

# Diary accused

The Warrandyte Diary has been accused — directly and indirectly — of bias in its treatment of the supermarket story on the front page of last month's issue.

It totally rejects the charge. It regards it as absurd.

The Diary has no editorial policy for or against proposals

to build a supermarket at the West End of this town.

Yet it is accused — largely, it seems, by people who would rather interpret news than understand it — of bias.

Bias, apparently, towards a prospective developer with whom it had no contact whatsoever before he became newsworthy

at a May meeting of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

The Diary finds the accusation fatuous and not just a little offensive.

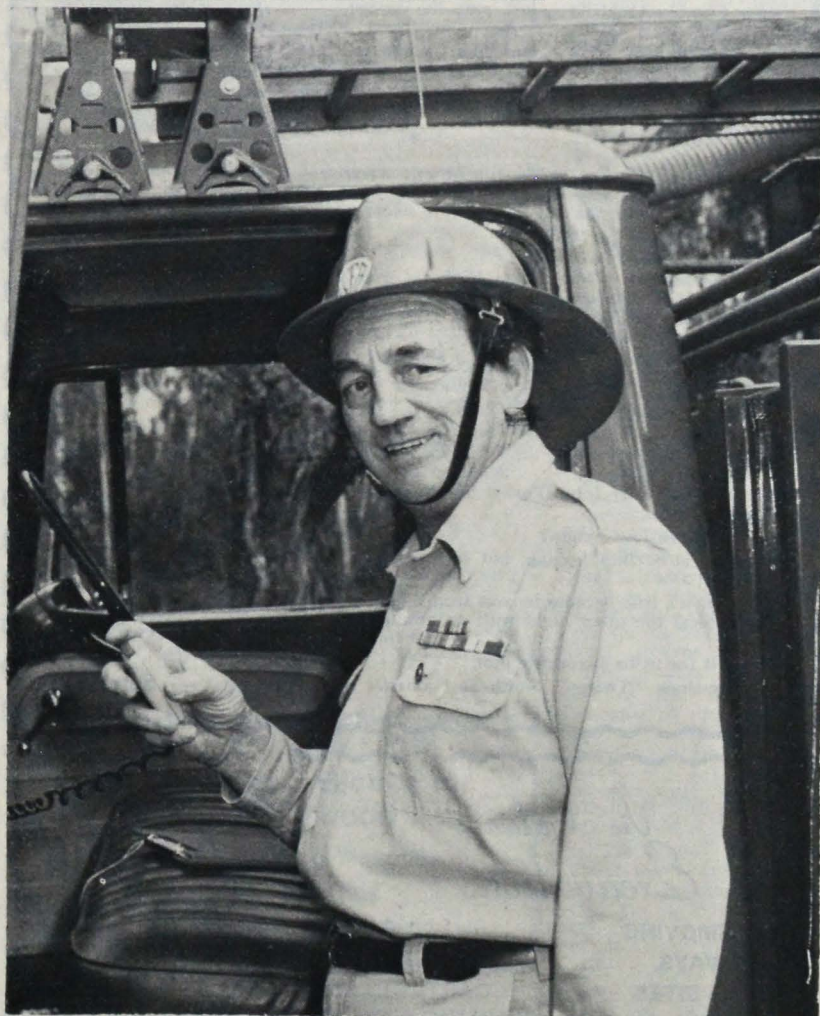
It also regards it as a most serious matter which must be discussed fully.

Page 4 of this issue is devoted to just that.

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# SITE READY FOR ACTION



Captain Ray Bellinger. Picture: Sandy Burgoyne.

## A CAPTAIN'S KNOCK

A man who's name is synonymous with fire-fighting in this town has been honoured for his great service.

Ray Bellinger, a member of Warrandyte Rural Fire Brigade for 26 years and captain for the past five, was last month awarded the Queen's long-service and good conduct medal.

It was a fitting reward for a man who has been

officer in charge of the brigade at 157 fires.

Mr. Bellinger, of Yarra Street, joined the brigade in 1955. His previous experience with a metropolitan brigade gave Warrandyte a ready-made first lieutenant.

He became captain in 1976.

Mr. Bellinger was presented with his medal at the official opening of the new fire station, on the

corner of Yarra Street and Harris Gully Road.

The \$200,000 station was opened by Country Fire Authority chairman L. J. Newell.

Station equipment and furnishings worth \$14,000 have been brought from donations by local residents.

The station is available to the area's other brigades for training and meetings.

### The old Getson Motors buildings in Yarra Street are ready for community occupation.

Chairman Peter Harkin told this month's annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee that a proposal for immediate use of the buildings had been submitted to Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils.

All groups and clubs which applied have been accommodated in the proposal, he said.

WAC has suggested minor alterations such as partitions and toilets.

Expenditure on these alterations now has to be approved at Council level.

Future developments of the site are still in the planning stage.

Mr. Harkin also reported on another project on which WAC has spent a lot of time — improvement to the appearance of the Warrandyte Squash Centre.

A suitably-designed pergola may be built to relieve the "harshness" of the frontal aspect.

Developer Barry Jackson has lodged an application with Doncaster-Templestowe City Council for dispensation from roof painting in return for building the pergola.

WAC has submitted a letter of support for this suggestion.

Mr. Harkin told the annual meeting that the past year had been "busy and successful", with a good working relationship between WAC, councils and community groups.

Warrandyte ward councillor John Scott congratulated Mr. Harkin and the committee on their proposals and submissions.

"The credibility of WAC is increasing," he said.

North Riding councillor Robert Allen said WAC was "important in holding Warrandyte together."

It assisted councillors by pinpointing the community's needs, he said.

