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How they came to see our mud, glorious mud



For the Chinese this may be the year of the Rat, but for Warrandyte it may well be the year of the Post Office.

The Post Office Preservation Group has plans before Doncaster and Templestowe Council for a rebuilding and restoration programme, which they have been

assured will be able to start this year.

The group president, Rob Trenberth, said that "although the committee has spent an incredible number of man hours, both on fund-raising and battling obstacles in the way of the restoration, the

Just what do these people expect to see on the mud brick house tours? Some of the 800 people who went on the tour line up.

main aim is to restore the building for the community.

"We have had a great deal of

support from the community," he said, "and would now like community input as to suggested uses for the finished building or part thereof."

The committee would like to hear from anyone who may have an idea which will keep the historic

site as a functioning and vital part of our village.

Letters should be directed to the secretary, PO Box 8, Warrandyte, or phone Jo Laurence on 844 3694.

The group's recent mud brick house tour attracted more than 800 people, and raised about \$2700.

Hill appeal rejected

The Planning Appeals Board has rejected an appeal by Ilya Kostezky and Associates against Eltham Council's refusal to grant a permit for the Professor's Hill subdivision.

Mr Kostezky, a principal of the firm, wants to subdivide the 15.9 hectares into 30 lots, with an average size of .44 hectares.

The board found that a subdivision could still proceed on the land but that it would have to be of much less density. It found that the 30-lot proposal would have a "dramatic, irreversible, devastating effect upon the area".

It said: "To permit the density of development proposed would be to commit a major and irreversible planning error."

At the rest of all parties to the appeal the board considered what it thought would be a suitable density of development. It found that the minimum lot size should be two hectares.

The subdivision was opposed by Eltham Council and a number of objectors, the main one being the Warrandyte Environment League.

The board said it wanted to record its view that all the submissions it received in the case were of "outstanding quality". It said: "The board has come to expect this in the case of senior professionals, but it does not often occur when lay persons and environmental groups come before the board."

"The submissions by the Warrandyte Environment League and the Professor's Hill Sanctuary Committee of Management were quite superb. No one could have put the case on behalf of these objectors any better than did Mr (Doug) Seymour and Mr (David) Cameron."

The board said its main concern was to consider the appropriate density of development, and that this had a direct relationship with other planning considerations. These included soil erosion, fire hazard, destruction of flora, visual

amenity and effluent disposal.

Generally, the board found: "This is not a case where development can nestle in nature; the intensity of development will involve extensive earthworks and clearing of vegetation."

"The proposed development would have a dramatic and detrimental impact upon the landscape and would involve significant disturbance to the natural environment."

On soil erosion, the board found that the steepness of the land and the loose, friable and erodible nature of the soil meant that if the subdivision proceeded significant soil erosion would occur.

On landscape quality, the board believed that the intensity of the proposed development would inevitably affect the landscape value of the area. "Even if minimal clearing takes place, development will be obvious," it said.

On the possible harmful effects of the subdivision on the environment, the board said it was fortunate to have heard evidence from

Mr Cameron, a local botanist who has studied the land for 10 years.

The board said: "It is clear that the Professor's Hill area is rich in floristic diversity and quality — for example Professor's Hill is a habitat of native orchids of unsurpassed excellence."

"The board accepts Mr Cameron's evidence and agrees with his view that there is a direct relationship between the density of development and the effect upon the environment."

"Moreover, the board agrees that the proposed subdivision would involve significant detriment to the environment quality of the subject land."

On effluent disposal, the board said that because of the difficult terrain a particularly high standard of design, installation and operation of septic tanks would be required.

It said, "The board believes it is unrealistic to expect that high standards of construction and maintenance will be adopted. Conse-

quently, the board cannot be satisfied that the density of development proposed would enable effluent to be satisfactorily disposed of on-site."

On fire hazards, the board said access was unsatisfactory and also that because the area was fire-prone, clearing would have to take place, and that the subdivision was too dense to allow for a balance between the needs of fire prevention and the ecology.

The board also considered the provision of services. It said: "This question is not central to the board's determination, thus it is not intended to discuss the matter in detail."

"However, the board notes that it will be expensive and difficult to service the subject lands with roads, drains, water supply and electricity."

"Although servicing problems could probably be overcome, at a cost, these must be factors adverse to the proposed subdivision."

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Festival fever again

Festival fever is sweeping Warrandyte again. The 'This is Warrandyte' Festival will again be held on the last weekend of March, the 24th and 25th.

It is expected that the events will be at least as exciting and attractive as they have been in the past.

