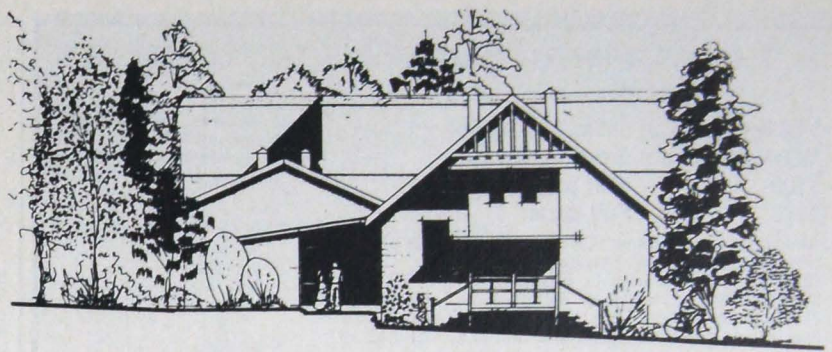


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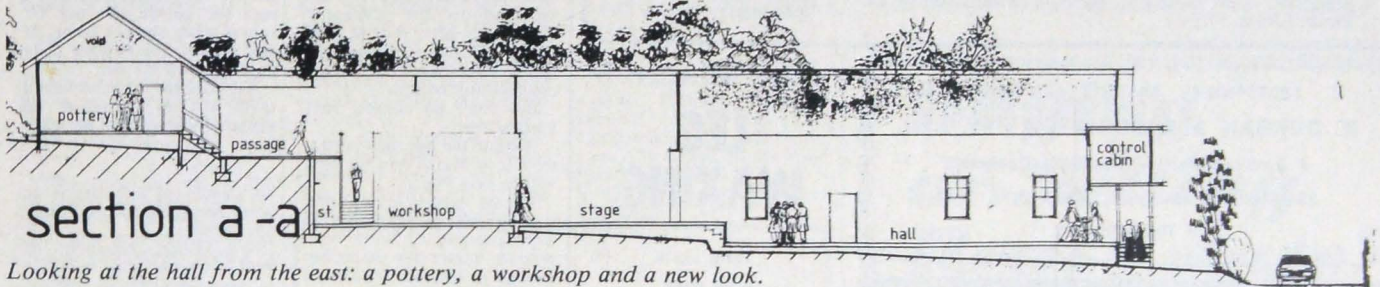
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An artist's impression of how the remodelled hall will look from Yarra Street.

An old hall gets a new backside



Looking at the hall from the east: a pottery, a workshop and a new look.

Warrandyte Environment League is withdrawing its objection to the proposed extensions to the Mechanics Institute Hall.

A WEL spokesman said the action had been taken with grave misgivings. He said the decision was made to avoid a confrontation in the Town and Country Planning Appeals Tribunal.

He said WEL believed such a confrontation would have had serious, long-term repercussions for the community.

WEL says it is disappointed at the lack of community involvement in the issue and that this is one of the reasons for its decision to withdraw its objection.

The league maintains that had the issue gone to the tribunal it would have won on both principle and technicality. It believes that this would have been a hollow victory.

WEL maintains that the proposal is contrary to good planning practice for Warrandyte, that it is grandiose, and that the manner in which the WMI

building committee went about the matter was high-handed and intransigent.

"WEL never at any time agreed to accept the proposals as modified in the new plans, and this was clearly outlined in a letter to the WAA in August 1982, which stated in part . . . 'from our examination of the modified plans we have concluded that they represent an encouraging start to the resolution of this situation and hope to have further discussion with you to overcome outstanding reservations'," the spokesman

said. He said that from that date until the evening before closing date for objections, WEL was not contacted by either the WAA or the WMI over the matter. "The permit was granted by Doncaster and Templestowe City Council, who gave special considerations to the application, and without objectors being further consulted," he said.

"A letter to the WMI following the granting of a permit, requesting a joint delegation to council, went unacknowledged. The decision taken at the Warrandyte Advisory Committee annual meeting, calling for a public meeting at which plans and proposals could be tabled and discussed, met with refusal by the WMI to be a party at such a meeting. There has been no explanation of how the extensions will be funded.

"WEL believes that the current state of disrepair of the hall is evidence enough that this section of the hall should have been included in any plans to update and improve the facilities. The community should ponder the fate of the old hall and it could be noted that the hall is one of only 11 Mechanics Institutes left in Victoria.

The spokesman said the league was greatly concerned about the effect this development could have on the proposals for the development of the Getson site community facilities.

"WEL was recently reassured by council officers that no council funds would be made available to the WMI hall building committee and that it would be viewed by council as a complementary development. WEL will be pushing for the realisation of the Getson site facilities," he said.

• WMI submitted a press release replying to WEL's comments on the issue. The statement was made on the ground that it not be altered, therefore it has not been included. The Diary editors make it clear that no statement will be accepted on this condition. The Diary editors reserve the right to edit copy.

Two flags for Dytes

Both Warrandyte's senior football teams won premierships on Saturday.

The firsts defeated Coldstream 6.8.44 to 6.6.42. The seconds also defeated Coldstream, 4.8.32 to 3.7.25.

