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Elderlys' club gets \$40,000

Warrandyte Elderly Citizen's Club has been allocated \$40,000 to extend the clubroom in Taroona Avenue.

Councillor Anne Martin says the money will be allotted from the 1983-84 capital works budget.

The extensions will provide permanent facilities for sports such as indoor bowls and snooker, a craft room and storage space.

Mrs. Maisie Temple, the club's secretary, says the club is thrilled with the allocation and hopes that more people use the facilities.

Cr Martin says more than 130 people belong to the club, which is open every day.

Present activities include swimming, bowls, snooker and bingo. Cr Martin says more space will allow a wider range of activities at the club. She would like to see book and chess clubs formed there.

She also emphasised that the club did not only provide recreational facilities but also information on services available to members such as meals on wheels, home help, the access bus and paramedical aid.

Opshop is back in business

The Opportunity Shop is open at weekends again after a one-week scare.

Police advised Opshop staff recently that in line with the State Government's crackdown on trading hours, the door would have to shut at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

So, reluctantly, Alice Watson did just that, and the Opshop missed out on its busiest trading period.

Manager Jack Huxtable was angry. "All the other shops in Warrandyte are going full blast at the weekend and yet a charity is forced to close," he said.

Jack and his fellow Lions, who set up the shop almost 10 years ago, took up the fight through their headquarters in Melbourne, and finally a spokesman for the Department of Labor and Industry told them that it was all a mistake.

It was never intended that opportunity shops would be closed at weekends, he said. Which poses the question for Warrandyte traders: which shops are the regulations intended for?

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ABOVE, the two valuable cars which were destroyed. One was of sentimental value for Mrs Dickson.

BELOW, Mrs Dickson and her son, Andrew, after the fire. Neither was seriously hurt.

Dicksons lose the lot in fire

By John Forster



Smoke, estapol running from the roof and the lounge room wall a sheet of flame. —these were the last things Mrs Ann Dickson saw of the house she had lived in for the past 25 years.

Mrs Dickson and her 18-year-old son, Andrew, were asleep in their Kangaroo Ground Road home early on Saturday morning May 7 when it caught fire.

Mrs Dickson rang the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade which, despite arriving six minutes later, could do nothing.

"It all happened so quickly," Mrs. Dickson said. "I smelt smoke, saw estapol running from the roof and the lounge room wall coated with flame, rang the fire brigade and got out. There was nothing else we could do."

"With a bushfire you get a warning, you can get together some things that are important to you. With an electrical fire you're lucky if you can get out with your life," she said.

Mrs Dickson tried to get back inside the house to save her Abyssinian cats, but was held back by a young woman who boards with her. Mrs Dickson fainted soon after.

Andrew and a friend

who was staying the night were woken by crackling noises — and managed to salvage a few shirts, a pair of shoes and two of four cars parked in the driveway.

Andrew and his friend suffered severe smoke inhalation and had to see a doctor.

The other two cars, both Alfa Romeos, were destroyed.

Antique items handed

down in the family were also lost. "It's stuff that has been handed down, that you begin to miss," Mrs Dickson said. One of the Alfa Romeos was another memento lost. "It was the only tangible thing I had of my cousin who died in a car accident two years ago," Mrs Dickson said.

Mrs Dickson and Andrew are determined to rebuild in the same place. "The response we have received is the main reason we are staying in Warrandyte," she said. The family is staying with a long-time friend, Mrs Beth Gallagher.

All three Warrandyte units were at the fire within 15 minutes, but it had got such a hold that all they could do was try to save nearby houses.

"It took 20 minutes to get it to that stage," said North Warrandyte's captain, Graham Lawrence.

Lawrence said he was pleased that people knew the correct phone number to call. This phone number is 844-3683. It is linked to six people with the fire brigade and is the only "in-case-of-fire" phone number. "We get people ringing this number to ask if they can burn off or light a barbecue" Lawrence said. "They must not."

