

Council says no to subdivision

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Warrandyte ladies football team isn't exactly one of the best-known of sides.

They recently played a team from Melbourne University and although short of players and lacking in the sartorial splendour of the men's side, provided plenty for the spectators, mostly male, to remark upon.



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Festival rules to be changed

Changes to the constitution of the This Is Warrandyte Festival will form the main business of the 1983 annual general meeting of the festival organisation, to be held on Tuesday, August 16 in the Warrandyte Community Centre meeting room, at 8pm.

Festival committee members are preparing a series of amendments to the constitution, to bring it into line with requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

"The major effect that incorporation will have will be the creation of a legal entity, recognisable at law, and the limitation of the personal liability of members," a committee spokesman told the Diary.

The spokesman said: "The past few months, since the '83

festival, have been spent analysing the relative success or failure of various events, and pinpointing mistakes that we made — areas that need more planning and effort. Quite a lot of this has been guesswork, as none of the committee had time to gain an overview of the festival while it was on — it's a bit like throwing a dinner party for a couple of thousand people — you don't get out of the kitchen until it's over and the guests have gone, so you just hope they had a good time. Mind you, there are always a few who are prepared to point out your mistakes at the first opportunity."

The festival committee will welcome comments and suggestions for the next festival, and nominations for the incoming committee, at the annual general meeting.

By JOHN FORSTER

Eltham Council has voted against the 32-allotment subdivision proposed by Ilya Kostezky and Associates covering Professor's Hill in North Warrandyte.

The five-to-four vote was a narrow margin to win against the enormous subdivision, but it delighted the Warrandyte Environment League.

The WEL secretary, Janette Vagg, told the Diary that the league was "elated that the council had seen fit to uphold its policy".

Another WEL representative, Mr Douglas Seymour, expressed his relief over the decision.

"The granting of 32 allotments would have set a precedent for subdivision," he said.

"It was a marvellous decision."

However, the vote against the sub-division has not ended the issue.

development does not occur."

The grounds of appeal were submitted following the decision, but a date of the first hearing has not been set.

PAGE 3: Map of the proposed subdivision.



Mr Cameron: A 10-year fight.

Appeal

Mr Kostezky would not comment on the decision, but has lodged an appeal to the Town and Country Planning Appeals Tribunal.

His grounds of appeal are based upon:

- The council policy and "Residential D" requirements on subdivision.
- Effluent disposal.
- That all the objections to the subdivision were emotional and from hostile people.

Ms Vagg said: "WEL will be a party to the tribunal hearings. We will be arguing very strongly that such

10-year labor of love for hill

The future of Professor's Hill has been uncertain for the past 10 years, a fact that has caused great heartburn for conservationists.

They have been particularly keen to preserve at least part of the area because of the diversity of the flora in such a small area — about 5½ hectares.

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'The Miser', the recent farcical offering by the WAA drama group really did end up a farce. On the last night both cast and audience were in stitches.

Smokey reckons that the tale is so funny it's worth telling at some length.

During the play there is a scene in which the miser is worried about a box of gold, and his son seeks to comfort him by offering to have it returned to him in exchange for the right to marry a pretty young thing that the miser has had his eyes on.

The miser is pondering this offer, and the scene is particularly poignant. The average audience is usually spell-bound.

But no, this IS Warrandyte, after all, and what's the point of letting such a lovely chance go by.

From the depths of the hall comes a VERY loud stage whisper: "The money or the box?"

The drama group is so impressed with the exquisite timing of our interjector that they are thinking of offering him a part in their next production.

Foot-in-mouth department: a lawyer mate of Smokey's who spends a lot of time in Warrandyte was defending a bloke facing a drink-driving charge in Omeo Magistrates Court recently.

The case hinged upon the time it took for the police to take the man from Benambra, where he was stopped, to Bairnsdale, where he was Breathalyzed. Police said they covered the distance, about 100 kilometres as the crow flies, but much, much longer via the infamous Omeo Highway, in two hours.

The law is that if a Breathalyzer test is not conducted within two hours, then it is not valid evidence.

Our lawyer, who knows the road as well as most, thought the police were exaggerating their driving prowess just a smidge.

So he gave the police a thorough grilling, which included the following exchange (approximately):

"Did you stop on the way, constable?"

"Yes."

"More than once?"

"Yes."

"What for?"

"The defendant wanted to fornicate."

At this point strange, muffled sounds could be heard coming from various quarters of the court. It was almost as if several people were choking to death at the same time.

Our lawyer, the welfare of suffering humanity close to his heart, and a desire to see justice done foremost in his mind, continued his cross-examination.

"Would you repeat that?"

"The defendant wanted to fornicate."