A full coverage of the grand finals will be in next month's Diary.

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Dozers rip Prof's Hill

Ilya Kostezky and Associates have begun bulldozing part of Professor's Hill to provide access to their planned subdivision.

Eltham Council and the Warrandyte Environment League believe the work is illegal. Mr Kostezky says he has legal advice that it is not.

The work is believed to have been carried out on Thursday August 25.

A drive has been cut from Wyuna Road up the hill and, says WEL, partly through an area that should be preserved for its environmental value.

WEL says the damage is severe and has destroyed a colony of a very rare species of orchid and has threatened a further three species.

According to WEL, the drive — several hundred metres long — deviates 30 metres from a

proposed alignment permitted by council.

An official of Eltham Council's planning department, Mr Rodney Roscholler, believes that the construction of the drive is not in compliance with Mr Kostezky's permit conditions. The conditions of the permit required Mr Kostezky to provide a plan that would show the location, dimensions and levels of any excavations or alterations to the natural surface, including details of works to stabilise areas of cut and fill.

Mr Roscholler said only some of the information was supplied. "Mr Kostezky was required by the conditions of his permit to supply this information, which was to be endorsed by council before construction could begin," he said. Some of the information was neither supplied nor endorsed, he said.

Mr Kostezky said the conditions were deliberately placed

in the permit to prevent him doing what he was lawfully allowed to do.

"Eltham Council . . . has prevented me . . . from constructing a driveway which is for my well-being and safety," he said.

"The Council refused to consider drawings with the purpose of preventing me from constructing a driveway. I believe it is an unlawful act and shameful behaviour from council."

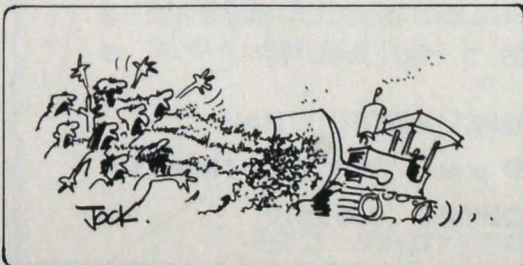
The council has since asked Mr Kostezky to stop the work. Mr Roscholler said: "If Mr Kostezky does continue with the work a contravention notice will be issued and if that fails court notices will be issued."

A WEL spokesman said he was concerned that Mr Kostezky would continue with the work, causing even more devastation. He said WEL was worried about the willingness of Mr Kostezky to adhere to future conditions.

"WEL feared this and is very disappointed," he said. "The action confirmed WEL's worst fears about Mr Kostezky's evident lack of appreciation of the fragile beauty of this land.

To eliminate any further risk to this sensitive area we ask Mr Kostezky to stop work."

WEL has been fighting for a five-hectare section of Pro-



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Periodically, the civic fathers of Main Street, Eltham, throw caution and expense to the wind and authorise the distribution of those capacious, steel garbage-collection things around North Warrandyte.

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But don't go holding your breath, now.

Because the last such bonanza was in March and the next will be next March.

We are quoting a lady from the shire offices who tut-tutted a trash-tormented North Warrandyte housewife audacious enough to enquire when relief might be expected.

It's a bit of a "Catch 22" situation, because while we are implored to keep Australia beautiful, we are deprived of the realistic wherewithall.

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Jim Harris, Pound Bend patriarch, and self-described nice guy, officially retired at 4.30 pm on Thursday, August 6. The fact is worth recording because those who know him well will find it hard to tell the difference.

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Ah, but they're a bunch of jokers at the pub.

Their latest prank was to send a well-known elbow-bender of European extraction rushing off to a nearby leisure centre in the misguided belief that mixed nude saunas were a regular attraction.

The victim arrived bright-eyed and bushy-tailed early one morning suitably prepared — no gear whatsoever.

Realisation dawned when the receptionist handed him a towel and asked him whether he had wanted to hire a pair of togs.

Sprung! A young local woman thinks someone is trying to tell her something. So does Smokey. The lass was performing a rather intricate manoeuvre (doing a three-point turn in a space the size of a football field, we are told) when she backed over a letter box.

The destruction was total.

Our driver had a quick look around and realised no one had seen her, so she took off. Of course when she got home, lo and behold, the number plate had fallen off her car.

She returned to the scene and there it was, propped up against the remains of the letter box.

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The trials and tribulations of being the producer of a high school play.

Chris White, producer of 'HMS Pinafore', had to rescue an expensive hired costume for one of his young cast from the innards of a garbage compactor. Our budding young actor had left it in a school bag beside a rubbish bin.

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Speaking of Chris White, Smokey hears that he has quite a good line in ad-libs.

Chris, who also played the captain in 'HMS Pinafore', modified one of his speeches during the show as follows: "I fear it will be long before I recover my accustomed cheerfulness, for misfortunes crowd upon me, and all my old friends seemed to have turned against me AND THE MIGHTY TIGERS HAVE BEEN DONE AGAIN."

It took a while before the penny dropped, so smooth was the delivery, but when it did the audience was in stitches.

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Seeing is believing: Physical fitness came up in conversation at the pub the other day and three of the unlikely volunteers you are ever likely to come across decided to take up swimming.

