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\$206,000 BID FAILS

One of Warrandyte's best-known properties — Cheyne House, in Alexander Road — was passed in at auction last month for \$206,000.

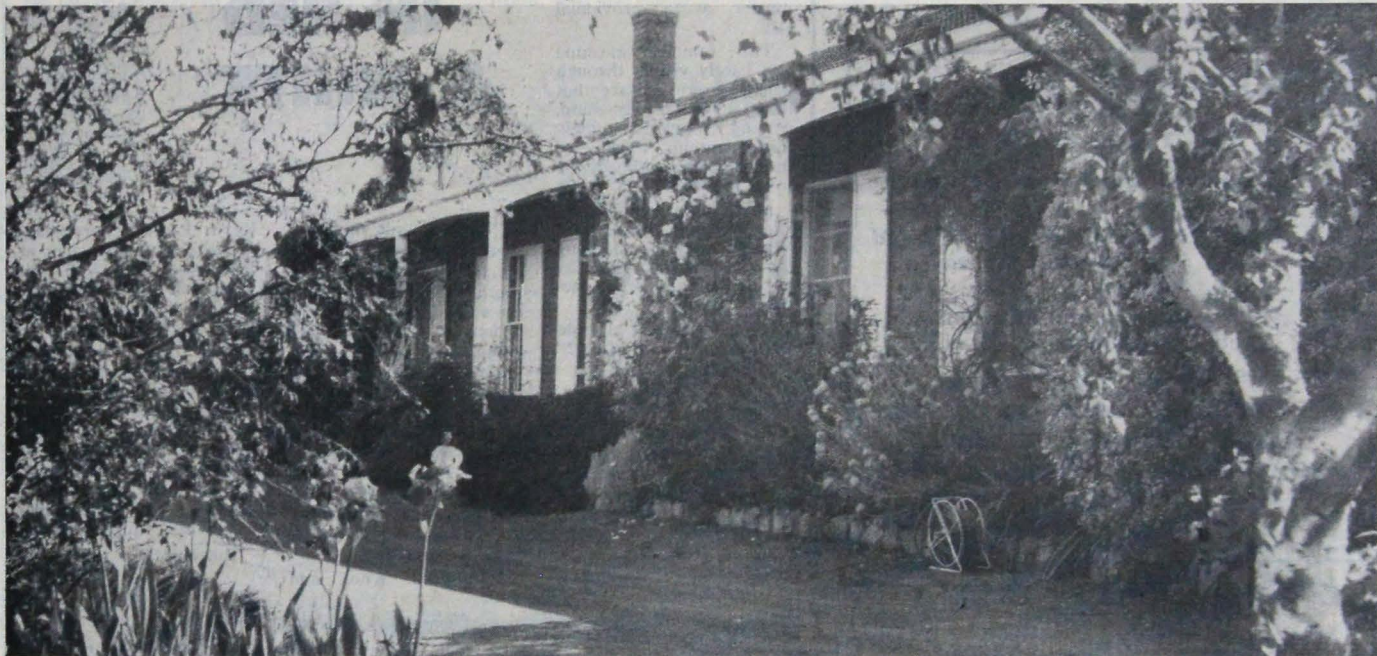
The owner, the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works, had a reserve price of \$240,000 on the 7.5 hectare property, which includes an eight-room home.

The land is zoned "special conservation".

The Board of Works acquired Cheyne House three years ago, and incorporated the rear section into the Metropolitan Park.

When this edition of the Diary went to press, private negotiations were under way for the remaining property, which overlooks Warrandyte Golf Course.

Below: The Cheyne House homestead.
Pictures: MIKE EDMONDSON.



AT THE CROSSROADS

A working party has recommended drastic changes to Yarra Street.

And if Doncaster-Templestowe City Council adopts the proposal, the first casualty would be Warrandyte's historic old post office.

The working party — consisting of a town planner, council, CRB and local representatives — has suggested that:

- The old post office be shifted to make way for a major road diversion.
- A "friction-free" two-lane thoroughway be created in the centre of the town.
- A car parking mall be created in front of the central shopping area.

The Yarra Street Central Working Party came to these decisions after several months of deliberation on

Warrandyte's main street and its increasing traffic flow.

The party carried a motion on October 21 calling for a "boundary for road reservation gazettal which does not interfere with the chemist site and which passes through the post office site".

This decision was taken in the face of strong local opposition, expressed in an official survey, through a widely-circulated petition and at a packed public meeting.

The working party "sees the above recommendation as preserving an alternative to a four-lane highway, or similar, and calls for all reasonable measures to be taken to avoid significant road works for as long as reasonably possible, by prolonging use of the existing alignment."

Council to vote on Yarra St's fate

The recommendations also suggest that the street becomes a "two-lane friction-free road", leaving a further option of a parking mall in front of the central shops.

This would require relocation of the old post office.

The working party was formed as a result of a motion passed at a public meeting on April 22 over the controversial Loder and Bayly report. This report

first suggested realignment of the main street through the post office site.

The meeting voted overwhelmingly that the village character of Warrandyte be retained.

An opinion survey of 100 local shoppers was instigated by the working party. It concluded:

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The people must say

We won't get a second chance.

If Yarra Street is changed the character of our town will be gone forever.

The Yarra Street Working Party has reached a decision which we believe runs contrary to the spirit and wishes of the public meeting that brought it into being.

But now it is time for the people of Warrandyte to make their views heard—loudly and clearly.

The Loder and Bayly proposal has been rejected — several times — already.

Obviously we must do so again, but this time we must ensure that our wishes are heeded.

We must not allow working parties or

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planning groups or whatever to subvert the will of the community.

The Diary makes no apology for its commitment to this issue. We stated our position quite clearly after the public meeting in April.