In an effort to extend the entertaining activities, the festival committee has included in the program both a Saturday night rock concert and a much larger market.

The market this year will be too large for the reserve by the river.

A reasonably comprehensive mini-market will be included in the car park behind the community centre in Yarra Street.

A continuous free bus service will ensure easy movement between all festival events.

All the old popular activities will still be there! The Sunday night folk concert, headed by Paradiddle and including other well known bands, the parade down Yarra Street, with its jazz bands, elderly citizens, horses, wagons, old cars,

community groups and much more.

There will be the 'Festival Follies', the 'Punch and Judy Show', a photographic exhibition with prizes, a bike registration day, a school concert, a bush dance, the billy cart derby, a pet parade, an art and craft show, a historical exhibition, a canoe race, a fancy dress competition, the usual river bank entertainment, and much, much more.

Festival details and program: centre pages

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Smokey Joe



Many long years ago, when he was but a lad in short pants, Smokey spent many a happy hour exploring the various abandoned tunnels around the town. It was with some pleasure that he heard that enterprising members of the Friends of the State Park had been exploring recently and opened one of them up with the long-term aim in mind of restoring it to its former glory.

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Glen Jamieson and Heather (Bone) have a new daughter — Maydeena Ruby, a delightful 7lb 10oz (metrication, you ask. Who cares, I say.) bundle of joy. She should keep grandparents Tom and Ruby happy for a long while to come.

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Monash University recently asked a local resident to compile a list of 26 people and ask them what they thought about fuel reduction burn-offs. All people approached were only too happy to oblige — except one. Smokey would like to say that the exception wasn't a member of one of the district's fire brigades. He can't. He will say that the blinkered attitude of the person in question does him no credit given his reputation as a responsible, caring member of the community and his dedicated work as a fireman.

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Mr and Mrs Victor Elliott of Castle Road recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary (60 years), Carol Burgess and Greg Liddell got married last month and Lindsay Wragg and Janette Summers announced their engagement.

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You might not have admired the nous of the bottle-shop hand at the local pub, but you had to admit that he was a stickler for detail.

The lady drove in and asked for half a dozen Victoria Bitter — and that's precisely what she got . . . so hot that frying eggs on 'em wasn't totally out of the question.

Seems the CUB delivery truck had beaten the customer by a couple of minutes.

The lady, who later exchanged the hot property for a like amount of cold Foster's, thinks the kid was taking the "ask and ye shall receive" bit to somewhat illogical conclusions.

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No prizes, but guess what's going to dominate conversation in the Mitchell household these ensuing several months.

Not politics, world affairs, the possibility that Bob Hawke's eyebrows have independent suspension, the moral ramifications of single crabs having nippers, or anything like that.

No, it will be football. More specifically, the Bloods.

David (Mouse) Mitchell is new president of Warrandyte Football Club. As well, he'll continue to coach the reserves, as he has done so well (two premierships speak for themselves) in the past.

And his lovely wife Lyn will take up from where she left off last season as head trainer of the senior side.

There will be few dull moments in the Mitchell home. Liniment and leather will reign supreme.

Outgoing club president Ken McKenzie has gone so far as to question David's sanity in taking on the formidable president-coach assignment.

"I've told him it's mission impossible," says Ken.

"But Warrandyte has a history of producing people who can do the impossible.

"I don't envy him — but I know the Warrandyte Football Club is in the very best of hands."

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Child care centre opens, with praise

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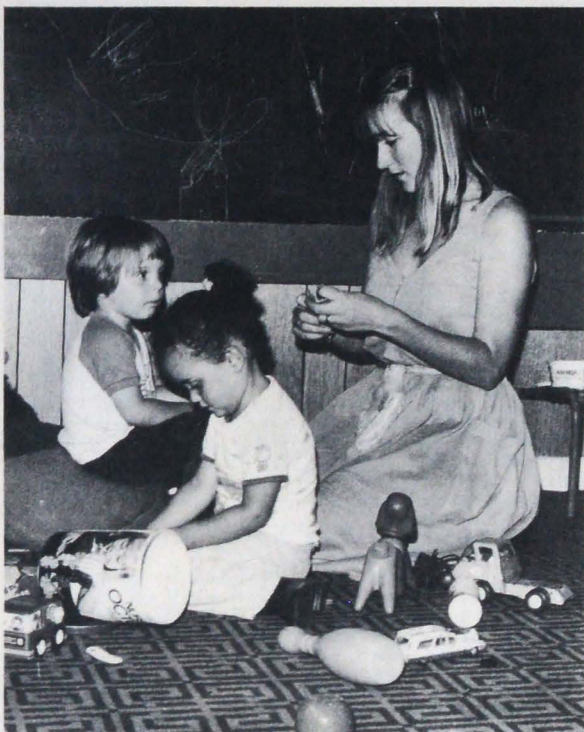
The centre, in two houses on the corner of the main road and Masonic Avenue, has been operating for several weeks now and has been enthusiastically welcomed by local residents.