Smokey will PAY for a pix of Jack Bar, John Knox and Ken Garrick in the water. Together, preferably, although Smokey's spy doubts whether there is that much water this side of Port Phillip Bay.

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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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Courses for horses

The Horse Riding Advisory Committee is proposing that the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council create a horse riding trail along Harris Gully Road.

The committee, which is under the chairmanship of Councillor Anne Martin, has been working towards promoting public awareness of horse riding. Councillor Martin said recently she was concerned about the lack of "safe riding areas" in Warrandyte.

"I believe there are some places in Warrandyte which are absolute death traps for riders. As a result of these unsafe areas, we will be lodging a proposal to council.

"We need a trail along Harris Gully Road and have requested that road signs be placed in the area to warn motorists to slow down and give way to horses," she said.

"Such is our concern over this safety issue that we have also approached the National Parks Department for a trail along Gold Memorial Road."

The Horse Riding Advisory Committee was formed in April 1982 after the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council recognised horse riding as a desirable recreation.

The committee is affiliated with the Victorian Horse Council and has been involved with awareness programs designed to increase the safety of horse riding.

Dozers rip Prof's Hill

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essor's Hill to be declared a reserve. The area is next to a reserve bought by council.

Mr Kostezky's drive possibly cuts across a section of the proposed reserve and dirt has been left in heaps at various spots. WEL says great damage has been done to the flora and that the work will create massive soil erosion.

Botanists who visited the site recently say the drive has affected four species of orchid.

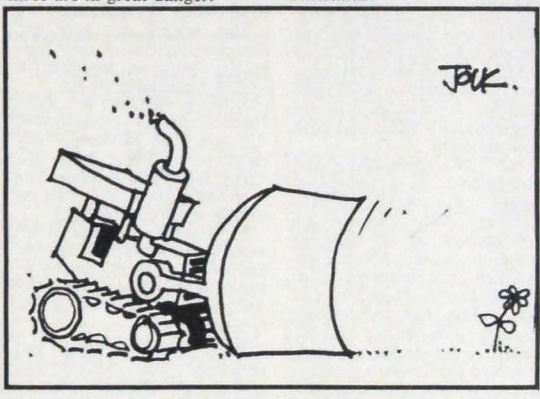
The four species are the striped greenhood, which the botanists say is the most significant species recorded on the hill; the bearded greenhood, which is said to be rare in the district; the purple beard orchid, which the botanists say is uncommon; and the red beard orchid, which they say is rare in the district.

The WEL spokesman said: "We fear that the striped greenhood colony has been destroyed and that the other three are in great danger."



Doug Seymour of the WEL looks over the new road bulldozed from Wyuna Road.

Mr Kostezky is appealing against Eltham Council's refusal to allow his 32-allotment subdivision in the area. The appeal, to the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal, is likely to be heard before Christmas.



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Pinafore packs them in

Warrandyte High School's production of 'HMS Pinafore' was a sellout. After word got out about the first night's performance, tickets were impossible to get.

What made the show such a success? Martin Walker, chairman of the WAA Drama Group, reports:

"At its best, the school play is a project that involves in some way every member of the school community (staff as well as pupils) in a joint endeavour, unifying the school in a collec-

tive responsibility. Through the mass involvement of the pupils both the morale and the public image of the school will be raised."

So wrote Peter Griffith in his book 'The School Play'. Never were such lofty sentiments so convincingly executed than by the first (of, I'm sure many) Warrandyte High productions.

It is difficult to write about this quite splendid presentation without using many superlatives. Nevertheless, Chris White and his obviously devoted cast and crew produced a very fine 'Pinafore' and, more importantly, created the beginnings of a tradition at

Warrandyte High and gave cast and crew an experience and involvement that will stay with them for many years.

The set would have delighted Nelson (Lord and Rockefeller) and was the best I have seen on that stage. The use of two pianos plus flutes was a nice touch and just avoided what might have been a slightly thin musical backing. Pace and verve were there aplenty.

Whatever the eight sailors and four male supporting parts might have lacked in vocal ability, the chorus work was more than compensated for by their enthusiasm, dedication and a good sense of "business"

whenever it was required.

However, when joined by "the sisters and the cousins and the aunts" (who of their own account were very tuneful) the combined choruses were excellent and made the most of those lovely Gilbert and Sullivan melodies.

To mention the minuses may seem carping in the context of such a well-presented production, but for what they are worth: Some of the sailors looked a little too swarthy and had obviously enjoyed the experience of stage make-up. Also, I would have liked to have seen little Buttercup as a more "plump and pleasing per-

son", though no doubt Amanda Egglestone was happier being herself.

I greatly enjoyed the diction in both sung and spoken parts and the involvement of all characters in little pieces of "business" to maintain interest.

Chris White's Captain was adroit and I particularly enjoyed his song 'Fair Morn, to Thee I sing' at the opening of Act 2.

The "two" Josephines had a number of difficult songs, with demanding melodies, both gave creditable performances. I particularly enjoyed the thoughtful acting of Patricia Martin.

"Little" Buttercup held her key role well with good diction and a sense of drama.

It was difficult to believe that our Ralph Rackstraw was a teacher, projecting as he did a youthfulness and a strong, clear voice.