Police report that an escaped horse "gave itself up" at the police station recently — When they arrived at work it was eating their lawn.

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You often see the old battered Renault or Peugeot chortling down Yarra Street bearing the new WEL sticker "Slow Down for Warrandyte".

All good stuff, but it doesn't stop outsiders from using the main street as a drag strip.

Just before the opening of the Historical Museum, a HOUSE went past on the back of a semi-trailer doing at least 70 kmh.

Onlookers were so stunned they missed his number.

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Again, the sober, serious atmosphere of the courtroom is marred by sounds that are more usually heard in the farmyard. Our lawyer, not wishing to drag matters out, and not wishing to prolong anyone's misery, especially that of the constable, tries again.

"He wanted to fornicate?"

"Yes sir."

"Constable, you mean 'urinate', don't you?"

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How blase can you get. Several young people of Smokey's acquaintance went on a camping trip recently, and, come night, sleeping arrangements were agreed upon.

Young buck jumps into bed with his girlfriend to be greeted with the words: "Who is it?" Our lad wonders if there is something he should know.

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Warrandyte Poets. Where do you wander? Around your Elysian Fields, or Christmas Hills? Several years ago I remember seeing several publications put out by "The Warrandyte Poets". These were on sale at Potter's Cottage, at which location poetry readings were held on some Sunday nights. My recent investigations into the whereabouts of these poets has led me to a blank. I am thinking in terms of poetry workshops, readings and perhaps eventually publications. Anyone interested please contact me, Mal Morgan, 22 Houghton Road, Warrandyte — 844 2114.

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10-year labour of love

One man who has studied the area is David Cameron, a local botanist. He believes the hill is of great significance.

"It would be difficult to get the type of flora which exists on the hill on such a small unit of land in such integrity anywhere else," he said.

The hill has 201 different species, including seven eucalypts, nine wattles and, of particular note, 31 different orchids.

"This range of orchids is phenomenal in an area which is becoming residential," Mr Cameron said.

"Orchids are susceptible to even the slightest disturbance.

"You could deplete the species very quickly. Trail-bike riding, trampling and even picking them could have an effect."

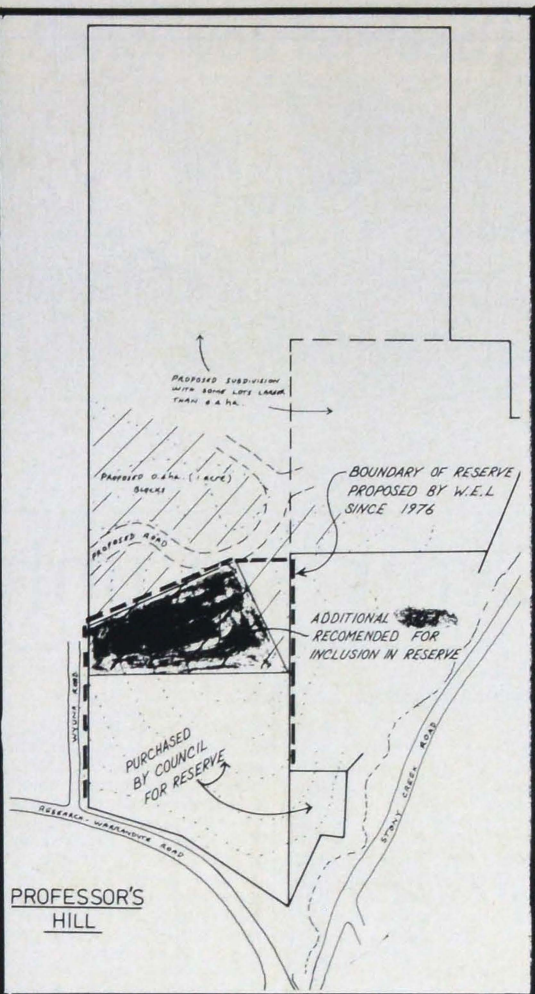
The area is on the southern slope of the hill. It consists of three basic plant communities — the Box Stringybark eucalypt community on the higher slopes, the Peppermint eucalypt group on the lower slopes and the Swampgum eucalypt community in the gully.

Mr Cameron has spent the past 10 years fighting to prevent subdivision. "If subdivision went ahead, it would have a drastic impact on the vegetation," he said.

"The area would immediately become weed-infested and the charm of the land would be seriously reduced."

To indicate the importance of Professor's Hill, Mr Cameron has collated reports on the ratio of flora variety to the amount of land.

"In the Wilson's Promontory National Park there are 665 different species of flora on 102,000 acres. Also, in the Ferntree Gully National Park



there are 292 different species on 1000 acres," he said.

"However, on just 13 acres of Professor's Hill, there are 201 different species.

