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**Post office
in way of
plan for
new road**



JOAN GOLDING at her wheel. Picture: SANDY BURGOYNE.

A team of experts have recommended sweeping changes to the shape of Yarra Street.

Loder and Bayley, retained by Doncaster-Templestowe City Council, envisage:

- Realignment of the road towards the river bank
- Removal of the old post office
- Creation of a parking mall in front of the existing shops
- Roundabout at the Yarra Street bridge
- Landscaping treatment for the parking area and the length of Yarra Street

The Doncaster Templestowe City Council has set an end of September deadline on community input to the report.

It appears that the Council will have plenty of comments to consider.

Input is already being submitted from a general report of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, as well as from the Warrandyte Environment League and the Post Office Preservation Group.

The now famous TRACT report on Warrandyte recommended a detailed traffic study, using the origin / destination technique, and this was carried out by Loder and Bayley utilising a \$10,000 grant from the State.

"The Council are primarily looking at the Loder and Bayley Survey as a data source," Councillor John Scott told the Diary.

"It's true, however, that the survey recommended that Warrandyte's traffic and parking problems would be best handled by realigning Yarra Street towards the river," Cr. Scott said.

"It's also true that if the recommendations were carried out in detail that the old post office would have to be moved. I would stress

that Council have already agreed that they wouldn't make any determination on the matter without community input," Cr. Scott said.

At its recent monthly meeting the Warrandyte Advisory Committee resolved not to endorse the Yarra Street Traffic Survey.

"We were a little disappointed that the report only put forward one major proposition, rather than two or three options that the community could choose from," said WAC Chairman Peter Harkin.

"It is an all or nothing approach that we cannot agree with in total," Mr. Harkin said.

The basic proposition of the Yarra Street realignment to the North of the riverbank, with parking in front of the shops, was not endorsed by the WAC meeting.

However, the survey recommendation for a roundabout at the Yarra Street bridge was endorsed. "The WAC see this as a very good method for slowing down traffic through the centre of the town," said Mr. Harkin.

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Where there's a wheel...

Local textile expert Joan Golding is weaving her way to Thailand.

Joan leaves in September for a one-month teaching tour at the invitation of the Australian Wool Corporation.

The Corporation saw Joan's work at the "Wool and Beyond" Exhibition held in Melbourne in January.

"I was honoured to win an award in the 'fine handspun garment' category," said Joan. "Of course I was absolutely delighted to accept their offer to go to Bangkok and the rural Thai villages," she added.

The object of this first tour is to teach local Thai people to spin, dye and weave Australian wool. Despite their skill with Thai silk, they are unfamiliar with the techniques for handling the coarser wool fibres.

American Jim Thompson founded the Thai Silk Company after World War Two. He was in Thailand during the war and soon realised that the beautiful silk that was woven in the villages had rarely been seen by the outside world. His company successfully marketed the silk which was woven in his factory, as well as being a cottage

industry in the villages. His showroom in Bangkok is on the itinerary of most travellers to the area.

The silk industry is declining however, due to shortages of the raw silk and subsequent buyer resistance to the price rises. It is now hoped that wool can be combined with the silk to produce various fabrics.

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Whatever happened to 239 parents?

Parental apathy is not only alive and well in Warrandyte —
it is positively thriving!

The local junior footy club held their annual general meeting last month.

Thought they'd hold it then, when football fever was still around in epidemic proportions, rather than early next year, when the heat sends "troppo" a lot of people who should be there.

And ask me how many parents turned up?

One! Yes, just the one.

A pretty pathetic response, eh, when you consider the club have 120 registered players.

The seven committeemen were appalled, promptly abandoned the meeting and reconvened it for Wednesday, September 23.

It's on (again) at the Recreation Reserve club-rooms and it starts at 8 p.m.

If there's a quorum this time, a committee will be elected to chart the course of junior football next season.

So if all you parents are fair dinkum about wanting your kid to play footy, you'd better be there.

Otherwise, the future of the game at junior level in this town is in real danger.

And I kid you not.

IN RED & WHITE



That midnight oil you saw burning at the Mechanics' Institute Hall for the past two months was a set up job.

Bob Karl, who often prefers the 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. shift, was busily building the set for "Come Blow Your Horn". Bob is an active member for the Warrandyte Drama Group, and he was certainly active for six weeks building a set acclaimed as being "the best in years".

Shame upon us!

On Page 12 of last month's Diary, the name Macneish came out as McIntosh. We're still trying to find out how.

It is, of course, Jock Macneish, our favourite cartoonist and a long-time Diary contributor.

Far from being annoyed with us, Jock sat down and drew us a couple of telling cartoons.

They're on Page 4.

Young Diary reporter John Forster was sitting at the bridge bus-stop the other day when a bloke drove up in an Escort and handed him 20 cents for the "Age" he was reading.

We'd like this bloke to know that John is a newsMAN, not a newsBOY.

And, we predict, a newsmen of whom you'll hear a great deal more . . . not only in this paper.

Just the slot:

For the convenience of all those citizens wishing to contribute well-considered comments to the Diary, we have installed a new mail box at the West End shopping centre.