Mr. Allen said it was "very important that the community keeps behind WAC".

About 60 people attended this month's meeting.

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# It's cheaper to go to the tip!

A couple of people have learned the hard way that it just doesn't pay to foul up this town with their rubbish.

It has cost them each a court appearance and a \$150 fine.

Offender No. 1: A bloke who dumped his trash along Gold Memorial Drive was silly enough to leave some tell-tale evidence among it.

The State Parks people found the litter, sifted through it (yuk!) and found an address.

Offender No. 2: This bloke found the old Stinton Road tip closed — so promptly dumped his load in the barrel-drain.

And who should happen along and catch him red-handed? None other than our very own Senior Constable Jim Archbold.

The sequels were played out in Ringwood Court.

Sen. Const. Archbold tells us the local police would love to hear from anyone who happens upon a litterbug at work.

They'd particularly like

the registration number of the culprit's vehicle.

The best steak Smokey ever ate was at the Glenrowan pub in 1970. Runner-up is Vlado's, in Richmond, about two years later.

And now comes the superb piece of meat they serve at the Coffee Bean, just past the bridge.

If mine host Eric Houghton won't tell me the name of his butcher, I'll just have to keep going back to the CB.

If they'd had work experience programs when Old Smokey was at high school (yes, he got that far) he'd have opted for the office boy's job in the photographic studio of "Penthouse" magazine.

But that's beside the point.

What we have is a Warrandyte High kid who needs transport to the Melbourne Zoo from July 13 to 24 to pursue his chosen WEP. And he needs to be there (or thereabouts) by 8 a.m.

If you can help, give Paula Casey a bell on 844 2749 or 844 3942 during school hours.

Who knows — you might get a tiger in your tank!

So the puzzle fits.

We now know why John (Porky) Smith has retreated from public life:

He's trying to lose weight!

Not only is he into jogging, but he's drinking light ale to boot!

We know it's true because he was seen skulking away from the local the other night with an armload of the stuff.

Far be it for us to discourage him.

But somehow "Twiggy" Smith just doesn't sound right.

## IN RED & WHITE



If you happen to visit the National Gallery towards the end of this month, you may see some familiar young faces.

Not browsing, but on canvas.

No less than six Warrandyte High School kids (five of them girls) will have self-portraits in a schools exhibition.

The works of these fourth - formers was selected from a host of entries from here, there and everywhere.

Good to see local kids carrying on the kind of work that helped make Warrandyte famous.

Got any shoes or clothing that are relics from the swinging 1960s?

If so, the Warrandyte Drama Group would love to hear from you. More wardrobe items are required for the comedy play "Come Blow Your Horn" for the season starting on August 6.

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— Smokey Joe

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# SIX - POINT PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE

Warrandyte Advisory Committee has submitted six proposals to both Doncaster-Templestowe and Eltham councils highlighting the community's most important needs.

These proposals are regarded as separate to the questions which would be resolved by the ultimate redevelopment of the Getson Motors site.

They are the result of 12 months of investigation and a series of recent meetings with representatives of 43 local clubs, groups and organisations.

The proposals are that council:

- Actively pursue the construction of two ovals at the Stintons Road tip site or elsewhere reason-

ably close to Warrandyte.

- Actively proceed with the design, documentation and construction of an extension to the scout hall to accommodate the guides, brownies and rangers.

- Actively pursue the design, documentation and construction of a multi-purpose sports centre, allowing space for a tennis court and clubhouse extensions on the site of the existing "lower ground" at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve.

- Investigates the pos-

sibility of establishing elderly citizens accommodation at the corner of Stiggant and Yarra Streets.

- Proceed with the design and construction of an imaginative children's playground at Stiggant Reserve.

- Adopt as policy the proposition that the existing recreation reserve be deemed for "active" recreational pursuits and ancillary facilities.

WAC chairman Peter Harkin said that a further report dealing with the future redevelopment of the Getson Motors site would be forthcoming.

"The six proposals, although submitted with detailed plans, were not intended to be definitive solutions to the identified needs of Warrandyte," he said.

"Rather, they are a series of proposals to elicit a positive response from both councils and, hopefully, to instigate joint thought and action towards their solution."

Doncaster - Templestowe councillor Ann Martin told the Diary she would propose that both Councils set up a project team to further investigate the possibilities.

"I congratulate the WAC and the Warrandyte citizens concerned with putting forward these initiatives," she said.

"While I am in general agreement with all the proposals, I am particularly concerned about the elderly citizens question.

"I see the Stiggant Street site as only a short-term solution. It was proposed before and was considered too far for older people to walk to the shops and other facilities.

"I'm still fighting for rezoning of the timberyard site to an elderly citizens complex, which would be more of a community co-operative than a charitable institution," Cr. Martin said.

"I'm also concerned about the future of youth activities in the area and I've put a motion before council to investigate some possible new directions."

Cr. Martin's Warrandyte Ward colleague, John Scott, said the proposals were being put to the councils' Works and Services Committee for consideration.

"Local councillors have long recognised the inadequacy of playing grounds in the area," said Cr. Scott.

"We are also trying to promote the uniqueness of the Warrandyte environment.

"We've asked councillors from other wards to visit here so that they will better appreciate particular local needs," he said.

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## 'WHEELS' NEEDS YOU

"Meals On Wheels" needs emergency volunteers for its Warrandyte work.

The arrival of winter makes the appeal particularly urgent.

If you can help, phone Dorothy Rush on 844 3438.

## GROUNDS FOR JOY

Warrandyte High School has won the award for the most improved gardens and grounds in the Doncaster inspectorate this year.

The Australian Natives Association will present the school with a print of "Moonrise over Templestowe" by D. Davies.