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The young Xavier College kids on the Warrandyte bus were discussing religion. Specifically they were debating whether or not Mary Magdalene had been one of these . . . er . . . ladies of the night.

One kid said yes, his mate said sure, so a third opinion was sought.

"Well, was she? he was asked.

"Can't really say," he said, "I didn't know her personally."

Smokey is offering \$5 for a print of the slide that was included by mistake in a bunch shown last month by a proud couple just back from a holiday overseas. Guests at the slide night report that tropical air must be very balmy at night considering the lack of clothing on the holiday couple. Or perhaps the trip was intended as a second honeymoon?

It seems a young local roue of some note has been caught out at last. Smokey has it on good authority that the young man in question walked into the kitchen at home in his usual morning state of partial dress to be asked by his younger brother why he was wearing a rather attractive pair of frilly knickers.

What Smokey wants to know is whose daughter is missing said apparel.

Local police are red-faced over damage to a patrol car. They were attending an accident recently on the corner of Tindals Road and Harris Gully road when another car arrived on the scene, hit an oil slick, and crashed into the police car. No one was hurt.



RED FACED

It would be remiss — in fact downright negligent — to farewell outgoing Diary editors Ken and Lee Scott-Virtue without saying a big thank you.

The Virtues took over this paper when nobody else wanted the job.

They were newcomers to Warrandyte and if they didn't exactly know what they were letting themselves in for, they never complained.

They worked tirelessly and contributed, voluntarily, hundreds of hours which they really couldn't afford.

Without Ken and Lee — and the people who rallied around them to keep the paper going — the Diary may now be just another part of our history.

It was a mighty effort.

Feeding time at the Zoo took on new meaning for a group of Warrandyte Primary School students recently.

The students were looking at the big cats when one young lass went to take a picture. Unfortunately her hand slipped and her camera fell into the enclosure.

Zoo officials were unable to retrieve it immediately, so the class moved on to other areas.

Later, the class met up with another school tour group which was bursting with excitement at an amazing scene they witnessed at the cat enclosure.

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— Smokey Joe



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Nick Arnott presents the cheque for \$454 to representatives of meals-on-wheels, Heather Day and Rita Webster.

Little Buggas

The first annual general meeting of the Little Buggas Community Youth Club will be held at 8 on Thursday June 16 at the community centre.

A new committee will be elected and the program up to 1984 reviewed. It will be a chance to see the Little Buggas' audio-visual display for those who missed it at the Warrandyte Festival.

The meeting will also be a chance for Dick Davies, who founded the club to bid farewell, before he and the family go to England for two years.

High school runners reap rich reward

The Warrandyte High School all-night marathon on the festival weekend was a great success. The 70 students who took part in the run raised \$464.

Half the money was donated to the meals-on-wheels service. Nick Arnott, 13, a student at the school, raised \$55, the most by any student.

The other half of the money is being used to help the high school library.

Mr Fred Wubbeling, a teacher at the high school, was very pleased with the success of the run. "It was a small feat compared to that of Cliff Young, but for young kids they did well," he said.

Changes sought to social club plans

Plans for the Warrandyte Sporting and Social Club building have been submitted to the Health Commission and the Liquor Control Commission.

The final plans will then be submitted to Doncaster and Templestowe Council.

He also says that the number of debenture holders is increasing constantly.


He says that some people are waiting until building starts before buying debentures but warns that all debentures must be covered before a loan is taken out for construction.

The club has been told by both bodies that minor alterations are required before the plans are approved. A club spokesman says this is not unusual and that the problems can be overcome quickly.

The debentures cost \$100 each plus \$25 for initial club membership.

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Guides and brownies have been extremely active in the past month. They

marched in the Anzac Day parade and attended the commemorative service. They also sold badges for the RSL.

A regional field day also proved successful with the guides tent pegging, kite flying, and exploring trails.

The annual general meeting of the local girl guides will be held at the White House on Wednesday June 22. Parents and members of the community are invited to attend.

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Anyone able to help is asked to contact Jean Chapman on 844-3326.