"This is truly exceptional."

Mr Cameron perhaps sums up the issue in the following extract of a letter he once sent to Eltham Council:

"It is said that many years ago a wise old sage once sat astride the twenty-third hill in Warrandyte and pondered on that well known saying 'Rome wasn't built in a day'. 'Well,' he asked, 'If Rome wasn't built in a day, how long will it be before the last hill in Warrandyte is occupied?'"

\$10,000 for fire plan

Eltham Shire Council has granted \$10,000 to the North Warrandyte Community Hall for a fire protection scheme.

The object of the scheme is that in the case of a bushfire, the hall could be used as a last resort for safety.

The scheme will involve installing a sprinkler system and a pump.

The North Riding Councillor, Helen Wells, told the Diary that it was intended to have the scheme completed before Summer.

"Part of the plan is to remove the dead brush from the Cypress trees at the front of the hall," she said.

Cr Wells said: "It was discovered after the Ash Wednesday fires that if the dead material is removed from these trees, they provide a good fire screen.

The scheme is expected to start within the next two months.

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Criticism unjust:

WMI

The Warrandyte Mechanics' Institute has criticised what it describes as misinformation regarding the proposed extension to the hall.

The Secretary of the institute, Ms Sharry MacKenzie, said it was wrong to claim that a permit for the extension was granted recently by Doncaster and Templestowe Council without reference back to the community and that community opinion ought to have been sought through the Warrandyte Advisory Committee.

Ms MacKenzie said the application was advertised in July last year to the community at large by the placing of two public notices (one on each street frontage) and to WAC, and the Warrandyte Environment League, and adjoining property owners by registered, certified mail.

"A complimentary set of drawings and accompanying written submission was offered

by WMI to each of the parties notified by mail, in order that the groups or individuals concerned not be inconvenienced by having to visit the council offices to view the application. This offer was accepted by WAC and WEL," she said.

"Both groups formed sub-committees to deal with the matter and requested consultation with both WMI and WAA. Three meetings took place in early August 1982 between WMI, WAA, WAC, WEL and other interested individuals which resulted in modifications to the design being agreed to in order to satisfy the concerns expressed.

"These modifications were lodged with council on August 17, 1982 as an alternative to the original application."

She said that to claim that community opinion had not been sought was clearly inaccurate.

"Doncaster Council referred the application to the Yarra Street Joint Working Party, which had WAC, WEL and community representation, for comment, and received a reply to the effect that the proposed extension had no impact one way or the other on its deliberations," she said. "The Task Force referred to in the article was formed in April 1983, some nine months later, and has been engaged in preserving the current Yarra Street alignment and road reservation rather than passing comment on individual development proposals."

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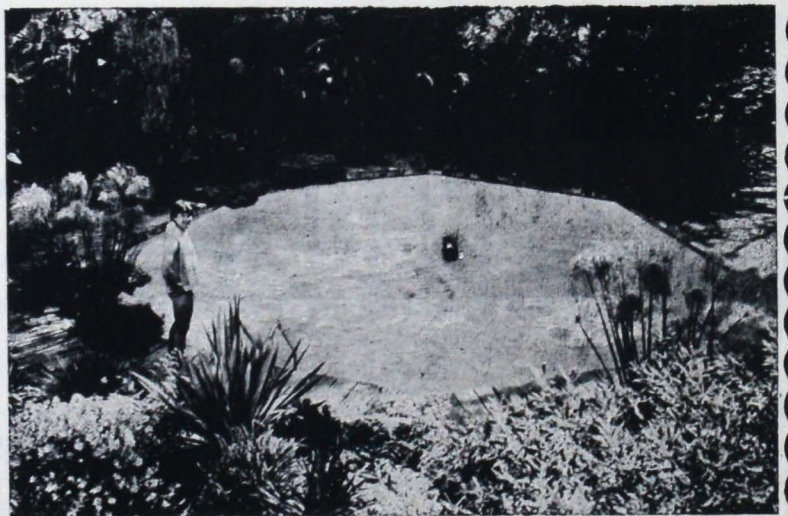
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IN BRIEF

More toys bought by library

If you enter the Community Centre on a Thursday morning about 10.30, beware. You are likely to be run down by mums, toddlers and babies. This is Toy Library Day.

Recent grants from the Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham councils have enabled more toys to be bought, and membership is increasing fast. There are many toys to choose from, as the two tots pictured above know only too well.

The library has toys to cater for children from nine months to school age. It is open from 9.15 am to 12.00 every Thursday, including school holidays.

Drama collage

The WAA drama group's October production will be in the form of a collage from many sources and centres in Australian folk history.

Auditions will be held at the community centre at 2pm on Sunday August 7.

