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We've made it!
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It has been a long, long time between premierships. There have been a lot of hidings, a lot of heart-breaks.

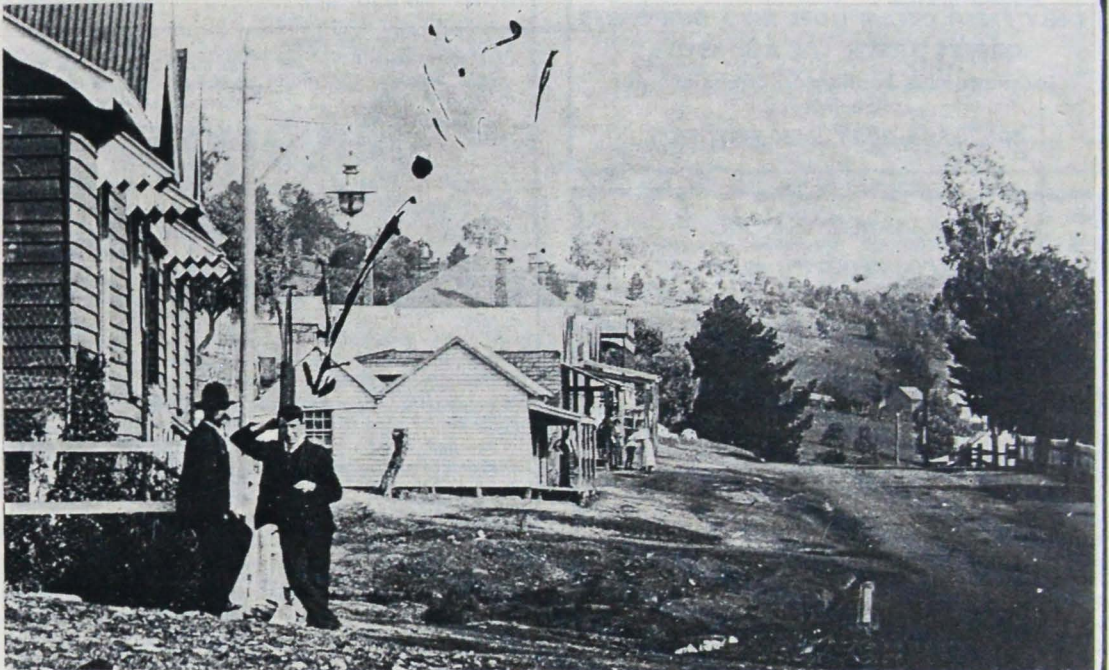
To their enormous credit, the hard-core supporters have stuck.

To those who dropped off, and to those who have never been involved, the Diary strongly suggests that there is no shame in jumping on the bandwagon.

• How we did it: Back page.

Patient tree alive, kicking

- — Right —
Yarra Street as it used to be, complete with a youthful cypress tree.
- Below right —
Don Macdonald and unidentified rear helper working to save the tree in 1982.



A CYPRESS THAT WON'T SAY DIE

Earlier this year Warrandyte's famous Yarra Street cypress tree nearly died.

The tree may now live on for two hundred years providing it is cared for properly.

The Warrandyte Historical Society and other interested groups had a working bee to prepare a suitable area at the base of the trunk, and are monitoring its state of health.

The Society had already been trench watering the roots, and injections to combat canker in the tree were given.

"It will have to have quite a bit of lopping done to give the roots a chance. So people shouldn't think it's being chopped down if they see this happening", said Shirley Rotherham of the Historical Society.

The Historical Society August Newsletter notes that the age of the tree has not yet been determined, but information points to the fact that it was planted last century.

The tree appears in many early photographs of the main street, and Bill McCulloch, born in Warrandyte 84 years ago, recalls that the tree was well established when he was a boy.

The Historical Society also applied to the National Trust for registration of the tree as 'significant' and are awaiting a decision.

Doncaster and Templestowe City Council recently voted to spend \$2500 to pay a tree surgeon to treat the tree.

This 'integral part of the streetscape' of our town must be preserved for our children's children.

The latest diagnosis is optimistic.



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Playpark site controversy

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The heads are still turning after he flashed past a recent meeting of the North Warrandyte Pre-School Social Committee.

Obviously a masochist in this weather but also a shy type — he pulled his tee-shirt over his head.

Smokey hears that someone with a similar outdoors streak has been sighted dashing through the pines near Warrandyte Primary School.

This nocturnal nudist of the needles had better watch his step.

Despite his tee-shirt he has already been positively identified by at least eleven women with binoculars.

Smokey's journalistic mentor has just acquired a Kamahli ukelele.

Apparently these are as rare as rocking horse droppings and are revered as the Stradivarius of ukuleles.

I should say something about the fine resonance of the instrument and the way it matches the skills of its new master.

However, all I can think of is the old, old joke.

Question: What do you get when you cross a turkey with a ukelele?

Answer: A turkey that plucks itself.

You have to say it slowly for the sake of accuracy.

The lady of this story is attractive but not ambidexterous.

She had, despite parents and teachers, always done most things with her left hand. Writing, sewing, painting and tennis.

So in a way it was not surprising that she always walked on the right side of her husband, holding his right hand with her left.

Until they went to the movies one night. They were late to their seats and were soon absorbed by the spine-chilling horror of "The Thing".

She squeezed his hand

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for quite a while and even tweaked his knee in a few less-tense moments.

Then the horror really dawned. If husband was on her RIGHT what was her LEFT hand doing?

The young man on her left was smiling.

They changed seats at interval.

Wife wasn't meant to be easy — Mal Fwaser.

Friends of the Old Warrandyte Post Office still care.

Smokey hears that John and Margaret James are donating all proceeds from a fund-raising dinner at their Potters Cottage Restaurant.

The dinner is on September 9 and entertainment will be provided by well known pianist, Peter Sullivan.

The James are part of the reason why the feeling in this town can be so good. They certainly deserve the Smokey Good Citizen Award.

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WARMTH & WELCOME

The Diary has a soft spot for the outstanding work done by our "Senior Cits."

Reporter Jenny Harkin looks at a week in the life of a very active group.