## KIDS' CALISTHENICS

Warrandyte Community Youth Club urges participation of girls aged four to eight in its calisthenics classes.

It's non-competitive and the term fee is \$15. Dot Durran (844 2219) will happily provide further details.

Older girls interested in the art will be considered.

## THE GUIDING LIGHTS

Warrandyte Girl Guides held their annual general meeting last month.

Re-elected were:

D. Appleton (president), M. Humphreys (vice-president), M. Foote (secretary), C. Foster (assistant secretary).

Newly-elected treasurer is J. Brent.

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# A new era — half truths and bias

It appears that with the supermarket story on Page One of last month's Diary, this paper is entering a new era of journalism — inaccurate reporting, half truths and biased headlines.

Having been present at the meeting referred to, I would like to put the record straight.

It is perfectly correct to state that Mr. Lazarotto stood up and said he was prepared to purchase the PISAG site and offer it to the council, a fact everyone in attendance was perfectly well aware of.

To say he silenced the meeting was slightly less accurate; in fact a heated debate took place which lasted for some time.

A very important omission was made in your list of conditions Mr. Lazarotto attached to his offer. That was that the council, the residents and the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal all withdraw their objections to his original proposal for a large supermarket and 11 shops on the timberyard site.

You also failed to report that the PISAG owners had not then agreed to his offer to purchase their property. In fact, as you are aware, they have actually submitted a further development proposal for their site.

I have no quarrel with Mr. Lazarotto and his development company despite his stated dislike of Warrandyte and his obvious inability to understand us.

However, I feel that more care in the reporting of important issues would keep up the previously high standard of the Diary.

Howard Geldard,  
Webb Street.

# WEL DISMAYED BY HEADLINE

We were dismayed to read the headline of the previous Diary "Supermarket Agent Offers Gift Site".

We would have thought that "gift" referred to something given out of the goodness of the heart with no strings attached. Mr. Lazarotto's "gift" certainly has strings attached.

Firstly, that his (Davmark's) proposal for a supermarket development on the timberyard site receives a permit and secondly that the alternative would not be developed.

Mr. Lazarotto, as reported in the Diary, is inaccurate on a number of counts.

He states that "the Tract report showed another shopping area is needed

for Warrandyte soon" and the Tribunal rulings "against our development applications are pathetic".

Davmark's proposal was for some 1,600 square metres of additional retail space, this exceeds the projected requirement, for the year 2000, of the Tract consultants considerably. According to this report the West End has approximately 450 square metres at present and they state that about 1,000 square metres of additional space MIGHT be needed by the year 2000.

So it shouldn't be too difficult for Mr. Lazarotto to understand the reasons for the rejection of Davmark's proposal — it is too big; it consumes all of the area Tract recommended for retail space in the West End!

The Tribunal decision to refuse not only the Davmark proposal but the PISAG proposal as well was determined after considering the many submissions made, both for and against, and considering the recommendations of the report by the Tract consultants.

The Tribunal found that . . . "all of the evidence supported Option 2 in that report and that option exists on the PISAG site"

. . . "As a consequence neither of the proposals shall proceed but as a guide to the parties we indicate that we would favour some form of development on the PISAG site (i.e. the alternative site) which closely accords with the form of recommendation representing Option 2

in the report by Tract Consultants Australia Pty. Ltd."

Therefore, from Davmark's viewpoint the tribunal decision appears to be "pathetic" because it recommends the opposition site!

Mr. Lazarotto's determination to build his supermarket has led him to complain "the trouble with Warrandyte is that there are too many community groups pulling in different directions.

If Mr. Lazarotto didn't have such a singular interest and was a bit more familiar with Warrandyte he would perhaps have understood that one of the most attractive and valuable assets of the Warrandyte community is the resident interest, participation and concern about its development.

Instead of looking negatively at this asset because it hinders his commercial development, he should be aware of the common love for Warrandyte as it now is, of our wish not to see large unsuitable "progress" remove the last remnants of Warrandyte's individuality and uniqueness.

Warrandyte Advisory Committee, WEL, Doncaster-Templestove City Council, Tract and residents — in fact all concerned, except for Davmark, have consequently seriously considered whether we need any supermarket at all at the West End; and if we are to have one, which best accommodates our shopping needs, causes the minimum traffic problems and is the most sensitive and sympathetic proposal.

It would appear that Mr. Lazarotto, with minimum surveys, with little local knowledge or empathy for the area, knows better what we really want and need than our community.

Rosemary Tovey  
(co-president),  
Claire Dawson  
(secretary),  
Warrandyte Environment  
League.

## Pathetic? Hardly

*The last Diary reports Mr. Lazarotto's contention that active community discussion in the development of the West End is jeopardising our chances of having his wonderful retail development on 'the timberyard site'.*

*Many entrepreneurs before him have learnt that Warrandyte is a difficult place for developers. Such active participation by community groups in local affairs is the reason Warrandyte still has that distinctive character from which he hopes to profit.*

*There has been great interest in the Tract study and in the Tribunal hearings. Few would regard the findings as "pathetic" — they are just contrary to his interests.*

*Nor is it accurate to report the Tract Report argues for another shopping area. The Report does predict that another 1,000 square metres of retail space might be needed by the year 2000.*

*The Davmark proposal is all of this plus more than 50% in one development.*

*Mr. Lazarotto's offer to give the competitor's block to the community (we hope he's got an option on that block too) can only be considered after the planning issues are settled.*

*To consider such a proposition otherwise would not be proper.*

D. A. Seymour.

# The Diary says: Rubbish!

People react predictably to publicity they do not like: They blame the source of that publicity.

