

'We've had our low spots before, but ...'

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MICHAEL COLE in full flight at Bathurst at Easter. Inset: The face behind the mask. Pictures: SANDY BURGOYNE.

Two-wheel Michael taking off!

Michael Cole is going places — and fast!

But then speed is his business. Michael, of Dingley Avenue, North Warrandyte, is off to England early next month to do what he does best — race motorcycles.

He's hoping for a better run (of luck) overseas than he had at the Bathurst championships

at Easter. Then, mechanical trouble forced him out of the 3½-hour main event after only five minutes.

He had some consolation by running fourth in the production bike race.

Michael (26) has been riding professionally for just three years. It was a "hobby that developed".

And already he has made a big impression on the Australian racing scene.

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Warrandyte Community Youth Club will be forced to close unless it receives urgent voluntary support.

It desperately needs volunteer leaders for youth activities

Club vice-president Robyn Hodgkinson told the Diary: "We've had our low spots before, but we've never had so little parental and community support."

In the past, the Youth Club enjoyed a peak registration of 240 children including a significant number in a Senior Youth Club section.

"There were only 30 registered in the Junior Youth Club last year and it was not possible to maintain the senior section," Mrs. Hodgkinson said.

"This year we can't re-register any children unless the club finds people willing to act as group leaders."

The club committee has officially asked Doncaster-Templestowe City Council to provide a recreational officer for a minimum of four hours a week.

The council has three such officers working full time but has so far been unable to make one available.

Youth Club president Ann Riley believes that the club needs new activities before it is too late to attract more children.

"Calisthenics are still held every Monday evening and we have judo lessons every Thursday night, but we need a combination of both structured and free-activity groups at other times," she said.

Past experience of most Youth Club helpers has shown that many children need supervision after school. This need is most apparent in families where both parents work.

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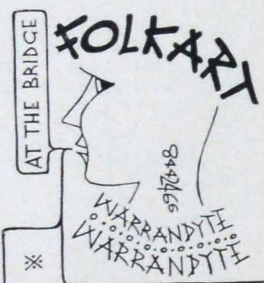
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**Curses! Our Jim's
 been de-greened**

Sometimes you wonder if living in this town and doing a bit for it is all worthwhile.

Take the case of Smokey's old mate Jim Garley, who moved to Warrandyte a few years ago because he fell in love with this particular environment.

He, wife Helen and kids Julie and Steven built a home in the old Croxford estate at West Warrandyte and Jim set about a "regreening" process.

Native trees and shrubs are his go and the natural garden he developed on the corner of Judith Ave-

Whatever happened to Biggles, Lawrence Welk, teenage virginity . . . and the 4.24 bus to Warrandyte?

Let's start with the bus, which did it again one day last month. It failed to appear. Left us standing there in Russell Street, frustrated and far from home.

That we were rescued at all is a tribute to an inspector, who eventually commandeered a bus bound for Deep Creek and instructed the driver to defy convention and go all the way to Warrandyte.

I mean, it's only a couple miles further, but it's the thought that counts.

With initiative like that, this particular inspector has scant future with the lumbering dugong that calls itself the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.

The worrying aspect of the affair is that we never did get to learn what happened to the 4.24.

And we're none the wiser about Biggles, Lawrence Welk or teenage virginity, either.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

From John (Tomatoes) Hutchinson, who paused to reflect as he lifted a pot in the local, then said: "Man is not a camel."

True, John. True.

Yes, kids say the cutest things, don't they?

Seven-year-old local miss had heard the good-natured ribbing given her mother on the occasion of her 40th birthday and confided in playmate:

"My mum's 40. She's only got 60 years till she's 100. "She'll die a year before my dad 'cos he's only 39!"

The poor old fridge at the Whitehouse has suffered various indignities during its 18 months of service.

First a helper at the Apex Auction thought someone had filled it with goodies for the workers. They hadn't, but too late (burp).

Then someone else stuck an auction number on it and tried to sell it off.

The final insult was on Friday, April 3. Someone pinched it!

Fair dinkum. It was stolen.

Anyone with information, etc., is asked to phone 844 3641.

and Alan Place became something of a showpiece.

Then, in a fit of lunacy, Jim planted some native shrubs on the nature strip.

Imagine the cheek of this fellow . . . this Jimmy-come-lately . . . planting greenery where, as everyone knows, we should have nice, tasteful concrete.

But salvation was at hand.

Some outraged citizen dobbled him in to the council — complete with a polaroid photograph of the offending foliage!

A bylaw is a bylaw, you see, and you can't just run around wantonly planting native shrubs on nature strips. No way.

So the council man called and told Jim his shrubs would have to go.

Jim's a little puzzled. He can't figure out why there should be a law against keeping Warrandyte green.

Like I said, sometimes you wonder if it's all worthwhile.

But there's hope yet — at last report, the Warrandyte Environment League was taking an interest in Jim's case. . . .

IN RED & WHITE



Local bloke was delighted when, on arrival in his wife's not-so-new car at the tip for a scavenge, he spied a dumped car of a similar model.

He was aroused from his contemplation of this treasure-trove of spare parts by the activities of several youths — who had the same designs on his wife's car, conveniently parked nearby. There was much hilarity among the boys when he pointed out to them that that car had a home to go to.