For most, the prospect of advancing years holds little appeal, but in the midst of our Warrandyte Community there is a wonderfully supportive group of people, actively engaged in providing fellowship and occupation for men and women from all walks of life.

Hidden away behind the Whitehouse in Taroona Avenue is the Warrandyte Senior Citizens Centre (recently re-named) formerly fondly known as "The Elderly Citz. Club".

This is the focal point and meeting place, radiating warmth and welcome—to members as young as fifty-five!

Maisie Temple, secretary of the Senior Citizens, outlined the weekly programme for the centre.

The week starts swimmingly, so to speak, with the bus leaving for Doncaster Pool at 10.30 on a Monday morning.

"People who have never had the opportunity before, are learning to swim with us," Maisie said.

"We all bring out own lunch and have that when we return to the Centre at midday. In the afternoon there's concert practice and sing-along — even if you can't participate it's a lot of fun." Delcie Griffiths leads this group in her inimitable fashion, assisted by some very talented performers.

The week's activities take off from there — bowls on Tuesday, craft on Wednesday (this group has made over \$2000 in the last three years from sales at the Community Market — Proceeds aid the Autistic Children's Society).

On Thursday morning the Access Bus takes groups for chiropody or hair dressing, after which a hot three course meal can be enjoyed at the club (if ordered in advance).

On Friday there's bowls practice in preparation for the Tuesday competition.

The Centre is open daily — a conducive setting for meeting with friends, perhaps playing Bingo, a game of cards or just enjoying a cup of tea and a chat.

On the evening of November 11, Delcie and the concert group will present their annual Birthday Celebration Show — an event not to be missed.

But why wait till November to visit the centre and

meet this dedicated Group?

There's an oft repeated philosophy: "You get out of life what you put into it. If this is the case you'll have the privilege of meeting many such people, abounding in the joy of life, right there at the Warrandyte Senior Citizens' Centre.

Introduce yourself by phoning the president, Molly Docking (844-3788), the Secretary, Maisie Temple (844-3852) or the Treasurer Alan Griffiths (844-3328).

They would be delighted to make your acquaintance.

EDITORIAL

There's been a lot of fuss recently about the pros and cons of an 'adventure playpark' in Stiggants Reserve.

It is not surprising that there are differing points of view on such an issue which affects public recreation area.

It will be a sad day for Warrandyte when people can't express their opinions about what is best for themselves, their children and their environment.

As can be seen on pages seven and thirteen of this issue the Diary is happy to present both points of view to the community.

In the end, however, one side will almost certainly be unhappy about the outcome.

What is really important though is that the issue is resolved fairly.

This is the very reason the Warrandyte Advisory Committee was set up in 1979. It offers a mechanism through which resident groups can resolve community issues in the best interests of the majority.

Their recommendations to Councils deservedly carry a lot of weight.

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"Work by painters, potters and sculptors from a wide cross-section of the Melbourne Art Community will be presented", said the Group's publicity officer, Judy Macdonald.

"We would love to hear from local artists interested in having their work auctioned in this exciting fundraising event," she said.

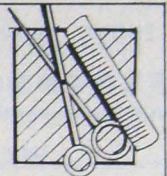
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Flying time for Monique as exchange student

Time flies when you're having fun and this adage has been especially true for Monique Cameron of Yarra Street.



Monique Cameron

It is fourteen months since Monique flew to the USA for a year as an exchange student with Youth for Understanding. Now a confident, mature 16 year old, Monique was happy to tell the Diary about her experiences.

She was a conscientious and well prepared ambassador for Australia.

Attendance at the local chapter of Toastmistress Clubs International stood her in good stead for later speeches at groups such as Guides, Lions Clubs, Schools and Churches.

The Wogamans became Monique's host family — Mum, Dad, two brothers aged 18 and 10, and two sisters aged 15 and 12.

"I was especially thrilled to go to Woodland Park, Colorado, because it is most like home" said Monique.

"However, as a busy winter resort town it has tripled in size in the past ten years."

Adjusting to the altitude was an unexpected problem, as Woodland Park is some 2,400 metres above sea level.

"I used to be breathless after volley ball prac-

tion", said Monique, "but I soon got used to it".

Monique made a lot of friends at her "adopted" high school and joined in many extra-curricular activities.

"My school subjects included journalism, photography, art, typing, english, psychology, and peer power — that's a course in student counselling and I really loved it", she said.

Since returning home Monique has spent a lot of time as a volunteer with H.A.B.I.T. (Handicapped and Able-Bodied In Together), a group based in Noble Park.

Next year she will return to full time studies in year eleven and is planning a career in the social welfare area.

Any local students keen to participate in this H.A.B.I.T. programme could call Monique on 844-2550.

There may also be people wishing to find out more about the international secondary student exchange programme.

Each host family learns first hand about a different culture and comes to appreciate their own country by introducing someone new to Australia. Students are responsible for all personal expense; families provide meals and shelter, love and companionship.

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About people

When Ethan Ashley Martin arrived in this world last July he became part of a very sports-minded family.

His parents, Suzanne and Glenn Martin of Winding Way, have been part of the Warrandyte sports scene for many years.

Suzanne played cricket for Warrandyte, Victoria and Australia and only resigned as captain of Warrandyte Women's Team to have her first son, Tristan, now four. (Suzanne's eldest child is Tricia, aged 14).

Suzanne's father, Allan Chapman and brother John are life members of Warrandyte Cricket Club. Her brothers, John and Brian and sister Jenny still play for Warrandyte.

Not to be left out Glenn played football, cricket and tennis for Warrandyte and also played for Hawthorn in VFL.

With all that in his blood little Ethan should have a bat or a ball in hand fairly soon.

Bill McCulloch, Victoria's and Warrandyte's last mounted Postman, is eagerly awaiting the screening of Channel 2 series "Peach's Gold", due early September.

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Well known local identity Mr. Alan Fluck, was awarded Apex Life Membership for his hard work since being an Inaugural member of the Warrandyte Club.

Mr. Fluck has been involved with many active groups in the community and certainly deserved the rare honour awarded to him.

