# A lot of miles — but how many chains?

The weariest kid in Warrandyte, come December 23, will be Steven Reed.

He'll have just arrived home at Judith Avenue from Sydney . . . by pushbike.

Steve (14) took on the marathon ride — it's 1120 km — for the Reach Out For Kids Foundation.

He's one of 12 kids who'll pedal the tortuous track.

Eight seniors and a support crew will escort them.

They set out from the Opera House city on December 9 and have three rest days en route.

Steve's nonchalantly but unassumingly confident. After all, a 100 km ride has become part of his Sunday routine.

Old Smokey used to ride a bicycle at Steve's age.

But down the street for the milk, bread and Sunday paper was about all he could handle.

## IN RED & WHITE



beast and he was, in fact, locked up at North Melbourne.

Yes, it is considerably easier to say "no" than "yes" when you're in a position of trust. I mean, it's one letter shorter.

Labrador, when rescued, agreed that an efficiency expert would have had a field day.

Good Bloke Of 1980 goes to Eddy Morris, who works at Warrandyte Primary School.

He was nominated by a golden labrador named Homer (which rhymes with misnomer) and seconded by a grateful little girl.

It was carried on the voices and a couple of barks.

And because we like to leave the best till last, The Year's Lovely Lady Laurels go to Jo Laurence.

Unanimously. For her extraordinary devotion to the preservation of the old post office.

Second prize goes to the "Directory Assistance" girl who said Telecom didn't have a listing for the North Melbourne dogs home.

Smokey strongly suggests that if you're in similar trouble you give 013 a miss and try 11611. That's Dial-a-Prayer.

### GAME, SET AND MISMATCH DEPARTMENT:

We said on Page 11 of the last issue that the women were showing the men a thing or two at Warrandyte Tennis Club.

It has since been pointed out that this was not only risqué (by the censor) but also mirthfully inaccurate (by the club).

One of the unbeaten teams we mentioned turns out to be a mixed lot captained by a lady.

Sorry about that.

If you counted all the words written about the Koornong, you'd be roughly halfway through the second reading of "War And Peace". Bit long-winded, old Tolstoy.

But if you doubt the Koornong wasn't worth fighting for, think again.

Better still, wander down one day and look it over. "Unique" is a word much overused in descriptives of Warrandyte — and the Diary pleads guilty here.

But the Koornong is just that. Quite unique. Take it from old Smokey. It's a great piece of this country.

God bless those who didn't give in.

—Smokey Joe

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# IT'S OURS! KOORNONG SEES IT THROUGH

Conservationists have applauded the State Government's decision to compulsorily acquire North Warrandyte's Koornong bushland.

The decision successfully ends a 10-year battle to save the Koornong from subdivision.

It also honours an election promise by Premier Hamer 19 months ago to buy the land "if there is no other way of preserving it".

The government passed legislation last month to compulsorily acquire all the 10 hectares involved.

"We are overjoyed," Warrandyte Environment League co-president Rosemary Tovey told the Diary. "It makes worthwhile all those years of struggle by so many people."

Local Members Jim Plowman and Norm Lacy said the 10 hectares would be added to the Warrandyte State Park.

Mr. Plowman said the Minister for Conservation, Vasey Houghton, resorted to compulsory acquisition of land only in extreme cases.

It had been necessary in this case to enable the Valuer-General to establish a fair purchase price for the land.

Mr. Plowman said: "The matter became urgent because the owners, Choppington Pty. Ltd., had applied to the Shire of Eltham for a 19-lot subdivision with a sewage treatment plant."

A spokesman for Mr. Houghton told the Diary that if the government had purchased only the 10 acres to the ridgeline, a small tract of land would have been left for development that would have required servicing.

The owners could have claimed compensation, which would have added to the cost of purchase.

It was therefore practicable to buy all the land as a whole.

"Although there had been earlier negotiations for the government to purchase part of the land, total acquisition has proved to be more practicable," the spokesman said.

Mr. Plowman and Mr. Lacy praised the efforts of the Warrandyte Environment League and Eltham Shire Council in the salvation of the Koornong.

North Riding councillor Robert Allen, an active campaigner for the land's preservation, described the government's decision as "great news".

"It vindicates the efforts put in by local residents over a long period."