Sports ground rents to rise

A Doncaster and Templestowe Council plan to increase sporting ground rents is part of a council move to provide more money for passive recreation, Councillor Anne Martin says.

Cr Martin says council wants to share its cash for recreation more fairly, and that there will be more available for the arts, crafts, and environmental pursuits.

The rises, which will affect Warrandyte Football Club and Warrandyte Cricket Club, are also to cover increases in ground maintenance and improvements.

Football club officials attended a meeting with council on June 2 to dis-

cuss the rises. Council is proposing that the football club's rent increase from \$300 a year to \$1500 a year for both ovals at the recreation reserve.

However Cr Martin says there is room for negotiation on the size of the increase.

She says the extra money will be used mainly to provide new council-owned facilities for other groups or to improve existing ones.

"Of course there is a big program at the moment for improving the playing surfaces of sports grounds," she says. "This is a massive expense."

She says other groups could expect benefits within the next five-year council capital works program if the sports clubs accept the rent rises.

Cr. Martin will be pushing for improvements to the White House including a public hall on the ground floor access to small meeting rooms upstairs and possible emergency youth accommodation.

She would also like some of the money to go to community facilities at Warrandyte High School including an indoor sports centre and special rooms for adult education.

There is also a possibility of a permanent community library operated in conjunction with Eltham Council, she says, and improvements to horse riding trails to separate riders and horses from traffic.

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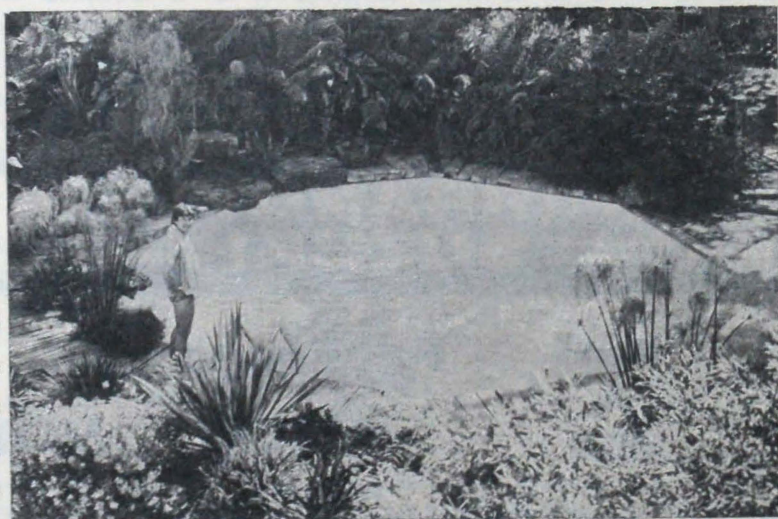
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Workshop movements

Four new members were elected at the annual general meeting of the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative last month.

They are Louise Joy, chairwoman; Maureen Plapp, secretary; Antony Burgess, Treasurer; and Jim Lean.

The previous secretary, Jean Chapman, told the Diary: "Under the regulations of the Co-operative

Act, four people must stand down one year and three the next".

The members who stood down were chairman Robin Batty, Jean Chapman, treasurer; John Roberts and Greg Head. However, Mrs Chapman, Mr Beatty and Mr Head will continue to work with the co-operative.

Enquiries can be made to Maureen Plapp on 844 3904.

Musicians plan a range of occasions

The music group of the Warrandyte Arts Association is back in the swing of things for 1983.

This year the group plans to vary the content of some of its meetings to appeal to a wider group of people.

The first of these music nights is to be held in the Mechanics Hall on Saturday July 9 from 8 pm. The emphasis will be on international music and dance.

This is not a concert but an informal night and the content will depend to a certain extent on who turns up. This means you are invited to bring along songs and pieces with an international flavor. Poetry would also be very welcome.

If you don't feel like contributing then you are welcome to come and listen and to join in and learn some songs and dances from places as far away as Israel, Russia and Scotland. We may also have some demonstrations from Finnish and Welsh groups.