His wife was not quite so amused by her vehicle's narrow escape.

And whatever happened to John (Porky) Smith?

The man who once dominated space in this column has denounced publicity and withdrawn into a Trappist-like existence. Only Greta Garbo would be proud of him.

His fan-club meetings have become so threadbare that each surviving member has to say "pre-

sent" twice at roll-call to make a quorum.

And his (former?) mates say they'll start making up stories about him if he doesn't do something to get himself back on to Page 2.

C'mon Porky. The Diary needs you.

Imagine the embarrassment of an army medic — a Vietnam veteran — who quietly passed out after giving blood at a mobile clinic at Eltham.

The doctor was full of praise for the rugged quality of his red corpuscles but adamant that the donor wasn't as robust as he thought.

The Red Cross Blood Bank were very understanding.

Their letter, confirming that further donations were not advisable, assured our friend that he should "please feel free to continue wearing your blood-donor badge".

R E M E M B E R - WHERE - YOU - READ - IT - FIRST - DEPARTMENT:

Big announcement coming from the direction of the local pub. And that's all we're allowed to say at this stage.

The enthusiasm of footy club vice-president Jeff Reddie knows no bounds.

He has, in fact, signed one recruit TWICE (presumably on a Form Eight).

The coach is seeing double.

— Smokey Joe

A RASPBERRY FOR THE RING ROAD

The dreaded Outer Ring Road will not happen — probably not in our lifetime, anyway.

Fears of an arterial road from Diamond Creek to Ringwood — which would have devastated the environment and put Warrandyte into a freeway situation — have been dispelled.

Victorian Transport Minister Bob MacLellan has announced that the State Government has rejected a report recommending land be reserved between Diamond Creek and Ringwood for such a road.

The report envisaged a second Yarra River crossing.

Our golden past

It is 130 years next month since Victoria's first reported gold discovery was made at Anderson's Creek, now Warrandyte.

The date was June 30, 1851 — and Warrandyte Historical Society will commemorate the event with a special week-long exhibition.

It will be held at the Getson Motors site in Yarra Street from Saturday, June 27, to Sunday, July 5.

The society will show working models of gold-mining equipment, photographs of Warrandyte mines and miners, and mining artefacts.

Also featured will be the society's audio-visual of "The Warrandyte Story".

It is hoped that all schools in the area will visit the exhibition.

Inquiries should be directed to Ted Rotherham (844 2438) or Jo Laurence (844 3694).

By JAN VAGG

Mr. MacLellan said the government had carefully considered the recommendations, sought and received public comment and had decided that a new arterial road would not be required "for years".

He said owners whose property had been affected by the Concept C proposal and who could show hardship because of it could negotiate sale of the property with the government.

Both Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils have opposed the ring road concept.

Warrandyte Environment League has also been a vocal opponent and has presented submissions to back its case.

The campaign to save Warrandyte's old post office has advanced a stage further.

The Department of Crown Lands has appointed Doncaster-Templestowe City Council committee of management of the site.

Council is now waiting for the appointment to be gazetted before it can hand over management authority to the Post Office Preservation Group.

When this is done, the group will be legally entitled to start work on the preservation project.

The campaign has received a \$450 shot in the arm from a raffle. The prize — an Eira

WEL co-president Rosemary Tovey told the Diary that the league was delighted by the latest development.

"At last the voice of the conservationists is being heard," she said.

It was an example of what could be achieved when interested parties were united in their stand, she said.

"But our relief at the announcement is tempered by caution," Mrs. Tovey said.

"At the same time this decision was announced, the Board of Works revived the F6 freeway plan which the government had rejected prior to the 1973 elections on sociological and environmental issues.

"We will have to make sure the government meets its word."

Keeping you posted

Dodd painting — was won by Mrs. S. Lee, of Beauty Gully Road.

Further funds will be raised from a stall each month at the Warrandyte Community Market at Stiggart Reserve.

Anyone willing to donate goods for the stall should contact Jan Pierce (844 3140) or Jo Laurence (844 3694).

Help these kids

The tragic death of a Belgrave fireman has orphaned his two children, aged 10 and 14.

Fireman E. Jurkert, a widower, was killed when a fire truck crashed down a hill at Belgrave Heights recently. The accident happened as the truck was racing to a house fire in Glen Street.

Local fire brigades have made a donation to an appeal to help care for the two children.

Private contributions may be made via the Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade at PO Box 95, Warrandyte.

FIRE STATION OPENING

Warrandyte's new fire station will be officially opened at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20.

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Council ignores 'horror stretch'

A road described by "Royalauto" magazine as one of the worst in Victoria has been ignored in Eltham Shire Council's CRB program for the next three years.

And the decision has drawn an angry response from North Riding councillor Robert Allen.

The section overlooked in council's verdict is Research Road between Banning Road and Bradleys Lane.

"Council has given the complete upgrading of Sherbourne Road a higher priority," Cr. Allen said.

"The priority is being justified by quoting vehicle numbers. The council is ignoring safety factors.

"I hope local people will make their feelings known to council.

"The omission of this stretch of road from the CRB program means that nothing will be done on it for at least three years.