Apex certificates of appreciation were awarded to Messrs Ray Spargo, Alan Hughes and Phil Taig for the many hours of volunteering service given during their Apex days.

Mr. Jim Eberbach has just been inducted as president of the Club, taking over the helm from Jim Yarwood.

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Helen's four year goal

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The ceremony will mark the successful achievement of a goal Helen has been striving for during the past four years — strengthened by the loving support of her husband John, and their teenaged children.

At a time when many of her peers are questioning life's purpose, perplexed by the dilemmas of their mid-life crises, Helen has set out on a difficult course to attain the qualifications necessary to pursue her chosen vocation.

As a trained nurse Helen had ministered to the physical and psychological needs of those in her care. This experience will complement her spiritual ministry — the basis for her work in her new role. "The spiritual life of the church requires the greatest attention — providing the motivation for all other activity" Helen told the Diary.

"I am vitally concerned with issues of social justice, majoring in Religious Education," to equip myself to address that sort of problem," Helen said. "The need to be well informed is so important."

The family is Helen's number one priority as much of her ministry is concerned with the acceptance of children into the life of the church.

Helen has been appointed as the Minister at Mulgrave, where she has been working part time during the past twelve months.

Her obvious enthusiasm and dedication augurs well for the congregations of Wanda Street and Wheelers Hill.

POPULAR TEACHER

Mr. Lou Hill, the Member for Warrandyte is supporting the children of Warrandyte Primary School in their bid to keep their Grade 5 teacher.

The children have sent a petition to the Minister of Education, Mr. Robert Fordham, asking that their Grade 5 teacher be allowed to stay until the end of the year.

The teacher came to the school at the beginning of this year and relieved a teacher on confinement leave during first term and a teacher on long service leave during second term.

Both the children and their parents want the teacher to stay to give some continuity to their class program.

Mr. Hill said that he had urged Mr. Fordham to allow the teacher to stay even though Warrandyte Primary School would then have an extra person on staff.

"The children's educations should come first. Their program should not be disrupted by staff changes at this time of the year," Mr. Hill said.

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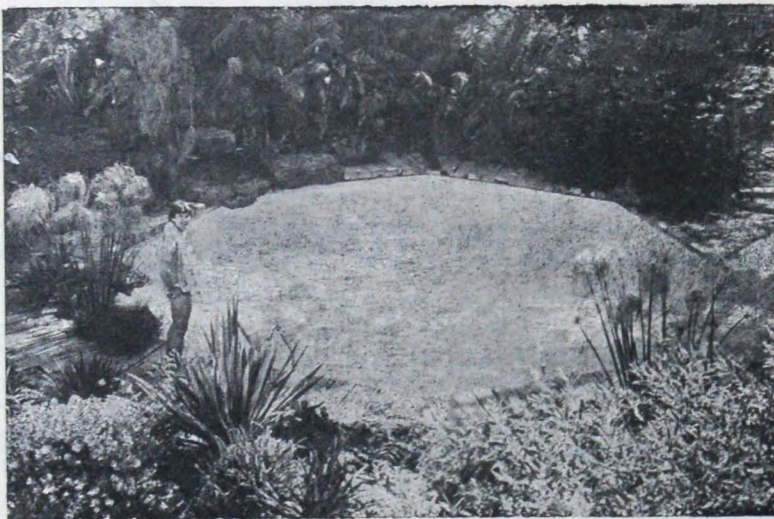
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PLAYPARK SITE CONTROVERSY

It was with a degree of surprise that we recently learnt that Warrandyte's proposed new playpark was planned for the area below the stage on Stiggants Reserve. On searching through back copies of the Diary, we found no mention of this site being suggested, and feel that some community feedback is in order before a final decision is taken.

Stiggants Reserve was bought by the Doncaster & Templestowe Council to provide open space near the river. Since its acquisition about ten years ago, quite a few local groups have been refused permission to use this space, due to its express purpose being that of passive recreation. These groups include the Elderly Citizens' Club and the Football Club.

There are many reasons why a playpark should not be erected in this position.

- 1) The two Primary Schools and the two Pre-Schools in Warrandyte each have an area such as this. Added to this is the area near the Football Ground car park, and the Lynette Avenue playpark, as well as the playpark at the Warren Glen Nurseries. Seven playparks altogether!
- 2) Since there are already seven playparks existing, wouldn't it be better to put the community's money, time and effort into upgrading one of these seven (perhaps the one at Lynette Avenue, or the Football Ground car park), rather than creating an eighth playpark from scratch, on a site which is not only unsuitable, but controversial.
- 3) There's also the possibility of the community continuing to use the existing facilities and putting their effort towards building something for older children, who are not catered for at all.

Some ideas that spring to mind are a network of cycle paths and walking tracks, or a regular disco for teenagers.

- 4) The proposed site is not suitable. There are serious doubts about the safety of this particular position. It is not far from the river, and no fence has been planned. As it would attract school age children, they might be inclined to cross the road unattended at the bad corner near Riverview Motors to get to the playpark after school, and once there it is a very short distance down to the river.

As the proposed site is relatively quiet and lonely, unattended children are also at risk from any deviant types who may be attracted there. This area is quite sloping, making it necessary either to grade the site, or use prefabricated equipment, which could be unsympathetic to Warrandyte surroundings.

- 5) There is a need for a large open area near the river for passive recreation. The monthly market and the Festival are held at Stiggants Reserve. The market is so successful it should have room to expand in the future as it has in the past, if necessary. Anyone who has seen the happy faces of our children at the Warrandyte market will reject the idea that they desperately need play equip-

"There are many better places..."

ment close by on the first Saturday of each month.

As for the confusion that would be caused by lack of space behind the stage during the Festival — it would not only seriously hamper use of the stage, but the combination of tangles of amplifier and electric lighting cords and other stage equipment, busy performers, pre-occupied parents and many small children, could lead to a serious accident at some future Festival.

- 6) The latest plan put forward by the group who are pressing for a playpark at Stiggants Reserve is not the plan that was displayed at the Warrandyte Community Centre (Getsons) window, but a prefabricated design, possibly out of character with Warrandyte, which would take up approximately the area of a building block.