Our thanks to the Golden Gate Store for allowing the yellow box to be fixed to the front of their building.

Ads we didn't get department

Recently we were asked to run a Mini Ad by a dentist who wanted to sell his rooster.

When asked to describe his barnyard friend David replied simply, "Well, it's white and it crows at midnight."

Two minutes later, another phone call, this

time from Cheryl. "Please cancel the Mini Ad — we've just sold the rooster."

We are still trying to work out who would buy a midnight fowl, why the hens were so quiet at midnight and whether this rooster will yet survive the chop!

— Smokey Joe

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Looking good!

Tania Bassora and her mates been hanging around the National Gallery . . . in the nicest possible way.

Tania (14) is one of seven Warrandyte High School students whose work has been on show in a youth art exhibition there.

The occasion was "Me As I See Myself" — an exhibition of self-portraits arranged by the gallery and the Victorian Education Department's Special Services Division.

The selected works of more than 100 children, whose ages ranged from three to 15, were displayed.

The other Warrandyte High entries were from Mark McGill (13), Anna Szabo (13), Sophie Kazakis, Kelly Brinacombe, Rosi Joy and Genny Hassal (all 15).

Norman Lacy, State Member for Warrandyte and Minister for the Arts and Educational Services, opened the exhibition.

Mr. Lacy said it was important for children's thoughts and feelings, as expressed through art, to be seen not only by parents and teachers but also by the community.

"Such exhibitions generate a great amount of interest in the child's development, together with an understanding and appreciation of the important role that art plays in the educational process," he said.

**That's Tania
and Mark
and Anna
and Sophie
and Kelly
and Rosi
and Genny**

Mr. Lacy said he was impressed with the encouragement given by principals and teachers of children who had their works displayed at the exhibition.

Such efforts generated community awareness of the importance of art to children through art education, he said.

Right: Tania Bassora discusses her work with Arts and Educational Services Minister Norman Lacy at the National Gallery.



Diary deadline

Copy for the October Diary closes Sunday, September 20.

Advertisers and contributors are urged to be punctual — the earlier the better.

Hot time

There'll be a hot time in the old town on September 12 when the Warrandyte Firefighters Social Club hold their "Spring Fever" variety night at the Whitehouse.

The plan is for everyone to bring their own supper and enjoy a cabaret-style evening.

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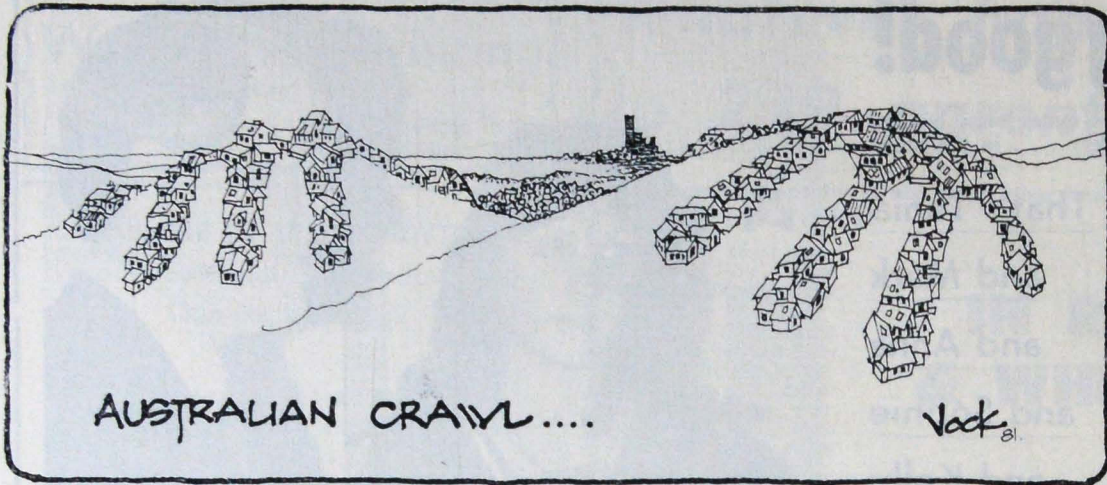
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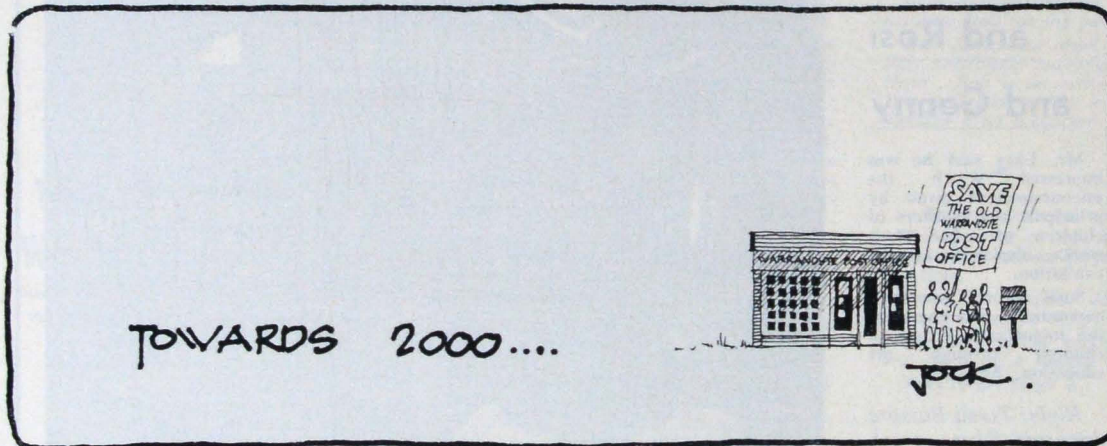
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Jock's Warrandyte



AUSTRALIAN CRAWL....