Yarra Street must remain intact. We can't afford to get this one wrong. Other solutions must be found.

Surely the skills of town planners and civil engineers can be applied to finding a way of leaving us alone.

That is all we ask.

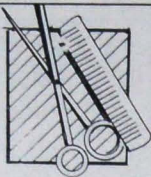
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Most time was spent in a dust bowl of a country town that passed local muster as a provincial city.

The famous sunshine was barely visible through a pall of grey smoke that hung over everything, coming from a seemingly impenetrable wall of bushfires that ringed the town all week.

More than enough to have any self-respecting Warrandytian reaching for his knapsack pump as an involuntary reflex action.

"Anyone going to do anything about the fires?" we asked.

"Nah," was the reply. "They ain't hurtin' no-one."

"How about the bush?" we persisted.

"Nah. It's only rubbish. A good burn'll do it good."

"How often does it get a 'good burn'?" we asked.

IN RED & WHITE



"Every coupla months."

No wonder their beloved leader has to come south regularly to round up a fresh bunch of Victorians to keep the place going.

They say that even the most alert and avaricious Victorian only lasts five years before he goes troppo as everyone else.

It is fair to say that Jeff Reddie was caught red (or orange) handed.

Jeff, John Knox and

Kevin Luttick were playing golf the other day at Ringwood and Jeff was using one of those new-fangled, bright orange balls.

He strayed into the rough, spent a little time searching for the errant projectile, announced that he'd found it . . . and promptly hit a white ball out of the scrub!

John says Jeff's arithmetic on the golf course is, at best, unreliable.

But this was ridiculous.

Strike a light!

It has been many, many moons since warm and lovable Jack Barr figured in this column.

Not that he's mellowed—he simply covers his tracks better these days.

We are delighted to report, therefore, that Jack provided the highlight of the latest annual Murray River pilgrimage by a busload of Warrandyte characters and their wives.

His award-winning caper was an attempt to light an electric barbecue . . . with matches.

We all know Jack is devoted to his job with the Gas and Fuel Corporation — but wasn't that taking the naked flame concept a little too far?

Diary contributions come in many shapes and forms. The writings on the back of a postage stamp of a thumbnail dipped in tar no longer surprise us.

But we were quite taken by an offering for the current issue.

It was written in red pen on green and white striped paper.

We doubt it will make the top ten on the colour charts.

quick off the mark and within a couple of days the phone box was restored to mint condition.

It would be nice if the vandals were to leave the disabled alone.

— Smokey Joe



• Warrandyte guides (from left) Michelle Woolcock, Hannah Ross and Genevieve Batrouney watch Thomas Schindlmayr, in the wheelchair, use the phone box for the disabled.

A lot of us may have an axe to grind with Telecom and its services—but you'll hear no complaints from the 2nd Warrandyte Girl Guide Company.

Last year—the Year of the Disabled—the girls wrote to Telecom pointing out the need for a special public telephone for the disabled in this area.

Technically, Warrandyte didn't qualify, but Telecom came to the party anyway and the

facility was installed recently near the post office.

The phone box is special in that it is doorless, to allow easy access for wheelchairs, and the phone itself is set lower on the wall, within easy reach of the user.

Then, one night last month, the vandals had a bit of "fun." They wrecked the box, leaving not a pane of glass unbroken.

Gee, they're clever.—Thorough, too. Telecom, though, was

\$260,000 SPORTS CENTRE PLANNED

A \$260,000 indoor sports centre is to be built at Warrandyte High School.

Approval for the project was given during a recent visit to the School by the State Education Minister, Mr. Robert Fordham, and the Member for Warrandyte, Mr. Lou Hill.

Envisaged is a basketball-netball-volleyball court and gymnasium with folding, tiered seating for 350 people.

The project will also include office, storage, changeroom and shower facilities.

Doncaster - Templestowe City Council, the State Government, the high school council and Warrandyte Basketball Club have all agreed to participate in the project.

The centre will be used by the school during school hours and will be available for hire by community groups in the evenings and at weekends.

The government has been

Fordham okays High School project

asked to provide half the funds for the project.

Doncaster - Templestowe council has already approved in principal a grant of \$50,000.

Mr. Hill emphasised that the sports centre would serve local groups as well as 450 children expected to be enrolled by 1986.

"The Warrandyte Basketball Club has 400 members and more than 40 teams. It desperately needs this facility

and is prepared to contribute to the cost", Mr. Hill said.

"Combined school and community use is the best way of getting value for money from expensive buildings.

"I have asked Mr. Fordham to give the sports centre top priority because it is a community project which will serve the needs of so many groups," Mr. Hill said.

Shape of things to come

The needs of Warrandyte High in the coming three or four years were discussed at length during the visit by Mr. Fordham and Mr. Hill.

The president of the school council, Mr. Ian Hawkins, and the Principal, Mr. Kevin Morrish, pointed out that enrolments were expected to rise to 450 or 500 by 1985 or 1986.

H.S.C. classes would start in 1983.

Additional classrooms would be needed to cope with the increased enrolment, they said, and a considerably - expanded library would be necessary.

With the appointment of a specialist music teacher for 1983. There was also a need for a music room. At the request of the principal, Mr. Ford-

ham visited classes in progress in three classrooms which were claimed to be inadequate in size and design.

Mr. Fordham agreed that plans should be prepared for the main permanent core building of the school.

He said he would announce as soon as possible details and expected completion dates of the facilities being sought.