- 7) There are many people who believe that the basic concept of a playpark is wrong. With all the bushland, the riverbank, and many natural opportunities for our children to climb, jump, swing, balance, and generally develop their motor skills, while creating fantasy worlds in the beauty of the Warrandyte bush, it is unnecessary to copy arti-

ficial play areas such as those which suburban children use as facsimiles of the real environment.

We have taken many young children to visit the river and bushland around Warrandyte, and they invariably enjoy themselves, experiencing not only the things that they would at a conventional playpark, but also learning to understand, love and appreciate nature and the world we live in.

There's a freedom to be found in the bush that simply doesn't exist in a playpark.

It is certainly fun to go to a playpark sometimes, but seven of these should suffice for the area's needs.

- 8) There are many better places for a playpark if it is felt that by the community (not just a particular pressure group) that Warrandyte needs an eighth playpark.

We should consider the flat land between the chemist shop and McDougall's Real Estate Agency, or further towards the bridge near the new tennis courts.

When Getson's land was bought, it was envisaged that as the community required various facilities they should gradually be built on

this one area, thus creating a focal point for community activity; a pleasant place not only for the children, but for parents to meet and chat.

Landscaping would be necessary here, but the end result would be safe, convenient and practicable (the site is already flat). Many people worked very hard to make Getsons available for this type of development, so let's not overlook it now.

We feel that if Warrandyte is to change its concept regarding use of Stiggants Reserve, there should be some public debate on the subject.

We also acknowledge that if the playpark group wish to build Warrandyte's eighth playpark, it is important that they have the freedom to go ahead.

Similarly, it is equally important to the rest of Warrandyte community that the existing uses of Stiggants Reserve be protected, without encroachment from one particular group.

Building a playpark below the stage on Stiggants Reserve would seriously compromise the existing uses of this land, and we therefore suggest that an alternative site be chosen.

The community needs a chance to discuss both this alternative site and the final design and layout of the equipment, by publication of the plans in the Diary.

As the W.A.C. will be making a final recommendation at their September 29 meeting, it is necessary to make some comment immediately. If you would like to have a chat about this matter, please ring Janet Foote, 844 3216, or Andree Moore, 844 2925.

J. Foote, A. Moore,
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Jan Collins.

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The poor disadvantaged children of Warrandyte have missed out on the pleasures of playing on treated pine ladders, old car tyres, plastic roundabouts and steel monkey bars —

but soon our dear Council is going to spend our money to provide them all.

And to make sure that not a single tree branch falls on their little heads they are going to build it in the middle of Stiggants Reserve so that all the concerned mums can drive their children past all that very dangerous bush, across that treacherous river to a safe and tranquil play park that has no bark, no leaves, no mud and no adventure.

So much for the National Parks Service.
P. WESTWOOD.

Pretending trees

After attending the AGM of the Advisory Committee on August 4, I was appalled to learn that a play park is to be built right in the middle of Stiggants Reserve.

Can anyone explain to me that with all the natural bush around Warrandyte why we need to get the Council to spend thousands on an artificial structure of frames and tyres right in the middle of the only open park around. I thought only kids in inner suburbs needed pretend trees!

T. A. Vincent.

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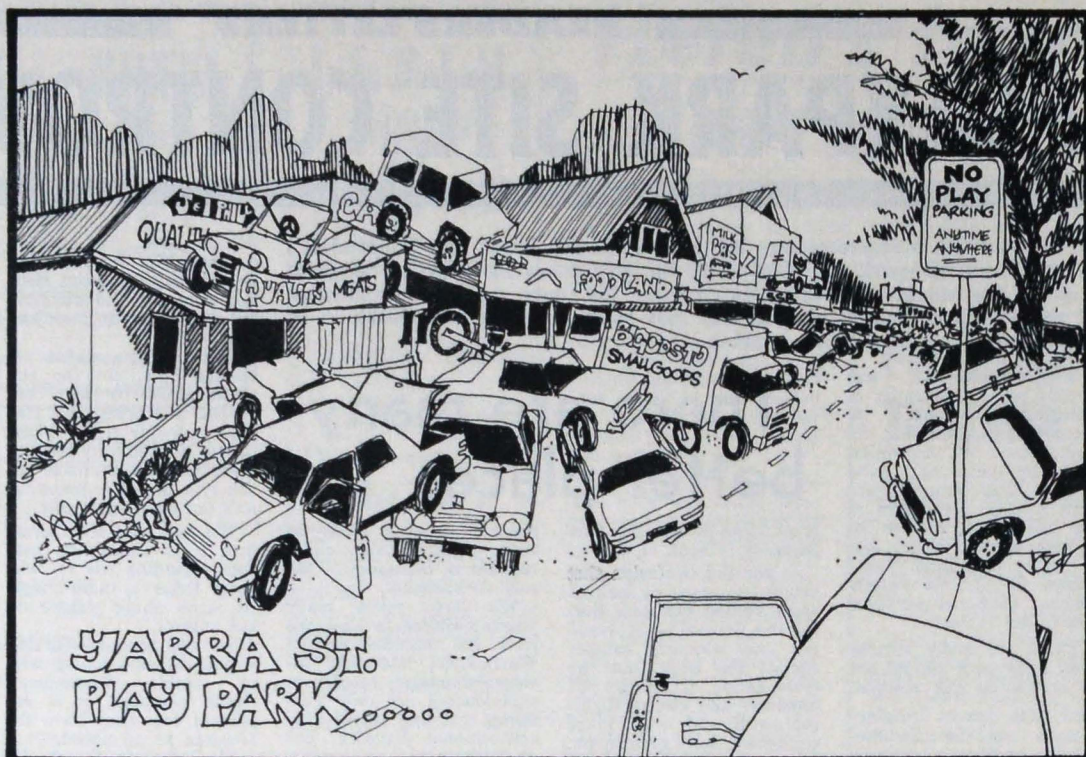
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I like my Daddy because he takes me to the matches and has a kick with me.

Trent Jacobs

I like my Daddy because he takes me to McDonalds or swimming or roller skating.