Conservationist Anne Martin, a Doncaster-Templestowe councillor, said: "It just shows what can be achieved by not taking no for an answer."

## \$8000 for brigades

Eltham Shire Council has approved a grant of \$4000 towards North Warrandyte Fire Brigade's new fire truck.

A similar grant, for a similar purpose, has been approved for Research Fire Brigade.

## Committee seeks a base

The "This Is Warrandyte" Festival Committee is applying to use the Getson Motors buildings as headquarters for the 1981 event.

Plant for the festival are under way, with expectations of it being bigger and better than ever.

An added point of interest to the theme will be the 130th anniversary of gold discovery in Warrandyte.

The committee would like all festival questionnaires to be returned by participating bodies by December 8.

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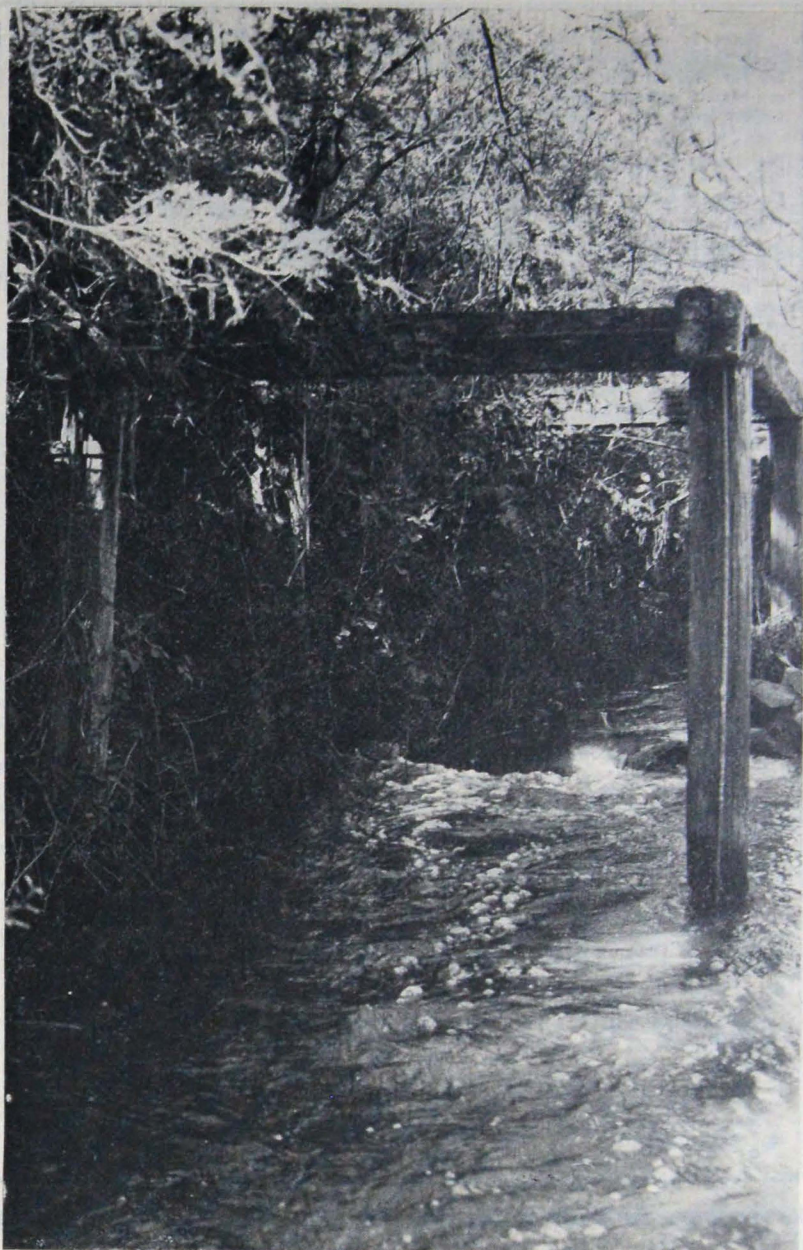
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There is more to life than chalk and typewriters for Warrandyte Primary School secretary Beth Gallagher.

She recently celebrated the publication of her book of 67 selected poems, *Cameos Of Life*.

Beth told the *Diary* that her book is more than just a collection of poems.

"It is a parade of people, places, events, experiences and emotions spanning 30 years of writing," she said.