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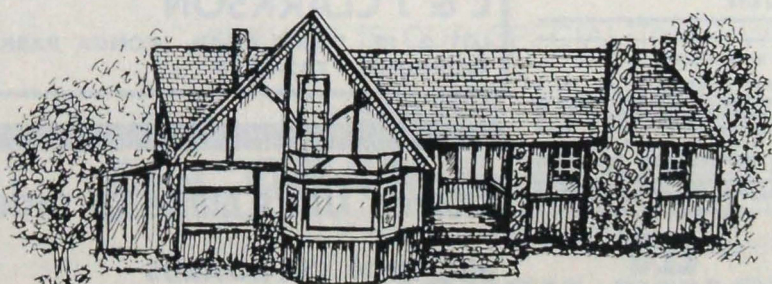
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STREET SCHEME DRAWS FIRE

Sharp local reaction has followed the recommendation that Yarra Street be ultimately re-routed through the site of the old post office.

We're shattered, say PO group

tally inappropriate and resisted immediately."

The league believes that measures to improve safety and slow down traffic in Yarra Street should be implemented immediately.

They see the upgrading of Reynolds Road, to permit the diversion of future through traffic, as an urgent priority.

"The encroachment of existing parking areas north of the road onto the riverbank should be minimised and formalised and the riverbank itself should be protected and improved as a natural environment," Mrs. Vagg said.

The league believes that rationalisation of parking

on the south side should be undertaken urgently.

"The proposal to close off the lower end of Mitchell Avenue as part of an overall plan for the integrated development of the community area, incorporating additional parking, should be seriously considered," Mrs. Vagg continued.

"The future of Yarra Street must be decided by the Warrandyte community at large, and not by any other body."

Cr. John Scott and Mr. Peter Harkin, chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, declined to comment at this stage.

At the crossroads

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"Although the majority of shoppers in Warrandyte's central areas are aware of problems largely to do with traffic or parking, these concerns are outweighed by their attachment to the area as it is, its natural, rural atmosphere.

"Most would prefer to maintain things much as they are," the survey continues, "while possibly making certain improvements such as an harmonious reorganisation of the area over the road for better parking, a slowing of traf-

fic through the township.. and possibly, the installation of sensitively - designed pedestrian lights".

The working party comprises two council officers, a CRB representative, Mr. John Loder, Cr. John Scott and six Warrandyte representatives.

Their recommends will be brought to a public meeting at a date to be fixed, and before Council makes its decision.

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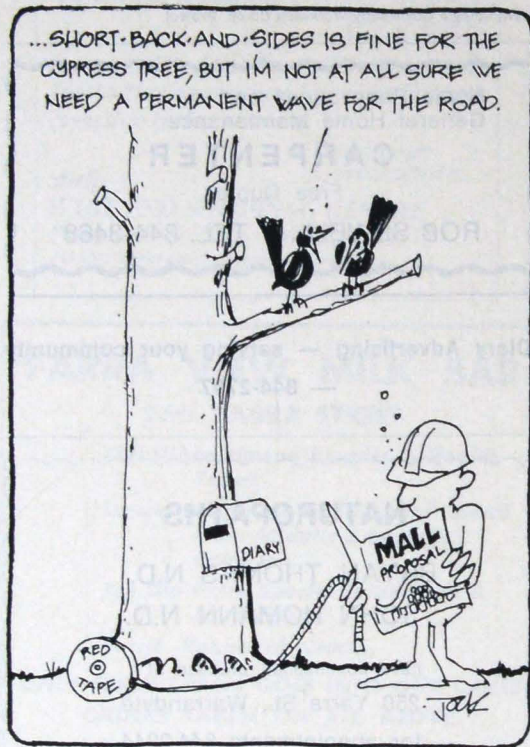
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Now they face the possibility of it being "re-located".

This suggestion is contained in the final submission of the Yarra Street Working Party, formed to investigate the problems besetting the main street (see Page 1).

"We are completely shattered at the decision, with its apparent total disregard for expressed public opinion," a spokesman for the Post Office Preservation Group told the Diary.

"Despite the fact that council has publicly declared that they would 'leave the old post office on its present site' and 'accept it as a constraint on the future development of the road'; despite 1600 names on our petition, despite a packed and unified public meeting that made very clear a desire for retaining current road alignments, the working party will support the realignment originally suggested by the Loder and Bayly report.

"Although we were incredibly discouraged by the post office fire, council's alleged support has kept us actively working towards restoration," the spokesman said.

"The working party insists that the alignment is only a future option, yet it effects the post office immediately.

With the line of a future road running through the building, permits will be difficult if not impossible to obtain, the group says.

"The working party's suggestion that we restore the building now and move it later endangers its authenticity, besides ignoring the question, who will pay?"

The Warrandyte Environment League has come out in firm opposition to the proposal.

"Any realignment, be it through the old post office, the chemist shop, the riverbank or anywhere else, would be detrimental to the rural, riverside village character of the township," league secretary Mrs. Janette Vagg told the Diary.

"Any future CRB four-lane highway proposal should be regarded as to-

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ARIZONA VAL'S QUITE

A W'DYTE FAN

Warrandyte has acquired quite an ambassador in American field scholar Valerie Wenner (pictured).

She has become quite attached to this town during her year as an exchange student at Warrandyte High School.

And the folks back home in Tucson, Arizona will hear all about it when she returns.

Valerie has been hosted by two families during her stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ayres, of Valias Street, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson, of Webb Street.