Tristan Wise

I like my Dad because he takes me to the truck factory and I go up to the shop and get a donut.

Gavin Byrne

I like my Daddy because he plays with me sometimes.

Simone Reinersten

I like my Dad because he always takes me to school.

Elise Youl

I like my Dad because he works all day.

Greg Angus

I like my Dad because he spoils me and he likes me. He takes me horse riding.

Briony Davis

I like my Daddy because he lets me do some of his work.

Christian Hoffmann

I like my Dad because he gives me somersaults and I love him.

Sophie Grant

My Dad is good to me because he loves me.

Joanne Yarwood

My Dad is helpful sometimes.

Amalia Pleasance

I like my Dad because he buys me everything I want.

Matthew Close

My Dad buys lollies for me at the shop.

Ben Wilmot

I like my Dad because he gives me hugs.

Cameron Davidson

I like my Dad because I like him.

Eliza De Pardo

My Dad is cuddly. My Dad is funny.

Kate Luttick

I like my Dad. He is tall and he takes me to the show.

Kane Vaho

I like my Day because he gives me things.

Seona Dance.

I like my Daddy because he buys me specials at Christmas when I'm good.

Emma McGlashan

I like my Dad sometimes.

Belinda Guthrie

I like my Dad because he kisses me.

Joanne Hayden

I love my Dad because he spoils me.

Ben Ross

My Dad takes me to his work and I get two drinks.

Andrew Matlock.

I like my Dad because he kisses me good night.

Karina Reid

COFFEE SHOP ON THE BOIL

The Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative wish to express their thanks to all those people who have made donations of furniture and equipment for use in the Coffee Shop.

Particular thanks go to Bill Riggs and Ralph McAuley for installation of the Pot Belly Stove, Warrandyte Fern Centre and Warranglen Nurseries for plants, and Potters Cottage for ash-trays.

We also wish to thank the Warrandyte Elderly Citizens Club for their good work in donating the wool and making blankets for our propo-

sed Creche.

Our most pressing need at the moment is for a typewriter, filing cabinet and/or any other office equipment which people may have tucked away and is not being used.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE: For all enquiries regarding the Community Education Office please ring Rosemary Tovey 844-2985.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Next meeting September 21, 8 p.m. at Community Centre.

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

Meet the last Sunday of the month. Details Geoff Osler 844-3758.

GIRL GUIDES

Brownies, guides and ranger groups meet weekly. Enquiries: Merle Foote 844 3722. Parents meetings each third Wednesday of the month at the Canteen of the Warrandyte Primary School at 8.00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHAPEL: Family church service, Sunday's 10.00 a.m., with coffee afterwards. Young and old welcome.

LIONS CLUB: Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Coffee Bean Restaurant. Enquiries: Ron Cuthbert 876 1182 or Don McDonald 844 2195. Bookings for Lions Club Tennis Courts at the Warrandyte Newsagency.

LITTLE BUGGA'S CLUB.

Meets on the Sunday after the Community market between 2.30 and 4.00 p.m., usually at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

MUSICAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Sunday, September 12, 1.00 p.m. at 24 Webb Street, Warrandyte. Enquiries to Ann Martin or Alan Bower on 844-3313.

NURSING MOTHER'S ASSOCIATION

Meets first Tuesday of the month. Enquiries to Jan Fisher, 844-3240.

SCOUTS: Cubs and scouts meet weekly. Enquiries: Marion Renn 844 3691.

SOUTH WARRANDYTE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE: Meets second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Enquiries: Ken Reid 844 2131, Les Dixon 844 3673.

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Variety Concert, Friday, September 10. Enquiries to Robyn Hodgkinson on 844-3641.

WARRANDYTE ARTS ASSOCIATION.

CRAFT GROUP — Meets first Monday of month at 11.30 a.m. at various locations. Enquiries to Leonie Horne 844-2685.

October 4—"Natural dyeing" at residence of A. Drew, Cooks Crescent, North Warrandyte, 11.30 a.m.

PAINTING GROUP — Meet every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m., various locations. Enquiries to Eira Dodd 712-0327.

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WARRANDYTE ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting at North Warrandyte Community Centre, 8 p.m., September 16. Film "Trees of Warrandyte".

WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Next meeting September 22, 8 p.m. at the Community Centre.

WARRANDYTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Meets 4th Tuesday of every alternate month. Enquiries to Ann Ley on 844-3586.

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

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Evening training at the Kilsyth Indoor Cricket Centre is now running from 8-10 p.m. each Monday.

Day training for seniors commences on Sunday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

Junior training starts on Wednesday, September 8 at 4.30 p.m.

Club publicity officer, Stephen Peake, told the Diary "We have a few new players this year and of course others are very welcome."

"We were RDCA winners last year and we want

to repeat the victory again", he said.

The Warrandyte Club has grown to be the largest in the Ringwood District and will field 14 sides this summer.

"There will be six male, one female and seven junior sides, including an extra under 16 team this year," said Mr. Peake.

The Club's 128th Annual General Meeting on August

Cricket training already underway

18 re-elected the following

President: Steve Pascoe.
Secretary: Dianne Gathercole.
Grounds Committee Chairman: Joe Scicluna.
Treasurer: Marty McCarthy
Publicity Officer: Stephen Peake.
Junior Administrator: Bruce Kline.
Senior Match Committee Chairman: Barry Johnson.

New committee members elected were:
Social Secretary: Geoff

Carter. Registration Secretary: Chris Keating.

Three Club members were honoured with Life Memberships, namely Geoff Day, Alan Bellinger and Stephen Peake.

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It had been several years since the last reunion and organisers were delighted with the response. Future reunions may now be held on a more regular basis.

For all who attended it was a "trip along memory lane" as tales of deeds on and off the field were told and tributes paid.

Among the "older" brigade who attended were Ron Belzer, John Hutchinson, Eric Houghton, Arthur Houghton and Jack McAuley. All played in Warrandyte sides in the 1920s.

Former coaches at the

function were Stan Beal, Bob Green, Keith Rochow, Bill Haines and Brian Tomlinson.