Dick Deadeye quickly established a suitably nasty yet humorous rapport with his audience, aided by some good reaction and business from his "mates".

Forbes Hawkins' Sir Joseph was a foppish yet commanding performance delivered in a beautifully clear voice. I thoroughly enjoyed every tuneful word of it. The cousins, Hebe, Boatswain and the Carpenter reinforced an already strong cast.

I'm sure that I detected more than a little masterful tuition from the conductor, Renee Maddocks, and all credit to her.

And I know that an extraordinary amount of work was carried out by Chris White in so many areas. Add to this an inspired and truly professional performance as Captain Corcoran and it is no wonder the show became the sell-out that it did.

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WAC sets its priorities

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee has established an overall listing of the community's priorities.

At its recent annual general meeting speakers said this was the most significant aspect of WAC's work. There have been many submissions and joint meetings to discuss financial proposals with WAC and both local councils.

WAC has given advice and information on a variety of issues, including library facilities, Yarra Street, the development of the Stintons Road tip site, horseriding, bushfire information, joint school-community facilities of Warrandyte High and primary schools, the bridge roundabout, a pedestrian crossing, proposed residential guidelines and many town planning applications.

Issues still being discussed include the riverbank bike track, landscaping of Stiggant's Reserve, a local development plan for the West End, adoption of local road design standards and a recreation strategy. Greg Thorpe reported on the situation regarding the two supermarket applications.

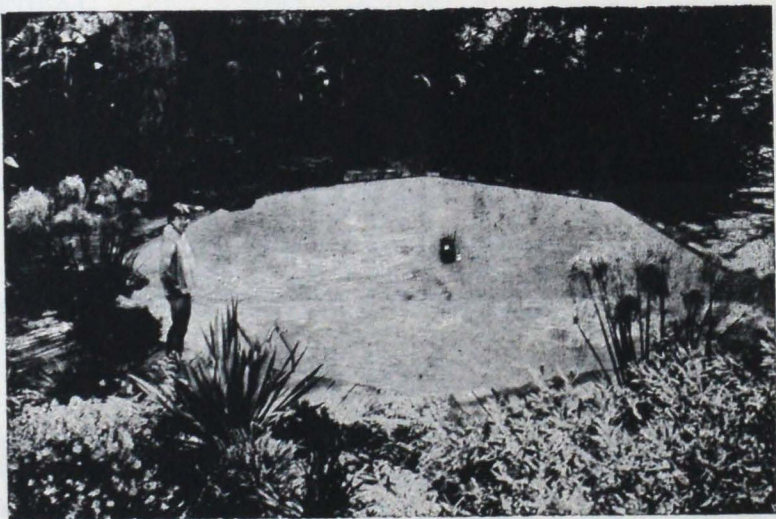
The meeting was also told that development of the Community Centre site depended on overall financial priorities.

Retiring members are Peter Harkin, Robyn Hodgkinson, Bill and Paul Williams. New members are Peter Volk, Ken Virtue and Chris Keating. The new committee will elect an executive at its next meeting.

Mr Harkin said that WAC work was rewarding, if not occasionally frustratingly slow. Progress was being made, but the amount of work was steadily increasing.

WAC advises Eltham and Doncaster and Templestowe councils on matters relating to Warrandyte and supports initiatives from individuals and organisations.

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The man who stopped to listen and stayed to help



Peter Harkin: "I wanted to put in my two-bob's worth."

Several years ago a young couple left their recently renovated Canterbury home in search of sun, trees and tranquility. Like many others who have thronged to Warrandyte they were escaping suburbia.

Peter Harkin, his wife, Jenny and baby Samantha lobbied into the estate agent's office with a long list of requirements. Their discovery of a "lovely piece of dirt" in Bradley's Lane came after an extensive search through the north-eastern and eastern areas.

According to Jenny, who was born and bred in the country, "at that time we were unaware of Warrandyte's heritage or sense of identity. It was the physical beauty of the place that attracted us, and no matter where we looked we mentally kept coming back to Warrandyte."

Peter, an architect, approached the search for land as he would a project on his drawing board. The decision to build here was carefully arrived at by an equation of travelling time to his Kew office, the magnificent bush, the acceptability of the property itself and the bonus of the river.

With typical application, Peter turned his energies to designing and building an environmentally sensitive house. He also kept up his involvement in Kew, where he was president of the Kew Chamber of Commerce and youth director of the board of Kew Rotary. Jenny, with another baby, Olivia, was beginning to be lured into local activities, by joining the Warrandyte's Arts Association, where she is now secretary.

In 1979, Councillor John Scott was organising a public meeting to propose an advisory committee to local government. Peter was interested. "I thought I'd wander along and have a listen as I'd just gone through a similar exercise on the Kew Junction study set up by Kew Council. Although Kew's commercial area was about 50 times the size of Warrandyte, I had a few ideas and I wanted to put in my two-bob's worth," he said.

"Before I knew it I was on the steering committee. This was my first connection with any local activity."

His main concern was to see a structure established that would allow for the participation of all interested groups in the community and which would preclude the possibility of any group gaining domination.