Concert by students

The students of Warrandyte Primary School will perform a mini-concert for parents and friends on August 13 from 10 to 11 am.

More than 30 students between the ages of three and eight will take part. They are all members of John Seal's Percussion and Developmental Music classes, which are part of the community music program, held on Saturday mornings.

The classes are basically an introduction to music for youngsters with an emphasis on enjoyment.

'Music Machine'

The delightful children's musical 'The Music Machine' was presented in the Mechanics Institute on August 4 and 6.

A children's choir of 60, from Warrandyte's Uniting, Catholic and Anglican churches, was a highlight.

Local talent took part in a show for adults and children about the "Biblical fruits of the spirit".

Hunt death

Dr Ian Hunt, a member of the school council at Warrandyte Primary School, died recently.

Dr Hunt, 40, of Osborne Road, leaves a wife, Hilary, and three young children.

Yarra Street

The State Government has begun collecting information from local councils regarding Yarra Street.

The move follows the delegation by the Yarra Street Task Force to the Government.

While the study is being conducted no new development will be allowed, although Doncaster and Templestowe Council will be voting on the provision of car parking.

Burglaries

A recent outbreak of car burglaries has concerned Warrandyte police.

Thefts have been taking place on Yarra Street in daylight. The thieves have been breaking into cars through vent windows.

Police advised that residents and tourists should ensure that their cars are securely locked.

They recommended that property be left in the boot before leaving the car.

Bang, you're dead!



Well, you can't say you weren't warned. Warrandyte police have been busy with their new radar gun and, by all accounts, it has proved very effective. Senior Constable Kevin Channon was on duty with it recently in Kangaroo Ground Road.

Co-op of work for two youngsters

With the commencement of the mud brick-making project, the Community Workshop Co-operative has provided employment for two more people.

The bricks are being made at the back of the co-op. A fence and amenities block have been built with the help of students from the TAFE course.

A co-op official said the wood fuel supply project was operating very efficiently and that the co-op wanted to thank Warrandyte's people for their support.

"It is very encouraging to be able to plan with confidence and in the knowledge that we have the support of the community," the official said.

"Without this support our projects could not be successful and this would mean more unemployment for our young people."

Alterations have begun on the Child Care Centre and work is expected to be completed this month. The official said centre staff were getting practical experience at various kindergartens in readiness for the opening. The official thanked Mrs Ann van Gemert for the advice and help she was giving to staff.

The TAFE students are also getting practical experience during alterations to the two houses that the centre will be operating from. They are helping two qualified tradesmen.

The co-op is selling a number of established fruit trees, in-

cluding apples, pears, and peaches. Phone Andrew Butterworth on 844 2548 for details. The trees cost \$10 each.

The young people supporting the coffee shop have formed a club. The club is called "The Warrandyte Coffee Shop Club", and it was formed because the teenagers wanted more responsibility for the running and upkeep of the shop.

Membership is \$1 and money raised from membership will be used to replace damaged equipment and to encourage various kinds of activities.

Since May, the Labor Exchange has registered 17 new people looking for jobs. There were 34 jobs available. We would like to encourage all unemployed people to register with the exchange. This can be done by contacting Mrs Jean Chapman on 844 3326.

There is a job available from 4pm to 7pm, or alternatively this position could be a live-in one.

Contact numbers for co-op projects: Labor exchange, Jean Chapman, 844 3326; coffee shop, Jean Chapman; wood fuel supply, Jim Lean, 844 2548; mud-brick, Jim Lean; child care, Jim Lean; TAFE, Andrew Butterworth, 844 2548; Shares; Maureen Plapp, 844 3904.



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MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

Council adopted a Multi Unit Development Guide to replace its Flat Code earlier this year. The Guide specifies flat densities and site coverage permitted in different parts of the City and incorporates controls relating to minimum floor areas, open space, landscaping and car parking. Copies of the Guide are available at the Municipal Offices. The Guide has been used in assessing flat applications for approximately 12 months and is soon to be reviewed.

To assist in the reassessment submissions are invited from developers, architects and the general public until the 12th August, 1983. Submissions should either support or criticise the Guide in the light of the metropolitan strategic and zone objectives included in the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme Ordinance as a result of the approval of Amendment No. 150 Part I.

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The production has been in preparation for several months, directed by Mr Chris White of the school's art staff, with music teacher Miss Heather McLeod-Dryden as music director.

Most of the leading roles are taken by students.

Tickets are available from the school (844 2749); adults \$3.50; students \$2.00; cabaret night \$7.00. On all except cabaret night, family tickets are available for \$9.00.



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This follows a grant from the Doncaster and Templestowe Council to provide extensions.

The extensions will include more office space, a garage and a new driveway.