It is another venture by the Co-op, which seems to have the knack of creating success after success with a minimum of money and fuss.

A Co-op official told the Diary that the centre provided full-time, part-time and occasional care, with the emphasis on catering for family needs. "The centre really is an extension of the family," he said. "It tries to fulfil the various needs of various types of families."

The Diary has also been told that there has been a lot of positive feedback from the community. People using the centre have been impressed with the homely atmosphere and the way the centre fits in with the Warrandyte lifestyle.

Mr Hill told guests at the opening, including Co-op officials, local residents and Mrs Marie Coleman, a former Warrandyte resident now a nationally recognised social welfare expert, that the centre was part of a larger concept — "a concept of a community co-op creating jobs by providing local services".



Inside the centre: fun for all.

"The Co-op is now achieving that through projects such as mud brick making, wood fuel sales, and now a child care centre — activities which meet community needs and create jobs without competing with existing local services," Mr Hill said.

"Those services reflect the values of the Warrandyte community — home building, home-warming and home-making in a caring community.

"Those services are employing local people, thus the original idea of a group of people three years ago is being fulfilled."

Mr Hill said the progress being made by the co-op was due to two things — the long hours put in by many local people and a recognition by government that one of the best ways to ensure the success of a project is to rely on local initiative.

"The Cain Government acknowledges the benefits of the

Warrandyte project by funding it through the Employment Initiative Program. I am hopeful that the Hawke Government will join the Cain Government in also acknowledging the benefits of the project by making a grant through the Community Employment Program," he said.

The Co-op hopes to be able to employ a male child care worker soon.

How about hiring 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 triers.

John, in his fifties, has experience at gardening, concreting, car repairs, panelbeating and spray-painting, and housepainting.

Helen, 20, is experienced at housework, babysitting and clerical work.

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Another Warrandyte Community Workshop Co-operative Ltd. Project.

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Professor's Hill appeal rejected

From page 1

"The board does not believe this is a case where the subdivision should be allowed to proceed subject to stringent conditions. Frankly the board believes the proposed density of development is too intense and that subdivision would only be acceptable at a considerably lower density. In any event the board is not confident that any conditions that it might impose would be faithfully observed.

"Any one of the many factors discussed in this determination would be sufficient for the board to disallow the appeal and direct that no permit issue for the proposed subdivision.

"When taken together, however, the various factors become overwhelming. To permit the density of development proposed would be to commit a major and irreversible planning error.

"At the request of the parties the board has considered what it regards as the appropriate density of development for the subject land.

"For the reasons outlined in this determination the board believes that the average allotment size should be at least two hectares.

"Development at such a density would overcome many of the problems associated with the proposal before the board and would be quite consistent with the Residential 'D' zoning of the land.

"A subdivision with average sized allotments of two hectares would provide a logical transition between the land in North Warrandyte zoned Residential 'D' and the land zoned Landscape Interest."

The board was told that existing approvals would permit the land to be subdivided into 15 lots, with an average size of 0.92 hectares.

It said: "The Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme ordinance make it quite clear that land in a Residential 'D' Zone is not intended to be subdivided into uniform allotments of 0.4 hectares.

"Residential 'D' land should comprise a range of allotment sizes.

Moreover, subdivision on the basis of 0.4 hectare allotments will not always enable the environmental characteristics of an area to be substantially preserved.

"The ordinance commands the Responsible Authority (Eltham Council) (and this board) to have regard to the area and dimensions of each allotment comprised in a subdivision.

"Clearly such a provision would be nonsensical if a Residential 'D' Zone was intended for uniform allotments of 0.4 hectares.

"The board believes the 0.4 hectare provision in the Residential 'D' Zone must be understood for what it is: it is the *minimum* size of an allotment and *not* the allotment size implied by the planning scheme.

"The Responsible Authority informed the board that it had, in fact, opposed the zoning of the

North Warrandyte area as Residential 'D' and had urged the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to adopt a less intensive zoning.

"The board does not believe that this is a matter to which it should give weight as the council's submission to the MMBW was rejected and the land is zoned Residential 'D'.