The Diary, then, is under attack for reporting the public emergence of one Mr. Tony Lazarotto as an outspoken, self-interested advocate of a supermarket at West End.

It is clear that a lot of people opposed to the proposed development(s) would prefer Mr. Lazarotto's somewhat dramatic appearance at the WAC meeting to have gone unreported.

But that is not the point.

No, the point is that, having disliked WHAT was reported, some people found themselves incensed by the WAY it was reported.

Mr. Howard Geldard accuses the Diary of "inaccurate reporting, half truths and biased headlines".

It is a regrettable attitude.

He bases his inaccuracy claim on his proposition that Mr. Lazarotto did not, in fact, "silence" the meeting.

The Diary story did not suggest that, having heard Mr. Lazarotto, the meeting packed up and adjourned in total silence. It merely reported the general observations of a senior member of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

Mr. Geldard's next complaint is that the Diary did not report an important condition of Mr. Lazarotto's offer. Again, the Diary relied upon the information supplied by the WAC representative.

Mr. Geldard is splitting hairs. He must know this.

The third point of Mr. Geldard's protest is invalid.

Had he read the story thoroughly, he would have recalled the 16th paragraph which said:

"The owners of the PISAG site were unavailable for comment when this edition of the Diary went to press. They were believed to be overseas."

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The reference to "biased headlines" was particularly offensive.

"Supermarket Agent Offers Gift Site" summed up what had happened at that WAC meeting.

It has been suggested that the word "gift" might better have been put in inverted commas; such is the mentality of nit-pickers looking for scapegoats.

On this point it is interesting to note that the Warrandyte Environment League still believes the heading contained the word "Supermarket". It did not. It is a subtle difference — but subtle differences is what this extraordinary charge of bias is all about. And, as much as it is contrary to policy, the Diary can pick nits, too.

The facts of the supermarket story are obviously not in dispute. Neither should they be. They were right.

That they irritated some people is not our problem. It is their problem.

The same people probably enjoyed our feature on Page 8 of the offending issue. We don't expect to hear from them.

This newspaper freely admits to shortcomings, which are largely the result of a few people tackling, voluntarily, a sometimes-insurmountable wall of community apathy.

But "bias" is a dirty word.

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# A gong for Gerrard

Gerrard Osborne, one of Warrandyte's most respected citizens, was awarded an OBE in last month's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Mr. Osborne, of "Lowestoft", Osborne Road, was recognised for "services to commerce and industry".

It was the culmination of a fine career which included his work as group managing director and chairman for Kraft Foods.

His association with this company spanned 43 years.

His work in this area took him to many countries, and involved extending the company's interests to Japan and the Philippines and other areas of Oceania.

## IT'S AN HONOUR, MR. OSBORNE

For 17 years, Mr. Osborne was one of a team engaged in putting Victoria's investment prospects to overseas investors.

On five separate occasions he joined other members of the Victoria Promotions Committee in putting their case to influential members of international business and banker groups.

Another of his absorbing interests was serving on the council of the National Museum of Victoria for 24 years.

Now retired, Mr. Osborne has time to enjoy the delightful garden that surrounds his home and meanders down to the banks of the Yarra.

This is where his roots are, on the land bought by his father in 1903 and which was originally 70 acres.

His parents originally used the property for holidays, but Mr. Osborne and his family have built there since 1941 — despite being burnt out twice by bushfires.

## Monique on the move

The world's biggest student exchange body has selected a Warrandyte girl to go to the United States.

She is Warrandyte High School student Monique Cameron (15), of Yarra Street.

Monique was selected by Youth For Understanding.

She leaves next month to attend an American high school and live with an American family for a year.

Monique's interests are dancing, arts and craft, pottery, needlework, macramé, drawing, reading and music.

Her special interest is to increase her knowledge of people and their custom and culture.



Richard Forde became Warrandyte's first life-member Apexian last month. And it was done in style.

The honour was presented in a "This Is Your Life" type of extravaganza at the Coffee Bean Restaurant.

There was plenty to tell, too — from the days of his singing Gilbert and Sullivan in Richmond, to jackerooting in NSW, to returning to Melbourne to establish his transport company.

Richard has been in the Apex movement for 12 years and his colleagues couldn't think of a better recipient of the life membership honour.

## Death of Pat Luttick

Warrandyte lost another local identity last month when Pat Luttick died at 85.

A resident for 28 years, Pat was a familiar sight in the main street, remembered by many as the man who delivered their telephone books for 15 years until this service was taken over by the PMG.

Before that he was a line inspector for that instrumentality.

Along with a neighbour, Pat was responsible for inducing the powers-that-be into first connecting water and electricity to the Beauty Gully Road area where he lived.

Very much the family man, Pat was the father of 10 children — five girls and five boys.

## STONYGRAD REVISITED

Among the large crowd who attended the auction of Danila Vassiliev's old home, "Stonygrad", were many who'd had a past association with it.

Although there were several eager prospective buyers, the most determined of all were Alan and Jan Cornell.

From their first inspection of the house this young couple decided this was where they wanted to live.

And they will have their wish.

They bought the unique North Warrandyte property for \$82,500.

For Alan, a creative advertising writer, the old home will provide the kind of relaxing environment he needs.

He and Jan are looking forward to many happy

years there with children Jonathon (6) and Christopher (4).

Anyone who saw the Warrandyte Drama Group's most recent revue will remember Alan as one of the "Ramble Tangles", a melodious mix of three voices that made very sweet music indeed.

For "Stonygrad", it is the beginning of yet another new chapter in a very fascinating story.

A farewell party was

## It's 50 for Cath, Ron

Ron and Cath Belzer, of Russells Road, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Mr. Belzer was born in Warrandyte in the old post office and has lived here most of his life.