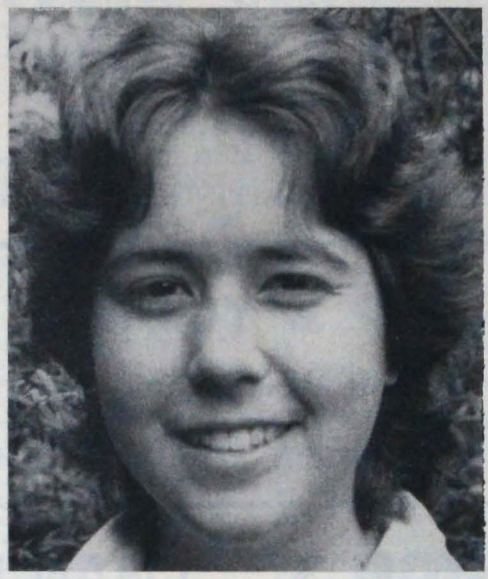
The Warrandyte environment, with its river setting, has made a big impression upon Valerie and she has delighted in the outlook from the school windows.

"People here are shy at first but after initial acquaintance are more open and outgoing than people back home," she said.

"The Warrandyte community seems like one big group and people here are less concerned with appearance than they are in America".

She is also fascinated by Australian beaches.

A Year II student, Valerie has three brothers and three sisters. She became a field scholar after her parents hosted three exchange students.



Audrey Khan, a foundation member of Warrandyte Arts Association, will open WAA's 27th annual exhibition of painting, Pottery and craft on Friday, November 12.

The opening is at 8.15 p.m. at the Mechanics Institute Hall and the exhibition continues the following day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, November 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Paul Davis is the winner of Potters Cottage 1982 prize. He beat a field of 43 other potters for the prestigious \$500 award. The works of Anne Boyle and Michael Doolan were highly commended and John Dermer, Sony Manning and Gary Odgers were commended for their entries.

Yarra Street butcher Jim Philp has traded his cleaver for a fishing rod.

GONE FISHIN'

Jim has retired after 11 years in business in Warrandyte without a holiday.

of his new-found leisure time fishing from the Dro-mana pier.

Jim, his family and staff had become very much part of the local scene.

But, in a way, it will be business as usual at "Jim's Meats".

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Hard act to swallow

Prospective participants in next year's "This Is Warrandyte" festival are indeed getting their acts together!

An appeal in last month's Diary from festival committee chairman Bob Karl brought an immediate and startling response.

Mr. Karl had urged people intending to take part in the festival to get themselves organised early and nominate their intentions.

No sooner had the Diary hit the streets than his challenge was taken up by **A FIRE-EATER!**

"I thought I was having my leg pulled," said Mr. Karl.

"But it was a genuine offer and we'll be taking him up on it."

Another offer came from a 11-year-old idgeridoo virtuoso.

"I'm sure there are many other people

in Warrandyte with unusual talents, and we're more than willing to use them in the Festival," said Mr. Karl.

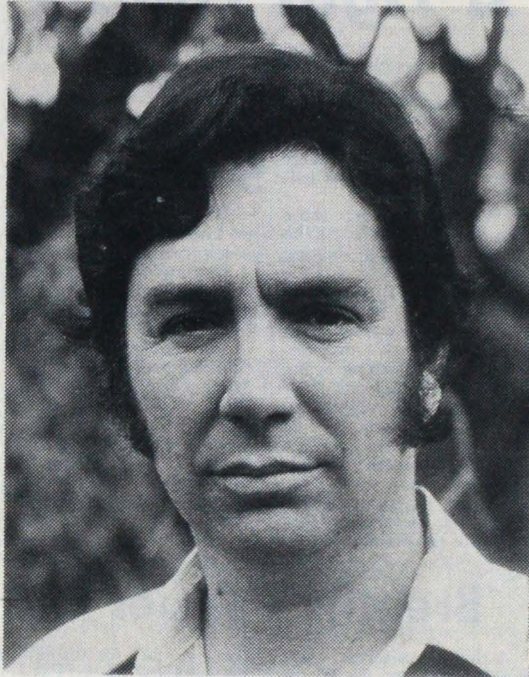
"We're looking for singers, dancers, actors, musicians, variety acts — you name it and we'll find a spot for it.

The festival committee is also seeking vintage motor vehicles to take part in the parade and to go on show after it.

"But there may be others we don't know of and we'd like them to get in touch with us."

"We know of several collectors in Warrandyte, and we've made contact with them," said Mr. Karl.

So, if you have a hidden talent, or a vintage vehicle hidden away in the bush, the organisers of "This is Warrandyte" would like to hear from you on 844 3742.



Labor's choice

The ALP has endorsed Mr. Pete Steedman (above), an official with the Municipal Employees Union, as its candidate for the Federal seat of Casey.

The seat is held for the Liberal Party by Mr. Peter Falconer.

Mr. Steedman, a political journalist and lecturer with post-graduate qualifications in media and communications, has held many official positions within the Labor Party.

He is the editor of the party paper "Labor Star" and has been an advisor to Labor Senate leader John Button.

Mr. Steedman, who lives with his family at Hurstbridge, is no stranger to Warrandyte and has already completed an electoral survey canvassing local opinion.

"High interest rates are crippling home buyers. Meanwhile highly placed friends of the Fraser Government are wrecking the economy with illegal taxation schemes" he said.

FULL OF BEANS

The new-look Co-op Coffee Shop, in Warrandyte Community Centre, officially re-opens this month after renovations.

It will be a bush band night, starting at 7.30, on Friday, November 26.

Entry is free, with coffee, soft drinks, pies and other snacks on sale throughout.

Anyone who wants to see such a function become a regular attraction should support it by his or her attendance.

The Co-op reminds residents that its car wash is operating each Saturday morning at the rear of the Community Centre.