TOWARDS 2000....

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• From Page 1

"In fact we will recommend to Council that a second roundabout would complete this traffic slowing concept if it were placed approximately in front of the Dairy premises," he said.

The WAC have also endorsed the general landscaping treatment for all those areas along Yarra Street except in front of the shops.

Apart from shop access and roadway exit problems, the WAC saw another major shortcoming of the report — the road realignment would do nothing to decrease traffic speeds. The WAC still prefer a plan put forward to Council over 12 months ago which allows for two properly landscaped and surfaced car parks on the North side of Yarra Street, with a link lane behind the Gospel Chapel and old Post Office.

The Warrandyte Environment League have also been detailed in their comments.

"The report has attempted to solve only the conflict between traffic flow and pedestrian movement," WEL co-president Rosemary Tovey, told the Diary.

"Historical, aesthetic, social and environmental considerations are equally, if not more, important to our community," she said.

The WEL disagree with the survey on the major points of the old Post Office and potentially higher traffic speeds in the town centre. They also regard it as inadequate in landscaping terms, and state that the planting of elms rather than gums shows little empathy for the area.

"The WEL believes that community and council discussion should begin with the question 'what kind of township and shopping centre do we want?'" said Mrs. Tovey.

"Only then can we design appropriate traffic solutions which do not dominate the town," she said.

• Post office group puts its case: Page 10.

SEALING THE ISSUE

To seal or not to seal? That's the big question for side-roads north of the Yarra.

The sharp division in resident opinion on the issue has been highlighted by requests to Eltham Shire Council to seal Henley Road, from Kangaroo Ground to the bend over Watsons Creek.

The future of the road is now in the hands of residents themselves.

As a result of lobbying from some residents who want the road sealed, a public meeting was held last month at the council offices.

About 100 people attended. Many were Bend Of Isles Area residents from Healesville Shire, who will be affected by whatever decision is made for Henley Road.

"The meeting was lively and constructive," North Riding councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

"As a result of it, council is sending a questionnaire to all ratepayers in the area to get an accurate consensus of opinion on whether or not the road should be sealed.

The meeting was told that council favoured a lighter seal on sideroads in the North Riding because it meant minimum earthworks and, therefore, minimum damage to the environment.

"Some residents are so keen to have Henley Road sealed that they have offered to subsidise the cost, which would be about \$60,000," Cr. Marshall said.

Roads in north up to the people

"However, council regards such work as its own financial responsibility.

"A lot of people want the road sealed, a lot of people don't.

"So, really, the sealing or not of this and other roads in North Riding depends on the people themselves."

Cr. Marshall said the light seal favoured by council had a life span of about 15 years.

If it was decided to go ahead with Henley Road, work would not start before 1984, he said.

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Holiday or goodbye?

The Engelhardts, of Magpie Lane, are on the move . . . maybe.

Heinz, Ilse, Robert (10) and Bettina (8) are following the sun on a holiday which could mean the end of their association with Warrandyte.

Depending on what they find on their trip, they may shift to Queensland.

"If we like what we see and if the employment situation is satisfactory in Queensland,

ENGLEHARDT'S SEEK

A LIFE IN THE SUN

we'll sell our home in Warrandyte and move up there," said Heinz, a printer, before he left.

"The decision has to be unanimous — a family decision," he said.

Heinz and Ilse have lived in Warrandyte for 11 years.



Robert Watson has been elected president of the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Club for 1981-82.

His committee is Molly Docking (vice-president), Corrie Davies (junior vice-president), T. Warr (treasurer), M. Temple (secretary), R. Watson, N. Warr, Mr. Gauntlet, T. MacDonough, M. Holland, E. Marsh, E. Fox, S. Fox, R. Belzer, W. Ward.

Bonnie Peake and Ruth Norman have been honoured for their service to the Warrandyte branch of the Royal Women's Hospital Auxiliary.

At the recent annual meeting of the Central Council of Auxiliaries, they were presented with gold medals commemorating 40 years of service.

Both are still very active members of the Warrandyte branch.

Margaret and Ken Percy of Blooms Road, left for Queensland a few weeks ago.

They have moved with their four sons to fulfil a lifetime dream of a life in the sun.

Both Ken and Margaret have lived in the area since around 1945 and so will be missed by their many friends in Warrandyte.

Ian McIntosh was introduced to the wonders of Warrandyte seven years ago when he married Sue Williams of West End Road.