He worked in the old bakery and well known as the local taxi driver for many years.

held at Penny and Tommy Kerkhof's home in Mitchell Avenue, for Stella Day.

Stella is leaving Warrandyte after living in Mitchell Avenue for many years.

The neighbourhood were all present, talking about the good old days of Warrandyte over a drink and a snack.

Father Austin also came to say goodbye.

We wish Stella all the best in her new home.

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**Churches  
work  
as one**

A rather special minister will address a fellowship dinner next month for the churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

He is the Rev. John Howard, Uniting Church minister at Templestowe.

The Rev. Howard will speak as chairman of the Victorian committee for the International Year of the Disabled.

It is a subject he knows intimately.

Mr. Howard is himself disabled. For the past 14 years he has seen his parish from a wheelchair.

The fellowship dinner will be held at the Coffee Bean restaurant.

The first half of 1981 has been a busy and constructive time for the churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards.

The Gospel Hall, Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches have been working together and working hard.

All the churches of the area extend a very warm welcome to anyone interested to attend worship at the church of his or her choice.

For any information, contact one of the clergy, or Dorothy Reid (844 3265) chairperson of the ecumenical committee for 1981.

**DEADLINE**

Copy for the August Diary closes Sunday, July 19.

**CROSS-COUNTRY WINNERS**

Warrandyte High School took part with considerable success in the recent Yarra Group High Schools Cross-country Competition.

The Warrandyte team showed the benefit of a demanding physical education program combined with a daily run.

These results, against six other schools, really prove the point:

Second in the junior girls; first in the junior boys; first in the intermediate girls; fourth in the intermediate boys; first in

**TRADERS ON THE MOVE**

One of Warrandyte's long-established businesses closed its doors on June 30.

GDA Distributors-Franz Filters, of Yarra Street, ceased operations because of changes in the car repair industry.

The changes have meant that car-owners are seeking less specialist mechanical repairs.

For the time being, the former operators of the business — George Jones and David and Alex Hughes — will be taking a well-earned rest.

They thank the many people who have sought their services since they first began operating at the site in 1966.

Their Yarra Street location was first purchased by the Hughes brothers' grandmother early in the century, so they could lay claim to being one of the district's oldest families.

Their many satisfied clients in this area wish them all the best for the future.

John Chapman, a member of Warrandyte's best-known cricketing family, has gone in to bat in a different way.

He and partner Paul Gardner have taken over management of Warrandyte Hardware.

This is a completely new venture for them, but they will also continue to operate their established building business.

Warrandyte Green Grocer is now under the new management of Jacki and Dave Negrin. "Our aim is to provide fresh, good-quality fruit and vegetables at decent prices," said Jacki.

"By doing this, we hope that more people — especially pensioners — will want to use their local shopping centre."

**The Carter bunch**

There will be no shortage of help behind the counter at the Golden Gate Store.

New proprietors Kevin and Margaret Carter have 11 children!

The Carters, who live in Rosanna, are no strangers to the milk-bar business — this is their fifth such venture.

"We particularly like this shop," Margaret told the Diary.

"We love this environment and we find the people so friendly.

"Kevin and I also enjoy the 'general store' atmosphere of this shop."

and many other students were up with the leaders in their events.

Andrew Blizzard and Kent Young finished first and second respectively in the junior boys' division.

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# OUR LEADING LADY



Joan Golding

A very special actress will be playing a lead role in Warrandyte Drama Group's production next month of "Come Blow Your Horn".

Joan Golding is Warrandyte's long-time leading lady and she will be using her immense talents and experience to portray Mrs. Baker, a middle-aged Jewish-American woman in Neil Simon's comedy.

"I'm still working on my New York accent," said Joan, "and the whole cast is really looking forward to

providing some entertainment for Warrandyte."

Joan has been entertaining Warrandyte for 26 years.

Her list of roles would put many professional actresses to shame.

In 1955, when the Warrandyte CWA Drama Group had exhausted the supply of all-female-cast plays, Joan called a public meeting with the intention of forming a repertory group.

"I had no idea the meeting would be so well attended," said Joan, "or that I would be elected as the inaugural secretary of the Warrandyte Arts Association."

The wisdom of that early meeting to form an association for local residents to pursue all art forms has paid great dividends in retaining the special character of Warrandyte.

Joan's years with the Drama and Music Groups have seen her in such memorable productions as Twelfth Night, Little Murders, Mrs. Puffin, Comedy of Errors, You Can't Take It With You and Alice In Wonderland.

## Blowing up a storm

Heavy early bookings have already forced Warrandyte Drama Group to double the season for what promises to be an outstanding production of "Come Blow Your Horn".

The revised dates: August 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15.

The place: Mechanics Institute Hall.

Bookings (and to avoid disappointment, do it soon): 844-3716, 844-3673.

# Gold watchers

Warrandyte has a history to be truly proud of.

This was shown by Warrandyte Historical Society's recent exhibition celebrating the founding of Victoria's first commercial goldfield 130 years ago.

Hundreds of people — residents and visitors alike — filed through the newly-acquired Warrandyte community building on each of the two weekends of the exhibition and more than 1200 children from local schools visited the display and audio visual show during the week.

Special project bags featuring local historical and environmental information proved very popular.

The exhibition was the biggest display of Warrandyte's goldmining history ever assembled and vividly recalled a period of more than 60 years when gold

was the area's main commodity.

It also highlighted the importance of Warrandyte as the first commercial goldfield in Victoria.

Money collected from the exhibition is to be put towards the purchase of gold mining artefacts.

Through this and other fund-raising efforts the Historical Society aims also to buy and reconstruct a complete working blacksmith's shop such as Warrandyte had earlier this century.