"It is a disgrace!"

Cr. Allen said the only North Riding road construction originally included in the program was the completion of works near the Kangaroo Ground cemetery — \$176,000 out of an expected \$3 million worth for the shire.

Last month, council agreed to include construction of the unsealed section of the Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road in 1983-84 at a cost of \$200,000.

Meanwhile, there is action at last at the north side of the Warrandyte Bridge.

Cr. Allen said roadworks at the KG Road-Research Road intersection should be finished by mid-June.

"I'm pleased to see a project I've worked for coming to fruition," he said.

RESERVE DIVISION

Eltham Shire Council will instal "No Standing Anytime" signs in Bradleys Lane, for 15 metres either side of the gate at Norman Reserve.

It follows an application from North Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade, which complained that parked cars blocked its access to the river several times last summer.

Michael taking off

He is the world's first rider for Honda Australia — a sponsorship which has made him the envy of others in the game.

He is also involved in the Round-The-World Championship and has raced in Japan and France.

Michael, who has lived in Warrandyte for 20 years, described his acquisition of the Honda sponsorship as "lucky".

"I'd heard they were going into racing, so I gave them a call," he said.

"They accepted me.

"Their sponsorship means that they supply the bikes, pay all my expenses — including

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travel — and provide two mechanics."

A word of advice from Michael to would-be young racers: "Keep fit and practice as much as possible."

Michael keeps fit by playing football for Warrandyte and is on the trail or road at every opportunity.

He races about every three weeks.

The essence of keeping fit, he says, "is to improve your mental approach to racing."

• SPOKENOTE: When the above picture was taken, Michael was moving at 120kmh through "The Esses" at Bathurst.

The Youth Club aims to provide primary school children with interesting activities and to show them various recreational skills in a friendly atmosphere.

"We cannot function without more committee members and four or five mature group leaders on a roster basis," Mrs. Hodgkinson said.

The current committee of Mrs. Riley (president), Mrs. Hodgkinson and Sheila Quarendon (vice - presidents), Sue Furness (secretary) and Dot Durran (treasurer) was elected in April.

"The Youth Club will definitely be closed by mid-June unless volunteer leaders are found," said Mrs. Hodgkinson.

Youth Club may close

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"If there is no response then the town obviously doesn't want a Youth Club.

"Then it will be the children who will suffer."

Any person who thinks he or she may be able to offer assistance on a simple roster basis should phone Mrs. Furness on 844 3896 or discuss it with any other committee member.

Work? It works

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative is already having an impact on the unemployment problem in this area.

The efforts of the recently - formed group have already produced jobs for three young Warrandyte people and promises of donations and membership to help the co-operative get established are flowing in.

A steering committee has been formed and is applying for funding for an organiser to develop the co-operative.

The committee includes local young people, businessmen, lawyers, an accountant and people with local knowledge of Warrandyte.

It wants to hear from businessmen who may have job vacancies in any field and from local people with ideas for job-creation schemes.

"With the support of the Warrandyte community we can make this a viable and worthwhile co-operative," Lou Hill, the chairman of the committee, told the Diary.

If you can help in any way, phone Mr. Hill (712 0435) or Jean Chapman (844 3326), Stewart Joy (844 3600), David Stockley (844-3957), Peter Wilson (712 0220), Sid Termorhuzen (844 2399), Theresa Dawson (844-1112).

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Lee Scott-Virtue, of Blooms Road, is a young lady with a passion for digging up the past.

In fact, she's making a career of it.

Lee has a major in ancient history and archaeology from Macquarie University, has worked on archaeological "digs" at classical sites in Israel, and is currently involved in researching sites in both NSW and Victoria.

While exploring the Aus-

DIGS THAT!

tralian sites, Lee and the rest of the scientific teams have uncovered relics of ancient Aboriginal occupancy dating as far back as 22,000 years.

These relics are helping to chart the long history of these ancient people and Lee finds it totally absorbing.

And, as if that wasn't enough, she is also doing an honours course at La Trobe University, concentrating on stone tool technology.

Her absolute dedication to exploring the past should ensure Lee a fascinating future.



Philip Taylor is building a big extension on to his home "Cambar", in Osborne Road, single-handed. Literally!

You see, Philip had arranged to take time off from his job to work full-time on this herculean task.

Unfortunately, he played a rather vigorous game of football on the Saturday and came out of it with a badly dislocated shoulder.

Undaunted, Philip is soldiering on using his one good limb.

No 'arm in that, you might say.

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John and Bev Hanson and family are off on a three-months' trip taking in South-East Asia, Israel, Egypt, Europe and Britain.

There were plenty of offers to help carry their bags.

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Truly, an ace baby

If Robert White, of Milton Court, has anything to do with it, baby daughter Zoe could turn out to be another Margaret Court.

Her arrival was announced in the birth notices as follows:

"Look what has been served up — a mixed doubles partner for Adam, Zoe Margaret arrived at centre court without a fault. All over in straight sets."

No prizes for guessing that Dad is a keen player with the Warrandyte Tennis Club (and a cricketer of some note). He is also editor of the VFL Football Record.

Well, they might have women umpires by the time Zoe is grown up, but, hopefully, not lady ruckpersons.