Thus the Warrandyte Advisory Committee's constitution allows for eight group classifications, three independents and two council representatives. Three months later Peter was a member of WAC and was made chairman

Peter Harkin, the chairman of the Warrandyte Advisory Committee, has stepped down after 4½ years. A special reporter went to get his views on the period, and the future.

soon after.

So began 4½ years of heavy commitment during which time Peter believes WAC has made enormous achievements. His reply to the question "Does WAC work?" elicits a quick and firm reply — "My Oath." "The mechanism is established for the future. Apart from the success we have had supporting numerous group requests, we have credibility with both councils, which is so important.

"It has never happened before that both councils are meeting to talk about Warrandyte. Hopefully, this will make things easier to achieve in future. There has been an acceptance of the concept of joint funding. The needs and priorities that WAC identified are being carefully looked at."

Peter is quick to point out that WAC's work is the result of the involvement of many other people in the community. Nevertheless those who have had any association with WAC know only too well the incredible amount of energy and commitment that Peter has given the body.

Robyn Hodgkinson, who has worked with Peter for four years, said: "Peter's expertise, commitment and attention to detail have been immeasurable. He set the pace and through his coaxing and urging we have had to move with it."

Jenny agrees that Peter relishes a challenge. Peter puts it a different way. "There is great satisfaction in proving that, no matter what the issue or how difficult it may appear or how tight the deadline, you can meet the demands. For instance we all got a big buzz when the purchase of Getson's was achieved and when council agreed to accept our priorities for all of Warrandyte," he said.

Another plus for WAC that Peter identifies is that through its involvement with a host of issues the various groups now not only have a stronger voice but a better appreciation of other groups in the community.

Peter speaks with great enthusiasm of the time he spent with WAC. Despite the frustrations of moving something through the system, the enormous time involved and the fact that it has to be achieved by volunteers, he found his involvement very satisfying.

"To me the hard, or difficult and bigger things have been achieved. We have the councils accepting an overview of what's required," he said.

His firm belief that a body

such as WAC is essential for a community such as Warrandyte comes across strongly. "WAC is the only group, certainly that I'm aware of, whose membership is not necessarily bound by a common thread or goal. On some issues there is often little in common among its 13 members other than they happen to co-exist in Warrandyte. Because of its structure, it is an independent body and although it sometimes proves difficult to accommodate different viewpoints, it is critically important to the health of the community to attempt to achieve consensus."

The nature of the Warrandyte community has made WAC's job easier, Peter says. Its sense of identity and its underground grapevine make it a very special place. Even as a relative newcomer he had no difficulty finding people with expertise who were willing to assist on issues important to the community.

"I don't know if there are people living here who feel more strongly about things than elsewhere or if it's easier to track them down; whatever, WAC has been able to co-opt people with skills across all areas. We've been lucky in that respect, because the effectiveness of WAC depends to a large extent on the support it has around it," he said.

Peter's approachable manner and the fact that he enjoys talking to people about WAC and Warrandyte have meant that others have been encouraged to have a try at achieving their aims.

There are many others who have put in many hours on WAC business, but somehow Peter's efforts stand out.

It is difficult to separate Peter's personality from his role on WAC as he is loath to talk about himself. His other interests perhaps offer an idea of what motivates him.

A keen, some would say passionate, scuba diver and collector of "assorted things", his shelves and mantelpieces are adorned with many precious relics. Jenny claims he is a magpie who does not do things in half measure.

There are others who will pick up where Peter left off, but it is widely recognised that it will be difficult to keep up the momentum that Peter has established. His expertise and experience, however, will continue to be available to the community.

Peter's hope is that Warrandyte will realise the value of WAC and will continue "the good fight".

"As is the nature of such things, it is only now after 4½ years that the benefits are becoming obvious. It takes that long to bear the fruits of all the work. But with patience and persistence, much can be achieved," he said.

Care for kids

The Warrandyte Occasional Childcare Centre operates on Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 11.30 pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Taroon Avenue.

The centre is run by mothers on a volunteer basis. All pre-school children are welcome. Through recent State Government help, the centre now offers a range of indoor and outdoor activity.

Inquiries to Miriam Kershaw, 844 2675, or Tricia Sheehan, 844 1004.

Help for singles

Single Links, a group aimed at supporting separated, divorced or widowed people, especially single parents, has been set up.

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Cash cuts threaten pre-school group

Government subsidies for three-year-old pre-school groups, which were originally established for four-year-old children, will cease in 1984.

At this stage, the North Warrandyte pre-school is not directly affected as its third group was specifically started for three-year-old children some eight years ago. However the committee feels that immediate steps should be taken to gain support and public awareness of the possible risks to the continuation of their three-year-olds.

The group was established primarily because the community recognised that an area like Warrandyte had special needs. These needs are still very relevant today.

Teacher Diana Williamson says that Warrandyte is a reasonably isolated community which because of its hills, lack of footpaths and spread of housing does not allow easy access between community members.

This isolation results in pre-school children having poor language development and a tendency to insecurity. As well, parents find it hard to recognise developmental problems because there is little comparison with playmates.

Warrandyte has few flat areas for children to play. They therefore lack the facilities to learn to run, ride bikes and climb on playground equipment. Children who have not attended the three-year-old third group show a tendency towards less well developed motor skills.