Warrandyte police are delighted and are looking forward to having more working space.

Social club

The Warrandyte Community Sports and Social Club has organised a number of social and money-raising functions recently — the next is on August 10 at Rippers in Eltham (see calendar for details).

Work on the clubrooms will start as soon as the revised plans have been returned from the Health Commission.

People wanting to buy debentures should apply now. Once work starts it is likely that only multiple debentures will be sold.

For debentures and membership, contact: Wal Cornhill, 844 3489; Bill Luttick, 842 7276; Brian Tomlinson, 876 2178; Tom Kerkhof, 844 3790; Joe Seicluna, 844 2146; Kevin Close, 844 2560; or George Sturtevant, 844 2294.

Norman death

A popular and hardworking member of the community, Mrs Ruth Norman, died recently at the age of 69.

Mrs Norman, who came to Warrandyte in the 1930s, was involved in a lot of community work. She was a life member of the Royal Women's Hospital, a member of the Council for the Ageing and was a commissioner for taking affidavits.

She leaves a son, Peter, who is married with five children.

Music room

Construction of the music room at the Warrandyte Primary School will be completed in early September.

Besides catering for the children during school hours, the room will also be used by 200 children involved in the after-school music program and other community groups.

The room has been sponsored by Doncaster and Templestowe Council. The school council's request for money from Eltham Council has not yet been approved.

Holiday time centre for children

A service that is geared to relieve working parents of the stress of caring for primary school children during working hours has been operating in Warrandyte for more than a year.

The Warrandyte Children's Care and Play Centre provides care and leisure time activities for a limited number of children.

The children are shown how to use their leisure time creatively and productively. They take an active role in the planning of activities and organisation of the centre.

The children are encouraged to become involved in the community life of Warrandyte. They assisted in the gathering and spreading of mulch around the cypress tree in order to save its life. They participated in the WAA drama group's re-enactment of the gold digging era, 'Strike me Lucky', last year.

Other activities include indoor and outdoor games, arts, crafts, dance, drama, cooking,

gardening, swimming, picnics, bushwalks, barbecues, visits to libraries and parks and participation in locally organised holiday activities programs.

During the holidays they enjoy excursions to places such as Healesville Sanctuary and Puffing Billy. Rollerskating at a local rink is always a favorite.

The centre is run by Anne Martin, who is an experienced primary school teacher.

The idea originated from local parents and was supported by surveys taken by the Warrandyte Co-op which demonstrated that there is a need in this community for such a facility.

Services offered include:
• Flexible hours to suit parents' needs.
• All refreshments supplied. Children assist in menu planning, shopping and budgeting.
• Indoor and outdoor playing areas.
• Rest room.

There is a TV but the children are so busy that they rarely ask to watch it!

For further enquiries phone Anne Martin, 844 3313.

Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham councils will be organising holiday activities for children up to 12 years. North Warrandyte Kindergarten will cater for younger children.

Programs, both council and kinder, will be sent to schools. Further information is available from the community education officer, Rosemary Tovey, on 844 2985.

White House meeting

A recent meeting between the White House Committee and Doncaster and Templestowe Council has failed to remove uncertainty over the future of the building, Councillor Anne Martin says.

Cr Martin and the committee say that money for maintenance is the main problem.

Cr Martin says she is concerned for the future of the building. "We've got a two-storey building that has enormous potential, and our problem is getting funding and convincing the council that Warrandyte needs the White House," she says.

The committee president, Mr Ken McKenzie, says the council has spent only \$1775 on the White House in the past four years.

The committee has many plans for the building, including using it for emergency youth accommodation. Mr McKenzie says: "Now, the council is unsure of the building's suitability and we have to wait for an architect's report."

The committee is studying youth accommodation problems in the area and a report will be prepared.

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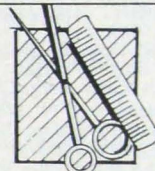
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DIARY CALENDAR

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.

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 Sundays 10 am, with coffee afterwards.

Play group for all pre-school children, Tuesdays 10 am. Inquiries, 435 2794.

Home Bible study groups, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Youth outings and activities, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Inquiries: Pastoral — Ray Meers, 844 2518 or Ken Dawson, 844 1147. Youth director — Steve Bentley, 435 2794. Chapel secretary — David Dawson, 844 2528.

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.

NORTH WARRANDYTE FIRE BRIGADE: Meets on first Monday of the month at 8 pm. Visitors are welcome at training sessions every Sunday at 10 am. Enquiries: 844-3528, 844-2769. CFA recorded message on restrictions: 11540.

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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Services: St. Stephen's — Sunday 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m., Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Emmanuel — 10.45 a.m. Sunday.

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.