Many at the reunion travelled from country areas to attend including Sam King (Yarragon), Joe Reid (Wandin), Bill Haines (Benalla), Richard Derby (Swifts Creek), Paddy Reid (Middle Tarwin), Ray Henwood (Nar-Nar-Goon North), Les Reid (Dromana).

A vote of thanks to the present players who kept up the supply of drinks during the evening.

—P.L.

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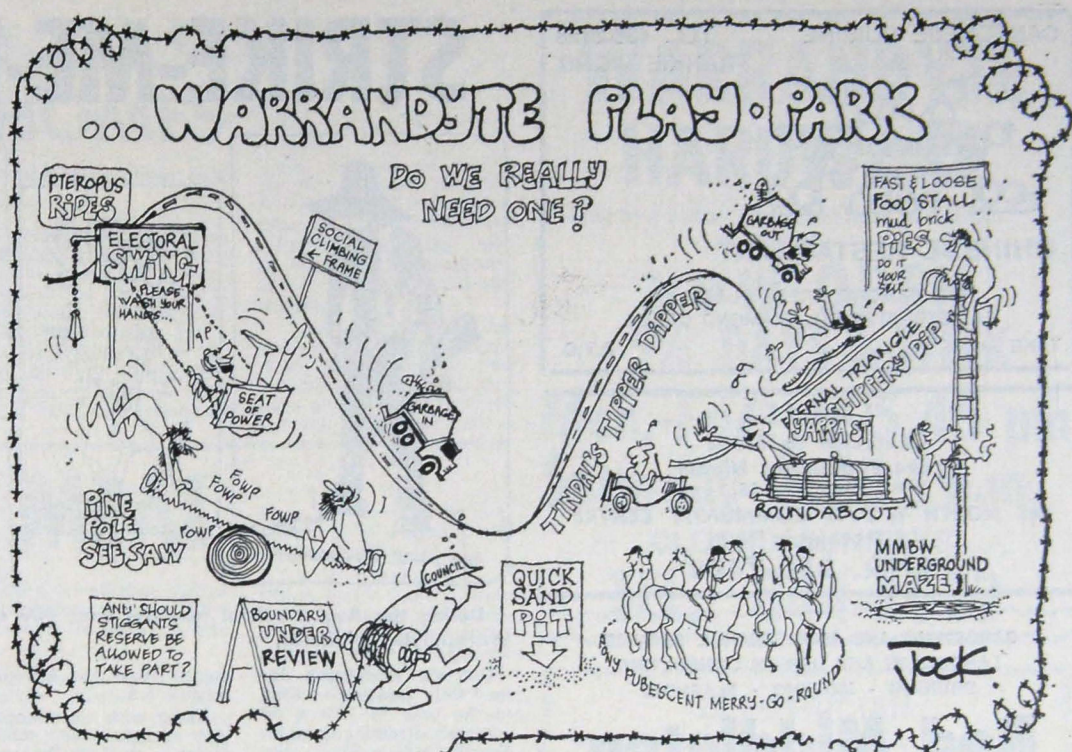
One of the great things about our resident cartoonist is that the quality of his work lives in long after the first publication.

It is a boon for your Editor at the end of an issue lay-out when a big space has to be filled with something interesting.

It is also a boon when a space has to be filled with something that's still topical.

In this case Jock's cartoon from the June 1982 edition somehow seems more timely than it was then.

As always his cartoons make us laugh at ourselves when we're in danger of becoming too serious.



STATE OF PLAY—ANOTHER VIEW

In June 1981, the Warrandyte Advisory Committee submitted to the Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham Councils, a strategy report based on 12 months investigation and meetings with representatives from clubs, groups and organisations in the Warrandyte area.

Proposal number 5 of that report stated: "That council proceed with the design and construction of an imaginative children's playground at Stiggants Reserve".

A group of interested Warrandyte parents subsequently arranged a public meeting on March 3, 1982 to ascertain community reaction and support. At this meeting a steering committee was formed to consider alternative locations, types of equipment and undertake fund raising.

From the outset, it was recognised that the playpark should blend in with the environment, be located in a safe position and away from traffic arteries. After very careful consideration of numerous sites, a location in Stiggants Reserve was selected.

It must be emphasized that the proposed playpark is not envisaged simply as a group of swings and slides. It is perceived as an aesthetically pleasing environment to which family groups will be attracted and want to spend time with their children.

This view is endorsed by a publication of the Curriculum Services United of the Education Department that: "A playground is not, contrary to some opinions, an area where playground equipment happens to be located. A playground is . . . creating an environment rather than just a conglomeration of items of equipment."

The location at Stiggants Reserve, was chosen in relationship with the stage (to minimise the visual impact), the proximity to toilets and barbeque area, gentle sloping gradient to minimise damp areas and fewer trees, therefore less likelihood of interference with existing growth.

We envisage that the stage and playpark will complement each other, by providing a nearby area of interest for your children when the stage is in use. The equipment will be of a

modular nature, and can be constructed to adapt to the existing slope and therefore require no excavation.

The size of the area covered by the playpark has been substantially reduced by locating a new design that offers more features than the original, at the same costs. The area now required is less than 50% of the original council proposal.

It was also proposed that it be sited behind the stage and screen planted — this is an area which to our knowledge, does not interfere with, encroach on, or is used by any group or activity.

Is it not time that local initiatives to provide aesthetically pleasing community facilities in Warrandyte were supported, rather than knocked?

Elise Berry,
Warrandyte Playpark
Committee.

IT'S GOODBYE TO THE BELLS

Warrandyte lost one of its favourite identities recently. George Bell left town.

George and wife Gladys, of Kangaroo Ground Road, have moved to Mt. Evelyn.

They had lived in Warrandyte for almost 20 years.

A bricklayer, George was active in community affairs but, at the same time, a modest man who shunned the limelight.

He is past secretary of the Warrandyte RSL sub-branch, was a keen worker for the Million - Dollar Club and for many seasons goal-umpired for the local football club.

His truck was always available for anyone in need and it has always been the nature of the man to "lend a hand".

His kindness will long be remembered.

Typical of George Bell is that he slipped quietly out of town and into his new home to avoid a series of farewells which were being planned in his honour.