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Young Richard Cookes, of Timbertop Ridge, loves his Labrador dog, but he can't really say he's proud of him.

After all, how many dogs are frightened of sheep? Those sheep really give this dog a bad time, butting and shepherding him when he dares set foot in their paddock.

Some people might say he's yellow, but Richard prefers to think of his dog as golden.

As a change from digging in cavities, East Doncaster dentist David Whitehead is busy in his spare time digging and planting around his new home at the end of Osborne Road, North Warrandyte.

To David, the area is very familiar — he spent many happy holidays camping there as a youngster.

He well remembers the scout camp that seethed with activity right where his house now stands.

David, wife Audrey, two sons and newly-acquired dog Skipper are enjoying the peace and seclusion that now reigns.

Robyn Hodgkinson, of Melbourne Hill Road, would like to hear from anyone who may have discovered two extra safety helmets after the mad scramble to pack up at the Festival billycart derby.

The helmets are being sorely missed. Robyn can be contacted on 844 3641.

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Warrandyte's three rural fire brigades held their elections last month.

The captains are Ray Bellinger (Warrandyte), Simon Gough (North Warrandyte) and Les Dixon (South Warrandyte).

Other positions: Warrandyte: P. Renn (president), R. Bird (apparatus officer), J. Mitchell (communications officer), J. Bucknall (secretary and treasurer) and I. Edwards, R. Hodgkinson, P. Horne and B. Murphy (lieutenants).

North Warrandyte: P. Batrouni (president), M. Gough (apparatus officer), I. Harris (communications officer), R. Skinner (secretary), L. Lorenzini (treasurer) and G. Laurence, J. Swindley, D. Thornburn and R. Van der Veld (lieutenants).

South Warrandyte: D. Cartnell (apparatus officer), B. Holkner (communications officer), A. Bastow (secretary), C. McKennie (treasurer) and L. Dixon, K. Reid, D. McKennie, A. Bloski, M. Potts and W. Riddle (lieutenants).

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Local businessman John McLean thought he'd enhance his image of success by growing la grande moustache.

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BIG RUBBISH ROUND-UP

Warrandyte Environment League will wage its annual war on trash next month.

The league's "Litter Lift" is on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7.

If it is as successful as previous campaigns, hundreds of bags of garbage will leave this town.

The league launched "Litter Lift" in 1977.

It recruited local groups and organisations to rid Warrandyte of accumulated rubbish — and the result was astounding.

In a real team effort, the riverbank and other popular tourist spots were spring-cleaned.

Doncaster-Templestowe City Council was happy to co-operate by carrying the collected trash away.

This year's clean-up will be concentrated on the riverbank, Stiggant Reserve,

along Yarra Street and the reserve at the end of Tunnel Road.

Deposit points for pick-up by council trucks are being arranged.

"WEL started the litter lift because there was a glaring need for a concerted clean-up of Warrandyte at least once a year," league co-president Janice McDonald told the Diary.

"There should, of course, be no need for it — but as long as people insist on littering this town, someone is going to have to come along after them and clean it up.

"Response from community groups to previous clean-ups has been very good and we are hoping for similar co-operation next month," she said.

Volunteers should phone Ms. McDonald on 844 3508.

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LOCAL LIONS ROAR THRICE

Warrandyte Lions Club has three major community projects underway for the coming year.

The first is their free amblyopia (lazy eye) survey.

This involves a test for impaired vision in what appear to be healthy eyes.

The vision is impaired by reduced sensitivity of the retina and can be an indication of disease of the optic nerve leading to partial or total blindness.

As treatment is possible before the age of six, the Lions are concentrating on children.

Registration forms for reserved times on Saturday, June 13, will be available at local schools and kindergartens, the Opportunity Shop and Chandler's Newsagency after the May school holidays.

Lions Club and Fire

Brigade first-aid courses will start during August. They will be held in the new fire station at the corner of Yarra Street and Harris Gully Road.

Dates have yet to be confirmed, but bookings are being accepted.

The Lions are working towards their new Youth Exchange Program for the December 1981 to February 1982.

This program enables young people aged 16 to 20 to travel to the U.S., Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa or Denmark at minimum cost, using home hosting in the chosen country.

For further information on this project, or bookings for the others, contact Eddie Hendriks (842 5485).

Second's out!

Following a petition from residents, Second Street, Warrandyte, will be closed to through traffic.

Residents felt that the volume of traffic was excessive for the unmade road, which Doncaster-Templestowe City Council says will not be constructed.

Council plans to close the road with a plantation similar to the one in First Street.

The plantation will be designed soon by the Engineers Department.

Big week for mums

Warrandyte branch of the Nursing Mothers' Association took part in National Mothering Week this month.

The branch held a display in the State Savings Bank in Yarra Street. During this month it will also visit the North Warrandyte kindergarten.

The monthly discussion meeting will be held at the Floods Road home of Debbie Hodgson on May 12th.

Topic for the night will be "Mothering . . . a job worth doing".

Enquiries: 844 3651 or 844 3240.

Bobcats!

Bob Barnard and his jazz band are returning to Warrandyte. And that's cool.

Bob and the boys will be performing at Potters Restaurant for four nights from July 1.