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IT'S ON AT POTTERS

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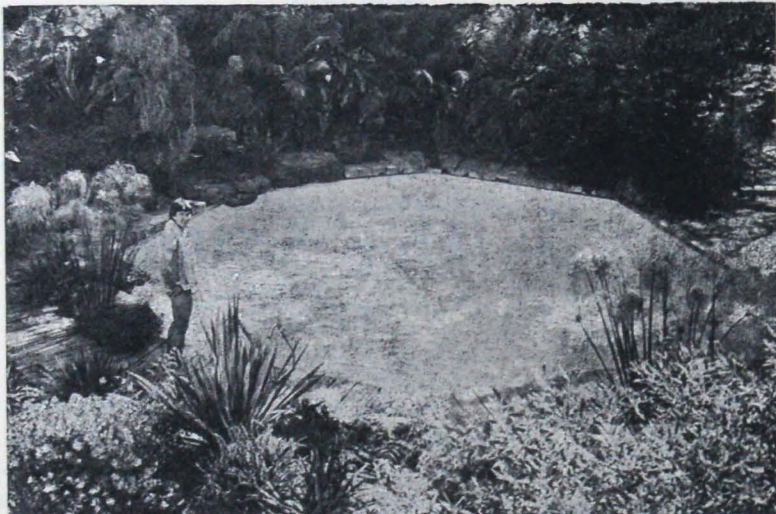
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Warrandyte boys have
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out of the nest by its
mother.

The galahs are a couple
of characters.

They intensely dislike
cats and, in fact, will not
hesitate to attack them.

They are kept in a cage
or inside the house on a
perch in front of a mirror.
Max and Sam demand a
lot of attention and make
quite a fuss when it is not
forthcoming.

They enjoy a shoulder-
ride and wait patiently for
Mark and Simon to finish
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cent arrival of the young
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APEX CLUB: Meets first and third Thursday each month at Coffee Bean Restaurant, 7.00 p.m. Enquiries: Dennis Parker 844 2133 or Dennis Barnes 844 2228.

AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITY MUSIC: Concert 8 p.m., Friday, November 26 at Warrandyte Primary School M-P Room.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Next meeting, 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, at Warrandyte Community Centre. Enquiries to Rosemary Tovey (844 2985).

ANDERSON'S CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL:— School concert, December 7 at East Doncaster High School. Tickets 844 2757.

ART EXHIBITION: Mechanics Institute on November 12, 13 and 14.

BASKETBALL CLUB: Meetings on Tuesdays, November 9 and December 7, 8 p.m., at Warrandyte Community Centre.

CAR WASH

Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd. have begun a "Car Wash" at rear of Community Centre (enter from Webb Street — follow the signs). Every Saturday from 9.00 a.m. \$2 per car charged.

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

FILM SOCIETY: November 26, "Scanners" at 8.15 p.m. Saturday, November 27, "C.H.O.M.P.S." at 2.00 p.m. for the children.

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

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

GIRL GUIDES: Lace party, Wednesday, November 17 at Warrandyte Primary School, M-P Room. — All welcome.

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:— Meets fourth Tuesday of every alternate month. Enquiries to Ann Ley (844-3586).

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.

NURSING MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION: Morning Coffee—Thursday, November 18th, 10 a.m. to noon at home of Vivien Briggs, Lot 9 Yarra View Court. Phone 844 2741. Next meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 8 p.m. at the home of Debbie Hodgson, 23 Floods Road. Phone 844 3651. Topic — Tips for Hot Tots.— Hot weather care for children and babies. No January Meetings. Enquiries to Jan Fisher (844 3240).

POST OFFICE PRESERVATION GROUP: Grand Art Auction, Friday, November 26. Mechanics Institute Hall 8 p.m. Small admission charge. Work to be auctioned will be from many well known Melbourne painters, potters and sculptors. Enquiries 844-2761.

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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Anglican Boys' Society meets Tuesday 6.45 p.m. St. Stephen's Hall, information from Denis Wright 876 1869.

Girls' Friendly Society meets 6.45 p.m. Wednesday at St. Stephen's Hall and Emmanuel Hall, information from Karen Berger 844 3473 and Jenny Wright 876 1869 "Friends" of St. Stephen's meet first Wednesday each month 10.45 a.m., St. Stephen's Hall, information from Joy Hook 844 2015.

Emmanuel Ladies Group meets first Wednesday each month 12 noon, information from Joan Gordon 876 1135.

Prayer Group and Bible Study meets second and fourth Thursday each month, information from Em Blackie 844 3465.

NORTH WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE: Meets on first Monday of the month at 8.00 p.m. Visitors are welcome at training sessions every Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries: 437 1844, 844 3528, 844 2769. C.F.A. recorded message on Restriction advice — 11540.

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Three youth groups, 10 years of age upwards, enquiries, John Hanson 844-3906.

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The Fete will be held Saturday, November 20 in the church grounds. Stalls include cakes, books, plants, craft and clothing.

WARRANDYTE ARTS ASSOCIATION.

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

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

POTTERY GROUP — Meet each Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 a.m. at the W.A.A. Pottery Studio, Mitchell Avenue. Enquiries Marjorie Beecham 844-3206.

DRAMA GROUP — Meets 3rd Wednesday of month, 8.00 p.m. at Mechanics Institute. Enquiries Jock Macneish 844-2669.

WARRANDYTE ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE

Meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 8.00 p.m., generally at the Warrandyte Community Centre. Enquiries to Claire Dawson on 844 2375.

WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE.

Meets third Sunday of each month, 11.00 a.m. at the Fire Station.

WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

Auditions for musical and variety acts for 1983 Festival. Mechanics Institute November 21, Phone Bob Karl (844 3742) for appointments. Festival meetings, November 16 and December 21, Warrandyte Community Centre, 8 p.m.

An Australian Bush Christmas to be staged at Mechanics Institute on Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4. Bookings Libby Walker (844 2795) or Martin Walker (870 2777 business hours).

WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL: Bush Dance, November 13 at White House. "Thing Me Jig". \$6 per head, supper included. Bookings: Jackie Law (844 3852).