Diana Williamson says this disparity in skills is evident from observing the two groups of children at play on climbing frames, balancing boards and so on. Without motor development, fine muscle control and eye and hand co-ordination necessary for future school work are not achieved as soon as desirable.

The North Warrandyte community raised funds for the establishment of this centre which now accommodates an infant welfare centre, play-groups, toddler groups, three-year old pre-school and four-year old pre-school. Removal of one of these key elements would lessen the building's function as a true community centre, says Diana Williamson.

She writes: "While the three-year old third group is important for ensuring the ordered development of pre-school skills, it should be noted that the existence of this group also brings together those young mothers who suffer a similar social isolation and is therefore necessary to maintain a balanced and harmonious community."

Diana Williamson continues: "The need for this group is further demonstrated by the fact that the group has always filled its vacancies and at this date has 20 children enrolled for 1984."

The North Warrandyte Pre-School Committee, through its secretary, Jan Warwick, is asking Warrandyte people to support its campaign to keep the three-year old group.

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As well there will be information on how you can clean up your property before the "fire danger period". The articles will be supplemented with information delivered to all letterboxes.

The brigades operate as part of the Country Fire Authority and are wholly manned by volunteers from all walks of life within the local community. Membership is open to all these interested. The CFA provides most of the equipment and some brigades have supplemented this with gear financed by local residents.

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The Warrandyte area is served by three volunteer fire brigades:

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South Warrandyte, Brumbys Road 844 2174
Warrandyte, Harris Gully Road 844 3798

In the surrounding areas there are also brigades at Research, Kangaroo Ground, Eltham and Wonga Park.

number you ring is connected to several local residents (six in each brigade) who will answer the call. It should be noted that the numbers given are for fire calls only and should not be rung for any other reason. Other numbers are available for general enquiries.

The siren can be activated by the person answering the call and this will alert enough local firefighters to form a crew and turn out to the blaze. The three Warrandyte brigades work very closely and if a fire is too large in one area, then further assistance is given by the other two brigades and from further

afield if necessary.

Members are trained every Sunday morning from 10 am for about two hours. CFA members are taught radio procedures, how to use the equipment and fire suppression. All interested persons are welcome to attend this training and they should go to their local fire station.

The sirens are tested each Sunday at the following times: North Warrandyte, 10 am; South Warrandyte, 10 am; Warrandyte, noon.

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Cash grant for school

Park Orchards Primary School will soon be receiving a reorganisation and upgrading of staff facilities and office space. This follows a \$45,208 grant from the State Government.

Mr Lou Hill, the member for Warrandyte, said: "I am very pleased to be able to announce this very necessary and worthwhile expenditure."

Work is expected to begin this month.

Churches dine

The Anglican, Gospel Chapel, Catholic and Uniting Churches of Warrandyte and Park Orchards are holding their fifth annual dinner on Friday, September 30 at St Anne's, Knees Road, Park Orchards.

The guest speaker this year is Mr David Scott, chairman of Community Aid Abroad and the Family and Child Development Services Committee.

The cost is \$9 a head and enquiries can be made to Dorothy Reid (844 3265) or Richard Casey (844 2920).

Music, anyone?

The Community Music Program will recommence in the second week of term III at Warrandyte Primary School. Tuition is offered in violin, piano, guitar, recorder and percussion instruments. A course in developmental music for pre-school children is also available.

A new band is being formed for primary school children. It will practise on Friday mornings before school.

For further information, please phone Rosemary, 844 2985, Robyn 844 2156 or Diane, 844 3439.

Contribution

South Warrandyte Primary School recently held a dress-up day as part of Community Awareness Week. The money raised, about \$100, will be given to Doncaster and Templestowe Council for its nursing home and day care centre for the elderly.

Jubilee

Norwood High School, which many Warrandyte children attend, will be holding a silver jubilee celebration dinner on Saturday October 8. The celebration will be held at the East Ringwood Sporting Club. The cost is \$14 a ticket.

Generator

The captain and members of the North Warrandyte Fire Brigade would like to thank the Warrandyte Lions Club for their assistance in providing a generator for the brigade.

The much-needed generator will enable the brigade to continue essential operations in the event of power failure in future emergencies.

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.

Philip, 20, has worked as a factory hand, storeman and laborer.

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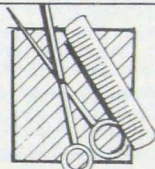
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE: For all enquiries regarding the Community Education Office please ring Rosemary Tovey 844-2985.

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 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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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.

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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 or 844 3508.

WARRANDYTE BASKETBALL CLUB

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

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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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.

NORTH WARRANDYTE PRE-SCHOOL: Wednesday, September 28, 8pm: Chinese cooking demonstration by Fook the Cook. \$5 a head. Phone Jenny Maslen for tickets, 844 3500. Wine and juice included with food.

OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE CENTRE: Uniting Church Hall, Taroona Avenue, every Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 11.30 am. All pre-schoolers welcome. Contact Tricia Sheehan, 844 1004.

MEETINGS:

Fire Information Procedures Committee, 8pm, Monday 10 October at Community Centre.