Bookings are open and you're mad if you don't phone 844 2270.

For the young . . .

The Warrandyte Uniting Church will hold its next youth service at 7 p.m. on May 31.

During Term 2, the Junior Youth Group will meet at the Currys, 113 Bradleys Lane (844 3723).

"Home" nights are from 7.30 to 9.30.

Liquid assets

The Blood Bank will be at Eltham College on Wednesday, May 27, from 2 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.

DEADLINE

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LEISURE LINK-UP

With school holidays here, Leisure Link-Up lists programs and activities for the children to participate in.

The Doncaster YMCA is running programs for the full two weeks at Doncaster Youth Club, Leeds Street, Doncaster East.

Enquiries and enrolments: Gail Cherry, on 842 4362.

The Try Neighbourhood Centre is running programs at 39-41 Wetherby Road, Doncaster. Contact: Robyn Molloy, 848 1725.

DOOR OPEN

Warrandyte Social Club wants you to look them over.

In a bid to expand its ranks, it has issued an open invitation to "drop in".

The club operates Monday to Saturday — on a BYO basis — between five and 7.30 p.m. in the RSL club-rooms.

Activities include pool (two tables), darts, indoor bowls and table tennis.

Regular social functions are held.

Golf is high on the list of outdoor priorities and occasional fishing trips are arranged.

If you'd like to give it a try, contact Warren Sleebs or John Pearson (844 3567) during club hours.

What's on and where

Copies of the complete school holiday program are available from the Leisure Services Department at the Council offices (848 1611).

Two films will be shown at the Bulleen-Templestowe Basketball and Leisure Centre during May.

'The Champ' is on Friday, May 15, and 'Rocky II' on Friday, May 29, from 7.30 p.m.

A coffee shop will also be available. Cost \$1. Enquiries: Sharon Ibbott (84 8166).

Bingo is conducted every Wednesday morning at the Bulleen Village Shopping Centre as a fund-raising effort for Doncare. Starting time is 10.30 at the Manningham Road end of the shopping centre, every week except for school holidays. Enquiries, 850 5664.

Returning to the Warrandyte area, some local organisations which may be of interest are: Warrandyte Women's Hospital Auxiliary (Mrs. A. O'Leary, 844-3453), Warrandyte Uniting Church Youth Club (John Hanson, 844 3906), Youth Encounter (Stephen Hollins, 870 5351).

All enquiries concerning Leisure Link-Up to Sharon Ibbott, City of Doncaster and Templestowe, P.O. Box 1, Doncaster, 3108. Phone 848 1611.

The Donvale Community Arts Centre is running a series of creative workshops on May 12, 13 and 14. Templestowe Arts Centre is running sessions (for young children in the mornings and teenagers in the afternoons) on May 19, 20 and 21.

Enquiries for the Arts Centres, Kathy Chapman at the Municipal Offices, 848 1611.

A Children's Show — 'The Bunyip's Secret Treasure' — is to be held on Friday, May 15, 11 a.m., at the Athenaeum Hall. Cost \$1.20.

A children's film, 'Mad Dog Gang' will be shown on May 19, 10.30 a.m., at the Athenaeum Hall. Bookings at Council Offices — \$1 per person.

BRIGADE RUNS HOT

North Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade has beaten 67 others for the Region 13 fire prevention award.

The award, which carries a prize of \$700, is based on excellence in burning off, fire-safety publicity, liaison with other emergency services and recruiting and training over the past two years.

It is a fitting reward for the brigade, which has seen Warrandyte come virtually unscathed through a particularly hot and dangerous summer.

A brigade spokesman paid tribute to the community for its financial contributions and its sensible approach to fire prevention.

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Rediscovering Warrandyte

A trip along the Goat Track

From the main Warrandyte shopping area, enter the riverside walking track opposite Webb Street and beside the chemist shop. Turn right and follow the river to the bridge.

Continue under the bridge and up on to it on the far side (opposite Folkart), then cross the bridge to the small cairn of local stone erected by the Warrandyte Water Works Trust.

Turn right here and follow the track that runs along above the river (leading east).

This is known locally as the "Goat Track".

The exact reasons appear to have been long since forgotten, but perhaps the name refers to the climbing or reasoning abilities of those who attempted to scramble up to this track from the river below.

As there is a private house at the end of this track (about 400 metres), and blackberries along the riverbank, you must now retrace your steps to the bridge.

Some of the old houses beside the track used to be guest homes in the days when Warrandyte was a holiday area for jaded Melbourneans.

Originally, river crossings were made by punt across the river behind the old post office.

In 1860, Warrandyte's first bridge was built, but it was swept away by a flood in 1863. It was not until 1865 that the bridge was rebuilt, this time in its present position.

Yellow box timbers cut from the Stony Creek area were used in its construction, and the bridge stood firm and steady, despite flooding, until 1955, when the present bridge was built.

The old bridge was the focal point in Warrandyte for New Years Eve celebrations, when the local would meet there to sing Auld Lang Syne to the accompaniment of bagpipes and fireworks.