This is a family occasion so children are welcome.

If you have any national costumes tucked away, bring them out and add some color to the evening and please bring supper. There will be a charge of \$1 per adult to cover the cost of wine and coffee.

Dates to remember for later in the year are August 6, for an informal night of music at the Staughton's, and September 24 at the Anderson's.

The emphasis on the September occasion will be on Gilbert and Sullivan for we have reason to believe that there is an abundance of G & S talent and enthusiasm around Warrandyte. We will endeavour to duplicate words of familiar choruses so that everyone can join in.

For inquiries about any of these occasions please contact Pat Anderson (844-3442) or Ann Arnold (844-3250).

Eltham yes to hill land plan

Eltham Shire's planning committee has granted a provisional development permit for Professor's Hill in North Warrandyte.

The Warrandyte Environment League says the May 23 decision was made in spite of a nine-page council officer's report arguing against the proposed subdivision.

The league describes Professor's Hill—near the junction of Research Road and Stoney Creek Road — as one of the last pieces of rugged natural bushland in North Warrandyte.

The development application is in the name of Ilya Kostezky and associates. Mr Kostezky owns adjoining land and in 1978 was granted a permit to divide this into five allotments of less than two acres. This permit has been renewed.

League secretary Janette Vagg told the Diary "The league fully supports the recommendations of the council officers. We expect council to uphold its policy that allotments in this area be no less than 0.8 hectares (two acres)."

Ms Vagg says the league has been arguing for the preservation of the area since 1976 and says that Eltham Council has consistently supported the claim that the hill is of environmental significance.

The council owns land at the foot of the hill and the league has urged council to buy more at the top, with an easement connecting them.

Ms Vagg says the council officer's report states that problems could arise with water supply and the disposal of effluent.

"We agree that the gradient of the land is such that the necessary new roads would be very steep and require heavy earthworks," she says.

"The league accepts that the zoning of Residential D makes subdivision appear inevitable, but . . . the topography of this land is such that the normal services and constructions that go with a house on a flat quarter acre block would fully occupy a one-acre block of this type.

"We call on council to reverse the planning committee's decision.

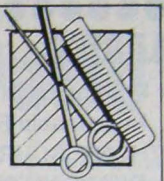
WEL has been arguing for the preservation of this area since 1976.

The league has urged council to get on with the acquisition of some of the land at the top of the hill with an easement, but warned that the boundary lines of the new proposed subdivision preserved less of the defined area than the previously approved plans and did not include an access easement.

"It is very disappointing after having reached agreement with the previous owners of Professor's Hill in 1979 for a subdivision of allotment sizes not less than two acres to have to start all over again," Ms Vagg said.

"We believe the council officers have prepared a thorough report."

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Boozed birds no laughing matter

The love affair between a North Warrandyte family and a clan of kookaburras has been going on for a few years now.

They are probably the best-nourished birds in town.

Quite tame, they not only sit on the balcony rail each evening waiting to be hand-fed, but impatiently peck on the window if their presence is not immediately noticed.

Mince-meat is their go, but on rare occasions that the lady of the house overlooks their rations, they will settle for raw strips from a leg of lamb, roast of beef or eye-fillet steak.

Imagine the consternation, then, when the flock arrived the other night

and the cupboard was bare — save for two pieces of prime rump steak soaking in a heavy-red wine marinade.

It was quite a maranade, this, and you'd have topped .05 merely by inhaling the fumes.

But desperate situations call for desperate measures and it was either feed the kookas this potent meat or let them go hungry, which was unthinkable.

And do the birds go for

it!

They reckon marinated rump is the best thing since sliced snake and make proper pigs of themselves.

It's a good thing they didn't run into a breathalyser station as they wended their wonky, wobbly way home or they'd have found themselves facing the bleak.

We'd heard of being full as a fowl and something-or-other as a parrot — but this was ridiculous!