John Barnes, reader in English literature at La Trobe University, describes the book as having "pleasing and direct style".

He also commented that the book was very much a community effort, with many local personalities playing their part.

Wal Cornhill printed the book, publisher friend Les Gough assisted with technical advice and Josephine Barnes assisted in the reading and selection of material.

More than 70 people were at Potters Cottage for the launching.

"*Cameos of Life*" is available from Potters Gallery and Readings, in Carlton. Price is \$3.50.

Gwenda and Spence Herd thank their friends and neighbours of Warrandyte for their kind help, support, visits and cards during Spence's recent hospitalisation.

On October 18, Spence was struck in the back of the heel by an earthmoving machine, crushing the heel and causing internal injuries to the foot.

His foot became

## BETH THE BARD



severely infected and Spence, battling raging temperatures, lost two stone in two weeks.

Finally doctors amputated the foot to save his life.

He will have an artificial foot fitted at Easter.

*Una McDougall is leaving her home above the Claypot in Yarra Street soon.*

*She is having a sale of her many oil paintings, china paintings and arts and crafts.*

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Four new young faces in town are Greg, Melanie, John and Petra, at the Warrandyte Take Away food shop in Yarra Street.

Open seven days a week from 11.30 a.m. to 10 p.m., they hope all the locals will try their take-away chickens at least.

"They are really something," John promised.

In January, the shop

will cater for the fish-and-chip trade.

It is willing to provide food for functions.

The phone number is 844 2784.

Ros McLean, of the Way Ahead hairdressing salon at West End, is extending her business to include a home and hospital service.

If you are incapacitated or simply without wheels, Ros will arrange an appointment if you ring her on 844 2226.

Brian and Brenda Harriss, of Leber Street, are intent on providing Warrandyte with a balanced diet.

The Harrisses have opened a new health and gourmet food shop at West End (late Cottonwood Weaves).

Trading under the name of Warrandyte Health Foods, the business will cater for bulk buyers (as well as bulky!) and will operate during normal trading hours.

Brian and Brenda first moved to Warrandyte in 1969 and lived out of the district for a couple of years in the meantime.

Heather Kuyper, teacher of Raja Yoga Meditation, is holding free classes at Wattle Glen.

For details, phone 438 1737.

## EVACUATION FIRE PLAN DEVELOPED

Proposals to secure the safe and speedy evacuation of the frail, incapacitated and immobile young families from Warrandyte in a bushfire emergency has been presented to Doncaster-Templestowe City Council.

A list of at least 80 people in need of such aid was drawn up last summer, but there has been no formal evacuation plan implemented.

At present, the only persons with authority to declare a state of emergency are the local fire brigade chiefs.

In the event of a state of emergency being the State Emergency Service and the police then move in and the Doncaster Council Fire Emergency Plan would be implemented.

Local resident Alan Griffiths told the *Diary* it was imperative that an evacuation plan for the many people in the area in need of assistance be incorporated in council plans for any bushfire or natural disaster.

He said experience in past fires in the area had shown it was usually too late to undertake an orderly evacuation plan when a fire had reached state of emergency proportions.

"In view of the dramatic increase in population since the last serious fires when many homes were destroyed and people died, the urgency of such a scheme is acute," he said.

His proposals have been

presented to the Town Clerk, the City Engineer and the Mayor, Cr. Peter Mulcahy, who have agreed such a scheme is necessary.

At the present no state authority has the power to forcibly remove citizens, but the citizens who registered last summer have all requested early aid.

It is envisaged that a co-operative effort between citizens and the authorities be written in the Fire Emergency Plan.

It has been suggested that the Council Chief Maintenance Officer be authorised to use the 36 radio-controlled vehicles under his charge to implement an evacuation plan of the needy.

The plan should be placed with the Council Coordinator of Traffic, police, the CFA, the Elderly Citizens Club and the State Emergency Service.

Mr. Griffiths suggested that an 11-seater Transit-type vehicle, manned by the CFA, be left at North Warrandyte during the fire danger period.

He also suggested that Doncaster City buses should be left in Warrandyte, with a driver, on declared fire danger days.

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# Committee formed to save post office

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A committee was formed to organise the rehabilitation of the Yarra Street relic.