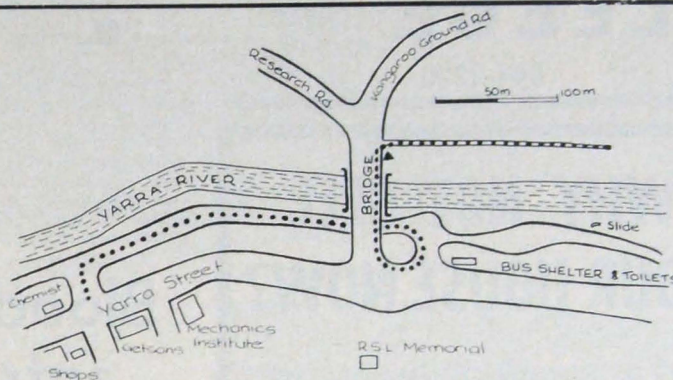
This walk is one of the easier and shorter ones

... It has often been said that the best — in fact the only — way to see Warrandyte and rediscover its history is on foot.

With this in mind, the Diary, in conjunction with Warrandyte Environment League, published last month a map of history-rich Fourth Hill and a description of how to get there and what you'll find when you do.

In this issue we take you on another walk — along the Goat Track.

A mere 600 metres, this trip, and you'll cover it in about 15 minutes.



around Warrandyte, quite suitable for young children and not very adventurous adults.

If you have young children, in your group, a ride on the slide just upstream of the bridge on the foreshore, and a look at the cannon across the road at the RSL Memorial, could be a much appreciated finish to your walk.

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READERS' LETTERS

An Anzac thank-you

The Warrandyte Sub-Branch RSL thanks those members of the community and the business people of Warrandyte for their very generous support for the annual Anzac Day Appeal.

This year's result surpassed last year's, which itself was a record.

We are greatly indebted to those who sold tokens — particularly the local girl guides, without whose willing support such a result would not have been possible.

We would also like to place on record our appreciation of those who assisted in the Anzac Day march and service . . . the Rev. Jeff Benger, Box Hill City Pipe Band, 7th Field Regiment RAE, the girl guides and brownies, boy

scouts and cubs, the Girls Friendly Society, and Cr. John Scott, on behalf of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

We are also conscious of the greatly enhanced members of the community who attended the service.

Last, but by no means least, we pay tribute to our ladies, who for many years have provided and served refreshments at their own expense in the clubrooms after the service. Sincere thanks to all.

Viv Rush (president),
Lyn Mitchell (secretary).

Blood, mud and ants — it just wasn't her day

I am a new resident of Warrandyte (three years) and the mother of a two-year-old girl.

I wonder if other mothers have had similar experiences to mine when it comes to finding a suitable flat area for their child to play, ride bikes, etc.

Having just returned from a "flat area", I would like to relate the following:

It was a beautiful, sunny day — the sort one likes to make the most of, since winter is drawing in.

Gathering up my two-year-old and all necessary provisions, we hurried off to what was hoped to be a pleasant hour or two at the recreation area opposite the oval.

On arriving, I was a bit dismayed to find no fences around the area, especially with it being so close to the busy road.

This wasn't going to be so relaxing after all!

However, after giving my daughter a swing, resulting in only the one fall (an occupational hazard, I realise), we settled down to enjoy ourselves.

That was until she stumbled (a habit two-year-olds have) and fell, cutting her hand on some glass, a vast quantity of which is lying on the ground.

After soothing her and removing glass from the immediate area, we had another swing ("no she couldn't take her orange juice with her") and all was well again.

Until she spotted the slide.

"Oh well, I'm game if you are," I said. But we were to be disappointed. Some mindless fool had rubbed the entire slide sur-

face with mud which had since dried thick and hard in the sun.

Now how do I explain this to a two-year-old?

I showed her the slide and said "dirty, dirty" and rubbed her tiny hand in to convince her further.

Was it my choice of words that made it difficult for her to understand or the roar of the heavy trucks drowning out my voice?

Whatever the reasons for her bewilderment, I managed to coax her back to the car with the promise of the orange juice.

Roars of protest were again heard when, finding the cup and its contents encroached on by ants, I threw it and its contents into the bin.

Giving up in frustration and realising I'd never be able to distract her from the slide, we beat a hasty retreat home before the hour ended in total disaster.

Jan O'Dell,
Brackenbury Street.

A real winner

Congratulations to all concerned with the latest "This Is Warrandyte" festival.

As so rightly pointed out, this was the best festival yet.

I've been to them all and enjoyed them all. But this year's event. I heartily agree, had more to offer.

Full marks to the committee who organised it and to all those who actively took part in it.

Its increasing success year after year is a tribute to Warrandyte's spirit of togetherness.

"Festival Fan",
West Warrandyte.

Thanks a million

Thank you to all the men who turned up for a working bee at my home in March.

The Million Dollar Club, and all the rest of our friends have been so helpful to me while Jeff has been in hospital.

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Val Riddle,
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THE LIONS SET IT STRAIGHT!

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Warrandyte Lions Club is justifiably proud of its \$7000 restoration of the bridgeside tennis courts.

But for president John McLean, it was not quite a love-match when the Diary spoke to him.

He sent down a few unreturnable volleys.

Mr. McLean said that recent press articles had "not helped the International Association of Lions Clubs image".