"It may well have been that the MMBW took the view that the council's concerns could be accommodated provided the discretion vested in the Responsible Authority was wisely exercised.

"Although the council's opposition to the Residential 'D' Zone was not successful, the council followed a policy in respect of applications for subdivision which generally restricted the average size of allotments to 0.8 hectares. This policy evolved over many years, but was formalised in November 1978.

"The board recognises that its determination may lead to the land being subdivided into allotments with an average size of 0.92 hectares.

"Although the board would favor a subdivision with average lot sizes in excess of two hectares per allotment, it regards a subdivision with average lot sizes of 0.92 hectares as significantly better than the proposed subdivision."



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The headmaster, Mr Kevin Morrish, told the Diary that the results were a tribute to the students at the school.

"This particular group of students contained 14 of the original 41 pupils of Year 7 who started the school in 1978," he said.

"They had remained the 'senior citizens' of the student body every year since then, and when they completed their secondary school-

ing at the end of 1983 there was a strong feeling that the school's pioneering days had ended. "It is fitting indeed", Mr Morrish said, "that the school's first group of HSC students should have established a tradition of such high standard."

The Diary understands that the pass rate, about 90 per cent, is the sort of result that private schools aim for.



The Wain family: sharing their lives with "Poppet".

BY JOHN FORSTER

The happy side of foster care

The experience of being a foster parent can be traumatic — it can have serious repercussions and may not prove to be a success. It can also be exciting, extremely rewarding and can provide immense joy to the foster parents and the foster child.

It is an experience that many of us are unaware of. For some, it may be difficult to accept the idea of caring for someone else's child.

This is not so for the Wain family of North Warrandyte. They have provided foster care for many children and for them, it has provided unforgettable happiness.

The family, Jill and Greg and their four children, have for the past seven years shared their life with children who need a little comfort and a lot of happiness.

They are presently providing a home for 18-month old "Poppet", who has been a foster child since she was one month.

Poppet is a typical bright-eyed, giggling young girl. She treats the older children like brother and sister and they treat her in much the same manner. They demand attention from each other, they annoy each other and they share with each other.

The family is very positive in their approach to foster care. "We view the children first," says Jill. "They aren't labelled or specially treated, they are part of the family."

"Some people believe you have to look after foster children 24 hours a day because this is what they need. This is not true. You can be a foster parent and still keep your own lifestyle. We all still do what we want to do, but we also provide adequate care for Poppet."

For the Wain family, foster care is not just caring and providing a home for Poppet. They also share her with her natural parents. She sees her mother regularly and often visits her relatives.

Greg says: "Many people have the attitude of ownership over children. Foster care isn't like that. It's what you can share with the child as well as the natural parent."

"Our own children were fairly positive in their response when we first suggested the idea of foster care."

"The experience has caused the children to be aware that everyone is not in the same position."

Becoming a foster care family is not without difficulty.

"The regulations are a hurdle," says Greg. "There is a lot of red tape to be overcome, but fortunately Victoria appears to be the most progressive State and that has been an added advantage."

Jill says: "Being a foster parent is not without its ups and downs. We have all had our fair share of tears. But it has been the happiness and care that we provide and can see the result in the child which is the most rewarding."



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Meets on the second Thursday of the month at the community centre, 7.30pm.

CANOE CLUB

Meets Wednesday nights at the bridge during daylight saving. Contact John Morey, 844 3832. Coming trips include: Wilson's Promontory — Labor Day weekend, festival Canadian canoe race after parade, Saturday 24 March, Snowy River during Easter.

CHURCHES

Gospel Chapel:

Services: Sundays at 10 am, coffee afterwards.

Play group: for pre-school children on Tuesdays at 10 am. Inquiries — 435 2794.

Home Bible Studies: Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Youth Activities: Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Inquiries — (Pastoral) Ray Meers, 844 2513 or Ken Dawson, 844 1147; (Youth Director) Steve Bentley, 435 2794. (Chapel Secretary) David Dawson, 844 2528.

St Stephen's Anglican (St Stephen's Warrandyte with Emmanuel, Park Orchards):

Vicar, The Reverend Jeff Berger, 844 3473.

Services, St Stephen's — Sunday 8 am and 9 am. Emmanuel — 10.45 am.

Anglican Boys' Society, meets Tuesdays at 6.45 pm, St Stephen's Hall. Inquiries — Denis Wright, 876 1869.

Girls' Friendly Society, meets Wednesdays at 6.45 pm at St Stephen's Hall and Emmanuel Hall. Inquiries — Karen Berger, 844 3473 or Jenny Wright, 876 1869.