Youth group (16 upwards): Every second Friday night at 7.45. Information from Margaret Pepper, 844 2434, and Joan McKenzie, 844 2637.

ST. ANNE'S & ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Mass Times: Sat. evening, 7.00 p.m. at Park Orchards, Sunday morning, 9.00 a.m. at Warrandyte, and Sunday morning, 11.00 a.m. at Park Orchards.

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Warrandyte Community Centre every Thursday 9.15 a.m.—12 noon. Open throughout the school holidays.

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev. John Blacker, 844 3476 or 370 6424. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Enquiries: Fred Jungwirth, 844 3843. Three youth groups, ages 10 and up. Enquire: John Hanson, 844 3906. Neighbourhood Bible Study alternate Wednesdays, 10 a.m., at the Church. Enquire: Heather Ingram, 844 3447. Evening Bible Study, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. 844 3476.

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 each month at Mechanics Institute. Enquiries, Martin Walker, 870-2777.

WARRANDYTE BASKETBALL CLUB

Meet first Tuesday of month at 8.00 p.m. at the Warrandyte Community Centre.

WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB:

Wednesday August 10th, Rippers Restaurant 561 Main Road, Eltham, 3 course meal, wine and beer included. Limit 70 • Members \$18. Non-Members \$20. Debenture Members still required, for information ring 844-3489.

WARRANDYTE ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE

Meets on 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00 p.m. Next meeting at the home of Jan Vagg, 112 The Boulevard. 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Meets second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting July 12, 8 pm at Community Centre. Enquiries: Cliff Green, 844-2096, or Marion Winton, 844-2971.

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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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Any information or enquiries to Maisie Temple on 844-3852.

WARRANDYTE SOCIAL CLUB: Open 5 to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday. BYO. Two pool tables, table tennis, darts, indoor bowls facilities. Informal golf game at Healesville most Saturdays. Several organised social functions during the year. New members welcome. Enquiries 844 3567 between 5 and 7 p.m.

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.

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

Warrandyte Advisory Committee: Meeting Wednesday August 24 at 8 pm at Community Centre.

Toy Library: Every Thursday at 9.15 to midday, at Community Centre.

Little Buggas Club: Sunday August 7, 11.30 am to 5 pm — Water Birds at Coolart, with Marion Hill. BYO BBQ or picnic. Meet at Coolart Reserve, between Balnarrang and Somers. Sunday September 4, 2.30 to 4 pm — Warrandyte Orchids. Meet at Community Centre.

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Police warn horse riders

Warrandyte police want to warn riders of the hazards of horse-riding around Warrandyte.

Sergeant Jim Archbold told the Diary: "With the increasing number of cars on the road, horses are liable to be frightened and may toss the rider or bolt into oncoming traffic."

The problem is that traffic won't slow down and the noise scares the horses.

Sergeant Archbold said: "One thing is for sure, if there's a path, use it."

"Riders must learn to anticipate. They should keep listening for traffic."

"Also, if it is at all possible try and get the horse familiar with traffic."

Gold Memorial Road is considered to be the most dangerous road.

"On a Sunday this road can become very hazardous because of the increase in traffic," Sergeant Archbold said.

Death of Bob Blythe

Warrandyte was shocked and saddened last month by the death of 21-year-old Bob Blythe.

Bob, of South Warrandyte, died in the Austin Hospital on July 17, several hours after an accident in KG Road.

Born in this town, Bob typified the spirit of Warrandyte "mateship".

It seemed that just about everybody — in and out of his own age group — knew and liked him.

It was a reciprocated affection.

More than 300 people attended his funeral. An inestimable number privately mourned his passing.

Being a "good bloke" came naturally to Bob.

The easy-going nature, the sense of fun, the love for family and friends were born in him.

As one of the preceding generation, you met him, got to know him, maybe traded a few light-hearted insults with him.

And you decided that if this was what the future of Warrandyte was all about, it was in very good hands.

The epitaph "sadly missed" doesn't nearly sum up the sense of loss.

Warrandyte extends its deepest sympathy to Bob's parents, Jack and Bev, his sisters, Leanne and Karen, and his sweetheart, Jenny.

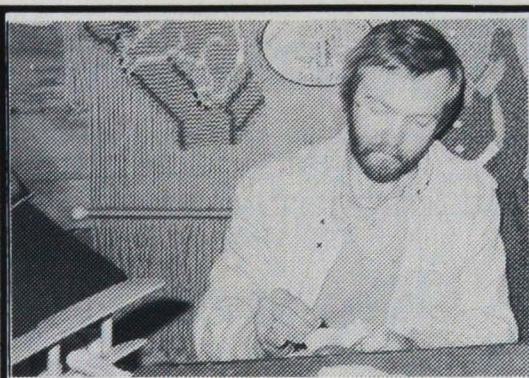
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Brotherhood luncheon

The Warrandyte Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of St Laurence is holding its annual luncheon at 11 am on Wednesday August 24 in St. Stephen's Hall, Stiggart Street.