WARRANDYTE PRE-SCHOOL

25th Anniversary Celebrations — Sunday, November 21. Gala BBQ for past, present and future students. Enquiries, Sue Glendenning on 844 3547.

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Under the program, babies and young children are looked after in small groups in the homes of carefully-selected people.

It has been running in Doncaster - Templestowe for seven years and is an alternative to bigger, centre based child care and informal minding arrangements.

It is particularly suitable for babies and young children, and for children who do not respond well in large groups.

There has always been a scarcity of caregivers in Warrandyte and consequently children have been placed in the Doncaster - Donvale area.

The Co-ordinator is anxious to have more caregivers from Warrandyte so that children may be placed closer to home.

She would like to hear from any mother in the

area who would like to be part of the program.

Many mothers find satisfaction giving this care, watching the development of young children and being part of a program that has an important role in this community.

Caregivers may mind up to four pre-school children (including their own) in their own home.

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Artist Neil Douglass will open the Grand Art Exhibition and Auction at the Mechanics Institute on Friday, November 26.

He will also be among the many well-known exhibitors, including Dale Marsh, David Taylor, Maxwell Wilks, Ron Reynolds, Peter Glass, Joff Manders, Margaret Fox and Abbie Heathcote.

The exhibition is expected to be the fundraiser of the year for the Warrandyte Post Office Preservation Group and the \$2.50 admission includes wine and cheese.

The exhibition will open at 8 p.m., with works on sale until 9.30, when selected works will be auctioned.

For further information contact Priscilla Troedel—(844-2761).

**TO MARKET,
TO MARKET**

Wonga Park Community Cottage will hold its annual craft and home produce market on Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Prospective stall - holders are welcome to join in and should contact Robyn Dennis (722 1461) or Sue Couper (722 1738) for further details.

The market offers something for everyone.

Venue is the Cottage, in Old Yarra Road.

DEATH OF BRIAN CASHMORE

Warrandyte lost one of its real characters this month.

Brian Cashmore died. Mr. Cashmore, of Castle Road, had lived in this town for about 35 years.

A bachelor, he will be long remembered as a man with a remarkable sense of humour.

"Brian was always great company," a long-time friend told the Diary.

"He had a most astute mind and his wit became a bit of a legend in Warrandyte.

"And it is quite fair to say that he enjoyed a beer."

Mr. Cashmore was a most respected member of the local Catholic Church.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends in Warrandyte.

The Class of '57

It's back to school (or pre-school) this month at the Tarroona Avenue Kindergarten.

The momentous occasion is the kinder's 25th anniversary and it will be celebrated with a family barbecue on Sunday, November 21.

The committee has located several teachers from the kindergarten's early days and they will be there to join in the fun.

A raffle of a giant hamper will be drawn by a special surprise guest.

Admission fee of \$10 per family includes meat, drinks for the children and other extras.

It's BYO drinks and salads for adults.

Tickets are available from Sue Glendenning 844-3547 or from the kindergarten.

SANTA JUMPS THE GUN

Santa Claus arrives early this year.

He'll be in Warrandyte on November 20 at the Uniting Church fete in the church grounds, Tarroona Avenue.

The church invites you to come along, get a bargain and bring the kids.

Stalls will include cakes, plants, crafts, produce, books and clothing.

Norwood kids pick winner

Shop early!

The State Government has already implemented one of the recommendations of the Norwood High School students who have been studying transport in Park Orchards.

The Member for Warrandyte, Mr. Lou Hill, told a senior school assembly last month that the Ministry of Transport will extend the bus route from Alma Avenue to Enfield Drive.

This was suggested by Year 11 Geography students who took part in a project aimed at improving local transport.

Mr. Hill, with the Park Orchard's Ratepayers Association, initiated the project to get young people involved in identifying and trying to meet local needs.

The project was backed by the Park Orchards Lions Club, which offered a prize for the best suggestion from schools and youth groups in the area.

Mr. Hill congratulated the students and the Lions Club on the study, which has already helped improve transport for local people.

He said he was working to implement two other recommendations made by the students.

"We are working to establish a community bus to make it easier for the young and the old to get around", he said.

"We also want to re-route the Warrandyte - Ringwood bus to give Park Orchards residents better access to community services."

The President of the Park

Orchards Lions Club, Mr. Peter Siney, presented the students with the new Victorian Atlas in recognition of their work.

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READERS' LETTERS

INTEGRITY AT RISK

The decision of the Yarra Street Working Party that diversion of the road in the central shopping area should be recommended is nothing more than the one-sided opinion of civil engineers, architects and two planners who, by the very nature of their work, cannot ever be tolerant of a wider, non-technical viewpoint.

When the decision was made, there were only two out of the committee who both live and work in Warrandyte.

The seemingly simple decision of the working party to reserve a future option of changing the main street to cater for predicted traffic increases is in opposition to basic Warrandyte beliefs.

The belief in this case goes something like this: Widen the road or improve the traffic flow and you encourage more traffic, especially through traffic; impede traffic with roundabouts, lights and narrow streets and the through traffic will find ways around the town.

It is also obvious to most of Warrandyte that the major proportion of any traffic increase must be from through traffic, as there's not a great deal of potential housing development left in the town.

Warrandyte stands to suffer an enormous loss of integrity if the road is diverted, and it will be held up as a precedent for all manner of alterations or developments.

How sad it is that Warrandyte's future is being set by the very people who can do he most harm.

"Saddened,"
KG Road

A way with words

As a Warrandyte resident, I would like to state my indignation at the manipulation of public sentiment by the proponents of the realignment of Yarra Street.

They have developed a sudden penchant for terms like "gun-barrel four-lane highway" as our only option to major realignment.