Friends of St Stephen's, meets first Wednesday of the month at St Stephen's Hall. Inquiries — Joy Hook, 844 2015.

Emmanuel Ladies' Group, meets first Wednesday of the month at noon. Inquiries — Joan Gordon, 876 1135.

Prayer Group and Bible Study Group, meets second and fourth Thursday of the month. Inquiries — E. Blackie, 844 3465.

Youth Group (16 upwards), Meets every second Friday night at 7.45. Inquiries — Margaret Pepper, 844 2434, or Joan McKenzie, 844 2637.

Catholic (St Anne's and St Gerard's):

Mass, Saturdays at 7 pm at Park Orchards, Sundays at 9 am at Warrandyte and 11 am at Park Orchards.

Uniting:

Minister, The Reverend John Blacker, 844 3476 or 370 6424.

Worship, Sunday at 10 am, Sunday School at 9 am. Inquiries — Fred Jungwirth, 844 3843.

Youth Groups, (10 upwards), inquiries — John Hanson, 844 3906.

Neighbourhood Bible Study Group, meets alternate Wednesdays at 10 am at the church. Inquiries — Heather Ingram, 844 3447.

Evening Bible study, at 8 pm on Wednesdays. Inquiries — 844 3476.

Occasional Child Centre, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am to 11.30 am. Inquiries — Tricia Sheehan, 844 1004.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFICE

Inquiries — Rosemary Tovey, 844 2985.

COMMUNITY MARKET

First Saturday of the month. Casual bookings required on the Tuesday before the market between 10am and noon. Inquiries — Sue Boyle, 844 2683.

DIAMOND VALLEY SPORT AND GAME CLUB

Meets second Wednesday of the month at North Warrandyte Community Centre. Inquiries — Max Green, 712 0328.

ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE

Meets first Thursday of the month at 8 pm at home of Jan Vagg, 112 The Boulevard, North Warrandyte. Inquiries — Jan Vagg, 844 2746.

FIRE BRIGADES

North Warrandyte: meets on first Monday of the month at 8 pm. Training sessions on Sundays at 10 am. Inquiries — 844 2217 or 844 3528. CFA recorded messages on restrictions — 11 540.

South Warrandyte: meets second Tuesday of the month at 8 pm. Inquiries — Ken Reid, 844 2131, or Les Dixon, 844 3673.

Warrandyte: Meets second Thursday of the month at 8pm at the station. Training on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings.

WARRANDYTE FIREFIGHTERS SOCIAL CLUB

Meets first Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the station. New members welcome. Inquiries — Carol Bird, 844 3661.

GIRL GUIDES

Brownies, Guides and Rangers meet weekly. Inquiries — Gloria Lawrence, 844 2498.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meets Tuesday March 13 at 8pm at the Community Centre. Topic — Historical Homework. Tuesday 10 April, same time, same place — speaker from the National Trust. Display every Sunday this month — 'Sun Pictures of Victoria'. Late 1850s photographic work. Inquiries — 844 2438.

LIONS CLUB

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Coffee Bean Restaurant. Inquiries — Ron Cuthbert, 876 1182 or Don McDonald, 844 2195. Bookings for tennis courts — Warrandyte newsagency.

OCASIONAL CARE CENTRE

Uniting Church, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 11.30am. Inquiries — Ann Hardy, 844 1039.

SCOUTS

Cubs and scouts meet weekly. Inquiries — Jenny Green, 712 0328.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Mondays: swimming class, meets at the clubrooms at 10.30 am, bus to Doncaster pool, return at noon. BYO lunch. Afternoon concert practice and singalong. Afternoon tea.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: carpet bowls from 12.30 pm, includes pennant, competition and social bowls. Afternoon tea.

Thursdays: open at 9 am. Chiropody and hairdressing. Cooked lunch for \$1.50, followed by social afternoon including bingo, cards, Scrabble, table tennis and afternoon tea.

Fridays and Saturdays: open from 1 pm, social bowls, cuppa, chat. Inquiries — Maisie Temple, 844 3852.

SOCIAL CLUB

Open 5 to 7 pm, Monday to Saturday. BYO. Two pool tables, table tennis, darts and indoor bowls. Informal golf game at Healesville most Saturdays. Several organised social functions during the year. New members welcome. Inquiries — 844 3567 between 5 and 7 pm.

TOY LIBRARY

At community centre every Thursday from 9.15 am to noon.

WARRANDYTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets at the Community Centre at 8pm on Wednesday, March 28. All residents welcome.