Watson, Smiley deaths

IN BRIEF

The former Warrandyte Hotel publican, Ken Watson, died recently at his home in Queensland. Jack Smiley, a long-time resident of Yarra Street, also died recently. The Diary extends sympathy to both families.

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A new play group has been formed at the Gospel chapel. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10 am to

noon. Ring 844-1083 or 844-2528 for more details.

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The Warrandyte sub-branch of the RSL once again wishes to thank the people of Warrandyte for their support for Anzac Day.

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A local artist, Rosalie Vlek, will be displaying her macrame at Chirnside Park shopping centre from June 20 to Saturday June 25.

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The Warrandyte Kindergarten Committee is looking for another old boat, or something similar such as a cart, to replace the old playground boat, which is rotting and becoming dangerous. Please phone the kinder on 844-3363.

History in the making

The Warrandyte Historical Society has come of age. After six months' hard work by members, the Yarra Street Museum and blacksmith's shop is officially open. The opening was conducted by Mr William Cuthill, the vice-president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The local group, which was formed only in 1976, has been working for eight months on the project.



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April 30, while Dario was tending his masterpiece in his usual grimy overalls, 30 of his friends assembled, formally dressed, to surprise him with an "official foundation stone laying ceremony".

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Call for help

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Park group was held recently, and decided to issue a call for more people to get interested in the State park.

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

DIAMOND VALLEY SPORT & GAME CLUB

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at North Warrandyte Community Centre. People with an interest in fishing most welcome. Enquiries Max Green, 712-0328.

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

GIRL GUIDES

Brownies, Guides and Ranger Groups meet weekly, parents monthly. Enquiries: Merle Foote, 844 3722.

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. Sunday 3, 2.30-4 pm. Nocturnal Animals, adventure trail at Healesville Sanctuary. Meet at gate before 2.30 pm.

NURSING MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION — Tuesday June 23, 10 am—Morning coffee, Lot 1, Kangaroo Ground Road, 844-5475. Tuesday July 5—The Value of Human Milk, 101 Bradley's Lane, 844-2312.

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

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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.

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WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Meeting Wednesday June 22 at 8 pm, the Community Centre. Residents welcome.

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.

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WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE.

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

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Mondays — Swimming Class. Meet at the club at 10.30 a.m. Bus to the Doncaster pool, return 12.00 noon, BYO lunch and afternoon concert practice, singalong, afternoon tea.

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This is only my third visit to the Senior Citizens' Club, yet each time I have felt a peaceful buoyancy about. Today, Thursday, is for the frail and elderly, who arrive on the access bus.

With the hydraulic lift like a moveable step, the passengers are gently lifted to the level of the bus or down to ground level. It is modern technology put to good use.

It was not until I had spoken to the women getting the teas in the kitchen and had a good brew that Stan Best said the bus was ready.

One by one the passengers withdrew from the group they were participating in; carpet bowls, bingo and pool.

"Stan is a great favourite because he does a lot more than he need," says club officer Maisie Temple.

There are many people like Stan who help at the club, and their attitudes help make it the success that it is.

Mae Holland is a life member and at the moment, vice president. She has been a member for 19 years.

"I have 10 children and 43 grandchildren," she says. "I have lived 25 years in Mitchell Avenue. I'm originally from Preston. My husband was a gardener in the Fitzroy Gardens before he enlisted in the postal unit during the Second world war. My two youngest children were, 6 and 5½ years when my husband died."

After 23 years Mae still enjoys Warrandyte. She particularly liked getting away from the enclosed feeling of the inner suburbs. "It is beautiful to come here after being house-to-house. I wouldn't go back to the suburbs for anything," she says.

There are a few things that worry her, however, about modern Warrandyte — the houses are getting cramped.

Mae, 76, maintains her youthful appearance by swimming, which the club organises for every Monday morning.

Maisie Temple says that at first Mae wouldn't leave the side of the pool, but is now a confident swimmer.

Norah Warr, too, is another keen swimmer. At 67, she recently got her Herald Certificate. Another member, Madge Gauntlett, said Norah learned to swim with the club.