Committee members are P. Mann, J. Bellinham, J. Laurence, Sir George Reid, R. Trenberth, D. Seymour, P. Basset-Smith, R. Tovey, J. Pierce and J. Lewis.

The committee has adopted the name "Former Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group" and has initiated a restoration feasibility study.

Builders' quotes on the

cost of replacement materials are being obtained.

A promise of paint for the renovated interior and exterior has come from Mr. Ken Simpson, manager of a Bristol Paints franchise store in Bridge Street, Eltham.

Recent working bees have removed a lot of debris from the post office site.

A third is scheduled for December 13, starting at 2 p.m.

Interested helpers should be equipped with protective gloves and footwear.

Tools are required — brooms, rakes, shovels, nail extractors, hedge-clippers, hammers. Another lawnmower and trailer would also be welcome.

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## A (little) respite for those dogs

Roaming dogs can rest just a little easier north of the river.

But it would still pay them — and their owners — to mend their ways.

Eltham Shire Council's full-scale blitz on stray dogs, particularly in the North Riding, is over.

The campaign to alleviate the menace is not.

From now on, the ranger will make lightning, unannounced raids throughout the shire and any dog found "out of bounds" will be taken in.

Council launched its blitz on dogs following an upsurge of stock losses and damage to the environment.

It was highlighted by increased and after-hours ranger patrols and spot swoops on various localities.

"It was an effective operation," North Riding councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"We hope those owners whose dogs were rounded up are wiser for it.

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# Watch those burn-offs!

If you are going to burn off before the restrictions come in, tell the fire brigade.

North Warrandyte Fire Brigade is again controlling burn-offs in its area.

It emphasises that if all Warrandyte residents have not already thinned out small trees and removed undergrowth from around the house, they should now be doing so.

With NSW and South Australia already hit hard by bushfires this summer, it looms as an extremely dangerous year.

A brigade spokesman told the Diary that the complacency was one of their worst enemies.

"There is no way to underestimate a fire hazard if you live in Warrandyte," he said.

"The education programs and campaigns of the past several years have been partly effective, but it's essential that residents — especially newcomers — realise that Warrandyte is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world."

Enquiries: 437 1844 or 844 3528.

## Youth club seeks goers

Warrandyte Community Youth Club wants to start the new year with a flurry of activity.

The club would like to hear from adults, youths or children interested in learning fencing, karate, ball or square dancing, or in forming a table tennis club.

All these activities are possibilities for next year, as well as a gymnasium for boys.

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# Dead trees : Just a matter of balance

Conservation must go hand in hand with commonsense. It seems that the continuing discussion on whether "to tree or not to tree" is caused by a concern about the proper course of action which would be necessary to achieve a balance.

Lyn Mitchell is afraid the balance is swinging too far towards bushfire hazard, and Howard Geldard can see the ecological balance of the Warrandyte bush at stake.

Both admirable concerns. Yes, it is true that Warrandyte is an area of high fire danger, but many factors make a bushfire.

Just the sheer inflammability of the oils in gum leaves and other Australian plants makes our bush highly susceptible to fire.

Then there is the human aspect.

What about the piles of household junk, oil tanks, broken glass, caches of petrol, kerosene etc. in home garages, stacked firewood, gas-lines and dumped rubbish, ad infinitum?

And yet perhaps it is too much to hope that each resident of Warrandyte, and

the out-of-towners, will be totally conscientious about these fire hazards.

Lyn Mitchell says: "If the dead stump had been thoroughly extinguished — or better still, if that idiot hadn't lit the fire in the first place — the whole thing would never have happened." So, isn't our problem one of human error, not an error of nature?

Perhaps what we really need is an exercise in clear thinking.

## Human

I think we'd all agree that it would be somewhat impractical to eradicate the human species from Warrandyte at this late state, but as members of good old Homo Sapiens we must learn to caretake the bush in a sensitive way, using our (hopefully) greater intelligence to decide just when a dead tree really must go and when it could stay.

Warrandyte is more than Collingwood with trees and hills.

It is the last area of bushland close to Melbourne.

Although it is not virgin bush, it is the home of many species of native animals and birds, trees, shrubs and a large number of varieties of wildflowers. It is a living, breathing community of bushland.

And on the human scene also a vital community of interested and interesting people, drawn here by the beautiful river and bush within easy proximity of their homes, yet close to Melbourne.