The Historical Society thanks the many traders, Doncaster and Templestowe Council and staff and other local people for their help in making this the finest and most comprehensive exhibition of Warrandyte's golden past.

## Park-in space

Warrandyte State Park has been increased by the addition of Whipstick Gully-Fourth Hill, the Timber Reserve and The Common.

The additions were made to the Park in the National Parks (Amendment) Bill passed by State Parliament.

They enlarge the total park from 218 to 384 hectares.

Fourth Hill, Timber Reserve and The Common are attractive bushland areas known for their wildflowers, particularly orchids.

Rangers from Warrandyte State Park have been caretaking these areas for several years but now assume full management.

Management proposals are being drawn up and interested people are invited to contact local park staff for further information.

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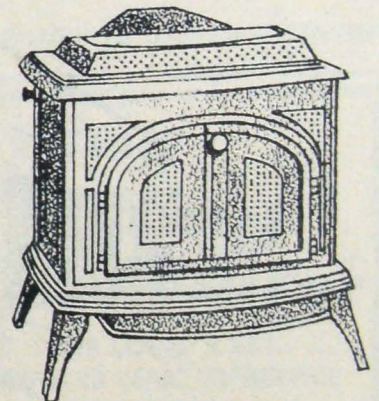
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# Workshop scheme gains strength

Local support for the Warrandyte Community Workshop co-operative continues to grow.

The co-operative will employ young people in market-gardening, timber products and arts and crafts, using facilities donated by Warrandyte people," chairman Lou Hill told the Diary.

"Local people have already contributed a lot of time, effort and resources. I am confident that council and the Department of Employment and Training will recognise the project at a valuable local initiative and accept our submissions.

"We hope to take on our first employees in a few months," Mr. Hill said.

The co-operative has the support of the Warrandyte Advisory Council.

## A clean sweep

Warrandyte's annual "litter lift" was held last month — and this town is a much cleaner place because of it.

The clean-up was concentrated along the riverfront. Warrandyte Environment League members, rangers, guides, brownies, local Apexians and National Park rangers collected many bags of rubbish.

Bottles, cans, foodstuffs, plastic matter and toys were among the debris collected.

WEL co-president Jan MacDonald said the organisers were delighted with the support they received.

"The kids particularly did a marvellous job," she said.

## Are your kids OK?

Warrandyte Lion Club ran an amblyopia (lazy eye) survey last month.

A total of 269 children between the ages of four and six were examined.

Twenty-five of these proved to be negative and were recommended for further examination.

The disturbing part was that 120 who had previously registered for the test did not show up. So on a percentage basis there could be 10 children with amblyopia in our community whose parents do not know.

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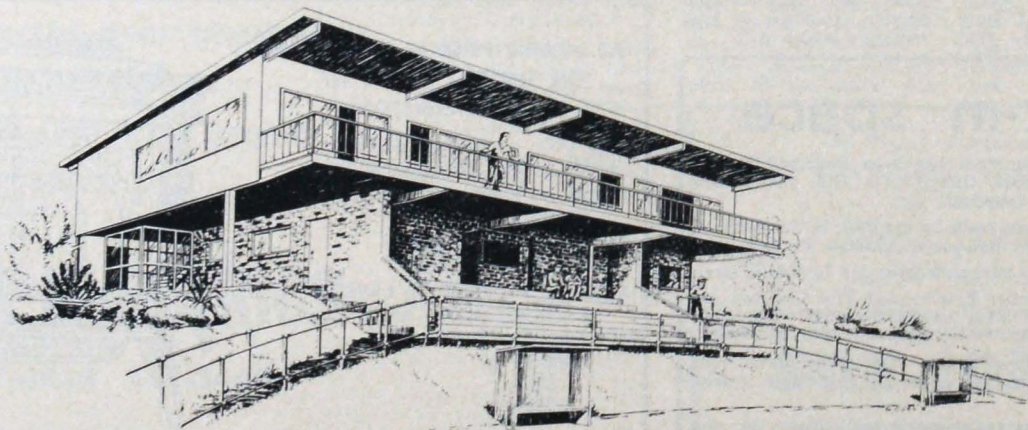
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Following the Registration of the Debenture Deed, the Directors invite applications from interested Warrandyte Residents to apply for Membership and Debenture Application



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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Joe Siccluna 844-2146

Wal Cornhill, 844-3489

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The Trustees of the Debenture Deed are:

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Fred Jungwirth

All have agreed to serve the members' interests.



# Old post office: The mail is good

The campaign to save Warrandyte's historic old post office takes another important step this month.

The occasion is the first AGB (Annual General Barbecue) of the Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group.

It will be held on the Yarra Street site on Saturday, July 18, starting at noon.

At it, the group will ratify its constitution and elect office-bearers.

The group urges all friends of the old PO to attend with their families and lunches.

An encouraging development in the battle to save the relic was a resolution passed at Doncaster-Templestowe City Council's June meeting.

Council decided to submit Warrandyte Historical Society's nomination of the post office to the Ministry

of Conservation for consideration for a grant under the National Estates Program.

WPOPG is continuing its fund-raising efforts for the preservation program through its monthly Community Market stall and the sale of Digby Watson prints and cards. The prints are now also available from Folkart and Potter's Cottage.

The group gratefully

## GIVE LIFE

The Red Cross Blood Bank will be at Eltham College again on Thursday, August 20, between 2 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.

New donors are always welcome.

acknowledges the generous donations of home-made cakes and home-grown plants to its last two stalls. It particularly thanks the woman who made eight dozen cakes!

Donations for the stall will always be appreciated — contact Jan Pierce (844 3140) or Jo Lawrence (844 3694).