"No way would Nora put her toe in the water at first but now she goes up and down the pool," she says.

Norah has many memories of early Warrandyte. She can even laugh when recalling bushfires. "I had bought some new curtains and Codge, the poor cow, put the curtains up the night before but next day there was no house," she says.

Washing in Norah's early days in the town was a far cry from the comparatively pleasant chore of today.

"You had to boil up clothes in a kerosene tin. There was no washing machine. You had a bath tub; one goes in then the next then you water the garden with the water. In the winter you had the tin bath in front of the fire," she says.

The club is a great place for conversation — the talk flies back and forth thick and fast. That, with the

A place where people create a bright future

many activities available, keeps the members smiling. Maisie Temple sums it up well: "They go in looking 90 and go out looking 19."

"First they have a swim, then a luncheon and music loosening up to the accompaniment of the saxophone, mouth organ, drums, piano, banjo, accordion and singers.

"A blind man was dancing today, Fred Friar tinkled on the piano and when I looked in Arthur and Mary Stone were dancing."

"We like to come to the club because there is always a welcome. Those 55 and over can have a terrific time if only they will come and join us," she says.

"Last Wednesday seven

students came to learn to play carpet bowls and they enjoyed it.

"Two weeks before four girls and three boys came to talk to the senior citizens about their lives."

But not everything at the club is for the benefit of the members. It is carrying out several projects this year to help others.

Last year the craft group raised \$1000 which was given to a group helping autistic children.

Perhaps the attitude at the club is best summed up by a comment from Norah Warr, who was recalling how she once dreaded being 40. "Now I might see 80," she says.

The club gives people something to live for.

—JUDITH HAYWARD

Special visitors

Every Thursday morning during Term II, students from Mitcham Special School will be visiting Warrandyte South Primary School as part of an integrated art program.

The main aim is socialisation. With this in mind, art is an ideal medium because it offers plenty of opportunity for group activity, casual communication, acceptance of others, tolerance, language development, group participation and development of positive relationships. These aims will be met while exploring various mediums and methods of art.

The morning recess in a primary school playground is a very important part of

this program because it means the children have to integrate with all the students at Warrandyte South Primary School.

These students work with the Warrandyte South Grade III and IV children under the guidance of two trained art specialists from the Special School. They are Mrs Gayl Dobbin and Mrs Judy Kennett.

If week one is any indication, this project will be extremely satisfying and rewarding for both parties.

The children from Warrandyte South express great delight with having children from another school coming to visit them and work with them.

Child-minding to start soon

Warrandyte's Child - Minding Centre is about to become a reality.

Earlier this year the Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative received an Employment Initiatives grant from the State Government to help establish this centre.

Anne Taylor, a mothercraft nurse, has been appointed to manage the centre with Linda Oldfield as her assistant.

Premises on the main road on the Masonic Avenue corner are being renovated and approval is being sought to register and to open the centre. The centre is expected to be fully operational in about two months.

Anne and Linda are try-

ing to ascertain what type of child-care is most required.

If you have any inquiries or comments Anne can be contacted at the co-operative in the community centre or phone 844-2548 during weekdays.

White House report sought

The annual general meeting of the White House Committee of Management last month voted to ask for an architectural report on the structure of the building.

It was also decided to investigate the possibility of using the first floor as emergency youth accommodations, a committee spokesman said.

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As a small boy there were strong musical influences on him. His father and an uncle were both cornet players, and both contributed a lot to the brass band movement in Australia.

He believes that every person should be a musician. "Music is good for the spirit. Music helps us understand on a non-conceptual level, it helps us to understand things that happen to us," he says.

"Symphonies I'm most interested in. They create a world in themselves. It is similar to things that happen in life conflicts. Eventually the experience is brought together to a satisfactory conclusion.

"To listen requires serious participation. Music has the power to influence and affect people no matter what their intellectual abilities are. It can affect every living creature.

"Music is so important that it can reach the minds and hearts of everyone. Not many forms of communication can do that.