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\$42,000 grant for South

Warrandyte South Primary School will receive a \$42,710 facelift.

Announcing the grant, the member for Warrandyte, Mr Lou Hill, said the Government had accepted a tender for internal and external maintenance of the school.

Mr Hill said the grant would cover new carpets and blinds in all

school buildings, and painting and repairs.

"These improvements will provide a better learning environment for the children," he said.

Florentin Construction Co. will carry out the work, which is due to start shortly.

IN BRIEF

Supermarket

Warrandyte Advisory Committee wants Doncaster and Templestowe Council to call a meeting of all parties involved in the West End supermarket issue to try to solve various problems by negotiation.

A planning permit for the timber yard site was sought from council by the Davmark group just before Christmas.

A WAC official said council will be asked to co-ordinate development rather than allow a site-by-site approach to occur.

More toys at library

The Warrandyte Community Toy Library is in full swing again following the Christmas break. It is starting the year with a Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation grant of \$500, which, when added to accumulated fees, makes a total of \$700 we have to spend in the next couple of months.

The toy library has a range of good quality educational toys suitable to four years. A collection of cassette tapes for that age group is also being built up.

The library provides an opportunity for children to have access to a large range of more expensive toys without the large cost outlay for parents. It encourages the child to care for toys which are not his property, and it allows parents to 'experiment' with toys before spending large amounts of money on something the child may not like. Some toys interest a child for only a short time, so borrowing for a fortnight may be preferable to buying.

If you have children below school age drop in at the community centre in Yarra Street on a Thursday morning between 9.15 and 12 and have a look.

Youth centre

A new youth centre has opened in Doncaster and Templestowe for people aged 18 to 24.

The Doncaster Information and Support Centre for Youth is involved in integrating and co-ordinating a range of services for young people in one central place. It aims to advise and help young people in the following areas: health, recreation, schooling, employment and accommodation.

Enquiries: Janice, 848 2372, 808 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Bike track

Warrandyte Advisory Committee officials will meet Doncaster and Templestowe Council officers soon to discuss the planned bicycle/pedestrian/horse-riding track between the bridge and Pound Bend.

WAC says money for a bridge across Anderson's Creek is on the council's estimates for this year.

MINI ADS

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Letters

Pedestrian crossing

The new pedestrian crossing is now operational and our thanks to the Council of Doncaster and Templestowe for their efforts in satisfactorily completing this project.

Old habits die hard, however, and it has been noticed that many people continue to cross Yarra Street everywhere but on the crossing.

Firstly, this practice is now more dangerous than before as drivers tend to be watching the crossing and are more likely not to notice people whipping out from between the parked cars 30 metres before the lights.

Secondly, use of the crossing forces traffic to stop, thus having the desirable effect of slowing down through traffic and hopefully persuading some to use alternatives.

If the above reasons aren't felt to be good enough to use the crossing correctly, perhaps the example being set for children will suffice.

James Troedel,

Chairman, Yarra Street Task Force

White House

Doncaster and Templestowe Council has approved money to be spent on basic renovations at the White House. Council recently received an architect's report on the building.

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Top tennis here

Warrandyte Tennis Club will put on a tennis championship at the end of the month, the Gold Town Open, and plans to make it an annual event.

It will take place from 30 March to 1 April.

Entries have already been received from several highly ranked players, including two who have

played at Wimbledon, according to an organiser.

Top players from metropolitan clubs will be competing for excellent prizes and trophies.

There will be a "substantial cash incentive" for the Open Men's and Women's singles, the organiser says.

As well as sections for the top players, weekend and social

players will be catered for. Entry fees range from \$10 to \$5.

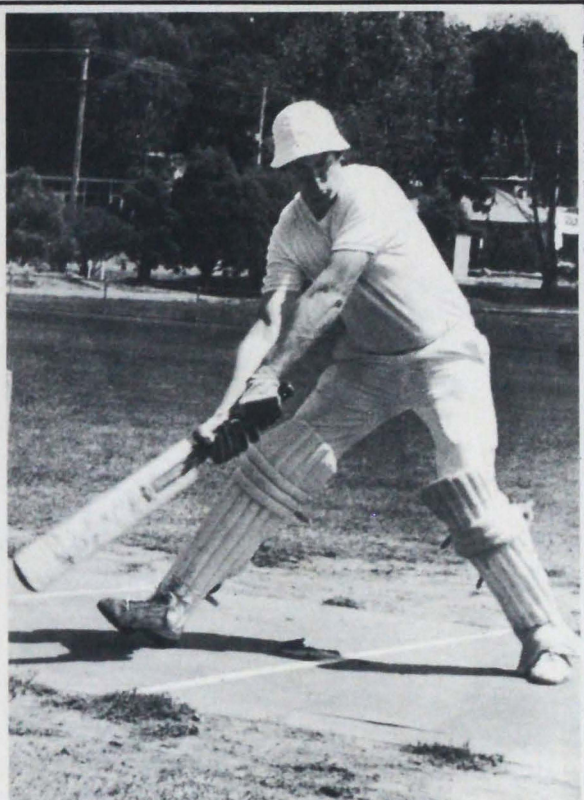
Catering will be provided during all hours of competition, and the organisers say that families will be most welcome.