On Saturday, August 8, a major fund-raising effort will be a cabaret night at Warrandyte Drama Group's production of "Come Blow Your Horn".

It's BYO food and drinks.

Tickets are \$6 each and bookings can be made with Jan Pierce or Judy Trenberth (844 2161).

## GOING GAS GOING GREAT

On behalf of North Warrandyte residents, we would like to thank the Gas and Fuel Corporation and Eltham Shire Council for the sensitive works they have recently carried out in our area.

At all levels we have found these bodies receptive and helpful to residents who were concerned about possible damage to recently-planted trees and

## READERS' LETTERS

shrubs or the existing roadside vegetation.

In some cases, they went to the trouble of tunnelling to avoid disturbance.

This exercise has

demonstrated that the introduction of wanted services and the desire to protect a sensitive area need not be in conflict and that a workable and satisfactory balance between these two needs can be accommodated.

Thank you — and let's hope that other public works can be carried out so thoughtfully.

Rosemary Tovey  
(on behalf WEL).

## A 'NURSERY' AT THE NURSERY

As a follow-up to my "gripe" in last month's Diary, about the lack of facilities for pre-schoolers in Warrandyte, I would like to add some good news.

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Thank you, Mrs. Raper.

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Jan O'Dell,  
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## Warmly . . .

A warm thank you to the council and to the men who cut and deliver the firewood for pensioners.

As well as warming our bodies, it puts a warm glow in our hearts.

A. O'Leary,  
Hodson Road.

## COSTLY PLAY

As mothers of the Wednesday afternoon playgroup, we feel the rental charges for the use of North Warrandyte Kindergarten hall are much too steep.

As we are a small group, we find it a financial strain to pay \$6 a week as well as the cost of replacing paint and equipment that has been disappearing from the storeroom during the year.

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# OVER THE HILL!

Professor's Hill — one of Warrandyte's few remaining natural wonderlands — appears to have been saved.

Eltham Shire Council has set aside funds to negotiate purchase of about five acres of the Hill for preservation.

If the sale goes through, it will reward five years' work by the Warrandyte Environment League, North Riding councillors and local residents.

The North Warrandyte land is bounded by Wyuna, Research and Stony Creek Roads. All but the section sought for preservation has been approved for subdivision.

Conservationists have fought hard for the area because it abounds in native flora.

## Council moves on floral paradise

Local botanist David Cameron, who has made a comprehensive study of it, has identified more than 180 species of native plants there.

"Despite its small size, Professor's Hill is significant in that it represents a national park in microcosm," WEL co-president Rosemary Tovey told the Diary.

It lends itself admirably to a flora reserve as it is a rare and magnificent part of Warrandyte.

"We are indebted to Eltham council for recognising its value."

Mr. Cameron will guide a walk of the area on Sunday, August 30, starting 2 p.m. All interested residents are invited.

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## COLONIAL ATTITUDE — JONES

The Federal Government had a colonial attitude towards technology transfer, according to the Opposition spokesman on science and technology, Barry Jones.

It had failed to recognise the essential link between technological development and higher education, Mr. Jones told a meeting in Warrandyte late last month.

He was addressing a public meeting on technology and unemployment.

Mr. Lou Hill, the ALP candidate for the State seat of Warrandyte, was the other key speaker.

Commenting on the latest available CES figures of 89 people registered jobless in the Warrandyte area, Mr. Jones said it was a paradox that Australia had both high levels of youth unemployment and very high numbers of 15-19

year-olds in the labour force.

"In other words, young people are either on the dole or employed in low-skill areas rather than continuing their personal development and acquiring higher skills," he said.

"Yet it is no accident that in the U.S., new industries such as biotechnology or micro-electronics have arisen near the universities in California, Texas and so on where high educational participation is central to their development."

Mr. Jones said if he were the Minister he would initiate joint ventures with industry in socially-useful and job-creating areas.

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Bookings can be made with Lyn Mitchell (844 3538) by August 7.

The sub-branch reminds World War I veterans that they will be admitted free by the following organisations on production of travel medallions:

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**APEX CLUB:** Meets first and third Thursday each month at Coffee Bean Restaurant, 7-7.30 p.m. Enquiries Dennis Parker (844 2133), Dennis Barnes (844 2228).

**BHAUA YOGA SCHOOL:** Adult classes 10-11.30 a.m. each Tuesday; 6.45 p.m. each Wednesday for beginners and 8 p.m. for advanced. North Warrandyte Community Centre. Children's classes, creative dance and yoga 4 p.m. Mondays at Anderson Creek Primary School. Ante-natal specialised class 1.30 p.m. each Tuesday. Enquiries Lyn Colenso (844 3802).

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST. LAURENCE AUXILIARY:** Annual luncheon, St. Stephen's Anglican Church hall, Wednesday, August 19, 11 a.m. Enquiries Dorothy Rush (844 3438).

**COMMUNITY MARKET:** First Saturday each month at Stiggart Reserve.

**FILM SOCIETY:** "Midnight Express", Friday, July 24, 8.15 p.m. "Freaky Friday", Saturday, July 25, 2 p.m. Enquiries Terry Gill (844 3865).

**FIRE FIGHTERS SOCIAL CLUB:** Firemen's Ball, August 1, 7.45 p.m. \$15 a double. Enquiries Carol Bird (844 3661).

**GIRL GUIDES:** Brownies, guides and ranger groups meet weekly. Enquiries Merle Foote (844 3722).

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# The things kids say

I think we should not have the supermarket on the corner of Colin Avenue and Drysdale Road because of the smaller children from Andersons Creek school coming and going along the unmade roads. I can understand the mothers point of view of not having to drive into Doncaster just to do their shopping.