And when the poor frightened public concede to consider slight improvements to the road, these same people jump in and say, "It can only go through the old post office or the chemist shop".

The public are being painted into a corner.

There must be some grey areas between these black and white extremes.

"Glad I'm Over The Bridge"
(Name supplied).

A host of thanks

St. Stephen's Church (Warrandyte) and Emmanuel (Park Orchards) would like to thank all the local traders who very generously supported our fete on October 9.

In particular, we wish to thank:

Jumping Frog Jubilee (Warrandyte High School's guitar group); Warranglen Nursery; Park Orchards Food Store; S. & J. Hobbs, newsagency; Peter McDougall & Associates; S. M. Jones, chemist; Maltwood Pty. Ltd. (Warrandyte self-service); J. S. & I. H. Philp, butchers; Toby Jug; Potpourri; Wonderland Plant Nursery.

Many thanks, too, to all those who attended the fete. It was a most successful day.

Lynne Sherwood, Secretary, Fete Committee.

Out of control

I am prompted to write this after reading your article on the new "living zone" in Healesville Shire.

Recently, a house was constructed in The Boulevard, North Warrandyte, and the owners' attitude to the environment was to bulldoze the trees.

Obviously still not satisfied, they have now cut down trees on nature reserve between the property and the road.

I say the sooner we adopt environmental controls in Warrandyte the better, to put a stop to this vandalism.

R. Langford

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NICE PRODUCTION

To play or not to play
That is the question.
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind
To suffer the slings and arrows of
Outrageous audiences
Or turn off the cash flow from cabaret nights.

Shame about the play

This is a question hotly debated behind the scenes by the Hamlets of the Warrandyte Arts Association, which is currently undergoing a mid-life cultural crisis.

An entrepreneur like Will Shakespeare would not have hesitated. He would have (and probably did) sold both tickets and rotten fruit at the door, thereby ensuring, whether audiences liked his stuff or not, that he was ahead.

"The plays the thing . . ." But is it, at WAA BYO cabaret nights. Warrandyte's socialites, boozers, oafs and yokels turn-up en masse for a good sociable drinkalong, usually in spite of rather than because of the production on stage.

I gather the actors don't like the cabaret audiences; cabaret audiences don't like the plays; and the cultural cognoscenti in the WAA disassociate themselves from both.

What a laugh! Clearly there is a demand for cabaret nights but not for plays.

Supply and demand suggests that the WAA abandons the play altogether and just make heaps out of cabaret nights.

Perhaps it could go one step further and sell tickets to actors who would otherwise be engaged. They could sit on the stage, watching the debauched spectacle of Warrandytians swilling down pre-cooked pasta, cold quiche and curry with warm plonk and Carlton Light whilst shouting, laughing, hurling chicken bones, tea-bags and boiled eggs and generally having a grand time before being sick.

Rabelais would have loved it.

While the lickspittle of local literati debate the role of the audience it is time to say that the WAA Drama Group sets and sometimes achieves a standard approaching theatre.

Professional aplomb was evident in Jock McNeish's production of "A Resounding Tinkle," especially in Elaine Henderson's leading role as Middie Paradox.

N. F. Simpson's play, a parody of middle-class ordinariness that's us folks, is set squarely in suburbia.

Bro. and Middie Paradox bicker, banter, bitch and backbite in ordinary domestic fashion over quite extraordinary circumstances. It parodies daily routine by introducing absurd drivel ("illogically extended logic," according to the programme) in a matter of fact way (Paradocks = paradox, get it?).

"There's somebody at the door wanting you to form a government . . ."

"How can I start forming a government at six

most of the audience thought it was interval and started carrying on, going out to ablate and generally having a good time.

This of course was Simpson's intention; to parody the pretensions of capital "K" cultural theatre as well as middle-class mindlessness. A full-length version of the play discusses the philosophy of laughter and paradox, allows technicians to take over at one point, sends up a panel of critics,

Critique by DICK DAVIES

o'clock in the evening?"

Doug McManus's studious Bro was deadpan in his delivery of line after illogical line. Perhaps a bit too deadpan at times, losing the momentum generated by Middie when the script demanded irritable argument. Jock McNeish used his creative set of receding TV screens deftly to make amusing, paradoxical exits and entrances.

The supporting cast were good.

Jenny Harkin's Nora breezed in with chatty self-assurance; getting some of the laughs demanded by the script; Carol Keating and Nick Parsons managed to extract a few laughs from an uncomprehending audience in their sketch within the play ridiculing professional medicine and hypochondria.

Cleaners came on and tidied up during the play. Annette Layton and Yvonne Morey handled that so completely that

and finishes with the author lamenting:

"Well! What a waste of talent it's all been!"

An edited version of the full-length play would have made the point better than the official one-act version.

Despite the high standard of the production, the humour didn't really work.

Monty Python, not N. F. Simpson, has inherited the tradition of British non-sense humour.

Simpson's play is a product of the very never-had-it-so-good era he parodies. Lacking political or social bite, it is now as dated as the "Carry-on" movies which had them all rolling in the aisles at one time but barely raise a yawn now.

Nevertheless, N. F. Simpson knows how to handle these cabaret audiences:

"What about all these people?" . . . "They'll get restive."

"Let them talk among themselves for a time."

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WARRANTYTE'S RUN OF OUTS

Bats fail in hat-trick of defeats

Three consecutive defeats have put Warrantyte's senior cricketers under extreme pressure in their defence of the Chandler Shield.

After a promising start to the season, the Dytes have lost to Wantirna, Norwood and Croydon United.

There was very little in two of those games, but Warrantyte were soundly beaten by Croydon United in their latest encounter.