He is now so enchanted with the area that he prefers to spend his working hours as well as his leisure time here.

Ian and Sue, now of Melbourne Hill Road, are the new proprietors of two business ventures — Warrandyte Carpet Cleaning and Warrandyte Home Help.

One of the guest speakers at last month's Warrandyte Apex club meeting was from a country where the fight against poverty is a daily matter of life and death.

Mr. Kutab Uddowlah knows these problems intimately. He is Apex president at Chittagong in Bangladesh.

He is in Australia to speak to other clubs and to discuss ways of improving support for the people in the area serviced by his organisation.

Marj and Jack Hailey, of KG Road, are expecting their first grandchild on Gran's birthday in December.

Their youngest son, Robin (the nervous father-to-be), has moved with a very pregnant wife, Kay, to Tasmania.

We have it on good authority that Gran is flying south next month to make a first-hand inspection of progress of the next Hailey in the family.

Up, up and away

Warrandyte Primary School children recently released a bundle of 450 gas balloons as part of a Science project.

Imagine the delight of seven year old Nikolas Vlasic when he learned that his balloon had landed safely in East Brighton.

However, his mother, Christine, and grandmother, Jean Bryce, were even more delighted. Nikolas' balloon had touched down on the fence of the property where the Bryce family lived 20 years ago.

Former neighbour, Fred Birch, found the balloon and wrote to Nikolas with the good news.

● **FLOAT NOTE:** Two other balloons were recovered — one at Flinders and another at French Island.

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The Warrandyte Environment League, local residents, Eltham Shire Council and the SEC have reached a tenuous agreement on the fate of our trees.

Unfortunately the SEC steadfastly maintain their policy of "the complete removal of all eucalyptus and fast growing species from beneath power lines.

In an effort to temper this, the Eltham Parks and Gardens Officer will survey each area in North Warrandyte before works commence.

However, residents concerned about the preservation of native flora can still undertake to keep trees on their frontage to six feet below the lines.

"We strongly suggest that residents agree to do this on individual or street basis," Rosemary Tovey, co-president of WEL, said.

Residents from a number of streets have already signed a letter to this effect and their trees have only been minimally lopped.

"Certainly this is not by any means a satisfactory solution," Mrs. Tovey said. "One obvious problem is that the SEC rarely give notice of their intentions. But rather than lose the trees completely before the replanting of any slow-growing vegetation it is at least a reasonable alternative.

"In the long term we hope that together with local Councils we can convince the SEC to change their policy," Mrs. Tovey said.

Councillor Robert Allen of the Shire of Eltham has also been closely involved with the issue, and his message is "keep an eye out for the SEC".

Following complaints from residents in North

Warrandyte about the SEC tree cutting, Councillors Robert Allen and Mary Grant met with Mr. Max Miller, SEC Manager for the Ringwood area.

Mr. Miller agreed that the standard of tree cutting should be determined by the foreman of the SEC pruning gang in consultation with Mr. Bob Grant, Eltham's Superintendent of parks and gardens.

"The SEC has not yet caught up with the fact that even Government instrumentalities cannot ignore environmental considerations when providing services. It is up to residents to ensure that SEC lines do not become the dominant feature of North Warrandyte," said Cr. Allen.

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Merger move

A recommendation has been put before the Local Government Advisory Board to have North Warrandyte become part of the City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

The Green Wedge Steering Committee has submitted a proposal for a new shire based on the Green Wedge planning boundaries with its centre at Hurstbridge.

North Warrandyte is a residential area which would be cut off from Eltham by the proposed boundaries.

However the terms of reference of the current enquiry into the boundaries of Bulla, Broadford, Pyalong, Kilmore, Yea, Whittlesea, Eltham and Diamond Valley do not allow consideration of amalgamation proposals in Warrandyte.

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe is excluded from the enquiry.

Spotlight on the park

Warrandyte State Park Rangers have been taking guided bushwalks with a difference.

So far they've held two "spotlight walks" beginning in the early evening.

This has enabled walkers to see an amazing variety of local wildlife between the thickly vegetated river banks and the open woodland surrounding the river.

The third walk in the program is on September 10 and will start in the Jumping Creek Reserve car park at 7 p.m. Enquiries to Ian Roche on 844 2659.



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Axe to fall on firewood 'raiders'

The axe may fall on roadside firewood-foragers.

Eltham Shire Council is concerned by the increasing amount of damage being done to the environment — particularly in the North Riding — by wood-cutters.

The likely result is that the council will enforce the regulation prohibiting the practice.

"We've had a lot of complaints about people with chainsaws, axes and trailers cutting and taking firewood from the roadsides," North Riding councillor Robert Marshall told the Diary.

CUT IT OUT!

"While we sympathise with their needs, they must be reminded that what they are doing is illegal.

"Roadside vegetation is the council's responsibility. The regulation governing it has rarely been enforced because it has rarely been necessary to do so.

"But the situation is getting out of hand."

Cr. Marshall said there had been many reports of people felling live trees.

"We are particularly

concerned about this," he said.

"But we are also worried about the destruction of dead trees.