But everything worthwhile carries its obligations, we can't just treat it any old how, and hope for the best.

On a large block, if at all possible, dead timber should be left. The more dead trees about, the more animal and insect life will be supported, and the timber will rot down quicker due to the larger number of creatures resident and active in the area.

Dirt, moisture and leaf litter that collects around stones, fallen timber, depressions in the ground, or any other barrier in the bush, form an ideal home for small plants, which are probably less flammable than the gum leaves above (many Australian fires burn across the treetops anyway) and will also help prevent soil erosion.

These things are simply part of the way our bush is. We can't remove them all without affecting the way it works, that is, its balance.

## Greenies

In reply to Jack Kendall, the greenies are the last people who would appreciate onionweed, as I'm sure he really does know deep down.

On the subject of dead trees dangerously near the house, of course they should be removed. Perhaps the wood could be given to somebody with an open fire to help save on the consumption of gas and electricity.

I grew up in East Doncaster and have watched 25 years of devastation in that area have a good hard look at it next time you drive through).

Although it wasn't a native environment, it did have a lot of charm; but there was very little involvement of "those terrible greenies" in the planning and development of the area — hence the current results. I think I need hardly say more!

Twenty-five years from now I hope still to be able to walk, with joy, through the Warrandyte bush. How about you?

Yours greeny-brownily, I hope constructively and also rather lengthily.

Janet Foote.

• This letter closes correspondence on the dead trees issue.—Eds.

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At the service the children will enact a presentation of the Christmas Story.

The break-up is on December 14 at 5.30 p.m.

A farewell luncheon will be held on December 21 for Barbara and Stuart Calder. The Rev. Calder is to take up a full time position in Perth.

Carols by candlelight will be held in the church on Christmas Eve at 7.30 p.m.

The Christmas Day service is at 9 a.m.

This will be the Rev. Calder's last Service. The new minister is Rev. Doug

Miller, from Newborough, who will take up his appointment in January.

Sunday School and youth groups will be in recess throughout January, but church services will be at 10 a.m. as usual.

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## A Xmas carol

A service of "Carols and Lessons" will be a highlight of Christmas celebrations of the Church of England Parish of Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

The service will be held at the Anglican Church of Emmanuel, Hopetoun Road, Park Orchards at 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 21.

All members of the various churches in the area, and the community at large, are warmly invited to attend.

The service presents the traditional Christmas story in a way relevant to our modern world and its needs.

A further highlight will be the midnight Mass on Christmas eve at 11.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Warrandyte.

Other Christmas Day services are at 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. at St. Stephen's and 10.45 a.m. at the Church of Emmanuel.

## Where there's a wool...

Warrandyte will be well represented at the first Australian Fibre Conference, in Melbourne from January 11-23.

Sandy Burgoyne and Alison Magilton will be running workshops and Joan Golding is involved as a steering committee member.

The theme for the conference is "wool and beyond", with the program including five areas of study: design, fibres, dyes, techniques and marketing.

Lectures and workshops are to be held at the Victorian College of Pharmacy and the National Science Centre at Parkville.

Sandy Burgoyne's three-day workshop will look at the technicalities of photography for the artist-craftperson.

Alison Magilton's five-day workshop on tapestry and textiles will be an exploration of the creative technical possibilities of tapestry, weaving and related techniques.

## Ron's off to the pub

A family-day Christmas barbecue and farewell to retiring principal Ron Barkas is to be held at Warrandyte Primary School from noon on December 14.

Mr. Barkas is retiring from the education field to become mine host of an Echuca hotel.

It is virtually an open day at the school with past pupils and associates most welcome.

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# Right in the swim — and loving it'

Swimming has been a splash hit at the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club.

The elderly have relished the introduction of swimming to their fitness sessions.

So much so that they have increased the frequency of their visits to the heated Doncaster Baths from once to three times a week.

Two of the members couldn't swim a stroke when they started the activity. Now they are doing it well.

Others are finding swimming therapeutic for aching joints and stiffness.

The club wants to publicly thank the many local traders and community groups for support throughout the year and Doncaster-Templestowe City Council for providing many services.

But it is very much a

matter of give and take at the club.

The craft group has saved its takings from stalls throughout the year and presented the Victorian Autistic Childrens Association with a cheque for \$1000.