Inquiries: Ian Ennis, 844 2099, or the Tennis Club, P.O. Box 90, Warrandyte, 3113. Entries close on March 13.

Social stars shine, mostly



The right way: Royce Beasley drives to good effect.



The wrong way: Graham Lawrence swishes, and misses.

Pennant looms large

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"But we are in there with a great chance.

"This team is as good as the one which won the premiership in our debut year, 1981-82.

"It may even be better. It may be better-balanced.

"It is going to take a very good side indeed to beat us in the finals."

Warrandyte's other big premiership prospects are the under-16s.

They are unbeaten this season and winning by big margins.

Such players as Peters, Reece Kline, David Sloan, Lindsay Barr and Tony Sturesteps are destined for senior honours next season.

DETAILS

FIRSTS

Warr. 7/279 (Jacobs 110, McCarthy 52, Amiguet 37, Salter 25, Peters 20) d. St. Andrews 233 (Lloyd 5/92, Salter 2/18). Players of match: G. Jacobs, R. White.

Warr. v. Mooroolbark 9/284 (Salter 4/102, Lloyd 3/72).

SECONDS

Warr. 5/306 (Sciucina 111, R. Kline 71, Peake 26, Taylor 24) lost to St. Andrews 6/394 (Adams 2/27, Kline 2/24). P.O.M. B. Sciucina.

Warr. 192 (Taylor 74, Sciucina 31, Sloan 26) v. Mooroolbark.

THIRDS

Warr. 128 (Bowen 52, Davis 24) lost to St. Andrews 265. P.O.M. R. Bowen.

Warr. 9/308 (S. Naidero 94 n.o., Sturesteps 56, Utt 39, M. O'Brien 32, R. Wilson 26 n.o.) v. Mooroolbark.

FOURTHS

Warr. 396 (Turner 100 n.o., Blair 93, J. Peters 55, O'Brien 52, Schild 37) d. St. Andrews 269 (Blair 3/63, Davies 3/32, O'Brien 3/62). P.O.M. B. Blair.

Warr. 0/51 (Peters 31 n.o., Lawrence 19 n.o.) v. Mooroolbark 144 (Blair 6/46, Davies 3/44).

FIFTHS

Warr. 120 and 4/94 (Beasley 25, G. Walker 44 and 23, L. Walker 47) d. Lilydale 121 and 79 (Le Guier 5/32, Morris 6/36). P.O.M. G. Walker.

Warr. 83 (L. Walker 31, Le Guier 20) v. Ainslie Park 6/154 (Le Guier 4/32).

SIXTHS
Warr. 237 (Roberts 92, Blackburn 23, Owen 23) d. Ringwood UTD. 174 (Roberts 3/42, Blackburn 2/39, Owen 2/53). P.O.M. G. Roberts.

Warr. v. Montrose 336 (Owen 4/112).

WOMEN
Warr. 125 (J. Chapman 26) lost to Frankston 5/206 and 8/172.

Warr. 76 v. Hampton 111 (Lanferna 6/18).

UNDER-16
Warr. 198 and 2/40 (Kline 56, Sloan 26, Creber 20, Sturesteps 29 n.o. and 36 n.o.) d. Vermont 126 (Sloan 7/41, Peters 2/8).

Warr. 4/244 (Peters 135 n.o., C. Dorning 55) v. Boronia.

UNDER-14 (1)
Warr. 4/202 (J. Kline 76, C. Day 54) d. Glen Park 134 (Cameron 3/25, Vittritti 3/17).

Warr. 117 (J. Kline 28) v. Knox City.

UNDER-14 (2)
Warr. 205 (Rodwell 90, Whitchurch 43) d. East Ringwood 123 (Webb 4/36, Rodwell 3/30).

Warr. 0/9 v. Croydon UTD. 129 (Webb 4/39, McFarlane 3/23, Rodwell 2/39).