He expressed concern that the public was not aware of the extent of Lions work within the community nor of the distribution of funds.

Mr. McLean said that all monies raised by Warrandyte Lions from public projects — including the Opportunity Shop, tennis courts and other ventures such as the festival fast food stall — went into an "activities account".

This year's food stall raised \$1050 towards this account.

Since June 1980, \$4950 has been allotted to the following projects:

- \$660 to local welfare cases (plus donation of new clothing, food hampers and home help).

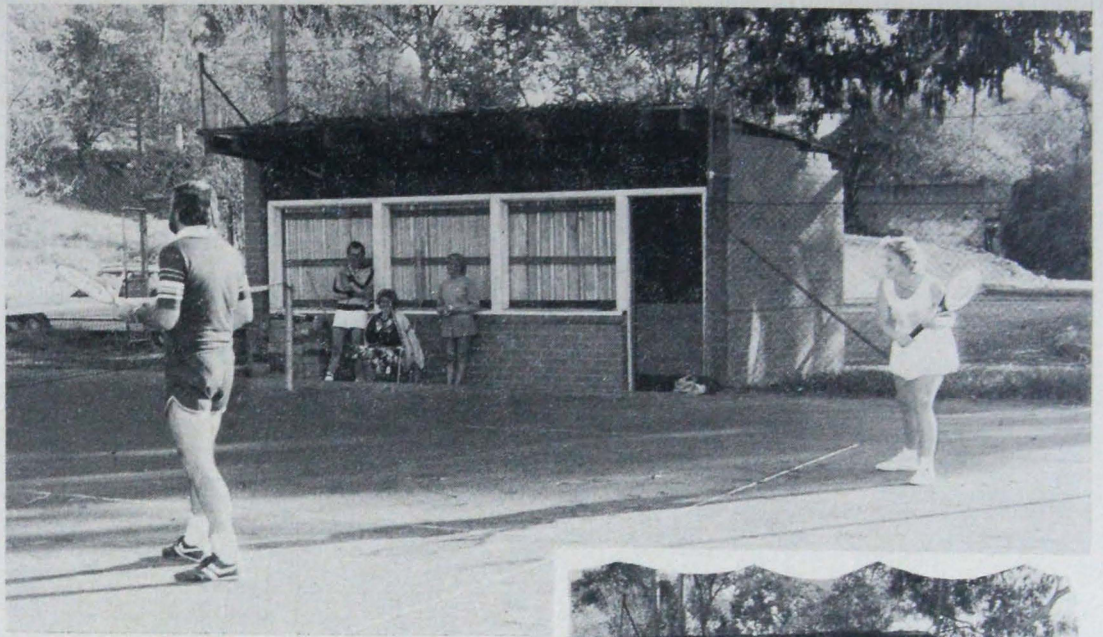
- \$1000 to North Warrandyte Fire Brigade towards the new fire tender.

- \$250 to the Royal Children's Hospital Leukemia Fund.

- Warrandyte Youth Club received \$200 and Monkami Day Training Centre for the intellectually handicapped \$490.

- \$600 was donated to Warrandyte High School for 15 safety helmets to be used in a bike education program. These helmets are available for other community projects.

The tennis courts were a major project for the Warrandyte Lions' 38 members. They provided \$2000 of the final cost. Doncaster-



Templestowe City Council contributed \$5000.

"The ultimate aim for this area is to create a fully-landscaped park for community use," Mr. McLean said.

It was beginning to look as though Lions had won the match, but more was to come.

In addition to the \$4950 mentioned above, Lions say they have taught 190 children to swim — through qualified instructors — at the Warrandyte State School last summer.

They also took 60 children to Luna Park for a day — at a cost to the club of \$225.

Two groups of 12 children were sent to Licola camp for a week. Cost: \$728.

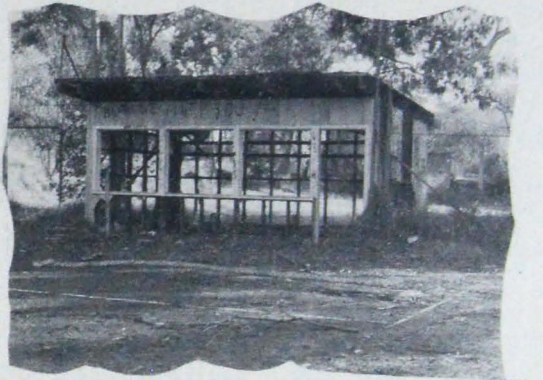
Through joint operation of the Opportunity Shop, other organisations — Monkami, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Friends of St Stephen's Anglican Church, Girl Guides and Women's Hospital Auxiliary — shared \$1556.

Mr. McLean finished his volley with a big thank you to the public of Warrandyte for its support.

"The club," he said, "consists of 38 men who enjoy the work they are doing for our community in general, and in caring for others."

Game, set and match to Warrandyte Lions!

Look what's happened to the bridge tennis courts! Diary photographer SANDY BURGOYNE took the picture (right) just before the Warrandyte Lions started their restoration program. She went back last week and found that things had changed very much for the better (above).



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BLOODS ARE BACK IN BUSINESS

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte kicked their way back into the four with a runaway win over Sandown in the latest Eastern Districts Football League round.