They could manage only 118 to Croydon's 8/253.

Warrantyte's troubles can be traced directly to their batting.

With the notable exception of Richard Bowen, who has been in fine touch, few batsmen have shown the application needed to win matches in the top competition.

The good news is that the Dytes have already played the top sides.

The bad news is that they will be without Graham Lloyd, their most damaging bowler, until after Christmas.

Lloyd, a prolific wicket-taker with his swing broke a finger attempting a catch in the Croydon United Games.

While the top batsmen have been faltering, there have been some fine performances down the grades.

Geoff Taylor hit up 129 for the thirds against Croydon United and Steve Harris made an unbeaten 147 for the fourths, also against Croydon.

Croydon Cricket Club will hold a family barbecue, sportsmen's panel and challenge match at the recreation reserve on December 12.

FIRSTS

Warr. 107 (Bowen 30) lost to Wantirna 5/114 (Lloyd 2/43). P.O.M. S. Pascoe.
Warr. 116 (McCarthy 25, Woolcock 20 n.o.) lost to Norwood 129 (Woolcock 3/25). P.O.M. A. Woolcock.
Warr. 118 (Bowen 44) lost to Croydon United 8/253 and 6/54 (Pascoe 5/19). P.O.M. R. Bowen.

SECONDS

Warr. 4/150 (Dorning, King 43) lost to Wantirna 6/156 (Phillips 2/31). P.O.M. R. Dorning.
Warr. 8/73 (Jungwirth 25) lost to Norwood 2/115 (McAdam 2/15). P.O.M. F. Jungwirth.
Warr. 178 (Johnson 43, Chapman, Dorning 30) lost to Croydon United 8/256 (Leonard 2/15). P.O.M. B. Chapman.

THIRDS

Warr. 4/151 (Taylor 43 ret.) d. Wantirna 66 (Taylor 6/23). P.O.M. G. Taylor.
Warr. 85 (Stanley 23) lost to Norwood 8/140 (Snaidero 5/53). P.O.M. C. Snaidero.
Warr. 7/263 (Taylor 129) lost to Croydon United 8/297 (Davies 3/40). P.O.M. G. Taylor.

FOURTHS

Warr. 75 lost to Wantirna 6/150. P.O.M. J. Scicluna.
Warr. 9/159 (Peters 30) d. Norwood 72 (Blair 5/43). P.O.M. B. Blair.
Warr. 213 (Harris 247 n.o.) d. Croydon United 113. P.O.M. S. Harris.

FIFTHS

Warr. 155 (Revell 48) lost to Norwood 4/166 (A Bellinger 3/7). P.O.M. S. Bellinger.
Warr. 3/200 (Neider 106 n.o.) d. Croydon 6/155 (Bellinger 5/34). P.O.M. E. Neider.
Warr. 3/276 (Lawrence 94) d. Ainslie Park 243 (Wilson 4/40). P.O.M. G. Lawrence.

SIXTHS

Warr. 198 (Le Guier 65, McKenzie 32 n.o.) d. Mooroolbark 105 (Le Guier 2/18). P.O.M. B. Le Guier, K. McKenzie.
Warr. 155 (Broome 62) lost to Mt. Evelyn 2/171. P.O.M. G. Broome.

Warr. 191 (Gathercole 43) lost to Wantirna Sth. 159 (Blackburn

4/69). P.O.M. C. Blackburn.

WOMEN

Warr. 1/79 (McLaws 27 n.o.) d. Melb. 9/76 (J. Chapman 4/13). P.O.M. J. McLaws.
Warr. 5/30 lost to Frankston 3/109. P.O.M. F. Barr.
Warr. 53 and 88 (Emerson 29) lost to Sth. Caulf. 150 (McGhee 4/74). P.O.M. C. Emerson.

UNDER-16

Warr. 3/58 (Peters 34 n.o.) d. Sth. Wantirna 9/41 (Sturesteps 4/1).
Warr. 112 (Day 24) drew Heathmont 8/98 (Barr 2/8).
Warr. 115 (Peters 25) lost to Mooroolbark 5/220 (Dorning 2/41).

UNDER-14A

Warr. 31 lost to Sth. Wantirna 1/64.
Warr. 6/135 (R. Kline 65 n.o.) d. Heathmont 66 (A. Snaidero 5/11).
Warr. 132 (Kline 40) lost to Mooroolbark 7/145 (Kline 3/40).

UNDER-14B

Warr. 3/91 (Baker 30 n.o.) lost to Norwood 3/108.
Warr. 26 and 6/49 lost to Scoresby 8/222.
Warr. 83 lost to Nth. Croydon 192 (Humphries 3/14).

UNDER-12A

Warr. 3/78 (J. Kline 30 ret.) d. Nth. Ringwood 9/71.
Warr. 1/65 (McLean 30 ret.) d. Knox City 33 and 8/15 (Webb 4/6, Hansen 3/3, McFarlane 3/5).
Warr. 3/160, Hansen 3/3, McFarlane 3/5.

Warr. 3/160 (J. Kline, McLean 34 n.o.) d. Nth. Croydon 54 (Reid 3/1, Hansen 2/1).

UNDER-12B

Warr. 1/89 (Luttick 31) d. Wonga Park 3/43.
Warr. 101 (Luttick 25) drew Croydon 7/74 (Davies 4/8).
Warr. 8/149 (James 23) d. Mt. Evelyn 119 (Kleinhenz 4/13).

UNDER-12 KANGAS

Warr. 60 (Chandler 19) d. Norwood 58 (Chandler 4/8).
Warr. 1/69 (Martens 17 n.o.) d. Ringwood RSL 39 (Leckey 3/5).
Warr. 105 (McAuley 25) d. Johnson Park 61.



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