The speaker this year is Dame Phyllis Frost, who will speak on her work for bushfire relief.

Donations \$3. RSVP D. Reid, 844 3265; E. Valentine, 844 3203.



John Fagg: from therapy to profit.

Turning a profit for his health

By John Forster

Woodstock, the tiny crafts store at the bridge, has a relaxed atmosphere. The afternoon sun drifts through the casement-style windows and the customers move leisurely around the room admiring the wares.

A man sits in one corner, methodically sanding a child's toy. He appears content, despite the crispness of the winter weather.

The woodwork John Fagg makes is beautiful, especially the furniture, which is usually made of recycled wood about 100 years old.

Dressers, chairs and a table line the walls of the shop. The huon, baltic and hoop pine wood exemplifies the beauty captured in the country style and antique replica furniture.

John and his wife Gail own Woodstock, which is a popular shop with locals and tourists.

John has been making furniture and children's toys by hand for almost two years now, and what was once a therapy has become quite a profitable venture.

John was a senior detective in the police force, but had to retire because of ill-health and took up woodworking as a therapy.



When the shop became vacant he saw it as an opportunity for his therapy to become a profession. However, it hasn't been without problems.

"We were thinking of closing down because of lack of business," he said. "But, we are now starting to appreciate it".

And no wonder, John has enough orders to last until Christmas.

His customers are mainly local people and young married couples from the inner suburbs.

"It is the couples who live in the old terrace houses in such areas as Fitzroy and Northcote who buy the most furniture," he said.

Despite his success, John has no plans to develop the business. "I am content to just keep making home-made furniture and to remain a part of Warrandyte," he said.

One thing for certain is that John has found the right ingredients for a classy style of furniture.

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Esther Adins

No buts means don't smoke on this day. I think smoking is a crime. Big kids try to talk you into it. Big money is made too.

Debra Milner

I think no buts is a good day for people to stop smoking. Last night, I teased my mum, my brother, and I sang no buts, no buts, no buts and she said be quiet. After that, I hid them in my bedroom. She went looking in my school bag and found them. I hope some people stop smoking ... NO BUTS!!!

Melissa Sloan

My mum smokes. She didn't even listen to the ads. My mum Judith Davis didn't even listen to no buts day. My mum still smokes. Smoking is a bad habit.

Ben Davis

I feel that No Buts is quite good because every smoke takes one second off the smoker's life. If nobody smoked in the world, it would be a much better place.

Troy Bastin

Cigarettes should not have been invented. They are dumb. Get rid of them.

Peter Aumann

No buts day. If you give up smoking, you feel a lot better. If you smoke, you will get bad lungs. My mum's friends smoke and when my dog smells the smoke, he starts to sneeze.

Travis Garone

No Buts should be every day. It was a good idea.

Mark Renshaw

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Peter Gelme

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Newcomer.

About 10 pm on a Friday several weeks ago a very kind lady brought back my horse to me. Taznie, my horse, was so clever she pushed the lock open on her new gate and went up to nice grass on the roadside of Bradley's Lane. A special thank you to this lady and gentleman. I appreciate your action very much.

Catherine Harry,
Bradley's Lane.

We, of Castle Road North Warrandyte, sadly miss our distinguished neighbour Mr Jackson Kendall ('Jack') and his daily trips every morning and evening, down to the village, for his newspapers.

His clockwork precision melted beautifully with our rural landscape. His sudden demise in the midst of apparent very good health has taken from Warrandyte yet another of their loved older identities.

Mrs V. Elliott,
Girraween.

HIRE A TRIER

Each month we publish the names of two job-seekers. If you need a job done we ask you to hire, as a community service, one of our Young Triers.

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

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I wish to acknowledge the kindness of people — neighbours, friends and strangers.

On Friday June 24 I was doing my usual shopping at Coles, Tunstall Square, when I discovered my handbag had been stolen. Management and staff told me several had been stolen lately.

On my way home I popped into a friend's place and told her what had happened. She sympathised and gave me (\$) help. I was in the Op Shop later and gave them an account of my experience.

A day or so later, at St Stephen's Church, after the service, I was stopped by a restraining hand on my arm, and an envelope pressed into my hand.

The enclosed note read: "The \$5 is from a customer of ours who was in the shop when you were there on Friday and doesn't wish to be named. The rest is from your friends at the Op Shop."

As they wish to remain anonymous, so will I.

Lucky.