"These people probably do not realise that when they cut down a dead, hollow tree they may well be destroying the home of, say, a family of possums."

Cr. Marshall said anyone wanting to cut roadside wood should first contact the council engineers department for approval.

Labour plan kicks on

The committee of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative has decided to establish a labour exchange.

"This will give unemployed young people access to local jobs which are generally not advertised through conventional channels," said chairman Lou Hill.

"The Workshop Group will set up a job registry of casual, part-time or full time jobs in Warrandyte and advertise them throughout the community," he said.

The labour exchange concept is going ahead despite recent disappointments for the group. The approval of the Co-ordinator was delayed and the land in Wonga Park, which was hoped to be used as a market garden, was sold by the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Also the submission for the Getson site to be used as an administration and arts and craft centre has not yet been approved by Doncaster and Templestowe City Council.

"Despite these frustrations the steering committee is confident that the Community Workshop Group can be a viable and worthwhile source of jobs for young people," said Mr. Hill.

If you have any work vacancies, or know of anyone who is looking for work around the house or in a business on a full-time, part-time or casual basis, please ring Jean Chapman on 844 3326.

Jean will record vacancies and job requests in the workshop registry.



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Making History

The June annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Historical Society produced few surprises.

Ted Rotherham was again elected president, Tony Cookes will be vice-president and Allan Alder will continue as treasurer. Ann Ley will be the new secretary, who will continue the very good work done by Jo Laurence over the past few years.

Wendy Cookes is assistant secretary, and publicity will be handled by the team of Pat Leehy and Brian and Jo Laurence.

Other committee members are Joyce Bellinham, Geoff Coles, Shirley Rotherham and Ian Hodgson.

The Historical Society can surely look forward to another active and productive year in researching local history and presenting it to the Warrandyte community.

DONATIONS WANTED

The Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group is sending out an SOS for donations towards its Warrandyte Market stall.

The group would be grateful for even unused garden produce which could be made into saleable goods.

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Drama Group hits highest note

It's time to blow a trumpet for our very own theatre company and their production of Neil Simon's bitter-sweet comedy, "Come Blow Your Horn".

First produced on Broadway in 1961, the play was given a local airing by the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama Group in the WAA Hall, for a limited season last month.

The simple story of a New York boy's attempts to break away from an hilariously cloying Jewish family, it pre-dates the trauma of young people of the "Vietnam generation" during the late 1960s, early 1970s.

Things seemed easier for young people in those days, and the drama group's production caught this lighter, carefree mood splendidly.

"Come Blow Your Horn" was Neil Simon's first full-length play on Broadway and is thought to be at least partly autobiographical, with the character of the "run-away", Buddy Baker, based on some of the author's own experiences.

The playing of Martin Walker as Buddy Baker and David Crockett as his older, worldly-wiser brother Alan, forced into second place as Buddy takes over his flat, his life and his girl friends, was delightful.

They carried this difficult, frothy double-act right through the evening;

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especially creditable as this was David Crockett's first time ever on stage!

Amanda Liddell played Peggy Evans, the would-be upwardly-mobile girl upstairs, with just the right combination of bounce and elegant vulgarity.

Lee Scott-Virtue as Connie Dayton, the girl to-be-taken-seriously, was a little tentative during the first half-hour; though this was undoubtedly first-night nerves. She quickly settled into a good reading of this tricky part.

The best performance of the night, however, was Roger Kibell as Mr. Baker, the boy's father.

The subtly controlled irony of his Jewish patriach was delicious to behold.

He avoided all temptations to take this part "over the top" into character stereotype.

Joan Golding as Mrs. Baker found the New York Jewish idiom much more difficult to sustain, although her own special brand of dithery, middle-aged motherly bustle, with which she has been delighting Warrandyte audiences for years, more than saved the situation.

Jenny Harkin made the most of her last-minute walk-on moment when she delivered the punchline with proper zest.

To the audience, a set of smooth performances can hide the work of a good director. Tim Sherwood, well-known to local audiences as a fine actor, tackled his first play as director with convincing skill and polish.

Bob Karl's ingeniously designed, off-square set took full advantage of the stage's deeper playing area.

Local drama is in good hands.—C.G.

Mandy makes it happen

Following her recent sensational appearances on the Warrandyte stage, Amanda Liddell, of Research Road, is promoting an interest in stagecraft for our local youth.

Mandy and friend, Greg Bainbridge, have devised an exciting eight-week course in "creative movement and drama" which begins on Saturday, September 12, at the Mechanics Institute Hall.

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I like living in Warrandyte because it has lovely wildlife, trees and plants, beautiful creeks and rivers like the Yarra River. It's quiet and relaxing. That's why I like Warrandyte.

— Samantha Schepisi.

I like living in Warrandyte because of the nature, bush and Yarra River. Warrandyte has a lot of fauna and flora like flowers, mice, birds, reptiles and mammals. Warrandyte's gold fields are very spectacular with mines. You can still find gold in the Yarra River if you pan. I have not found any gold.

— David Garrett.