Melissa Rennie.

Having a supermarket would be a sort of loss. The reason for this is that there will be tar on the roads. This will cause traffic. I think the supermarket should be placed in a more open place. This may seem strange, but tar on the road will mean people will have to pay money and the peace of Warrandyte will be broken up by the sound of traffic. This will mean Warrandyte is no longer peaceful.

Emma Poulton.

I think a supermarket should not be built because we already have enough shops around this

## ● About supermarkets

In last month's Diary, Anderson's Creek Primary School kids talked about the pros and cons of a supermarket at West End. Space prohibited publication of all contributions. We make amends here . . .

We have the shops near the bridge and the ones by the school, so we can get most of the things we want. A new shopping centre will increase noise and more animals will be killed.

Brian Garrett.

I think the supermarket shouldn't be built because there is Shopping Town with its new extensions and Half Case in Templestowe. If a supermarket is built there will be a bigger traffic flow and more noise in the area.

Ivars Bergmanis.

I think that it is a good idea to have a supermarket in where the timber yard site was. It

would be very convenient to go down there rather than going to Ringwood. I would like to have it on Drysdale Road because it is a smaller block.

Robyn Rayner.

I don't think it would be necessary to have a supermarket because there are other places to go for shopping.

Ned Folley.

I think the idea of having a supermarket on the corner of Colin Avenue and Drysdale Road is stupid because we already have the milk bar and the West End Shopping Centre. Why waste money on a supermarket?

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The club plans to raise the money by debentures, promised debentures, loans, donations and membership.

It will then apply to the Crown Lands Department for a lease.

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council has already approved the project — which envisages building another storey on the existing pavilion — if requirements of council and all other relevant authorities are met.

When a lease is acquired, the club will apply for a full liquor licence.

Membership will cost \$25 a year for ordinary debenture holders and will be limited to 300.

Debentures are \$100 each with interest being on first Debenture purchased 5% per annum. On each additional Debenture purchas-

ed Interest shall increase 1% per annum to a maximum 9% per annum.

It means that interest on a \$100 debenture will be \$5 a year; on \$500, \$35; and on \$1,000, \$80.

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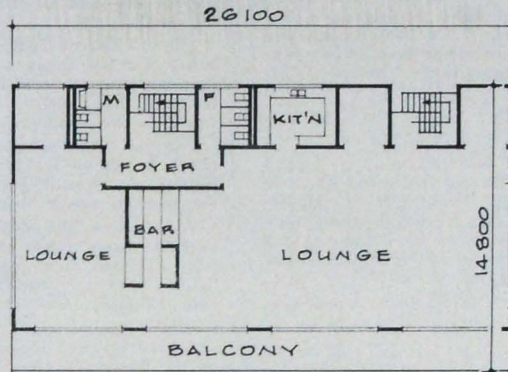
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# BLOODS WIN IN MUDBATH

By BLOODHOUND

**Warrandyte continued their thrust towards the Eastern Districts Football League finals with a big win over Mt. Evelyn.**

The game, at Mt. Evelyn, was played in shocking weather and ground conditions.

It followed a most encouraging performance the previous week against undefeated leaders Montrose.

Warrandyte lost that game by only nine points after leading almost all the way.

"We should have won that game," a club official told the Diary.

"It was a performance which left no doubt that Warrandyte have a team capable of winning the premiership."

The Bloods went into the Mt. Evelyn game without four of their regular players, but led all the way.

They were 14 points in front at half-time and were

## Finals chances looking good

too accomplished for the home side after the interval.

Final score was Warrandyte 14.16 (100), Mt. Evelyn 9.14 (68).

The Bloods' best player was centreman Warwick Blair, who made a brief but welcome return to the club before going overseas.

Full-forward Ron Wilson continued his great form and kicked nine goals.

It took his tally in 10 games to 76.

Half-forward Ron Golding also turned in a fine game for the Bloods and the robust Nigel Vince was again in everything.

Ruckman Steve Harper also made an impressive return after injury.

Warrandyte's biggest obstacle in the run home to the finals will be highly-rated Norwood, whom they meet in a home Sunday game in the second-last round.

The reserves team beat Mt. Evelyn 20.30 (150) to 4.7 (31) but are still out of the four.

They cannot afford another loss if they are to make the finals.

## Going bush

Warrandyte Football Club are organising a trip to Moama for players and supporters on October 3 and 4.

The cost — \$75 a head — includes transport (by coach) and accommodation.

Enquiries can be made with Ann Whitmore (844 3411).

## Bring your own Vino

The social committee of the Warrandyte Football Club will hold an Italian Night Supper Dance at the Whitehouse on July 18.

It is \$24 a double.

Bookings through Ann Whitmore (844 3411) or at the clubrooms.

Coming events include a comedy show by the players which will be a send-up on football panels, together with various items by the players. BYO basket supper.

# So far and yet so near

A Warrandyte Basketball Club women's team went all the way to Portland last month — to lose a grand final by a point.

The girls, playing in the B-grade section of the Portland Classic tournament, made the grand final on percentage.

Their luck took a turn for the worse in an exciting finale.

The Bulleen-Templestowe Sunday finals saw the Warrandyte women's B team lose their first semi-final to Veneto.

But it was a good effort to get so far after coming up from C-grade the previous season.

Women's A and men's over-30 teams both won their way into their grand finals, playing Bulleen and Templestowe respectively.

A controversial decision on the final siren cost the women a win over old rivals Bulleen.

They lost by one point.

The "old boys" were defeated by 13 points.

Both teams provided association trophy winners, with Kim Jennings and Stan Slabon runners-up in their grades.

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