"Music should be as much part of the curriculum as other subjects, daily in school. The child is then encouraged to develop intuitive abilities in a formal way.

"Inner understanding always come before we can put it into words. It is sadly neglected in our education system. Music doesn't contribute to obvious results. It's an abstract quality, that is not obviously useful.

"Music is a natural part of education in schools with all staff members taking part, lots of singing and playing, the whole musical process going on.

"I played Webern and Stockhausen to kindergarten children. Children are very adaptable. Given the right inspiration they are able to understand all complexities," he says.

His own musical education was an interesting one: "One less on from my father was enough. I couldn't stand it any longer and went on to improvise. I formed a jazz band at the high school with friends.

"My first job was in a theatre orchestra in 1958. At present I am writing a piccolo concerto for Fred Shade (principal piccolo with the MSO. I'm on to that now, finishing the first movement."

A Pied Piper puts his point of view

Barry's music room, where he composes, is a small compact room, manuscript paper scattered about, a cornet ready to practise on a shelf and a lovely old piano (with brass candlestick holders) open.

Barry is also interested in contemporary music, and says that there are two types.

"One is based on the traditional idea of development and the other contemporary music reflects forces that operate in this society," he says.

"I'm not interested in telling people what is wrong with things. I'm not interested in contemporary music that stems from traditional music. A great deal of contemporary music is not related to traditional music. It tends to reflect the negative forces that exist in our lives, for instance chaos, boredom and indifference.

"Certain forms of music are destructive to people if it is not understood.

"Rock and roll is folk music. It can be inspiring to a lot of people. The rock and roll players I like, the famous ones, are Lou Reed from New York and David Bowie an English pop singer.

"Both are highly creative. They can describe the des-

tructive process in a way that brings knowledge and experience.

"Then there is Janice Joplin, who is like a goddess to me. As a singer she had extraordinary compassion, in the way she identifies with pain and suffering and a capacity in relating to our life of breaking all barriers."

He says Joplin was overwhelming, with no subtlety, like a mythological earth mother.

"Everything she said was true," he says. "She came through very well in the movie 'Janice.'

We talked about the individual's ability to change things.

"We are powerless to do anything individually, (for instance in a political event, a nuclear holocaust), so as individuals we must do things together," he says.

Barry's family came from Footscray, Melbourne, Fitzroy and Kensington.

He and his father-in-law built the family house in Warrandyte over a period of 10 months.

And he has no regrets about coming to Warrandyte. "It is a beautiful change and a privilege to live in this area. It is good for the kids, the same as anyone I suppose," he says.

—JUDITH HAYWARD.

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To begin with, there is the colourful mural surrounding the swimming pool area which Gus McLaren helped create with Grade 6 children.

Then there is a delightful paved area near the canteen. The greenware bricks are decorated with pictures or patterns carved by the children. The designs were carried out on unfired bricks which were then returned to the Boral brick company for firing. A team of young people laid the bricks, then landscaped the area with boulders, plants and seats.

This work was carried out under the Warrandyte Transition Education program, which is financed by Box Hill College TAFE.

Guidance was provided by Andrew Butterworth and Kate Jonescu.

The team worked hard to establish the area. Members were: Lynton Reid, Curt Rayner, Peter van Foort, Glen Svendsen, Anne-Marie Reid, Scott Moorhouse, Michael Taylor, Tony Cruickshank, Anthony McKenzie, Craig Svendsen, Chris Walsh, Mark Muller and Gerald Walshe.

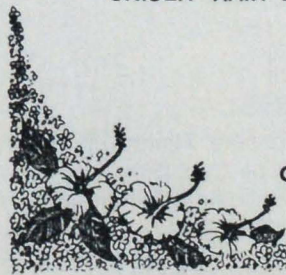
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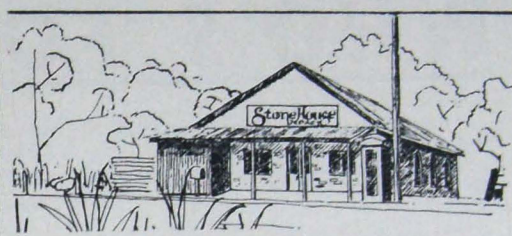
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WHO'S FOR BOWLS?