Warrandyte Advisory Committee, 8pm, Wednesday September 28 at Community Centre.

Warrandyte Historical Society, 8pm, Tuesday September 13, at Community Centre.

Festival Committee, 8pm, Tuesday September 27, at Community Centre.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK: September 25, noon to 5pm, build walking track around Fourth Hill. Signs from Tunnel Street.

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Ros, who is retiring after 15 years' hairdressing in Warrandyte, began cutting hair in her

home at Cemetery Road while a young mother with small children.

She wants to thank all her clients and hopes they will give Michael the same support they gave her.

Self-help for singles

I thought that you may be interested in helping to "spread the word" about a new group that I am hoping to organise locally.

I am a single parent, recently moved into this area from the inner city where many similar groups have been operating. I joined an "On Being Single Again" self-help group organised by Eva Learner from the Human Resources Centre at LaTrobe University, and found it enormously supportive to be linked with people in similar situations to my own.

So, I am hoping to gather together a group of separated and divorced people, and especially single parents who live locally and are willing to meet to share ideas, problems, resources, etc. — perhaps sharing a lawn mower, perhaps swapping jumper knitting skills for some guttering repair work! Sharing a dinner together — worries about a child's winter ailment, sharing the very real issues of facing periods of loneliness and anxiety as a single person in a very "coupled" society.

I have no particular skills as a social worker and do not intend to play any such role. I am simply an organiser of a self-help group which will determine its own needs and directions.

Nora Vitins,
19 Boyd St.,
844 2743

Riding for the disabled

As secretary for an organization called "Riding for the Disabled", could I bring to your notice our plight of not having enough voluntary helpers to assist disabled children in having an enjoyable and therapeutic day riding a horse.

Our organisation cannot survive without the help of the community's women to assist in this worthy cause.

Admittedly, there is some work involved, like walking beside the horse, just to reassure the rider, and to be there in the event of the rider becoming unstable. Personally, I find the exercise, being in a country atmosphere and doing a

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little bit to help others, most rewarding.

The session lasts about 2 hours, and is held every Thursday, weather permitting, starting 12.30 am, at Thyme Cottage, Newmans Road, Templestowe. Most of our helpers are rostered for duty once a month, and are informed if the afternoon is to be cancelled.

I can be contacted at home on 848 6562 for any further details.

Meredith Gunn,
Templestowe

Killing for killing's sake

I am writing as a very angry mother. It's such a shame that children can't keep pets of their choice in this area without neighbouring dogs literally tearing cages apart and savaging them.

If the mauling dogs were hungry, there would be a justification, but this savagery is wanton killing for killing's

sake. To find much-loved rabbits and guinea pigs decapitated where's the justification? I thought German Shepherds were to be kept fenced in.

Lyn Humphreys,
Kruses Road

Thank you, Warrandyte

To say just thank you for all the support and kindness shown to me by our friends in Warrandyte, on the sudden and tragic death of my dear husband, Bob, seems so inadequate. Our family will be forever grateful. A very special thank you goes to Carol Bird and the girls of the Warrandyte Fire Fighters' Social Club for all their help and kindness.

Pat Guile,
Brackenbury Street.

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Safety House idea aims to shelter children

Warrandyte Primary School recently formed a Safety House Committee in affiliation with the Safety House of Victoria.

It is a community awareness programme that aims to assist the security and safety of children in Warrandyte.

The programme consists of houses being identified by a triangular sign.

Parents advise their children that, if in trouble, they can run to one of these houses.

Should this occur, the householder has instructions to ring police immediately.

There are about 50 'Safety Houses' servicing the Primary School.

All houses will be constantly surveyed to ensure that identification has not been removed or placed on non-registered houses.

The program is well under way.

Teachers will educate the pupils, as will the police, who visit the schools as part of their normal safety awareness program. A letter giving details of the program is being sent to all parents.

In addition to the normal instruction, emphasis will be placed on counteracting the possibility of someone from outside the area misusing the program.

A considerable amount of effort is being put into getting the project off the ground. Initially a survey was undertaken to assess the interests of parents of children attending the school. The response was inspiring, with replies from parents offering great support.

IN BRIEF

October night

Warrandyte Drama Group's next production will be 'A Night in October' — and that, indeed, is when you will be able to see it.

The co-directors, Carol Keating and Amanda Liddell, have chosen this drama in preference to the previously expected production of 'Yarns and Woolly Tales'.

The cast is Jenny Harkin, Robyn Morton, Gail Nuzum, Jock Macneish and Martin Walker.

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Just a minute

The Warrandyte Advisory Committee is in urgent need of a volunteer to record minutes at their monthly meetings.

The position would involve one evening a month. It would not require any typing or circulating duties, and would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

If you can help please ring Rosemary Tovey, 844-3907.

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Paper drive

The Warrandyte Apex Club hopes to resume its paper drives. A spokesman said the club had been in touch with Australian Paper Manufacturers and that arrangements were being made.

The first drive is tentatively planned for Sunday, October 2, with one about every two months after that.



Friends of the Warrandyte Park clean up rubbish from the entrance of a tunnel.