Another group of elderly who are deft with their hands have saved the takings from their craft stalls throughout the year and presented the Autistic Children with a cheque for \$1000.

The elderly citizens remind the public that their activities are not confined to club members only.

Any elderly members of the community can participate.

For further information contact Maisie Temple on 844 3852.

## Workshops on again

Holiday workshops are on again this summer at North Warrandyte Community Centre.

They provide pre-school activities for three to five-year-olds and craft for older children.

A special attraction this time will be a visit from local police, who will talk to the children on various aspects of their work.

Workshop dates are Janu-

ary 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29, from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Cost is 20 cents per child in the pre-school group and 40 cents for the older children. This includes a piece of fruit and a drink.

Anyone willing to help with supervision or crafts should contact Lyn Parrell (712 0481) or Robina Summers (844 1049).

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## READERS' LETTERS

# 'Old dogs, hard roads'

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I find I'm faced with restrictions all ways.

How can you teach an old dog like me new tricks?

Not allowed to put a foot past the letterbox.

How I did love a good roll in the middle of the road, do my droppings on my neighbours grass—lawn all the same to me. Can't chase a bit of skirt — not that I was a great one for the ladies, always spelt trouble.

I'm one of the goodies.

Like my tea and bed of an evening.

It's the baddies got us fellows into this mess; no respect for human rights such as rubbish bins, out all night, burning the candle at both ends.

No wonder they talk of sterilisation, rising registration.

The future sure looks grim. The pleasure is going out of being "a man's best friend".

Sandy O'Leary,  
Hodgson Road.

## Sold out

The president and committee of the Warrandyte Sub-Branch RSL again wish to thank the members of the community who so generously supported our Remembrance Day Appeal.

Again, we had a complete sell-out of poppies allocated to us.

We particularly wish to thank the girl guides and their leaders, without whose willing assistance such a result would not have been possible.

Lyn Mitchell,  
Hon. Sec.

## IT'S ONE FOR US

The Warrandyte Environment League would like to extend its sincere thanks to the Diary for the part it played in securing the 10 hectares of Koornong bushland.

It is excellent to see a newspaper not only reflect so accurately community feelings and aspirations, but also to take up these concerns when it feels it is appropriate.

The role of the local community in the decision-making process is as notable as the purchase itself.

We pass on our gratitude and congratulations to all those who were involved over the long history of attempts to preserve this unique land.

The State Government must also be congratulated for acknowledging the wisdom of preserving untouched riverbank bushland than waiting to retrieve damaged areas.

We sincerely hope they continue the job and preserve equally precious land here and elsewhere.

Once again, thank you to the Diary, the community and the politicians for your support and help.

Rosemary Tovey,  
Jan McDonald,  
Presidents, WEL.

## A bit for the old PO

Would any Diary readers have old photos of the rear and/or eastern side view of the old Warrandyte Post Office?

If so, and if we would be able to copy them to help with the restoration project, contact would be appreciated on 844 3694.

Jo Laurence.

## Wheels keep turning

Once again, the president and committee of Meals On Wheels would like to thank all people who contributed to our Election Day Appeal, when \$276.94 was raised from North and South Warrandyte.

Many thanks to the volunteers who collected this large amount, especially girls and leaders from the guide companies.

Norma Webb.

## DAMN THOSE DOGS

In Warrandyte, dogs roam at large day and night, fouling footpaths and gardens. On garbage nights they make a disgusting mess of garbage cans and bags.

Everyone knows when their garbo calls, so why can't dog owners keep their dogs in at least on the nights we have to put out our garbage.

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## A cunning champ

Fergus Fitzwater, of Banning Road, is a master of cunning running.

For his success in orienteering events over the past year, Fergus was nominated for the Shire of Eltham Junior Sportsman of the Year award.

He was one of five finalists.

Fergus won the Pacific Individual Championships last Easter, the Australian three day championships, the NSW and ACT championships and came second in the Victorian championships.

Fergus's mother, Janet Fitzwater, is heavily involved with the sport, too.

Janet and team-mate Sandy Burgoyne, of Research Road, are competing in the Australian six-day competitions for Nillumbik Club.

It will be held at Ballarat from January 4-9.

Janet and Sandy are also running in the Victorian relay championships on December 7.