That sort of "fuss" was not his go.

Our loss is Mt. Evelyn's gain.

Warrandyte wishes George and Gladys Bell every happiness in their new environment.

WAC: help wanted

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee is continually confronted with local problems requiring specialist advice and opinion.

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They bought mining licences from the Goldfield Commissioner and traded with the crooked storekeeper.

They panned Gold Memorial Creek and worked the shafts in Geraghty's mine by the light of candles they had made in the camp.

They took part in a miners' revolt against the authorities and joined the hunt for a bushranger who stole

money from the Commissioner's tent.

Along with the troopers they caught the robber during a thrilling shoot-out in the Whipstick Gully quarry.

"Blow the kids, this is the most fun I've had in ages," said one enthusiastic parent.

The project, run by the Mooroolbark Community Centre and the Warrandyte Arts Association Drama ed was directed by Bob Karl.

Bob also played the roles of Geraghty, the bushranger and the leader of the miners' strike.

The children's comments

summed up the success of the programme.

"I went on one last year, but that was only pretend. This one is real!" — Steven, 9.

"This is the best hunt I've ever been on." — Alan, 6.

"I think Mr. Isaac is a crook." — Michelle, 8.

"This soup is not Rosella packet, that's for sure." — Joanna, 11.

My personal favourite is from Bianca, five year old daughter of one of the actors: "I found two bits of gold but I gave one bit to a little boy that didn't find any."

Jock Macneish

FIFTY LASHES

We were walking up the road chattering, when we heard a voice say: 'HALT!' We all looked up, we had come to a gate and there were two troopers by it.

One of the troopers asked what we wanted and we all said we wanted to pan for gold. The troopers said, "have you got licences?"

We told them we had currency and would buy li-

ences if they told us where to go.

"O.K." said the other trooper, and he directed us to go up the road about half a mile, then when we saw the Australian flag to turn left.

"When you come into the town you will see the Commissioner's tent."

"Thanks", we all said and set off. "But mind,"

said one of the troopers, "if you're caught without a licence on the gold field, the punishment is you get tied to the flagpole and lashed 50 times." At that we all shuddered and headed off.

Soon we got to the town and there was the Commissioner himself.

Well, we got our licences and went to pan for gold in Anderson's Creek.

What an exciting time we had reliving the gold rush days in Warrandyte!

Christian Trenberth, (8).

Real or Fake?

One day during the school holidays mum told us we were going on a surprise outing. I was a bit scared, I didn't know what was going to happen.

When we got there we met a lot of other children dressed in olden day clothes. First we walked up the dusty path to the camp, then we made our own candles to go in the mine. There was mud six inches deep and a ditch six feet deep! In the mine I found ten pieces of gold.

After our morning's work we sat around the camp fire and ate our lunch — soup and sausages in bread, and damper. A man played his guitar and we all sang songs. Suddenly we saw a crowd of people around the tent. There was a bushranger called Eddie stealing gold and we all gave chase — it was really exciting!

We found gold on the path that had fallen from Eddie's pocket — I picked up seven pieces. We heard gun shots. The troopers caught Eddie on the hill

and brought him back. His leg was shot.

After all the excitement we walked through the bush, and met mum waiting for us at Whipstick Gully.

I have seventeen pieces of gold — is it real or is it fake?

Samantha Harkin, 9.

Amy's day

We started off at the tents where people bought their equipment. At the end of a busy morning panning gold we had a sausage sizzle and sang songs as well.

During the songs a man stole our money. We all searched for him.

When we found him it was time to go home. It was a fun day.

—Amy Troedel, 8.

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I went with my sister for a mystery outing. At the camp on Fourth Hill I made a candle and then I went into the mine and struck it rich—GOLD!

Then I went back to the camp and sang a song. Eddie went into the bank tent and got all the gold and we went after him.

The troopers came from behind and shot at him!

Olivia Harkin, 7

WANTED: GAS FOR 326 HOMES

Wonga Park residents are preparing their case for a natural gas connection.

Mr. Lou Hill, the Member for Warrandyte recently told the Wonga Park District Residents Association that he would lead a deputation to the Minister for Minerals and Energy, Mr. David White.

The Residents Association has been campaigning for a

gas connection but the Gas and Fuel Corporation claims the low population and isolation of the area makes it uneconomic. There are 326 homes in the area.

A representative of the Gas & Fuel Corporation, Mr. Ern Alford, said that about 75% of the residents

would use gas if it was available.

The residents are studying the economics of the connection and preparing a submission for the Minister.

Mr. Hill said that the Minister would sympathetically consider the residents' request.

"I am confident that the Wonga Park District Residents Association can find a viable solution to the problem. I will support them all the way," Mr. Hill said.

FAMILY MEAL

Six sisters, a brother, parents and a friend have started working together to make the family's former home, Lilydale's Olinda Park, a friendly restaurant for guests to dine well.

Susan Norris is the manager. She graduated in 1978 from a Deakin University four-year Food Service course. In her final year she worked as a chef in prominent restaurants near Dusseldorf, Germany and near Torquay in England.

Friend Andrea Ford is a graduate in Hotel and Cat-

ering Management of the William Angliss College. Andrea was a representative of the College at the National Restaurant Conference at Chicago in 1979.

Sisters Gina, who studied horticulture at Burnley College, Anne, a talented Art Student, Vicki, manager of a Travel agency and Rose-

mary, at secondary school, still, are all involved to varying degrees.

Gina's knowledge of Olinda Park's flowers, fruits and vegetables, Anne's artistry in menu presentation, Vicki's office experience and Rosemary's interest in Home Economics make a good mix.

Brother Geoffrey's jobs include keeping the logs rolling for Olinda Park's four open fire places and with his younger sister Kate 9, helping their parents in the four acres of garden out of school hours.

The Cottage cut

A demonstration of children's hair cutting and advice on family hair care are among the practical activities being held at the Wonga Park Community Cottage.

This hair session will be on Monday, September 13, between 9.15 and 11.30 a.m. Morning coffee will be served for a 50 cent donation, and long-haired children are welcome.