I like living in Warrandyte because of the nice houses and views. There is lots of space, lots of friends, lots of good food and good weather. I like canoeing in the river and swimming in the rapids.

— Jeffrey Wilson.

I like living in Warrandyte because there is a lot of bush. I like to go walking in the bush and see the little birds, beetles and the wild flowers. It is very cool down at the Yarra River. Some people go swimming in the Yarra but I don't.

— Cathy Barnes.

Most of us think that there's something special about living in Warrandyte. Some people like the palms in front of the Gospel Chapel; some enjoy the hill-climb course known affectionately as the Yarra Street car park; some love the girls in mini skirts in local Drama Group plays; and most serious well-educated and world-wise citizens love reading the Warrandyte Diary.

We asked Grade 4 children from Anderson's Creek Primary School why they liked living in Warrandyte . . .

I like Warrandyte because it has lovely landscapes with views to see right across hills. In the villages most people know each other and we have fetes at weekends. It has some bad weather in winter but in other seasons it is lovely weather. We have lots of raffles for the villages and other people. There are cosy old shops that have been around for a long time. Gold was first found here at Golden Memorial Road on a river.

—D Eliza Poulton.

I like living in Warrandyte because it has bush around and we have a milkman. He brings milk around to our house and we take it inside and we drink it. We have shops in Warrandyte.

— Paul White.

I like living in Warrandyte because there are a lot of wild animals around and it is very quiet in places. The people are nice, the schools are very big and you can make a lot of friends here.

— Katy Waterhouse.

I like living in Warrandyte because it is a nice place. The wildlife is very attractive to tourists. The sports are popular too. The Yarra River is a popular place for fishing.

— Chad Nightingall.

I like living in Warrandyte because there are birds, rabbits, trees and rivers here.

— Margaret Riley.

I like living in Warrandyte because I can read the incredible literary feats of Smokey Joe.

— Smokey Junior.

WEL GET TOGETHER

The annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Environment League will be held on September 24 at 8 p.m. in the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

Main agenda items will be election of office bearers and films on the environment.

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Tree-logging goes too far

I appreciated very much the article entitled "Sparks Fly Over SEC Tree Lops" in the August Diary. I would like to add another spark or two.

My property suffered extensively in the recent tree "lopping" campaign.

Many large gum trees on my property were felled at ground level, hardly the "lopping" I was told would be necessary!

Furthermore, damage was done to my boundary fence. Presumably I am expected to pay for the repairs.

A letter of protest to the SEC brought, needless to say, no really satisfactory explanation for the extent of the destruction, which was much greater than on nearby properties.

As a long-term resident of Warrandyte, I am very conscious of the importance of adequate fire safety precautions — but I do feel that the SEC has gone

beyond reasonable measures in its zeal to achieve this aim.

Recently, and at considerable expense, I had the power brought underground to my house from the SEC main lines, primarily as a fire safety measure.

The subsequent treatment by the SEC of my property therefore seems more than unkind.

Audrey Cann,
Osborne Road,
North Warrandyte.

● *The SEC is willing to meet residents of any street, after receipt of notice to lop, and will agree in some cases to consumer maintenance of trees below power lines.—Eds.*

The Loder and Bayly Traffic Survey of Warrandyte suggests relocation of Yarra Street to pass directly through the old Post Office.

To qualify this apparent disregard for a historic site, the report states that the building is "in the wrong place".

As a group dedicated to restoring the Post Office as part of a historic location — which in itself is vital to the identity of a unique Warrandyte — we strongly oppose the possible loss of this site on the following grounds:

● With over 100 years of continuous occupancy on the present site, the building has established its own sense of place within the minds of residents, visitors and local history.

● It is believed that the earliest section of the building was a miner's cottage and that its immediate proximity to the river and associated mining activities would have been critical to the building's original siting.

● The building has been designed for its site. Verandahs face the road and river, both important ways of approaching the building.

The verandahs are also only found on the elevations which need protection from the strong Australian sun. To move or re-orient

the building would thus destroy much of its significance.

● The building has both historical and aesthetic links with the Grand Hotel, presently located diagonally across Yarra Street. In the early 1900s the local telephone switchboard was installed in the Post Office building and the first local line went straight across the street to the hotel.

● The Grand Hotel was built in 1895, about the same period as the reno-

vation of the Post Office verandahs by Ethel Beltzer, the postmistress.

With verandahs decorated in similar style, the hotel and post office complemented each other across the street. (Note the hotel verandahs were originally quite different to their present renovated condition.)

● As with most country towns, Warrandyte's main street was originally flanked with buildings on both sides. The street had a close and definite relationship to the shopfronts and shop-

pers. The intimate scale of the small town arose from the closeness of this relationship. For Warrandyte, this intimacy was all but gone.

With the demise of most other buildings to the north of Yarra Street, only the Post Office is left to show present and future generations the scale that central Warrandyte once possessed.

The Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group urges the examination of alternative proposals that, whilst improving the utility of Yarra Street, will not only preserve but enhance the unique character and charm of the township.

The Committee,
Warrandyte Post Office
Preservation Group.

Thanks!

The Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group would like to extend thank-yous to the people who supported them by attending the cabaret evening for "Come Blow Your Horn".