Stung by consecutive defeats after a great start to the season, Warrandyte steamrolled Sandown in what coach Kevin McLean described as the Bloods' best team performance of the season.

They won by 96 points — 23.17 to 8.11.

The Bloods seized the initiative from the first bounce and it was simply a matter of how far.

It was a big morale-booster for Warrandyte, who had seen big wins in the two opening games tarnished by defeats at the hands of Nunawading and Fair Park.

The Fair Park defeat relegated the Bloods to fifth spot on the ladder, but

the huge win over Sandown restored confidence.

Warrandyte have unearthed a star recruit in full-forward Ron Wilson, from Templestowe.

Wilson kicked 11.1 from 13 shots to take his goals tally in three games with the Bloods to 24.

Our best yet, says the coach

The return of wingman Phil Taylor and forward John Major also added a lot of balance and drive.

Centreman Nigel Vince and half-forward Simon Rogerson were other very good players in a fine team effort and Nick Day, Lance Williams and Kevin Bush were consistently strong in defence.

The Bloods are still troubled by injuries.

Main concern is in the ruck, where Gary Ladiges is playing almost a lone hand in the absence of Steve Harper.

Coach McLean has been forced to include himself in the side on the interchange bench to occasionally rest the lion-hearted Ladiges.

Warrandyte still have six players out injured.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, they hoped to have outstanding recruit Craig Hemsworth back for the all-important game against second-placed Norwood on Sunday, May 17.

The game is at Norwood, starting 2 p.m. The reserve game starts at 11.30 a.m.

Warrandyte's Reserves suffered their first defeat of the season when they "went to sleep" in the last quarter against Sandown.

The Bloods led by 27 points at three-quarter time — then complacency (and the rot) set in.

They stopped running — and went down by two points. However, they retained top spot on the ladder.

Details:

FIRSTS: Warrandyte 23.17 (115) d. Sandown 8.11 (59). Best: Wilson, Deans, Vince, Rogers, McCartin.

RESERVES: Warrandyte 9.11 (65) lost to Sandown 9.13 (67). Best: Shaw, Williams, Dickson.

UNDER-18: Warrandyte lost to Sandown (details unavailable).

UNDER-16: Warrandyte 18.23 (131) d. Sandown 0.4 (4). Best: B. Scicluna, McGettigan, C. Sniders, Watkins.

UNDER-14: Warrandyte lost to Ringwood (no details available).

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SQUASH TITLES ON

Warrandyte Squash Club's inaugural championships are being held this month.

There are sections for men, women and juniors and all pennant and social club members are eligible.

Local estate agent Peter McDougall has donated a shield which will be the club's perpetual trophy.

For details of the championships, phone Geoff Winterton (844 2387).

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Dine, dance night

Warrandyte Football Club social committee will hold a dinner dance at the North Warrandyte Hall at 8 p.m. on May 23.

A four-course dinner will be provided and it's \$25 a double.

Coming events include a Chinese night at the Whitehouse on June 20th.

For further details phone Anne Whitmore (844 3411).

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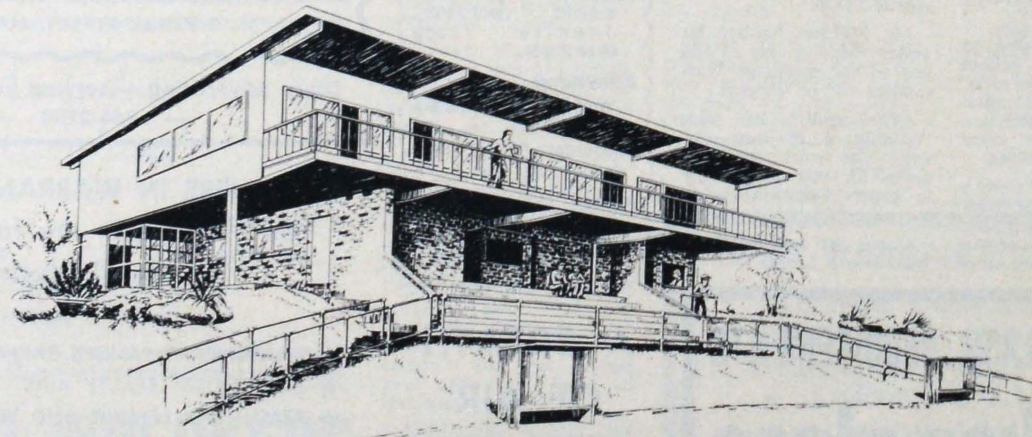
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WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Following the Registration of the Debenture Deed, the Directors invite applications from interested Warrandyte Residents to apply for Membership and Debenture Application



The Directors expect a strong demand for debentures in this exciting and new community project, improving our sporting and social facilities in keeping with the overall existing environment of Warrandyte.

The Directors are proud of the objects of this venture and remind people of the article published

in the February Diary "Extract the Memorandum of Association. 'To promote the Australian game of football, cricket and any athletic sports and pastimes and in particular to promote and encourage, further and assist in every way possible the WFC and WCC or any other sporting bodies and/or service organisation that may become associated with the club'.

For Application Forms or further information ring:

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