## CRICKET DETAILS

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### I-GRADE

Warrandyte 113 (Bashford 34, Broome 31 n.o.) lost to Lilydale 141 (Waites 3/28).

Warrandyte 265 (N. Day 62, H. Harris 56, I. Vojlay 45, E. Benetti 22) d. Bayswater Park 164 and 89 (Bashford 4/43, Harris 3/36, Waites 2/2).

Warrandyte 2/28 v. Croydon Hockeyers 173 (T. Sturesteps 4/17, ... Bashford ... 3/44, Waites 2/33).

### UNDER-16

Warrandyte 5/92 (B. Scicluna 29 n.o.) v. Croydon United. Washed out.

Warrandyte 106 (G. Walshe 45) lost to Croydon 181 (Watts 4/42).

Warrandyte 134 (McDonald 38, Manser 24, Townsend 24) v. Ringwood 0/10.

### UNDER-14A

Warrandyte 4/83 (N. Watkins 27, L. Barr 16, D. Peters 18 n.o.) v. Mooroolbark. Washed out.

Warrandyte 55 and 3/53 lost to Croydon 8/176 (T. Sturesteps 4/30).

Warrandyte v. Olinda 115 (T. Sturesteps 3/8, P. Sharpe 4/33).

### UNDER-14B

Warrandyte 9/140 (M. Day 23, B. McHugh 23, B. Baker 22 n.o., Creber 20) lost to Mooroolbark 156 (C. Dorning 5/47).

Warrandyte 7/196 (Creber 64, McHugh 36, M. Day 29) v. Heatmont.

### UNDER-12A

Warrandyte v. South Wantirna 6/60 (Snaidero 4/14). Washed out.

Warrandyte 4/180 (R. Kliene 32 ret.) d. Wantirna 57 (Snaidero 4/14, R. Kliene 3/13).

Warrandyte 7/161 (R. Kliene 49, Whitechurch 44 n.o.).

### UNDER-12B

Warrandyte 8/116 (Revell 30, Butera 17) lost to Mooroolbark 6/150.

Warrandyte 0/9 v. East Ringwood 83 (Hurley 4/14, Reid 3/9).

### WOMEN

Warrandyte 4/173 (J. Chapman 46, M. Share 37, J. McLaws 36) d. Monash 38 and 107 (McLaws 5/20).

Warrandyte 138 (J. Chapman 91) v. Wantirna South 0/52.

## COURT SHORT!

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council has rejected a Warrandyte Tennis Club plea for a fifth court.

The club's request for the extra court, landscaping and general improvements around the courts has been excluded from the council's 1980-81 allocations.

Council built 10 new courts at various centres in 1979-80, but has "closed its books" on such projects in the current year.

"We are on the thin end of quite an anomaly," a club official told the Diary.

"We have the situation of Donvale Tennis Club, with about 570 members, having just being given their ninth and 10th courts.

"Yet Warrandyte, with only 130 fewer members, is expected to make do with just four courts.

"The best we can hope for at this stage is favourable council treatment in 1981-82."

The club must now finance urgent works at the courts from its own funds.

It will mean renewed emphasis on fund-raising activities.

The first of these will be

Council 'no'  
to tennis  
club plea

a cake stall near the State Bank in Yarra Street on Saturday, December 13. Val Spargo (844 3345) will happily accept contributions.

Several Warrandyte senior, junior and midweek teams have strong claims for berths in the finals, to be played in March.

The club conducted a most successful junior tournament on November 23. Jackie Scott and Callum Ingram took the trophies in a field of 30.

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# DYTES HAVE THEM IN A SPIN

Warrandyte are spinning themselves a big reputation in the Ringwood District Cricket Association's "big league".

The Dytes' first XI, promoted to the Chandler Shield competition after last season's premiership, have lost only one game.

They have had three wins and a draw and are well-placed to beat Croydon North in their latest match.

At stumps on the first of a two-day match, Warrandyte were 0/30 after dismissing the opposition for 167.

Their success — they are in the four, a fraction of a percentage point from the top — is attributable to a three-man spin attack.

In a cricketing era dominated by express bowlers, Warrandyte are finding the gentle art of spin extremely effective.

Bob McDonald, Stan Davis and Fred Jungwirth are mesmerising batsmen who have become unused to facing a concerted spin attack.

"Really, we owe our success this season largely to

## 'Terrible Trio' tie them in knots

these three," a club official told the Diary.