A new move is being made to form a lawn bowling club in Warrandyte.

The instigators are seeking indications of interest from prospective members before approaches are made to council.

"We believe — in fact, we know — there are many people in this town who would enthusiastically support a bowling club," a spokesman for the group, Mr. Jim Harris, told the Diary.

"We know that a lot of local people play bowls out of town simply because there is no facility for the game here."

Mr. Harris said a successful attempt to start a club in Warrandyte would depend heavily on council support.

"Hopefully, if we can produce evidence of public support, both Doncaster - Templestowe and Eltham councils will give us a sympathetic hearing," he said.

"We would need their help, obviously, because we would be starting from scratch." Mr. Harris said he was sure that previous attempts to start a local club had not got off the ground.

"If you'll pardon the pun, I think we are looking at a new ball game," he said.

"Bowls is no longer the province of the aged, the retired. Thanks largely to television coverage of what is a very scientific sport, it has become enormously popular among younger people.

"I suppose bowls and golf are the biggest participant sports in Australia.

"It has amazed me that a town of this population cannot accommodate a bowling green."

Mr. Harris urges anyone interested in playing bowls in Warrandyte to contact him on 844-3493.

BLOODS STILL BOILING

Warrandyte relentless

By BLOODHOUND

Warrandyte accelerated their charge towards the EDFL third division premiership with a crushing win over Nunawading.

In another display of power football, the Bloods won 32.31 (213) to 9.7 (61) to keep their unbeaten record intact.

Warrandyte took control from the opening bounce and, under instructions from coach Kevin McLean, played relentless, disciplined football even when they had the game well won.

The Bloods had many excellent players, but ruck-roller Robert Moon — recently recruited from Templestowe — stood out.

Moon was in everything. Half-back flanker Michael Hassall was also in superb touch and his fierce tackling was a feature of his game.

Warrandyte won clearly across the centre, where wingman John Taylor and Mark Field (a newcomer to the seniors) were outstanding.

Full-forward Ron Wilson, who has been selected

in the EDFL training squad, beat two opponents all day and finished with 10 goals.

Another encouraging feature for the Bloods was the form of ruckman Colin Bawden in only his third game for the season.

Bawden is quickly running into form and will be a tremendous asset in the

coming games.

The big test for Warrandyte comes in the next two matches — against Fair Park and Coldstream.

Club officials regard these two sides, along with The Basin, as likely finalists.

"We are treating every game as the most important

of the season," Warrandyte Football Club President Ken McKenzie told the Diary.

"We are playing very good football — skilful football—but there is no way we will be lulled into complacency.

"Our skills have developed enormously this season as the team has matured," Mr. McKenzie said.

"Obviously we are delighted with the season so far."

At junior level, the under 18 and under-16 sides are playing consistently good football and are shaping as finals contenders.

The club are particularly impressed with the form of under-18 players John O'Brien and Brian Scicluna.

GOAL ORGY

Warrandyte Reserves rewrote the record book by kicking a whopping 63.31 (409) against Nunawading.

It was the highest score in Warrandyte Football Club history.

Nunawading managed only 7.3 (45).

The Bloods kicked eight goals in the first quarter, 18 in the second, 18 in the third and 19 in the last.

Main contributor was Lee Summerfield with 17.

Despite the avalanche of goals, Nunawading refused to throw in the towel and they played the game right out.

What's on and when

Warrandyte Football Club will hold a fancy-dress rock 'n' roll night at the Whitehouse on Saturday, June 18.

Other upcoming social events are:

- Sportsmen's night at Eltham Leisure Centre, July 6.
- Speakers Raelene Boyle, Mark Jackson, Bill Lawry. \$20 all inclusive.
- Mystery bus trip, July 19. \$20 a head includes five-course meal.

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