The evening raised more than \$300 towards restoration of the old post office.

A film night and supper will be held at the North Warrandyte Hall at 8.30 on October 9 to raise further funds.

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Church launches poverty study

Sunday, September 27, is Social Justice Day within the Uniting Church in Victoria.

To mark the significance of this day, the Warrandyte Uniting Church is beginning a month-long study with a Poverty Awareness Program.

Under the guidance of Helen Cox, a final year student with the United Faculty of Theology, all groups in the church will spend time attempting to come to terms with this problem and its causes and effects.

Helen, of Webb Street, will use the mediums of worship, discussion, study and personal encounter.

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile program should contact Helen on 844 2331.

HISTORY SOUGHT

Warrandyte Historical Society is trying to piece together the early history of the area.

Anyone who has a private collection of stone tools or other aboriginal artefacts from the area is being asked to help in this research work.

Even stories passed down by grandparents or great grandparents about aboriginals in the vicinity could provide valuable clues.

If you can help, please ring Lee Scott-Virtue on 844 3147.

Cub splash

The 1st Warrandyte "Berak" Cub Pack has done it again! For the second successive year the boys made enough waves at the Nunawading Pool to win the annual Doncaster East District Cub Swimming Sports.

Akela, Laurie Carlton, was delighted almost as much as the throng of proud parents.

The Warrandyte boys were competing against 10 other cub packs in swimming and other events.

If splashes were any indication of enthusiasm then it will be just as much fun next year.

MCG STARS

Panton Hill Junior Footballers showed no sign of big match nerves last month.

Centre-field at the Melbourne Cricket Ground can be a bit daunting, even for the stars in the big league. But the Panton Hill boys took all that in their stride when they played for Collingwood in the Little League half-time match against Richmond.

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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).

COMMUNITY MARKET: First Saturday each month at Stiggant Reserve.

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FILM SOCIETY: "Fame", Friday, September 25, 8.15 p.m.; "Beautiful People", Saturday, September 26, 2 p.m. (for the children). Enquiries Terry Gill (844 3865).

FIRE FIGHTERS SOCIAL CLUB: Variety Night, Saturday, September 12, at the Whitehouse. "Spring Fever" cabaret-style with BYO supper. Enquiries Pam Falconer (844 2372).

FOOTBALL CLUB: Presentation Ball, Alfred's Homestead, September 25. Enquiries Anne Whitmore (844 3411). Weekend trip to north-eastern wineries, October 3 and 4. A few seats left. Enquiries Anne Whitmore.

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Meets last Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m., St. Stephen's Church Hall, Stiggant Street. Enquiries Anne Ley (844 3586) or Wendy Cookes (844 2200).

LIONS CLUB: Meets second and fourth Thursdays. Enquiries Ron Cuthbert (876 1182) or Don Macdonald (844 2195). Mystery night, Saturday, September 12. Leave Whitehouse 6 p.m., return 1 a.m. \$25 a head — all inclusive. Transport provided. Enquiries 876 1182. Fashion parade, October 27, Warrandyte Primary School. Enquiries Helen Cuthbert (876 1182).

NURSING MOTHERS: Meeting Tuesday, September 8, at home of Jill McKimm, Bradley's Lane (844 1194). Topic: "Uses and Abuses of Baby Equipment". All welcome.

SCOUTS: Cubs and scouts meet weekly. Enquiries Marlon Renn (844 3691).

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ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: GFA meets each Wednesday, 6.45 p.m., and CEBS meets each Tuesday, 6.45 p.m. Special Service — Parish Day of Commitment and Re-dedication, Sunday, September 13, 10.30 a.m. Guest Speaker, Hon. Rev. John Hannon, Chaplain of the Police Academy and Area Dean of Croydon. Annual Fete, Saturday, October 24, softgoods, afternoon teas, produce, cakes, crafts and activities.

UNITING CHURCH: Sunday School each week at 9 a.m., followed by church service at 10. Bible study 10-11 a.m. alternate Wednesdays and 8 p.m. each Wednesday at The Manse. Enquiries Rev. Doug Miller. Junior and senior youth groups meet alternate Fridays. Enquiries — Senior group, Peter and Sue Hennig (844 2692); junior group, Jill Curry (844 3723). Youth service Sunday, June 26, 7 p.m.

WARRANTYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Meets fourth Wednesday each month, 8 p.m., Warrandyte Pre-School. Enquiries Robyn Hodgkinson (844 3641).

WARRANTYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 23, summer jeans sale at the school, 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Enquiries Sue Glendinning (844 3547). Film night "High Anxiety" with wine-tasting and supper, Saturday, October 10, 8.00 p.m. Enquiries Ruth Rankin (844 2609). Dinner Dance, Saturday, November 21, with rock band "The Circle". More details later.

WARRANTYTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE: Meets third Sunday each month, 11.00 a.m. at fire station. Enquiries Jim Bucknall (870 1179), Ray Bellinger (844 1020).