"Davis took 5/31 in our win over Mooroolbark and McDonald has set up what looks like a win over Croydon North with his 6/34.

"Jungwirth is not taking as many wickets, but he certainly ties them down and keeps them guessing."

Injuries have detracted from the performances of other senior sides.

The "sick list" has read more like a football season than a cricket season and the reshuffling has upset some successful combinations.

Two of the biggest success stories have been Richard Bowen, and the Under-12A team.

Bowen, a first-grader dropped at his own request to the fourths because he would be unavailable the following week, turned in an incredible all-round performance against Johnson Park.

He hit up 133 out of a total of 182 — then took

the first five wickets when Johnson Park went in.

The Under-12As, premiers for the past two years, are undefeated this season.

Details:

### CHANDLER SHIELD

Warrandyte 4/119 (M. Davis 55, R. Bowen 33) d. Mt. Evelyn 8/76 (S. Pascoe 3/26, R. McDonald 3/31).

Warrandyte 173 (Pascoe 67, J. Chapman 29, M. Davis 21) d. Mooroolbark 168 (S. Davis 5/31, Pascoe 2/30, McDonald 2/47) and 1/20.

Warrandyte 0/30 v. Croydon North 167 (McDonald 6/34).

### CHANDLER RESERVE

Warrandyte 100 (McCarthy 32, Peake 20) d. Mt. Evelyn 9/91 (P. Leon 4/31, M. Summers 3/29, P. James 2/11).

Warrandyte 174 (D. Turner 52, Peake 49, Leon 28) lost to Mooroolbark 178 (Peake 3/20, G. Bellinger 3/40, Leon 2/44).

Warrandyte 140 (Turner 43, B. Chapman 28) v. Croydon North 0/28.

### C-GRADE

Warrandyte 53 and 42 lost to Eastwood 79 (D. McDonald 3/32, I. World 6/38) and 0/17.

Warrandyte v. North Ringwood 177 (D. Stockley 6/58).

### F-GRADE

Warrandyte 182 (R. Bowen 133, B. Johnson 30) and 8/161 (J. Gathercole 52, Johnson 30, C. Walsh 24) d. Johnson Park 139 (B. Johnson 3/27, R. Bowen 5/25).

Warrandyte 152 (E. Neider 34, S. McCartin 29) v. Ringwood United 2/102.

### H-GRADE

Warrandyte 137 (Blair 51, A. Bellinger 39) and 6/187 (D. Hilton 43, J. Pleasance 49) lost to Johnson Park 169 (A. Bellinger 4/40, W. McHutchin 1/15).

Warrandyte 4/64 v. Heathmont 164 (Blain 4/68, Harris 3/46).

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## Council okays club plan

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council has approved, in principle, \$120,000 extensions to the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve Pavilion to house a licensed club.

The applicant is the Warrandyte Community Sports and Social Club Ltd., a company formed for the venture.

Council approval of the project carries several conditions.

Among them is that the club shows exactly how the \$120,000 is to be raised.

It is believed the club plans to finance the development — which envisages adding another storey to the existing building — by debentures.

The club committee comprises well-known local men with sporting backgrounds.

They are Wally Cornhill (president), George Sturesteps (vice-president), Geoff Day (secretary), Bill Luttick, Brian Tomlinson and Joe Scicluna.

Conditions for ratifica-

tion of the project also stipulate that it must meet the requirements of council and all other relevant authorities.

The Middle Yarra Advisory Committee has been asked for its opinion.

Council's proposed contribution is \$20,000, with a further \$20,000 earmarked for sealing the car park at the reserve.

Included in the club's proposal is a take-away liquor facility.

Mr. Cornhill told the Diary the committee was pleased with council's response to the proposed venture.

## Putting it right

Amanda Egglestone, of Kruses Road, puts a mighty shot.

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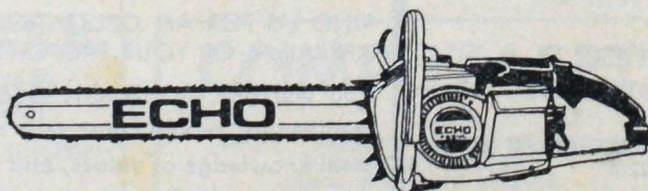
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