If Golden Oldie (Diary, July) had a bit of interest and compassion for old things, maybe there would be someone to show an interest in her/him.

Save Our Heritage

The Hunt family of Warrandyte wish to thank all those who helped them during Ian's illness and death.

The wonderful warmth of friendship and loving kindness which has surrounded us during this time has eased the pain for us. Special thanks to John and Kerry Boyle and Peter and Lynne Thomas for their help.

It is so special to live in Warrandyte.
Hilary, Malcolm, Meredith and Gregory Hunt.

More support for bowls club move

Moves to form a lawn bowls club in Warrandyte are gathering strength.

Dozens of bowlers and prospective bowlers have responded to the proposal since it was outlined in the June issue of the Diary.

Jim Harris, spokesman for a group investigating the viability of a bowls club here, described the response as "most encouraging".

"The number of men and women who have contacted me to express their interest leaves me no doubt that lawn bowls facilities would be very popular in this town," Mr Harris said.

"Still, I urge anyone who is interested in bowling but who has not yet contacted me to do so."

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Mr Harris said the next step would be approaches to the relevant council authorities to get the project off the ground.

"Obviously, one of our first priorities will be to see what suitable land might be available in Warrandyte for a bowling club," he said.

"There is much to be done — particularly on the score of funds."

Mr Harris can be contacted on 844 3493.

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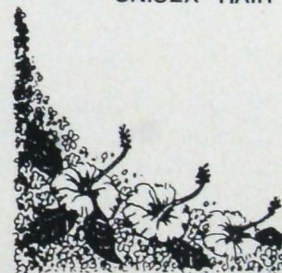
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Dream nears reality



John Taylor marks on the wing for the firsts in a recent match.

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Warrandyte's "impossible dream" of an unbeaten premiership season is fast approaching reality.

The Bloods need to win only four more games — the two remaining home-and-away matches and two finals — to stretch their unbeaten sequence to 20 and achieve the perfect season.

They cannot be displaced from top spot on the EDFL Third Division ladder before the finals, which means a valuable rest before the last home-and-away match on August 13 and the second semi-final on August 27.

"We expect to win this premiership," Warrandyte Football Club president Ken McKenzie told the Diary.

"We'd be less than honest if we said otherwise.

"If we can go through the season undefeated, then so much the better.

"It would be a wonderful thing for football in this town and a fitting reward for the work which has been put in by everybody connected with the club."

Warrandyte demonstrated their ability to handle any conditions with a big away win over Yarra Glen in the wet.

They cruised to a 101-point victory after jumping the Glen in the first quarter. The final score was 20.22 (142) to 5.11 (41).

Full-forward Ron Wilson led the first-term onslaught, with seven goals.

Yarra Glen were never given an opportunity to recover.

Warrandyte had fine players in most positions.

Centre halfback Neil Crosthwaite was best afield and was well backed up by full-back Simon Rogerson.

Andrew Sanger was in superb touch at centre half-forward and Denis O'Brien directed traffic authoritatively with voice and boot from the centre.

Wingman Matthew Elliott was unbeatable and Mark Brencley and Brad Day were valuable contributors.

Wilson carried on his first-quarter work to kick 11 goals for the day.

The club are planning two special functions leading up to the grand final.

- The Warrandyte Gift (or Dytes Dash) — a series of foot-running events — will be held at the recreation reserve on Sunday August 14. This will be a real family day with lots of fun promised for all.

- A special get-together of players, past players and officials will be held at the clubrooms on grand final eve, Friday, September 9.

A function — hopefully a celebration — is also being arranged for grand final night. Details in the September Diary.

Women players sought

Warrandyte's women cricketers are seeking new players for the coming season.

They are also seeking a coach — male or female, paid if Warrandyte Cricket Club consider he or she to be the one they've been looking for.

The Dytes will again field a team in the Victorian Women's Cricket Association competition in the 1983-84 season and are looking for new players aged 12 or upward.

Coaching will be provided. "Women's cricket is enjoy-

ing an upsurge in popularity and naturally Warrandyte wants to be part of it," a club official told the Diary.

"We want to encourage and foster young players as much as possible to ensure that the tradition of women's cricket here is carried on."

Warrandyte has produced some outstanding players — among them Jenny McLaws and the Chapman sisters, Jenny and Suzanne (Martin).

Any girls interested in trying out with the team — or simply

learning the game — are invited to contact Ms McLaws on 842 4718.

The club are also seeking new senior men and junior players.

Contacts are Steve Pascoe, 876 2454 (seniors) and Bruce Kline, 712 0345.

The annual general meeting will be held at 8.15 pm on August 9 at the North Warrandyte Community Centre.

Maximum attendance is urged.

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