A Cottage spokeswoman told the Diary that preparations are also underway for a Toy Library. Anyone interested in joining can contact Sue Couper on — 722-1738.

"We are looking for someone to teach pottery at the Cottage on a regular basis," said Robyn Dennis.

"Anyone wishing to hold a stall at our Annual Craft and Home Produce Market on November 13 can also contact me on 722-1461," she said.

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The Warrantyte Drama Group's September production will be held in
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In fact to be exact there
will be performances on Oc-
tober 22, 23, 29 and 30
with a matinee on October
24.

This entertaining state of
affairs has been caused by
the rather indulgent illness
of the production director,
Jock Macneish.

"Fancy him popping off
getting pneumonia when he
was the only one who knew
what was going on," said
assistant director, Sharry
McKenzie.

"This will teach him not
to play things too close to
the chest," she said.

However, Jock is now
back on deck and rehears-
als are proceeding.

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Both the Under Tens and the Under Twelves won their matches on August 14 in grand style.

The Under Ten team defeated Donvale convincingly. Our girls were:

Prue Fisher
Melanie Rankin
Sharon Taylor
Peta Tovey
Samantha Harris
Melanie Smart
Jodi Cleghorn
Kerri Maher
Kate Farrall
Nieta Manser

The Under Twelve girls defeated East Doncaster (Blue) 7-5 in an exciting, closely fought game. They were:

Samantha Clifton
Toni Clarke
Catherine Harry
Liane Provan
Nicole Gangell
Jasmine Pleasance

Our girls great

Cara Grant
Gail Patterson
Karen Stewart

Congratulations also went to Under 10 Coach, Jan Fisher and Under 12 Coach, Sandra Gangell.

Club awards were presented to the following players:

Under 10:
Best & Fairest: Prue Fisher.
Runner-up: Sharon Taylor.

Under 12A:
Best & Fairest: Laurel Retz.
Runner-up: Yvonne Howarth.

Under 12B:
Best & Fairest: Karen Stewart.

Runner-up: Gail Patterson.

Under 14A:
Best & Fairest: Natalie Manser.


Runner-up: Leanne Bensch.

Under 14B:
Best & Fairest: Trudi McDonald.
Runner-up: Rhonda Howarth.

Under 18:
Best & Fairest: Kylie Gangell.
Runner-up: Janet Van Mannen.

Training for the Spring Competition begins on September 18 at the Basketball Courts.

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The winning teams were:

D3: Gloria Lawrence (Capt.), Dorothy Hawkins, Mary Hockley, Sue Parrett, Robin Marks.

D1: Heather Farmer (Capt.), Jan Fisher, Pam Hiscock, Anne Neagle, Ruth Rankin.

C7: Debbie Dedman (Capt.), Lyn Dillon, Maree Holland, Penny Kerkhof, Carol Stott.

The ladies of the Warrandyte Tennis Club can feel justly proud of their efforts.

The Diary wishes them all good luck for the coming summer season.

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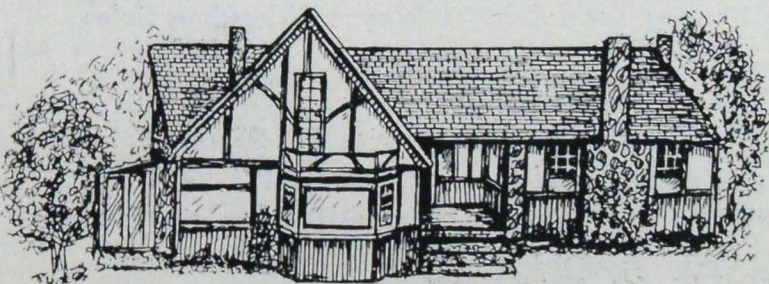
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THE BEATING OF NORWOOD

Warrandyte won their way into the EDFL third division grand final with a 17-point win over arch-rivals Norwood.

By BLOODHOUND

It was a case of a fitter team ignoring the unnecessary physical stuff and playing football.

The Bloods overcame a three-goal deficit at the first change and fought back grandly from 10 points down halfway into the last quarter.

Warrandyte went into the game with a little help from former Hawthorn champion ruckman Don Scott, the "iron man" of football.

At the request of coach Kevin McLean, Scott supervised training on the Thursday night before the Norwood match.

He put the Bloods through a gruelling session and gave specialised training to ruckmen Colin Bawden and Steve Harper.

Warrandyte were almost brought undone by brilliant Norwood half - forward C. Kelly, who kicked seven goals in the first half and finished the game with nine.

Norwood kicked with the wind in the first quarter and led 5.2 to 2.2 at the change.

The Bloods were nine

points down at half-time, but their running power and teamwork were starting to emerge.

Warrandyte were in full cry in the third term, kicking 8.6 to 5.9.

But Norwood kicked on.

They were ten points in front at the 15-minute mark of the last term — then along came Mark Brenchley, Gerald Walshe and Greg Nicholson.

They all goaled to put Warrandyte into the grand final.

Warrandyte Football Club president Ken McKenzie described the win as a "magnificent, disciplined team effort".

"We were not particularly impressed with Norwood's physical tactics, but it was all the more pleasing that our boys shrugged it off and simply kept playing football," he said.

Mr. McKenzie would not predict the outcome of the grand final.

"But let me put it this way," he said.

"We're superbly fit, we have no injury worries and have an obvious psycholo-

Discipline - and a big bloke named Scott

gical advantage over the opposition.

"The better team will win — and I firmly believe that is Warrandyte."

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The final scores were Warrandyte (13.12) defeated Norwood (12.15).

Warrandyte were trailing at half time but kicked 4.8 in the final quarter to clinch victory.

Best players were M. Cooper, U. Morzinek, K. Yeo and S. Garrick.

Grand final here we come!

• Under 16

Warrandyte's Under 16's won their grand final match against Fair Park in a 'heart-stopper' game.

After near-level scores at half time Warrandyte came home with 7.9 against Fair Park's 7.4.

The victory was hailed as an all round team effort and a credit to coach Ian Clark, who moulded the lads for their win.

Well done, the Under 16's!

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