UNDER-12 (1)
Warr. 106 lost to Sth. Croydon 191 (Coleman 3/24, Ferguson 3/23).

Warr. v. Croydon UTD. 129 (Ayton 2/30).

UNDER-12 (2)
Warr. 130 (Davis 22) d. Johnson Park 56 (Newton 3/6, Hughes 3/6).

Warr. 87 (Hely 30 n.o., Nicholson 30 n.o.) v. Wantima South.

UNDER-12 KANGAS
Warr. 105 (Wicks 29 n.o., Atcliffe 22 n.o.) lost to Heathmont UTD. 153.

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Amateurs on April 1. Both games are away.

Mr McKenzie has been appointed vice-president of the club.

The new president is David Mitchell, who has won two premierships as coach of the reserves. He will continue to coach the seconds side.

Anthony Giles-Peters has been reappointed secretary and Brian Tomlinson, who coached the 1966 senior premiership team, is treasurer.

Newcomers to the committee include Geoff Carter, Robert Stewart and Geoff Pullin.

Again, the club have recruited well.

Craig Hemsworth returns after a stint in the Northern Territory and has started on the training track.

The Bloods also expect big things from Greg Nicholson, Rod Ginisch and Neil Stevenson.

A notable absentee from the early games will be last season's grand final hero and skipper John McCartin.

McCartin is on an overseas study holiday, but is expected to miss only a few games.

The club will hold a Snake's Disco at the Whitehouse on Saturday, April 7. Admission is \$5.

Number's up

Warrandyte Football Club will benefit from weekly bingo nights at the local RSL clubrooms.

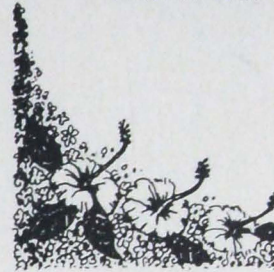
The club will receive half the proceeds. The other half will go to the Warrandyte RSL Social Club.

It's eyes down at 7.30 pm each Wednesday.

The equipment has been loaned by the Caulfield Lions Club, per favour Wal Cornhill.

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The devastating Dytes

Bloods lust for action

Warrandyte face the 1984 football season with a third-division premiership under their belt and a second-division flag in their sights.

The Bloods have emerged intact — apart from the retirement of classy centremen Denis O'Brien — from their 1983 glory and are hungry for bigger successes.

"Obviously the competition in second division is going to be tougher, but on last season's form we would have to make the finals," outgoing Warrandyte Football Club president Ken McKenzie told the Diary.

"There is no complacency, not a sign of the so-called premiership hangover," he said.

"The players are fit and raring to go."

Mr McKenzie, who relinquished the presidency to concentrate on his role as Doncaster-Templestowe councillor, said he had never seen spirits so high in the club.

"It is a tribute to coach Kevin McLean — and the players themselves — that the heady atmosphere of last September has been set aside for the job ahead.

"I was personally delighted to be president of the club in our first premiership year since 1966 and I very much regret that the pressure of other community responsibilities forced me to stand down.

"But if the pre-season feelings are any guide, Warrandyte are in for another great season."

The Bloods open their 1984 campaign against Lilydale (at Lilydale) on April 7.

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Warrandyte Cricket Club recently held a six-a-side social competition. Theresa Prince was a fine player for her side. More pictures: Page 11.

Pennant looms large for firsts

Warrandyte are poised to regain the Ringwood District Cricket Association's top trophy.

The Dytes are barnstorming their way towards the grand final — and the Chandler Shield they surrendered last season after winning it at their first attempt.

Outstanding individual performances, and consistency instilled by captain-coach John Salter, have Warrandyte entrenched in the four and shaping like premiers.

The big difference between Warrandyte of 1982-83 and this year's vintage is the batting.

Disappointing last season, the batting line-up has found new depth.

Many players are contributing — not the least of them Graeme Jacobs, whose 110 against St. Andrews set up a comfortable victory.

Jacobs, a former Melbourne league footballer and District cricketer, is a stylish left-hander and a brilliant fieldsman.

The club's bold decision to play 15-year-old Darren Peters in the senior side is reaping rewards.

Peters made 20 against St. Andrews and is improving with each senior game.

Seam bowler Graeme Lloyd continues to befuddle the opposition and collect a bag of wickets.

Lloyd took 5/92 against St. Andrews in a high-scoring game and picked up 3/72 in the unfinished encounter with Mooroolbark.

"It is too early to be talking about reserving space on the wall for this season's pennant," a club official told the Diary.

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