They're friends in deed

A small group formed in March 1982 has met one Sunday a month since then to clean, clear and increase the charm of Warrandyte's State Parks.

The group is the Friends of the Warrandyte Park and they certainly appear to be needy friends. In the past the group has cleared pines and stabilised the soil in large areas of the Fourth Hill Park. They have taken 14 truck loads of rubbish from The Common and have recently been stabilising the soil on The Wall.

The group was formed after local ranger Kris Reinersten called a meeting to look at the future of the parks in Warrandyte. There are now 40 members and they are very hard-working.

One Friend of the Park, Mr Mike Duff, indicated the delight the group received from their efforts. "It gives us an incredible sense of achievement," he

said. "We have been successful in controlling severe erosion of The Wall and are looking forward to clearing and replanting the island under the bridge in November."

The group's activities have been aided tremendously by Hire-it-Plant Hire in Doncaster who have assisted in removing rubbish. Mr Duff says: "They're very good friends of the Warrandyte Park".

Despite the success the Friends have achieved, they are concerned about the lack of community awareness. "We are worried that the Warrandyte community is not aware of the improvements we have made," said Mr Duff. "However, apart from that, wet Sundays are the only problem".

The Friends' next activity, weather permitting, will involve constructing a walking track around Fourth Hill Park.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends can ring Mike Duff on 844 2433.

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Karen and Gerry bought the old Catholic Church in Mitchell Avenue 3½ years ago and have since renovated it into a spacious and very comfortable home.

They saw the potential of buying the church, especially through their professions.

"Gerry is a carpenter and I work in the hardware/timber business," said Karen. "We always had a desire to renovate and since Gerry was a carpenter, we thought why not?"

They have certainly used the space of the church with imagination. They have built a

spiral staircase to an upstairs bedroom, a dining room and a glorious kitchen which has those "what kitchens are supposed to be" qualities.

The church has a long history. It was built in 1906 and was designed by a firm who usually specialised in blue-stone churches. However, it was burnt down in the 1939 bushfires. It was then rebuilt to the original plans and has since been in remarkable condition.

The wood has showed no signs of deterioration and its attraction has grown with the latest extensions.

The house is not yet complete. But when it is, it appears certain that Karen and Gerry will be living in a home of their own great imagination.



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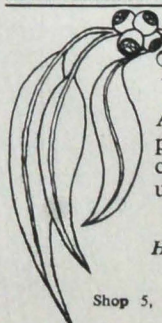


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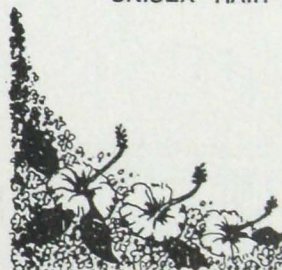
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The Bloods falter in the mud

Warrandyte Football Club's dream of an unbeaten premiership season bogged down last month in the mud of Schramms Reserve, Doncaster.

In shocking football conditions, the Bloods' senior team were beaten for the first time this year when they lost the EDFL third-division second semi-final by four points.

Final score was 7.11 (53) to 7.7 (49).

Warrandyte went within inches — literally — of grabbing victory when a shot right on the siren by rover John McCartin hit the post.

A goal would have given Warrandyte a one-point win.

The result was a severe jolt for club officials and supporters who, on the strength of the season's form, had regarded victory and the saloon passage into the grand final as something of a formality.

Instead, it thrust the Bloods in against The Basin in the cut-throat preliminary final.

Bloods president Ken McKenzie described the semi-final defeat as "just one of those days".

"Conditions were awful, but I'm not blaming that for our defeat because they were just as

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bad for Coldstream," Mr McKenzie said.

"It's simply that we had too many players down on the form they had produced so consistently during the season.

"Admittedly, the wet conditions negated Warrandyte's pace and skills, but full marks to Coldstream for the way they approached the game and kept their play-on style going."

Mr McKenzie said the defeat had not affected morale.

"The boys breakfasted and trained on Sunday morning and spirits were high," he said.

"The defeat may, in fact, be a disguised blessing.

"It should certainly have stamped out any complacency which may have developed during our great run of success this season.

"Sure, it would have been nice to have gone through undefeated, but the loss to Coldstream really drove home the message that premierships have to be earned.

Mr McKenzie was critical of the EDFL's choice of ground for the finals.

"Schramms Reserve is not a good wet-weather ground," he said.

"It becomes a real gluepot. There are better grounds available."

The Warrandyte president also criticised the league's decision not to use a new ball in the second half of the Coldstream match.

"They said it was an economy measure," he said.

"It is quite absurd, to our way of thinking.

"If we'd known their policy beforehand, Warrandyte would have paid for a new ball ourselves."

Warrandyte had few really good players in the semi-final, which was a desperate game of football and a rather untidy spectacle as a result.

Best of the Bloods were centreman Denis O'Brien, centre half-back Neil Crosthwaite and full-forward Ron Wilson, who made the most of limited opportunities.

"Really, the form was too bad to be true," Mr McKenzie said.

"I've no doubt that we will produce our true form in the next two games.

"I've no doubt that we will win the premiership."

Coldstream also beat Warrandyte in the reserves second semi-final.

The score was 9.12 (66) to 5.5 (35).

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