WARRANTYTE STATE PARK: Enquiries regarding facilities available in Warrandyte, contact National Parks Service, Warrandyte State Park, PO Box 61, Warrandyte, 3113. Phone 844 2659.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: Meets every third Tuesday of month, 77 Yarra Street. Enquiries Mrs. A. O'Leary (844 3453).

WELFARE SERVICES: Public meeting, Monday, November 9, 8 p.m., at the Mechanics Hall. Guest speaker Canon Peter Hollingworth, OBE, executive director of Brotherhood of St. Laurence. Enquiries A. Dale (842 7863).

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Local kids land the big treble

Warrandyte brought home three premierships pennants from the recent Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association finals.

Eleven of Warrandyte's 24 teams made the finals and four advanced to the grand finals.

The premier teams are the girls' under-9 (1), the boys' under-9 (1) and the boys' under-15D (1).

The boys' 11DB team almost made it four pennants for Warrandyte when the scores in their grand final were tied at the final whistle. They lost by four points in extra time.

Warrandyte Basketball Club again had two association best and fairest winners — Paul Hay (13C) and Justin Potter (15D2).

The men's C-grade team won Warrandyte's first premiership in the Eltham Men's Basketball Association at their third attempt.

Runners-up in winter 1980 and third in the summer season, they won an exciting grand final by two points against the young Eltham Trotters.

Continuing local interest in basketball has seen a record 31 Warrandyte teams entered for the

junior summer season which starts for some teams on September 12 and for the rest on September 19.

Thanks to interested parents, coaches have been found for most teams.

A vacancy still exists for an under-10 girls' coach.

Another men's team — comprised mainly of foot-

ball players and officials — has been entered for the coming season at Eltham.

The junior presentation function will be held at the Whitehouse on Sunday, September 20, starting 4.30 p.m.

A highlight will be a fancy hat parade, with prizes for the funniest and best home-made entry.—B.D.

STAY-AT-HOMES!

Warrandyte Basketball Club are wondering what it takes to get a satisfactory roll-up to their annual general meeting.

Despite a concerted effort to encourage parents and players to last month's meeting, attendance was again disappointing.

But the show went on . . .

The outgoing committee was re-elected. Office-bearers are: J. Van Kuyk (president), F. Harper, M. Termorshulzen (vice-presidents), Bev Day (secretary), M. James (treasurer).

In line with club expansion, the committee has been enlarged to include new members Robyn and Alan Dalli, Stan Slabon and Bill Manson.

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THE BLOODS BOW OUT

Warrandyte Football Club were defeated by Montrose in the EDFL preliminary final on Saturday, September 5. The full-time score was Montrose 7-11-53 to Warrandyte 4-9-33.

The match ended a season of great promise for the Club who hoped to repeat their 1966 flag win.

The Bloods were by no means disgraced, however. Brilliant defence led by S. Rogerson enabled Warrandyte to hold a six point lead at half-time. Warrandyte were then 2-3-15 to Montrose 1-3-9.

The game was won in the third quarter where Montrose scored five of their seven goals. Warrandyte found themselves in trouble right across the half-forward line and were well beaten at centre bounces.

Young Montrose player, C. Vankoll, was an unbeatable all-rounder and he won the EDFL Best and Fairest award.

"Warrandyte just didn't have anyone to hold him," said a Club official.

On the credit side the

Montrose end our flag hopes

Club's best players were S. Rogerson, P. Taylor, D. O'Brien, L. Shore, K. Bush and B. Day. The backline functioned very well and N. Day also had a strong game. D. O'Brien in the centre gave the team a lot of drive with his long kicks.

"We just didn't have enough players backing up," was the summary of two Club officials.

A high note of the 1981 season was the performance of Ron Wilson with 113 goals. He is the first player in Club history to achieve the distinction of kicking over 100 goals.

Congratulations must go to coach Kevin McLean and all players for their big improvement this season. With community support it is sure to be a stepping stone to a 1982 Premier-ship.

HOTEL BINGO

The Warrandyte Football Club with help from the Lions and mine host John Knox are playing Bingo at the Warrandyte Hotel.

Their first night raised \$420 and the Club now hopes to substantially increase the \$100 Jackpot.

If you have that lucky feeling then hop down for a quick game on Tuesday, September 29, at 7.30 p.m. Future dates are October 13 and 27 as well as November 10.

Note: The Warrandyte Football Club vote-counting night will be Thursday, September 10, at 7 p.m. Food will be available at only \$2 per head.

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Indoor warm-up

Warrandyte cricketers will begin the coming season with very little outdoor practice under their belts.

Because of council improvements to the playing surface at the Recreation Reserve, Warrandyte's pre-season practice will be largely confined to the indoor centre at Kilsyth.

The club have been working out there for several weeks. Practice is from 9-11 a.m. each Sunday and all new players are invited.

Geoff Day was re-elected president at the club's annual general meeting last month.

Other office-bearers are Steve Pascoe (match committee chairman), Dianne Gathercole (secretary), Mark McCarthy (treasurer), Joe Scicluna (grounds committee chairman), Barry Johnson (secretary), Bruce Kline (junior administrator) and Steve Peake (publicity officer).

The club are still seeking a social secretary.

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